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“Wheeler: town of friendship and pride”

Wheeler vs Highland Park

Homecoming Friday, Coronation On The Square

Students will leave School at 2:20 — Pep Rally on West Side of Courthouse Square 2:30 — Candidate Introduction — Coronation



Way to go Mustangs! We have winning teams, both high school and junior high.

— cwe —

Be on the west side of the square Friday afternoon for the coronation. The candidates are a fine looking group of students.

Hard to believe they are seniors.

— cwe —

In visiting with a cousin-once-removed, I learned over the weekend that I lived in a structure that is on the national registry for a short period of time.

— cwe —

When the parents were in the process of moving us from Watonga, OK, to Geary, my brother and I stayed with an uncle and aunt so we could start the second semester at Hinton.

— cwe —

The uncle lived in a service station on Old 66. The station was built in the '30's by my grandfather and his brother. It is listed on the National Registry as Bridgeport Hill Station. (Continued Page 5)



HOMECOMING KING & QUEEN CANDIDATES: The Wheeler vs Highland Park game at Nicholson Field Friday, September 17, 2021, will be Wheeler Mustang Homecoming. Candidates for king and queen are (l. to r.) Bryce Richardson, Hailey Moon, Selena Lopez, KaMonte Martin, Sydnei Smith, Zack Beard, Lizzy Garza and Jovany Gallardo. The candidates are all seniors.

STORM REPORT



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

Dear Friends, Last Friday was very disappointing because the football boys had to use the band bus to get to the game in Quanah. The band didn't get to go. We decided to go on to OKC Friday night since the band couldn't go to the game. We listened to the game on the radio. It was very exciting and I am proud of the Mustangs win! Good job!

This week is Homecoming. Dressing up as different characters is fun. Monday was Western/Cowboy Day. I just wore my work hat and boots. On Tuesday it was De- (Continued Page 5)

Wheeler County Commissioners' Court

Air Conditioner Repairs For County Jail

The Commissioners' Court of Wheeler County, Texas, met in regular session on Monday, September 13, 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 fifteen items on the agenda.

- The minutes of the August meeting were approved as presented.

- The monthly reports of the County Offices were presented and accepted.

- There were no budget amendments.

- There were no budget transfers.

- The line item transfers were approved.

- There were no revisions to the Wheeler County Policy Manual.

- The commissioners voted to reinstate Phase One of the Burn Ban, due to the dry conditions.

- The court voted to leave the Commissioners' Court Meetings on the second and fourth Mondays of the month at 10:00 a.m.

- Sheriff Johnny Carter reported problems with the air conditioning at the jail. The court voted to have the repairs made at a cost of \$13,794.82.

- Sheriff Carter reported on a felony pursuit that extended into Kansas, resulting in 17 felony charges in three states.

- Janeth Emilio was removed from the Wheeler County Sheriff's Department payroll, effective September 13, 2021.

- Billie Kincaid was added to the payroll of the Wheeler County Sheriff's Department, effective September 13, 2021.

- The Interlocal Agreement between Wheeler County and Tarrant County's Cooperative Purchasing Program was approved.

- Due to the recent interruptions of emergency phone service at the Sheriff's Department a Verizon cell phone was purchased for the Sheriff's Department.

- Scott Barefoot was granted permission to cut Co Rd 23 (Continued Page 5)

Free September Webinar Series On Helping Farmers, Ranchers And Beginning Producers To Succeed

The USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS), in partnership with Minority Landowner Magazine, will hold a September webinar series for farmers, ranchers, landowners, and community agriculture organizations on September 21 for Central Texas, September 22 for West Texas, and September 23 for South Texas. The Central and South Texas sessions will be 1:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m. CDT.

The West Texas session will be 1:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m. MDT. There is no cost to register, and attendees may join one or multiple sessions.

The topics will cover the NRCS technical and financial assistance programs, the USDA Farm Service Agency (FSA) farm loan programs, community agriculture and community farms, and farmer and landowner legal issues such as wills, estate plan- (Continued Page 5)

48th Annual Elk City Fall Festival

The Elk City Chamber of Commerce invites everyone to the 48th Annual Elk City Fall Festival on Saturday, September 18 and Sunday, September 19. This year's event will be held at the Elk City Convention Center at 1016 East Airport Industrial Road. Saturday's event hours are 10AM – 6PM and Sunday 12PM – 5PM. Admission is Free.

Billed as the largest arts & crafts show in Western Oklahoma and as in years past this year's event will feature artists and crafts people who will be displaying their items for purchase throughout the entire weekend.

