

To the Editor
The Wheeler Times
Wheeler, Texas

Dear Editor,
As a member of the Wheeler Economic Development Corporation (EDC) I would like to respond to your photo and caption in the Wheeler

Times dated August 6th, 2020, regarding the sidewalk project for downtown. The idea and plans for the sidewalk project date back (Continued Page 3)



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“Wheeler: town of friendship and pride”

Wheeler County Commissioners' Court

\$49,690 Spent for Roof Repair at County Jail

The Commissioners' Court of Wheeler County, Texas, met in regular sessions on Monday, August 10, 2020, at 9:00 a.m., in the Commissioners' Courtroom of the Wheeler County Courthouse at 401 Main Street, Wheeler, Texas, to consider prior bills and discuss matters of mutual concerns.

At 9:00 a.m. Wendy Hazard and Tommy Meek, Tex-

as Agri-Life Extension Agents gave Extension Updates.

At 10:00 a.m. Court reconvened to address the 21 items on the agenda.

The minutes of previous meetings were approved as read.

The reports of the County Officers were accepted.

There were no Budget Amendments to be consid-

Two Budget Transfers were approved.

Several Line Item Transfers were approved by the court.

There were no Wheeler County Policy Manual changes to be considered.

No action was taken on the Burn Ban.

Judge Hefley presented the Wheeler County Historical Commission with the 2019

Distinguished Service Award. Only 26 of these awards were presented out of the 254 county in Texas.

County Treasurer Renee Warren presented Judge Hefley with Texas Association of Counties Risk Management Pool Zero Lost Time Award for 2019. Wheeler County lost no time due to accident in the year 2019.

The court voted to allow county employees under the county's insurance policy to

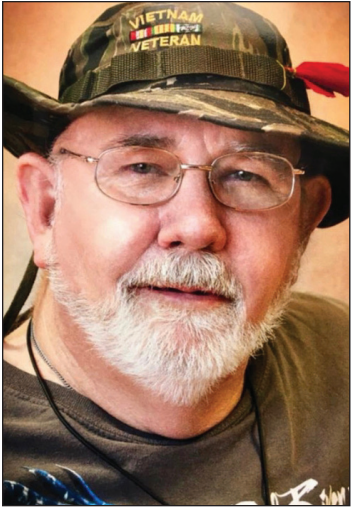
add or subtract dependents from their coverage and/or the deductible.

No action was taken on 11.

Sherry Jones, District Clerk announced the appointment of Nichole Mock as County Auditor by District Judge Steve Emmert. The appointment was approved by the county.

The County Auditor's salary was set at \$81,932.50.

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David Gilmer

David L. Gilmer Graveside Aug. 8

David L. Gilmer, 74, of Briscoe passed Monday, August 3, 2020 in Amarillo.

Graveside services were 10:00am Saturday, August 8, 2020 at the Gageby Cemetery with Robert Meller, officiating. Arrangements were under the direction of Carmichael-Whately Funeral Directors of Canadian.

David Leon Gilmer was born in Tucson, AZ to Edward Leon Gilmer and Eddie Maurine Miller Gilmer. He was raised in the Wheeler, TX area. David served with the US Army in Viet Nam and then served with the Reserves until 1971. He married Winnie Smith on September 1st, 1967; they were married 52 years.

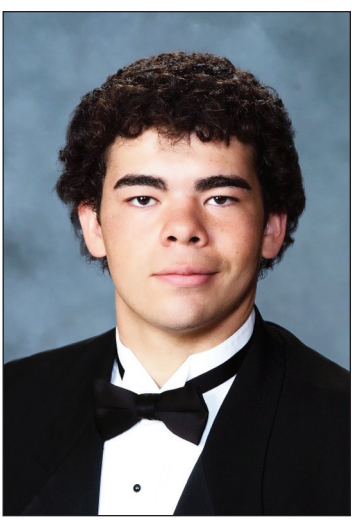
He worked as a tool pusher in the oilfield. While staying at the Veterans Community Living Center David flourished and enjoyed participating in all activities. His favorite things included singing, attending church, dominoes, talent shows, exercising, BIN-GO, telling incredible jokes and learning new things. He served as the Resident Council President while in the CVC and found great joy serving his community in that way. David always had love to freely give others. His legacy is one of selflessness, compassion and friendship. Everyone who knew him loved him dearly. He loved God, his family and his country he so proudly served. He enjoyed a close relationship with his children and grandchildren.

