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“Wheeler: town of friendship and pride”

USDA Expands Eligibility, Enhances Benefits for Key Disaster Programs

Policy changes will help more producers recover from natural disasters

The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) made updates to several conservation, livestock and crop disaster assistance programs to give more farmers, ranchers, and tribes the opportunity to apply for and access programs that support recovery following natural disasters. Specifically, USDA's Farm Service Agency (FSA) expanded

eligibility and enhanced available benefits for a suite of its programs. These updates will provide critical assistance to producers who need to rebuild and recover after suffering catastrophic losses of production and infrastructure due to natural disasters.

FSA has updated the following programs: The Emergency Conservation Program (ECP), the Emergency Forest Restoration Program (EFRP), the Emergency Assistance for Livestock, Honeybees, and Farm-raised Fish (ELAP), the Livestock Forage Disaster Program (LFP), the Livestock Indemnity Program (LIP) and the Noninsured Crop Disaster Assistance Program (NAP).

“As I meet with producers across the country, I have gained a better understanding of the ways in which our programs work—and the ways in which they can be improved to better support all producers, especially those who are working to rebuild their operations after a disaster,” said FSA Administrator Zach Ducheneaux. “This set of updates to our disaster assistance programs reflects FSA's commitment to listening to producers and responding to their needs wherever we have the authorities to do so. We are confident that these changes will increase the both the accessibility and

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Merely points out that January, 2023, is half over. Hard to believe.

— cwe —

The Wheeler Chamber will be holding an organizational meeting on January 24. Anyone interested in promoting Wheeler and its activities is invited to attend. Officers will be elected.

— cwe —

We continue to have nice weather; a little on the chilly side, and most days, the wind is on the calm side.

— cwe —

I appreciated receiving the notice of the Wheeler Basket-

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STORM REPORT



As Reported by...
Stormie Meriwether,

Dearest Friends, We were a little late this year getting Christmas presents to Clark, Addy and Daxton. It is always fun watching them. Daxton was excited about his motorcycle. He wanted to ride it before Mark got it put together and charged up. Addy loved her fingernail polish and jewelry. Clark was very pleased with his Star Wars Legos.

On Monday we went to Springtown for visitation.

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FORT ELLIOTT HOMECOMING: Fort Elliott has scheduled the Cougar Homecoming for February 3, 2023 at 5:30 in the evening. Candidates are (back row, l. to r.) Cutter Barr, Jaytin Dickey, Boone Begert, Jacob Forward, Marshal Meininger, (front row) Rylee Rose, Miah Baca, Braxton Angeley, Jazzy Henley and Summer Meller.

USDA Reminds Producers of Option for Perennial Forage

The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) reminds

agricultural producers with perennial forage crops of an

option to report their acreage

and perennial grass varieties.

A Mustang Minute

Tuesday, January 10th, our high school basketball teams split up and traveled separate ways for games with the Mustangs heading to Highland Park and the Lady Stangs heading south to Shamrock. The Junior Varsity girls fought hard the entire game but came up short in the end with a loss of 31-35. The varsity girls battled strong and ended the night with a win of 58-34. The Mustangs defeated Highland Park 65-41.

Friday night proved to be a tough night for all four of our teams as Wellington defeated Wheeler in all four games. Coach Fin and I agreed that it

was fun, but it wasn't real fun! I am really enjoying getting to be down on the court face to face with the action and I want to thank Louis Stas for the opportunity that has been given to me to capture these moments for the fans. I would also like to give a shout out to Sue Bentley who first started my interest in photography in high school. I was in her yearbook class and here I am 28 years later once again capturing photos of our Mustangs and Lady Stangs. I was blessed with the best teachers at Wheeler ISD and I hope I have made them proud.

—Misty Copeland

once, without having to report that acreage in subsequent years, as long as there are no applicable changes on the farm. Interested producers can select the continuous certification option after USDA's Farm Service Agency (FSA) certifies their acreage report.

“FSA's continuous certification option simplifies future acreage reporting of perennial crops, and it can also help streamline the application process for many of our farm programs, including disaster assistance programs,” said FSA Administrator Zach Ducheneaux. “For example, when persistent drought conditions over the past year affected livestock producers in the West and Great Plains, producers who had previously filed a continuous acreage report were able to benefit from a streamlined application process for the Livestock Forage Disaster Program.”

An acreage report documents a crop grown on a farm or ranch and its intended uses, including perennial crops like mixed forage, birdsfoot trefoil, chicory/radicchio, kochia (prostrata), lespedeza, perennial peanuts

To access many USDA programs, producers must file an accurate and timely acreage report for all crops and land uses, including failed acreage and prevented planting acreage.

The perennial crop continuous certification process requires a producer to initially complete an acreage report certifying the perennial crop acreage. The producer may select the continuous certification option any time after the crop is certified. Once the continuous certification

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Fund Raiser For Melba Darnell

A Spaghetti Dinner Fundraiser for Melba Darnell will be Sunday, January 22, 11:30-1:30 p.m. at the Mobeetie Fire Department #2 School Cafeteria. It will be Carry Out only. The dinner includes Salad, Garlic Bread and Dessert for a Donation. Melba has been diagnosed with breast cancer and will be undergoing treatments.

Merely Mustard

How is your new year coming along? Or is it an uncontrolled current, which carries you along? I had three simple goals of sleeping, exercising, and simplifying during this year. Simple, but difficult for some reason. These goals are interconnected, and making progress in any of them enhances the likelihood of progress in the others. There is a word which describes this type of relationship between otherwise-independent things, but I can't think of what it is.

In any case the first month, the month of promise, is half-gone, and the energy which often accompanies a fresh start is possibly further gone than that. But energy and

excitement are faulty foundations. A mentor teaches that they should be seen as a donut tire on an automobile: something that can pull you through in a pinch, but not the foundation of a plan for the long haul.

