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FORT ELLIOTT PLAY ADVANCES TO REGIONAL: Fort Elliott One Act Play advances from Area (at Randall High on March 27) to Regionals with a 1,1,2 rating. Regionals will be at Frenship HS in Wolforth on April 22. Cast members are (front, l. to r.) Brylie Hand, Emma Reeder, Rylee Rose, Shelby Bowman, Miah Baca, Jazmine Henley, Summer Meller, Addison Hefley, Aliyah McCarter, (back) Jose Perez, Tyna Horn (Director), Tazlan Brown, Wally Wilson, Tucker Walden, Boone Begert, Jaytin Dickey, Jaxon Meadows, Levi Coleman, Ali Mahler, Jaylie Dickey and Paisley Archer.



Individual awards went to (l. to r) Summer Meller - Best Performer; Addison Hefley - All Star Cast; Jazmine Henley - All Star Cast, and Ali Mahler - Honorable Mention.



Congratulations, Fort Elliott One-Act Play Cast on advancing to Regional!

— cwe —

Congratulations, Summer Meller, Addison Hefley, Jazmine Henley and Ali Mahler on your individual recognition.

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Looks like there is quite a bit going on this weekend for the youngsters and local shoppers. See page 5.

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Cornerstone will be holding the Annual Easter Egg Hunt

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STORM REPORT



As Reported by...
Stormie Meriwether,

Dearest Friends, Be sure to check your Drivers License. Dad and Pop had to renew their license. If you are over 79, you have to go to the office and take a vision test. You have to have your birth certificate, social security card and proof of where you live. There is a form online. It has to be filled out before you get there. You have to have an appointment. If you don't have everything, you will have to get another appointment.

We made another fast trip to Houston for Dad's chemo.

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BOUND FOR REGIONAL: Fort Elliott's Jazmine Henley placed 1st in Prose UIL and will advance to Regionals.



We are counting down our registration for sponsorship of Wheeler's 4th of July and Wild & Free on 83 Celebration! This year is gonna be one for the books with a variety of exciting events, musical guests, and something special for every tier of sponsorship. Sign up now and secure your place in the advertisement for the event! www.wheelertexas.org/4th-of-July Or stop by the Wheeler Chamber Office under the water tower for more details.

Board Extends Contracts

Minutes of Regular Meeting
The Board of Trustees
Wheeler ISD

A Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees of Wheeler ISD was held Wednesday, February 15, 2023, beginning at 6:30 PM in the board conference room located at #1 Mustang Drive, Wheeler, Texas, 79096.

Those present were: Dr. Lee Ann Hillhouse, Ike Finsterwald, Billy Richardson, Mark Marshall, Beau Means, Machille Henson, Mike Houska, Bryan Markham, Superintendent; Stacey Horton, Business Manager; Heather Hardcastle, Elementary Principal and Mike Bailey, Secondary Principal

I. ESTABLISH A QUORUM
a. Pledge: Mark Marshall led the pledge.

Cornerstone Will Conduct Egg Hunt

Easter is a season of new beginnings, but Cornerstone is going to celebrate the old-fashioned way and we hope you will join us!

An EASTER PARTY IN THE PARK (Wheeler TX City Park) is the perfect way to kick off the weekend. Join us Saturday, April 8th at 11am for an egg hunt with OVER 5000 eggs filled with candy or cash, (kids 0- 6th grade), bounce houses, and hotdogs, drinks and fellowship for everyone! We will be giving

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b. Invocation: Billy Richardson offered the invocation.

II. OPEN FORUM
a. Hearing of Any Person/ Group Wishing to Address the Board: None

III. READING OF MINUTES
a. Regular Meeting of January 18, 2023: Mark Marshall motioned to approve the minutes. Billy Richardson seconded the motion. Seven members voted to accept the motion, no votes against.

IV. FINANCIAL REPORT
a. Review of Bills: Mr. Markham reviewed the bills.
b. Financial Statement(s):

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TRI-COUNTY SWCD: Results from the Tri County SWCD contest: Wheeler FFA placings: Plant ID 1st place team: (top) Ximena Badillo 1st High Individual; David Samaniego 2nd High Individual; Orlando Montanez 10th High Individual and Joaquin Tintori. Wildlife: (lower) 1st place, Austin Adkins 2nd High Individual; Isaiah Chavez 4th High Individual; Ruvinky Garza 8th High Individual and Emely Garcia. (not pictured) 6th place Team: Bryce Hefley, Jackson Graves and Barrett Meadows and 8th place Team: Garrett Ashurst, Jake Houska and Creed Newkirk.