David was preceded in (Continued Page 2)

2020 PGCD Scholarship Winner

In 2002, Panhandle Groundwater Conservation District (PGCD) established a scholarship program for graduating seniors throughout the District. The applicants are required to write a 500-1000 word essay on a topic chosen by PGCD and to enroll as a fulltime student at the college of their choice the fall semester immediately following selection. Also they must maintain at least a 2.5 college GPA. A committee of three board members and a staff member select the winners.

The student awarded first place receives a \$4,000 scholarship second place receives \$3,000 and third place



Alex Davis

receives \$2,000. The scholarship total is paid out over four years. PGCD's topic this year was: 'Imagine a day without (Continued Page 2)



Photo by Stormie Meriwether, Wheeler Times Photographer



Congratulations, Alex Davis on receiving the Panhandle Groundwater Conservation District \$3,000.00 Scholarship.

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Hession Marshall received recognition in Press Pass Sports.

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I planted a tree in the back (Continued Page 4)

STORM REPORT



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

Dear Friends, My parents get a magazine called Panhandle Groundwater. It was a surprise at first to see Alex Davis' picture! Then I found out that he won a scholarship for writing an essay. That's Alex! He can do anything. Congratulations, Alex! Finally I had my last appointment at the orthodontist. Harwell and Cook, thanks for my smile! Now I have a new dentist. His name is Dr. Kyle Chambers. He is in Pampa right beside my orthodontist. He is awesome! His hygienist, Andrea, (Continued Page 3)

Merely Mustard

Please, turn off your stove, pull up a chair, and relax. This newspaper doesn't weigh enough that holding it would inhibit relaxation. Last week in the Times I saw a quote attributed to Gilbert Chesterton that read: "Music with dinner is an insult both to the cook and the violinist." I thought it was a pithy quote and wondered what impelled Mr. Chesterton to make that statement. I also began to ponder the quote and couldn't find an argument against it,

2019 DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARD: At the Commissioners' Court meeting August 10, 2020, Judge Hefley presented Wheeler County Historical Commission Chairman, Ada Lou Lester, with the 2019 Distinguished Service Award. This is the sixth year for the local group to receive this award. Pictured (l.to r.) Leroy Meriwether, Suzanne Lohberger, Ada Lou Lester, Rhonda Meriwether and Ken Baxter.



ZERO HOURS LOST DUE TO ACCIDENT: Judge Hefley receives the Texas Association of Counties Risk Management Pool Zero Lost Time Award for 2019. Wheeler County employees have lost to work time due to accident. The award is presented at the Wheeler County Commissioners' Court by County Treasurer Renee Warren.

Wheeler County Historical Commission's Distinguished Service Award

The Texas Historical Commission (THC) supports County Historical Commissions (CHC) across the state as they work to preserve cul-

tural and historic resources. The THC administers the Distinguished Service Award (DSA) Program to honor CHCs that go above and beyond to fulfill their preservation mission.

The WHEELER COUNTY CHC has been awarded a DSA for the 2019 year of service. This annual award affirms WHEELER COUNTY CHC appointees for managing well-rounded history and preservation related programs that enrich Texas communities. The county commissioners court-the CHC's governing body-will work with the CHC to determine the best way to present the DSA certificate and publicly acknowledge CHC appointees (Continued Page 2)

Marshall's Dedication Runs Deeper Than Wheeler Mustang Football

By David Erickson Press Pass Sports

Wheeler running back Hesston Marshall ran for 2,521 yards during his junior year in 2019. [David Erickson/Press Pass Sports]

Marshall's 2019 season—Yards: 2,521; Carries: 234; TDs: 30; YPC: 10.7

Wheeler's main Mustang Hesston Marshall galloped for a Texas Panhandle-best 2,521 yards rushing, while leading his team in every offensive category during an incredible junior year in 2019.

He left every opposing coach scratching his head after ball games on Friday night however, when talking to the soft spoken, humble, explosive running back, his favorite number from last season was 10.