I've been finding that the concept of routine, which I have long resisted, helps me keep moving, instead of stalling when energy inevitably falters. I used to think of routines as straitjackets, stifling places of confinement, which inhibit any expression of inspiration. A more recent (and hopefully more correct) thought is that routines provide the space necessary for inspiration to act and to make itself manifest. I would imagine some of

this is accomplished through the subconscious mind, which knows there are rote duties which must be completed, and which refuses to cooperate with the conscious mind's desire for novelty and inspiration while the critical duties remain uncompleted. This concept could be expressed in a similar way by the body and its demand for homeostasis. For instance, cues of hunger might be suppressed during times when the body is in a hypothermic or hyperthermic condition, and only expressed after the temperature problem has been resolved. The need for nourishment was never absent, but it failed to express itself while there were more

critical dilemmas at hand.

In a similar way, inspiration, novelty, and joy might not show up if the actions demanded by the routine have not yet been performed. This may be inaccurate, but it makes enough sense to me for now. One thing is definite and serves this argument: the brain knows – and we know that we don't know everything which the brain knows, and this gives room for the subconscious mind to assert its knowledge behind the scenes. And mine seems to know that I need to complete my routines, and I'm starting to know that as well.

Attention High School Seniors

The Top O' Texas Cattlewomen would like to remind high school seniors

Attending schools in Carson, Collingsworth, Hemphill, Hutchinson, Lipscomb, Ochiltree, Roberts and Wheeler Counties that the applications for the Top O' Texas Cattlewomen's scholarships should be in your High School's Counselor office now. Some changes have been made to

the applications. The deadline to return the application for judging is April 13, 2023 post marked.

This year we are awarding one (4) \$750.00 scholarship which gives you more chances to get a scholarship. The scholarship applications should be sent to Dianne Buckingham at (806) 256-3633.

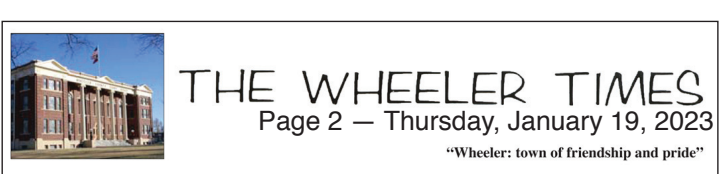
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NAME	AGE	CHARGE	BOND	RELEASE
KELLY, SEAN	47	RESIST ARREST, SEARCH OR TRANSPORT	\$2,500.00	1/12/23
		EVADING ARREST OR DETENTION	\$2,500.00	
		THEFT <\$100	PTA	
		WRONG ALTERED OR OBSCURED LICENSE PLATE	PTA	
WALDEN, APRIL	23	POSS CS PG 2>=1G<4G	\$15,000.00	1/10/23
		MAN DEL CS PG 1>=4G<200G	\$45,000.00	1/11/23
LIPPINCOTT, FREDERICK	26	POSS CS PG 2>=4G<400G	\$25,000.00	
		POSS CS PG 2>=1G<4G	\$15,000.00	
GRIGORYAN, ARMEN	40	SENTENCED TO 8 YRS TDCJ - ORIG CHARGE MONEY LAUNDERING >=\$30K<\$150K	DENIED	IN CUSTODY
ARRIOLA CORREA, JOSE	28	SMUGGLING OF PERSONS	\$15,000.00	IN CUSTODY
		POSS CS PG 1<1G	\$12,500.00	
RODRIGUEZ, RAUL	36	POSS MARIJ <2OZ	\$1,500.00	1/12/23
DAVIS, JACOB	31	POSS CS PG 2>=1G<4G	\$15,000.00	IN CUSTODY
		POSS CS PG 1<1G	\$12,500.00	
SINGLETON, ROBERT	45	POSS MARIJ <2OZ	\$1,500.00	
		POSS DRUG PARAPHERNALIA	PTA	
Perez Nevarez, Nayeli	31	MAN DEL CS PG 1>=4G<200G	\$60,000.00	IN CUSTODY
		MAN DEL CS PG 1>=1G<4G	\$60,000.00	
Perez Nevarez, Nayeli	31	POSS MARIJ <2OZ	\$1,500.00	
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DOMON, DAVID	67	SMUGGLING OF PERSONS	\$15,000.00	
		TAMPER/FAB PHYSICAL EVIDENCE W/INT TO IMPAIR	\$15,000.00	
DOMON, DAVID	67	POSS CS PG 1<1G	\$12,500.00	
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DOMON, DAVID	67	MAN DEL CS PG 1>=4G<200G	\$60,000.00	IN CUSTODY
		MAN DEL CS PG 1>=1G<4G	\$60,000.00	
WILSON, JAGGER	28	POSS CS PG 1<1G	\$15,000.00	
		POSS MARIJ <2OZ	\$1,500.00	
NAIFEH, STANLEY	37	POSS CS PG 1<1G	\$12,500.00	1/14/23
		POSS CS PG 2>=4G<400G	\$20,000.00	
LUTHER, CASSIE	38	POSS CS PG 3<28G	\$2,500.00	
		POSS CS PG 1<1G	\$12,500.00	1/14/23
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		POSS CS PG 3<28G	\$2,500.00	
BISHOP, RICHARD	63	POSS CS PG 1>=4G<200G	\$20,000.00	IN CUSTODY
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OLD TIMES NOT FORGOTTEN
By Roland Miles

Drivers License
Several years ago, I wrote a little account of my self-made problems getting my first drivers license. At that time, you could get your license at 14 years old. Since I was exceptionally smart for my age, didn't need to study that dumb handbook they gave me. A good friend and classmate, Jerry, thought it would be neat for us to get our license the same day. How about that? We could brag about that forever. When Test day came, we both sat down with the written test. He passed and I flunked! The patrolman told me to "come back in two weeks". After that, Jerry went out and passed the driving part also and left with his license in hand. During the two weeks I had studied that dumb handbook, and next time, passed the written! Time to take the driving part now. By golly, he's going to see just how good I am at driving in Wheeler! At the very first left hand turn, he told me "take me back." I asked him why and he said, "you just broke a law when you turned the corner like you did." "Come back in two weeks." So I did. Didn't break any laws this time. Finally after three tries, I got it done! Now fast forward almost 70 years they sent me a letter saying I couldn't renew on-line anymore because I was over 79 years old and bring my birth certificate plus some more stuff. Couldn't find the birth certificate anywhere but I thought the other stuff would be sufficient. Nope, you've got to have a birth certificate! I went back to our bank box, and sure enough, found it with some of Shirley's folks records. She was always more organized than me, so that was a logical place to put it. I didn't figure they would enjoy seeing me again at the same place, so I went to a DPS office in another town. No problem! They fixed me right up!



