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W.C. jail inmate found unresponsive dies

The Texas Rangers are investigating the death of a man who was found unresponsive in the Wood County Jail Thursday afternoon and later died at a Tyler hospital.

The Wood County Sher-

Sharp was jailed on family violence charge

iff's Office stated in a press release that Robert Sharp, 69, of Holly Lake Ranch was found unresponsive at 3:23 p.m. Thursday when detention officers

were conducting routine 30-minute security checks of the separation cells in Wood County Jail.

The sheriff's office release stated the jail medi-

cal staff and detention officers immediately began efforts to revive Sharp and emergency medical services personnel were summoned.

EMS arrived at the jail and transported Sharp,

accompanied by a detention officer, to East Texas Medical Center Hospital in Quitman. Sharp was later flown to ETMC in Tyler by helicopter.

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Robert Sharp

QUITMAN DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION Restoration, growth key to progress

By LARRY TUCKER

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The Quitman Development Corporation (QDC) continues to move forward with progress on downtown restoration and business growth in the city.

QDC Executive Director Denea Hudman reports businesses are thriving and investors are interested in what is going on downtown.

"I have had calls from interested investors who are showing interest in coming to Quitman. We are excited about what is going on downtown. Hans Hanson will begin the debris removal and remediation at the old Democrat and Ramsey buildings when the heat of August subsides," Hudman said. "Once that is done, people will actually be able to see progress being done. We are on schedule with our

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ALBA CITY COUNCIL

Housing inspection ordinance draws fire

By LARRY TUCKER

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The fireworks started early and continued throughout the evening in the two-and-half-hour marathon Alba City Council meeting last week. From the opening public comments to the final adjournment, the air was thick with tension in the overflow crowd crammed into council chambers.

Addressing the council during the public forum concerning an ordinance establishing regulations for inspecting properties were Don Ellis, James "Rusty" Sherwood and Clay Hass, who are each rental property owners.

Ellis believed the ordinance was not clear. "This is about the longevity of Alba. I am addressing the adoption of an ordinance requiring inspections of

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REUNION JAM SESSION



Old Settlers Reunion Association President Joe Wayne Reynolds got into the act Saturday night singing "Working Man Blues" with the band, Midnite Drive. (Photo by Larry Tucker)

Hot licks, cold drinks and warm nights at Old Settlers

By LARRY TUCKER

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Little Miss Dogwood Addison Glidewell welcomed the crowd to Friday night activities at the Old Settlers Reunion.

The 114th Old Settlers Reunion is now a part of the annual events history. Hand held fans provided by Peoples and the Quitman Band Boosters and cold drinks and lemonade were in large demand during the four-day event.

"It was great to have a local organization back, the Quitman Band Boosters, to cook hamburgers and the Quitman Rotary Club still involved this year with the chicken sandwiches. It was also really good to have the Boy Scouts involved selling the cold drinks," Old Settler Reunion Association Treasurer Keith Haisten said. "The Kiwanis had another good year with Bingo and we are happy and thankful for those who came out to support our efforts."

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Hensarling details latest congressional efforts at meet

Wood County residents came to the Mineola City Hall on Thursday for a town hall meeting hosted by U.S. Congressman Jeb Hensarling. It was an opportunity to get an update on what's happen-

ing in Congress and for East Texans to ask the Congressman questions about the issues they care about.

Congressman Hensarling focused his congressional update on his efforts in Washington to roll back job-killing regulation and re-establish the constitutional balance of power between the executive and legislative branches of government.

"Our democracy requires that the nation's laws be made by representatives who are elected by the people," said Hensarling. "The modern regulatory state flips this constitutional logic on its head, severing the line of electoral accountability and consent

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Stopping job-killing regulation, pushing Wall Street reform top priorities



US Congressman Hensarling speaks to Wood County residents during a town hall meeting. (Monitor photo by Evan Dudley)

Kiwanis Club hosts Back-to-School Bash

The Mineola Kiwanis Club hosted a back-to-school bash Saturday from 9-11 a.m. at the First United Methodist Church Ministries Cen-

ter. Pre-kindergarten through fifth grade students attending Mineola and Alba-Golden

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Community, school groups on hand to offer information booths

Members of the Mineola Kiwanis Club cooked and served hot dogs for parents and children Saturday at the back-to-school bash held at the First United Methodist Church Ministries Center. (Photo by Evan Dudley)



HELPING HANDS

Church makes donation to local school band

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Falling tree knocks out lights

Another falling tree is blamed for an electrical outage that not only put 468 residents in the dark but resulted in the cancellation of a play in Mineola Saturday evening.

There was no storm or high wind of note occurring Saturday when the lights went out.

According to Southwestern Electric Power Company public information officer Scott McCloud the outage was reported at 6:49 p.m. The report was that a tree fell outside the power company's right-of-way in the vicinity of Front and South Streets "behind the propane company."

The falling tree broke eight cross arms and necessitated the calling out of a construction crew for repairs.

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Whether it's your first home or your 10th home, there are certain steps you need to take so that you're prepared when you find the perfect place.

GET PREQUALIFIED

There is nothing worse for buyers than finding a house they love and not being able to purchase it. It normally doesn't cost anything to find out how much you qualify for, and shouldn't take much time to get a pre-qualification. With just a little information, a lender can usually get you started within 24 hours. You are not obligated to that lender, and after completing this step, can know from day one of your home search what price home to look for, what rate you will likely receive and what an estimated payment would be for that priced home.

DECIDE WHERE YOU WANT TO LIVE!

It is a great idea to do a little homework on where you want to live. Do you want a rural area or the city? Is school district important to you? If you are able, before scheduling appointments, drive around the areas you have narrowed down. Do trial runs to locations that are important to you. This might prove more difficult if you are coming in from out of town, but a good REALTOR® will help you narrow down your search by asking you all of these questions.

MAKE A LIST OF "MUST HAVES" AND STICK WITH IT!

How many bedrooms do you "have" to have? If it's 4, don't put 2 bedrooms home on your search list. If you want move in ready, don't put a fixer upper on your list. Determine your minimum square footage needs. If it's 2500 square feet, why would you want to look at a home that's 1500 square feet. If you stick to your list, your search will be much less daunting and you will be better satisfied with your choice.

DO YOU NEED TO SELL YOUR EXISTING HOME BEFORE YOU CAN BUY?

It's a seller's market right now and many homes are selling quickly. Contingency contracts (purchase contracts that require the buyer to sell a home first) are not ideal but can work if done correctly. Many sellers will not entertain a contingency unless the buyer's home is already under contract. Before you spend time shopping, you should meet with a REALTOR® regarding your home sale. If you find a house to buy and your home is not yet listed, you need to at least already know what you are going to list it for, how much you expect to net from the sale and how quickly it will take to sell. If you have projects/repairs to complete before selling, those things should take priority before home-shopping so you can "pull the trigger" quickly on your home sale as soon as you have found the one you want to buy.

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Tucker's Turf

By Larry Tucker



My foundations as a person have deep roots in Wood County, particularly Quitman and Mineola. The merger of the *Wood County Democrat* and *Mineola Monitor* makes me feel like I have come full circle.

On the Tucker side, my grandparents George and Artie Tucker, lived just east of Mineola on Martin Bridge Road on land where the curve turns north as you come to the Mineola Youth Foundation Park. On my mom's side, the clan of Fred and Mary Stedry lived about seven miles down Martin Bridge Road.

My folks moved to Dallas when they married and my Dad, Clent Tucker, went to work at Ford Motor Company. We settled in southeast Dallas in the Pleasant Grove community as my *Democrat* readers are well aware. It is amazing at all the "Grove Rats," who reside in Wood County. As a matter of fact, most of my neighborhood friends in the Grove had East Texas ties.

As a youngster, we spent most every weekend in East Texas, usually at the Tuckers first and then on down the road to the Stedry farm. One of the first Quitman-Mineola rivalry

stories I ever heard was from my Dad. It seems the Tuckers were living around the Hainesville area and the Tucker boys, Clent and Glenn, were both excellent athletes. Back in those days, school district lines and UIL rules were quite a bit looser that they are today. Mineola wanted the Tucker brothers to come and play football, while Quitman sought them to come play basketball.

At that time in 1939-40, Quitman did not yet have a football program. An anonymous benefactor in Quitman offered the brothers a Model-T Ford if they would come play in Quitman so they would have a way to school and to get home after ball games. That's how my dad and uncle became Quitman Bulldogs and a part of the 1939-40 Wood County champions winning over 40 games that season.

The first time I saw a Mineola football game was at Williams Stadium in Garland where the Jackets fell in a state playoff game to Jacksboro in the early 1960s. I kept up with the Quitman Bulldogs in the *Democrat* when my cousins Bill and David Savage played in the 1970s. My folks moved to Quit-

man in 1977 after Dad retired from Ford. My children, Cory and Carley, went first through 12th grades in Quitman and graduated from Quitman High School. I have covered Quitman sports off and on since the 1980s either at the *Democrat* or doing football broadcasts on KMOO.

It was in Mineola in 1960 or 1961 I learned a couple of valuable life lessons. At the end of a baseball season my Yankees team got to go on a real road trip. My dad got us a game in Mineola and we came down to spend the night and play a Mineola team.

We played a team in an age bracket just above us, but we just knew there was no way those Mineola "farm boys" could beat us city kids. The lesson I learned that particular day was in humility. The Mineola team trounced us badly, something like 20-2. I learned to keep my mouth shut, just play ball, and have respect for every opponent.

That night, we were staying in a motel east of town, the Pine something or other. Back then, cokes were six cents. You had to put a nickel and penny in the machine and pull a lever as a bottle of coke came out the slot.

One of my teammates found a way to hold the lever just right and the cokes just kept coming after the first six cents went in. We were able to get everyone of the team a coke that night for a total of six cents.

The next morning, I was bragging to my dad about how we had done such a great job of getting everyone a drink for such a cheap price. Before I knew it, big Clent had little Larry in the motel office apologizing and paying the man about a dollar for all those cokes we pilfered.

Dad said what we did was stealing and I had thought it was simply ingenuity. I did learn you don't take another person's property just because it is easy to do, it's still cheating and it's still stealing.

My roots are in Wood County and I am proud to be here. Yes, we have joined together, the *Democrat* and the *Monitor*. We have become one. I am embracing the challenge and hope to continue working hard to bring the entire county news they need and want. It's the dawn of a new day in local journalism and we plan to be on the forefront.

For me, coming full circle is going to be a good thing.

Guest Column

BY MECHELE AGBAYANI MILLS

Shopping smart for the upcoming school year

Tax Free Weekend is just around the corner and many parents are gearing up for their annual back to school shopping spree. According to the National Retail Federation, shoppers are expected to spend \$75.8 billion.

Many families will soon be taking advantage of an abundance of back to school bargains but before crossing off the items on your shopping list, remember a little planning will go a long way.

The bureau advises consumers to consider the following before filling those backpacks with supplies:

Make a shopping list: If you don't know the exact school supply list, you should get an idea of school clothing and other school needs. Make a list for each child, but start by "shopping at home" for items that you may already have left over from last year. For some items, it's worth spending a bit more.

Take inventory: Families often have an endless supply of markers, crayons and notebooks around the house. Reusing these items can save

hundreds of dollars. Consider repackaging, sharpening and cleaning out used items before purchasing new ones.

Create a budget: Do a quick price search online for the items on your list. Be sure to clip coupons, make note of discount codes and any cash-back or rebate programs.

Set up email alerts at your favorite stores: Many websites have an informed community of savvy shoppers on their blog or in their forums who willingly share deals, exclusive

coupons, rebates and insider information on where and when to find the best prices, popular models and links to helpful resources. Keep a list of the companies with whom you subscribe and read privacy policies before providing them with subscription information.

Take advantage of discounts: Stores often offer student and teacher discounts on items like laptops and uniforms.

Know what your child's school allows: Schools will often provide parents with a list

of required items for the school year which can help determine what you need to purchase. These lists are also available at many retail stores and on school websites. Additionally, many schools have specific dress codes so keep these restrictions in mind before spending money on clothes the school may not allow.

Check for refund and exchange policies: Be sure you can exchange or return items purchased during this time period. Keep in mind some items may be non-refundable or have restocking fees associated with a return.

Be careful online: Online shoppers should be sure to avoid clicking on links or downloading attachments received in unsolicited emails and texts and remember to shop from trustworthy companies.

For more information about how to be a savvy consumer, go to bbb.org. To report fraudulent activity or unscrupulous business practices, please report it to bbb.org/scamtracker/east-texas or call the BBB hotline at 903-581-8373.



This Week in Your Neighborhood

- On Thursday at 10 a.m. the Mineola School District Advisory Council will meet in the school administration building on the District of Innovation Plan. Public input is welcome.
- There will be a blood drive Thursday from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Quitman Dairy Queen. Each donor will be in a drawing for Keith Urban tickets with a parking pass, one free night at the Omni Hotel and a \$50 food and beverage credit at the Omni. Plus, every donor will receive a free mini blizzard.
- On Thursday the Wood County Extension Service is hosting a Women's Health

- Program at St. Peter's Catholic Church on Meadowbrook Drive in Mineola. The program is from noon to 2 p.m.
- Texas High School Football begins this week with scrimmages in Alba-Golden, Mineola and Quitman. Alba-Golden will face Rains Saturday. Mineola will host Elysian Fields at 5 p.m. Friday and Hawkins will travel to Quitman to take on the Bulldogs at 5 p.m. Friday.
- The Mineola Farmers Market is still open. Squash, purple hull peas, okra, tomatoes, egg plant and peaches can still be found every Saturday morning from 8 a.m. to noon. It is located next to the train depot

- in Mineola.
- The First United Methodist Church in Mineola is hosting a fundraiser breakfast to benefit Bread of Life Ministries Saturday from 7-9:30 a.m. at the Ministries Center.
- On Sunday Military Moms meets at Holly Brook Baptist Church on Farm-to-Market 2869 at 5 p.m. The group meets the second Sunday.
- There will be a ribbon cutting Tuesday to celebrate the renovations at Mineola High School. The event is scheduled for 5 p.m. with open houses set for 5:30-7:30 p.m. both the high school and middle schools.

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HOT OFF THE PRESSES!



Volume 1, edition 1 of the *Wood County Monitor* arrived from the press in Kilgore last Tuesday afternoon and Greta Gustafson (above) was the first person to come in the Mineola office and pick up a copy. The paper is the merged version of the *Mineola Monitor* and the *Wood County Democrat*. (Photos by Larry Tucker and Doris Newman)



Arlis and Geneva Banks (below) pick up the first *Wood County Monitor* sold at the Quitman office. The Banks used to go there every Tuesday to buy both papers. Now, they just have to get a *Wood County Monitor* for all their news.



Monitor Advertising Manager Heather Trammell delivers copies of the new publication to Hannah Vandover at Mineola Memorial Library. Copies of the paper are donated each week to be used in an English as a second language class. For information on this class call the library at 903-569-2767.

Hawkins ISD eyeing rate to offset \$354 million property value loss

By TOMMY ANDERSON
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Residents of the Hawkins School District have seen property values drop by \$354,000,000, that's right \$354 million, in the last two years. As a result, one might expect a huge tax increase is in the offing for that small 760-student school district, but the picture is not as bleak as one might believe.

The Hawkins School Board held its regular monthly meeting Monday (August 1) and during a workshop on the budget tentatively set the tax rate for this year at \$1.34, an increase of 7 cents over the current rate of \$1.27. How much this hike will actually cost homeowners in Hawkins is not so big as it appears on the surface. If the proposed rate is approved at the Aug. 29 Hawkins board meeting, the owner of a home valued on the tax rolls at \$100,000 can expect taxes to increase, after taking the district's \$20,000 homestead exemption, by approximately \$56, or about \$4.67 per month. Breaking down that 1.34 tax rate the maintenance and operations portion remains the same at 1.04 while the interest and sinking fund portion of the tax jumps from 23 cents to 30 cents.

