



# THE WHEELER TIMES

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**“Wheeler: town of friendship and pride”**



School is out and summer begins.

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We continue to be under storm watch and have been lucky enough to miss the bad weather so far.

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We returned from OKC early Sunday, due to the

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## STORM REPORT



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

Dear Friends, It is summer break. On my first day out, we went to Waynoka to Logan's (Meriwether) graduation. After graduation there was a party. It was great! I loved the very big pictures of Logan in his football uniform. That was good and I really liked the pictures of Logan when he was a baby.

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**2015-16 WHEELER EIGHTH GRADE CLASS:** (back row, l. to r.) Josue Sigala, Rhett Butler, Edwin Gaucin, Gustavo Andrade, Chase Helton, Javier Casillas, Payne Butler, Zack Robinson, Jacob Ramirez, (middle) Edsgar Varela, Baldemar Gallardo, Alex Davis, Ian Finsterwald, Paden Markham, Brady Bailey, Cristian Torres, (front) Kami Beck, Hope Mata, Daisy Duenez, Saray Jaquez, Julia Andrade, Valeria Tintori, Kaylee Garza, and Sandra Monarrez

## Commissioners' Court Meets Mon.

Wheeler County Commissioners' Court of Wheeler County, Texas, met in regular session on Monday, May 23, 2016, at 9:00 a.m. in the Commissioners' Courtroom of the Wheeler county Courthouse, 401 Main Street, Wheeler, Texas, to consider prior bills and discuss matters of mutual concerns.

## Dates For Wheeler Basketball Camp

The Lady Stang and Mustang basketball coaches will be holding a basketball camp for all current 3-5 graders and 6-8 graders. The camp will be run by Head coaches Camden Dorris and Sonny Calhoun. The camp will be assisted by coach

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## Ft. Elliott Awards For 2015-16 Year

Outstanding Music Awards:  
Jr High: Hunter Smith  
JH Newcomer: Yesenia Perez  
H. S.: Caitlynn Walker  
HS Art - Tommie Powledge and Julie Taylor  
6th Health - Brooklyn Buckingham  
7th Health - Gatlin Goad and Madison Swearingim

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## Panhandle Groundwater District takes to skies for precipitation enhancement

By John Lee  
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For the Texas Panhandle, precipitation in the form of widespread rain can sometimes be hard to come by, especially in drought years.

The Panhandle Groundwater District, whose mission is to "develop, promote and implement water conservation, augmentation and management strategies to protect water resources for the benefit of the citizens, economy, and environment of the District," uses a precipitation enhancement method to hopefully yield higher returns on thundershowers.

"What we do is we target good thunderstorm clouds and we will seed them using either silver iodide or calcium

Court reconvened at 10:00 to address the fourteen items on the agenda.

- There were no minutes of previous meetings to approve.

- There were no budget amendments to discuss.

A Budget Line Item Transfer was approved to transfer the cost of materials for the road to the 4-H Shooting Range from General Fund to

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## Tree Falls, Causes Death On Hwy 83

The Texas Department of Public Safety was called to a one vehicle traffic incident on US-83 that occurred on Sunday in Hemphill County, resulting in the death of one person.

At approximately 3:04 p.m., Oscar Garcia, 38, of Garden City Kansas was traveling northbound on US-83 approximately 8 miles south of Canadian when a falling tree landed on top of Garcia's vehicle, causing his death.

Garcia was pronounced dead on scene by Hemphill County Justice of the Peace, Larry Dunnam.

It is still being determined if high winds was the cause of the falling tree.

chloride at the base of the clouds," Jennifer Puryear, meteorologist for the District,

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## Wheeler Council Has April Meeting

REGULAR MEETING

April 18, 2016

Council Present: Mayor Bob McCain, Kendall Hefley, Carol Porton, Stacy McQueen, Britt McCarter and Don Rose

Also Present: Bryan Guyman (Underwood Law Firm), Joe Price (PRPC), Charles Kuntz, Gary Ware, Jana Spence, Kristen Moudy, and Paul Arganbright, and Kelli Hampton.

Bob McCain called the regular meeting to order at 7:02 p.m.

Kendall Hefley made the

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Brock Buckingham and Mark Herndon presented the traveling trophy to the terrible tacos-Kaleb Kimbro, Larrie Galven, Trent Jasper, Mr. Herndon, and Jayton Couch.

## Kelton Robotics Team Defeats College Opponents

Mr. Herndon with Kelton ISD took 4 teams to compete in the spring state battle bots contest May 6th in Lubbock. The four teams were the Terrible Tacos, RIP, the Brutal Robots and the Hash-Slinging Slashers.

This contest is an arena contest where 6 robots enter the competition area at a time and use various weapons to destroy their opponents. The arena is surrounded in bullet-proof glass and appropriate safety gear must be worn

by competitors at all times due to the mass amounts of destruction that is potentially dangerous for anyone who is not properly attired. Weapons consist of anything from lawn mower blades to hatchets, to modified saw blades that are powered by the motors that have been engineered by the student groups. When the robots attack one another, the chaos and destruction sends any number of these dangerous weapons flying through the air as robots are decimated

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## Parkview Observes Nurses' Week

Parkview Hospital could not find a better way to celebrate Nurses Week than to proudly introduce two new RN School graduates. Parkview applauds the love for the nursing profession, and the commitment to continuing education to better serve our community, to assure patient safety and best possible quality of care.

We are committed to the growth, not just of our hospital, but of our community by bringing to you, right here in Wheeler, services such as Parkview Rural Health Clinic, where Lisa Mahler, RN-FNPC, a Certified Family Nurse Practitioner not only serves as a primary care provider for people of all ages, but also offers acute care, management of chronic illnesses, well checks for children and women, and minor emergency procedures in the clinic.

In an effort to make health-care accessible Parkview

provides outpatient labs, X-rays and on-site and off-site physical therapy services. That means you don't have to travel to receive excellent quality medical services.

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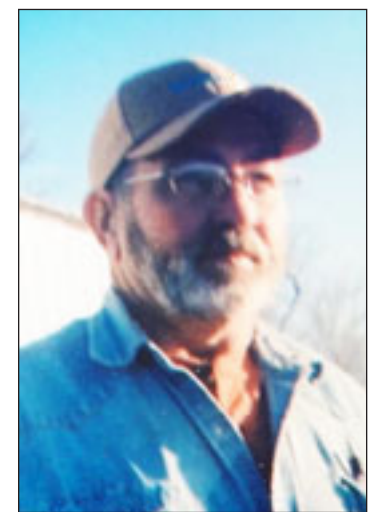
**PARKVIEW RNS:** Newly graduated nurses on staff at Parkview are April Crockett, left, and Patti DeBose.