That's the number of wins Wheeler racked up on the way to a Class 2A Division II regional round finish.

"I'm all about wins," said Marshall, who added 346 yards receiving with another two scores last year. "That's my main concern. We're a team, and I can't run without an offensive line. I can't make all the tackles. There's 11 guys on the field and we all have one goal. That is winning, and I love doing that most."

That selfless attitude goes well beyond the field for the senior-to-be. Not only is he the ultimate teammate in any sport he plays, but he's the ultimate teammate for the Wheeler community.

Marshall bleeds black and gold. His dad, Mark, and his uncle Mack, played for great Wheeler teams of the 1990's.

For the past two years Marshall, who will turn 18 years old at the end of this month,

has followed in his family's footsteps serving on the volunteer fire department. (Continued Page 2)



Hesston Marshall

Kelton 2020-2021 School Calendar

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|--|---|
| Aug. 10-14 | Staff Inservice |
| Aug. 17 | First Day of School |
| Every Friday (unless other wise scheduled) | COVID/Health/Safety/Reserve Days |
| Sept. 24 | End of First 6-Weeks |
| Sept. 25 | Staff Inservice |
| Sept. 28 | Beginning of Second 6-Weeks |
| Nov. 5 | End of Second 6-Weeks |
| Nov. 9 | Beginning of Third 6-Weeks |
| Nov. 23-27 | Thanksgiving Holiday |
| Dec. 17 | End of Third 6-Weeks /End of First Semester |
| Dec. 21-31 | Christmas Holidays |
| Jan. 1 | New Year's Holiday |
| Jan. 4 | Staff Inservice |
| Jan. 5 | Beginning of Fourth 6-Weeks |
| Feb. 5 | Staff Inservice |
| Feb. 18 | End of Fourth 6-Weeks |
| Feb. 22 | Beginning of Fifth 6-Weeks |
| Mar. 15-19 | Spring Break |
| April 6-7 | STAAR Testing |
| April 8 | End of Fifth 6-Weeks |
| April 9 | Staff Inservice |
| April 12 | Beginning of Sixth 6-Weeks |
| May 4-7 | STAAR Testing Days |
| May 11-13 | STAAR Testing Days |
| May 20 | End of Sixth 6-Weeks/Last Day of School |
| May 21 | Staff Inservice |
| June 1-11 | COVID Service Days |



It has been so busy in the library the last month! Kids are coming in with their folks and looking at books and playing with each other. Adults new to our community and older citizens are coming in checking out things. The computer has been busy making copies of return school information and we are excited to be here to help our students out with that. Children's books have come in and out pretty fast also! We had a wonderful person donate Books on CD and now our selection is so full that we are going to have to enlarge our storage/viewing station! That is great

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news! We have had several people bring in books that have completed collections that we only had a part of and I want to express my Thanks for that! There was quite a bit of money saved because of those gifts to the library.

All in All it has been a wonderful summer with lots of folks coming in checking out the books or just browsing for old times sake. Wanted to share some of our new book names with you for the last couple of weeks, some I think you would really enjoy. We have: 28 Summers, Firing Point, Deadly Touch, Near Dark, Guest Years, Coast to Coast Murders, Dark Side, Hawk and so on. We have lots of children's books coming: From Hero to Zero, Middle School books, Treasure Hunters Books, Fly Guy, Tree house Selections, Big Nate, Mastermind books. So you see there is lots to see and discover.

REMINDER: Please return your books! We have folks who are over due a few weeks and some several months. We need those books back in the library for others to read. We do have a drop box on the South Side of the library so please deposit them there if you don't have time or want to come inside. Thank You!

You will notice we have installed a new sign on the East Library Main Door of the building. My husband asked me if I was starting a Bar & Grill...MEN! Anyway, everyone has enjoyed it so far and are able to see it from the street. Thank you all for the comments!

Vicki L. Ferguson/Librarian

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Award (from Page 1)

for their dedicated service.

"The THC could not save the real places that tell the real stories of Texas without county historical commissions," said THC Executive

Comm (from Page 1)

• County Auditor, Nichole Mock, was appointed as the person responsible for calculating 2020 Tax Rates.