“From fine arts, to pottery, to ceramics, to custom-made jewelry and more, the Fall Festival is a terrific way to get a head start on your holiday shopping,” stated Chamber Executive Director Shumie Cupp. “This is definitely one of our favorite events according to our local residents and

the many visitors from around the region and the committee does an outstanding job in pulling it all together,” adds Cupp.

Along with over 100+ professional booths expected at this year's event in the north exhibit hall there will be several great food vendors located at the outdoor food court by the big white tent north of the north exhibit hall. Those confirmed for the show includes: Merritt Ag Boosters (will be located in the North Exhibit Hall-East room) will be serving up walking tacos, chips and drinks. MMP Concessions will be serving deep fried oreos, corn dogs, curly fries, nachos, cheese on a stick, fountain drinks and fresh squeezed lemonade. Blue Mountain Smoke will have their BBQ pulled pork, brisket, sausages, nachos, loaded potatoes and poppers. Pacific Brim will be serving Polynesian cuisine (Continued Page 5)

Merely Mustard

I have thought for some time that we are losing our language. That was the underlying complaint that I wrote about last week, concerning the usage of pictographs instead of words. But what is worse than that is the use of words incorrectly, in ways that undermine the words' meaning, and lead to confusion in their interpretation, and ultimately tend toward making the words and language devoid of meaning. You can see this going on in any number of ways, and you probably don't have to think too hard to come up with examples of this. You see these type of word tricks played quite a lot from people

in high places. P.R. departments, speech writers, politicians, and the architects of their platforms (because a person with their own, novel and noble ideas might be a bit too much for us to expect out of anyone, or so we are supposed to believe) regularly play these word games. It is pervasive in media circles as well. This newspaper is a refreshing exception – count your blessings. What I am describing involves shading things in a way that is more flattering, more manipulative, and generally more deceitful. Some have labeled this practice as “spin”. That term itself is a sort of the thing I am talking about – why coin a new

word, or contrive a new application to an existing word? Why not just call it what it is – propaganda?

Here is another example, from a different angle. Surely you have had the experience of purchasing something, or entering in to some contract, and there is a full page (or several pages) worth of text with a line for your signature at the bottom. And surely you have been discouraged from bothering to read it by having a salesman, agent, or whoever say, “It just says you're making this purchase.” Or, “It just says we will remedy any defects.” Interesting. Then why doesn't it contain those single statements? Why all

the other verbiage? Why was the paper written by an attorney who was paid hundreds of dollars per hour to write it? Why can't we scratch the necessary language by hand on a sheet of paper, if that is all that needs to be said? This example is not quite the same as what I led off this column with, but it is addressing a similar problem of the dilution of words' meaning, and using them in ways that convey untruths and lead to confusion and the erosion of the language.

And, in a twist of irony, I find that I am lacking anything else to say about words at the moment. I can find no language (Continued Page 5)

New USDA Investment Agreement

USDA to Invest \$50 Million in New Cooperative Agreements for Racial Justice and Equity

The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) is invest-

ing up to \$50 million in cooperative agreements to support historically underserved farmers and ranchers with climate-smart agriculture and

forestry. The Racial Justice and Equity Conservation Cooperative Agreements are available to entities and individuals for two year projects that expand the delivery of conservation assistance to

farmers who are beginning, limited resource, socially disadvantaged, and veteran farmers.

"Historically underserved producers face significant barriers in accessing USDA assistance for conservation and climate-smart agriculture," said Terry Cosby, Chief of USDA's Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS). "USDA is committed to revising programs to be more equitable, and these producers deserve our support as they contribute to our vibrant and diverse agricultural communities." The projects should help historically underserved farmers and ranchers in implementing natural resources conservation practices that:

- Improve soil health;
- Improve water quality;
- Provide habitat for local wildlife species of concern;
- Improve the environmental and economic performance of working agricultural land; and

Build and strengthen local food projects that provide healthy food and economic opportunities.

Projects should remove barriers to access and reach historically underserved groups through a combination of program outreach and technical assistance in managing natural resources that address one or more of the following four NRCS priority areas:

- Addressing local natural resource issues;
- Using climate-smart agriculture practices and principles;
- Encouraging existing and new partnerships; and
- Developing state and community-led conservation leadership for historically underserved agricultural producers, including educating and training students for careers in natural resources management.

Who Is Eligible
Entities and individuals who provide outreach assistance to historically underserved groups are eligible, including:
Native American tribal governments and organizations
Nonprofit organizations
Private and public institutions of higher education
Individuals
Historically underserved producers include those who are considered beginning, limited resource, socially disadvantaged, and veteran farmers and ranchers.

