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### Wheeler County Commissioners Meeting

## Commissioners Approve 2nd Amendment Protection Petition

The Commissioners' Court of Wheeler County, Texas, met in regular session on Monday, August 9, 2021, at 9:00 a.m. in the Commissioners' Courtroom of the Wheeler County Courthouse at 401 Main Street, Wheeler, Texas, to consider prior bills and discuss matters of mutual concern and to take action on the 21 items on the agenda.

- Minutes of the previous meetings were approved as presented.
- The reports of the County Officials were approved as presented.
- The budget amendments approved amounted to \$102,000.
- There were no budget

- transfers.
- A list of the line item transfers was read and approved.
- No revisions to the Wheeler County Policy Manual were proposed.
- No action was taken on the burn ban.
- Carol Archer requested a survey to determine the county property line; the court voted to have the property surveyed.
- Joe McQuay requested court to A. Declare Wheeler County a Second Amendment Sanctuary for citizens, who lawfully own firearms

and B. Pledge Commissioners' Court support of the Second amendment to our United States Constitution of our United States. A 2nd Amendment Protection Petition was presented to the Court, signed by 350 Wheeler County citizen. Only three citizens contacted refused to sign—a 99 percent approval.\*

\*The Wheeler County Second Amendment Protection Committee consisted of President, Kirk Clay; Secretary, Joe McQuay and members, Kevin King and Gary Ware.

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## 4th Annual Mo Memorial Golf Tournament Set For August 14

The 4th Annual Mona Jennings Freeman Memorial Golf Tournament will be Saturday, August 14, 2021 at the Pampa Country Club in Pampa.

Tee times for the four person scramble will be at 8:30 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. We are still taking entries for the tournament for the afternoon flight, please call Bobby Jen-

nings at 806-662-3130, if you are interested.

Money generated with this event will be used for scholarships to seniors at White Deer, Pampa, Borger, Canadian, Highland Park, Shamrock and Wheeler—the schools where Mona taught, played and attended. These scholarships may be used at any college, university or trade school that they are interested in attending after graduation.

In 2019-2020 this tournament awarded 13 scholarships in the amount of \$1600 to each student and in 2018-2019 we awarded 10 scholarships in the amount of \$1400 to further the education of the surrounding towns' senior

students.

We would like to extend our appreciation to all the persons donating their monetary

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Mona Jennings Freeman

## Special City Council Meetings, Hampton Takes Oath Of Office

Special Session Tuesday, June 1, 2021

Council present: Mayor, Bob McCain, Kendall Hefley, Tammy Moore, and Amy Zybach Absent: Tracy Tignor

Also present: Kristi Petit At 5:05 p.m., Mayor McCain called the meeting to order.

Amy motioned, seconded by Tammy, to accept the resignation of Council woman Carol Porton. All 3 were in favor, 0 against, 1 absent, and 0 abstaining.

An open discussion was had to replace Carol Porton's place on the Council. Kelli Hampton and Britt McCarter were both suggested. No motion was made. The discussion was tabled and the

Council decided to invite both Kelli and Britt to address the Council at a special meeting on Monday, June 7th

At 5:30 p.m., Kendall motioned to adjourn the special meeting. All in favor.

Special Session Monday, June 7, 2021

Wheeler City Council met at 5:00 p.m. at the Wheeler Public Library.

Council present: Mayor, Bob McCain, Amy Zybach, Tammy Moore, and Tracy Tignor Absent: Kendall Hefley

Also present: Kelli Hampton, Britt McCarter, and Kristi Petit At 5:04 p.m., Mayor McCain called the meeting to order.

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## Parkview Hospital Enhances Local Emergency Services



Parkview Hospital is proud to announce Avera eCARE® Emergency services, in addition to the new provider, Dr Lonny Miller, to our family of ER providers, Kimberly Clark NP, and Dr Eric Ekpenyong..

Dr Miller comes to us from Creston, Iowa and has practiced full-spectrum family medicine (outpatient, inpatient, obstetrics, and emergency department) for the last 9 years. He will be practicing in the ER along with Kimberly Clark and Dr Eric.

Parkview provides emergency services to thousands of patients in the community each year. The new eC-

### Open House August 12

Please join us for Parkview Hospital's Community Open House on August 12, 2021 from 10 am to 6 pm. Come meet our providers and see a demonstration of our new telemedicine service, Avera eCare.

ARE Emergency service will provide extra support to Parkview's clinicians when needed. Access to a second set of eyes and ears can be beneficial in critical cases.

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**Wheeler Lions Club and Wheeler Sports Association Report:** This last Thursday and Friday nights, August 4th & 5th, workers of B&G Electric of Pampa finished their contract installing the new LED lights on the new baseball fields being constructed at Tom Britt Memorial Park. Work is pending on installation of automatic sprinklers, new grass, fences and other improvements to the fields. Watch for ongoing projects at the park as new fields are added to the existing soccer fields. You are invited to come try out some of the walking paths to get some exercise and enjoy the park. These changes were brought to you through the efforts of the Wheeler Lions Club and the Wheeler Sports Association, who are accepting tax deductible donations for new and ongoing projects.