This Aug. 29 board meeting will stand in place of the regular September meeting, which would fall on Labor Day, Monday, Sept. 5.

The August meeting had a jam-packed agenda that for a few minutes appeared to be in jeopardy of not being attended to. At the posted meeting time of 7 p.m. only three board members were in the house, not enough to comprise a quorum so the meeting could be held. On hand at the posted time were Robbie White, Blake Warren and Ashley Conner. At 7:09 the meeting was called to order when Janice Vonner joined the group to form a quorum. Ed Tinnell also joined the group some time later,

leaving only Matthew Daws and Sam Hollingsworth as absentees for the session.

One item which drew considerable discussion by board members was a proposed new policy on the non-school use of school facilities, in particular Hawkins school gymnasiums. The proposed new policy presented by Superintendent Morris Lyons called for any such use to be limited to those groups which were comprised by at least 90 percent of school related people without having to come before the school board to get approval for the use of the facility. In the end that number was dropped to 70 for the elementary and junior high school gyms and the high school gym was marked as not available to any groups except for school ninth - 12th grade events, such as playoff games.

Lyons, who became the HSD team leader just four months ago, briefed the board on preliminary results of the district's STAAR Test performance. While he predicted that the final data will show the district performing satisfactorily for the 2015-2016 school year, Lyons said that there was a lot of work to do if the district hoped to meet expectations three years out. Vonner asked "What are we doing to get our scores up?" To this question Lyons said that he and his staff were examining all the data provided and trying to determine what areas would benefit most for concentrated effort to improve scores and that specific actions would be determined in the near future.

Doug Whitt of SAMCO Investment Capital Market, the district's bond representative, reported that preparations were being made to market the remaining \$1.2 million of the 2013 \$9.5 million bond issue which had been held back for future capital improvement projects. He said that the HSD enjoys a AAA bond rating, the best possible rating, and that he expected them to sell at an interest rate of about 2 per cent. He said that it was also planned to refinance \$1.67 million of the 2006 bond issue at this time at the anticipated lower rate which would result in a savings of about \$10,000 per year. Whitt informed the board that he will be back at the Aug. 29 meeting to report on the results of the bond sale.

In other action last Monday night, the board: received a report on the FFA state convention and local FFA chapter activities from 2016-2017 from FFA President Grand Henneous, a junior at Hawkins High School; approved an application for Early Release Days and Staff Development Day waivers for 2016-2017; approved allocations of net sale proceeds of the Special Education Co-operative's Conger property to the Wood County Special Education Co-op; reviewed the district's updated Student Code of Conduct and Student Handbook; made no changes to the hazardous bus routes designations for the 2016-2017 school year; approved a new operating procedure for board members requiring them to include a disclaimer stating that they were speaking as an individual and not for the board of trustees when using social media such as Twitter and Facebook; district Business Manager Robby Fair reported the HSD currently had a fund balance on hand of \$6.4 million and that 97.79 percent of the district's taxes had been collected;

Lyons presented awards of appreciation from the HISD to local businesses City National Bank, the Big Sandy-Hawkins Journal, Southside Bank, Ozarka, and Brookshire's.

Ribbon cutting Tuesday at MHS

The completion of renovations at Mineola High School will be celebrated with a ribbon cutting ceremony Tuesday at 5 p.m.

Among the changes are the removal of the hallway lockers, partial removal of a library wall and installation of seating areas in various places throughout the school.

After the ribbon cutting there will be an open house from 5:30-7:30 p.m.

Community members are welcome to roam around the school and see all the changes as well as visit with teachers. The open house is open to all community members, students and families.

MISD seeks public input in Thursday meeting

The District Advisory Council will meet at 10 a.m. Thursday at the Mineola school district administration office to approve the district's District of Innovation Plan. The school board will vote on approval of the plan Monday during their scheduled meeting.

Superintendent Kim Tunnell said the advisory council will discuss and review the plan before passing it to the school board for a vote. There will be a public forum open for questions and review. The plan will be sent to Mike Morath, commissioner of education for the State of Texas, for approval pending the school board vote.

"The District of Innovation Plan provides more local control and the exemption from specific state regulations that allow us to design and provide a high quality, personalized learning environment for our students," said Tunnell. "This plan was developed in conjunction with our Strategic Planning Committee and Design Teams and reflects the development by 82 community and staff members as Mineola ISD moves forward to meet the needs and develop the potential of our students."

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NEED A SERVICE OR REPAIR?

FIND IT ON THE GORKBOARD

Elections administrator counters comments on ballots

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Arguments against the eSlate electronic voting machines in a commissioners court meeting July 29 caught the Wood County Elections Administration Office by surprise and, while unanswered during that meeting, were addressed in a conversation last week with the Wood County Monitor.

When Pct. 4-4 Election Judge Terrell AronSpeer spoke to county commissioners in the meeting about his desire to return to paper ballots, he spoke as a part of public comments portion of the meeting. Pct. 2 judge Liz Smith also shared her concerns. Governmental entities generally don't respond to those comments since they may be unaware of them beforehand and may not have the correct information at that moment.

AronSpeer said that he believed that the return to paper ballots would prevent the lengthy lines on voting day. He said the machines cost around \$3,200 versus the cost of a printed ballot and cardboard voting booth.

Elections Administrator Laura Wise said that alleviating the lengthy lines is a little more involved than returning to paper ballots. While just that simple

fact is correct, voting could be done more quickly, the counting of ballots would not. However, the number of voting machines (or lack thereof) is what is slowing down the lines.

At this time the county is involved in its budget process and Wise is asking for money to purchase more machines. The number of machines is key to length of the lines. When the eSlates were implemented, the commissioners court had voted to go to all electronic voting machines. (The decision to purchase the machines was in December 2013.) Wise said the state does not allow an option of using partial electronic voting and paper ballots.

"So I agree with Terrell in the thought it would be good idea to speed up the process, in the state of Texas, you can not use paper or eSlates." If the count reverted to the paper ballots it would have to use that process completely; a lot of the equipment used for the previous process has been sold to another county.

"It would speed up voting but would slow counting considerably," Wise said.

The fear of tampering with votes was also raised by AronSpeer. Wise said that the eSlates are not online in any way. They are a mechanical machine. The tallying of the computers is

not done online. "There is absolutely no way anyone could tap into that because it's not online anywhere."

Wise points out that the citizen's vote is recorded on the machine, and the citizen can review their ballot on the eSlate screen before casting it to make sure their choices are correct.

"I don't see any way at all possible for there to be a change internally. Again, they're not online so nobody's in a back door to be changing and going in and reversing it." There is not, however, a way after hitting "cast ballot" command on the machine of reviewing it again; just as once a citizen's paper ballot is dropped in the box, they don't get it back.

And there was also an issue about not having physical ballots of which to recount. However, Wise noted a recount of the city of Quitman election was just conducted in May. And, if requested, the ballots can be printed and hand-counted. The city of Quitman's request was just to go back through the original process and review.

The election administrator said everything is backed up on the eSlates on election night and the amounts from each machine were retotaled for the Quitman recount.

So, Wise says, the claim that recounts can't be done "is definitely not true."

There was also a concern about citizens having difficulty using the machines; Smith said she had seen voters take about 20 minutes on the machines trying to figure them out.

The election administrator noted that the number of voting assistants on hand on voting days has increased to ensure that any voter having difficulty with the machine gets help. "I can't say there are not times when people are standing there not knowing, but that is why the greeters are there so if someone gets stuck they can help them."

Wise noted that the Mr. AronSpeer had raised concerns after the county first decided to implement the new voting process. The election administration office saw that he was provided information by the manufacturer at that time about those concerns.

"We realize we don't have all the equipment (we need)," Wise said. "We're working with the court at this time trying to get more." There are 11 polling places among which the 73 machines (which cost \$3,300 each) are divided. Thirteen are dedicated for early voting. The system is a two-machine system which

includes units that issue the voters the code to get in. The eSlates are the ones on which voters turn a wheel and hit a button to vote. There simply aren't enough of the machines to go around to the heavy voting locations, which include Mineola, Holly Lake Ranch, Hawkins and Winnsboro.

The elections office is hoping to be able to purchase more machines that can be dedicated to branch early voting in November that would enable any Wood County voter to cast an early ballot in any precinct. Ultimately the elections office goal is to implement Election Day voting centers at which, if approved by the state, voters can cast their ballot at the local most convenient location to them, not the one assigned solely to the location where they live.

Although the budget has not been set yet, Wise is encouraged. "The commissioners are on board," she said of the voting centers. The implementation of that could occur in January if the county is able to purchase the machines."

And that, to Wise, is the key to shortening lines and making it more convenient for people to vote. "I think that would be the answer to our prayers," said the county election administrator.

Open house set for new Mineola ETMC facility

The public is invited to attend an open house and ribbon-cutting ceremony for the new ETMC First Physicians clinic and ETMC Urgent Care in Mineola tomorrow (Thursday).

The new facility, which houses both the clinic and urgent care, is located at 1220 N. Pacific, next door to Brookshire's. The event will begin with a ribbon cutting by the Mineola Chamber of Commerce at 11:30 a.m. and continue until 1:30 p.m.

A light lunch will be served and giveaway items will be available.

Industrial commission approves budget in Mineola meeting

By **TOMMY ANDERSON**
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This is the season for building, discussing and adopting budgets for almost every entity that is in any way related to some form of government or another. And the Wood County Industrial Commission is no exception since after they approve their fiscal budget it has to be presented to and approved

by the Wood County Commissioners Court.

The WCIC held its regular monthly meeting at the Jalapeno Tree Restaurant in Mineola Thursday evening and though it didn't take long to go over the budget and have it approved unanimously, it was the major point of business at this meeting.

The WCIC budget is almost a carbon copy of the 2015-2016. The total amount of the budget is \$172,310, exactly the same as last year, the differences came in slight shuffling of proposed expenditures in a couple of areas. The WCIC's hotel/motel tax fund budget is being trimmed slightly this year from last, dropping from \$127,650 to \$123,600.

The WCIC will next

meet on Sept. 8 in Quitman.

One sad point of the gathering was the acceptance of Paul Kelbe's resignation from the board of directors. Kelbe, who lives in Alba, had been a very active and valuable member of the board but cited obligations in Alba demanding too much of his time for him to continue his duties with the WCIC.

Executive Director KiKi Bettis informed the board that the Wood County Airport Board had requested a representative from the WCIC to become a member of their board. Neal Duncan has a keen interest in that position and the Mineola resident was unanimously nominated to fill that position. The appointment will have to be approved by

the Wood County Commissioners Court before he can become an active member of the airport board.

In rather routine fashion the board approved the monthly financial report, the executive director's report and the chairman's report, as well as short reports from representatives of each town in Wood County.

One item which arose from these reports was that the Wood County Republican Women are again sponsoring a Taste of East Texas dinner sampling on Saturday evening, Aug. 20, at the Mineola Civic Center. Tickets are \$12 for adults and \$6 for children. There will be food samplings from 17 different Wood County restaurants as well as a live auction and a silent auction.

It was also reported that the Holly Lake Ranch golf course is undergoing some major changes to make a more challenging course and it is already attracting more golfers from out of the area.

In that the many lakes in Wood County draw thousands of visitors each year about 60 percent of the budget goes in the fishing arena while the arts, shopping and dining, nature and recreation receive about 10 percent of the budget each.

The out of area focus for the WCIC during 2016-2017 will be in the Dallas-Fort Worth area, while in 2017-2018 the Houston-Beaumont area will be the focus point and in 2018-2019 Central Texas will be the area courted.

NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING TO DISCUSS BUDGET AND PROPOSED TAX RATE

The Alba-Golden ISD will hold a public meeting at 6:30 P.M., August 29, 2016 in Alba-Golden ISD High School Library, 1373 CR 2377. The purpose of this meeting is to discuss the school district's budget that will determine the tax rate that will be adopted. Public participation in the discussion is invited.

The tax rate that is ultimately adopted at this meeting or at a separate meeting at a later date may not exceed the proposed rate shown below unless the district publishes a revised notice containing the same information and comparisons set out below and holds another public meeting to discuss the revised notice.

Maintenance Tax	\$1.1700/\$100 (proposed rate for maintenance and operations)
School Debt Service Tax	\$0.0600/\$100 (proposed rate to pay bonded indebtedness)
Approved by Local Voters	

Comparison of Proposed Budget with Last Year's Budget

The applicable percentage increase or decrease (or difference) in the amount budgeted in the preceding fiscal year and the amount budgeted for the fiscal year that begins during the current tax year is indicated for each of the following expenditure categories.

Maintenance and operations	4.10 % increase
Debt Service	1.87 % increase
Total expenditures	4.06 % increase

Total Appraised Value and Total Taxable Value (as calculated under Section 26.04, Tax Code)

	Preceding Tax Year	Current Tax Year
Total appraised value* of all property	\$359,860,982	\$363,253,536
Total appraised value* of new property**	\$4,735,530	\$4,794,209
Total taxable value*** of all property	\$205,597,414	\$200,688,158
Total taxable value*** of new property**	\$3,391,883	\$4,470,727

*Appraised value is the amount shown on the appraisal roll and defined by Section 1.04(8), Tax Code.

** "New property" is defined by Section 26.012(17), Tax Code.

*** "Taxable value" is defined by Section 1.04(10), Tax Code.

Bonded Indebtedness

Total amount of outstanding and unpaid bonded indebtedness* \$1,860,000

*Outstanding principal.

Comparison of Proposed Rates with Last Year's Rates

	Maintenance & Operations	Interest & Sinking Fund*	Total	Local Revenue Per Student	State Revenue Per Student
	Last Year's Rate	\$1.1700	\$0.0600*	\$1.2300	\$3,924
Rate to Maintain Same Level of Maintenance & Operations Revenue & Pay Debt Service	\$1.1589	\$0.0687*	\$1.2276	\$3,704	\$5,796
Proposed Rate	\$1.1700	\$0.0600*	\$1.2300	\$3,711	\$5,863

*The Interest & Sinking Fund tax revenue is used to pay for bonded indebtedness on construction, equipment, or both.

The bonds, and the tax rate necessary to pay those bonds, were approved by the voters of this district.

Comparison of Proposed Levy with Last Year's Levy on Average Residence

	Last Year	This Year
Average Market Value of Residences	\$106,202	\$110,826
Average Taxable Value of Residences	\$82,614	\$85,790
Last Year's Rate Versus Proposed Rate per \$100 Value	\$1.2300	\$1.2300
Taxes Due on Average Residence	\$1,016.15	\$1,055.22
Increase (Decrease) in Taxes		\$39.07

Under state law, the dollar amount of school taxes imposed on the residence homestead of a person 65 years of age or older or of the surviving spouse of such a person, if the surviving spouse was 55 years of age or older when the person died, may not be increased above the amount paid in the first year after the person turned 65, regardless of changes in tax rate or property value.

Notice of Rollback Rate: The highest tax rate the district can adopt before requiring voter approval at an election is \$1.2388. This election will be automatically held if the district adopts a rate in excess of the rollback rate of \$1.2388.

Fund Balances

The following estimated balances will remain at the end of the current fiscal year and are not encumbered with or by a corresponding debt obligation, less estimated funds necessary for operating the district before receipt of the first state aid payment.

Maintenance and Operations Fund Balance(s)	\$3,200,000
Interest & Sinking Fund Balance(s)	\$355,000

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Holly Lake Ranch man treated, released after fire

The investigation into a fire that destroyed a pair of duplexes last Monday night – Tuesday morning (Aug. 2) at Holly Lake Ranch continues.