How to Apply
Applications must be received by 11:59 p.m. Eastern Standard Time on October 25, 2021. See the grants.gov announcement offsite link image for details and application instructions.

This NRCS assistance builds on other USDA assistance to help historically underserved producers. In July, USDA's Risk Management Agency invested nearly \$1 million in nine risk management education projects focused on historically underserved producers. Meanwhile, USDA's Farm Service Agency (FSA) announced in April its plans to establish partnerships with organizations to provide outreach and technical assistance to socially disadvantaged farmers and ranchers. FSA plans to announce those partnerships in the coming weeks.

Under the Biden-Harris Administration, USDA is engaged in a whole-of-government effort to combat the climate crisis and conserve and protect our nation's lands, biodiversity and natural resources including our soil, air and water. Through conservation practices and partnerships, USDA aims to enhance economic growth and create new streams of income for farmers, ranchers, produc-

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PUBLIC NOTICE

Explanatory Statements for the November 2, 2021 Constitutional Amendment Election

Proposition Number 1 (HJR 143)

HJR 143 proposes a constitutional amendment expanding the circumstances in which a professional sports team charitable foundation may conduct raffles to raise money for the foundation's charitable purposes. The proposed amendment would allow professional sports team charitable foundations of organizations sanctioned by the Professional Rodeo Cowboys Association or the Women's Professional Rodeo Association to hold charitable raffles at rodeo events.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment authorizing the professional sports team charitable foundations of organizations sanctioned by the Professional Rodeo Cowboys Association or the Women's Professional Rodeo Association to conduct charitable raffles at rodeo venues."

Proposition Number 2 (HJR 99)

HJR 99 proposes a constitutional amendment allowing the legislature to authorize a county to issue bonds or notes to finance the development or redevelopment of an unproductive, underdeveloped, or blighted area within the county and to pledge for repayment of those bonds or notes increases in property tax revenues imposed on property in the area by the county. The Texas Constitution gives the legislature the power to authorize an incorporated city or town to issue such bonds or notes but does not expressly give the legislature the power to grant that same authority to counties. The proposed amendment also provides that a county that issues bonds or notes for transportation improvements may not pledge for the repayment of those bonds or notes more than 65 percent of the increases in ad valorem tax revenues each year, and a county may not use proceeds from the bonds or notes to finance the construction, operation, maintenance, or acquisition of rights-of-way of a toll road.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment authorizing a county to finance the development or redevelopment of transportation or infrastructure in unproductive, underdeveloped, or blighted areas in the county."

Proposition Number 3 (SJR 27)

SJR 27 proposes a constitutional amendment barring the State of Texas or a political subdivision from enacting, adopting, or issuing a statute, order, proclamation, decision, or rule that prohibits or limits religious services. The proposed amendment would apply to religious services, including those conducted in churches, congregations, and places of worship, in the state by a religious organization established to support and serve the propagation of a sincere-

ly held religious belief.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment to prohibit this state or a political subdivision of this state from prohibiting or limiting religious services of religious organizations."

Proposition Number 4 (SJR 47)

SJR 47 proposes a constitutional amendment changing certain eligibility requirements for a justice of the Supreme Court, a judge of the Court of Criminal Appeals, a justice of a court of appeals, and a district judge. The proposed amendment provides that a person is eligible to serve on the Supreme Court if the person, among other qualifications, is licensed to practice law in Texas; is a resident of Texas at the time of election; has been either a practicing lawyer licensed in Texas for at least ten years or a practicing lawyer licensed in Texas and a judge of a state court or county court established by the legislature for a combined total of at least ten years; and during that time has not had the person's license to practice law revoked, suspended, or subject to a probated suspension. The same eligibility requirements would apply to a judge of the Court of Criminal Appeals and to a justice of a court of appeals. The proposed amendment further provides that to be eligible for appointment or election as a district judge, a person must be a resident of Texas; be licensed to practice law in Texas; and have been a practicing lawyer or a judge of a court in Texas, or both combined, for eight years preceding the person's election, during which time the person's license to practice law has not been revoked, suspended, or subject to a probated suspension.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment changing the eligibility requirements for a justice of the supreme court, a judge of the court of criminal appeals, a justice of a court of appeals, and a district judge."

Proposition Number 5 (HJR 165)

HJR 165 proposes a constitutional amendment allowing the State Commission on Judicial Conduct (SCJC) to accept complaints or reports, conduct investigations, and take any other authorized action with respect to a candidate for a state judicial office. Currently, the Texas Constitution only permits the SCJC to take such actions as to persons holding a judicial office.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment providing additional powers to the State Commission on Judicial Conduct with respect to candidates for judicial office."