Merely Mustard

Earlier, I had sat down to talk, but the words would not come out. Or they did, but a coherent thought did not. I sat down to write and found that the cat had gotten my fingers as well. And I just don't feel all that much like complaining. In

a different state of mind, that statement and that reality could be a complaint in and of itself, but I don't hear any complaints from those who would have to bear mine. I tried to think, but there is a blockage which prevents

it. Some days are like that. Sometimes the days like that become weeks like that, and sometimes those weeks become months or years. My sympathy is aroused for those who live in this state of

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Board (from Page 1)
Mrs. Horton provided the financial statements through February 15, 2023.

c. Financial Assumptions: Mr. Markham provided the financial assumptions as of February 10, 2023.

V. REPORTS/DISCUSSION ITEMS

a. Principals' Reports: Mrs. Hardcastle presented the elementary report including enrollment decline of two students, Valentine's Day parties, WOWW programs, and utilization of the new website.

Mr. Bailey presented the secondary report including an enrollment gain of one student, district basketball

playoffs, livestock shows, and upcoming activities.

VI. ACTION ITEMS

a. Unfinished Business: No Unfinished Business

b. New Business: Consider/Approve adoption of National Incident Management Systems (NIMS) for Emergency Operations

Ike Finsterwald made a motion to approve adoption of NIMS for emergency operations. Machille Henson seconded the motion. Seven members voted to approve the motion, no votes against.

2. Consider/Approve Instructional Course for Spring 2023 and beyond under District of Innovation

Billy Richardson made a motion to approve an instructional course for Spring 2023 and beyond under DOI. Mark Marshall seconded the motion. Seven members voted to approve the motion, no votes against.

VII. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

a. Review March Meeting Date: The Regular March Meeting will be held March 22, 2023.

b. Safety Update—Updates to:

- a. Basic EOP
 - b. Active Threat Annex
 - c. Active Shooter Appendix
- Mr. Markham reviewed the updates required after the Emergency Operations Plan was reviewed by TEA. All updates have been completed and the EOP will be resubmit-

ted for review.

c. Preliminary District Values: Mr. Markham reported the preliminary values for Wheeler ISD at just over \$271 million for 2023.

d. Regional Salary Comparison: Mr. Markham provided a regional comparison of salaries for teachers and administration.

VIII. EXECUTIVE SESSION

a. If Needed, According to Texas Government Code Section 551.001, et seq.

The Board Entered Executive Session at 7:10pm.

The Board Returned to Open Session at 7:45pm.

b. Consider/Take Action on Resignations/Hiring of Personnel: None

c. Consider/Take Action on Extension of Elementary Principal Contract: Ike Finsterwald made a motion to extend the elementary principal contract for Heather Hardcastle. Mark Marshall seconded the motion. Seven members voted to approve the motion, no votes against.

d. Consider/Take Action on Extension of Secondary Principal Contract: Ike Finsterwald made a motion to extend the elementary principal contract for Mike Bailey. Mark Marshall seconded the motion. Seven members voted to approve the motion, no votes against.

e. Consider/Take Action on Athletic Director/Head Girls' Basketball Coach: Billy Richardson made a motion to approve the contract of Debbie Finsterwald for Athletic Director/Head Girls' Basketball Coach. Mike Houska seconded the motion. Seven members voted to approve the motion, no votes against.

f. Consider/Take Action on Athletic Director/Head Boys' Football Coach: Billy Richardson made a motion to approve the contract of Matthew Hoover for Athletic Director/Head Boys' Football Coach. Mike Houska seconded the motion. Seven members voted to approve the motion, no votes against.

IX. ADJOURNMENT

Mark Marshall motioned to adjourn at 7:51 pm. Billy Richardson seconded the motion. Seven members voted to accept the motion, no votes against.