The fire was called in by a neighbor and reported by the dispatcher at the Wood County Sheriff's Office to the Holly Lake Ranch Fire Department at 12:15 a.m. last Tuesday. HLR Fire Chief Joe Cirasola said by the time his department arrived on the scene on Pinetree Lane the fire had already consumed one side of the duplex and was just beginning to take over the attached unit that shared a common attic.

A resident, Larry Stoltzfus, was taken to Mother Frances Hospital in Tyler for possible smoke inhalation and was later transferred to the burn unit at Dallas' Parkland Hospital where he was treated and released.

One side of the insured duplex was unoccupied and each side of the duplex has a different owner. One of the owners is Dirk Duplechain of Farmers Branch.

Wood County Fire Marshal Tully Davidson concurred with Cirasola that it appeared the fire began in the kitchen area. He said last week three different fire investigators were still sifting through the scene to determine the origin.

Cirasola noted that that there were other structures approximately 20 feet away from each end of the duplex. Firefighters, those from HLR assisted by the Hawkins and Hainesville Volunteer Fire Departments, prevented the blaze from spreading to the other buildings. No injuries were sustained by firefighters but "It was hot," Chief Cirasola said.

Wood County Sheriff's Report

August 2 - Sergeant Donovan South arrested Loretta June Miller, 46, of Mineola, for assault causing bodily injury following a call to Loop 564 east of County Road 2724. A woman stated she had been struck by Miller five times in the left cheekbone area causing her severe discomfort and pain. Miller admitted to striking the woman after the woman threw Miller's car keys into tall grass on the side of the road. Miller was transported to jail without further incident.

August 1 - Deputy Melissa Pollard initiated a traffic stop after witnessing a vehicle fail to stop at the intersection of Farm-to-Market 1643 and CR 4950. Hunter Wayne Weems, 18, of Winnsboro was arrested at the conclusion of a consensual search of the vehicle. Weems was charged with possession of drug paraphernalia. A passenger in the vehicle, Matthew Shayne Holt, 17, of Winnsboro, was arrested and charged with possession of a controlled substance. Both men were transported to jail without incident.

Sergeant Dustin Moffett took a report of unauthorized use of a motor vehicle from a Yantis woman who stated she had allowed a man who was taking care of her elderly mother to use one of her vehicles. Her mother had since been relocated to an assisted living facility and she had been unsuccessful in getting the man to return the vehicle. A gray 2011 Volkswagen has been entered as stolen into the Texas and National Crime Information Centers. The case remains under investigation.

Deputy Pollard took a report of a stolen firearm from a Yantis man who stated his Hi-Point 9mm pistol was missing from the back seat of his pickup. The serial number was recorded and entered into the Texas and National Crime Information Centers. The case has been referred to an investigator.

Deputy Tucker George was dispatched to a residence on CR 2425 for a disturbance in progress. George spoke with the complainants who stated they had hired two men to dig a well but refused to leave the property following a verbal altercation. Deputy George spoke with the two men and was told that the complainant had pointed a pistol at them and threatened to shoot. The two men were issued a criminal trespass warning and escorted off the property. The case has been referred to CID for warrant review.

July 30 - Deputy Steven Fields was dispatched to a residence on CR 2660 on a burglary of a habitation. The complainant stated he had not been home in four days due to working out of town. Two metal storage buildings located next to the residence showed signs of forced entry. The complainant advised that items had also been taken from the residence. Fields recorded information about a possible suspect, a former roommate of the complainant's. The case has been turned over to CID where investigators will attempt to determine if the ex-roommate is involved.

Deputy Josh Davis was on patrol in the area of Highway 154 and CR 1214 when he observed a tan Saturn with an equipment violation.

Mineola Police Report

Mineola Police reports for the past week included:

August 3 - A bicycle was reported stolen on Padgett. Police arrested Mark Anthony Dillen, 26, of Quitman, for possession of drug paraphernalia after he was stopped on Goodson Street for a defective tail lamp.

A disturbance was reported on Meadowbrook Drive. No charges were filed as both parties were separated for the night.

August 2 - Officers responded to Pegues Street in reference to a 2-year-old child walking down the street. It was found that the child was left with her father when the mother left for a doctor's appointment. The door was not locked and the father said he works nights and was asleep.

A bicycle was reported stolen on Read Street.

August 1 - Officers were dispatched to Broad and Newsom Streets when a caller advised that a 5-year-old child was walking down the road. The boy told the caller that his father left him at a friend's house but could not show officers where the house was located. The child was transported to the police department until the parents could be found. After investigation, it was determined that the father had dropped the child off at his girlfriend's residence with the understanding that a teenager at the residence would look after the child. The child said he didn't see anyone in the house so he left.

Bryce Lamar Burrell, 18, of Temple, was arrested for assault and resisting arrest after officers responded to a disturbance that was reported on Circle Drive. Burrell was attempting to get into a residence where his girlfriend was staying. The girlfriend was assaulted and had locked the man out of the house. Burrell was

transported to jail.

A disturbance was reported on West Blair by a woman who stated her boyfriend was intoxicated and being aggressive with her. It was only an argument and both parties were separated for the night.

July 31 - Melinda Kay Crow Brooke, 42, of Canton, was arrested on West Broad for two credit card abuse warrants from Mineola PD. Martha Charlene Graham, 45, of Mineola was arrested for harboring a fugitive when she assisted Crow by giving a false name to officers while they were attempting to determine Crow's identity.

A woman on Maxine Drive reported that a vehicle that had been sitting for a while was taken from her yard. An unauthorized use of a motor vehicle report was filed. The case is under investigation.

A verbal disturbance was reported between a juvenile male and his mother's boyfriend on Wren Street. Timothy Su Lam, 20, and Isai Osvaldo Martinez, 20, both of Dallas were arrested on East Broad for possession of a controlled substance. Lam called 911 and told dispatchers that his friend had used "acid" and that the police were needed because the friend was going "crazy." Upon the arrival of an officer, Lam admitted to using and possessing LSD.

July 30 - A woman on Chaparral Street reported she was contacted on Facebook by her estranged ex-husband who was inquiring about their daughter. The woman stated she was in fear that the ex-husband might cause problems by trying to take the child.

Officers responded to a possible drug transaction in the Walmart parking lot. The Wood County Sheriff's Office received a call from someone stating they were a cart pusher and witnessed the transaction between two vehicles. After further investigation it was believed to be a bogus call.

Melissa Marie Salazar, 31, of Mineola, was arrested for a Dallas County probation violation warrant on South Johnson after an officer saw and recognized her.

Officers were dispatched to West Broad for a verbal disturbance between a man and his wife. The man left the residence before officers arrived.

Officers were dispatched to Jalapeno Tree when a customer at the drive-thru window shorted an employee \$30 and left the premises. A theft report was filed.

July 29 - A 4-wheeler was recovered on Landers Street for Wood County Sheriff's Department and returned to its owner.

An assault was reported on North Pacific from a woman that said her boyfriend had left with her debit card after scratching her. Upon investigation, the debit card was found to belong to both parties and no charges were filed.

A woman reported a trespass of her apartment on North Pacific on five or six occasions during the past year. According to the manager of the apartments, no video was found showing a trespass. The case is closed.

A person reported a suspicious individual around the area of Kenny Street inquiring about school-age children living at a residence on the street. Officers did not find anyone matching the description in the area.

Joshua Lee Ingram, 33, of Mineola, was arrested for possession of a controlled substance following a routine traffic stop on Patten Street. Ingram was in possession of approximately seven grams of methamphetamine and several Xanax pills for which he did not have a prescription.

Officers received a call from South Pacific Street about a man traveling to the hospital from Smith County. The man was asking for an ambulance after discharging a weapon and shooting himself in the hand. After further investigation it was found that the man had only burned his hand and fingers from the discharge of the weapon.

July 28 - A resident on Meadowbrook reported that upon returning home, the door to her house was open and objects had been moved around. Nothing was found to be missing.

A criminal mischief report was filed when a woman stated that her car had been "keyed" at Walmart.

A reckless driver was reported on Highway 69 south, coming into Mineola, but officers were unable to find the vehicle.

Mineola Fire Report

Mineola Fire Department calls for the past week were:

August 3 - At 2:15 p.m. the department was dispatched to County Road 2290 for a grass fire. At 3:53 p.m. the department was dispatched to Loop 564 but was cancelled en route and at 5:44 p.m. to Kilpatrick Street to assist EMS.

August 2 - At 11:11 p.m. the department was dispatched to CR 2210 for a motor vehicle accident with no injuries. At 11:50 p.m. the department was dispatched to CR 2220 for shorted electrical equipment.

July 31 - At 12:58 p.m. the department was dispatched to CR 414 but was cancelled en route. At 8:01 p.m. the department was dispatched to Autumn Wind Court to assist EMS.

July 30 - At 10:13 a.m. the department was dispatched to Private Road 6643 to assist EMS.

July 28 - At 11:10 a.m. the department was dispatched to Emily Street for a gas leak. At 6:24 p.m. the department was dispatched to CR 2724 for a forest, woods or wildland fire.

ON-SITE AND WARRANT ARRESTS

David Quitman Frederick, Jr., 43, Mineola, possession of a controlled substance, less than one gram;

Treyvon Dominique Henderson, 18, Winnsboro, burglary of vehicle (X3); engaging in organized criminal activity; possession of drug paraphernalia;

Miranda Ann Monday, 18, Winnsboro, burglary of vehicle (X3); engaging in organized criminal activity;

Arron Taylor Hayes, 18, Winnsboro, burglary of vehicle (X3); engaging in organized criminal activity;

Michael Andrew Long, 56, Quitman, assault by threat;

Samuel James French, 38, Mt. Vernon, failure to identify fugitive intention; credit/debit card abuse (X3);

Joshua Lee Ingram, 33, Mineola, possession of a controlled substance, four grams or more but less than 200 grams, in a drug free zone; possession of a controlled substance, less than 28 grams in a drug free zone;

Corey Lane Jones, 27, Sulphur Springs, possession of a controlled substance, less than one gram;

Davis initiated a traffic stop and a routine check of the driver's license showed several previous convictions for driving while license suspended. Johnny Kevin Crawford, 43, of Quitman, was arrested for the offense of driving while license invalid, with previous convictions. Crawford was transported to jail without incident.

July 29 - Davis took a report of a dog bite that occurred at a residence on CR 2303. The parents of a 10-year-old girl advised that the girl had been bitten below the lower lip while playing at a friend's house. The parents already sought medical attention for the bite which did not require stitches. Davis spoke with the dog's owner who was able to provide verification of the dog's rabies vaccination. The dog owner was advised of proper procedure for quarantining the dog. The case will be closed at the conclusion of the quarantine period.

July 28 - Deputies Dustin Fenlaw and George were dispatched to a residence on CR 3540 in the Hawkins area on a disturbance. A man there was intoxicated and uncooperative. His girlfriend informed deputies a man they hardly knew had been hanging out at their home and would not leave despite being asked several times to do so. Fenlaw spoke with the other man who stated the couple was fighting and he was afraid to leave because he feared for their safety. The man also claimed he had been hit which prompted him to call for help. None of the parties involved wanted to pursue charges and the case was closed.

Pollard was dispatched to a residence at Holiday Villages following a report of a disturbance. She spoke with a man at a house who stated he and his brother had gotten into an argument over his dog and his brother had kicked him out of the house. The man also stated that their mother had died and left the house to both him and his brother where they had lived for the past 15 years. The deputy spoke with the brother

Timothy Andrew Thomas, 44, Winnsboro, driving while intoxicated;

Johnny Kevin Crawford, 43, Quitman, driving while license invalid with prior conviction(s);

Martha Charlene Graham, 45, Mineola, hindering apprehension;

Linda Darlene Davis, 54, Quitman, permitting unlicensed driver to drive;

Timothy Su Lam, 20, Dallas, possession of a controlled substance, less than 20 units;

Matthew Holt, 17, Winnsboro, possession of a controlled substance, less than 28 grams;

Hunter Wayne Weems, 18, Winnsboro, possession of drug paraphernalia;

Jeremy Andrew Feagans, 17, Alba, failure to stop and render aid, causing bodily injury;

Bryce Lamar Burrell, 18, Temple, assault causing bodily injury, family; resisting arrest, search or transport;

Isai Osvaldo Martinez, 20, Dallas, possession of a controlled substance, less than 20 units;

Loretta June Miller, 46, Mineola, assault causing bodily injury, family.

who stated he would not allow his brother or his dog back inside the house. He later taunted his brother and made statements about harming the man and his dog. Michael Andrew Long, 56, of Quitman, was arrested and transported to jail. He is charged with Class C assault as a result of his verbal threats to harm his brother.

July 27 - Deputy Aaron Warren was dispatched to a residence on CR 1686 in reference to animals needing care. Warren met with a member of an animal rescue organization who had previous knowledge of the animals at the location. A total of seven dogs and three cats were on the property. Most of the animals appeared to be in poor condition with possible mange and other diseases. The property owner identified a Chihuahua that he stated belonged to him. The man also stated that animals are regularly dropped off in the area. Several of the animals in the worst condition were loaded up and transported to the animal rescue facility. The case is closed.

Deputy George was dispatched to Lake Holbrook on a burglary of a vehicle. The complainant stated he had returned from spending several hours on the water in his boat to find a window busted out of his 2006 Chevrolet pickup. Several items were missing from inside the vehicle. George recorded information regarding a suspect vehicle which was seen in the area. The case has been referred to CID for further disposition.

Pollard took a report of theft from a Quitman woman who stated her son-in-law's camper had been stolen from where it had been located off FM 2966. A relative stated she observed a white pickup pulling the RV down the driveway shortly before it was discovered missing. Identification numbers were recorded for the RV and have been entered into the Texas and National Crime Information Centers. The case remains under active investigation.

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Monday, Aug. 15 - Bruschetta Chicken, Whipped Potatoes, Capri Vegetables, Dinner Roll, Fresh Fruit, Milk

Tuesday, Aug. 16 - Beef Taco, Lettuce/Tomato/Cheese, Pinto Beans, Flour Tortilla/Taco Sauce, Hot Apples and Raisins, Milk

Wednesday, Aug. 17 - Beef Tips with Gravy, Rotini Pasta, Hot Oranges & Pineapple, Wheat Bread, Milk

For more information concerning Meals on Wheels call 497-1162.

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MINEOLA ISD RETIREMENTS



Several Mineola teachers and staff members will not be showing back up on the first day of school as they retired at the end of this past school year. The professional staff members and their years in the field and at MISD were, front, from left, Christiann Bjork, 39 years, 36 in MISD; Jan Scurlock, 30, nine in MISD; Debbie Leibowitz, 40 years, 30 in MISD; Debbie Taylor, 31 years, 20 in MISD and Lisa Miller, 30 years, 10 in MISD. In the back are Bruce Armstrong, 34 years, 16 in MISD; John Talley, 41 years, 10 in MISD; Martha Holmes, 34 years all in MISD; Joy Stuart, 31 years, 30 in MISD and Uris Roberson, 30 years, 20 in MISD. Lorrie Drennon who retired earlier in the year was not present for photo. She taught 21 years, eight of those in MISD. **TOP LEFT:** The auxiliary staff retirees were Jeff Tileston, nine years as custodian; Lisa Chrietzberg, 28 years as computer lab aide and Janet Householder, 26 years Student Alternative Center (SAC) aide. Jim Sneed, who was not pictured, served MISD in the maintenance department for 22 years. (Courtesy photos)



Notice of Public Hearing on WOOD COUNTY APPRAISAL DISTRICT Budget

The WOOD COUNTY APPRAISAL DISTRICT will hold a public hearing on a proposed budget for the 2017 fiscal year.