## Services May 27 For Dean Lax, 59

Dean Lax, 59, passed away at home Sunday, May 22, 2016, in Kelton, TX. Memorial services will be Friday, May 27, 2016 at 1:00 PM at Kelton Cemetery in Kelton, TX with Bro. Larry Mitchell, officiating. Cremation is under the direction of Peppers Family Funeral Home of Wheeler, TX.

Dean was born March 4, 1957 in Wheeler County to Jimmy Lax and Billie (Bryant) Pasley. He attended Lela school and graduated Shamrock High School in

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Dean Lax

## Humphreys Dies In Canadian Sat.

Catherine Marie Humphreys, 83, died Saturday, May 14, 2016 in Canadian, TX. No services will be scheduled, with direct cremation under the direction of Peppers Family Funeral Home of Wheeler, TX.

Catherine was born November 16, 1932 in Arkansas. She married Don Humphreys in 1958; he passed away in 2014.

Catherine was a homemaker. She loved to ride horses when she was younger. She enjoyed watching Don while he played pool, and loved her dogs, dearly.

Catherine was preceded in death by her parents, her husband, infant daughter, Janice Kay, brothers, Gordy, Salty, Leon, Hollis, and sisters, Cassie, Sue, and Sharon.



# OLD TIMES NOT FORGOTTEN

By Roland Miles

## I WON A CRUISE!

Isn't it incredible, the generosity of some people? They keep calling me up and wanting to give me some really great stuff. Just the other day, a lady called to tell me I'd been selected to win an expense paid cruise to the Bahamas. When I tried to ask her what "selected to win" meant, she just kept right on talking, so I tried again, but to no avail. I finally decided, that must mean, throwing my

name in the hat," for a big drawing. Anyway, I already knew, Shirley wasn't about to get on any ship heading for the ocean. I'll have to admit, I'm not enthused about getting on a ship either. The movie "Jaws," kind of traumatized both of us. You'd think after forty years, we'd have gotten over it. There's also another consideration. I'm pretty sure the Bahamas are in the Bermuda Triangle, and that's no small matter either. Why risk a boat ride in the Bermuda Triangle, to a place you don't really want to go, just because it's free? I had a lot safer deal offered to me in the mail box a couple of years ago. Some car dealer in Amarillo sent me a key to a new car. At first, it seemed like a really good idea, until I read the fine print. After reading it a second time, it seemed clear to me, what the score was, so I put away my magnifying glass. It seems that if I sent in the coupon, I'd be entered in the sweepstakes drawing for a new car. If I won the car, that key they sent me would fit it, and I could drive it away. What could be better than that? Then it occurred to me, everyone who received one of those keys, would have a key to my car. Not a comforting thought. Maybe, I'm too suspicious natured.

Answer to last week's history trivia question: February 4, 1887 Congress passed The Interstate Commerce Act, creating the nation's first independent regulatory agency. This week's question: The women's suffrage amendment was passed by Congress in 1919. What other name was that amendment known by? Answer next week.



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## Wheeler County COURT RECORDS

List of instruments filed in the Wheeler County Clerk's Office from May 16, 2016 – May 18, 2016.

MAY 16, 2016  
ASSIGN.-Rickey Haworth, et ux to Rickey Haworth and Claudia Haworth Revocable Living Trust, 3-31-16, Sec. 20, Blk. A-3, H&GN Ry. Company Survey.  
BILL of SALE-County of Wheeler to Anthony Lisle, 5-9-16.  
DEED-Wand Joy Gregory to Ralph and Joy Gregory Trust, 5-6-16, SE/4 Sec. 2, Blk. A-4, H&GN Ry. Company Survey.  
WELL-BORE ASSIGNMENT-PAC Production Company, et al to Le Norman Operating LLC, 5-12-16, W/2 & SE/4 Sec. 20, Blk. A-4, H&GN Ry. Company Survey.  
CONVEYANCE-Chesapeake Royalty LLC, et al to Haymaker Properties LP, 3-28-16, Sec. 38, Blk. A-7, H&GN Ry. Company Survey.  
CORRECTION DT-Joshua A. Franklin, et ux to Happy State Bank, 4-8-16, 156.23 ac; NW/4 Sec. 28, Blk. A-7, H&GN Ry. Company Survey.

MD-G M & Frances Walls Inc. to Basin Royalty Company, 3-14-16, Sec. 8, Blk. A-2, H&GN Ry. Company Survey.  
MAY 17, 2016  
C/C WILL & ORDER-Perry Adam Johnson to Ex Parte, 4-28-16.  
C/C ORDER PROBATE-Perry Adam Johnson to Ex Parte, 4-28-16.  
C/C INVENTORY-Perry Adam Johnson to Ex Parte, 4-28-16.  
C/C ORDER APPROVING INVENTORY-Perry Adam Johnson to Ex Parte, 4-28-16.  
DEED-Casey Sims to Texas Auto Crushers, 10-18-13, 14.59 acs. Sec. 55, Blk. 17, H&GN Ry. Company Survey.  
RDT-First State Bank of Mobeetie to Ronny Vandever, et ux, 5-13-16, Pt. 10 acs. SW/4 Sec. 65, Blk. A-5, H&GN Ry. Company Survey.  
MAY 18, 2016  
ABSTRACT of JUDGMENT-H & H Tire LP to Julian Torres, 5-2-16.  
ABSTRACT of JUDGMENT-H & H Tire LP to Stealth Oil Field, et al, 5-2-16.  
ABSTRACT of JUDGMENT-H & H Tire LP to Cami Leigh Ellison, 5-2-16.  
ABSTRACT of JUDGMENT-H & H Tire LP to Kervin Hill Trucking, 5-2-16.  
ABSTRACT of JUDGMENT-H

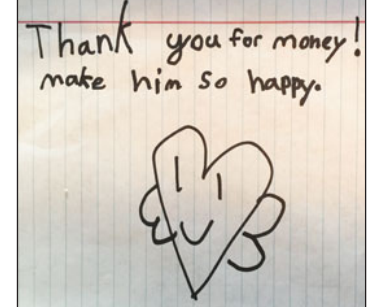


**OPEN ON MAIN:** Paisley Archer on the left and Aliyah McCarter on the right operated a lemonade stand on Main Street one warm afternoon to benefit Loyd Carpenter. Below is a note Aliyah wrote after they closed the lemonade stand!