## Merely Mustard

I am going to try an experiment on how to deal with certain things, including objects, information, and decisions. I don't mean experiment in the scientific sense, just more of a trial-and-error approach. I have decided that instead of seeking to resolve something by adding something, I might try to start from a default position of seeking resolution by eliminating something. This is no doubt a practical stance to take at times, and right now seems timely for me. It is a bit counterintuitive, as problems often appear to need to have something thrown at them in order to achieve resolution. But that it is counterintuitive suggests it might bear potential. A question I have heard someone ask is essentially "What if you do the opposite of whatever you are doing or thinking of doing?" It is a bit of a provocative question,

whose answer won't necessarily deliver the solution to its inquirer, but it can nonetheless lead to the solution. The mechanism for such is that that question acts as a way of breaking the lid, or the walls off of the box into which an individual had confined his or her thinking. And when this happens, the potential to see a real solution is there. It is a bit of a paradox, like how walking in the same path time after time leads to a rut, which makes it harder to ever deviate from that path. So it is with the brain, I think – it develops patterns and ruts which makes thoughts, conclusions, and actions happen in a semi-automated fashion. This phenomenon is apparent in interactions with others, when conversations or behaviors settle into the same pattern as it seems they always do, even if one or both parties wish to

change the pattern. The interesting, and promising thing, is that these neural connections tend toward automated behavior, but the brain can be re-wired, literally, to some degree. It is called neuroplasticity, the finding that the brain can be re-trained, or re-patterned, and new neural connections can be formed, tending toward patterns of more desirable behavior. I probably have done an injustice to the description of the concept here, but it is there for anyone who wishes to look into it, to find it properly described.

What I have mentioned thus far might be simply described as "shaking things up." Perhaps that is what I am talking about. Perhaps I am talking about the equivalent of rearranging the furniture in the living room. Rearranging, and throwing out the sofa in the process.

**CWE** CHAT WITH AN EDITOR  
By Lewis C. Steen

The date has been set to Vote on the Tax Rate for Wheeler County to be approved. Mark **August 25** on your calendar; now is the time to speak up.

— cwe —

Did you feel or were you aware of the local earth quakes two miles north of Wheeler? I did hear and feel the quake Monday morning, but we were in the city Sun-

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### STORM REPORT



As Reported by...  
**Stormie Meriwether,**  
Twelfth Grade Student

Dear Friends, Can you believe it? School is about to start and I am a Senior! I hope this will be the best year ever. I am ready to get started.

First we have to make one more trip to Houston for my dad. This time I want to go to The Aquarium. On the way to Houston we ate at a Mexican food restaurant. We saw the sign, Mexican Inn Restaurant -Since 1936. We thought that would be a great place. That was a big mistake. The chips

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**SCHOLARSHIP:** Yonathan Mendoza for receiving a Los Barrios de Amarillo Scholarship from an anonymous donor! Yonathan is a graduate of Wheeler High School! Yonathan is attending Frank Phillips College in the fall and is enrolled in 16 credit hours! He is majoring in Special Education. Upon graduation he plans to be a Special Education Teacher and Coach for all sports!



**Comm.** (from Page 1)

The amendment read:  
"This committee consists of a group of concerned citizens, whose objective is to keep the current Washington political administration from shredding the God-given Rights as stated in the Second Amendment of the United



Just wanted to say Thanks to all you Parents/Grandparents that made the summer grand for the library and your kids! We had a ball and just because school is starting soon you don't have to quit coming. We have spaces set aside for homework and WiFi for those that have their own computers. Also, there are more wonderful new books coming in every week to read for all ages!

Parents, please to remember to return all the summer reading materials and we'll have some more for you to read and check out. I want to applaud all of you who returned your books and even brought them back in good shape. Best year yet!

I know holidays are just around the corner and I have plans to have a one day reading and craft during Thanksgiving and Christmas time. It will be Elementary ages and I may decide to do something for Middle School also but haven't made up my mind yet. So please be watching your FB or Newspapers for word.

Have a wonderful rest of the summer and don't forget the library can be your relaxing, studying and learning place during the school year.  
Vicki L. Ferguson/Librarian

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States of America's Constitution to keep and bear arms.

"This petition has been circulated and has the support of many Wheeler County residents. To date 311 residents of Wheeler County have signed the petition:

"This is a wake-up call for all voters to become aware of how our elected officials support or not support this important issue. We must elect only candidates willing to publicly state and support the right to keep and bear arms to protect our God-given Rights and our families."

**New State of Texas Laws**

"Texas has several new laws, effective September 1, 2021. "House Bill 1927 will allow Texas citizens to carry hand guns openly or concealed without obtaining a license or permit."

This new Law will require citizens to be 21 years of age and have a clean criminal record to legally carry a hand gun Other stipulations apply as to where and how a person can or cannot carry.

House Bill 2622 makes Texas a Second Amendment Sanctuary State by protecting Texas from new Federal Gun Control Regulations.

**The 2nd Amendment Protection Petition reads:**

The Wheeler County 2nd Amendment Protection Committee asks all fellow patriotic Wheeler County citizens to sign this Petition in support of our God-given right to protect yourself and your family, as guaranteed by the 2nd Amendment to the Constitution of the United States of America.

• We declare by this petition our support for the God-given rights guaranteed under the 2nd amendment of the United States Constitution.

