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“Wheeler: town of friendship and pride”

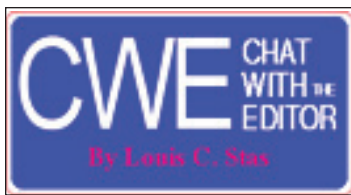
## “Pride of Wheeler” Band Receives Sweepstakes At District

Receives 1's in both Concert and Site Reading — Competition Ends for 2021

## Wheeler's One-Act Play Advances To Regional

Regionals Will Be Monday & Tuesday, April 12 -13 At Canyon

Best Tech Crew, Honorable Mention- Samantha Ramirez, All-Star Cast- Bryce Richardson & DJ Olivas and Best Actor Marcis Herrera!!



### Wheeler All-District Basketball Girls

**CONGRATULATIONS, Wheeler One-Act Play** advances to Regional! Regional will be April 12-13 at Canyon. ALL THE WAY TO STATE!

**CONGRATULATIONS, “Pride of Wheeler” Band!** They received a Sweepstakes Trophy for their performance at Amarillo Tuesday. We do not have pictures, as members of the play cast had to rush to practice. Wheeler's band “Class” does not advance any further this year.

**CONGRATULATIONS, All-District Lady Stangs,**

The times they did change; clocks were sprung forward Sunday morning.

Another sign of spring was the severe thunder storm warning Friday and Tornado warnings Saturday.

Wheeler received 0.07” Fri- (Continued Page 3)

### STORM REPORT

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

Dear Friends, Spring Break is here! I can't believe it has been a year since all the COVID 19 shut down started. We had so many plans that didn't happen. First we missed the Custer history event. We missed our family time at Red River and our Big Family 4th of July. School and church were online or outside. Many things changed. Now we are about to be normal again. I will get my second vaccination soon. I hope everyone (Continued Page 2)