Honor (from Page 1)

Leilani Wilson

2nd Grade

All A: Tala Brownfield, Anibal Duarte, Jozlyn Estrada, Sidney Hathaway, Steven Mercer, Sophie Ramirez and Kori Sanchez

A/B: Tripp Copeland, Jacob Davis, Eastyn Hill, Tylee Koepke, Dakota Tonguet and Ari'elle Walker

3rd Grade

All A: Talan Cathey, Jayden Garza, Chance Jarnagin, Jaydan Matthews, Jaylin Mercado, Henry Reid and Tripp Sims

A/B: Kaveri Carter, Judson Couch, Corbin Farmer, Daleyza Garcia, Kelton Graves, Deklyn Hill, Enoch Hoover, Stephen Joyce, Gavin King, Viviana Magana, Ransley Pool, Braxton Ramirez, Sarina Reeves, Jocelyn Sanchez and Adrian Sigala

4th Grade

All A: Giselle Almanza, Kayla Guzman, Victoria Meza and Cash Newkirk

A/B: Alizae Atherton, Lilly Chick, Alexander Espino, Angel Garza, Lila Goad, Camila Guereca, Santiago Lira, Brianna Magadan, Kevin Magadan, Jastin Oswalt, Nevaeh Parker, Keith Perales, David Ramirez and Tommie Trimble

5th Grade

All A: Erick Gonzalez, Jake Hazzard and Austin Sims

A/B: Rylan Bureson, Weston Farmer, Gracen Franklin, Logan Hathaway, Audrey Houska, Chancey James, Blaze Mercer, Jaxson Orr, Christian Perez, Rankin Pool, Emma Reid, Angel Rocha, Aidn Session and Alejandra Sigala

6th Grade

All A: Lizabeth Andrade,



WHEELER STAR STUDENTS for the week of 3/31/23 are: PK - Seadyr Guest, Kindergarten - Ray'Lynn Lira, 1st grade - Adlee Koepke, 2nd grade - Matthew Duron, 3rd grade - Ximena Jaime, 4th grade - Brianna Magadan, 5th grade - Leo Hernandez, 6th grade - Braxton Hampton.

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Help To Invest In Renewable Energy Systems

U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) Rural Development Texas State Director Lillian Salerno today announced that USDA is accepting applications starting on April 1 for \$1 billion in grants to help agricultural producers and rural small businesses invest in renewable energy systems and make energy-efficiency improvements. USDA is making the \$1 billion in grants available under the Rural Energy for America Program (REAP), with funding from President Biden's landmark Inflation Reduction Act, the nation's largest-ever investment in combating the climate crisis.

"Supporting renewable energy and energy-saving systems helps the people of rural Texas create thriving, livable communities," said Salerno. "When we invest in rural communities, we are supporting hard work that creates a better future for our state. Clean energy is critical to the future of our economy, and the Inflation Reduction Act provides the Biden-Harris Administration with the resources to build a more prosperous rural Texas while tackling the climate crisis and lowering energy costs."

Recipients may use REAP funds to install renewable energy systems or to make energy-efficiency improvements. Eligible applicants include rural small businesses and agricultural producers. USDA will hold competitions quarterly through Sept. 30, 2024. The funding will also include the creation of the first underutilized technology fund in the REAP program, with \$144.5 million available in dedicated funding.

USDA is particularly interested in REAP projects that recover economically through Hazen Dorris, Mia Garza, Molly Hefley, Braylee Koepke and Holt Markham

A/B: Brooklynn Applewhite, Jackelin Duron, Camila Herrera, Esmeralda Lopez, Sayhden Lopez, Natalia Magana, Allison Montoya, Kaidence Raymond, Alexis Sanchez, Zane Schaefer and Wyatt Weatherly

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more and better market opportunities and improved infrastructure, reduce climate-pollution and increase resilience to the impacts of climate change, conserve and protect farmland, and invest in underserved communities.

To ensure that small projects have a fair opportunity to compete for the funding, USDA will set aside at least 20% of the available funds until June 30 of each year for grant requests of \$20,000 or less, including the grant portion of a combined grant and guaranteed loan request.

The maximum federal share which may be requested is up to 50% of the total project cost for all energy-efficiency projects and zero-emissions renewable energy systems. An award of up to 50% of the total project cost is also available for any project in a designated energy community and/or submitted by an eligible tribal entity. All other projects are eligible to apply for grants of up to 25% of the total project cost. The maximum grant is \$1 million for renewable energy systems and \$500,000 for energy-efficiency projects.

For additional information on application deadlines and submission details, see page 19239 of the March 31 Federal Register. Complete applications must be received by June 30th to compete for FY funding.

Inflation Reduction Act: Background

The Inflation Reduction Act will boost the long-term resiliency, reliability and affordability of rural electric systems. It will help families save money on utility bills, and it will expand rural opportunities in the clean-energy economy.