• The 2nd Amendment provides "A well-regulated militia, being necessary to security of a Free State, the right of the people to keep and bear arms shall not be infringed."

• Our rights come from

God. The preamble to our Declaration of Independence recognized the existence of God-given unalienable rights, not government-given rights. Our government derives its just powers from the consent of the citizens. When government becomes intrusive upon those rights, it is the duty of the citizens to oppose oppressive laws.

Wherefor, Mr. and Mrs. Federal Government, as your employers, we demand that you cease and desist from further regulation of any kind on Firearms, ammunition, and firearm accessories, and that you oppose all laws and administrative regulations promoting the registration and, ultimately, the confiscation of Americans' firearms.

• With our signatures, we petition all elected officials in the State of Texas to make public statement supporting the 2nd Amendment, and opposing legislation and regulations intrusive upon our 2nd Amendment Rights."

This petition shall be presented to Texas Representative David Spiller, and United States Congressman Ronnie Jackson as evidence of the strong support of the citizens of Wheeler County for the God-given rights protected under the 2nd Amendment."

• Aaron Fontenot, representing the City of Shamrock, submitted a bid for the purchase of property at 307 West 7th Street, Shamrock, TX. The bid for \$750 was accepted. The property was put up for auction in August 2020 with no bidders; this automatically opened bids, which had to be approved by the affected taxing entities. The bid was accepted and the property will again be on the tax roll.

• Sheriff Johnny Carter informed the commissioners of a need to buy or lease Guardian RFID (Jail Check Software) This is not out of the county budget.

• The removal of David Passmore from Wheeler

County Sheriff's payroll.

• Julie Boydston was moved from a Sheriff's Department part-time employee to a full-time employee.

• Cindy Brown, Tax Assessor presented the Imposition of Optional Fees for Calendar Year 2022, which were approved. (This information is found elsewhere in the paper.)

• Jackie May, Commissioner Pct. 1, received permission to transfer a 1997 Ford pickup from Pct. 3 to Pt. 1; value of the pickup was \$2500.

• Nicole Mock, County Auditor, received acceptance of the 2021 tax rate calculation worksheets for no-new-revenue and voter approval tax rate.

• The proposed the proposed tax rate for 2021 will be voted on Aug. 25.

• An increase of the Texas Association of Counties HEBP Insurance rates was approved. This amounts to \$50 per month per employee. The court felt this was necessary since no county employee raises are in the budget for 2022.

• The court voted to pay the bills in the amount of \$123,499.34.



**Wheeler County COURT RECORDS**

List of instruments filed in the Wheeler County Clerk's office from August 2, 2021 to August 6, 2021.

AUGUST 2, 2021

AFF.-James T. Eden, et al to Lone Tree Texas Interests Ltd, 7-23-21, Interest in Sec. 11, Blk. RE, Roberts & Eddleman Survey.

MD/ROY. DEED-Hal M. Lattimore Exempt Residuary Trust to VGH and HM Lattimore Trust, et al, 7-1-21.

TRUSTEE MD/ASSIGN.-Gary B. Laughlin (Deceased) to Laughlin Bypass Trust, et al, 7-16-21, Secs. 2 & 3, J Poivent Survey; Sec. 5, Blk. E, I M Wright Survey; Sec. 50, Blk. A-8, H&GN Ry. Company Survey; Sec. 2, T&NO Ry.

Company Survey. DEED-Melissa Helton to Pat Jarrett Helton, 6-30-21, See Instrument. DT-Pat Jarrett Helton to Melissa Helton, 6-30-21, See Instrument. RELEASE of LIEN-Frost Bank to Daunis Properties LP, 7-28-21, See Instrument. RDT-Plains Land Bank to Garrett Rhine, et al, 6-25-21, See Instrument.

UCC DT-Hall Cattle Feeders LLC to Diversified Financial Services LLC, ---, 300 acs. S/2 Sec. 52, Blk. 17, H&GN Ry. Company Survey. DVL-Jess Sheets to Daniel E. Richburg, et ux, 7-30-21, SW/4 & W/2 SE/4 Sec. 69, Blk. 24, H&GN Ry. Company Survey; Sec. 52, Blk. 24, H&GN Ry. Company Survey (Except 18.67 acs)

DT-Daniel E. Richburg, et ux to Plains Land Bank FLCA, 7-30-21, SW/4 & W/2 SE/4 Sec. 69, Blk. 24, H&GN Ry. Company Survey; Sec. 52, Blk. 24, H&GN Ry. Company Survey (Except 18.67 acs) AFF. of HEIRSHIP-Kenneth Dwayne Trantham II, et al to Sheila Deen Babcock, 7-2-21, Lot 9, Blk. 57, Woodley's Southside Addition, Shamrock. AUGUST 3, 2021

RDT-Happy State Bank, et al to Matthew S. Gardner, et ux, 7-26-21, 8.71 acs of 10.76 acs out of Sec. 6, Blk. RE, Roberts & Eddleman Survey. DT/SECURITY ASSIGN. PRODUCTION-NGL Water Solutions Permian LLC to U S Bank National Association, 7-19-21, 8 acs. out of Sec. 1, H&GN Ry. Company Survey, Certificate #5/720.