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

Did you know? General George Armstrong Custer deliberately kept his grades lower at West Point, because if they were very good, he might get assigned to an engineering job after he graduated. He wanted to be in the cavalry and that's where he wound up, just as he wanted.

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If you have a wooden chopping board that needs some freshening, then spruce it up with the help of lemons. Chop a lemon in half, and sprinkle coarse salt across the board. Put the lemon face down on the block and use it like a sponge, scrubbing it across the entire area of the board. This will nix odors and lift stains.

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Spaghetti Dinner Fundraiser For Melba Darnell

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Dinner includes Salad, Garlic Bread & Dessert for a Donation

Melba has been diagnosed with breast cancer and will be undergoing treatments

Disaster (from Page 1)

efficacy of our disaster assistance programs, consistent with our goal to build equity into the fabric of our work at the FSA."

Conservation Disaster Assistance Updates

FSA updated ECP to:
 • Allow producers who lease Federally owned or managed lands, including tribal trust land, as well as State land the opportunity to participate.

• Provide advance payments, up to 25% of the cost, for all ECP practices before the restoration is carried out, an option that was previously only available for fence repair or replacement. The cost-share payment must be spent within 60 days.

Additionally, Congress also authorized the Federal government to pay 100% of the ECP and EFRP cost for damage associated with the Hermit's Peak/Calf Canyon Fire in New Mexico. This fire

The family of Kay Luttrell would like to express their sincerest appreciation to the Briscoe Fire Department, Wheeler County EMS, Parkview Hospital, and Pampa Regional Medical Center. The care, love, and support they all gave to Kay and our family on Monday, January 2, 2023 was exceptional. The out-pouring love and support exhibited by this small community is truly a blessing.

The Luttrell Family

burned over 340,000 acres from April 2022 to June 2022 and was the largest wildfire in recorded history in New Mexico. ECP and EFRP cost-share assistance is typically capped at 75%. This policy change for 100% cost-share applies only to those locations impacted by the Hermit's Peak/Calf Canyon Fire.

ECP and EFRP provide financial and technical assistance to restore conservation practices like fencing, damaged farmland or forests.

Livestock Disaster Assistance Updates

FSA also expanded eligible livestock under ELAP, LFP and LIP. Specifically, horses maintained on eligible grazing land are eligible for ELAP, LFP and LIP. Many family farms and ranches use their forage to raise horses to augment their other agriculture endeavors. FSA recognizes that animals maintained in a commercial agriculture operation, add value to the operation and could be available for marketing from the farm. FSA

regulations have been updated to include these animals as eligible livestock.

Horses and other animals that are used or intended to be used for racing and wagering remain ineligible.

Ostriches are also now eligible for LFP and ELAP. FSA is making this change because ostriches satisfy more than 50% of their net energy requirement through the consumption of growing forage grasses and legumes and are therefore considered "grazing animals".

This change for ostriches is effective for the 2022 program year for both LFP and ELAP. ELAP requires a notice of loss to be filed with FSA within 30 days of when the loss is first apparent. Because this deadline may have passed for 2022, FSA is extending the deadline for filing notices of loss through March 31, 2023.

LIP and ELAP reimburses producers for a portion of the value of livestock, poultry and other animals that died as a result of a qualifying natural disaster event or for loss of grazing acres, feed and forage. LFP provides benefits for grazing losses due to drought and eligible wildfires on federally managed lands.

Noninsured Crop Disaster Assistance

NAP provides financial assistance to producers of non-insurable crops when low yields, loss of inventory or prevented planting occur due to natural disasters. Basic NAP coverage is equivalent to the catastrophic level risk protection plan of insurance coverage, which is based on the amount of loss that exceeds 50% of expected production at 55% of the average market price for the crop.

Previously, to be eligible for NAP coverage, a producer had to submit an application (Form CCC-471) for NAP coverage on or before the application closing date. For 2022, if a producer has

Chat (from Page 1)

ball fund raiser set for Sunday, January 29 for it to be put in the paper.

— cwe —

I just happened to see the fund raiser for Melba Darnell on facebook. Please send notice of these events to the newspaper, as I, like lots of other people, do not always catch them on facebook.

— cwe —

And, there was no charge for either.

— cwe —

It is as easy to email them to wtimes@windstream.net as it is to put them on facebook.

— cwe —

I also appreciate Misty Copeland for the Wheeler pictures and write-up and Tori Colter for the Fort Elliott pictures.

— cwe —

Are you aware we have a new doctor at Parkview? Dr. Scott. I had reason for an appointment and was impressed. He retired at Shamrock and did not want to be idle.

— cwe —

It was a quiet weekend at OKC. Lesli (Arnold) Clements joined me for a meal Friday evening. A memorial for her parents, Melba and Gene Arnold, will be held at Hinton Cemetery as soon as a monument is delivered.

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a Socially Disadvantaged, Limited Resource, Beginning and Veteran Farmer or Rancher Certification (Form CCC-860) on file with FSA, it will serve as an application for basic coverage for all eligible crops having a 2022 application closing date and all NAP-related service fees for basic coverage will be waived for these producers.