Wheeler County COURT RECORDS

List of instruments filed in the Wheeler County Clerk's office from March 27, 2023 to March 31, 2023.

MARCH 27, 2023

DEED-The Quam Management Trust to Fleetwood Associates LLC, 2-28-23, See Instrument.

RDT-Plains Land Bank FLCA to Ben K. Conner, et ux, 2-10-23, See Instrument.

RDT-Plains Land Bank FLCA to Brian A. Fuller, et ux, 2-8-23, See Instrument.

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SURFACE EASEMENT-The Willa J. Shelton Living Trust to Oneok Field Services Company LLC, 10-23-20, 10' x 10' out of Sec. 27, Blk. R.E., Roberts & Eddleman Survey. C/C PROBATE-John S. Johnson to Ex Parte, 3-22-23.

C/C WILL-John S. Johnson to Ex Parte, 3-21-23.

C/C PROBATE ORDER-John S. Johnson to Ex Parte, 3-22-23.

DEED/MD-Harry J. Graff, et ux to Graff Revocable Trust, 3-4-23, See Instrument.

C/C PROBATE-Betty Jean Haines to Ex Parte, 3-14-23, See Instrument.

TAX LIEN CONTRACT-Michael Eugene Gallagher, et ux to Resolution Finance LLC, (Continued Page 3)

Fort Elliott Elementary Cougars of the Week Mar.27th - Mar. 31st



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 Pantera Energy Company, #4 Anna Herber, (640 acres) 660' FWL & 1980' FSL, Sec 184, Blk B2, H&GN RR Surv, A-901, 13 mi SW from Pampa TD 3300', (sgd. Laura Savage 806-376-6625) Vertical Reclass
GRAY (PANHANDLE, WEST)
 Pantera Energy Company, #9 Anna Herber, (640 acres) 1930' FNL & 1930' FWL, Sec 184, Blk B2, H&GN RR Surv, A-901, 6.5 mi SE from Kingsmill TD 3404', (sgd. Laura Savage 806-376-6625) Vertical Reclass
GRAY (PANHANDLE, WEST)
 Pantera Energy Company, #1 Anna Herber, (640 acres) 660' FEL & 2120' FSL, Sec 184, Blk B2, H&GN RR Surv, A-901, 13 mi W from Lefors TD 3020', (sgd. Laura Savage 806-376-6625) Vertical Reclass
ROBERTS (PAN PETRO, Cleveland)
 Courson Oil & Gas, Inc., #1H Courson Ranch 4, (539 acres) 250' FNL & 1000' FEL, Sec 10, Blk H, G Walstad Surv, A-1184, 28 mi NW from Miami TD 7500', (BHL: 330'

FSL & 600' FEL Sec 4, Blk 44, T E White Surv, A-1056) (sgd. Zach Heflin 806-435-2910) Horizontal
GAS COMPLETIONS
MOORE (PANHANDLE, West)
 Scout Energy Management LLC, #232C Rorex, 4.5 mi E from Dumas, Sec 232, Blk 44, H&TC RR Surv, A-757, spud 9-22-2022, compl 11-9-2022, tested 11-29-2022, potential 124 mcf, 0 bbls cond, 0 bbls wtr, 0# ftp, 0# CP, TVD 3342', PBD n/s' API 42-341-33726, Vertical
MOORE (PANHANDLE, West)
 Scout Energy Management LLC, #232D Rorex, 5.5 mi E from Dumas, Sec 232, Blk 44, H&TC RR Surv, A-757, spud 10-2-2022, compl 11-15-2022, tested 11-29-2022, potential 144 mcf, 0 bbls cond, 0 bbls wtr, 0# ftp, 14# CP, TVD 3350', PBD n/s' API 42-341-33728, Vertical
MOORE (PANHANDLE, West)
 Scout Energy Management LLC, #241C Henkel, 7 mi E from Dumas, Sec 241, Blk 3T, HT&B RR Surv, A-10, spud 10-6-2022, compl 11-16-2022,