• The 2020 Tax Rate Calculation work sheet was presented by Nichole Mock and approved.

• The court approved \$49,690.00 for the repair of the roof at the Wheeler County Law Enforcement Center.

• B&G Electric Co. was paid \$5,954.37 for running conduit for fiber optic at Wheeler County Law Enforcement Center.

• The court approved a contract with Grant Works for TXDOT's CTIF Program.

• The Resolution to adopt TXDOT's "Standard Specifications for Construction and Maintenance of Highways, Streets and Bridges (November 2014)" and "Roadway Design Manual (July 2020)" for projects under this program.

• The court adopted the Proposed Tax Rate for 2020-21 at 0.52316; the same as last 2019-20.

• The bills in the amount of \$163,641.38 were paid by the court for the period 07/23/2020 to 08/06/2020.

Director Mark Wolfe. "The Distinguished Service Award honors these vital partners that preserve our state's history every day, and WHEELER COUNTYCHC is a deserving recipient for its local leadership and efforts."

Texas CHCs provided more than 444,000 volunteer hours in 2019, which is an in-kind donation to the state valued at more than \$11 million. The THC assists more than 200 CHCs through programs and services that preserve Texas' heritage for the education, enjoyment, and economic benefit of present and future generations. The THC's advisory role to CHCs is outlined in the Texas Local Government Code, the statute that enables county commissioners courts to establish CHCs. The volunteer appointees, as directed by county officials, initiate and conduct programs that preserve the historic and cultural resources of Texas.

The THC received 185 CHC annual reports for the 2019 year of service and 79 of those CHCs were approved for a Distinguished Service Award. A list of 2019 DSA winners and a digital copy of this press release template are provided here: thc.texas.gov/information-2019-dsa-winning-chcs.

For more information about CHCs in Texas, visit thc.texas.gov/chcoutreach or contact the History Programs Division at 512-463-5853.

Marshall (from Page 1)

"I've been a volunteer fireman for two years," Marshall said. "I started when I was 16 years old. My dad (Mark) has been on the volunteer fire department for 25 years, and my brother (Urrick) has been on there for six years now. My grandpa (Darrel) was a firefighter and his dad was a fire chief. It's a family tradition."

Marshall has an app on his phone, and is alerted when he needs to go on a fire call. Even as recent as a month ago, he said he's had to deal with some pretty intense situations.

"We've had some crazy fires," Marshall said. "Last month there was a wild fire over in Kelton. It burned a big section of land, probably over 600 acres. It took us about three hours to get it under control because the wind kept going different directions. Those aren't the funnest to be around but it's what we do."

Wheeler head coach Chris Evans uses Marshall as an example when talking about character, discipline and being a perfect teammate. Evans said it's the Wheeler upbringing that has made Marshall the upstanding young man he has become.

"This community means a lot to Hesston and his family," said Evans, who is 24-14 entering his fourth year as Wheeler's head coach. "It's not just Mustang football or basketball, but his dad (Mark) is on the school board, and they are all volunteer firemen."

Gilmer (from Page 1)

death by his parents; a son, David Gilmer II; 2 sisters, Carolyn & Millie Gilmer.

Survivors include wife, Winnie Gilmer of Briscoe; 2 daughters, Julie Shields and husband, John, of Canadian and Tonya Finsterwald and husband, Bill, of Mobeetie; 4 grandchildren, Brandon Finsterwald and wife, Maggie, of Stillwater, OK, Madie Shields & Katie Shields of Canadian, Adley Gilmer of Wheeler; 1 great-grandson, Jack Finsterwald of Stillwater, OK; daughter-in-law, Shannon Gilmer of Wheeler; 1 sister, Tillie Snelgrooves & husband, Daryl, of Ft. Cobb, OK, 3 brothers, Mark Gilmer and wife, Sue Ann, of Wheeler, John Gilmer and wife, Jan Renee, of Dallas, Tom Gilmer of Amarillo.