DT/SECURITY ASSIGN. PRODUCTION-NGL Water Solutions Permian LLC to JPMorgan Chase Bank NA, 7-19-21, 8 acs. out of Sec. 1, H&GN Ry. Company Survey, Certificate #5/720.

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The Wheeler County Appraisal District will hold a public hearing on a proposed budget for the 2022 fiscal year.

The public hearing will be held on Wednesday, August 25, 2021 at 8:00 a.m. in the appraisal district office located at 402 S. Main St. in Wheeler, TX.

A summary of the appraisal district budget follows:

The total amount of the proposed budget.	\$ 900,087
The total amount of increase from the current year's budget.	\$+317,720
The number of employees compensated under the proposed budget.	3
The number of employees compensated under the current budget.	3

The appraisal district is supported solely by payments from the local taxing units served by the appraisal district.

If approved by the appraisal district board of directors at the public hearing, this proposed budget will take effect automatically unless disapproved by the governing bodies of the county, school districts, cities and towns served by the appraisal district.

A copy of the proposed budget is available for public inspection in the office of each of those governing bodies. A copy is also available for public inspection at the appraisal district.

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**Court** (from Page 2)

POA-Vaughn Anne Thomas to Tammy Nicole Seymore, 7-27-21.  
 AUGUST 4, 2021  
 EXECUTORS DEED-Kathryn D. Brothers (Deceased) to Charles Dixon Brothers, et al, 7-20-21, All Interest in NW/4 Sec. 39, Blk. 17, H&GN Ry. Company Survey.  
 EXECUTORS MD/ROY. DEED/ASSIGN.-Kathryn D. Brothers (Deceased) to Charles Dixon Brothers, et al, 7-20-21, Interest in NW/4 Sec. 39, Blk. 17, H&GN Ry. Company Survey; Plus Any Other Oil & Gas Interest in Wheeler County.  
 DT-GK Hutchens Ranch LLC to Plains Land Bank FLCA, 8-2-21, E/2 & 660' x 5280' of W/2 Sec. 84 & SE/4 Sec. 99, Blk. 23, H&GN Ry. Company Survey.  
 DEED-First Baptist Mobeetie Church to Anthony Glen Scott, et al, 8-3-21, Lots 14-15, Blk. 116, New Mobeetie.  
 AUGUST 5, 2021  
 DEED-Joseph Michael White, et ux to Carolyn Hefley & Jerry Dan Hefley (Estate), 7-29-21,

**Council** (from Page 2)

Kelli Hampton and Britt McCarter both addressed the Council stating their interest in being on the City Council, Place 1.  
 After discussion, Army made a motion to appoint Kelli Hampton and City Council member, Place 1. Tracy seconded the motion. All 3 in attendance were in favor, 0 against, 1 absent, and 0 abstaining.  
 At 5:17 p.m., Tammy made the motion to adjourn.  
 Special session via Zoom Monday, June 28, 2021  
 Council present: Kendall Hefley, Tracy Tignor, Amy Zbach, and Tammy Moore Absent: Kelli Hampton  
 Also present: Kristen Moudy and Kristi Petit  
 Kendall called the meeting to order at 8:00 a.m.  
 Tammy made a motion to accept the resolution to authorize local authorities to close FM 2473 for the 4th of July Festivities. The motion carried with 4 in favor, 0 against, 1 absent and 0 abstaining.  
 At 8:01 a.m., Kendall made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Tracy.

Lot 15 (Except South 20') & All Lots 16-19, Blk. 11, Stanley 2nd Addition, Wheeler.  
 DT SECURITY AGREE. ASSIGN.-Brandon Gage Angeley, et ux to InterBank, 8-4-21, 17.90 acs. NE/4 Sec. 2, T&NO Ry. Company Survey; 1.83 acs. NW/4 Sec. 8, Blk. E, T&NO Ry. Company Survey.  
 TRUSTEE DEED-Tindall Family Trust to James R. Tindall Jr., et al, 5-11-21, Lots 15 & 16, Blk. 1, Lincoln Addition, Shamrock.  
 RDT-Amarillo National Bank to Jimmy Alan Morgan, et ux, 7-23-21, North 20' Lot 10, All Lots 11 & 12, Blk. 3, Vise Sub-division, Wheeler.  
 DVL-Maria Sonia Soto Mendoza to Makenzi Stiles, 8-5-21, East 87.5' of Lots 17 & 18, Blk. 29, Wheeler.  
 DT-Makenzi Stiles to Ndege Ltd., 8-5-21, East 87.5' of Lots 17 & 18, Blk. 29, Wheeler.  
 STATEMENT OF OWNER-Jeffrey Thomas Caffey, et ux to The Public, 7-27-21, 6.62 acs. W/2 Sec. 64, Blk. 17, H&GN Ry. Company Survey.  
 RDT-Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs, et al to K Jill Birdsell, et al, 6-18-21, See Instrument.  
 RDT-Plains Land Bank FLCA to Carrel D. Harris, et al, 6-18-21, See Instrument.  
 AUGUST 6, 2021  
 CORR. QCD-Bobby Dean Spruell, et ux to Bennie Boydston, 6-2-21, All Lots 17-20, Blk. 10, Allison.  
 District Court  
 #14099-Jeremy Aaron Scott vs Sasha Koren Scott, 7-20-21, Divorce.  
 #14100-Wheeler County vs Walter Pendleton Inc., 7-20-21, Tax Delinquency.  
 #14101-Wheeler County vs Amelia M. Roraback, 7-20-21, Tax Delinquency.  
 #14102-Wheeler County vs Editha D. Hildebrand (Estate), 7-20-21, Tax Delinquency.  
 #14103-Wheeler County vs James T. Eden, 7-26-21, Tax Delinquency.