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ROBERTS (MENDOTA, NW, Granite Wash)
 Blackbeard Operating, LLC, #2 Mahler-A-, 10 mi NW from Lora, Sec 106, Blk C, G&M Surv, A-513, spud 3-21-1984, compl 3-2-2023, tested 3-22-2023, potential 17 mcf, 0 bbls cond, 1 bbls wtr, 180# ftp, 320# SIWHP, TVD 12574', PBD 12115' API 42-393-30882, Vertical
Recompletion Reclass Oil to Gas OIL COMPLETIONS
OCHILTREE (PAN PETRO, Cleveland)
 Bracken Operating, L.L.C., #2H Bozeman, 3 mi SW from Perryton, Sec 15, Blk 12, H&GN RR Surv, A-114, spud 12-14-2022, compl 1-31-2023, tested 2-27-2023, potential 337 bbls-oil, 179 mcf, 132 bbls wtr, 80# ftp, 90# CP, TVD 6985', MD 12000' API 42-357-33752, Horizontal
ROBERTS (ST. CLAIR, Granite Wash)
 Hadaway Consult and Engineer, LLC, #1 Leona 8A, 16 mi NW from Miami, Clay CSL Surv, A-50, spud 9-30-2022, compl 1-4-2023, tested 2-24-2023, potential 35 bbls-oil, 250 mcf, 55 bbls wtr, 120# ftp, 700# CP, TVD 9301', MD 94443' API 42-393-32757, Directional

Court (from Page 2)

3-23-23, 2 acs. out of NW/4 NE/4 Sec. 30, Blk. A-3, H&GN Ry. Company Survey.
RELEASE CHILD SUPPORT LIEN-Theresa Nicole Newcomb to Seth Andrew Morgan, 3-22-23.
MARCH 28, 2023
MD/ROY. DEED-Maurea Dell Simpson to Tina Renee Short, et al, 3-28-23, North 220 acs. of E/2 of Sec. 68 and SE/4 of Sec. 79, Blk. A-5, H&GN Ry. Company Survey; Plus any other land in Wheeler County.
MARCH 29, 2023
RELEASE UCC/RDT-Zions Bank Corporation NA to BCFS FirstDay Foundation, 2-24-23, S/2 of Sec. 1, H&GN Ry. Company Survey, Cert. 13/2763 and N/2 of Sec. 41, Blk. A-4, H&GN Ry. Company Survey.
AOL-Gail Deweese to OLLI Energy LLC, et al, 3-21-23, All of Grantor's Interest in All of Secs. 52, 69 and 70, Blk. 13, H&GN Ry. Company Survey and All of Sec. 1, BBB&C Ry. Company Survey and All of Sec. 2, J. Poitevent Survey.
MARCH 30, 2023
QCD-Farris Farms to Carrie Lynne Morgan Hatmon, 3-29-23, 2.857200 acs. out of SW/4 and S/2 NW/4 of Sec. 18, Blk. A-4, H&GN Ry. Company Survey.
RDT-Happy State Bank to Nathan Hefley, et ux, 3-24-23, See Instrument.
DEED-Bass Family Trust to Cyndumarq LLC, 3-16-23, 6.57 acres out of Sec. 6, Blk. OS-2 (Surface Only).
DEED-Barbara Bass Revocable Trust, et al to Cyndumarq LLC, 3-16-23, 6.57 acres out of Sec. 6, Blk. OS-2 (Surface Only).
WAIVER RIGHT FIRST REFUSAL-Barbara Bass Revocable Trust, et al to Cyndumarq LLC, 3-10-23, See Instrument.
EASEMENT-Barbara Ann Bass to Cyndumarq LLC, 3-16-23, 20' Wide Strip 6.57 acs. Sec. 6, Blk. OS-2.
MARCH 31, 2023
MD/ROY. DEED-Marc Nobles Bartlett to Pine Tree Energy Partners LLC, 3-20-23, See Instrument.
ASSIGN. BILL of SALE/ CONVEY.-Summit Energy Investments LLC to EV Resources LLC, 3-27-23, See Instrument.

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The bids will be publicly opened and read aloud at 4:00 p.m. on Friday, April 21, 2023, at 401 S. Main St., Wheeler, TX 79096. Proposal(s) will be awarded during Commissioners Court regular scheduled meeting 9:00 a.m. on Monday, April 24, 2023, after the proposals have been evaluated. Vendors interested in submitting a proposal can request a specification sheet from wcbid@co.wheeler.tx.us or calling 806-826-5961. Please contact Larry Gatlin, Wheeler County IT Specialist, with any additional questions at the email and phone above. Wheeler County reserves the right to reject any or all proposals or to waive any informalities in the proposal process. All contractors/subcontractors that are debarred, suspended, or otherwise excluded from or ineligible for

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EVENTS
New Braunfels Area Car Club Swap Meet. April 21, 22 & 23, 2023. Comal County Fairgrounds 801 E. Common Street, New Braunfels. www.newbraunfelsareacarclub.com. Free to public. Gates open at 8 a.m.