FSA will notify all eligible producers who already have the CCC-860 certification form on file of their eligibility for NAP basic coverage for 2022. To potentially receive NAP assistance, producers who suffered losses due to natural disasters in 2022 should file an acreage report as well as a notice of loss with the FSA at their local Service Center.

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ROBERTS (ST. CLAIR, Granite Wash) Hadaway Consult and Engineer, LLC, #1 Leona 8A, (2312.5 acres) 8957' FSL & 11927' FEL, Clay CSL Surv, A-50, 16 mi NW from Miami TD 11000', (BHL: 8866' FSL & 10556' FEL) (sgd. Tom Douglass 512-495-6300) Directional Amended

ROBERTS (ST. CLAIR, Granite Wash) Texakoma E & P, LLC, #1 McMordie 14, (320 acres) 743' FNL & 865' FEL, Sec 14, Blk A2, EL&RR RR Surv, A-994, 15.5 mi NW from Miami TD 9800', (sgd. Jeff Harwell 972-212-8028) Vertical

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NEW LISTING: 150+/- Acres. 14 miles NE of McLean. Good stand of grass. Excellent fences. Cross fenced into 4 acre pastures. Windmill and pens at center. Great hunting: Deer, Quail and Dove.

NEW LISTING: 150+/- Acres. 8 miles SE of Wheeler on FM 1906. Good fences, good stand of grass, water well.

Beautiful 640 +/- Acres with scenic views located 15 miles NW of Shamrock. The property can be easily accessed off County Road 9. The topography is level to rolling with five ponds located on the Red Rive3r Bottom in the NE corner. It has 100 acres of newly established love grass and the rest is in native grass. It has been crossfenced into 5 pastures with some new fencing, making it excellent for livestock grazing. It has new water well with anew pipeline between the north and south water tanks. It has the potential to be irrigated with easily accessible electricity throughout the ranch. There is an abundance of wild game. This property is ideal for hunting, farming, grazing and weekend retreats. There are several potential homesite locations.

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Crossword PUZZLE

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Across
 1. World Cup highlight
 5. Church alcove
 9. Necklace fastener
 14. Actress Paquin
 15. Whiskered aquatic animal
 16. "Star Wars: The Awakens"

Down
 2. Decorated, as a cake
 18. Hit the ___ (go to bed)
 19. Like pet parakeets
 20. Time for a resolution
 22. Sashimi choice
 23. Food fish
 28. "Where" attachment
 31. Person after a

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lifestyle change, self-descriptively
 32. Antioxidant berry
 33. Magic wish granters (Var.)
 34. Cell signal strength indicator
 37. Erratically
 41. Cookbook amt.
 42. ___ one per customer
 43. Minuscule quantity
 44. Mumbai money
 45. Engines with oomph
 47. Headlessness
 51. Howl from an owl
 52. Metrical foot, to a poet
 56. Ann ___, Michigan
 58. Alike, like cousins
 60. Soothing succulent
 61. Tall tale
 62. ___ all been there
 63. Match a bet, in poker
 64. Not glossy, as a photo
 65. Ogler
 66. Form of ether
 Down
 1. No pain, no ___
 2. Thrice minus twice
 3. Turn over ___ leaf
 4. Female nobility title
 5. Lambaste
 6. Gem of an oyster
 7. Lunch bag
 8. Antlered animal

- 9. Ozone layer pollutant, for short
- 10. Hate with a passion
- 11. Debate informally
- 12. What the "S" stands for in "CSI"
- 13. Part of a bike or piano
- 21. Estimated landing time
- 24. Opponents
- 25. Doctrine
- 26. Identical sibling
- 27. Choose not to include
- 28. Electrical unit
- 29. T, Cube, and Vanilla?
- 30. Make compact, as pipe tobacco
- 33. Midway attractions
- 34. Amorphous mass
- 35. Charlie Parker's saxophone type
- 36. Shaggy Scandinavian rugs
- 38. Twelfth month of the Jewish calendar
- 39. Mature on the vine
- 40. Flight zone
- 44. Snappy reply
- 45. Nickname for a Canadian banknote featuring Viola Desmond
- 46. Between Can. and Mex.
- 47. Grand Canyon, notably
- 48. Artery from the heart
- 49. WALL-E, for one
- 50. Trustingly innocent
- 53. Liveliness
- 54. Millennium Falcon captain Han
- 55. Show and ___
- 57. Canadian whiskey
- 58. Astonishment
- 59. Lock unlocker

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2023 Wheeler Co. Junior Livestock Show

Class	Exhibitor Name	Division	Breed	School	Birth Date	Placing	
1	Braylee Adkins	Heifer	English	Fort Elliott CISD	5/5/22	1	Breed
1	Braylee Adkins	Heifer	English	Fort Elliott CISD	4/5/22	2	
2	Braylee Adkins	Heifer	English	Fort Elliott CISD	10/21/21	1	Reserve Breed
3	Kye Comett	Heifer	English	Shamrock ISD	11/20/20	1	
4	Kate Shaw	Heifer	American	Wheeler ISD	11/3/21	1	Breed
4	Kate Shaw	Heifer	American	Wheeler ISD	9/30/21	2	Reserve Breed
5	Braxton Angeley	Heifer	Exotic	Fort Elliott CISD	5/12/22	1	
5	Rance Angeley	Heifer	Exotic	Fort Elliott CISD	5/15/22	2	
5	Ryder Angeley	Heifer	Exotic	Fort Elliott CISD	5/14/22	3	
6	Boone Begert	Heifer	Exotic	Fort Elliott CISD	9/24/21	1	
7	Boone Begert	Heifer	Exotic	Fort Elliott CISD	5/2/21	1	Reserve Breed/Reserve Grand
7	Rance Angeley	Heifer	Exotic	Fort Elliott CISD	5/6/21	2	
8	Riley Sims	Heifer	Exotic	Shamrock ISD	12/1/20	1	Breed/Grand Champion
8	Ashlynn Lee	Heifer	Exotic	Wheeler ISD	11/4/20	2	
8	Tatum Pigg	Heifer	Exotic	Fort Elliott CISD	11/27/20	3	
8	Ashlynn Lee	Heifer	Exotic	Wheeler ISD	10/14/20	4	
9	Kaidence Raymond	Heifer	Commercial	Wheeler ISD	857	1	Breed
9	Tatum Pigg	Heifer	Commercial	Fort Elliott CISD	970	2	
10	Kaidence Raymond	Heifer	Commercial	Wheeler ISD	1133	1	Reserve Breed