Proposition Number 6 (SJR 19)

SJR 19 proposes a constitutional amendment establish-

ing that residents of certain facilities have the right to designate an essential caregiver with whom the facility may not prohibit in-person visitation. The proposed amendment would apply to a nursing facility, assisted living facility, intermediate care facility for individuals with an intellectual disability, residence providing home and community-based services, or state supported living center. The proposed amendment also would authorize the legislature to provide guidelines for these facilities to follow in establishing essential caregiver visitation policies and procedures.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment establishing a right for residents of certain facilities to designate an essential caregiver for in-person visitation."

Proposition Number 7 (HJR 125)

HJR 125 proposes a constitutional amendment permitting a person who is 55 years of age or older at the time of death of their spouse who is receiving a limitation on school district property taxes on their residence homestead on the basis of a disability to continue receiving the limitation while the property remains the surviving spouse's residence homestead.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment to allow the surviving spouse of a person who is disabled to receive a limitation on the school district ad valorem taxes on the spouse's residence homestead if the spouse is 55 years of age or older at the time of the person's death."

Proposition Number 8 (SJR 35)

SJR 35 proposes a constitutional amendment authorizing the legislature to exempt from ad valorem taxation all or part of the market value of the residence homestead of the surviving spouse of a member of the United States armed services who is killed or fatally injured in the line of duty. The Texas Constitution provides a property tax exemption to the surviving spouse of a member of the armed services who is killed in action, but the current exemption does not include members of the military who die during their service due to injuries sustained that are not combat-related.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment authorizing the legislature to provide for an exemption from ad valorem taxation of all or part of the market value of the residence homestead of the surviving spouse of a member of the armed services of the United States who is killed or fatally injured in the line of duty."



DRUGS CAPTURED: On September 3, 2021, at approximately 12:56 a.m., a Wheeler County Deputy and K9 Deputy conducted a traffic stop on a vehicle at the 167 eastbound mile marker of Interstate 40 for a moving traffic violation. During contact with the driver and passenger, the deputies noticed several factors and tradecraft that led them to believe the occupants were engaged in criminal activity. A probable cause search of the vehicle was conducted due to the odor of marijuana emitting from the vehicle. During the search, deputies located various amounts of marijuana, methamphetamine, heroin and fentanyl pills within the cab area of the vehicle. Deputies then located a large tote in the rear hatch area that contained approximately 45 pounds of methamphetamine. Both the driver and passenger were arrested and booked into the Wheeler County Jail on multiple charges



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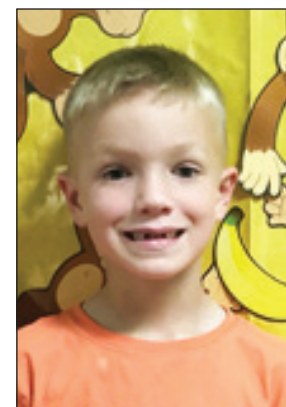
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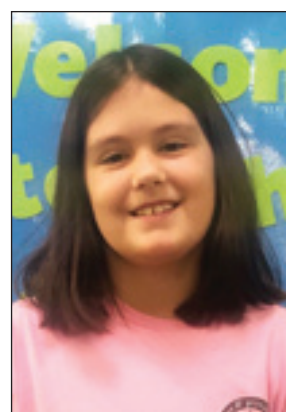
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There are properties in Wheeler & Shamrock for sale! Wheeler County Tax Office in conjunction with the Texas Communities Group, LLC will begin placing FOR SALE signs on available Trust Property within the City of Wheeler & Shamrock in the coming days. This project is a part of the clean-up effort.

Oil & Gas NEWS

Week of August 30-September 5, 2021

- Intents to Drill
- POTTER (PANHANDLE WEST) Scout Energy Management LLC, #S 7 Bivins, (97351 acres) 389' FSL & 1826' FEL, Sec 40, Blk O18, D&P RR Surv, A-1364, 6.3 mi SW from Masterson TD 4000', (sgd. Tonya Blanchard 972-782-4267) Vertical
- POTTER (PANHANDLE WEST) Scout Energy Management LLC, #S 9 Bivins, (97351 acres) 1651' FSL & 1325' FEL, Sec 30, Blk 11, EL&RR RR Surv, A-1348, 9.6 mi SW from Masterson TD 4000', (sgd. Tonya Blanchard 972-782-4267) Vertical
- Gas Completions
- None
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SOLD! 215 E. 13th St, Wheeler. 3 Bed/1.75 Bath, garage on 5.79 fenced acres. Outbuildings, loafing shed, spring fed pond. \$165,000. Ken Baxter - 806-334-0123.