Texas Ladies State Chili Championship Cook-off. Sat., April 15th 10 a.m.-9 p.m., Max Starcke Park East. Chili, Craft and Food Vendors, Music, Silent Auction, Raffles, Family Fun! Judging begins at 12:30 p.m. Sign up to be a chili cook, https://www.tlscoco.com/registration.html, VisitSeguin.com, 830-401-5000.

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 22. Have the nerve
 23. Web surfer
 25. Combining power of an element
 28. Tomato blight
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 30. Ancient colonnade
 31. Garden rocket
 34. Listen here
 35. Good earth
 38. Small misfits
 39. Neuter, as a horse
 40. Egg cells
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 46. Deprive of one's nerve
 50. Back
 52. Mislead
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Notice of Rate Change Request

Public Notice of

Filing by Southwestern Public Service Company, doing business as Xcel Energy Inc., of Statement of Intent and Application for Authority to Change Rates

On February 8, 2023, Southwestern Public Service Company (“SPS”), doing business as Xcel Energy Inc., filed a statement of intent and application for authority to change rates (“Application”) with the Public Utility Commission of Texas (“Commission”) and with each Texas municipality that has original jurisdiction over SPS’s electric rates.

SPS has approximately 403,400 Texas retail customers. All customers in each of SPS’s Texas retail customer classes will be affected by the relief requested in this Application.

Statement of Intent to Change Rates

SPS requests that the Commission approve an overall increase in annual base rate revenues of \$157,546,272 which represents an increase of 22% in base rate revenues (the portion of the bill not including fuel costs and rate riders) and an increase of 14% in overall adjusted revenues. The effect of the proposed rate change on individual customer classes is set forth in the section entitled “Effect on Customer Classes” below.

SPS’s proposed effective date for this rate change is 35 days after the date of this filing, which is March 15, 2023. That proposed effective date is subject to suspension and extension by actions of the Commission or other regulatory authorities.

Effect on Customer Classes

The average Residential Service customer using 1,000 kilowatt-hours of energy per month will see an increase in base rates of \$13.29 per month, or 9.1%, which results in an overall increase of 10.59%, compared to the rates established in SPS’s last base rate case.

The following table presents the percentage annual revenue increases, by type of service, under the proposed rates in this proceeding:

Applicable Service	\$157,546,272 Increase		
	Base Rate Increase/ (Decrease) (\$)	Base Rate Increase/ (Decrease) (%)	Overall Bill Increase/ (Decrease) (%)*
Residential Service	\$29,313,412	11.2%	8.7%
Small General Service	\$6,146,934	21.6%	16.6%
Secondary General Service	\$26,189,420	19.1%	13.7%
Primary General Service	\$25,231,565	32.4%	20.2%
Large General Service – Transmission	\$66,358,534	36.7%	20.1%
Small Municipal and School Service	\$428,260	24.2%	17.5%
Large Municipal Service	\$2,859,269	27.2%	18.4%
Large School Service	\$855,753	6.3%	4.7%
Municipal and State Street Lighting	\$170,650	2.8%	2.7%
Guard and Flood Lighting	\$(7,537)	-0.2%	0.0%
Total	\$157,546,272	22%	

* Includes fuel factor and energy efficiency cost recovery factor revenues.

Contact Information

Persons with questions or who want more information on this Application may contact SPS at 790 S. Buchanan St., Amarillo, Texas 79101, or call 1-800-895-4999 during normal business hours. A complete copy of this Application is available for inspection at the address listed in the previous sentence.

Persons who wish to intervene in or comment upon these proceedings should notify the Commission as soon as possible, as an intervention deadline will be imposed. The deadline for intervention in the proceeding is Thursday, May 11. A request to intervene or for further information should refer to Docket No. 54634. A request to intervene or for further information should be mailed to the Public Utility Commission of Texas, P.O. Box 13326, Austin, Texas 78711-3326. Further information also may be obtained by calling the Public Utility Commission at (512) 936-7120 or (888) 782-8477. Hearing- and speech-impaired individuals with text telephones (TTY) may contact the Commission at (512) 936-7136.

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Fort Elliott District Tennis



Doubles: Freshman, Aliyah McCarter & Rylee Rose Placed 2nd and advanced to Regionals.