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1	Braylee Adkins	Steer	English	Fort Elliott CISD	1125	1	Breed
2	Ashlynn Lee	Steer	English	Wheeler ISD	1312	1	Reserve Breed
2	Braxton Angeley	Steer	American	Fort Elliott CISD	990	1	Breed/Reserve Grand
3	Tori Halterman	Steer	Exotic	Wheeler ISD	948	1	
4	Riley Sims	Steer	Exotic	Shamrock ISD	1097	1	Breed/Grand Champion
4	Riley Sims	Steer	Exotic	Shamrock ISD	1170	2	
5	Ashlynn Lee	Steer	Exotic	Wheeler ISD	1258	1	Reserve Breed

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1	Alexis Mahler	Goat		Fort Elliott CISD	62	1	
1	Brylie Hand	Goat		Fort Elliott CISD	56	2	
1	Beau Hand	Goat		Fort Elliott CISD	49	3	
1	Ryan Childress	Goat		Wheeler ISD	55	4	
1	McKenzi Mahler	Goat		Fort Elliott CISD	61	5	
2	Ashlynn Sursa	Goat		Wheeler ISD	67	1	
2	Jakson McMullen	Goat		Shamrock ISD	67	2	
2	Gracen Franklin	Goat		Wheeler ISD	66	3	
2	Kenna Childress	Goat		Wheeler ISD	68	4	
2	Ethan Mahler	Goat		Fort Elliott CISD	68	5	
3	Gracen Franklin	Goat		Wheeler ISD	77	1	
3	Nohemy Almendarez	Goat		Fort Elliott CISD	75	2	
3	Roman Zybach	Goat		Fort Elliott CISD	77	3	
3	Chance Jarnagin	Goat		Wheeler ISD	74	4	
3	Colton Tipps	Goat		Fort Elliott CISD	70	5	
3	Logan Tipps	Goat		Fort Elliott CISD	73	6	
4	A'Dyn Garza	Goat		Wheeler ISD	80	1	Reserve Grand
4	Chance Jarnagin	Goat		Wheeler ISD	82	2	
4	Tayte Cadra	Goat		Fort Elliott CISD	87	3	
4	Charlee Hinton	Goat		Fort Elliott CISD	85	4	
5	Logan Leffew	Goat		Wheeler ISD	92	1	Grand Champion
5	Jayla Dickey	Goat		Fort Elliott CISD	96	2	
5	Chance Jarnagin	Goat		Wheeler ISD	93	3	
5	Charlee Hinton	Goat		Fort Elliott CISD	95	4	
5	Blaize Cadra	Goat		Fort Elliott CISD	92	5	
6	Logan Leffew	Goat		Wheeler ISD	112	1	
6	Ashlynn Sursa	Goat		Wheeler ISD	114	2	
6	Braxton Angeley	Goat		Fort Elliott CISD	111	3	
6	Jayden Spence	Goat		Wheeler ISD	130	4	
6	Rance Angeley	Goat		Fort Elliott CISD	114	5	
6	Jayden Spence	Goat		Wheeler ISD	123	6	
6	Jaylie Dickey	Goat		Fort Elliott CISD	106	7	

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3	Kye Cornett	Heifer	English	Shamrock ISD	11/20/20	1	
4	Kate Shaw	Heifer	American	Wheeler ISD	11/3/21	1	Breed
4	Kate Shaw	Heifer	American	Wheeler ISD	9/30/21	2	Reserve Breed
5	Braxton Angeley	Heifer	Exotic	Fort Elliott CISD	5/12/22	1	
5	Rance Angeley	Heifer	Exotic	Fort Elliott CISD	5/15/22	2	
5	Ryder Angeley	Heifer	Exotic	Fort Elliott CISD	5/14/22	3	
6	Boone Begert	Heifer	Exotic	Fort Elliott CISD	9/24/21	1	
7	Boone Begert	Heifer	Exotic	Fort Elliott CISD	5/2/21	1	Reserve Breed/Reserve Grand
7	Rance Angeley	Heifer	Exotic	Fort Elliott CISD	5/6/21	2	
8	Riley Sims	Heifer	Exotic	Shamrock ISD	12/1/20	1	Breed/Grand Champion
8	Ashlynn Lee	Heifer	Exotic	Wheeler ISD	11/4/20	2	
8	Tatum Pigg	Heifer	Exotic	Fort Elliott CISD	11/27/20	3	
8	Ashlynn Lee	Heifer	Exotic	Wheeler ISD	10/14/20	4	