Perla Almaraz  
All-District



Hope Adkins  
All-District



Katya Baylon  
Honorable Mention



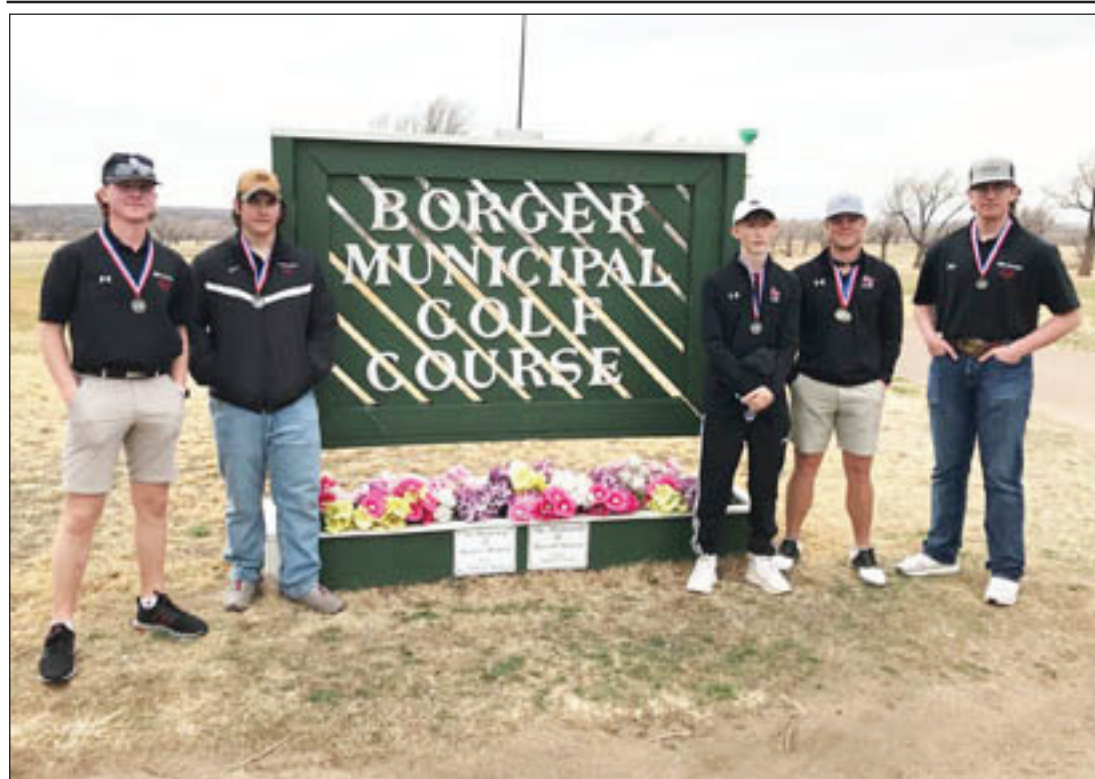
Wendy Lopez  
Honorable Mention



Leslie Mendoza  
Honorable Mention

Academic All-District

Diana Gaucin, Hope Adkins, Katya Baylon, Wendy Lopez, Selena Lopez, Breeley Harris & Holden Holwick



**SECOND PLACE:** The Fort Elliott Boys Golf team placed 2nd at the Borger tournament on March 9th. Gatlin Goad was 1st high individual with a score of 69. Gavin Boydston was 4th high individual with a 78.

### Parkview Hospital Board Minutes

A regular called meeting of the North Wheeler County Hospital District Board was held at the hospital and via Zoom at 6 p.m. on January 18, 2021.

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Janie VanZandt, Vice-chairman; Marla Ford, Secretary; Lisa Mahler, Member  
**MEMBERS ABSENT:** Roy Laughlin, Chairman; Roger

Brown, Member  
**OTHERS PRESENT:** Monica Kidd, CEO; Jace Henderson, CFO; Cecil Gaither, CNO/Maintenance Manager (via Zoom); Ray Jennings, Ambulance  
1. CALL TO ORDER AND (Continued Page 2)

### Stewardship Week NRCS 2021 Deadline Stewardship Program

The USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) in Texas is now accepting applications through April 9, for Fiscal Year 2021 funding for the Conservation Stewardship Program.

NRCS plans to invest more than \$8 million for new enrollments this year for Texas. The 2018 Farm Bill made several changes to this conservation program, which helps agricultural producers take the conservation activities on their farm or ranch to the next level.

“CSP continues to be a very effective tool for private landowners working to achieve their conservation and management goals,” said Kristy Oates, NRCS state conservationist for Texas. “It is the largest conservation program in the United States with more than 75 million acres of productive agricultural and forest land enrolled.”

While applications are accepted throughout the year, interested producers should (Continued Page 4)



Kristen Davis

### Graveside Rites For Kristen Davis

Kristen Paige Davis, 41, of Mobeetie died Friday, March 12, 2021 in Wheeler.

Graveside services were 10:00 AM Wednesday, March 17, 2021 in Wheeler Cemetery in Wheeler.

Viewing was held Tuesday at the funeral home.

Arrangements were by Robertson Funeral Directors of Wheeler.

Kristen was born October 20, 1979 in Pampa to Tommy and Sidney Sherrod. She married Britton Davis on September 7, 2002 in Wheeler. Kristen was a homemaker, loved spending time with her family and enjoyed making floral arrangements.

She was preceded in death by her parents.

Survivors include her husband, Britton Davis of Mobeetie; her son, Tayte Davis of Mobeetie; her sister, Traci Barteo of Albany; her step brother, Tommy Simmons of Bedford; and several nieces and nephews.

The family request memorials be sent to a favorite charity.

Sign the online guestbook at [robertsonfuneral.com](http://robertsonfuneral.com).

**During severe weather: Take Shelter if Siren Sounds for 3 Minutes**

## Merely Mustard

It is March... so began my last column, after which I deviated substantially from the path I had envisioned. In my mind I saw a clear connection of things to write about, and then, inspired (or distracted) by an off-hand sentence I never envisioned writing, I took a significant detour and got lost in another forest. Now, back on the path, or what remains of it – I wish to write about the month of March, and my affection for it.