Memorial may be made to Cal Farley's Boys Ranch, 600 SW 11th Ave., Amarillo, TX 79101-3228



KIDS AND ART CARE continuing to fulfill their promises from their 4th of July Art Gallery sales! Here they present Wheeler Fire Department representative, Ken Daughtery with the freshly cleaned ceremonial US and Texas flags as well as new and better new ones! Thanks Wyatt and Bexley Tignor and Stratton Lee for your help. Lucy Ruth Moudy supported with her art but didn't want in the firetruck! Lee Ann Hillhouse, Kids and Art Care along with our community support has been blessed by all of you!!! We sincerely appreciate everything you do!!



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 "Wheeler: town of friendship and pride"

It's a point of pride to be involved in this community."

Evans is also grateful to have his main horse in his backfield for another season.

"He'll be the first to tell you that his offensive line does a great job opening holes," Evans said. "Hesston is always quick to give credit. But obviously when he gets in the open field look out because he's hard to get your hands on."

Davis (from Page 1)

water. What would the impacts be? Describe in great detail impacts and conservation strategies that would need to be implemented for survival.

PGCD had thirty applicants this year and it is proud to announce MacKenzi Miller of Panhandle, Alexander Davis of Wheeler and Richard Judy Jr. of Amarillo as the top three winners of PGCD's scholarship.

Alexander Davis is the second place winner. He is the nephew of Linda Davis of Wheeler. Davis graduated from Wheeler High School with a 3.87 GPA. He plans to attend West Texas A&M University to study Communication.

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Letter (from Page 1)

to a 2015 strategic planning meeting facilitated by the Panhandle Plains Regional Planning Commission (PPRC) to help identify the needs facing our community and to develop the goals and objectives to accomplish these needs.

The necessity, planning and process to set up this meeting was reported in our EDC minutes for several months prior to the meeting itself. These minutes are published by you in the Wheeler Times, as are all EDC and City Council minutes.

The results of the strategic planning meeting and the progress in setting and achieving the goals set from the meeting have been regular discussion points in EDC meetings and minutes. Which again, you publish in the paper.

My question to you is, in reporting on EDC and City Council meetings regarding this 5 plus, yearlong project, if you had questions or concerns why wait until the work has begun to voice those concerns?

You mention in your caption that Xcel could straighten the poles, or a local contractor could replace sidewalks. You apparently see the need for these upgrades and repairs, but what have you done to call attention to the need other than a single critical headline?

You criticize the use of taxpayer monies to repair the sidewalks, but have you done the research as to how many feet of sidewalk need to be repaired? And how many feet of repairs and upgrades sales tax money would actually pay versus the amount of money the grant is paying for? There are strict guidelines for use of

sales tax money, and we do our best to leverage every dollar, in this case, we knew that we could get a significant amount of the work paid for using the CDBG (grant) and EDC is responsible for a 30% match. Without the grant, this project would not be happening.

I believe I can speak for all the people who serve on these boards, such as EDC and City Council, we do not offer our time and efforts for self-promotion. We are working to make Wheeler a better community. We strive to be good stewards with what we have been blessed with. If you do not believe that we, as board members and elected officials, are not doing the best job possible, then I challenge you to step up and become involved. Put your money where your mouth is, so to speak, and not sit back and idly criticize the hard work and efforts these people have made with inflammatory headlines after the fact.

Wheeler EDC Board Member,
Dale Kidd
On behalf of EDC Board Members:

Ben Ed Hillhouse, President
Jack Helton, Randy McCurley, John Hankins and Yvette Venzor

The EDC Board Meetings follow Open Meetings guidelines, they meet the 2nd Monday of every month at 7 pm at City Hall, and welcome anyone to attend to voice their comments, concerns or ideas.

Facts:
o "City Council" approved EDC funds, which is collected from local sales tax dollars.

o "all this money" EDC agreed to a 30% matching of the total grant(s), not the full cost of the project. The CDBG (grants) are only available to those that apply, otherwise the grant money goes elsewhere.
o "a local contractor" the

bids were open to locals; if going at it individually, the individual business would have to pay for it themselves as well as get permission from TX Dot and the city VER-SUS with the grant, none of the businesses are paying directly for the sidewalk improvements, the project gives cohesive look to the entire block, the project follows ADA guidelines, and a lengthy list of other details that we are willing to discuss with anyone that needs further education on the project.

o Xcel can straighten the light poles. Would that not require replacing? Are you certain that what's buried underneath is secure/sturdy enough to just be straightened? If they are to be replaced AND a grant is willing to include lighting, can we not look into upgrades or improvements that can add aesthetics to our downtown?

o "tax payers money" this is vague and for the sake of argument, you are correct, but it could be misleading. The entire project is a form of taxpayer money, but is not limited to the city of wheeler taxpayers.

o Our EDC Director is willing and able to help with any questions or fact checking for the (2) CDBG (grants), the one for Main Street is pending and details have not been finalized. There will be another open public meeting when/if grant is awarded.