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1	McKenzi Mahler	Goat		Fort Elliott CISD	61	5	
2	Ashlynn Sursa	Goat		Wheeler ISD	67	1	
2	Jakson McMullen	Goat		Shamrock ISD	67	2	
2	Gracen Franklin	Goat		Wheeler ISD	66	3	
2	Kenna Childress	Goat		Wheeler ISD	68	4	
2	Ethan Mahler	Goat		Fort Elliott CISD	68	5	
3	Gracen Franklin	Goat		Wheeler ISD	77	1	
3	Nohemy Almendarez	Goat		Fort Elliott CISD	75	2	
3	Roman Zybach	Goat		Fort Elliott CISD	77	3	
3	Chance Jarnagin	Goat		Wheeler ISD	74	4	
3	Colton Tipps	Goat		Fort Elliott CISD	70	5	
3	Logan Tipps	Goat		Fort Elliott CISD	73	6	
4	A'Dyn Garza	Goat		Wheeler ISD	80	1	Reserve Grand
4	Chance Jarnagin	Goat		Wheeler ISD	82	2	
4	Tayte Cadra	Goat		Fort Elliott CISD	87	3	
4	Charlee Hinton	Goat		Fort Elliott CISD	85	4	
5	Logan Leffew	Goat		Wheeler ISD	92	1	Grand Champion
5	Jayla Dickey	Goat		Fort Elliott CISD	96	2	
5	Chance Jarnagin	Goat		Wheeler ISD	93	3	
5	Charlee Hinton	Goat		Fort Elliott CISD	95	4	
5	Blaize Cadra	Goat		Fort Elliott CISD	92	5	
6	Logan Leffew	Goat		Wheeler ISD	112	1	
6	Ashlynn Sursa	Goat		Wheeler ISD	114	2	
6	Braxton Angeley	Goat		Fort Elliott CISD	111	3	
6	Jayden Spence	Goat		Wheeler ISD	130	4	
6	Rance Angeley	Goat		Fort Elliott CISD	114	5	
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1	Kace Campbell	Lamb	Finewool	Fort Elliott CISD	118	1	Breed
1	Braxton Angeley	Lamb	Finewool	Fort Elliott CISD	123	2	Reserve Breed
2	McCauley Jernigan	Lamb	FWX	Shamrock ISD	97	1	Reserve Breed
2	Tucker Walden	Lamb	FWX	Fort Elliott CISD	112	2	
2	Ximena Badillo	Lamb	FWX	Wheeler ISD	125	3	
2	Alex Reed	Lamb	FWX	Fort Elliott CISD	119	4	
3	Rankin Pool	Lamb	FWX	Wheeler ISD	131	1	Breed
3	Cutter Atkins	Lamb	FWX	Fort Elliott CISD	136	2	
3	Hunter Zybach	Lamb	FWX	Fort Elliott CISD	143	3	
3	Tatum Pigg	Lamb	FWX	Fort Elliott CISD	143	4	
4	Kace Campbell	Lamb	Southdown	Fort Elliott CISD	95	1	Reserve Breed
4	Emily Ratliff	Lamb	Southdown	Fort Elliott CISD	93	2	
4	Emily Ratliff	Lamb	Southdown	Fort Elliott CISD	105	3	
5	A'Dyn Garza	Lamb	Southdown	Wheeler ISD	112	1	Breed
5	McCauley Jernigan	Lamb	Southdown	Shamrock ISD	118	2	
5	Wynter Zybach	Lamb	Southdown	Fort Elliott CISD	114	3	
5	Leslie Mendoza	Lamb	Southdown	Wheeler ISD	131	4	
6	Nohemy Almendarez	Lamb	Medium W	Fort Elliott CISD	91	1	
6	Matia Elmore	Lamb	Medium W		95	2	
6	Brylie Hand	Lamb	Medium W	Fort Elliott CISD	71	3	
6	Brettly Hand	Lamb	Medium W	Fort Elliott CISD	77	4	
6	Raylee Eagan	Lamb	Medium W	Fort Elliott CISD	97	5	
7	Ransley Pool	Lamb	Medium W	Wheeler ISD	112	1	
7	Tucker Walden	Lamb	Medium W	Fort Elliott CISD	114	2	
7	Charlee Hinton	Lamb	Medium W	Fort Elliott CISD	110	3	
7	Shelby Bowman	Lamb	Medium W	Fort Elliott CISD	101	4	
7	Tatum Pigg	Lamb	Medium W	Fort Elliott CISD	105	5	
7	Alex Reed	Lamb	Medium W	Fort Elliott CISD	109	6	
8	Chancey James	Lamb	Medium W	Wheeler ISD	117	1	
8	Tucker Walden	Lamb	Medium W	Fort Elliott CISD	120	2	
8	Shelby Bowman	Lamb	Medium W	Fort Elliott CISD	123	3	
8	Cutter Atkins	Lamb	Medium W	Fort Elliott CISD	116	4	
8	Luke Reed	Lamb	Medium W	Fort Elliott CISD	118	5	