March, springtime begins, at least in the mind and heart. March may as well be subtitled: “The winter is over and all our troubles are behind us.” It is as if the calendar is saying “We’ve Only Just Begun”, like the redundantly-titled popular song of the same name. Some time ago, March did mark the beginning of the year, and, with March representing the first month of the year, it explains why December, whose name stems from the same root as do the words decade and decathlon, is named such – it was the tenth month. The same principle also applies to the months of September, October, and

November, and causes their names to make sense, as the respective seventh, eighth, and ninth months of that ancient calendar. I thought that was a fascinating bit of detail when I first heard it.

What is not to like about March, aka The Great Thaw-Out? The color green starts to burst forth from nature's palette. For those who live in pine country I suppose green is always present, but to me the green of springtime is richer and more vibrant than that of evergreen trees. Optimism swells, for all the things one might hope or plan to do, during the time of warmer (Continued Page 2)



**TWO SCHOOL RECORDS BROKEN:** At the Wellington Track Meet on March 4, 2021, Hesston Marshall broke the school records in both 400 yard dash and 200 yard dash with a 49 sec and 21 sec respectively. These records were previously held by his dad, Mark (left) and Kelly Aderholt (right).



**Hosp.** (from Page 1)

PRAYER: Janie VanZandt, Vice-Chairman, called the meeting to order at 6:01 p.m. with Jace Henderson offering a prayer.

2. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS: DECEMBER 21, 2020: Lisa Mahler made a motion to approve the minutes of the December 21, 2020, meeting. Marla Ford seconded the motion; vote was unanimous.

3. EMS REPORT: Ray Jennings reported that North Wheeler County Ambulance has seen a 29% increase in call volume with the team responding to 310 calls from January 1, 2020 to December 31, 2020. He will be traveling to Houston to pick up cardiac monitor mounts to be used in the ambulances. They are being donated by Children's Hospital. Ray will continue to evaluate equipment and report back to the board.

4. CNO/MAINTENANCE REPORT:

a. Patient Census - Cecil Gaither reviewed the patient census sheet with the board, indicating an increase due to COVID-19 vaccinations.

b. COVID vaccine - Cecil reported that Parkview Hospital and the Rural Health Clinic both received 100 doses each and have given vaccinations to patients. They are waiting on additional vaccine shipments.

c. Fire Door repairs - Cecil reported that Phase 2 repairs were completed. He received an email that the replacement doors (near the ER) have been shipped. Fire Door Solutions will be installing the doors.

5. PAYMENT OF BILLS: Jace indicated that all bills have been paid.

6. FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND STATISTICS:

a. Cares Act Checks - Jace reported that all filings have been done, and he will be submitting the remainder of the expenses.

b. Vitros - Budget Add -



The Wheeler ISD was excited to see the Amarillo Bulls Hockey players on campus. The players spoke to the students about the importance of nutrition, sleep, and exercise. They also demonstrated how to play hockey and had audience participation. The Wheeler Mustangs are excited to cheer for the Amarillo Bulls this season. The Wheeler second graders are shown here with the hockey players.

Jace stated that the lab is being fitted for the addition of the Vitros machine.

c. X-ray Room - Budget Add - Jace stated that the X-ray equipment (table + ceiling + viewing) is being replaced by DR Gym equipment for \$138,000, including a good service contract. We are moving away from GE equipment.

d. Ionix Proposal - Due to a company buyout and licensing changes, Ionix has stated that we will have to redo our IT support system inside the hospital. It will cost approximately \$19,000; however, Ionix will be resubmitting a bid. We will have the same access points and same switches throughout the hospital.

e. Resolution - RCM Proposal - RCM does revenue cycle management in order to improve billing. They will be looking as far back as one year on our old billing accounts to see what they might be able to collect. They will be providing some training for

Keisha in cash acceleration, and they also will negotiate contracts with our providers.

f. PPP - Forgiveness - Happy State Bank has indicated that our loan is forgiven.

g. Pathway - Transition to VoIP - We will transition our phone system to VoIP. Our fax situation is not good with the present phone system. It will initially cost \$3000, but our Windstream bill will decrease \$800/month.