**Storm** (from Page 1)

were deep fried Fritos! They were greasy and may have been from 1936! We do not recommend that place. It is in Ft Worth near 820 and 191. Don't go there. Ramen noodles in the motel were better!  
 Dad has tests all day Tuesday. Then we will go to a good restaurant.  
 I hope everyone has enjoyed the summer! That's it!

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**NOTICE TO CREDITORS**  
 Notice is hereby given that original Letters Testamentary upon the estate of Nancy Jan Davis, Deceased, were issued to Nancy Colleen Davis Long on June 1, 2021, by the County Court of Wheeler County, Texas. All persons having claims against the estate are hereby required to present the same within the time prescribed by law at the following address:  
 Nancy Colleen Davis Long  
 c/o W. H. Brian, Jr.  
 P. O. Box 9238  
 Amarillo, TX 79105-9238



**KINDERGARTEN ENROLLMENT:** Wheeler Kindergarten students enrolled Monday afternoon. Tracy Tignor is shown here enrolling Wyatt. Sister, Bexleigh, is on the scene to help.

**Chat** (from Page 1)

day morning.  
 - cwe -  
 Parkview will host an Open House today, August 12, to show their new tele-medicine service.  
 - cwe -  
 I met the Cross Country Team this morning coming to work. They were running their course up Main Street. GO TEAM!  
 - cwe -  
 There was quite a few individuals at the Commissioner's Court meeting Monday. I was too late to get a chair, but Sheriff Carter brought me one. Thanks.  
 - cwe -  
 I did get to do a couple of things in OKC this week.  
 - cwe -

**Quinn Minute Bananas!**  
 by Rix Quinn

Research appears all the time about monkeys. This, I suspect, is because they're the second-brightest animals in the world.  
 But, before we discuss recent findings, a little background. Orangutans possess outstanding visual memory. If they see something far away, they remember it. Near-sighted orangutans, therefore, may have short memories.  
 They also boast mechanical skill. Sometimes they stack objects -- one atop the other -- so they can reach food.  
 "Reaching food," obviously, is a big motivation, followed by "reaching new food," and "reaching the girl monkey, Elvira, standing next to the new food."  
 Orangutans live high above the ground in family units. When they go to see neighbors, they call it "visiting another branch of the family."  
 New zoo research reports that if you expose orangutans to TV, males will watch it all the time, even if they don't get cable.  
 One orangutan completely ignored his spouse, who stood between him and the screen. Then, she shook him.  
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lems with the air conditioner condensation drainage. The line was plugged and condensation dripped onto the floor in the front office. I need to get out the wet vac once again.  
 - cwe -  
 A 'Tip of the Hat' to those responsible for the success of "Wild and Free on 83".  
 - cwe -

Thanks to MPR Photography and Kristen for the pictures of "Wild and Free on 83!"  
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Across  
 1. Unskilled writer  
 5. Teen spots?  
 9. Cheating athlete  
 14. Subtle glow  
 15. Cole \_\_\_\_  
 16. Dental filling  
 17. Fire-hose hookup  
 19. Offering to voters  
 20. Neighbour of Fiji  
 21. Lice and the like  
 23. Consumed  
 25. Gas used in TV tubes  
 26. KGB, for one  
 32. Tropical root  
 33. Oil worker?  
 34. Tennis serve to be re-served  
 37. Black-and-white cookie  
 38. Its symbol is an

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omega  
 39. Pea holders  
 40. Pub pint  
 41. Dweller on the Red Sea  
 63. First application line to fill in  
 64. Supplement  
 65. Primordial substance  
 66. Once, once  
 Down  
 1. "Why \_\_\_\_ thou forsaken me?"  
 2. Car  
 3. Start of some juice names  
 4. Australian marsupial  
 5. Nile reptile  
 6. Paper holder  
 7. Wine valley  
 8. Wide-spouted jug  
 9. Cut up, as a frog  
 10. Surfing at one's desk  
 11. "The Republic" writer  
 12. Down the hatch  
 13. Deli loaves

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18. Go out with  
 22. x, y or z  
 24. Capt.'s prediction  
 26. Greek promenade  
 27. \_\_\_\_ of Sandwich  
 28. Algonquian language  
 29. Teaser  
 30. Questionnaire choice  
 31. Portrays in words  
 34. Ransack  
 35. Cutting part  
 36. Nicholas II was the last one  
 39. Type of food poisoning  
 41. Lennon's lady  
 42. Abbr. at the end of a list  
 43. Frigid  
 45. Hibernating rodent  
 46. Pledge  
 47. Well \_\_\_\_ machine  
 48. Burn  
 50. Baby's first word, maybe  
 51. One way to stand by  
 52. Shed item  
 53. More than large  
 55. Orchard item  
 56. Theories  
 57. Leave in, as text  
 60. Nonpareil

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# HISTORY LESSON ON YOUR SOCIAL SECURITY CARD

Just in case some of you young whippersnappers (& some older ones) didn't know this. It's easy to check out, if you don't believe it. Be sure and show it to your family and friends. They need a little history lesson on what's what and it doesn't matter whether you are Democrat or Republican. Facts are FACTS.