& H Tire LP to Juan Estrada, et al, 5-2-16.  
DEED-James M. Britton to Robert Jack Burns, 10-26-15, Lots 5-8, Blk. 18, Mobeetie, Except Minerals.  
DEED-Samuel Mark Britton to Robert Jack Burns, 10-26-15, Lots 5-8, Blk. 18, Mobeetie, Except Minerals.

## FE Awards (from Page 1)

Interpersonal Studies - Tom-mie Powledge  
Technology Applications - Gat-lin Goad  
Computer Applications - Hailey Meadows and Allison Dickey  
BIM - Emily Coulter  
Spanish I - Mykah Jasman  
Spanish 1 - Kyrah Kelley  
Spanish II - Dawson Hefley  
Algebra I - Emily Coulter  
Geometry - Shyana Zybach  
Algebra II - Shaley Goad  
Pre Cal - Tyler Walker  
6th Math - Brooklyn Buckingham and Sydney Smith  
7th Math - Gatlin Goad  
8th Math - Hailey Meadows  
IPC - McKinley Begert  
Biology - Mykah Jasman  
Chemistry - Fabian Perez and Asher Laverty  
Physics - Tyler Walker  
8th Science Journey Sorrell  
7th Science Jarique Mitchell  
6th Science Brooklyn Buckingham  
8th History Hailey Meadows  
Government: Julie Taylor  
Economics: Kaylan Smith  
U.S. History: Tate Ford  
Geography: Emily Coulter  
World History: Mykah Jasman  
6th History - Brooklyn Buckingham  
7th Texas History - Gatiin Goad  
6th Reading - Brooklyn Buckingham  
7th Reading - Jarique Mitchell  
8th Reading Rayden Gonzales and Mariano Perez  
6th English Madelynn Ford  
7th English Gatlin Goad  
8th English Allison Dickey  
English I - McKinley Begert - Emily Coulter  
English II - Mykah Jasman  
English III - Shaley Goad and Dillon Forbes  
English IV - Devon McDowell and Tyler Walker  
Speech - Caleb McDowell and Jace Forward  
Money Matters - Denisse Sanchez and Dalton McDowell  
HS Volleyball MVP - Kaylan Smith



Offensive MVP - Shaley Goad  
Defensive MVP - Jenna Wilson  
HS Girls Basketball MVP - Shyana Zybach  
Offensive MVP - Kaylan Smith  
Defensive MVP - Baylee Bar-nett  
Girls Golf MVP - Shaley Goad  
Boys Gold MVP - Landry Mea-dows  
HS Hustle Award - Addison Walker  
HS Student Athlete - Jenna Wilson  
JH Volleyball - Kamryn Chesher  
Basketball Hailey Meadows Track - Kamryn Chesher  
JH Hustle Award - Journey Sorrell  
JH Student Athlete - Hailey Meadows  
JH Citizenship - Hailey Mea-dows and Braley Long - JH Best All Around - Hailey Meadows and Braley Long  
HS Best All Around - Shaley Goad and Caleb McDowell  
HS Citizenship - Shaley Goad and Tyler Walker  
HS Fighting Cougar - Shaley Goad and Caleb McDowell  
HS Cougar Courage Award - Jace Forward  
HS Boys Basketball  
Offensive POY - Devon McDowell  
Defensive POY - Dalton McDowell  
MVP - Caleb McDowell  
Track - Jace Forward  
HS Football  
Defensive MVP - Dalton McDowell  
Offensive MVP - Dillon Smith  
MVP - Trip Sorrell  
JH Football - Mariano Perez  
JH Basketball - Braley Long  
JH Track - Hunter Smith  
Only sending pictures of the top awards:  
JH Citizenship - Hailey Meadows and Braley Long - JH Best All Around - Hailey Meadows and Braley Long  
**Andy Rooney's Thoughts**  
I've learned....That no matter how serious your life requires you to be, everyone needs a friend to act goofy with.

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Mr. & Miss FEJH- Braley Long & Hailey Meadows



Mr. & Miss FEHS- Caleb McDowell & April Buenrostro



Most Athletic- Kaylan Smith & Devon McDowell



Most Accident Prone- Addison Walker & Chance Mahan

## FORT ELLIOTT CLASS FAVORITES



Most likely to lock keys in car- Shaley Goad & Trip Sorrell



Most likely to work for CIA- Denisse Sanchez & Tyler Walker



Most likely to be the next bachelorette & bachelor- Baylee Barnett & Caleb McDowell



Most likely to travel the world- Julie Taylor & Dalton McDowell



Most likely to become a millionaire- Shaley Goad & Tyler Walker



Shows most Cougar Pride- Shaley Goad & Caleb McDowell



**HIGH SCHOOL CHEERLEADERS:** Ft. Elliott's highschool cheerleaders for the 2016-17 school year are (back row, l. to r.) Camryn Cheshier, Kiara Patton-Powledge, Addison Walker, Jacy Hughes, (front) Jenna Wilson, Kynna Peers and Allison Dickey. The sponsor is Traci Coleman.



**JUNIOR HIGH CHEERLEADERS:** Leading the cheers for Ft. Elliott junior high sports for the 2016-17 school year will be (back row, l. to r.) Brooklynn Buckingham, Sydney Hughes, Hope Adkins, (front) Alyssa Walker and Sydnei Smith. Sponsor is Susan Hughes.

## Council (from Page 1)

motion, seconded by Don Rose to approve the March 21, 2016 minutes as written. The motion carried with 5 voting in favor and 0 against. Carol Porton made the motion, seconded by Stacy McQueen to approve the March 28, 2016 special meeting minutes as written. The motion carried with 5 voting in favor and 0 against.

Don Rose made the motion, seconded by Britt McCarter to approve payment of the monthly bills as presented. The motion carried with 5 voting in favor and 0 against.

Britt McCarter made the motion, seconded by Carol Porton to approve payment of Hefley Hardware's bills. The motion carried with 4 voting in favor, 0 against, and 1 abstained. Kendall Hefley abstained from voting.

Charles Kuntz gave the monthly financial statement report.