7. INVESTMENTS: Currently, there are three CD's at the First State Bank of Mobeetie totaling \$1,096,317.53.

8. APPROVE BAD DEBT AND CHARITY WRITE-OFFS: After board members reviewed the report, Lisa Mahler made a motion to approve the bad debt and charity write-offs. Marla Ford seconded the motion. Vote was unanimous.

9. QAPI: The board reviewed and discussed the report.

10. OLD BUSINESS: a. THT Board workshop discussion - A virtual THT board workshop will be held on April 5, 2021, from 5-8 pm. The board members selected Reputational Reliability as the topic for in-depth training.

b. Board Virtual Education recording - Roy has completed the training.

11. NEW BUSINESS:

a. New Board member installation policy - Monica presented the new policy statement to the board for approval. Lisa Mahler made a motion to approve the policy. Marla Ford seconded the motion; vote was unanimous. Monica will add it to the Board Policy Handbook that she is compiling.

b. Conflict of interest - The conflict of interest board policy was presented and discussed. Lisa Mahler made a motion to approve the Conflict of Interest policy. Marla Ford seconded the motion; vote was unanimous. Board members signed conflict of interest forms and acknowledgement forms.

c. Consent Agenda - The board discussed the purpose of a consent agenda and agreed to add this to our board meeting agenda. The items to be placed in the consent agenda portion will include the minutes, payment of bills, bad debt and charity write-off report, QAPI, and investments. Any item may be moved from the consent agenda to the regular agenda for further discussion and/or action.

d. Board Orientation Checklist - Monica presented a list

of topics to the board related to board orientation. She discussed Organizational charts with the board. Each month, she will be presenting educational information for the board. Monica indicated that Dr. Williams resigned, giving only a 2-week notice. CI Health Group has been hired to help search for a new doctor. There is a \$12,000 procurement fee for advertising resources plus an interview fee of \$2,000 for every pre-authorized on-site candidate interview. The interview fees will be deducted from the Contingent Placement Fee of \$20,000 when a final contract is signed. Parkview Hospital needs to put in the last mile of fiber, and we will not be using Windstream because of too many problems. We will be working with Fiberlight and Avera Care for \$600/month to support our medical staff.

e. Adverse Legal Action Questionnaire - Three of the board members have given their information and



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answered questions prior to the meeting. Lisa Mahler completed her questionnaire. Roger Brown still needs to complete it.

f. Memorial Plaque - Monica will be ordering a memorial plaque to place on the building representing the new construction and remodeling of the hospital. She presented information with the names of the members on the board when the bond was passed

(2014) and when the building was completed (2018). The board members recommended that she talk to the company for a suggestion on what is customary. The plaque will cost \$718.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None.  
ADJOURNMENT: The meeting adjourned at 8:17 p.m. The next regular board meeting will be on Monday, February 15, 2021, at 6 p.m.

**Wheeler County COURT RECORDS**

List of instruments filed in the Wheeler County Clerk's office from March 8, 2021 to March 12, 2021.

MARCH 8, 2021  
DEED-Paul Hathaway to Anthony Dickey, et ux, 2-27-21, 2 acs out of NE/4 Sec. 76, Blk. A-5, H&GN Ry. Company Survey, Surface Only.  
QCMD-MDM Farm and Minerals LLC to Lynn Miller Nichols LLC, 2-25-21, Undivided 1/4 Interest in N/2 Sec 36, Blk. 23, H&GN Ry. Company Survey.  
MD-Brady Meadows (Estate) to John Stephen Meadows, et al, 1-20-21, Sec. 12, Blk. A-8, H&GN Ry. Company Survey.  
RDT-Wellington State Bank to Wendell Clifton Morgan, et ux, 2-18-21, See Instrument.  
ROW-George Wendell Cantrell to Greenbelt Electric Cooperative Inc., 2-12-21, N/2

**Merely** (from Page 1)

weather. It is a bit of a foolish optimism, one that is present and strong before it is blunted by the inevitable pounding on the psyche that the seemingly-endless summer heat delivers; nevertheless, that optimism seems to return each year, as an answer to and rebirth from the winter past, and a defiant challenge to the summer forthcoming. For me it is this psychological effect that causes March to be so attractive. I even am pleased that the month begins with the letter "M", and my joy has not much to do with that letter, as I don't at all extend such fond sentiment to the month of May.