Up until the 1980's, Social Security cards expressly stated the number and card were not to be used for identification purposes.

Since nearly everyone in the United States now has a number, it became convenient to use it anyway and the "NOT FOR IDENTIFICATION" message was removed.

Franklin Roosevelt, a Democrat, introduced the Social Security (FICA) Program. His promises are in black, with updates in brackets.

1.) That participation in the Program would be completely voluntary [No longer voluntary],

2.) That the participants would only have to pay 1% of the first \$1,400 of their annual incomes into the Program [Now 7.65% on the first \$90,000, and 15% on the first \$90,000 if you're self-employed],

3.) That the money the participants elected to put into the Program would be deductible from their income for tax purposes each year [No longer tax deductible],

4.) That the money the participants put into the independent 'Trust Fund' rather than into the general operating fund, and therefore,

## Hosp. (from Page 1)

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Please join us at our Open House August 12, 10am-6pm (come and go) at Parkview to meet all our providers and see our eCare Emergency equipment. Demonstrations are scheduled every 30 minutes on the hour and half-hour.

## Quinn (from Page 1)

She stopped only when she found the remote.

Then she joined him on the swing (or whatever they sit on) to watch soap operas and cartoons.

The "soap opera" response surprised me, so I consulted a local monkey. "Yep," he said, "I watch the soaps too... but they make me hungry."

PREDICTION: Soap opera viewing might make monkeys hungry. And some might start requesting "a banana with my serial."

would only be used to fund the Social Security Retirement Program, and no other Government program [Under Johnson the money was moved to the General Fund and spent], and

5.) That the annuity payments to the retirees would never be taxed as income [Under Clinton & Gore up to 85% of your Social Security

can be taxed].

Since many of us have paid into FICA for years and are now receiving a Social Security check every month — and then finding that we are getting taxed on 85% of the money we paid to the Federal government to 'put away' — you may be interested in the following:

Q: Which Political Party

took Social Security from the independent 'Trust Fund' and put it into the general fund so that Congress could spend it?

A: It was Lyndon Johnson and the democratically controlled House and Senate.

Q: Which Political Party eliminated the income tax deduction for Social Security (FICA) withholding?

A: The Democratic Party.

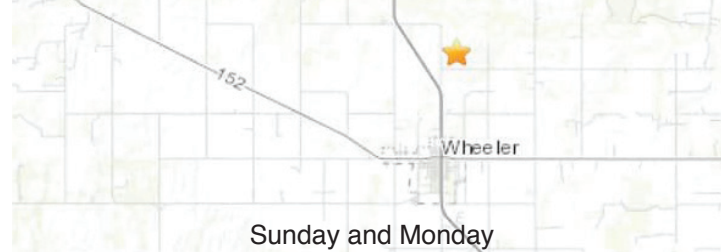


**EVENT FAMILY AND WORKERS:** Shown here are the family and friends who work each year to put the tournament together and happen. Pictured are (front, l. to r.) Bobby Jennings, Larry Jennings, Payton Freeman, (back) Johnny Freeman, Rhonda Myers, Laurie Brower, Leslie Light, Lisa Beck and Dani Jernigan. Not pictured is Skylar Landess.

## Golf (from Page 1)

gifts and participating in our tournament this year. YOU are the ones that make the Scholarships possible. Thank you from the bottom of our hearts.

## Wheeler County Earthquake



**MAG 2.8 & MAG 3.5**



THE WHEELER TIMES  
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"Wheeler: town of friendship and pride"

Q: Which Political Party started taxing Social Security annuities?

A: The Democratic Party, with Al Gore casting the 'tie-breaking' deciding vote as President of the Senate, while he was Vice President

of the US

AND MY FAVORITE:

Q: Which Political Party decided to start giving annuity payments to immigrants?

A: That's right! Jimmy Carter and the Democratic Party.

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# New Staff Members at Wheeler I.S.D.



## Cathy Burrell

Cathy Burrell will be returning to teaching after being retired for nine years. She lives in Wheeler and has three daughters, two grandchildren and one great-grandchild. She holds a Bachelor of Science from West Texas A&M and has previously taught in Amarillo I.S.D., Pampa I.S.D. Wheeler and Kelton I.S.D. This year she will be in Secondary Special Education.

Picture was not available at the time of publication of the *Times*.

## Krista Graves

Krista Graves will be coming to the Wheeler I.S.D. school system from Canadian. Her education includes A.A. English from Western Oklahoma State College, B.S. English Education from Oklahoma Panhandle State University and is currently completing M.ED Reading from the University of Texas.

Mrs. Graves taught four years in Oklahoma, five years in Clarendon, One year in Booker and five years in Canadian. She has been married nineteen years to Cody

Graves; he runs a ranch east of McLean. She and the two boys will commute the 25 miles to Wheeler. The two boys are Jackson, an eighth grader and Kelton, a second grader.