The public hearing will be held on AUGUST 25, 2016 8:00 AM at BOARD ROOM, located at 210 CLARK ST QUITMAN, TX. A summary of the appraisal district budget follows:

The total amount of the proposed budget. \$ 1,128,114

The total amount of increase over the current year's budget. \$ 38,716

The number of employees compensated under the proposed budget. 12

The number of employees compensated under the current budget. 12

The appraisal district is supported solely by payments from the local taxing units served by the appraisal district.

If approved by the appraisal district board of directors at the public hearing, this proposed budget will take effect automatically unless disapproved by the governing bodies of the county, school districts, cities and towns served by the appraisal district.

A copy of the proposed budget is available for public inspection in the office of each of those governing bodies. A copy is also available for public inspection at the appraisal district office located at 210 CLARK ST QUITMAN, TX.

The phone number of the WOOD COUNTY APPRAISAL DISTRICT is: 903-763-4891.

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- LBJ was president when "Gateway" was opened
- Dallas public TV & FM station
- TXism: "dab"
- This Cheney was VP for TX
- Noah's big boat
- TX Kenny Rogers' "Believes in Me" (1979)
- off shotgun droppings in the TX Piney Woods
- State Fair features "Top Tower"
- take away from Mav or Spur issue: fracture
- doglike African scavenger
- typographical error
- historical "knife Ranch" HQ where ACU is today
- measurement system
- 1992-93 Maverick, Radisav Curcic, played with this Italian League team
- "phrase"
- film "A Texas" (1976)
- noted TX bank robbers "Clyde"
- D, TX
- TX-born Forest Whitaker was in film "Fast Times at High"
- TXism: "as a horse on a merry-go round"
- cut of beef (Scottish)
- Monte, TX
- "milk" south of the border
- TX-born president "like" (init.)
- Confederate general Robert
- mortgage interest
- TXism: "call day"
- TXism: "big frog in the pond" (abbr.)
- dir. to Azle from Abilene

DOWN

- TXism: "goes together like store"
- a TXn who ain't working no more
- seat of Houston Co.
- this TX Thompson sang "The Wild Side of Life" (1952)
- TX Dabney's old TV series: "The Maxwell Story"
- TXism: "a nail into a snow bank" (inept)
- time zone for Sen. Ted Cruz (abbr.)
- international distress signal
- Austin country band: "Asleep"
- fictional sister of Ima Hogg
- TX George Strait's "All My Live in Texas" (var.)
- ex-Cowboy Bob Hayes won gold in 1964 100m
- TXism: "keep your powder"
- Elvis' Ranger pos.
- this Harry had a part in "High Noon" (init.)
- nevertheless
- "rub-a-dub-dub, 3 men in"
- Astro or Ranger mistakes
- TX "Mrs. Baird's" founder
- TX ID, e.g. (abbr.)
- TXism: "high tail"
- TXism: "dice"
- "take a look"
- TX Al Dexter's "Pistol Packin'" (1943)
- TXism: "tough as boot"
- TX John Garner was a VP for FDR
- TXism: "dyled wool" (genuine)
- African river
- inspector office (abbr.)
- dir. from Abilene to Houston
- TXism: "brave enough a boomtown cafe"
- TX TV series for TX Dianna Agron
- duct

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Obituaries

JOHNNIE BARBER 1946-2016

WINNSBORO-Graveside services for Mrs. Johnnie Barber, 70, Mesquite, were held Saturday, August 6 at Providence Cemetery in Mt. Vernon, TX, with grandsons serving as pallbearers.

Mrs. Barber died August 3, 2016, in Garland. She was born March 25, 1946, in Winnsboro to the late John and Macie Vick. She was retired.

She was preceded in death by her parents and a sister, Earlene Bell.

Survivors include sons, Daryl Barber, Rowlett and John Barber, Mesquite; sister, Bobbie Talbot, Rowlett and four grandchildren.

ROCKY COYD CLAPP 1953-2016

RUSK-Funeral services for Rocky Coyd Clapp, 63, Rusk, relative of Mineola residents, were held July 25, 2016, at Wallace-Thompson Funeral Home Chapel in Rusk with Rev. Tim Wade officiating.

Burial followed in Clapp Family Cemetery in Rusk.

Mr. Clapp died July 22, 2016, in Rusk. He was born June 12, 1953 to Bobbie Humphreys of Mineola and Delta Clapp, Rusk.

He was preceded in death by his stepmother, Gladys Clapp and stepfather, George Humphreys.

Survivors include his mother, Bobbie Humphreys, Mineola; father, Delta Clapp, Rusk; wife, Beverly Clapp, Athens; son, Rocky Coyd Clapp, 11, Arlington; daughter, Shana Cleveland, Arlington; sisters, Charlotte Rose, Mineola, Odessa Carter, Rusk, Nora Humphreys, Mineola, Debra Dorman, Brownfield and Dixie Ellis, Rusk; brothers, Estes Clapp, Rusk and Jay Bowers, College Station and two grandchildren.

DONNA LAWRENCE 1944-2016

Graveside services for Donna Jo Lawrence were held Tuesday, Aug. 9 at Roselawn Memorial Gardens. Due to the heat the services was conducted in

Beaty Funeral Home Chapel located next to the cemetery

Mrs. Lawrence died Friday, August 5, 2016 in Van, at the age of 72. She was born Tuesday, February 1, 1944 in Gregg County to the late Thomas and Mary McKnight.

She was an area manager for Factory Connection having worked with the company for over 25 years and was a member of The Church of Garden Valley.

Survivors include her sons, Chad Freeman of Van and Bobby Curtis of Canton; four grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

KENNETH MOAD 1926-2016

WINNSBORO-Funeral services for Kenneth Moad, 89, Gilmer, were held Saturday, August 6 at Beaty Funeral Home-Winnsboro with Rev. Timothy Allen officiating.

Burial followed at Maple Springs Cemetery in Winnsboro.

Mr. Moad died August 3, 2016, in Gilmer. He was born August 8, 1926 in Lubbock to the late J.W. and Beulah Moad. He was retired from the pharmacy industry and served during WWII.

He was preceded in death by his parents.

Survivors include his wife, Gerry Allen Moad, Gilmer; sons, Dennis Moad, and Danny Moad, both of Ft. Worth, Michael Patterson, Irving, James Patterson, Mt. Vernon and Jerry Sinkey, Mt. Pleasant; daughters, Denise Warren, Ft. Worth and Charlotte Smith, Grand Prairie; brothers, Davy Moad and Johnny Moad; sisters, Mollie Ballengee and Doris Dworin; 10 grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

ROBERT LEE SELF 1941-2016

SCROGGINS-Funeral services for Robert Lee Self, 75, Scroggins, were held Friday, August 5 at Beaty Funeral Home in Winnsboro.

Mr. Self died July 30, 2016. He was born January 27, 1941, in Blue Ridge, Georgia.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Charlie and Fannie Bell Self; brothers, Roy, RB, JC, Hershel "PeeWee" and Lloyd; daughters, Sandra and Sheila Self; and a grandson.

Survivors include his brothers, Vance and Floyd Self; daughters, Sheryl Lowder and Susan Lamont; sons, Ira Lee Self, John Kingsley and Bob Self.

WILLIE MAUDE STEPHENS 1929-2016

WINNSBORO-Funeral services for Willie Maude Stephens, 87, Winnsboro, were held Friday, August 5 at Beaty Funeral Home-Winnsboro with Revs. Ronny Spence and John Skelton officiating.

Burial followed at Smyrna Cemetery in Winnsboro. Mrs. Stephens died August 2, 2016, in Winnsboro. She was born May 22, 1929, in Winnsboro to the late Elish and Ollie Mae Thomas. She was a member of Pineview Baptist Church.

Mrs. Stephens was preceded in death by her parents; her husband of 35 years, J.D. Stephens; a son, Jimmie Stephens; sisters, Ruth Bank, Margie Allen, Katherine Wallis and Hazel Screws.

Survivors include a daughter, Jean Kirby, Winnsboro; brother, David Screws, Pickton; sisters, Bobbie Sue of Lockney, Mary Wilburn, Winnsboro, three grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

OLLIE BABBS GALYEAN THOMAS 1934-2016

ALBA-Services for Babbs Thomas, 81, Alba, were held Saturday, August 6, at First Baptist Church, Alba, with Rev. Kelly Burton officiating.

Burial followed in Woodside Cemetery, Grand Saline. Mrs. Thomas died August 3, 2016 in a Tyler hospital.

She was born October 10, 1934, in Alba to the late Wilburn and Berenece Galyean and lived most of her life in Alba. She was a member of the First Baptist Church, Alba.

She was preceded in death by her parents and husband, William "Bill" Thomas.

Survivors include two sons, David Thomas, Denton and John Thomas, Overland Park, KS; two daughters, Beth Walcik, Gilmer and Danita Rogers, Grand Saline; two brothers, Larry Galyean, Henderson and Wayne Galyean, Sulphur Springs; sister, Diane Haisten, Alba, eight grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren.

Memorials may be made to First Baptist Church Alba building fund, 219 E Holley St., Alba 75410 for a Family Life Center.

BOBBIE JEAN WALLER 1930-2016

HAWKINS-Graveside services for Bobbie Jean Waller, 85, Hawkins, were held at August 2, 2016, at Liberty Cemetery in Wood County with Rev. David

Franklin and Paul Saylor officiating.

Burial was in Liberty Cemetery in Wood County.

Mrs. Waller died July 31, 2016, in a Mineola nursing home. She was born September 15, 1930, in Wood County to Charles and Gertrude Puckett and was a lifelong resident of Hawkins. She was a member of Liberty Baptist Church.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Duellon Waller and grandson, Jeremy Waller.

Survivors include a son, Ronald Lee Waller, Midland; daughters, Sandra Dunlap, Bastrop, PA, Lawanna Waller and Deborah Griffin, both of Hawkins; brothers, Leonard Puckett, California and O.B. Puckett, Oklahome; sister, Dessie Olague of Washington; five grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren.

The family requests memorials be made to the Reflections Hospice of Texas, www.reflections-hospice.com in her name.

MARTIN "MARTY" WALTON 1949-2016

YANTIS-Memorial services for Marty Walton, 66, Yantis were held Saturday, August 6 at Lake Fork Baptist Church with Rev. Perry Crisp officiating.

Mr. Walton died August 3, 2016, at his home. He was born September 20, 1949, in Tulsa, Oklahoma to Jack and Betty Walton. He lived in Yantis six years and was a member of Lake Fork Baptist Church. He served in the U.S. Air Force.

He was preceded in death by his parents and one sister.

Survivors include his wife of 46 years, Pam Walton, Yantis; son, Jake Walton, Spring, TX; daughter, Paige Walton, Rockwall and two grandchildren, Avery and Cole Walton.

In lieu of flowers, donations in memory of Marty may be made to Hospice of East Texas, 4111 University Blvd., Tyler 75701




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*Evelyn
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1949 - 2016

Services for Evelyn Loyd Hooton, 66, of Alba, took place on August 6, 2016, at First Baptist Church, Mineola, under direction of Wilson-Bartley Funeral Home, Alba, with Bro. Mark Neeley and Bro. Reggie Day officiating. Burial was at Salem Cemetery, Alba.

Mrs. Hooton passed away Wednesday, August 3, 2016, at a hospital in Tyler. She was born Tuesday, October 4, 1949, in Grand Saline, TX, to the late Cecil and Mary Polacek Loyd. She married James Byron Hooton on January 1, 1971, in Alba, TX. She lived most of her life in Alba and was a member of the First Baptist Church, Mineola. Evelyn taught at the Elementary Schools at both Alba-Golden and Mineola ISD. She enjoyed reading, gardening, line dancing with the Lone Star Steppers, and spending time with her grandkids. She was also a member of Chi Omega Sorority at East Texas State University, Commerce, and Alpha Lambda IOTA.

Evelyn was selfless and had a heart for helping others. Her positive attitude was contagious. She made the world a brighter place, and she left a legacy through her family, friends, and those she taught.

Survivors include her husband of 45 years, Jim Hooton of Alba; three sons and daughters-in-law, Joey & Lori Hooton of Mineola, Mark & Krissy Hooton of Mineola, and Steve & Abby Hooton of Dallas; brother, James Loyd of Lindale; sister, Barbara Dawson of Mineola; and 5 grandchildren, Thomas, Allie, Colette, Gemma, and Eason.

She was preceded in death by her parents and brother, Bob Kurzu. Pallbearers will be Vince Colvin, Harold Stovall, Kenneth Airheart, Ronnie Gaby, Narwin Gaby, and Errol Barber.

Inmate

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At 10:15 p.m. Smith County Justice of the Peace Mitch Shamburger pronounced Sharp dead at the Tyler hospital. As is required in custodial deaths, the justice of the peace in Tyler ordered an autopsy.

The Texas Rangers have been notified and will be conducting an investigation.

Sharp had been jailed since July 25 on a family violence charge. He had been in the Wood County Jail on numerous occasions.

"My office is conducting an internal investigation," Sheriff Jim Brown said. "We usually get the pre-autopsy report in about three days, but since this was over the weekend it will probably be in the middle or even at the end of the week." As far as the autopsy report, the sheriff said, "It will go to the Texas Rangers first and they will let me know what they find out."

The cause of death is pending the autopsy results. Brown stated that his staff did everything possible for Sharp and did it in a very professional manner. The sheriff said he wanted to give his condolences to the Sharp family on behalf of the entire jail staff.

P.J. PONDER

1936 - 2016



P.J. died peacefully at Carriage House Manor in Sulphur Springs, Texas on July 30, 2016 at the age of 79. He was born on October 18, 1936 in the Greenpond Community of Hopkins County to Percy Covington and Ethel (Stinson) Ponder. They preceded him in death.

He is survived by his wife Barbara (Davis) Ponder, who he married in Dripping Springs, TX on August 5, 1967. He is also survived by his son Gregory Alan Ponder and grandson Paxton of Frisco, TX, and his daughter Christa Ann Abraham, her husband J.J. Abraham, and their children Sofia and Eli of Newport Beach, California. He is also survived by his sister and brother-in-law Linda and Kenneth Hopper of Como, Texas and their son's Randy and Brandon, as well as numerous cousins.

P.J. was a lifelong member of Greenpond Baptist Church, and he taught the men's Sunday School Class for many years. He was President of the Greenpond Cemetery Association until 2014. He loved playing baseball and softball, and played all over Texas, Oklahoma, Arkansas, and Louisiana. He had a goal of staying fit so he could play ball with his children, which he did until the age of 65.

He graduated from Como High School in 1954 and then attended East Texas State Teachers College in Commerce, Texas, where he received his Bachelor and Master's Degrees in Education. He served in the Army (Company D, Third Armored Rifle Battalion, 144th Infantry) from 1959 to 1960, then he taught at Garland High School from 1961 to 1972, with a one-year interruption when he was called back into service due to the Berlin Crisis. While living in Garland, he served as softball commissioner of the men's, women's, and church league. He was a Mason, and ultimately achieved the 32nd Degree of Scottish Rite Freemasonry.

In 1972, he took a job as Superintendent of Yantis ISD, where he served for 19 1/2 years. While at Yantis he was instrumental in getting Little League Baseball and Little Dribblers Basketball started, and he coached his son and daughter in both sports. During those years he also served on the Hopkins County Tax Appraisal Board.

In 1978, he moved his family back to Greenpond Community, and built a home less than 1/2 mile from his childhood home. In 1991, he retired after 34 years in education to raise cattle and work on his farm. He remained extremely active until his mid 70's, spending the majority of his time outside working on the land he loved so much, fishing with his friends, hunting with his son, visiting his daughter, playing with his grandkids, and traveling the world with lifelong friends, all the while being both a handful and a blessing to his wife of 49 years. He has said many times that the Lord had given him a blessed life.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to the Greenpond Cemetery Association Fund, at 1309 Azalea Lane, Sulphur Springs, TX 75482.