So March is here, though halfway over - with all its plans and aspirations, sunshine and optimism. It will also greet us with wind, screaming at us to hold on to our hats. I'll abide by that mandate - I've not yet found a hat that will stay put otherwise.

Sec. 11, Blk. A-7, H&GN Ry. Company Survey.  
MEMORANDUM ROW-Mills Family Land Partnership LLLP to MidCoast Pipelines (Texas Gathering) LP, 2-1-21, Pt. SE/4 Sec. 17, Blk. A-7, H&GN Ry. Company Survey.  
HEIRSHIP AFF.-Margaret JoAnn Clifton, et al to William Gordon Clifton, 2-2-21, Undivided 50% Interest in Lot 5 & 35' of Lot 6, Blk. 70, Woodley's Southside Addition, Shamrock.  
DT-Calle W. Holwick, et al to Herring Bank, 2-23-21, SE/4 & Pt. NE/4 Sec. 60, Blk. 23, H&GN Ry. Company Survey.  
HEIRSHIP AFF.-Gary Lewis, et al to Ronald Jay Lewis, 2-8-21, 100' x 300' of SW/4 Sec. 5, Blk. A-4, H&GN Ry. Company Survey.  
C/C PROBATE-Joan L. Kuhne to Ex Parte, 1-21-21.

MARCH 9, 2021  
RDT-Deutsche Bank Trust Company to NGL Water Solutions Permian LLC, 2-4-21, 8 acs. out of Sec. 1, H&GN Ry. Company Survey, Certificate #5/720.

AMENDMENT of DEED of (Continued Page 3)

**Storm** (from Page 1)

stays safe and we can all be back together.

I love Spring Break because I can sleep late. I can enjoy being outside and checking on the new calves. We saw our first Monarch Butterfly.

We had storms that I didn't like. Now we may have snow again. The weather is crazy.

I am so excited for Hesston Marshall. He broke his dad's track record! Good job Hesston! That's it!

The pedestrian light on the corner beeps when it's safe to cross the street.

I was crossing with an 'intellectually challenged' co-worker of mine.

She asked if I knew what the beeper was for.

I explained that it signals blind people when the light is red.

Appalled, she responded, 'what on earth are blind people doing driving?'

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**FINISHING TOUCHES:** The asphalt was pressed into place last Thursday, as the finishing touches are added to the Texas Street Sidewalk Project.

## Court (from Page 2)

**TRUST**-Amber Hoerauf Trust to Lone Star State Bank of West Texas, 1-2-21, See Instrument.

**AMENDMENT** of DEED of TRUST-Matthew Hoerauf Trust to Lone Star State Bank of West Texas, 1-2-21, See Instrument.

**DISCLAIMER** of INTEREST-Joseph B. Neuhoff, et al to The Public, 2-2-21, See Instrument.

**MARCH 10, 2021**

**MD**-Geraldine S. Johnston to Purple Gazelle LLC, 2-26-21, Mineral Interest in SW/4 SW/4 & E/2 SW/4 Sec. 26, Blk. 17, H&GN Ry. Company Survey. **DEED**-Kenneth Edmond McCasland to Layne McCasland, et ux, 2-25-21, 8.90 acs. out of SW/4 Sec. 8, Blk. E, T&NO Ry. Company Survey; Reserves Life Estate.

**CORR.** DVL-Misti D. Tucker to Brandon Curtis, 2-26-21, Lot 4, Blk. 2, Parklane Estates, Wheeler.

**MARCH 11, 2021**

**DEED**-David Lopez to Eddie Lopez, 3-10-21, 16.52 acs. & 37.15 acs. both out of 162.15 acs. out of Sec. 56, Blk. 17, H&GN Ry. Company Survey. **RELEASE** of LIEN-Apollo MedFlight LLC to Robert S. McLeod, 2-12-20.

