

The Legend, Johnson honored at chamber banquet

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The annual Shamrock Chamber of Commerce banquet was held Saturday, April 22 at the Community Center.

Once again, many community members came out to celebrate their friends and neighbors that were honored with recognition awards as well as to just have a great time together.

Pat Gomez with Tex-Mex BBQ catered a wonderful barbeque meal of pulled pork, sausage, cole slaw, potato salad, beans and some delicious cobbler to top it off.

The entertainment was wonderful as always with dancers from The Rock, the cheer team from The Rock, dancer Abby O'Gorman as well as singers, Russell Killingsworth, Mickey Cannon, Nathan Mason and Mark Howard and Judity McQuay playing several musical pieces.

A silent auction table was set up with many items that local businesses donated to help raise funds for the Chamber.

A special table was also set up with a money tree to help ranchers and farmers that have gone through such a horrific loss in the fires that occurred in March.

First responders were also on the Chamber's mind this year as they wanted to especially honor them and show appreciation for all the hard work they put in to keep our community safe.

Awards that were given out included: Business of the Year, Legends 92.9 radio station (Gary Ware and Jim Turbeville), Man of the Year - Wayne Johnson, Woman of the Year - Shirley Johnson, Non-Profit Business of the Year - Shamrock First Responders, Heritage Award - Myrtle Stages, Elementary Teacher of the Year - Pam Prescott, Junior High Teacher of the Year - Teresa Howard, High School Teacher of the Year - Laramie Jernigan, Elementary Student of the Year - Gatlin Guy, Junior High Student of the Year - Aubrey Dixon, and High School Student of the Year - Jay Bhakta.

Those that were honored are highly deserving of praise for being outstanding members of the community.

Everyone that came to the banquet had a great time and the Chamber looks forward to next year's banquet.



STAR-NEWS PHOTO/Michaëlle Walden
Shirley Johnson received the Woman of the Year Award. Mayor **Buc Weatherby** is pictured with Shirley. Shirley also accepted the Man of the Year award for her husband, **Wayne Johnson**, who was unable to attend.



STAR-NEWS PHOTO/Michaëlle Walden
The Chamber of Commerce business of the year recipient was Legends 92.9 radio station, **Gary Ware** and **Jim Turbeville**. The two are pictured with **Connie Walden**, Shamrock Chamber of Commerce president.

Wheeler supports clean up day



COURTESY PHOTO

More than one hundred community members came out Saturday to help with the Chamber clean-up project for Wheeler.

From Staff Reports

The Wheeler Chamber of Commerce sponsored a community wide clean-up on Saturday, April 22 to help the community with projects all around town.

The cold and windy day didn't stop over 100 Wheeler citizens from showing up early on Saturday morning to gather and break up into teams under the direction of Chamber president Debbie Finsterwald and Chamber Director Kristen Moudy.

Moudy says, "Because of over 100+ of you caring enough about others, we were able to pick up on our highways, take care of a disabled person's major tree limb issues, paint, mow, and spray down the playground equipment at the park,

pick up a gazillion flowers and trash to clean up the cemetery, help out a family that does so much behind the scenes work for our community - just by picking up trash and limbs on a lot, clean up the museum, school streets, ag barn, and last but definitely not least - start putting life back into our Tom Britt Memorial Park. We know it's going to be an amazing asset for our kids now and in the future. Way to show up, Wheeler, Texas, and make a difference. Every step you took today to help is a necessary improvement! Until next time - and yes, we've still got work to do - thank you from the bottom of my heart. I'm so very grateful."

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Shamrock EDC releases statement on theater

By JEFF BLACKMON
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Monday evening, the Shamrock Economic Development Corporation (SEDC) released a statement regarding its decision not to renew the lease of the Texas Theater with its current operators, David and Georgann Rion.

The release states:

The Shamrock Economic Development Corporation (EDC) is committed to making the Texas Theater a fixture in Shamrock for years to come. The EDC is excited that Mike and Michaëlle Walden and her family are going to be taking over daily operations of the theater starting in May. The Shamrock EDC has been the owner of the theater for more than a decade and has invested nearly \$170,000 in the theater since 2010, including a state-of-the-art, digital projection system and updated seating. In 2015, the Shamrock EDC purchased a more than \$30,000 new neon sign for the Texas Theater making it a "must see" during the evening in Shamrock. The Shamrock EDC and The City of Shamrock are dedicated to making movie watching in Shamrock one of its amenities in Shamrock for years to come.

News broke of the decision last Wednesday, and the City of Shamrock and Shamrock EDC met in a closed meeting Monday afternoon at the Shamrock

City Hall Annex. The meeting was only an informational meeting and no action was on the agenda.