Stacy McQueen made the motion, seconded by Carol Porton to approve City Attorney, Bryan Guymon to make an offer to J.S. Haren (Regarding R.O. System) in effort to avoid the expense of mediation and possible litigation. The council authorizes City Attorney, Bryan Guymon to make an offer of 1.) waiving the City's liquidated damages claim 2.) in exchange for a mutual release and waiver of any and all claims the parties may have against one another, provided that you finish that project in the next 10 business days and the project is accepted by the City of Wheeler and its engineers. The motion carried with 5 voting in favor and 0 against.

Bobby Blackburn was not present. No taken was taken.

Panhandle Regional Planning Commission, Joe Price presented the City of Wheeler's Strategic Plan to the council.

Paul Arganbright gave the monthly maintenance report.

Kristen Moudy gave the monthly Chamber/EDC Report.

Kendall Hefley made the motion, seconded by Don Rose to approve the TML membership renewal. The motion carried with 5 voting in favor and 0 against.

Don Rose made the motion, seconded by Stacy McQueen to adopt an ordinance, designating *The*



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"Wheeler: town of friendship and pride"

*Wheeler Times* as its official newspaper for the 2016-17 fiscal year. The motion carried with 5 voting in favor and 0 against.

Carol Porton made the motion, seconded by Britt McCarter to hire Brooke White as the 2016 swimming pool manager. The motion carried with 5 voting in favor and 0 against.

Don Rose made the motion, seconded by Stacy McQueen to approve the new swimming pool manager to hire an assistant manager. The motion carried with 5 voting in favor and 0 against.

Don Rose made the motion, seconded by Britt McCarter to approve the suggested manager, assistant manager, and lifeguard pay rates and the new suggested admittance fees. The motion carried with 5 voting in favor and 0 against.

Manager will be paid \$12 hourly, Assistant Manager will be paid \$9.00 hourly, and the lifeguards will be paid 8.00 hourly. The new admittance fees will be as follows:

## B. Camp (from Page 1)

Jansen Moore.

The camp will focus on basketball fundamentals and shooting technique. The camp will be offered to all current 3-5 grade girls and boys beginning at 9:00 a.m. and end at 10:30 a.m. The camp will also be offered to all current 6-8 grade girls and boys beginning at 1:00 p.m. and end at 2:30 p.m. Camp cost will be \$10/day for all campers. Basketballs will be provided. We ask that campers wear basketball or athletic shoes. Also, we ask that campers wear T-shirts and shorts.

Who: All Current 3-5 and 6-8 grade boys and girls.

What: Lady Stang and Mustang basketball camp.

When: Monday May 30, Tuesday May 31, Wednesday June 1, Thursday June 2nd.

TIME: 3-5 grades 9:00 a.m. and end at 10:30 a.m.

6-8 grades 1:00 p.m. and end at 2:30 p.m.

Where: Wheeler High School Gym

Cost: \$10/day per camper

\*\*Discount: First Camper \$10/day...Siblings \$5/day

## Big Pool

Adults 2.00  
Children 1.50

## Kiddy Pool

Adults 1.00  
Children 1.00

Kendall Hefley made the motion, seconded by Britt McCarter to adjourn. The motion carried with 4 voting in favor and 0 against. The meeting adjourned at 8:35 p.m.

## Nurses (from Page 1)

April Crockett received her Associate degree in Science in Nursing from Western Oklahoma State College RN Program this Month. April has worked in the healthcare field for 11 years as a Licensed Vocational Nurse. She has ample experience as an emergency room nurse, most recently as an Infection Control Nurse, and Grant facilitator for Parkview Hospital. April was named the nursing student representative for her class. April, in addition to her current roles, will take a position as a Telemedicine Coordinator which will give Wheeler residents access to specialty consults and treatments.

Patti DeBose has also received her Associate degree in Science in Nursing from Clarendon College RN Program this Month from where she graduated with Honors. Patti has ample experience in the healthcare field, working as Licensed Vocational Nurse for 26 years, most recently as HIPAA compliance Officer, QAPI facilitator and Human Resources coordinator for Parkview Hospital. Last year Patti recently met the requirements to become Parkview Hospital Random Drug and Alcohol screening coordinator, and in addition to her current responsibilities, she will take over Risk Management

## THANKS

Hugh and Mae Bailey would like to thank the men who branded their calves on Saturday, May 21, 2016.

Much Appreciated.

Hugh and Mae Bailey

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**Water** (from Page 1) said.

"What that does is adds particles that are similar to the ice crystals in the clouds and allows them, during the collision coalescence process to form on a particle and make more rain drops."

Puryear said the best analogy is when farmers fertilize their crops to increase their yield, the particles in the cloud hopefully increases the precipitation.

Puryear said the ideal cloud candidates for this program are the larger, more cauliflower-shaped clouds with high vertical elevation and a 300 to 500 foot a minute updraft. There are three types of clouds they use: small independent clouds, large clouds which are more massive and then Type B, which form outside of the seven-county district. For this program, the smaller clouds tend to work the best.

"We have these studies we have done yearly as well as individual studies," Puryear said. "All of these studies show a 10 to 15 percent increase in rainfall. All of these numbers can shift around depending on the amount of rainfall that year."

The program runs from April 1 to the end of September. Puryear writes a forecast on a daily basis and then alerts one of her three pilots on whether or not they are expecting to be needed for the seeding. They have two planes, a single-engine Comanche and one dual-engine Aztec planes.

"They have the flare racks on the wings and that's

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**Robotics** (from Page 1) by their competitors. At the spring contest, there were 3 high schools, 2 colleges and 1 junior high that all compete against each other for the glory.

This year, the final match came down to the Terrible Tacos out of Kelton ISD and a college level team from the Lubbock area. Thanks to the help from former Kelton champions of the fall division, RIP, the Terrible Tacos deployed their defense mechanism of using net wrap to muddle motors of their opponents, rendering their robot useless against the weapons. The fall champions--- Kelton ISD's very own RIP--- handed over the traveling Tin Man trophy to the Terrible Tacos, making Kelton the two-time champions of this exciting contest.

where the flares are burned," Puryear said. "So we don't release the casing into the atmosphere."

Puryear said they don't seed any severe storms and said the goal is to get to the clouds before the storms even get going.

"A lot of times we may be in the air before there is even anything on the radar," Puryear said. "A lot of times I will watch the satellite and see if things are developing then we may launch to those areas. Once the storm passes a certain threshold then we don't seed it."

Puryear said the seeding program has actually been proven to help lessen the severity of storms and some parts of the country actually do hail suppression seeding. The program is funded



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by the Water District, which is funded by county tax dollars across their seven counties, but it's a very small percentage.

"The cloud-seeding program is funded out of that tax along with everything else we do here," Puryear said.