Alba council

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rental property. This is so vague, right now it looks like all rental properties are going to have to go through an inspection process. Landlords are going to have to pay a fee and get a permit, that is our interpretation of this right now," Ellis said. "I have been told this is designed to address the two trailers down across from the post office, but this seems to be going in a way that is going to hurt us in the long run economically."

Ellis said one of his contractors, Steve Banks, was at the meeting, but would not speak and had given Ellis permission to also voice his opinion of the ordinance. Banks has bought property at Highway 69 and Farm-to-Market 17 where he planned to put a 14-unit apartment project. "This concerns him and he is basically putting this on hold until we can get a better understanding of this. My problem with this is that because of two mobile homes, we are penalizing and punishing two men, Rusty Sherwood and Clay Hass, who have done more for this town to bring old properties up more than anyone else," Ellis claimed. "To penalize these guys doesn't make sense. I urge you to table this and get more information or just vote this thing down. This is not good."

Sherwood addressed the council about rental property in Alba. "I've been in Alba all my life. I love Alba, I have a heartfelt place for Alba. I bought these old houses with hard-earned money. I restored them and put thousands of dollars in them to bring them back where they are now," Sherwood explained. "Alba is not a real thriving city. I rent those houses for what I think people can pay. I'll be a long time getting my money back on those houses. I want to see the city grow. I don't think it's fair to run an inspector into a house. I tell people when they move in I don't want to be a slumlord, I want to be a landlord."

"I'm worried about losing my investment I worked my whole life for. We don't need an inspector. I am not

ashamed of any of my houses and I have several here in the city of Alba. I'm not getting Mineola prices, Quitman prices or even Emory prices. I'm getting Alba prices. I think I do a service for the community. If this passes I will have to think about selling my properties. This is not a get-rich-quick scheme, its hard work. I beg you not to pass this or table it, urge you to throw it out," Sherwood added.

Rental property owner Hass said he might have to move his houses out of Alba. "If y'all condemn houses, who is going to move them? That will cost a lot of money. Our rental property is a business, but it is basically supplemental income. Nobody can live off what we make on those houses," Hass advised. "I do this for the community, to bring people to Alba to spend their money. If you are going to do it, do it across the board, not just rental property. I feel like we are being targeted."

The ordinance was denied by a unanimous 5-0 vote.

The Alba Economic Development Corporation (EDC) got six new members to add to Gib Maynard who had already been named to the group. Previous members turned in resignations which were read to the council by Paul Kelbe, who also resigned from the EDC. Alderman Preston "Sonny" Hass' request to not accept the resignations fell on deaf ears.

New EDC members nominated and approved by the council were Amber Gaby, Wanda Gaby, Lindy McCarty, Diane Caughron, Marcella Smith and Misty Davis. The vote was 3-2 in favor of the new members. Maynard abstained because he was already an EDC member. Glenda Dedmon and Tammy Krikpatrick voted for the new members while Hass and Jonathan Mize voted

no. Mayor Ted Levitt voted yes to break the tie and the new EDC was formed.

City Attorney Jim McLeroy said the EDC had never been officially incorporated and he would begin the paperwork immediately.

Alba Country Fair event coordinator Cindy Monroe was on the agenda to give a report on the fair. "The Alba Country Fair was a huge success. The three entities that get the money off the

fair, which is not off the city of Alba, not off the EDC, but it's because of the people who come to Alba," Monroe acknowledged. "It's also us who are volunteers, or that were volunteers because between Ted

(Levitt) and Glenda (Dedmon) because they have run every volunteer off who does anything in the city."

The mayor quickly responded to Monroe. "That is enough of an attack," Levitt loudly proclaimed.

Monroe continued to speak. "This is my report. Last year each entity made \$356. This year each entity, the Alba Fire Department, the Alba Friends of the Library, and the Alba Ladies Club cleared \$1,299.70 and that's what I say is a success," she added.

The discussion continued with confusing remarks about the fair's budget. The mayor maintained the fair was over-budget by approximately \$1,400 while Monroe claimed he was reading it wrong and there was no overspending.

Amber Gaby was one of the organizers of the Miss Wood County Pageant. "We knew this would not be a money maker this year. This is something you have to grow each year. There were 27 girls signed up from all over Wood County," Gaby noted. "That has never been done here. That was 27 girls who brought their moms, their dads, their

aunts and uncles, their cousins, their sisters and brothers to Alba."

Monroe did have a final declaration. "As of tonight, me, Cindy Monroe, will no longer coordinate one other event in Alba. I will not be a part of anything in this town other than the Alba Ladies Club. We will participate in the things we want to participate in. I will not be a part of the turmoil or the chaos," Monroe said.

The mayor interrupted her saying, "That is enough of your soapbox."

"I will say, I do pray for Alba and y'all take it and run with it," Monroe concluded.

The council unanimously approved Monroe's report.

On a positive note, the mayor reported there is no need for a tax rate increase. The rate will actually go down approximately one and a half percent per \$100 valuation. "I got with Carol Taylor the tax assessor-collector and based on her numbers, it looks like the tax rate will go down. There will be no need for a tax rate increase, it should be about a penny and a half less, which is good news," Levitt reported. "We don't have to raise taxes to have a workable budget. The proposed rate will be \$1.0133 cents per \$100 evaluation. The good news is, it's not going up."

The proposed tax rate will only be published one time since the rate is going down.

In other action, the council:

- heard from Wood County Crime Stopper officers Toni Cole (president) Lee James (vice president). They invited Alba to become a part of the organization and spoke about what they offered and how it would be beneficial to Alba;
- approved the city to enter into an inter-local agreement with Wood County to do ditch work throughout the city as a beginning to improving city streets;
- voted 5-0 against placing speed bumps on city streets;
- approved departmental reports;
- heard from Wood County Industrial Commission Executive Director Kiki Bettis and Alderman Maynard concerning the Texas Downtown Association and possibilities for growth in downtown Alba.

QDC

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plans and several potential investors have seen the property already."

Hudman reported one business will be opening in September near the old Gem Theater. "Ingrid Hightower's Appetites will be open in September across the street from the corner building she already owns. They will be delivering within the city limits of Quitman," Hudman said. "It's sandwiches, soups, pies, cookies, and cakes. She has different salads, one with sirloin and pan-seared filet, over a nice bed of fresh salad."

Hightower's food business will be open during the day 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. during the week at 231 North Main. She is already involved in catering and will continue to do so.

Other transactions are happening downtown. "Jerry Williams purchased the building on the southeast corner of the square near the dentist's office. He has already put on new roof on the building," Hudman said. "It's a great

location with plenty of parking and great access to the courthouse."

The old Wood County Carpet building has been drawing interest. "City National Bank owns the old Wood County Carpet building and they would love to find an investor," Hudman noted. "It's 8,000 square feet and doesn't need a whole lot of work done and they are ready to make a deal on it."

Other downtown properties for sale include the old Gem Theater and other store fronts on North Main owned by Lance White and the McDade building owned by the McDade family. White's properties total 15,000 square feet while the McDade building is 4,000 square feet.

The QDC downtown property is being marketed. "We are aggressively seeking investors for downtown, specifically for the QDC properties downtown, the old Democrat and Ramsey buildings. We have four different restaurants who are interested in coming downtown," Hudman added.

The traffic flow through Quitman daily makes it an interesting location

for investors. "There are 17,000 people who drive through our downtown daily; through being the operative word who don't stop because there is nothing there for them to do," Hudman explained. "They go through but don't always stop. Some do stop for gas or to do business at the courthouse. We have some great professional service businesses anchoring downtown. We just need to add retail and restaurants."

Hudman has a vision for downtown. "An overall dream for downtown would be to have a restaurant that has an open concept with outdoor seating with the ability to have some live music with perhaps having local musicians performing," Hudman said. "We would like to have them be able to open up the sides and have a real open feel. We hope to have a pocket park behind the square as well as plenty of parking."

New City Secretary/Administrator Greg Hollen is excited about the prospects of Quitman business growth. "I think the excitement and enthusiasm as we move forward is so positive.

As we focus on downtown as we begin the process of renewal and revitalization of these of these buildings working in public and private partnership will pay dividends as we go into this next year," Hollen interjected. "You have laid the groundwork for the future."

Hudman said many things have Quitman going in the right direction. "Look at what our school board has done. They have gotten a TRE and a bond passed and there are great things going on in the Quit-

man school district. It takes everyone to win, it's not just the schools, not just the businesses, it is everybody working together for our community."

The QDC long range plans are ahead of schedule with the building of the parking lot north of downtown on the agenda and the remediation and debris removal coming in September. After that, it will be sidewalks and building renovations beginning.

The QDC offers help with transfer of property, tax abatements,

community development block grants, and Texas Capital Fund Grants. Grants through the Wood County Industrial Commission's HOT funds and UCC (unclaimed capital credit) funds are also available.

The QDC is looking for investors, entrepreneurs, retail businesses, restaurants, mom and pop shops, and professional services to invest in Quitman. "We have a great community and it is tremendous potential. Come and help us grow," Hudman concluded.

Hensarling

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that connects the people to their government."

Hensarling's work also includes repealing and replacing the president's financial control law known as the Dodd-Frank Act. As chairman of the Financial Services Committee, Hensarling has introduced the Republican proposal for Wall Street reform called the Financial CHOICE Act. It's a proposal that Hensarling says will result in "economic growth for all and bank bailouts for none."

"Dodd-Frank has failed. It has contributed to the slowest, smallest, weakest and worst economic recovery of our lifetimes," said Hensarling. "We must instead offer all Americans greater opportunities to raise their standards of living and achieve financial independence by replacing Dodd-Frank with

real reforms that work."

National security and the president's nuclear deal with Iran was also a topic of conversation in Mineola on Thursday. As a result of that deal, which Hensarling voted against, the president signed an executive order in January lifting some of the U.S. economic sanctions on Iran. Since that time, the Boeing Company, one of America's largest aerospace companies, has negotiated a deal to sell that country more than 100 aircraft. Hensarling is concerned that the deal between Boeing and Iran could benefit Iran's military.

"One of the last things we should be doing is allowing Boeing to export military fungible aircraft to Iran and providing that country access to the U.S. financial system. We are working at the Financial Services Committee to ensure that American taxpayers and depositors will not have their funds used to back financing for the Ayatollahs and Iran's terrorist regime."

'We don't need an inspector. I am not ashamed of any of my houses and I have several here in the city of Alba ... If this passes I will have to think about selling my properties.'

Rusty Sherwood



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Stormy Bibby (front) and Parker Abercrombie (back) get ready to take a spin on a ride at Old Settlers last week.

Youngsters have good time at Old Settlers



This young cowboy, Jace Low, gets some help from his dad, Blake, riding this wild horse on the carousel at Old Settlers Reunion Friday night. **AT RIGHT:** Nathan Fuller (right) points out to some friends as he and his brother, Landon Mask, get ready to conquer another ride at Old Settlers last week. **BELOW:** Eleanor and Brice King, Lindale, have a good time dancing to the lively music of Keith Irwin and Prodigal at the pavilion Friday night. (Photos by Larry Tucker)



Old Settlers

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Thursday karaoke under the direction of Randy Lindsey saw some great talent on the pavilion. The big winners were Sarah and Catie Leach who sang a duet and took home the \$100

first place winnings. There was a tie for second place between Courtney Lambert and Robert Hammer who split the \$75 cash prize. There was also a third place tie with Joel Frosch and John Dubose sharing the \$50 third place money.

Board President Joe Wayne Reynolds hosted Saturday night's country music show featuring Midnite Drive from

the Alba area. Reynolds even got into the act singing "Working Man Blues" with the band to start their second set.

Haisten said he appreciated the help of Wood County Adult Probation community service workers. The workers helped in getting the grounds ready for the reunion and cleaned up the park each morning after the evening shows under the pavilion.

"The community service workers did a great job for us. It would have been difficult to get everything done without them," Haisten said. "I also appreciate all of the board members who put in the hours to make this another successful reunion. Our plans are to get to work on the 115th Old Settlers Reunion very soon and have a bigger and better event in 2017."



The Alba-Golden Panthers work early morning defense assignments with coaches last week during two-a-days. (Monitor photo by Evan Dudley)

County football roundup

Mineola

There are not many questions to answer for the Yellowjackets during fall practice. The team returns starters at almost every position on the field and battling complacency will be the theme of the season.

The Yellowjackets are back to basics to begin fall practice. Every year is a new year and fundamentals are the key to doing the right things on

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QUITMAN LADY BULLDOGS

Varsity starting strong

By LARRY TUCKER
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Quitman's Lady Bulldogs topped off a first week of workouts with a sweep of competition at the Van playday and then by taking down a tough Quitman Alumni Team on Saturday.

At the Van playday, the Lady Bulldogs took on Van, Harmony and Mineola. They played opponents for 45 minutes with Quitman outscoring each opponent in each scrimmage.

Saturday found the Lady Bulldogs taking on a team of alumni, taking the match 3-1 with scores of 25-9, 25-13, 19-25 and 25-16.

Against the alumni,

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Kaci Raley goes up high for a kill for the Quitman Lady Bulldogs in their play against Lady Bulldog Alumni Saturday at Ballard Gym

Ride of the Valkyries Yellowjacket 'warriors' preparing for battle

BY EVAN DUDLEY
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The Valkyrie are legendary figures in Norse mythology. They choose the warriors who will perish on the battlefield and escort them to the ethereal plane of Valhalla. They also decide who will live and prevail.

The 2016 edition of the Mineola defense will have ample opportunity to decide who they'll be escorting to the afterlife this season. The Yel-

lowjackets return starters across the board and look to finish the story they began more than two years ago.

"Having everybody back is an advantage," said junior linebacker Michael Drennon, a 2015 All-State honorable mention. "We're always building each other up and helping each

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Yellowjacket Valkyrie design by Monitor graphic artist David Luna

Mineola Country Club hosts MGA tourney Aug. 27-28

The Mineola Country Club will be hosting El Diablo, a Men's Golf Association Tournament, Aug. 27-28 at the Mineola Country Club Golf Course. The entry fee is \$100 per player for two person teams. Tee time will be 1 p.m. Lunch will be served from the grill both days.

Contact the Pro Shop to sign up at 903-569-2472. Sponsorship levels and additional information are available at the Mineola Country Club website mineolacountryclub.com.

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The Yellowjackets hosted an area scrimmage Saturday concluding the first week of practice heading into the regular season. (Monitor photo by Evan Dudley)

V-ball roundup

Mineola

The Mineola Yellowjackets ended the first week of practice with scrimmages in Van on Friday and at home on Saturday.

The Lady Jackets scrimmaged against Harmony, Van and Quitman during the Van playday. The team competed against Harmony, Mt. Pleasant, Chapel Hill and Kemp during the Mineola playday.

The Yellowjackets practiced during morning and afternoon sessions last week along with weights and conditioning. This week the Yellowjackets will practice one session in the morning before opening the season Tuesday at Gladewater.

Alba-Golden

The Alba-Golden Panthers are primed to continue their dominance as of late. The Lady Panthers began practice last week and concluded with scrimmages at Rains.

The Lady Panthers opened the season at home Tuesday against Union Grove.

Quitman

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team Saturday.

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"I am feeling excited after our scrimmages against Harmony, Mineola, and Van on Friday," said Quitman Head Coach Ashlee Lingo. "I feel like we are ahead of where we were last year at this point. I believe the girls are feeling confident in their roles and are having fun! They seem to be very focused and eager to get games started."

The Lady Bulldogs opened the season Tuesday at New Diana.