The Shamrock EDC has been the owner of the theater for many years and has employed several other operators in the past including Kenneth and Judy Campbell, Richard and Shanda Hall, Shane and Misty Everett and Joey and Sarah Pace.

Shamrock EDC Director Larry Clonts released the following itemized statement of the most recent work done to the Texas Theater, all of which was paid for by the Shamrock EDC.

1. Upgrade equipment to allow digital and 3D movies. **\$78,954**
 2. Restroom repairs. **\$761**
 3. Roof and drainage repair. **\$3,393**
 4. Sealing rear wall **\$5,040**
 5. Guttering and flashing to eliminate water leakage **\$2,900**
 6. New seats installed **\$22,677**
 7. Light fixtures converted to LED **\$1,087**
 8. Paid almost **\$30,000** to have custom exterior sign designed and installed.
 9. Façade of the Theater painted (George Dodgen) **\$2,900**
 10. Replaced both A/C Units and major upgrades **\$16,320**
 11. B&G Electric upgraded the interior electrical wiring to meet code. **\$5,117**
 12. Spent \$3,393 to have the sign connected.
- Total spent by Shamrock EDC - **\$169,149**

Genealogy Society asks council for help

Shamrock Genealogy Society Members Priscilla Vermillion, Rody Lummus, Jo Ann Andrews, Myrtle Stages, Connie Knoll and Mildred Barefoot were in attendance at the Shamrock City Council's April 17 meeting to ask the council to consider paying \$2,500 towards the cost of headstones for unmarked graves in the Shamrock Cemetery.

The council said it would look at ways to help them raise the money for headstones. There are approximately 98 unmarked graves at Shamrock Cemetery.

UNAPPROVED MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE SHAMROCK CITY COUNCIL HELD APRIL 17, 2017 IN THE CITY HALL ANNEX, 114 WEST 2ND, SHAMROCK, TEXAS

MEMBERS PRESENT: Mayor Buc Weatherby, Mayor Pro-Tem Robert Riley, Alderwoman Jamie Daberry, Alderwoman Sherry Palmer, Alderwoman Christie Evans, and Alderman Michael

Throckmorton.

OTHERS PRESENT: City Manager David Rushing, EDC Director Larry Clonts, Jo Ann Andrews, Kate Egner, Lynn Ramsey, Cathy Ramsey, Mildred Barefoot, Priscilla Vermillion, Wanda Parker, Connie Knoll, Belinda Beck, Myrtle Stages, Rody Lummus, and Annette Walden.

With a quorum of the City Council Members present Mayor Weatherby called the regular meeting of the Shamrock City Council to order at 6:00 p.m. Invocation was given by Robert Riley.

Wanda Parker addressed the council about the old depot not being turned into a museum. Instead she would like to see the City use it to create revenue; Wanda asked the council to explore the idea of holding trade days there once a month.

Lynn Ramsey was asked to hold his comments until Item 8 was reached for discussion.

Robert Riley made a motion, seconded by Sherry Palmer to accept the minutes as written. The

motion passed: 5 votes for, 0 votes against.

Sherry Palmer made a motion to accept the monthly bills as presented. Michael Throckmorton seconded the motion. The motion passed: 5 votes for, 0 votes against.

At this time, Mayor Weatherby moved item 8 of the agenda to item 5.

City Manager Rushing went over the 2nd quarter investments with the council. Robert Riley made a motion to accept this quarter's investment report. Michael Throckmorton seconded the motion. The motion passed: 5 votes for, 0 votes against.

After discussion on midyear budget adjustments Michael Throckmorton made a motion to table approval until May's meeting. Jamie Daberry seconded. The motion passed: 5 votes for, 0 votes against.

Sherry Palmer made a motion to reapprove the Cities Investment Policy. Robert Riley made the second. The motion passed: 5 votes for, 0 votes

against.

After discussion and hearing Lynn Ramsey comments on down town parking. Jamie Daberry made a motion to do away with the two hour limit on down town parking. Christie Evans seconded the motion. The motion passed: 5 votes for, 0 votes against.

Lynn also addressed the Cities drainage problem with the council.

Sherry Palmer made a motion to accept variance for Mc Donald's remodel, Christie Evans made the second. The motion passed: 5 votes for, 0 votes against.

City Manager Rushing presented bids for this years' seal coat project to the council.

- Holmes Construction \$232,454.26
- G & G Operators \$179,287.39
- Fuquay, Inc. \$170,520.08

After reviewing and discussion bids Sherry Palmer made the motion to accept the bid from

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