## Christi Hess

Christi Hess will be teaching Sophomore ELA, Senior ELA and Theatre Arts this year at Wheeler I.S.D. She is a graduate of Angelo State University with a Bachelor's Degree and Master's Degree in English. She has previously

taught Junior High and High School ELA for over ten years at McLean.

Christi's husband, Tanner, is employed by Plains Marketing and serves as mayor of the City of McLean. They have two children: daughter, Amanda, will be a senior at McLean and she enjoys ballet, writing and painting; son, Jacob, will be a sophomore and he looks forward to the upcoming football season. Tanner's family is a longtime resident of McLean; Christi is originally from Miles, Texas, a small town near San Angelo.

She stated: "I love the Panhandle and have called it my home for many years."

## Matt Hoover

Matt Hoover will teach Leadership this year at Wheeler. He holds a Bachelor of Science Park and Recreation Management from Southwestern Oklahoma State University. He has previously taught in Vernon.

He and his wife Melissa have a daughter, Trinity in the sixth grade and a son, Enoch, in the second grade.

## Danielle Jones

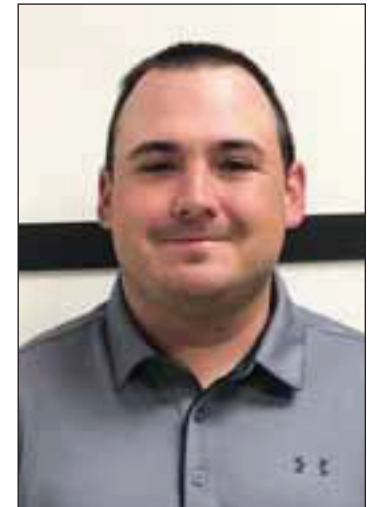
Danielle Jones will be the School Nurse this year for Wheeler I.S.D. This will be her first year as a school nurse. She is a graduate of the Clarendon College L.V.N. program with eight years nursing experience—clinic, Emergency Room, Medical Surgery, and nursing home. She has three children, Carter, twelve; Emma, fourteen, and Jada sixteen.



Saber Wilson

## Mitchell Lowrance

Mitchell Lowrance will be teaching World Geography, Government and Economics this year at Wheeler. He is a graduate of Tarleton State University with a Degree in Kinesiology and has three years experience at Vernon I.S.D.



Mitchell Lowrance

## Saber Wilson

Saber Wilson holds a Bachelor's Degree in Biology from Angelo State University and Bachelor's Degree in Clinical

## A Letter From Co. Sheriff Carter

**Greetings To All Wheeler County Residents:**

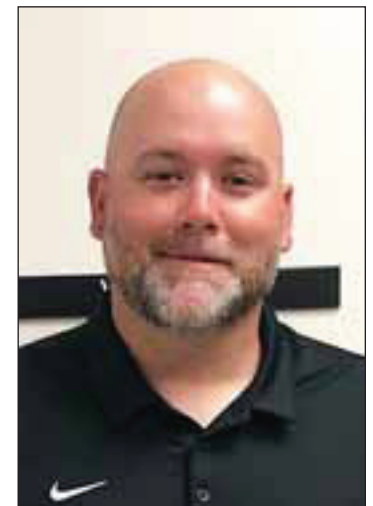
I, Johnny Carter, Sheriff of Wheeler County, Texas, with much enthusiasm, support the Wheeler County Second Amendment Protection Committee's effort to preserve the Second Amendment to the Constitution of the United States of America from the present administration in Washington, D.C.

The Texas Legislature has recently past new laws allowing for "Constitutional Carry" for firearms by "legal" law abiding citizens of our state.

It will be the duty of your Wheeler County Sheriff's Office to enforce the new "Constitutional Carry" rules and regulations. I do hereby encourage all citizens to know and abide by the rules set forth in this new Texas law.

Your Wheeler County Sheriff's Office is always receptive to assist our citizens in any manner. You may call us at any time.

At your Service,  
(signed)  
Johnny Carter, Sheriff



Matt Hoover



Krista Graves



Danielle Jones



Christi Hess

## NOTICE OF MEETING TO VOTE ON TAX RATE

A tax rate of \$0.56152 per \$100 valuation has been proposed by the governing body of Wheeler County.

PROPOSED TAX RATE	\$0.56152 per \$100
NO-NEW-REVENUE TAX RATE	\$0.56152 per \$100
VOTER-APPROVAL TAX RATE	\$0.75938 per \$100

The no-new-revenue tax rate is the tax rate for the 2021 tax year that will raise the same amount of property tax revenue for Wheeler County General from the same properties in both the 2020 tax year and the 2021 tax year.

The voter-approval rate is the highest tax rate that Wheeler County may adopt without holding an election to seek voter approval of the rate.

The proposed tax rate is not greater than the no-new-revenue tax rate. This means that Wheeler County is not proposing to increase property taxes for the 2021 tax year.

A PUBLIC MEETING TO VOTE ON THE PROPOSED TAX RATE WILL BE HELD ON AUGUST 23, 2021 AT 10:00 AM AT WHEELER COUNTY COURTHOUSE 401 S MAIN ST, WHEELER, TX 79096.