**RELEASE** of FEDERAL TAX LIEN-United State of America to Christie Evans, 2-17-21.

**DEED**-Floy Torres Estrada to Randal Lee, 1-4-21, Lots 5-8, Blk. IV, Romans Addition, Shamrock.

**MARCH 12, 2021**

**DEED**-Loretta Sue Grayson Eslinger Moncean to Wayne Zybach, 3-5-21, NE/4 Sec. 32, Blk. R.E., Roberts & Eddleman Survey, Surface Only. **PARTIAL RDT**-Capital Farm Credit ACA to Malcolm P. Sides, et ux, 3-12-21, 78.20 acs. out of E/2 Sec. 16, Blk. A-8, H&GN Ry. Company

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**Survey.** DEED-Sides Family Trust to Leland R. Sharpes and Jocelyn B. Sharpes Living Trust, 3-11-21, 78.20 acs. out of E/2 Sec. 16, Blk. A-8, H&GN Ry. Company Survey. **RDT**-Amarillo National Bank to John G. Ross, et ux, 3-4-21,

1.62 acs. out of Sec. 7, Blk. R.E., Roberts & Eddleman Survey. **DISTRIBUTION ASSIGN. & CONVEY.**-Hill Energy Company to Hill & Hill Production Company, et al, 2-26-21, See Instrument.

## Essential Workers Continue Working

Xcel Energy is dedicating this week to celebrating its essential frontline workers who have kept the lights on for customers throughout the COVID-19 pandemic.

During this challenging time more than 6,000 Xcel Energy employees have continued doing their essential work in service centers, power generating plants and in the field without missing a beat.

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"I am so pleased that we are celebrating the dedication and commitment of our essential frontline workers," said Ben Fowke, chairman and CEO of Xcel Energy. "At a time when many of us have had the ability to work safely from home, our essential frontline workers have adjusted to new COVID-19 protocols and continued to deliver electricity and natural gas services to our customers and communities when they've needed it most."

"We appreciate our essential frontline workers every day, but this year we are thrilled to publicly thank them and honor the fact that they have gone above and beyond to deliver for the company and our customers during this very challenging time," said Bob Frenzel, president and COO of Xcel Energy.

In Xcel Energy's Texas-New Mexico territory, work continued unabated on several critical projects that have made



**SEVERE WORKING CONDITIONS:** This is a photo taken last month of Mike Harz, instrument working foreman at Xcel Energy's Harrington Generating Station northeast of Amarillo, removing ice and snow from an ash silo at the Harrington plant during Winter Storm Uri.

the grid stronger and more capable to serve an economy that continues to grow. In December 2020, the company placed the 522-megawatt Sagamore Wind Project in (Continued Page 4)

## Oil & Gas NEWS

Week of March 1-7, 2021  
Intents to Drill  
**OCHILTREE (PERRYTON, FINGER; WILDCAT)** Courson Oil & Gas, Inc., #2020 Haywood, (640 acres) 960' FEL & 1330' FSL, Sec 20, Blk 11, W Ahrenbeck & Bro Surv, A-1024, 0.5 mi NW from Perryton TD 8891', (sgd. Zach Heflin 806-435-2910) Vertical Recompletion  
Gas Completions  
None  
Oil Completions  
None

## Chat (from Page 1)

day and 016" Saturday, according to Ken Daughtry.

— cwe —

I took advantage of the nice weather Wednesday and loaded a trailer with branches and twigs from our ice storm earlier. Leroy and Stormie came in Thursday and we hauled the third trailer load of limbs to the dump.

— cwe —

Barbara helped Thursday and we are now ready for the yard to be sprayed.

— cwe —

Hopefully we are through with the ice storms this year.

— cwe —

Finishing touches are being done on the sidewalk project. I will admit it looks nice.