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WHAT ARE TRUST PROPERTIES?

Trust properties are lots and tracts of land which have been foreclosed upon to collect a tax lien due the local governmental entities, City of Wheeler & City of Shamrock, Wheeler County, Wheeler County Hospital District and Wheeler County Water District. These properties were put up for auction and went unsold at the tax sale. The properties are then "struck-off" to the entities.

The placement of the signs on available property will identify the properties available for purchase. There will also be catalogs disbursed within the community.

WHO CAN BID?

Anyone over 18 years old can submit a bid for a property. However, a successful bidder CANNOT owe delinquent taxes on other property in the county, owe an unpaid fine or

Wheeler County COURT RECORDS

List of instruments filed in the Wheeler County Clerk's office from September 1, 2021 to September 10, 2021.

SEPTEMBER 1, 2021
Holiday

SEPTEMBER 2, 2021
EXECUTRIX DEED-Carolyn Hefley, et vir (Deceased) to Pamela Jean Dollar, 9-1-21, Lot 15 (Except South 20') and All Lots 16-19, Blk. 11, Stanley's 2nd Addition, Wheeler.

ROW-Mandy Lujan to Greenbelt Electric Cooperative Inc., 8-13-21, SE/2 SW/4 Sec. 22, Blk. L, J. M. Lindsey Survey.

DEED-John William Berry to Ana Lea Mackenzie Rockholt, et al, 8-4-21, See Instrument.

SEPTEMBER 3, 2021

fee to the city and/or county, and/or own other property in the city/county that is subject to existing penalties for codes enforcement.

HOW DO I BID?

You may place a bid online at www.texascg.com to submit a bid, which is the price you would consider paying for the property you wish to buy. Should you meet the requirements listed above and your bid is sufficient and accepted by all entities, the property will be deeded to you upon receipt of the payment of your bid amount and fees to cover the cost of the deed and recording fees, which are minimal.

Wheeler County Stage One Burn Ban

Order Prohibiting or Restricting Outdoor Burning
WHEREAS, the Commissioners' Court finds that circumstances present in all or

No Recordings
SEPTEMBER 6, 2021
No Recordings
SEPTEMBER 7, 2021
RDT-Happy State Bank to Pense Ranch Properties LLC, 8-30-21, 160.88 acs SW/4 Sec. 11, Blk. A-7, H&GN Ry. Company Survey.
AOL-Keepa LLC to Srivastava Asset Management LLC, 8-23-21, 100% Interest in Sec. 61, Blk. A-7, H&GN Ry. Company Survey.
UCC DT-DE Vuyst Farms LLC to Farm Credit Leasing Services Corporation, -- -- --, All Sec. 72, Blk. A-5, H&GN Ry. Company Survey.
DEED-Linda Mitchell to Linda Mitchell Living Trust, 8-26-21, NW/4 Sec. 63, Blk. 13, H&GN Ry. Company Survey.
SEPTEMBER 8, 2021
RDT-Loretta Sue Grayson Eslinger to Bobby Dean Spruell, et ux, 8-30-21, All Lots 17-20, Blk. 10, Allison.
AFF-Canaan Christian Church to The Public, 8-31-21, Lot 11, Blk. 13, Original Town, Wheeler.
DEED-Canaan Christian Church to Grace Investment Properties LLC, 8-31-21, Lots 7-11, Blk. 13, Wheeler.
AFF-Debbie McLaughlin to Debbie Kay McLaughlin, 8-31-21.

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USDA (from Page 2)

ers and private foresters. Successfully meeting these challenges will require USDA and our agencies to pursue a coordinated approach alongside USDA stakeholders, including State, local and Tribal governments.

USDA touches the lives of all Americans each day in so many positive ways. In the Biden-Harris Administration, USDA is transforming America's food system with a greater focus on more resilient local and regional food production, fairer markets for all producers, ensuring access to healthy and nutritious food in all communities, building new markets and streams of income for farmers and producers using climate smart food and forestry practices, making historic investments in infrastructure and clean energy capabilities in rural America, and committing to equity across the Department by removing systemic barriers and building a workforce more representative of America. To learn more, visit www.usda.gov.