The cost of the program to the district in 2015 was \$144,932.70, or four cents for every acre covered by the district. Studies show that the economic impact it had on last year's economy was \$22.20 cents for every dollar invested in the program.

"When we do the analysis, we have a percentage of increase for the specific number," Puryear said. "In 2004 we had an addition 1.36 inches of rain per acre across the district. You have to keep in mind that probably didn't fall evenly across the district, it's just the only way we can measure it out."

An example of the cloud-seeding program was evident during Thursday's rain showers. The first cell that came over Pampa was a seeded cloud. This cell went on to have a longer life than a cell located just south of it. In the duration of it's life it also dropped more rain than its counterpart to the south.

The program just started their 16th season and are licensed with the Texas Water Development Board.

"Every four years we have to renew our permit and we just renewed in February," Puryear said. "We are licensed and have to send all of our reports to the TWDB and are governed by the Groundwater District's board."

Some more information on the program:  
• Seeding takes place at the smooth, rain free base of the cloud where the up-drafts

are located. These updrafts carry the silver iodide to the super-cooled portion of the cloud.

• Weather modification is used world wide and in many states in the United States for precipitation enhancement, snowpack, hail suppression and fog dis-persion. There are three other precipitation enhancement projects in Texas.

• All of the Texas programs are analyzed by Dr. Arquimedes Ruiz, Texas Tech University Professor, of Active Influence of Scientific Management with a year end assessment.

• In 2015, on average an additional 1.48 inches of rain per acre was produced across the District through our program, according to the yearly assessment.

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• Study completed in 2014 by Dr. Jason L. Johnson, Associate Professor at Texas A&M University and Extension Economist for Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service, showed a direct economic impact of \$22.20 bene-fit-cost ratio for the PGCD Precipitation Enhancement Program. (Editor's Note: Jennifer Puryear is the meteorologist for the PHGWD. She is the daughter-in-law of Harvey and == Puryear of Wheeler.)

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| Across                 | 65. Pew area        | 36. Gob                  |
| 1. Windmill blade      | 66. "Give it ___!"  | 39. Mound                |
| 5. Long journey        | 67. Baltimore bird  | 41. Con                  |
| 11. Vacation location  | 68. Day to remember | 44. Arnold's crime       |
| 14. Door sign          | 69. Verbal jewel    | 46. Shootout time, maybe |
| 15. Canine's coat      | 70. Peach ___       | 49. Look up to           |
| 16. Listen here        | 71. Copper ___      |                          |
| 17. Sound of relief    | Down                |                          |
| 18. On one's back      |                     |                          |
| 19. Prepare to shoot   |                     |                          |
| 20. Vacation souvenirs |                     |                          |
| 22. Diabolic magic     |                     |                          |
| 24. Twin___ engine     |                     |                          |
| 25. Operated           |                     |                          |
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| 38. Giraffe's long feature | 8. In the thick of      | 54. Mosque V.I.P.    |
| 40. March                  | 9. Family subdivisions  | 55. Scrubbed         |
| 42. Big name in map-making | 10. Bring up            | 56. Bottom           |
| 43. Frighten               | 11. Whiskered animal    | 57. Huge             |
| 45. Reversal               | 12. Match               | 58. Fizzy drink      |
| 47. Big jerk               | 13. ___ brat            | 59. Lose color       |
| 48. Election loser         | 21. Colonel or Captain  | 60. Knotted up       |
| 50. Bishop's jurisdiction  | 23. Deduce              | 61. Staff symbol     |
| 52. Called the shots       | 26. ___ bear            | 64. All the rage     |
| 53. Costa del ___          | 27. Best                |                      |
| 54. Incite to jealousy     | 28. Place               |                      |
| 58. Spruce, e.g.           | 29. Summer TV of-fering |                      |
| 62. Angus outburst         | 30. Sun block?          |                      |
| 63. Draining device        | 31. Seeing red          |                      |
|                            | 32. Hole in the head    |                      |
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# Oil & Gas NEWS

Week of May 9-15, 2016  
 Intents to Drill  
**LIPSCOMB (LIPSCOMB, Cleveland) Jones Energy, LLC, #5H Battin 528, (640 acres) 210' FSL & 2270' FEL, Sec 529, Blk 43, H&TC Surv, A-223, 6.5 mi N from Higgins TD 9000', (BHL: 100' FSL & 950' FEL Sec 528, Blk 43, H&TC, A-797) (sgd. Colten Sander 512-328-2953)**  
**Horizontal**  
**MOORE (PANHANDLE, West) Travelers Oil Company, #1R Porter-Pittman, (640 acres) 330' FEL & 1320' FSL, Sec 155, Blk 3T, T&NO Surv, A-264, 9.9 mi E from Sunray TD 3250' (sgd. Steve Towns 512-480-9600)**  
**Vertical**  
**WHEELER (MILLS RANCH, Granite Wash Cons.) Evervest Operating, L.L.C., #1 Black Trust 49, (320 acres) 1320' FWL & 1320' FSL, Sec 49, Blk A-3, H&GN Surv, A-219, 9 mi E from Wheeler TD 23000'**

## Chat

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 weather forecast and the sun was shining when we got home.

— cwe —

The picture of the eighth graders is a correction. The 2015 eighth grade class was pictured last week.

— cwe —

**Happy Birthday,** May 29, to my brother-in-law, **Leroy Meriwether.** I usually don't remember, but it was topic of discussion last week.



**STATE COMPETITOR:** Jace Forward competed in the state track meet. In the 100 meter dash he placed 3rd. In the 400 meter dash he placed 6th.