The proposed tax rate is also not greater than the voter-approval tax rate. As a result, Wheeler County is not required to hold an election at which voters may accept or reject the proposed tax rate. However, you may express your support for or opposition to the proposed tax rate by contacting the members of the Wheeler County Commissioner's Court of Wheeler County at their offices or by attending the public meeting mentioned above.

YOUR TAXES OWED UNDER ANY OF THE RATES MENTIONED ABOVE CAN BE CALCULATED AS FOLLOWS:

Property tax amount= (tax rate) x (taxable value of your property)/100

<b>FOR the proposal:</b>	Jackie Don May, Jr. - Commissioner Pct 1	Bob Hink - Commissioner Pct 2
	David Simpson - Commissioner Pct 3	John Walker - Commissioner Pct 4

**AGAINST the proposal:**

**PRES-ENT and not voting:**

**ABSENT:**

The 86th Texas Legislature modified the manner in which the voter-approval tax rate is calculated to limit the rate of growth of property taxes in the state.

The following table compares the taxes imposed on the average residence homestead by Wheeler County last year to the taxes proposed to be imposed on the average residence homestead by Wheeler County this year.

	2020	2021	Change
<b>Total tax rate (per \$100 of value)</b>	\$0.52312	\$0.56152	increase of 0.03840, or 7.34%
<b>Average homestead taxable value</b>	\$56,208	\$55,740	decrease of -468, or -0.83%
<b>Tax on average homestead</b>	\$294.04	\$312.99	increase of 18.95, or 6.44%
<b>Total tax levy on all properties</b>	\$7,623,832	\$7,631,892	increase of 8,060, or 0.11%

For assistance with tax calculations, please contact the tax assessor for Wheeler County at 806-826-3131 or , or visit <http://www.co.wheeler.tx.us/> for more information.

## Soc. Sec. (from Page 4)

Immigrants moved into this country, and at age 65, began to receive Social Security payments! The Democratic Party gave these payments to them, even though they never paid a dime into it!

Now, after violating the original contract (FICA), the Democrats turn around and tell you that the Republicans want to take your Social Security away!

And the worst part about it is uninformed citizens believe it! If enough people receive this, maybe a seed of awareness will be planted and maybe changes will evolve. Maybe not, though. Some Democrats are awfully sure of what isn't so — but it's worth a try. How many people can YOU send this to?

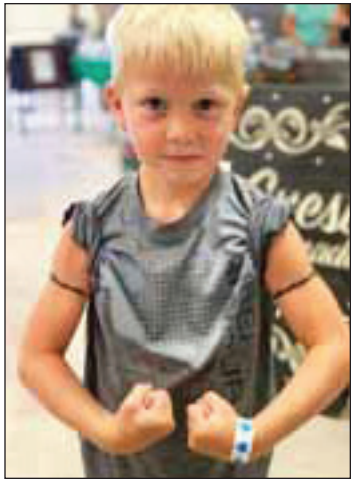
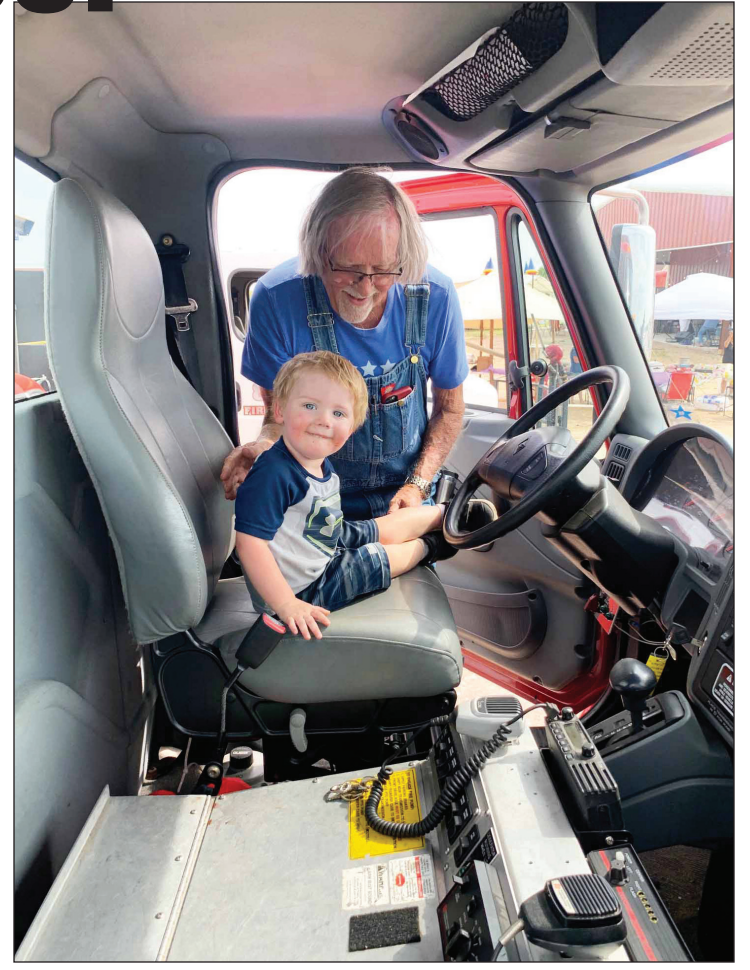
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