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part of the unincorporated area of the county create a public safety hazard that would be exacerbated by outdoor burning;

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED by the Commissioners Court of Wheeler County that all outdoor burning is prohibited in the unincorporated area of the county for 90 days from the date of adoption of this Order, unless the restrictions are terminated earlier based on a determination made by the Texas Forest Service or this Court. This Order is adopted pursuant to Local Government Code Sec. 352.081, and other applicable statutes. This Order does not prohibit outdoor burning activities related to public health and safety that are authorized by the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality for:

- (1) Firefighter Training;
 - (2) Planting or harvesting of agricultural crops;
 - (3) Burns that are conducted by a prescribed burn manager certified under Sec. 153.048, Natural Resources Code, and meet the standards of Sec. 153.047, Natural Resources Code;
 - (4) Public utility, natural gas pipeline or mining operations;
- Welding is allowed by commercial/professional welders under the following guidelines only:

- (a) A spotter is required for each welder, each cutter, each grinder or for any activity that causes or may cause a spark.
- (b) A diameter across the welding area shall be a minimum of 25 feet and clear of vegetation, if possible, and kept wet. The welding diameter must be three times the height of the actual welding. Example: if welding is occurring ten (10) feet off the ground, a diameter of thirty (30) feet must be protected.
- (c) A minimum of 200 gallons of pressured water must be available on site.
- (d) Each welding vehicle must have at least one (1) fully charged 10 lb. Class ABC chemical fire extinguisher on site.
- (e) If the work area cannot be cleared of vegetation, proper precautionary measures must be taken (example: protecting brush, etc., by utilizing fire resistant tarps).

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(f) Each site will have cellular telephone communications for emergency response.

(g) Welding in an enclosed area is acceptable.

This order prohibits all outdoor burning during "Elevated Fire Weather" and "Red Flag Warnings" for Wheeler County issued by the National Weather Service in Amarillo.

In accordance with Local Government Code Sec. 352.081(h), a violation of this Order is a Class C misdemeanor, punishable by a fine not to exceed \$500.00.

ADOPTED this 13th day of September, 2021, by a vote of 3 ayes and 0 nays and effective this day.

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 10. Colour property
 13. Notion
 14. Traffic cone
 15. SpaceX CEO Elon
 16. Bathtub floater
 34. Broadcast
 35. Largest of seven
 36. Minotaur's home
 37. Beauty pageant accessory
 38. Hunt for
 39. Halo effect
 40. Double curve
 41. Conches or cockles
 43. One's life story
 45. Russian city on the Irtysh River
 46. Airplane ___ (smartphone setting)
 50. On a decline?
 51. Hunger symptom
 51. ___ deco
- Down
1. ___ as an owl
 2. Shakespearean commotions
 3. "You ___ what you sow"
 4. Baby food
 5. Chickweed
 6. ___ Monday
 7. Certain tunics
 8. Neighbour of Ger.
 9. Sap, as strength
 10. Hawaiian dance
 11. The Beatles' "Back in the ___"
 12. Barely manages, with "out"
 15. Interfering
 17. Boxing match
 22. Be bedridden
 23. Burst forth
 24. Way to a person's heart?
 25. Involuntary twitch
 26. Panamanian promenade
 27. Bay window
 28. Suffix with "concert" or "party"
 29. Mature insect stage
 30. Second generation born to Japanese in a new country
 31. Early anesthetic
 33. Highway hauler
 36. The C of VCR
 42. Diamond ref
 43. Back to work day, for most
 44. Outer boundary
 46. Nationwide obsession, perhaps
 47. In addition
 48. Whiskered aquatic animal
 49. Extend credit
 50. Watering holes
 51. Best rating, alphabetically and numerically
 52. Ancient character
 53. Nicholas I or II
 56. ___ and hers
 57. Kendrick Lamar's game

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Chris Gallardo with a great defensive stop. (Jr. High)



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Jackson Graves stops the receiver. (Jr. High)



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Creed Newkirk has help stopping the ball carrier. (Jr. High)

Statements required in notice if the proposed tax rate does not exceed the lower of the no-new-revenue tax rate or the voter-approval tax rate, as prescribed by Tax Code §26.061.

NOTICE OF MEETING TO VOTE ON TAX RATE

A tax rate of \$.769449 per \$100 valuation has been proposed by the governing body of City of Wheeler.

PROPOSED TAX RATE	\$.769449	per \$100
NO-NEW-REVENUE TAX RATE	\$.769449	per \$100
VOTER-APPROVAL TAX RATE	\$.800139	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 City of Wheeler 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 City of Wheeler 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 City of Wheeler 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 September 20th at 6:00 p.m. at City Hall located at 505 Alan L. Bean Blvd.