Hawkins

Coach Terri Boyd's team concluded the first week of practice with scrimmages against Grand Saline and Fruitvale Friday night. Coach Boyd said some philosophical changes are in the works but the girls are adjusting accordingly.

"We did well (Friday scrimmages)," she said. "Obviously we have things to work on but saw a lot of good things."

The Lady Hawks opened the season Tuesday at Grand Saline.

Mineola Country Club SENIOR GOLF REPORT

The team of Jimmy Baughman, John Gorman, Robert Tullis and Gary Milam won first in the Senior Golf Scramble at Mineola Country Club Thursday. They shot (14 under) 57.

The second place team of Mike Cearley, Jim Wray, Jerry Massey and Larry Jackson shot (12 under) 59.

Closest to the pin on hole #5 was Roger Stai. Baughman drove closest on hole #9.



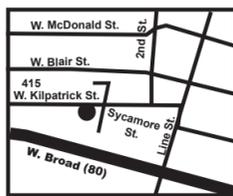
Hawkins players take part in warm-ups and fundamental drills last week during the first week of practice. (Photo courtesy Quiana Conde)

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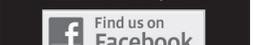
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HALFTIME HEROES



The Mineola High School marching band sports their superhero t-shirts as part of the theme for their 2016 halftime show.

Mineola JV football equip. pickup Aug. 11

Equipment pickup for the Mineola junior varsity football team will be Thursday, Aug. 11. Eighth graders will be issued their equipment from 8-10 a.m. and seventh graders can pick up their equipment from 10 a.m. – 12p.m.

MHS class of 1986 planning reunion

The Mineola High School class of 1986 is planning their 30th class reunion on Oct. 1. The organizers are asking classmates to contact them. For information call Starr Beall Rush at 214-336-7969; Beth Pace McCauley at 214-497-4328 or Alisa Conway Ledkins at 903-780-9557. Information can also be found on Facebook under Mineola High School Class of 1986.

Lake Fork Weekly Fishing Report (July 25-31)

By **JOHN MORRIS**
Special to the Wood County Monitor

It was another hot week here at Lake Fork. With the air temperatures in the 100 plus range this week the water temperatures reached 92 to 95 degrees. The water clarity continues to improve in the main lake area and even in the back of some creeks.

The evaporation rate continues to take its toll on the lake level with the lake now being down about a foot. What that means is some of our stump bass are starting to show up. Please be careful where you are running!

The other issue is the dehydration factor. Guys and gals please drink plenty of fluids to keep yourself hydrated which will help you catch more fish here at Lake Fork.

The bass can still be caught in 16 to 20 feet of water using a Carolina rig or you can move into 3 to 5 feet of water and use a wacky rig. We continued to chartreuse/pepper ring fry on our Carolina rigs. We also continued using the chartreuse/pumpkin Zoom trick worm rigged wacky style to catch good numbers of fish up to 6.5 pounds. Don't forget to put a nail in the head of the wacky worm is get it down into the grass and pads.

Our better fish came after lunch in the heat of the day. If you can stand the heat the bass will bite!

The white bass remain scattered out on main lake points and creek bends. If you can find a brush pile on a creek bend that will really help you. Twenty-four feet of water is the key factor. Yes, use a chrome and chartreuse flutter spoon.

The crappie fishing was slow again this week. The Farm-to-Market 515 bridges are your best bet and use the good ole minnow rig to fill you your plate with.

Now for the catfish report. Just continue baiting trees in 28 to 30 feet of water and you will get bites all day and all night; use punch bait. A few trout line fishermen are having success using cut bait.

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING TO DISCUSS BUDGET AND PROPOSED TAX RATE

The Quitman ISD will hold a public meeting at 6:00 PM, August 29, 2016 in 902 E. Goode St., Quitman, Tx.. The purpose of this meeting is to discuss the school district's budget that will determine the tax rate that will be adopted. Public participation in the discussion is invited.

The tax rate that is ultimately adopted at this meeting or at a separate meeting at a later date may not exceed the proposed rate shown below unless the district publishes a revised notice containing the same information and comparisons set out below and holds another public meeting to discuss the revised notice.

Maintenance Tax	\$1.1700/\$100 (proposed rate for maintenance and operations)
School Debt Service Tax	\$0.2650/\$100 (proposed rate to pay bonded indebtedness)
Approved by Local Voters	

Comparison of Proposed Budget with Last Year's Budget

The applicable percentage increase or decrease (or difference) in the amount budgeted in the preceding fiscal year and the amount budgeted for the fiscal year that begins during the current tax year is indicated for each of the following expenditure categories.

Maintenance and operations	1.96 % increase
Debt Service	241.31 % increase
Total expenditures	8.78 % increase

Total Appraised Value and Total Taxable Value (as calculated under Section 26.04, Tax Code)

	Preceding Tax Year	Current Tax Year
Total appraised value* of all property	\$592,416,845	\$570,331,030
Total appraised value* of new property**	\$4,622,420	\$6,425,281
Total taxable value*** of all property	\$376,703,989	\$342,686,730
Total taxable value*** of new property**	\$4,412,929	\$5,934,032

*Appraised value is the amount shown on the appraisal roll and defined by Section 1.04(8), Tax Code.
 ** "New property" is defined by Section 26.012(17), Tax Code.
 *** "Taxable value" is defined by Section 1.04(10), Tax Code.

Bonded Indebtedness

Total amount of outstanding and unpaid bonded indebtedness* \$14,705,000

*Outstanding principal.

Comparison of Proposed Rates with Last Year's Rates

	Maintenance & Operations	Interest & Sinking Fund*	Total	Local Revenue Per Student	State Revenue Per Student
Last Year's Rate	\$1.1700	\$0.0700*	\$1.2400	\$4,614	\$4,528
Rate to Maintain Same Level of Maintenance & Operations Revenue & Pay Debt Service	\$1.1539	\$0.2964*	\$1.4503	\$4,976	\$4,687
Proposed Rate	\$1.1700	\$0.2650*	\$1.4350	\$5,103	\$4,715

*The Interest & Sinking Fund tax revenue is used to pay for bonded indebtedness on construction, equipment, or both. The bonds, and the tax rate necessary to pay those bonds, were approved by the voters of this district.

Comparison of Proposed Levy with Last Year's Levy on Average Residence

	Last Year	This Year
Average Market Value of Residences	\$100,198	\$103,039
Average Taxable Value of Residences	\$75,277	\$77,469
Last Year's Rate Versus Proposed Rate per \$100 Value	\$1.2400	\$1.4350
Taxes Due on Average Residence	\$933.43	\$1,111.68
Increase (Decrease) in Taxes		\$178.25

Under state law, the dollar amount of school taxes imposed on the residence homestead of a person 65 years of age or older or of the surviving spouse of such a person, if the surviving spouse was 55 years of age or older when the person died, may not be increased above the amount paid in the first year after the person turned 65, regardless of changes in tax rate or property value.

Notice of Rollback Rate: The highest tax rate the district can adopt before requiring voter approval at an election is \$1.4604. This election will be automatically held if the district adopts a rate in excess of the rollback rate of \$1.4604.

Fund Balances

The following estimated balances will remain at the end of the current fiscal year and are not encumbered with or by a corresponding debt obligation, less estimated funds necessary for operating the district before receipt of the first state aid payment.

Maintenance and Operations Fund Balance(s)	\$5,002,130
Interest & Sinking Fund Balance(s)	\$630,362

Do you like... HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL?

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PUBLIC NOTICE

Wood County will be disposing of County owned surplus property at a public auction occurring at the Equify Auctions 24280 I-20 (exit 19), Wills Point, Texas 75169 at 9:00 a.m. on August 18, 2016. This disposal is in the accordance with Texas Local Government Code 263.152 and was authorized by the Wood County Commissioner's Court on July 29th, 2016 Surplus includes: Two(2) CY60 Mowers, BOMAG recycler MPH IOOR.

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Public Notice

No. 12,957
IN THE ESTATE OF LAQUETA MARIE CASBURN, DECEASED IN THE COUNTY COURT OF WOOD COUNTY, TEXAS
NOTICE TO CREDITORS
Notice is hereby given that original Letters Testamentary for the Estate of LAQUETA MARIE CASBURN, Deceased, were issued on August 1, 2016, in Cause No. 12,957, pending in the County Court of Wood County, Texas, to: DEBRA KAY BAYLESS.
All persons having claims against this Estate which is currently being administered are required to present them to the undersigned within the time and in the manner prescribed by law. c/o: J. Brad McCampbell Curtis, Alexander, McCampbell & Morris, P.C. P.O. Box 38 Emory, Texas 75440
DATED the 3rd day of August, 2016.
Curtis, Alexander & McCampbell, P.C.
Attorney for Applicant
State Bar No.: 13358000
Number One Planters Street P.O. Box 38 Emory, Texas 75440
Telephone: (903) 473-2297
Facsimile: (903) 473-3069
By: J. Brad McCampbell State Bar No. 13358000

NOTICE TO CREDITORS
Notice is hereby given that original Letters Testamentary for the Estate of Dorothy Irene Crane Philpott, Deceased, were issued on August 1, 2016 under Docket Number 12,960 pending in the County Court of Wood County, Texas, to George William Philpott.
Claims may be presented in care of the attorney for the Estate addressed as follows:

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Public Notice

George William Philpott, Independent Executor Estate of Dorothy Irene Crane Philpott, Deceased c/o Ben J. Kerr, III Attorney at Law P.O. Box 1029 Quitman, Texas 75783
All persons having claims against the Estate, which is currently being administered, are required to present them within the time and in the manner prescribed by law. DATED the 1ST day of August, 2016.
Respectfully submitted, Brown, Kerr & King
By: Ben J. Kerr, III

PUBLIC NOTICE
Notice is hereby given that a public hearing has been set for revision on the plat of Holly Lake Ranch Subdivision. The revision includes lots 101 and 102, Part I, Section IV, within Holly Lake Ranch Subdivision. The public hearing is set for Friday, August 26, 2016, at 10:00 A.M. in the Commissioners Courtroom. All persons interested in revision to this plat may appear at the hearing with opposition should they so desire.
Bryan Jeanes
Wood County Judge

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
The Mineola City Council will hold a public hearing regarding the sale of real property, consisting of a 1.303 acres tract and a 27.970 acres tract, J E White Survey Abstract No. 612 Wood County, a total of 29.273 acres and a lease agreement of the adjoining property of a 24.814 acres tract, JE White Survey Abstract No. 612 Wood County belonging to the Mineola Economic Development Corporation located off Bromberg St. The hearing will be held at Special Council Meeting on August 15, 2016 following the regular workshop at set at 6:00 p.m. at the Mineola Municipal Complex, 300 Greenville Highway, Mineola, TX.
Mercy Rushing
City Administrator & Executive Director of MEDC
City of Mineola

2016-205
STATEOF TEXAS
TO: Larry Harris
"You have been sued. You may employ an attorney. If you or your attorney does not file a written answer with the clerk who issued this citation by 10:00 a.m. on the Monday next following the expiration of 20 days after you were served this citation and petition, a default judgment may be taken against you. The petition of Sun Eagle Bay Owners Association v. Charlie and Bonnie Taylor".

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Sale #1: Estate Sale for Wynne "Winnie" Mae Brown
4027 Pinedale Place – Tyler, TX 75701
Inside SSE Loop 323, just east of Robert E Lee High School, turn north onto New Copeland Rd.; turn first left onto Pinedale Place.

The 5000 sq. ft. home of longtime Tyler residents Burns & Wynne ("Winnie") Mae Brown is for sale, offered by Jack Burns Realty of Assoc.-Real Estate & Loans, HomeTown Amer. Incorp. @ 281-565-5626. Contents & consignments must go: dining table/10 chairs; leather sofa; 4 other sofas; love seat; vintage sterling jewelry; James Avery jewelry; Bombay chest; gorgeous chandeliers; ocean chairs; lamps; end tables; full bed; dresser; nightstand; leather wing backs; several armchairs; mid-cent. mod. dresser, bed, chest, nightstand; china; crystal stemware; framed art; tons of glassware/coolware; window treatments; silver chest; bar stools; rugs; room divider; lg. baker's rack; barware; jewelry; desk; refri.; washer/dryer; great freezer; over 60 purses; huge selection of clothes; many holiday items, Native American art; weight bench; ProForm exerciser; soooooo much more!!

Sale #2: Downsizing Sale for Jerry & Jeanetta Caddy
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Outside S Loop 323, off of S. Broadway, and between Walmart & Target, turn west onto West South Town Dr. Curve behind Walmart; the gate at RidgeCreek Place will be open.
This lovely 3814 sq. ft. home, offered by Sheila Cooper of Remax Impact, is for sale; contents & consignments must go: antique dining table/4 chairs; wingback chairs; side tables; great rug selections; bed bench; framed art; floral arrangements; dishes/china; crystal stemware; Fenton; inlaid serving cart; sterling napkin rings; elephant plant stand; large artif. plants; many lamps; office chairs; law books/other books; fire screen; fireplace utensils; decorative glassware serving pieces/decor; many blue & white selections; anti. rocker; apple cookie jar; hull tree; office desks; flatware; coolware; new rattan; cookbooks; many clothes, shoes, purses, belts, costume jewelry; golf selections; CD's; DVD's; electronics; metal cabinet; chest deep freezer; soooooo much more!!
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Public Notice

Owners Association, Petitioner, was filed in the District Court of Wood County, Texas on the 28th day of March, 2016, against Larry Harris, Respondent, numbered 2016-205 and entitled "Sun Eagle Bay Owners Association v. Larry Harris". The suit requests foreclosure of real property. The real property owned by Defendant and located within the Sun Eagle Bay Subdivision is more fully described as follows:
Sun Eagle Bay Subdivision, Section 1, Lot 461
The Court has authority in this suit to render an order to enforce property foreclosure that will be binding on you. Issued and given under my hand and seal of the Court at Wood County, Texas, this the 22nd day of July, 2016.
"Jenica Turner, Clerk of the District Court of Wood County, Texas.
By: Jennifer Mosher, Deputy." Citation Issued

NOTICE TO ALL PERSONS HAVING CLAIMS AGAINST THE ESTATE OF R.A. MOREAU
Notice is hereby given that the original Letters Testamentary for the Estate of **R.A. MOREAU**, deceased, were issued on the 1ST day of AUGUST, 2016, in Cause No. 12,966 pending in the County Court of WOOD County, Texas, to: **DENISE PATRICK** PO BOX 938 LINDALE TX 75771
All persons having claims against this Estate which is currently being administered are required to present them within the time and in the manner prescribed by law. DATED this 1ST day of AUGUST, 2016.
DENISE PARTICK
Independent Executor Of the Estate of **R.A. MOREAU**, Deceased

2016-206
STATEOF TEXAS
TO: Charlie and Bonnie Taylor
"You have been sued. You may employ an attorney. If you or your attorney does not file a written answer with the clerk who issued this citation by 10:00 a.m. on the Monday next following the expiration of 20 days after you were served this citation and petition, a default judgment may be taken against you. The petition of Sun Eagle Bay Owners Association, Petitioner, was filed in the District Court of Wood County, Texas on the 28th day of March, 2016, against Charlie and Bonnie Taylor, Respondent, numbered 2016-206 and entitled "Sun Eagle Bay Owners Association v. Charlie and Bonnie Taylor".