Editor's Response

I appreciate the letter. We publish City Council minutes; Commissioners' Court minutes and Wheeler School Board minutes. "We also publish legal notices, and we call meetings to the attention of our readers from time to time".

I was at the presentation of the sidewalk project now under way; there was fair attendance. I was the only one at the meeting on the discussion of the Main Street project.

I was on the council when a proposal was made to upgrade the sidewalks on the 400 block of main. I cannot find the articles in the paper, so I do not know the date. At that time, The highway department would require parallel parking on both sides of Farm-to-market Hwy 2473.

Merely (from Page 1)

music (not to mention the one who was incompletely enjoying both). It seemed to me that at its essence, the quote was a denunciation of multitasking.

I must confess that I have spent plenty of time experimenting with multitasking, and my experience with multitasking is what has led me to determine that Mr. Chesterton was correct when he made that quote. Multitasking offers the appearance of increasing efficiency and decreasing the total time spent on a series of tasks, by performing or completing more than one of them at a time. I have found that promise to be illusory. If I am not concentrating on what I am doing, I tend to do it poorly, or less effectively than if I were giving it my attention, and some of what I do is only of marginal quality to begin with; I can't afford to allow the quality to sag any further. Have you ever locked or unlocked a door and walked off, leaving the keys in the door lock? Or perhaps you have removed them from the door lock and put them in a jacket pocket, and considered them lost an hour or two later when they were not in your pants pocket where they should be. I have committed both of these follies more times than I would care to know. They are the effect of insufficient attention being paid to what I was doing, and insufficient attention is the effect of multitasking. Many times I thought I would save time by reading something I was either required to read, or desired to read, while I ate a meal. This is especially tempting if eating alone rather than with company. But the result is that I derive limited enjoyment and benefit from both the meal and the reading material when they are consumed in this manner. Yet the temptation to engage in such multitasking remains, despite the evidence that it is counterproductive.

Perhaps the human brain has a tendency to overestimate its capabilities. After all, people all tend to think their thinking is correct, but the impossibility of everyone's thinking, varied as it is, being correct, is the strongest evidence that our thinking is often flawed. But another cause of the multitasking phenomenon is our hyper-connected, supersonic (I'm exaggerating a bit) lifestyle. Cell phones, computers, the Internet, email - all of these developments have increased the things calling for our attention throughout the day. And each of these tools individually can be very effective at increasing our efficiency. But when they begin to stack on top of each other, ineffectiveness arises as we cascade from inefficiency to inefficiency as more devices are employed.

When was the last time you felt lost in what you were doing, in a good way? Focused and consumed by it, and really experiencing it with your senses? I would wager that that experience was not had while multitasking. I know I do my best work, and perhaps my only good work, when my attention is unencumbered by other things. I believe this is intuitive when it is given adequate thought, but it is one of those lessons that seems to remain out of reach until it is learned the hard way, by trial and error. I have found that when I feel as though my wheels are spinning and I am not getting anywhere, and I'm having very little to no fun doing so, it is because I am scatterbrained or in an atten-

To the east of the two parking lanes and two lane highway was a curb to separate parking for the west side of the courthouse, similar to what we have on the north side of the courthouse at this time,

separating Hwy.152 from courthouse parking. We did not propose any change to the highway grade.

Note: Parallel was required on the 100 block of West Oklahoma.



tion-diverted state, and often this correlates to when I am trying to do too many (which means more than one) things at once.