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(sgd. Shirley Galik 713-495-1514) Vertical Recompletion Gas Completions

**HEMPHILL (HEMPHILL, Douglas) Le Norman Operating LLC, #2802H Flowers 'C', 17 mi SE from Canadian, Sec 28, Blk A1, H&GN Surv, A-905, spud 8-17-2015, compl 10-30-2015, tested 4-11-2016, potential 1339 mcf, 171 bbls cond, 550 bbls wtr, 493# ftp, 1313# SIWHP, TVD 8023', MD 12711' API 42-211-35506, Horizontal**

**HEMPHILL (LIPSCOMB, S.E., Cleveland) Le Norman Operating LLC, #1H Hyde 33, 4 mi SE from Glazier, Sec 32, Blk 1, G&M Surv, A-462, spud 1-16-2016, compl 2-20-2016, tested 4-19-2016, potential 2629 mcf, 123 bbls cond, 203 bbls wtr, 1190# ftp, 2000# SIWHP, TVD 9186', MD 14147' API 42-211-35530, Horizontal**

**HUTCHINSON (VOODOO, Cleveland) Jones Energy, LLC, #2H Coble 496, 19.5 mi NE from Stinnett, Sec 9, Blk M22, TC RR Surv, A-496, spud 8-13-2015, compl 9-15-2015, tested 3-4-2016, potential 1420 mcf, 217 bbls cond, 50 bbls wtr, 451# ftp, 945# SIWHP, TVD 6442', MD 11107' API 42-233-33519, Horizontal**

**LIPSCOMB (LIPSCOMB, S.E., Cleveland) Jones Energy, LLC, #3HR Wright 75, 12 mi S from Lipscomb, Sec 75, Blk 43, H&TC Surv, A-66, spud 8-14-2015, compl 9-21-2015, tested 10-12-2015, potential 713 mcf, 416 bbls cond, 520 bbls wtr, 378# ftp, 1148# SIWHP, TVD 8657', MD 12985' API 42-295-34271, Horizontal**

**LIPSCOMB (LIPSCOMB, Cleveland) Jones Energy, LLC, #6133H Willis D. Price, 8 mi NW from Higgins, Sec 613, Blk 43, H&TC Surv, A-251, spud 9-16-2015, compl 10-29-2015, tested 11-21-2015, potential 2760 mcf, 133 bbls cond, 281 bbls wtr, 756# ftp, 1317# SIWHP, TVD**

## Lax

(from Page 1)  
 1975. Dean married Marla (Calcote) Lax on February 6, 1976 in Kelton, Texas. He was a member of the First Baptist Church of Wheeler, TX. Dean loved hunting, fishing, guns, and trapshooting.

Dean is survived by his wife, Marla of the home; two daughters, Deanna Mechel Lax-Cook, of Elk City, OK, Cassie Denise Lax-Braddock and husband, Michael, of Wheeler, TX; five grandchildren, Jayden and Jaxon Cook, Justin, Gus, and Tess Braddock; one brother, Robert Stuart; one sister, Brenda Bond and husband, Walter; numerous nieces and nephews.

The family suggests memorials be to the American Cancer Society, PO Box 22478, Oklahoma City, OK 73123, or to the Lupus Foundation of America, 15660 N. Dallas Parkway, Suite 120, Dallas, TX 75248.

# Exciting Times

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7788', MD 12464' API 42-295-34268, Horizontal  
**MOORE (PANHANDLE, West) Pantera Energy Company, #1733 E. C. Britain, 5 mi SE from Sunray, Sec 173, Blk 3T, T&NO Surv, A-273, spud 2-1-2016, compl 3-24-2016, tested 5-6-2016, potential 83 mcf, 0 bbls cond, 0 bbls wtr, 1# ftp, 17# SIWHP, TVD 3183', PBD n/s' API 42-341-33383, Vertical**

**MOORE (PANHANDLE, West) Pantera Energy Company, #1632 E. C. Britain, 5.5 mi SE from Sunray, Sec 163, Blk 3T, T&NO Surv, A-268, spud 1-19-2016, compl 3-3-2016, tested 5-6-2016, potential 192 mcf, 0 bbls cond, 0 bbls wtr, 3# ftp, 11# SIWHP, TVD 3222', PBD n/s' API 42-341-33381, Vertical**

**MOORE (PANHANDLE, West) Pantera Energy Company, #1851 E. C. Britain, 5.5 mi SE from Sunray, Sec 185, Blk 3T, T&NO Surv, A-279, spud -26-2016, compl 3-14-2016, tested 5-6-2016, potential 179 mcf, 0 bbls cond, 0 bbls wtr, 3# ftp, 24# SIWHP, TVD 3061', PBD n/s' API 42-341-33391, Vertical**

**Oil Completions**  
**HEMPHILL (WILDCAT) Apache Corporation, #2H Urschel 71, 2 mi SW from Glazier, Sec 71, Blk 1, G&M Surv, A-501, spud 12-6-2015, compl 1-8-2016, tested 3-9-2016, potential 317 bbls-oil, 572 mcf, 2166 bbls wtr, 550# ftp, 0# CP, TVD 10759', MD**

## Storm

(from Page 1)

Now he is going to college. My nephew Colby came to Wheeler after Logan's graduation. We had a fun time fishing. First we just threw the fish back. Then Colby had the idea to keep them to eat. We put them on a stringer. We caught so many fish it was hard to carry! It's a good thing we didn't keep all of them. Colby had to clean the fish to get them ready to eat. That was gross! I handed the fish to him and he cut them up with a knife. I saved the biggest ones until last. A very big fat one we had to put back in the pond. It was a momma fish and we want her to have more fish for us to catch. I did not like cleaning the fish, but we have to do it. Now the fish are in the freezer to eat when the big family comes to the ranch.

After fishing we went to work. I cut limbs and Colby chopped down the trees that we don't want on our creek. It was hard work and I got tired, but we did a good job. It was fun to have Colby at the ranch even if he pesters me all the time.

My turtle, Bob, is still not eating. I dug some tiny earth worms for him. He bit at one, but he didn't eat it. Dr. LeeAnn gave me some pellets that are a little different from the ones I tried before. I hope that little guy starts to eat. He loves for me to hold him and talk to him and he likes for me to rub his head. Only one time he tried to bite my finger, but he is so cute. Maybe it was just a friendly nibble. It didn't hurt. If he doesn't eat soon, I will take him to the creek and let him go. That's it!

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15000' API 42-211-35514, Horizontal  
**HEMPHILL (WILDCAT) Apache Corporation, #1H Nix 91, 3 mi NW from Canadian, Sec 91, Blk 42, H&TC Surv, A-294, spud 10-5-2015, compl 1-24-2016, tested 2-5-2016, potential 232 bbls-oil, 789 mcf, 1352 bbls wtr, 0# ftp, 1358# CP, TVD 10598', MD 14985' API 42-211-35513, Horizontal**

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## Court

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Precinct 3.


- No action was taken on the burn ban.
- No action was taken on the county Policy Manual.
- The court accepted the treasurer's report of expenditures for the period ending 5/15/16 at \$161,857.40.

- The court voted to combine Wheeler County Crime Stoppers with Gray and Roberts County Crime Stoppers.
- Doshier Pickens & Francis, LLC met with the court to discuss the 2014-15 audit of Wheeler County. The final shows the county to be in good shape.
- Stephen "Rooster" Rainbolt, NFC met with the

court and received the court approval for the Cafeteria plan for Wheeler County employees.