Public Notice

The suit requests foreclosure of real property. The real property owned by Defendant and located within the Sun Eagle Bay Subdivision is more fully described as follows:
Sun Eagle Bay Subdivision, Section 1, Lots 42 and 43
The Court has authority in this suit to render an order to enforce property foreclosure that will be binding on you. Issued and given under my hand and seal of the Court at Wood County, Texas, this the 22nd day of July, 2016.
"Jenica Turner, Clerk of the District Court of Wood County, Texas.
By: Jennifer Mosher, Deputy." Citation Issued

2016-203
STATEOF TEXAS
TO: Patrick Fischer
"You have been sued. You may employ an attorney. If you or your attorney does not file a written answer with the clerk who issued this citation by 10:00 a.m. on the Monday next following the expiration of 20 days after you were served this citation and petition, a default judgment may be taken against you. The petition of Sun Eagle Bay Owners Association, Petitioner, was filed in the District Court of Wood County, Texas on the 28th day of March, 2016, against Patrick Fischer, Respondent, numbered 2016-203 and entitled "Sun Eagle Bay Owners Association v. Patrick Fischer". The suit requests foreclosure of real property. The real property owned by Defendant and located within the Sun Eagle Bay Subdivision is more fully described as follows:
Sun Eagle Bay Subdivision, Section 2, Lot 51
The Court has authority in this suit to render an order to enforce property foreclosure that will be binding on you. Issued and given under my hand and seal of the Court at Wood County, Texas, this the 22nd day of July, 2016.
"Jenica Turner, Clerk of the District Court of Wood County, Texas.
By: Jennifer Mosher, Deputy." Citation Issued

TRIPLE G MINI STORAGE located at 1122 E. Goode St., Quitman, will be holding an auction Saturday, August 27, 2016 at 1:00 p.m. for the contents of Christina Marie Mcelyea Unit #1, Paul Lee Hawthorne Unit #75 and Donna Jo Jenkins Unit #96 to satisfy a landlord's lien. (8/10, 8/17, 8/24)

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NOTICE OF SHERIFF SALE

THE STATE OF TEXAS
COUNTY OF WOOD

By virtue of Orders of Sale issued out of the Honorable 402ND JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT of WOOD County in the following cases on the 12nd day of July, 2016, and to me, as Sheriff, directed and delivered, I will proceed to sell at 10:00 AM on the 6th DAY OF September, 2016, which is the first Tuesday of said month, at the Official Door of the Courthouse of said WOOD County, in the City of QUITMAN, Texas, the following described property, to wit:

Cause No: T-3887 MINEOLA INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT vs. MARK GODWIN
BEING 0.4591 ACRES, MORE OR LESS, LOT 11, HILLCREST ADDITION, ACCOUNT NUMBER 000039045

Cause No: T-3901 MINEOLA INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT vs. SHAD MCNULTY AND ROSE MCNULTY
BEING 5.010 ACRES, MORE OR LESS, LOT 6, PINE BURR FARMS, PART OF THE H SANCHEZ SURVEY, ACCOUNT NUMBER 000034413

Cause No: T-3910 MINEOLA INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT vs. LINDA DIANE DANIELS
BEING 0.4721 ACRES, MORE OR LESS, LOTS 2, 3A & 3B, BLOCK H OF THE LANDERS & STORY SUBDIVISION, PART OF THE S YARBROUGH SURVEY, ACCOUNT NUMBER 000034005

Cause No: T-3916 QUITMAN INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT vs. JAMES BERRY
BEING 5 ACRES, MORE OR LESS, TRACT 15 (PREV TRACT PART OF 10N), PART OF THE J MONTEITH HEADRIGHT SURVEY, ACCOUNT NUMBER R18322.

Cause No: T-3927 MINEOLA INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT vs. RAYMOND WILLIAMS
BEING 0.23 ACRES, MORE OR LESS, LOT 3, BLOCK I, PART OF THE LANDERS & REVELLE SUBDIVISION, ACCOUNT NUMBER 000040377

ALL BIDDERS MUST COMPLY WITH SECTION 34.015 OF THE TEXAS PROPERTY TAX CODE.

Levied on the 14th day of July, 2016, as the property of said Defendants to satisfy the judgements rendered in the above styled and numbered causes, plus all taxes, penalties, interest, and attorney fees accrued to the date of sale and all costs recoverable by law in favor of each jurisdiction.

GIVEN UNDER MY HAND THIS 14TH day of July, 2016.

J.M. Brown
SHERIFF WOOD COUNTY, TEXAS
By *Heather Bailey* Deputy

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Lady Bulldogs

From page 1B

It stayed close in the first game for a while. Holding an 8-7 lead, the Lady Bulldogs reeled off eight consecutive points behind the serving blast of Madalyn Spears, the net play of Macy Wilson, Robin Tanner and Kaci Raley and the confident passing and digging from Cammie Hicks. Brittany Walls, Rebekah Corrier and Abby Dobbs each played key roles hustling after loose balls and making pinpoint passes. The first game ended on a dramatic kill by Tanner making the final score 25-9.

In the second game, the Lady Bulldogs took a 6-1 lead on back-to-back kills by Spears and extended their lead to 17-7 lead with overall teamwork and hustle. They kept the alumni from getting back in the game with constant hustle and making plays, diving for the ball and staying in position.

In the third game the alumni reached deep, playing with a lot of heart and hustle. Behind the tremendous serves and floor play of collegiate player Allison McKinley the alumni rattled off to an early 9-2 lead. The Lady Bulldogs fought back to within 12-9, but

the alumni subdued each comeback attempt, taking a 22-13 lead late in the game. With the alumni leading 24-15, the Lady Bulldogs fought back to cut the score to 24-19 before the alumni put the last point down to take the game 25-19.

In the fourth game, the Lady Bulldogs started and finished strong taking a 25-16 win. The Lady Bulldogs were not to be denied as Raley, Wilson, and Tanner dominated the net. They had leads of 14-2 and 20-7 making it tough on the alumni to come back. Hicks made several great hustle plays making saves and getting to balls which seemed to be sailing out of her reach.

Hicks, who is a junior, had a record-setting year last year and has high hopes for this year's team. "We know we have potential to be good, that's what Coach Lingo (Ashlee) tells us. We have played together for a long time," Hicks said. "We talked after the Van playday and we surprised ourselves playing so well."

This is a team who believes in each other. "We play club ball together and worked out together in the summer. We ran together this summer in the mornings because we wanted to be ready for two-a-days when they started," Hicks added.

The team believes in their coach. "I love Coach Lingo. We love Coach Lingo. She coached this group of juniors back when we were in sixth grade," Hicks noted. "She has a unique way of pumping us up when we are down or behind. She believes in us and we believe in her. She really is great at getting us prepared to play."

The pre-season schedule is again loaded with tough matches which include a class 6A tournament hosted by Tyler Lee and John Tyler, as well as the White Oak Tournament, one of East Texas' premier volleyball events. Add to that playing at class 5A Longview Pine Tree and a duel with Bullard and All Saints, along with the Van tournament, all of which should have the Lady Bulldogs ready for the district slate.

Lingo said the new district will be competitive. "Eustace is going to be good and although Alba-Golden lost several seniors, they still have Gracie Pendergrass and some great athletes. It should be a good district and we are excited about getting ready for the season."

The Lady Bulldogs open the regular season at New Diana Tuesday and travel to Pine Tree Friday.



Quitman's Cammie Hicks sends a serve in competition last Saturday against Lady Bulldog alumni. Hicks was third team All State and and All East Texas performer at setter last season. (Photos by Larry Tucker)

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The Hawkins Hawks line up against each other Saturday during the Blue-White scrimmage. (Photo courtesy Jason Boyd)

Roundup

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the field.

"We're going to progress as though we know nothing," said defensive coordinator Luke Blackwell.

The Yellowjackets play Elysian Fields Friday at 5 p.m. in the first scrimmage of the season.

Alba-Golden

The Alba-Golden Panthers have many questions to answer heading into the 2016 season. There are more than 15 players starting or learning new roles this year. Head Coach Ron Callahan said the first week of practice is about re-acclimating to the physical

side of the game as well as growing confidence in the players.

"We have a lot of new faces, playing some new roles," Callahan said. "It's been really neat these first few days watching the kids grow."

The Panthers will take on Rains Saturday in their first scrimmage of the season.

Quitman

Coach John Woodard and his staff welcomed a total of 45 young men to Quitman football two-a-days last week. The Bulldogs spent much of the week working on basic fundamental football.

The Bulldogs have 12 seniors playing this year and will depend on younger players to fill some holes.

"The kids have been working really hard all summer and they came ready to play some football,"

Woodard said. "We have a lot to work on and are looking forward to our scrimmages against Hawkins and Como-Pickton. We expect to be ready to compete Aug. 26 at Big Sandy."

The Bulldogs host Hawkins at 5 p.m. Friday for a preseason scrimmage.

Hawkins

Coach Marty Moore and his Hawks began fall practice last week culminating in a team scrimmage Saturday morning for parents and fans.

Coach Moore said the first week was focused on fundamentals and finding the right set of players for each unit. The team is having fun but is still focused during the hot hours of camp.

The Hawks visit Quitman at 5 p.m. Friday for the first preseason scrimmage.



The Mineola Yellowjackets scrimmage Friday during a public practice under the lights. (Monitor photo by Evan Dudley)



The Quitman Bulldogs finally got to strap on the pads Friday evening. (Monitor photo by Larry Tucker)

Jackets

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other out when someone gets down."

The stats speak for themselves.

Following a 0-3 start to the 2014 season, the Mineola defense held opponents to 11.6 points per game to finish the regular season and 17.8 ppg to opponents in the playoffs – the offense averaged 36.8 ppg during that stretch – until reaching the title game where the Yellow-

jackets were defeated by Cameron Yoe. They posted two shutouts.

In 2015, the defense got even better. The Yellowjackets recorded three shutouts and held opponents to 12.3 ppg during the course of an undefeated regular season. The defense allowed 14.3 ppg in the playoffs leading up to the semifinal loss to Brock.

And everybody is back for another ride.

"There are no superstars," said defensive coordinator Luke Blackwell. "They're 11 guys who

play great as a unit."

But there are leaders. And they're at every position on the field.

Junior Cameron Sorenson and senior Noah Sneed man the secondary, seniors Drason Tenner and Kourtland Sinches load the line and Drennon leads from the middle of the field.

According to Sinches, a 2015 All-State third team selection, the characteristic that makes this defense special is the ability of every position to communicate fluidly with one another.

"We never argue," he said. "We come together as one, communicate, and focus on winning each play."

This unit is not comfortable with just winning. Their goal is to dominate the opposition and allow the offense a sense of comfort when taking the field. The better the defense plays, the more points the offense can score.

"Play 16, win 16," said Sneed, also a 2016 All-State honorable mention. "We want to shut out as many opponents as possible."



Mineola's Noah Sneed makes a tackle against Prairiland in last year's opening round playoff game. (Monitor File Photo)

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Minister trades wings for a different kind

By LARRY TUCKER
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First Baptist Church of Quitman has a new full-time minister. A 10-year Navy career man, Gabe Martin, has made the move to Quitman.

In his Navy career the new minister was on an helicopter air crew and was a rescue swimmer, a helicopter training instructor, crew resource management instructor, a member of the

The Lord has given me a deep desire to shepherd Christ's flock.

Gabe Martin, First Baptist Church of Quitman

search and rescue crew and an aviation safety manager.

During his time in the Navy, Martin found "a passion for the gospel and a burning desire" to share it with

everyone with whom he had the opportunity to do so. He began seminary training through Liberty University where he earned a Masters of Art Degree in Theological Studies. He also began preaching at every given opportunity and teaching classes as well as leading small groups.

Martin realized that his family was to serve in full-time ministry so, "following God's leading," the advice of mentors, and the prayers of friends and family, he left active-duty and their family moved to Burleson. There Martin pursued his Master of Divinity Degree at Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary. There his wife Misty also had the opportunity to take several seminary courses, which have helped equip her for her role in ministry. While living in Burleson, Gabe was licensed to the ministry by First Baptist Burleson; his family was involved in a number of teaching, missions and outreach ministries.

Gabe and Misty have been married 10 years. They have two children, Ross, 7, and Lily, 4. Gabe and Misty both were reared near Palestine, but have called several places home. Dur-



The Martin family are Gabe, Misty, Ross and Lily.

ing Gabe's 10 years of service in the Navy they have been from San Diego, California, to Pensacola, Florida.

"The Lord has given me a deep desire to shepherd Christ's flock," Gabe said, continuing that he sought a local congregation to which he can provide pastoral love, care, and spiritual leadership. He said he has a passion

for evangelism, missions and discipleship.

"I have been born again in Jesus Christ by the grace of God through the power of the Holy Spirit and now desire nothing other than to praise Him, proclaim Him, and obey His commands in all circumstances. The Gospel is my life!"



From left, Steven Dotson presents a snare drum to Mineola band director Chris Brannon and Percussion Instructor Jim Best.

Church choir donates drum to school band

The First Baptist of Mineola Sanctuary Choir showed their appreciation to the Mineola school band program Friday by donating a snare drum to the middle school band.

Steven Dotson, worship arts minister for the First Baptist Church,

said the band program had provided percussion instruments and music stands for the choir's annual patriotic program the past five years and that the choir has been searching for a way to show their appreciation.

Quitman Library Connections

BY LIBRARIAN DELENE ALLEN

The next 2nd Friday Acoustical Music Circle is Friday, Aug. 12, 6 - 9 p.m. Acoustic musicians of all ages and musical levels are invited to join in, and listeners are always welcome. Refreshments will be available. For more information, call 903-952-8305.



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With kids heading back to the classroom this August, the Quitman Public Library is highlighting some of the online resources that are especially helpful to young scholars. Students can find a variety of tools for homework help on our website under the Youth Connection and Reference tabs.

Stop in soon and see what the library has to offer. Borrowing privileges are available to individuals who can provide photo identification and proof of residency, taxpayer status, school enrollment, or proof of

employment in Wood County. A guardian must sign for children ages 5-17. Hours are Tuesday through Friday from 10 a.m. until 6 p.m. Keep up with current events on our Facebook page at facebook.com/quitman-publiclibrary.

Adult Services
GED preparatory classes will begin Sept. 1, from 4 - 6 p.m. and will be taught by certified instructor, Susan Resnick. Materials will be provided and there is no cost for this class.

Knitting and crochet instructor, Virginia Hoffpauir, invites everyone to bring their own supplies

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Nelsons celebrate 65th wedding anniversary

Doyle D. and JoAnna Harbuck Nelson celebrated their 65th wedding anniversary on Aug. 3.

The couple were married in Irving and lived there until May 1971 when they moved to Quitman.

Doyle was self-employed all his working days, and JoAnna retired after 14 years in office as the district clerk of Wood County.

The couple have two daughters, Janet Zachary and her husband, Mike, of Winnsboro; Nancy Jackson and her husband, Tim, of Quitman; a son, Russell Nelson, and his wife Cindy of Waco.

The Nelsons are grandparents to Matt Jackson and his wife, Amanda, San Antonio; Anna Zachary; Elizabeth Miller and her husband, Michael; Bettye, Adam Nelson and Ben Nelson. They have two great-grandsons, Ayden Zachary and Abel Jackson. Doyle and JoAnna celebrated their anniversary at their home.



Doyle and JoAnna Nelson of Quitman celebrated their 65th wedding anniversary.

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The day for submitting hay samples is Thursday, Aug. 18.

Exhibitors wanting to enter this year's event should take samples to the Lester Cole Show Arena between 8 a.m. and 4 p.m. Entry to the collection site is located between the Mineola Middle School and the football field off Loop 564. Direction signs will be posted. Exhibitors will be allowed

to enter two samples free of charge to the event. Additional samples may be entered for an additional \$10 fee. Each exhibitor will be given two tickets to attend the hay show barbecue on Sept. 13 at the Mineola Civic Center. Additional tickets may be purchased for \$15 each.

The forage lab at Texas A&M University will test this year's samples.

It is important to know the feeding value of hay in the event that supplementation is needed. The Hay Show is an opportunity for those that feed hay to determine the feeding value. For hay purchasers, this

information needs to be determined to utilize it to the best advantage for livestock.