A final argument I would make against multitasking is the insecurity it evokes in us when it is done by others on matters that pertain to us. Would you feel comfortable if your accountant was preparing to meet the IRS on your behalf, if the accountant was playing solitaire while preparing? How about if your plumber were talking on the phone while working on sewer lines? Or if a delivery driver were reading a paperback

while driving to the delivery site? We don't want our accountants multitasking; we don't want our plumbers multitasking; we don't want our attorneys multitasking; and we most certainly don't want our surgeons multitasking.

Storm (from Page 1)

cleaned my teeth. She was very kind and gentle. I really miss Dr. Mike and Becky (Crockett).

We have the final answer. I am staying home and doing school online. I don't think everyone will wear a mask. I hope everyone stays safe. Go Mustangs! That's it!



SUNRIST AT THE RANCH: Jack Helton recently posted this picture on facebook Those who receive the paper online can appreciate it in color.

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Weekdays: 6:00 a.m. to 7:00 a.m.

NOTICE OF MEETING TO VOTE ON TAX RATE

A tax rate of \$.52312 per \$100 valuation has been proposed by the governing body of Wheeler County

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|-------------------------|-----------------|-----------|
| PROPOSED TAX RATE | <u>\$.52312</u> | per \$100 |
| NO-NEW-REVENUE TAX RATE | <u>\$.67735</u> | per \$100 |
| VOTER-APPROVAL TAX RATE | <u>\$.70123</u> | per \$100 |

The no-new-revenue tax rate is the tax rate for the 2020 tax year that will raise the same amount of property tax revenue for Wheeler County from the same properties in both the 2019 tax year and the 2020 tax year.

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

The proposed tax rate is not greater than the no-new-revenue tax rate. This means that Wheeler County is not proposing to increase property taxes for the 2020 tax year.

A PUBLIC HEARING ON THE PROPOSED TAX RATE WILL BE HELD ON August 24, 2020 10:00 am at Wheeler County Courthouse

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

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

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

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

FOR the proposal: Steve Walker Pct 1, Robert Hink Pct 2, John Walker Pct 4, Judge Jerry Hefley
AGAINST the proposal: none
PRESENT and not voting: none
ABSENT: David Simpson Pct 3

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Lyrical, Contemporary, Hip Hop, Jazz, Jazz Heels, Acro, Technique, etc.

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New USDA Survey to Measure Areas for Improvement

The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) today announced a new annual survey of farmers, ranchers and private forestland owners. The survey will help USDA understand what it is doing well and where improvements are needed, specifically at the Farm Service Agency (FSA), Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) and Risk Management Agency (RMA). A selection of 28,000 producers will receive the survey over the next few weeks, but all farmers are encouraged to take the survey at farmers.gov/survey. "We want to hear from our customers so we can learn what we're doing right and where we're missing the mark," Under Secretary for Farm Production and Conservation Bill Northey said. "Good data is critical to good decision-making. The more responses we receive, the better we can understand what we need to do to improve our services to America's farmers, ranchers and private forestland owners." This survey is part of the President's Management Agenda. It requires High Impact Service Provider agencies across the federal government, including FSA and NRCS, to conduct annual surveys to measure and respond to areas needing improvement. "We recognize producers and our staff may be experiencing a lot of change in how they interact with USDA," Farm Service Agency Administrator Richard Fordyce said. "This is a good time to check in with our customers." "We use this input to help improve the delivery of our conservation programs as our sister agencies will do for their programs." Natural Resources Conservation Service Chief Matthew Lohr said. "We're about our customers," Risk Management Agency Administrator Martin Barbre said. "RMA works to provide producers with crop insurance policies that meet their needs and we need to know where we can improve." The survey consists of 20 questions and takes approximately 10 minutes to complete. Responses are confidential, and individual responses will be aggregated. The survey will be open for at least six weeks and will be closed once USDA receives a 30% response rate. Learn more and take the survey at www.farmers.gov/survey.

Chat (from Page 1)
yard in the area where the water drains. It was about 12" before I hit dirt with some moisture.
— cwe —
We had some bad news and some good news this weekend.

— cwe —
We discovered the Sonata was burning oil; it measured 2.5 quart low.

— cwe —
We took it to the dealership and learned a new engine is covered by Hyundai; one of the three years they have had engine problems.