- County Clerk Margaret Dorman was given permission to renew the contract with Department of State Health Services Vital Statistics Unit to issue birth certificates for individuals born in Texas and outside Wheeler County.
- Renee Warren, County Treasurer presented her Drug Supervisor Certification to the court.
- The court discussed the TxDOT TIF grant program:— progress, etc.
- The court approved the payment of the bills, including a gross payroll of \$124,194.66.

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# Loyd to take over a LakeRidge Methodist

By JOSIE MUSICO  
Lubbock Avalanche Journal  
When Lyndol Loyd agreed to lead LakeRidge United Methodist Church, taking the responsibility from retiring Rev. Bill Couch seemed humbling. The new pastor has the perfect analogy: "It felt like asking to date his daughter," he joked. Couch is leaving the church he founded in 1979 and spent the past 37 years growing. He finds the daughter comparison a fair one. "This is my baby," he said.

"Handing it off to the right person is very important. I really feel like this is the guy." Starting a church Couch and his wife, Margaret, oversaw the church's construction and expansion the last three-and-a-half decades. He recalls purchasing its Southwest Lubbock lot, then seeking help to proceed. The search led him door to door: "I said, 'Hi, my name is Bill Couch. I'm pastor of the LakeRidge United Methodist vacant lot, and I'm looking for someone to help me start a

church.'" Through luck — or perhaps something else — a woman named Vivian Strebeck answered the request. The new Lubbockite and her husband, Charlie, had not yet found a home church. "Come on in," she told him enthusiastically. LakeRidge Methodist membership has since grown to 4,400, and the church occupies a large area off 82nd Street, just west of Quaker Avenue. The Couches' next step is to move to the San Antonio

area and spend more time with their children and grandchildren. Bill Couch shies away from the word "retirement." A fan of the joy- and hope-filled Bible verse Romans 15:13, he describes his upcoming life chapter as "rejuvenating." The Loyds, meanwhile, are excited about returning to Lyndol's college town. The Wheeler native and former Red Raider has been in Orlando, Florida, the past 11 years leading the town's LifeSong Church with his wife, Joni. Before that, they started Mountainside United Methodist Church in Hot



Springs Village, Arkansas. "More for me, this almost feels like coming back home," he said. The ministry calling Loyd's time at Texas Tech also secured his faith career. Working as a sports reporter for the campus newspaper, he felt a calling for something different, then sought advice at the university's Wesley Foundation. Soon, he changed majors from mass communications to family

studies. Next came graduate school at Kentucky's Asbury Theological Seminary, coincidentally the same institution Couch had attended. Asbury was also where Loyd met Joni, and where the couple served in a pastoral program called Beeson. "It was a great experience. We got to travel around the world and learn about church growth," Lyndol Loyd said. A highlight was meeting fellow believers in South Korea.

"I would say that experience really strengthened our prayer life and taught us a lot about prayer," Joni Loyd agreed.

Couch can recall his own "I think I want to become a preacher" moment. While pursuing a career in electrical engineering, trouble arose between his mom and dad.

"I made a deal with God that I would become a pastor if he would help them work out their marital problems," he said.

The elder Couches reconciled and Bill Couch fulfilled his promise, but he decided he'd taken the wrong approach.

"Then I realized my relationship with God was not about making bargains — it was about grace. I realized a ministry is a calling; it's not a bargain. I began to explore the calling."

He took a job in Seminole as youth director of a summer faith program. The stint was the Dallas native's introduction to West Texas, and what secured his future.

"At the end of that summer, God confirmed my call to ministry," he said.

Selection Bishop Earl Bledsoe leads the Northwest Texas Conference of the United Methodist Church. He's excited about Loyd taking over LakeRidge, which he said is the largest church in the conference.

"We love it," he said. The selection involved a transition team of church leaders. They narrowed an initial list of 144 names down to 14, then to two and finally to Loyd.

"We were all on the same page as to Reverend Loyd," he said. "There was no dissension — we were all in one card as for the appointment."

Decision When he was first contacted about the LakeRidge pastoral opening, Loyd declined. While the Loyds' older daughter, Abigail, attends Florida State University, the move sounded unfair for their younger daughter. Madeline, 17, has a year left in high school.

Later, Joni Loyd pondered if the assumption could be erroneous. She approached her husband, "I really think we need to talk to Madeline first."

Madeline, surprisingly, was not unwilling to spend her senior year across the country.

"Instead, she looked at us and said, 'I think God may really want you to do this,'" Joni recalled.

Preparing to head west, Loyd is reminded of the same Bible verse that has followed him on other journeys. Jeremiah 29:11 states "For I know the plans I have for you."

"It's come back to me again and again. That's something that's been very meaningful to me at all the different stages of our lives." He paused, then added with a laugh, "We're trusting that and moving to Lubbock."

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(Editor's Note: This article was taken from the *Lubbock Avalanche-Journal*. Lyndol is the son of Lyndon and Noveline Loyd of Wheeler)

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| <b>5</b><br>Church . . .<br>Wheeler Nursing & Rehab<br>W. Baptist . . . . . 3:00 PM   | <b>6</b>  | <b>7</b>   | <b>8</b>  | <b>9</b><br>Wheeler Lions Club<br>Sotos Rest. . . . . 6:30 PM<br>Old Mobeetie, Texas Assoc.                        | <b>10</b> | <b>11</b>  |
| <b>12</b><br>Church . . .<br>Wheeler Nursing & Rehab<br>Allison . . . . . 3:00 PM   | <b>13</b><br>Kelton I.S.D. Bd. . . . 7:00PM<br>Comm. Court . . . . 10:00 AM<br>Mob. City Council 7:00 PM<br>E.D.C. Meeting<br>City Office . . . . . 7:00 PM | <b>14</b><br>Mob. Fire Dept. . . . . .<br>7:00 PM<br>Birthday Party . . . . 2:30 PM<br>Care Cr. (Meth. Women)<br>Our Country Band<br>Care Center | <b>15</b> | <b>16</b><br>Wheeler Fire Dept. 7:00 PM  | <b>17</b> | <b>18</b>  |
| <b>19</b><br>Church . . .<br>Wheeler Nursing & Rehab<br>Mob. Baptist. . . . . 3:00 PM   | <b>20</b><br>Wheeler City Council<br>Meeting . . . . . 7:00 PM  | <b>21</b><br>W.I.S.D. Bd Meets 7 P.M.  | <b>22</b> | <b>23</b><br>Wheeler Lions Club<br>Sotos Rest. . . . . 6:30 PM<br>Chamber of Commerce<br>Maxey's . . . . . 12 Noon | <b>24</b> | <b>25</b>  |
| <b>26</b><br>Church . . .<br>Wheeler Nursing & Rehab<br>Johnnie & Pattie Crawford<br>. . . . . 3:00 PM                              | <b>27</b><br>Comm. Court . . . . 10:00 AM   | <b>28</b><br>Our Country Band<br>Care Center   | <b>29</b> | <b>30</b><br>Wheeler Fire Dept. 7:00 PM  |           | Annual<br>Chamber of Commerce<br>July 4 Celebration<br>Special events<br>Friday & Saturday<br>With Fun Run, Parade<br>Park Activities Monday |