The proposed tax rate is also not greater than the voter-approval tax rate. As a result, City of Wheeler is not required to hold an election to seek voter approval of the rate. However, you may express your support for or opposition to the proposed tax rate by contacting the members of the City Council of City of Wheeler at their offices or by attending the public meeting mentioned above.

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

$$\text{Property tax amount} = (\text{tax rate}) \times (\text{taxable value of your property}) / 100$$

(List names of all members of the governing body below, showing how each voted on the proposed tax rate or, if one or more were absent, indicating absences.)

FOR the proposal: Kendall Hefley, Tammy Moore, Amy Zybach, and Tracy Tignor

AGAINST the proposal: none

PRESENT and not voting: none

ABSENT: Kelli Hampton

Free (from Page 1)
ning, and heirs' property. Experts will also be available to answer questions on disaster programs, marketing, soil health, livestock operations, vegetable production, forest management, pest management, high tunnels (hoop houses), irrigation, programs for veterans, and more. These webinars will benefit those engaged in traditional farming and ranching, but also those producing fresh local food through urban agriculture including community farms and community gardens.

From new or beginning farmer, to experienced farmer, gain valuable information on operating a successful agricultural operation. If you have questions about how to attend a virtual webinar, call Melissa Blair, NRCS at (361) 248-3851.

Persons with disabilities who plan to join this meeting and may need auxiliary aids or services or persons who are deaf or hearing impaired are requested to contact Melissa Blair by Sept. 14, 2021 or melissa.blair@usda.gov so appropriate arrangements can be made.

Elk City (from Page 1)

along with deep fried burgers, fries and deep fried dogs. Abby's Authentic Mexican Food will be serving tacos, burritos, nachos, quesadillas, tortes birria tacos, queso, chips and drinks. Also, Sno Way Shaved Ice will be available with their snow cones, cotton candy, caramel apples, soft pretzels, nachos and fresh lemonade. Goode Snacks will have their kettle corn outside and their roasted nuts and fudge in the north exhibit hall west room. Brown's Grill will be serving smash burgers, sliders, grilled cheese and fries. Rene's Gourmet will be serving frog legs, coconut shrimp, fiesta chicken rolls, pulled pork, cabo shrimp cocktail and funnel cakes. Li Snow'e will have sno-cones and drinks. The food vendors will be serving beverages. The Fall Festival committee will present numerous awards in selected booth categories along with the high school art. Awards to be presented in the professional booths category will be Best of Show, 1st, 2nd, & 3rd place for fine art, photography, pottery, sculpture and fine woods.

"Literally thousands of people have gone through this annual event and we'd love to see everyone from Elk City and the surrounding communities come out and have fun with us again this year." concluded Cupp.

The Fall Festival committee would like to thank the City of Elk City, along with Janie's Garden Center for decorating. Also, thank you to all our volunteers and exhibitors.

2021 Elk City Fall Festival Committee members include: Ronda Smith, Chairman, Kathy Bell, Emily & Jeff Johnson, Katherine Brown, LaDonna Thomas, Sharon Carpenter and Susie Cupp. For additional information please contact the Elk City Chamber of Commerce at 580-225-0207 or email elkcitychamber@itlnet.net

Comm. (from Page 1)
for installation of a waterline.

A special meeting will be called Monday, September 20, to pay the bills, amounting to \$297,002.39.

Chat (from Page 1)
tion.

— cwe —
As I understand it, a cousin-once-removed is the child of a person's cousin. The children of cousins/first cousins are second cousins.

— cwe —
In case you are wondering about the way the candidates are dressed, Monday was cowboy/Western day.

— cwe —
Eat with the Juniors Friday evening!
— cwe —



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Why Dogs Live Less Than Humans

Here's the surprising answer of a 6 year old child.

Being a veterinarian, I had been called to examine a ten-year-old Irish Wolfhound named Belker. The dog's owners, Ron, his wife Lisa, and their little boy Shane, were all very attached to Belker, and they were hoping for a miracle.

I examined Belker and found he was dying of cancer. I told the family we couldn't do anything for Belker, and offered to perform the euthanasia procedure for the old dog in their home.

As we made arrangements, Ron and Lisa told me they thought it would be good for six-year-old Shane to observe the procedure. They felt as though Shane might learn something from the experience.

The next day, I felt the familiar catch in my throat as Belker's family surrounded him. Shane seemed so calm, petting the old dog for the last time, that I wondered if he understood what was going on. Within a few minutes, Belker

Storm (from Page 1)

cade. I wore a hot pink jumpsuit that my mom wore in 1973! That was fun! Wednesday was First Letter of Your Name Day. Snow White was my costume. We dress as a character from a Netflix show on Thursday. Friday will be Mustang Spirit Day. The Bon-Fire is Wednesday night. The band gets to play!