— cwe —
What a relief that was. We also learned there was 10,000 remaining on Jennifer's warranty when she bought it; we also had a separate policy on it.

— cwe —
Seth got enrolled at Kelton last Tuesday, due to the uncertainty of OKC schools. He is looking forward to getting to continue art and participate in Robotics.

— cwe —
I want to be like a caterpillar: eat a lot, sleep for a while, and wake up BEAUTIFUL.
My wife just stopped and said, "You weren't listening, were you?" I thought, "That's a pretty weird way to start a conversation."
You haven't experienced true heartbreak until you've been thinking about leftovers all day and then you come home to find someone ate them.
At my age, rolling out of bed in the morning is the easy part. Getting off the floor is a whole other story.

Cornerstone Church recently held a Youth Camp in Wheeler.



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Court (from Page 2)
Survey; Plus All Other Min./ Roy. Interest in Wheeler County.
AUGUST 4, 2020
CEMETERY DEED-City of Shamrock to Cleo Vick, 7-22-20, Spaces 1-4, Lot 39, Blk. L-2, Shamrock Cemetery.
ROW-Dustin Puryear to Greenbelt Electric Cooperative Inc., 7-13-20, N/2 S/2 Sec. 28, Blk. A-3, H&GN Ry. Company Survey.
ROW-Richard Devuyt, et ux to Greenbelt Electric Cooperative Inc., -- -- --, Sec. 48, Blk. A-5, H&GN Ry. Company Survey.
AUGUST 5, 2020
DEED and ASSIGN.-Walter L. Farrington Jr. (Estate), et al to Farrington Energy Ltd., 7-22-20, All Grantor's Interest in Wheeler County.
AUGUST 6, 2020
DT-Matthew D. Moore, et ux to Capital Farm Credit FLCA, 8-3-20, NW/4 Sec. 3, AB&M Survey.
HOMESTEAD DESIGN.-Matthew D. Moore, et ux to The Public, 8-3-20, See Instrument.
RDT/RVL-Jerry D. Hefley, et ux to William Tye Armstrong, et ux, 7-31-20, Lots 9 & 10, Blk. 37, Original Town, Wheeler.

STATEMENT of OWNERSHIP- Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs to Allen Ray Mitchell, 7-28-20.
DEED-Doug Adams, et ux to Ryan McNeil, et ux, 8-4-20, 0.74 of an ac out of SW/4 Sec. 4, T&NO Ry. Company Survey.
RDT-BOKF NA to Britt Aaron McCarter, et ux, 7-30-20, See Instrument.

Uses for Dawn
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Plastic wading pools can get very gunky, very fast. Dump the water, then scrub the pool with Dawn and a sponge. More potent cleaners like bleach will weaken and dry out the plastic in the sun.
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**WELL-BORE ASSIGN./BILL of SALE-Nexus BSP LLC to Crest Resources Inc., 8-29-19, Sec. 61, Blk. A-7, H&GN Ry. Company Survey.
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Across
1. Dermatologist's concern
5. Feeding morsel
8. Sub finder
13. All excited
14. Compete (for)
15. Footnote word

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17. "The Sun ___ Rises"
18. Before, of yore
19. Linking verb
20. One's specialty
22. Kindergartener
24. Intoxicated
25. Major wreck
27. Eczema symptom
28. Thorny bush
31. Pie crust ingredient
33. Barbecue offering
34. A pint, maybe

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4. Self-concern
5. In general
6. Put on TV
7. Choppers, so to speak
8. Employment benefit
9. Cousin of a bassoon
10. Puppy's bite
11. Mature
12. Museum piece
16. Algebra or trig
21. Diplomatic building
23. Christmas season
26. Drop in on
27. Doing nothing
28. Thin nail
29. Baptism, for one
30. Experienced
32. Asylum seeker
36. Prefix with knock or lock
37. Ponzi scheme, e.g.
38. Roll call reply
40. Church niche
43. Pen
44. Massage target
45. Goof up
46. "X-Men" villain
50. Walk laboriously
51. Garage occupant
52. Mark
53. "___ we meet again"
55. Goodbye
57. Campbell's product
59. Not imagined
60. Pond dweller
61. Bank claim
63. "___ bad!"
65. Battle of Britain grp.
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