Ali Mahler freshman placed 3rd at district.



Fort Elliott Tennis Team Competed at District. (back, l. to r.) Alex Reed, Jaytin Dickey, Ali Mahler, Aliyah McCarter, Rylee Rose, Tazlan Brown, (front) Jaylie Dickey, Jaxon Meadows, Addison Hefley and Brylie Hand.



Freshman, Jaylie Dickey



Junior, Jaytin Dickey

Jaytin Dickey & Jaylie Dickey placed 3rd at district.



Doubles: Aliyah McCarter & Rylee Rose



J. D. Lester Buried At Wheeler April 1

Jonathan Douglas Lester, 44, of Elk City, Oklahoma, passed away on March 25th, 2023, in his home surrounded by his family, singing hymns that he loved.

Jonathan was born on August 30th, 1978, to Ernest Douglas Lester, Jr. and Susan Kaye Smithee in Pauls Valley, Oklahoma. Jonathan graduated from Champs High School in Fritch, Texas.

One of Jonathan's greatest achievements was becoming a father. On December 21, 1999, he welcomed his son Brent James Douglas Lester.

He was a Service Technician Mechanic at Barber-Dyson Ford for approximately six

years. He enjoyed working on and restoring trucks and cars, and fishing. Jonathan enjoyed spending time with his family, especially his granddaughter Viola. But what he loved most was being involved in his church. Jonathan has attended Main Street Baptist Church for many years and enjoyed fellowshiping with his church family every chance he had. He was very involved with the youth and later became the song leader. He wanted to make sure everyone knew how much our Heavenly Father loved them. He prayed that he would love people the way Jesus loved them. One of his biggest blessings was attending Falls Creek recently with the youth group he so dearly loved. He

wanted to make sure he never missed an opportunity to tell someone about his Lord and Savior. He was always adherent to God's calling for him to share the gospel.

Funeral services were held 1:00 p.m., Saturday, April 1, 2023, at Main Street Baptist Church, Elk City, Oklahoma. Rev. Larry Parvin officiated. Interment was at Wheeler Cemetery, Wheeler, Texas. Services had been entrusted to the care of Richard and Tammy Dugger and the staff of Martin-Dugger Funeral Home in Elk City, Oklahoma.

Jonathan was preceded in death by his father Ernest Douglas Lester, Jr. and his grandparents Ernest Sr. and Treca Lester, brother Robert Douglas Lester and uncle

Deon Lester.

Jonathan is survived by his son Brent and wife Kallie of Elk City, Oklahoma, and granddaughter Viola Lester, mother Susan and husband, Jim, Smithee of Stratford, Oklahoma, grandparents Robert and Pat Brown of Pickett, Oklahoma, sisters Jennifer and husband, Jon, Landis of Cleveland, Missouri, Jessica and husband, Zach, Robertson of Rector, Arkansas, brother Jeffrey and wife, Deaven, of Stratford, Oklahoma, uncles Ricky Brown of Pickett, Oklahoma,

Roger and wife, Phyllis, of Mustang, Oklahoma, aunt Linda Plant and husband, Doc, Coleman of Hazelton, Idaho. Also, many nieces and nephews, whom he adored greatly. As well as many family and friends.

Memorials can be made to the Main Street Baptist Church-Falls Creek Fund in care of Martin-Dugger Funeral Home, P.O. Box 707, Elk

City, Oklahoma 73648.

We invite you to leave a message of condolence, expression of sympathy, or perhaps share a memory of Jonathan at martinduggerfuneralhome.com.

The family would like to invite all who cannot attend to watch the service live on the Martin-Dugger Funeral Home website.



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



It has been awhile since I have written an article. Now things are going to start really getting busy with school getting closer to being out and summer plans being made by families. I wanted to remind you we will have a Summer Reading Program this year and I have finally confirmed the dates on the calendar.

Summer Reading Program will start June 6th which is a

Chat (from Page 1)
Saturday.

— cwe —
To those of us in the older generation, who often need help with those jobs we used to do for ourselves. Rok'n C's is the handyman to call, 580-878-1085.

— cwe —
Are you aware that you are not notified anymore that your drivers licenses are going to expire? I learned it the hard way. My license expired in February and I was not aware of it until last week, when Le-rooy was going to Canadian to renew his license.

— cwe —
So, I went with them, thinking I had all the information I needed to renew mine. WRONG!