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Class	Exhibitor Name	Division	Breed	School	Weight	Placing
9	Kace Campbell	Lamb	Medium W	Fort Elliott CISD	127	1
9	A'Dyn Garza	Lamb	Medium W	Wheeler ISD	124	2
9	Emily Ratliff	Lamb	Medium W	Fort Elliott CISD	128	3
9	Nohemy Almandarez	Lamb	Medium W	Fort Elliott CISD	128	4
9	Luke Reed	Lamb	Medium W	Fort Elliott CISD	128	5
9	Braxton Angeley	Lamb	Medium W	Fort Elliott CISD	126	6
9	Nohemy Almandarez	Lamb	Medium W	Fort Elliott CISD	126	7
10	Chancey James	Lamb	Medium W	Wheeler ISD	138	1
10	A'Dyn Garza	Lamb	Medium W	Wheeler ISD	130	2
10	Matia Elmore	Lamb	Medium W		133	3
10	Riley Sims	Lamb	Medium W	Shamrock ISD	131	4
10	Ransley Pool	Lamb	Medium W	Wheeler ISD	129	5
10	Alex Reed	Lamb	Medium W	Fort Elliott CISD	132	6
11	A'Dyn Garza	Lamb	Medium W	Wheeler ISD	144	1 Breed/Grand Champion
11	Rankin Pool	Lamb	Medium W	Wheeler ISD	151	2 Reserve Breed/Reserve Grand
11	Nohemy Almandarez	Lamb	Medium W	Fort Elliott CISD	144	3
11	Shelby Bowman	Lamb	Medium W	Fort Elliott CISD	142	4
11	Riley Sims	Lamb	Medium W	Shamrock ISD	168	5
Class	Exhibitor Name	Division	Breed	School	Weight	Placing
1	Rankin Pool	Swine	BOPB	Wheeler ISD	142	1 Breed
1	Hallie Ventura	Swine	BOPB	Wheeler ISD	165	2
1	Holden Holwick	Swine	BOPB	Wheeler ISD	145	3
2	A'Dyn Garza	Swine	BOPB	Wheeler ISD	200	1 Reserve Breed
2	Reagan Gaines	Swine	BOPB	Fort Elliott CISD	246	2
2	Tristan Trout	Swine	BOPB	Fort Elliott CISD	220	3
2	Jaycee McNeely	Swine	BOPB	Fort Elliott CISD	200	4
3	Ransley Pool	Swine	WOPB	Wheeler ISD	149	1 Breed
3	A'Dyn Garza	Swine	WOPB	Wheeler ISD	175	2
4	Bryce Hefley	Swine	WOPB	Wheeler ISD	200	1 Reserve Breed
4	Jaxson Orr	Swine	WOPB	Wheeler ISD	182	2
5	Ryan Childress	Swine	Duroc	Wheeler ISD	152	1
5	Braxton Childress	Swine	Duroc	Wheeler ISD	165	2
5	Hallie Ventura	Swine	Duroc	Wheeler ISD	138	3
5	Kyle Moss	Swine	Duroc	Wheeler ISD	163	4
6	Rankin Pool	Swine	Duroc	Wheeler ISD	177	1
6	Kye Cornett	Swine	Duroc	Shamrock ISD	183	2
6	Jaxson Orr	Swine	Duroc	Wheeler ISD	181	3
6	Ximena Badillo	Swine	Duroc	Wheeler ISD	195	4
7	Ridley Cathey	Swine	Duroc	Wheeler ISD	215	1 Breed
7	Bentley Cathey	Swine	Duroc	Wheeler ISD	210	2 Reserve Breed
7	Kye Cornett	Swine	Duroc	Shamrock ISD	207	3
7	Dixie Burkett	Swine	Duroc	Fort Elliott CISD	228	4
8	Karsyn Malone	Swine	Hamp	Wheeler ISD	160	1
8	Alex Wilson	Swine	Hamp	Fort Elliott CISD	175	2
8	Nathan Whittington	Swine	Hamp	Shamrock ISD	150	3
8	Jace Marshall	Swine	Hamp	Shamrock ISD	177	4
8	Holt Markham	Swine	Hamp	Wheeler ISD	177	5

Class	Exhibitor Name	Division	Breed	School	Weight	Placing
9	Talan Cathey	Swine	Hamp	Wheeler ISD	190	1 Breed
9	Sierra Hardcastle	Swine	Hamp	Wheeler ISD	189	2
9	Dixie Burkett	Swine	Hamp	Fort Elliott CISD	185	3
9	Kace Campbell	Swine	Hamp	Fort Elliott CISD	180	4
9	Bentley Cathey	Swine	Hamp	Wheeler ISD	179	5
10	Chancey James	Swine	Hamp	Wheeler ISD	193	1 Reserve Breed
10	Ransley Pool	Swine	Hamp	Wheeler ISD	195	2
10	Thomas Taylor	Swine	Hamp	Wheeler ISD	200	3
10	Hunter Higgins	Swine	Hamp	Fort Elliott CISD	218	4
11	Reagan Gaines	Swine	Hamp	Fort Elliott CISD	220	1
11	Stanford Corse	Swine	Hamp		220	2
11	Etta Corse	Swine	Hamp		232	3
11	Emely Garcia	Swine	Hamp	Wheeler ISD	220	4
11	Leslie Mendoza	Swine	Hamp	Wheeler ISD	254	5
12	Ridley Cathey	Swine	York	Wheeler ISD	194	1 Breed/Reserve Grand Champion
12	Talan Cathey	Swine	York	Wheeler ISD	175	2 Reserve Breed
12	Alex Wilson	Swine	York	Fort Elliott CISD	195	3
12	Makezie Whittington	Swine	York	Shamrock ISD	193	4
12	Mason Lowe	Swine	York	Shamrock ISD	185	5
13	Chancey James	Swine	York	Wheeler ISD	222	1
13	Kaylee Lee	Swine	York	Fort Elliott CISD	225	2
13	Blake Malone	Swine	York	Shamrock ISD	217	3
13	Jayden Spence	Swine	York	Fort Elliott CISD	217	4
14	Tristan Trout	Swine	York	Fort Elliott CISD	250	1
14	Molly Hefley	Swine	York	Wheeler ISD	255	2
15	Ransley Pool	Swine	Cross	Wheeler ISD	139	1
15	Sophia Badillo	Swine	Cross	Wheeler ISD	159	2
15	Kenna Childress	Swine	Cross	Wheeler ISD	154	3
15	Larah Collins	Swine	Cross	Wheeler ISD	173	4
15	Thomas Taylor	Swine	Cross	Wheeler ISD	155	5
15	Blake Malone	Swine	Cross	Shamrock ISD	160	6
16	Reagan Gaines	Swine	Cross	Fort Elliott CISD	177	1
16	Kace Campbell	Swine	Cross	Fort Elliott CISD	191	2
16	Stanford Corse	Swine	Cross		195	3
16	Jayden Spence	Swine	Cross	Fort Elliott CISD	190	4
16	Kaylee Lee	Swine	Cross	Fort Elliott CISD	199	5
16	Kace Campbell	Swine	Cross	Fort Elliott CISD	182	6
17	Chancey James	Swine	Cross	Wheeler ISD	211	1 Breed/Grand Champion
17	Etta Corse	Swine	Cross		200	2
17	Kaylee Lee	Swine	Cross	Wheeler ISD	220	3
17	Isaac Scoggins	Swine	Cross	Fort Elliott CISD	215	4
18	Etta Corse	Swine	Cross		228	3
18	Barrett Meadows	Swine	Cross	Wheeler ISD	230	4
18	Rankin Pool	Swine	Cross	Wheeler ISD	233	2
18	Jaycee McNeely	Swine	Cross	Fort Elliott CISD	245	3
18	Chancey James	Swine	Cross	Wheeler ISD	273	1 Reserve Breed



Jace Moffett taking the ball to the hoop.