Caitlynn Walker & Mykah Jasman

## Fort Elliott Choir Attends Festival

Thursday, May 5, 2016, Fort Elliott music students from junior high and high school participated in the Greater Southwest Music Festival, which is held in Amarillo each year, pulling in students from at least four different states to compete musically.

Eleven students sang in Jr. High Ensemble, receiving 1st Division medals for their performance: Gavin

Boydston, Erick Camorlinga, Keaton Helton, Sydney Hughes, Molly Meek, Yesenia Perez, Audra Reeder, Lindi Rose, Hunter Smith, and Sydnei Smith.

Eight students also performed solos. Receiving Outstanding medals were Erick Camorlinga, Yesenia Perez, and Sydnei Smith.



Receiving 1st Division medals were Gavin Boydston, Kynna Peers, Lindi Rose, and Hunter Smith.

High school students competing were Mykah Jasman and Caitlynn Walker, who each performed a solo,

as well as a duet together. They received 1st division medals for their duet and for each of their solos.

Mrs. Lohberger, Ft. Elliott music director, commended the students for their hard work and excellent performances.

## An Exciting Time Of Year

Take a Moment to Reflect, Celebrate as Graduation Day Nears  
by Bret Begert

Welcome to the May edition of Texas Lone Star! This is an exciting time of year as we celebrate the hard work and achievements of our students and we close in on the end of another successful school year. I would like to congratulate you board members who have been reelected to new terms and welcome all of you new board members into the “school board family.” You are in for a rewarding experience.

In early April, the TASB officers and I were honored to represent all of you as delegates to the National School Boards Association (NSBA) Delegate Assembly and vote on your behalf on many national issues to help set the direction of NSBA for the coming year. Texas was well represented with 593 registered to attend this year’s NSBA Conference in Boston, Massachusetts.

I always enjoy the Texas breakfasts that TASB and associated entities sponsor for attendees. It is refreshing to start the days with familiar faces and the excitement and anticipation of a day of learning to make us better board members for our school districts and students. I commend the dedicated professionals of the TASB staff for the sessions they present at NSBA and the expertise and knowledge they display in representing our great state.

Many Benefits of Training I encourage each of you to take advantage of training and networking opportunities. Some may call me a “nerd,” but I still get excited about school board training, even as I begin my 19th year of service. To me, training serves many purposes. First of all for new board members, you learn your roles as trustees of your districts. Many times the average citizen or parent has no idea what the role of a board member entails. It is of utmost importance that we learn the important roles we have as board members and the roles that belong to the superintendent, administrators, faculty, and staff.

Additionally, being trained will broaden your thought processes, and you will learn many valuable tools and information that you can bring back to your local school districts. Our board usually tries to split up and go to as many sessions as possible and then share what we have learned with each other.

Another valuable benefit of training that is often overlooked is the bonding that takes place. When you travel together, go to classes all day, meet for dinner, and visit at the end of the day, you bond with your team members. You get to know each other on another level and make memories. This is an asset and brings more respect in the boardroom when tough decisions are being made and there is disagreement.

Debating issues is simply a part of doing business as a school district trustee, but if you have that solid foundation of friendship and knowledge that all at the table are there for the students and the best interest of the school district, you can disagree agreeably. You can vote your convictions then support the majority decision and move forward.

Board training will elevate your effectiveness as a board

member and board team, and it will help keep you out of the courthouse in many situations.

### Time for Tributes and Tears

I have always said that when I don’t get teary-eyed at achievement banquets, proms, homecomings, and especially at graduation, I will retire from board service. That is not happening. There is nothing more rewarding than seeing the achievements of the students in so many areas and at the end of a school year. Then to top it all off, as we shake hands and give diplomas to graduating seniors, it is with teary eyes that we look back at their years in school and pay tribute to all their accomplishments.

Starting with the Class of 2011, I served these students’ entire public school careers and even gave them their kindergarten diplomas. That is so very special to me. Each class is unique and brings its own personality to the school system. As the ceremony nears the end, excitement escalates with the knowledge that we are turning out another class to make its mark on the world. We send them on knowing that they are equipped to go as far as their God-given talents and drive can take them.

Work to Keep Caring Teachers

School board members and administrators certainly have a role in molding these students, but the classroom teacher, day in and day out, is where the

“rubber meets the road.” We must work tirelessly to keep good, motivated, high-energy, educated, kind, caring teachers in our classrooms.

I hope you all enjoy this month of banquets, celebrations, and graduations as the world gets ready to welcome the Class of 2016.\*

Bret Begert, a Fort Elliott CISD trustee, is 2015-16 president of TASB.

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Pictured: (front row, l. to r.) Sydney Hughes, Sydnei Smith, Audra Reeder, Lindi Rose, (middle) Molly Meek, Yesenia Perez, Kynna Peers, (back) Gavin Boydston, Erick Camorlinga, Hunter Smith, and Keaton Helton

May 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2016

### Wheeler County JP #1 Weekly Docket

#### Magistrations/ Arraignments:

Gage Damien West-Silva  
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Rafael Albert Robles  
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Class C Attraignment - Driving While License Invalid  
Wheeler County Warrant - Bond \$2,000.00  
31<sup>st</sup> District Court of Wheeler County Warrant - Bond \$20,000.00

#### County Citations Issued:

Terry Gavin Wilson

Speeding 10% or More Above Posted Limit- WCSO Citation

#### Municipal Citations Issued -City of Wheeler -City Ordinances

None

#### Civil Cases Filed:

None

#### Inquests:

None

#### Administrative Hearing:

None

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