Senior Year is going fast! I am thankful that my parents enjoy all of my activities and they are always there to support me and all the students. It makes me happy to know that when I look, I will always see them. My dad has driven hundreds of thousands of miles to take me to ballet, karate, swimming, and theater. Dad and Mom have watched Nutcracker at least a hundred times for practice and performances. The only time they missed was when my mom had to take my dad to the hospital in Maryland and I stayed with Baba and Pop. Baba and Pop took me to rehearsal for Nutcracker and the next day Jennifer put me on the airplane and sent me to Washington DC to be with my dad for his surgery. Then we drove a thousand miles back so I wouldn't miss the next rehearsal. My parents always go to my events. I have been in Cross Country, Track, Basketball and we went to Houston, San Angelo and San Antonio to show a pig. Now I am in Band and Vocal and I love for my parents to always watch me practice and perform. Some people don't like for their parents or mine to always be around. Oh, well, I appreciate my parents! We have fun! That's it!

slipped peacefully away.

The little boy seemed to accept Belker's transition without any difficulty or confusion. We sat together for a while after Belker's Death, wondering aloud about the sad fact that dogs' lives are shorter than human lives. Shane, who had been listening quietly, piped up, "I know why."

Startled, we all turned to him. What came out of his mouth next stunned me. I'd never heard a more comforting explanation. It has changed the way I try and live.

He said, "People are born so that they can learn how to live a good life — like loving everybody all the time and being nice, right?" The six-year-old continued,

"Well, dogs already know how to do that, so they don't have to stay for as long as we do."

Live simply.

Love generously.

Care deeply.

Speak kindly.

Remember, if a dog was the teacher you would learn things like:

- When your loved ones come home, always run to greet them.

- Never pass up the opportunity to go for a joyride.

- Allow the experience of fresh air and the wind in your face to be pure Ecstasy.

- Take naps.

- Stretch before rising.

- Run, romp, and play daily.

- Thrive on attention and let people touch you.

- Avoid biting when a simple growl will do.

- On warm days, stop to lie on your back on the grass.

- On hot days, drink lots of water and lie under a shady tree.

- When you're happy, dance around and wag your entire body.

- Delight in the simple joy of a long walk.

- Be faithful.

- Never pretend to be something you're not.

- If what you want lies buried, dig until you find it.

- When someone is having a bad day, be silent, sit close by, and nuzzle them gently.

That's the secret of happiness that we can learn from a good dog.

COURT RECORDINGS

ATTORNEY: Can you describe the individual?

WITNESS: He was about medium height and had a beard

ATTORNEY: Was this a male or a female?

WITNESS: Unless the Circus was in town I'm going with male.

ATTORNEY: Is your appearance here this morning pursuant to a deposition notice which I sent to your attorney?

WITNESS: No, this is how I dress when I go to work.

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9-9	Quanah	W-36	Q-0	
9-16	Highland Park	There		5:00/JV Follows
9-23	Sunray	There		5:00/JV Follows
9-30	Gruver	There		5:00/JV Follows
10-7	Open			
10-14	Shamrock*	Here		5:00/JV Follows
10-21	Memphis*	There		5:00/JV Follows
10-28	Clarendon*	Here		5:00/JV Follows
11-4	Wellington*	There		5:00/JV Follows

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8-27	Booker	W-20 B-12	
9-3	River Road	W-9 R-25	
9-10	Quanah	W-24 Q-18	7:00
9-17	Highland Park**	Here	7:00
9-24	Sunray	Here	7:00
10-1	Gruver	Here	7:00
10-8	Open		
10-15	Shamrock*	There	7:00
10-22	Memphis*	Here	7:00
10-29	Clarendon*	There	7:00
11-5	Wellington*^	Here	7:00

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5	Nguyn, Binh	11	RB/LB
6	Norman, Braylon	10	REC/DB
7	Amaya, Braden	11	REC/DB
9	Phan, Johnson	12	REC/DB
10	Hernandez, Daniel	12	RB/LB
12	Garcia, Sebastian	12	TE/DE
13	Burch, Davonte	12	TE/LB
22	Cardenas, Donavon	12	RB/LB
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25	Sanchez, Daniel	9	TE/LB
26	Rodriguez, Adryan	12	RB/ LB
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44	Dominguez, Javier	11	RB/LB
50	Alfred, Dawson	11	OL/DL
51	O'Conner, Jeff	12	OL/LB
55	Butcher, Jesse	10	OL/DL
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