— cwe —
The envelope marked "Birth Certificate" contained a blank sheet. And, they would not accept the card I had showing my Social Security Number.

Tuesday, not a Monday like past summers, until August 15th. Our times will be the same from 10 AM until 11 AM which seems to really work for all families. We will start promptly at 10 with a story about the subject we will be working on for 10 weeks. Every week will have a different book, craft and this year something special before the kids leave to go home. We encourage children ages PreK to 5th grades to attend and as always Parents need to stay with their children as we are not a babysitting facility.

— cwe —
You have to have your birth certificate, social security card and something showing your home address.

— cwe —
When I obtain my birth certificate and social security card, I can go back and get my license.

— cwe —
Belated **Happy Birthday** to our great-grandchild, **Ian Stas!** He turned 14 April 3.

— cwe —
Happy Birthday, Jennifer!—April 9. You can't really be that old.

— cwe —
Happy Birthday to someone, who is older than I am, my big brother. **Raymond!**

Storm (from Page 1)

We did not stay at our usual place. They wanted over \$750, for two nights! The Final Four was across the street. We stayed at a nice place, before we got to Houston and saved money.

I went to the museum. I missed Hunter. It wasn't as much fun when I didn't have him to talk about everything we saw.

Hunter stayed home to work and be close, because it is almost time for Lexy, his sister, to have her baby! Please pray for Lexy to have no problems having the baby and everything to be perfect! Lexy and Justin will be great parents! Hunter and Tyler will be the best uncles ever! That's it!

Merely (from Page 1)
mind regularly, as well as for those who have to deal with me when I am, and those who choose to listen to me when I am not.

So I opt for silence for the time being — miracles abound, if we are willing to see them.

Our program this summer will be very interesting and I'm very sure the kids will love it! I have had a blast getting ready for it and I believe parents will be pleased. We try to encourage our kids to want to read and have a mind that seeks knowledge and the one way to do that is through stimulating their hands, feet, imagination and memory! Believe it or not they do have all those things in those little bitty heads!

Also, Adult we do have new books arriving and while you children are having their time you are welcome to browse the library and check out some books too. I we need you help we will holler! Just so your in the building and can be summoned if needed.

Our library hours are still 11:30 until 5:00 Monday until Friday. We do have a drop box in the South Door for your use for books and we do encourage you to bring back any late books that belong to us. There are a few of you out there. We will wave fines for the first month on late books for children but starting after June we will charge .10 cents a book a day.

Looking forward to seeing you all this summer and before too!

Vicki Ferguson/Librarian
8068265977

Our books have increased in number so there is no shortage of reading material.

Ideas

Use a piece of dry spaghetti from your pantry as a long match. All you have to do is light the top, and then touch the flame to whatever hard-to-reach place you need to get. Afterwards, make sure you run the spaghetti under water before throwing it out to be safe.

Another great use for clear nail polish is to use it to secure a loosened button. If you see a button on your blouse or blazer that has its thread coming undone, simply coat it with a drop of clear nail polish to keep it in place. You can do the same to a loosened screw in your glasses.

Have you bought too many herbs for the week, and now they're on the edge of going bad? Rather than wasting food, you can use an ice cube tray to help preserve the herbs.

• Don't pick a fight with an old man. If he is too old to fight, he'll just kill you.



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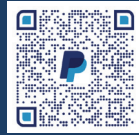
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FORT ELLIOTT PROM: Fort Elliott Junior class hosted a wonderful prom for the Senior class of 2023. The Vegas theme made for a fun night of card games and dancing, along with a chocolate fountain. Junior class & Senior class: (back row, l. to r.) Cutter Barr, Marshal Meininger, Jaytin Dickey, Boone Begert, Jacob Forward, Wally Wilson, Jose Perez, (front) Mary Helton, Braxton Angeley, Shelby Bowman, Miah Baca, Summer Meller and Jazzy Henley.



Prom King & Queen: Seniors, Boone Begert and Summer Meller.



Left: Jayla Dickey runs hard to finish her race.



Right: Josie Robison hands off to Nohemy Almdarez in the girls 4x2 relay

Lower Right: Maverick Barr, and Kanin Marshal run the 800 meter race.

Below: Issac Scoggins starts the first leg of the boys 4X2 relay.



March 23 the Fort Elliott JH Track team competed in the White Deer track meet. Fort Elliott boys placed 2nd as a team.



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