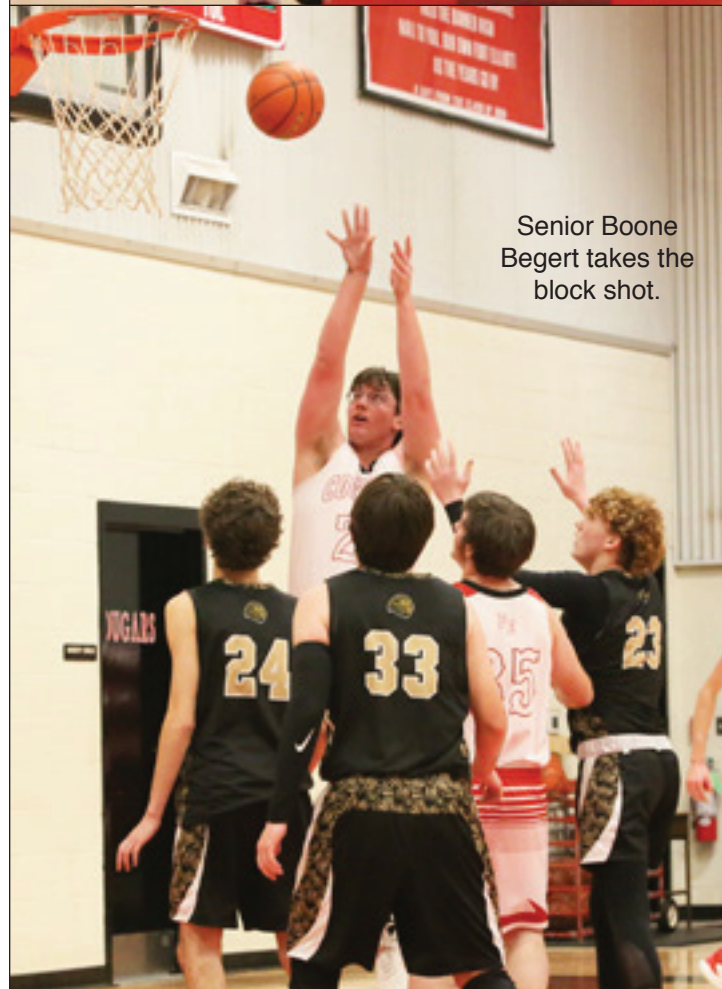


Fort Elliott vs. Kelton

Junior Jose Perez scores for the Cougars.



Freshman Tazlan Brown shooting from the three point line.



Senior Boone Begert takes the block shot.



Point Guard, Freshman Brylie Hand



Rylee Rose on fire for the Lady Cougars



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Storm (from Page 1)

Keith Burt, Hunter's dad, had a big family and many friends. The service will be tomorrow. (I'm writing this Monday night.) I will be with Hunter. I can't believe that just three weeks ago Keith was laughing, singing, and making plans to bring his dad, Papa Doug, to our ranch to hunt arrow heads and see the museum. We will miss Keith, but I am thankful for the time I had with him so I have memories.

Last night in NYC: After the romantic carriage ride, we dressed up for a fancy dinner. It was my twentieth birthday! The restaurant was elegant! The food was amazing! Then this happened: Hunter had given my birthday present to the maître d'.

The waiter was supposed to deliver it on my dessert plate. My mom had hidden behind a Christmas tree to take pictures of the special moment. (You know my mom, always taking pics!) Hunter left the table for a moment. Mom saw him leave. The waiter told my mom it would be in a few minutes. She quit watching until Hunter returned to the

table. While Hunter was gone and my mom wasn't looking, the waiter brought me this very fancy dessert with dry ice making a magical cloud around the artful creation. I had no clue what was happening. A candle was lit on top. When the cloud cleared, I saw a beautiful necklace beside the cake. I thought, "That's strange." Then Hunter returned with a puzzled look on his face. The waiter went to my mom, who was still waiting behind the tree. He said, "I'm sorry no one was with her when we delivered her dessert." My mom was not happy with that waiter. Hunter put the necklace on my neck and told me Happy Birthday! My mom took pictures and said, "As disappointed as we

are for the timing not working, we are going to have a good story to laugh about forever!" We have already laughed about that many times. It was a perfect last evening in New York! That's it!

Forage (from Page 1)

option is selected, the certified acreage will roll forward annually and does not require additional action on the producer's part in subsequent years unless the acreage report changes.

Once a producer selects continuous certification, then continuous certification is applicable to all fields on the farm for the specific crop, crop type and intended use. If continuous certification is selected by any producers sharing in the crop, then the continuous certification is applicable to fields in which the producer has a share for the specific crop, crop type and intended use.

"Currently less than half of the 336.5 million acres of perennial forage is being reported using the continuous certification process," Ducheneaux said. "Producers can help streamline the reporting process by selecting continuous certification after filing their crop acreage report."

Producers can opt out of continuous certification at any time. The continuous certification will terminate automatically if a change in the farming operation occurs.

How to File a Report

To file a crop acreage report, producers need to provide:

- Crop and crop type or variety.
- Intended use of the crop.
- Number of acres of the crop.
- Map with approximate boundaries for the crop.
- Planting date(s).
- Planting pattern, when applicable.
- Producer shares.
- Irrigation practice(s).
- Acreage prevented from planting, when applicable.
- Other information as required.

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