— cwe —

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Across  
1. Eyebrow shape  
5. Rand McNally book  
10. Stadium souvenirs  
14. Gross weight deduction  
15. Groom's need  
16. Creme cookie  
17. Ticket info, maybe

Down  
42. Tiny particle  
43. Common thing?  
44. Booty  
45. Santa's ride  
47. Common shoe size

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18. Nightclub charge  
19. Imminent  
20. Black ink item  
22. Disapprove  
24. Go to bed  
26. Theater platform  
27. Tidy  
29. Bowl with a lid  
33. Goombah  
36. It's put on a pedestal  
40. Cover

48. Kind of block  
50. Bakery product  
52. Offer one's two cents  
55. An authoritative command  
59. Airstrip illumination  
63. Wetsuit wearer  
64. Crazy as a  
65. Normal  
67. Learning method  
68. Unpopular spots  
69. Man with a mission

70. Scrape, as the knee  
71. Curds and  
72. Winter forecast  
73. Keep an eye on

Down  
1. Perfume  
2. Worker's demand  
3. Procter & Gamble brand  
4. Arising from this matter  
5. 1970 Jackson 5 hit  
6. Walked over  
7. Video game stock  
8. Skillful  
9. Cut notches in  
10. Become pregnant  
11. "Diamonds \_\_\_ Girl's Best Friend"  
12. Kind of moss  
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Nicholas Sparks,  
Jamie Lira,  
Tori Halterman,  
Jenna Helton,  
Rosy Gonzalez,  
Samantha Ramirez,  
Sydney Smith,  
Bryce Richardson,  
Marcis Herrera  
and DJ Olivas.

**STAGE CREW:**  
Houston Hardcastle,  
Jesse Sierra,  
Davis Uribe  
and Brett Brittain.

John Bratton, Director.

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## Fort Elliott Juniors, Seniors & Dates Attending Prom ...



Fort Elliott's Juniors and Seniors had an amazing prom with a lot of handsome men and beautiful ladies. Prom was held on March 6, 2021 in the Wheeler AgriLife Center with a Starry Night theme. **Juniors Class** with their dates: (front row, l. to r.) Savanna Sims, Maddie Ford, Jazmine Henley, Brooklyn Buckingham, Lindi Rose, Molly Meek, Sydney Hughes, Riley Sims, (middle) Gavin Duffey, Lane Self, Gavin McDowell, Tyler York, Jacob Forward, Gatlin Goad, Garrett McDonald, Roper Pigg and (back) Tyrel York.



**Senior Class** with their dates: (front row, l. to r.) Audra Reeder, Madison Swearingim, Kaylee Ford, Molly Meek, Madison Moffett, Kinley Laverty, Lashayla Anderton, Marilyn Lopez de Lara, Karina Ortega, (back) Coy Calvert, Bryce Richardson, Travis Reeves, Gatlin Goad, Jarique Mitchell, Marshall Meininger, Gavin Boydston, Boone Begert and Brian Lopez de Lara.

## Xcel (from Page 3)

service that is delivering tens of millions of dollars in fuel cost savings annually, and several key transmission links and new substations were completed in both states in the past 12 months.

"Our essential employees have done a great service for their communities," said David Hudson, president, Xcel Energy - New Mexico, Texas. "On top of the major grid enhancement projects they completed, they worked through extreme heat during the summer and two historic winter storms since October to keep the power flowing."

Throughout the week, Xcel Energy is hosting COVID-safe events in each of the eight states it serves, providing essential workers with free meals and special thanks for their dedicated service during this time.

## NRCS (from Page 1)

submit applications to their local NRCS office by April 9, to ensure their applications are considered for 2021 funding. The 2018 Farm Bill authorizes NRCS to accept new CSP enrollments from now until 2023, and it made some changes to the program. These updates include:

- NRCS now enrolls eligible, high-ranking applications based on dollars rather than acres. NRCS covers part of the cost for producers implementing new conservation activities and maintaining their existing activities.

- Higher payment rates are now available for certain conservation activities, including cover crops and resource conserving crop rotations.

- CSP now provides specific support for organic and for transitioning-to-organic production activities and a special grassland conservation initiative for certain producers who have maintained cropland base acres.

- New tools help producers better evaluate their conservation options and determine whether they are meeting stewardship thresholds.