For additional information concerning hay show entries please contact Glen Dossett or Nelda Shipp at the Mineola High School Agriculture Department. 903-569-3000 ext. 231.

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and join her group for a fun time of free instruction. Stop by the library's main gallery each Thursday, 2 - 4 p.m.

Art classes will not meet during the month of August.

Genealogy
The Wood County Genealogical Society invites visitors to the library's genealogy department to view family files and records of early settlers of Wood County. You may research online genealogical records using Ancestry.com, Heritage Quest, Geni, and the library's database of digitized images. Also available is a microfilm reader/printer for viewing the Wood County Democrat (1914-2015).

Children's Services
The Story Time Gang meets Thursday, Sept. 1, at 2 p.m., with the theme "All About Apples!" Lillian Gray plans an educational hour filled with stories, crafts and

plenty of fun. Story Time is designed for young readers and home-schooled students; however anyone who wants to hear a great story is welcome. For more information, call 903-763-BOOK (2665)

Friends of the Library
Friends of the Quitman Public Library will meet on Tuesday, Sept. 13. Officers for 2017 will be Diane Moseley, president; Cathy Dye, vice president; Lillian Gray, secretary and Kim Watterson, treasurer.

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BEATING THE HEAT AT THE BEACH



Some folks found ways to pass the 101-degree evening Thursday other than hibernating in the air conditioning with the shades drawn tight. Several families were passing the evening enjoying the swish of the waves, soft breeze and free beach at Lake Holbrook. (Monitor photo by Doris Newman)

Quitman's Back to Blue Night Elementary School event set Aug. 18

The Quitman Elementary School is hosting Black to Blue Night Thursday, Aug. 18, from 5-6:30 p.m. Students will have the opportunity to store school supplies, meet staff and tour the facility. Students and parents are invited to attend.

New students will enroll that night and parents should bring a birth certificate, proof of residence, parent driver's license, student Social Security card and immunization records.

Various area groups who are invited to attend are Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, Youth Foundation, CHIPS (Children's Health Insurance), Parent Teacher Organization and health representatives.

"We always look forward to a huge crowd and lots of excitement," said principal Mary Ann Nichols. "Everyone is welcome."



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The "all you can eat" breakfast will

include sausage, ham, bacon, eggs, pancakes, biscuits and gravy, jams and jellies, coffee and orange juice.

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For more information contact Kenneth Teo at 903-279-6969.

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DRUG AND ALCOHOL AWARENESS - 7 p.m. Friday, Seventh Day Adventist Church, Ronny Polley 768-2992.
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FOREVER YOUNG ACTIVITIES CENTER - Wednesday and Friday, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Fitness exercises, bridge, lessons, Bingo and card games.
FOUKE-LAKE HAWKINS CRIME WATCH - third Thursday, 7 p.m., Fouke Community Center
FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY - second Tuesday, Quitman.
FRIENDS OF THE MINEOLA MEMORIAL LIBRARY -

first Wednesday, 1 p.m., Mineola Library, 569-2767.
GED CLASSES, FREE - Sand Spring Baptist Church. Monday and Tuesday, 9 a.m. to noon, or 6-9 p.m. 903-768-3239 or 903-569-9350.
GIRL SCOUT TROOP #3 - Monday, 6 p.m., Broad Street Church of Christ Annex, 903-569-2610. All girls, kindergarten-12th grade welcome.
HAINESVILLE COMMUNITY CENTER - second Tuesday, 6 p.m. Members bring a covered dish and enjoy an evening of fellowship. The center is located at FM 49 and 778, 903-769-1091.
HAINESVILLE VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPT. - second and fourth Thursday, 7 p.m., Firehouse downtown Hainesville.
HAWKINS LIONS CLUB - second and fourth Tuesday at the depot in Willful Crossing.
HOLLY LAKE FIRE DEPARTMENT - first and third Tuesday at the fire station at Holly Lake Ranch.
IRIS GARDEN CLUB-GOLDEN - first Monday, September-May, Golden United Methodist Church. 903-765-3000, or 903-765-2216.
KIWANIS CLUB - noon Tuesday, Mineola Civic Center Dogwood Room.
THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS OF SAINT PETER'S THE APOSTLE COUNCIL #11933 - second Wednesday, 7 p.m., at the church, 203 Meadowbrook Drive, Mineola. 903-569-3665.
LAKE COUNTRY CLASSIC CAR CLUB - third Monday, 6:30 p.m. 903-850-2557.
LAKE COUNTRY REPUBLICANS - fourth Tuesday, 6 p.m., Quitman Library, 202 E. Goode St.
LAKE COUNTRY RV TRAVELERS - of Good Sam Intl. Monthly, RV parks w/in 150 m. radius. 903-569-3677 or 3069.
LAKE COUNTRY SYMPHONIC BAND - will resume rehearsals Aug. 6 at Mineola High School Band Hall. 7 p.m. 903-569-2300.
LAKE FORK ROTARY CLUB - Wednesday, noon, at the Lake Fork Baptist Church on State Highway 515
LAKE HOLBROOK ASSOCIATION - first Saturday, February, May, August and November, Harold Simmons Community Center, 5:30 p.m. directors, 6 p.m. all members and guests welcome. 903-569-0223.
LIONS CLUB - second and fourth Thursday, noon, Mineola Country Club, 903-638-1596; 903-569-3340.
MINEOLA BAND BOOSTERS - second Tuesday, 7 p.m., in high school band hall. All parents invited.
MINEOLA MARINE CORPS LEAGUE (Toys for Tots) - third Tuesday, 7 p.m., American Legion Hall. 903-569-6481, commandant.
MINEOLA SCHOOL BOARD - third Monday, Admin. Bldg., Loop 564, 7 p.m.
MINEOLA CITY COUNCIL - fourth Monday, 6 p.m., City Hall, Council Workshop the previous Thursday 5:30 p.m. Public welcome. Call City Hall for changes in November and December because of holidays.
MINEOLA HIGH SCHOOL ATHLETIC BOOSTER CLUB - last Monday, 6 p.m., high school lobby.
MINEOLA HISTORICAL MUSEUM ADVISORY BOARD - third Tuesday, 4 p.m., city hall. 569-6944. Public invited.
MINEOLA MASONIC LODGE - second Thursday, dinner at 6:30 p.m., meeting at 7:30 p.m. All Masons invited. 569-2608.
MINEOLA REBEKAH LODGE - first and third Tuesday, 11 a.m., 106 S. Line St. All Rebekahs welcome, 569-2776.

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MINEOLA SENIOR CITIZEN CENTER - 308 University, 9:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. 903-497-1162; Dominoes & other games.
MLOTA LINE DANCE GUILD - Tuesday, 8:30 a.m., and Friday, 9:30 a.m.
MLOTA FIBER/CRAFT ART GUILD - Wednesday and Thursday, 10 a.m. and 1:30 p.m., business meeting fourth Thursday, 9:30 am.
MLOTA QUILT GUILD - first, second and third Thursday, 9:30 am; business meeting first Thursday.
MLOTA PAINTERS GUILD - Wednesday, 10 a.m.; business meeting fourth Monday.
MLOTA RUG HOOKING GROUP - first Thursday, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Beginners are welcome.
MLOTA PHOTOGRAPHY GUILD - fourth Thursday, 6:30 p.m. All levels welcome., 903-569-8877.
MLOTA SCULPTURE GUILD - Tuesday, 1 p.m. Business meeting first Tuesday.
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OPEN HEART MINISTRY - third Friday, 7 p.m., Mineola Civic Center.
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OVEREATERS ANONYMOUS - Tuesday, 5:30 p.m., St. Dunstan's Episcopal Church. 569-9223, 569-1760.
PARENT ADVISORY COUNCIL OF MINEOLA ELEMENTARY - first Tuesday, 8:15 a.m., elementary library.
PARENTS ANONYMOUS GROUP - Tuesday, 6:30 p.m., First Baptist Church, Quitman. Children's program provided. 903-629-2114
PILOT CLUB OF MINEOLA - second and fourth Tuesday, 6 p.m. Mineola Civic Center. 903-569-5237.
PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY - at First Baptist Church in Quitman. First Tuesday 1-3:30 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. 903-763-8101.
QUITMAN CHILD ADVOCACY GROUP - third Thursday, 10 a.m., 403 Conger in Quitman. The public is welcome.
QUITMAN GARDEN CLUB - second Tuesday (except when on field trips), 2 p.m., Quitman library. quitmangardenclub@gmail.com. All are welcome.
QUITMAN/LAKE FORK KIWANIS - Wednesday, noon, Texas Tea Room, 405 S. Hart Street in Quitman's Dogwood Plaza.
QUITMAN LIONS CLUB - second and fourth Tuesday, 6:30 p.m., Peralto's Restaurant. Contact any Lions Club member to donate your used eyeglasses for recycling to the needy.
QUITMAN PILOT CLUB - third Tuesday, 6:30 p.m., Quitman Public Library. 903-383-5075.
QUITMAN ROTARY CLUB - Thursday, noon, Texas Tea Room, 405 S. Hart Street in Quitman's Dogwood Plaza.
QUITMAN CITY COUNCIL - third Thursday, 5:30 p.m.; city hall.

QUITMAN SCHOOL BOARD - 2nd Monday, 6 p.m. Administration Building.
REPUBLICAN CLUB OF WINNSBORO - fourth Monday, 7 p.m., 903-342-0575.
REPUBLICAN WOMEN OF WOOD COUNTY - third Monday, 11:30 a.m., Texas Tea Room, Quitman, 903-383-2121.
SINGING AT THE FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH OF HAWKINS - fourth Sunday, 2-4 p.m.
SOS. RECOVERY PROGRAM - Thursday, 7 p.m., Family Life Center behind First Baptist Church in Quitman. 903-850-3858.
STROKE SURVIVORS & APHASIA CLUB OF EAST TEXAS - fourth Wednesday, 6-7 p.m., First Baptist Church Quitman, 903-878-2392.
TEXAS INMATE FAMILIES ASSOCIATION - second Tuesday, 6:30-8 p.m., First Christian Church Tyler, Broadway & Loop, 903-839-2349.
TOASTMASTERS INTERNATIONAL - Garden Valley chapter, Thursdays on Mercy Ships property, 5:30-6:30 p.m. 903-882-0887.
TOPS GROUP - Thursday, 8-11 a.m., Harvest Acres Baptist Church, NW Loop 564, 569-1240, 569-2415.
UPPER SABINE VALLEY SOLID WASTE DISTRICT - every three months on third Monday, Wood County Courthouse, 5:30 p.m. 903-763-2123.
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VFW LADIES AUXILIARY #7523 - third Sunday, 1 p.m., Recruiting new members. 569-2228.
VFW POST #7523 - third Wednesday, 6 p.m., Karaoke every Friday, 8 p.m. 569-2228.
WHYTE DOVE WRITER'S GROUP - first Tuesday, 6 p.m., 407 N. Stephens in Quitman. 903-763-1210 or e-mail mkyoung97@peoples.com.net
WOOD COUNTY 4-H HORSE CLUB - Business meeting, Monday, 2 p.m. Wood County Extension Office.
WOOD COUNTY APPRAISAL DISTRICT - Quarterly, third Thursday, 8 p.m., appraisal district office. Open to the public.
WOOD COUNTY COMMISSIONERS COURT - every other Friday, Commissioners Court, Quitman, 10 a.m. 763-2716.
WOOD COUNTY CRIME STOPPERS - every other month, third Monday, 6 p.m., Wood County Justice Center courtroom. The public is invited. 903-763-2201 or 903-56-6294.
WOOD COUNTY DEMOCRAT CLUB - fourth Thursday, covered dish at 6 p.m., meeting at 6:45 p.m. 903-383-7036 or www.woodcountydem.org.
WOOD COUNTY GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY - third Monday, January through May and September through November, 7 p.m., Quitman Public Library, Shamburger Community Room. For 903-763-4191 or 967-2458.
WOOD COUNTY HEALTH DEPT. IMMUNIZATION CLINIC - Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, 9-11 a.m., and 1-3 p.m., third Monday, 1-6 p.m. Public Health Department offices, 213 W. Bermuda, Quitman, 763-5406.
WOOD COUNTY HOSPITAL DISTRICT - second Monday, 7 p.m., hospital conference room in Quitman. Public invited.
WOOD COUNTY RETIRED SCHOOL PERSONNEL ASSOCIATION - third Monday, September-December, and February-April, 2 p.m. and in May at 5 p.m., Forever Young Activity Center, 402 S. Main St., Quitman. All retired school personnel are invited.
WOOD COUNTY TEA PARTY - first Monday, 7 p.m., Quitman Library
YANTIS CITY COUNCIL - second Tuesday, 6 p.m., city hall.
YANTIS SCHOOL BOARD - second Monday, 6 p.m. (executive session), 7 open meeting, school cafeteria.
YANTIS/LAKE FORK LIONS CLUB - second Thursday, 6:30 p.m., Yantis Community Center.



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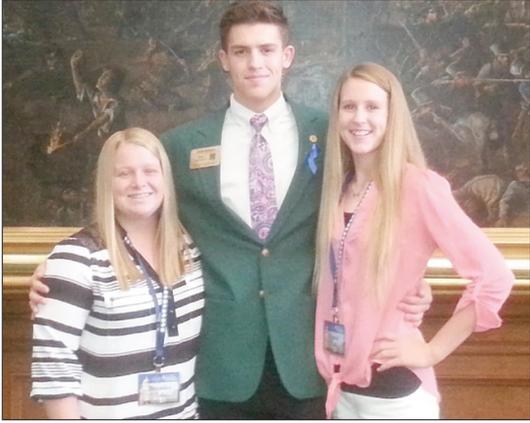
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4-H members attend state congress

Wood County 4-H members Brenley Von Reyn, Jhett Jackson of the State 4-H Council and Jentri Jackson were delegates to the prestigious 2016 Texas 4-H Congress held in July in Austin.

These 4-H members represented Wood County and the East District V at the four-day legislative experience; serving as senators and representatives to gain an understanding of the legislative process. Legislative bills that were written by each of the 4-H members focused on current issues and topics and were debated in various committees before being sent to the floor.

In addition to this legislative work, 4-H members took part in tours of the state capitol, a Country Tailgate Kick-Off event, and a formal Gala Banquet where state council members retired their green jackets as their official year of service came to a close.



Wood County 4-H members from left are Brenley Von Reyn, Jhett Jackson/State 4-H Council, and Jentri Jackson were delegates to the Texas 4-H Congress held in July in Austin. (Courtesy photo)

"Texas Fights On" is Taste of ET theme

The Republican Women of Wood County are planning their Taste of East Texas on Saturday, Aug. 20 at the Mineola Civic Center from 6 to 8 p.m.

"1836 - 2016 Texas Fights On" is this year's theme of the event featuring entries from 15 restaurants.

Advance tickets are available from members, at Representative Bryan Hughes' office in Mineola and from Isabel McGuffin at 903-569-8880. Tickets are \$12 for adults and \$6 for children. There will also be a silent auction and a live auction.

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A shady circle ...

A gathering of friends who happen to be classic car enthusiasts seems to be channeling days gone by when entertainment came from simple things. The stopping of a passenger train or a car driving past may have provided the most excitement of the evening. They were spotted enjoying ample parking for their cars and a shady place for their lawnchairs on Commerce Street in Mineola Thursday evening. The group has a casual get-together every first Thursday. (Monitor photo by Doris Newman)

Women's health program Thursday at St. Peter's

The annual Friend to Friend Women's Health Program is set for Thursday from 12-2 p.m. at St. Peter's Catholic Church in Mineola.

The program offers educational information on women's health topics and assists women in scheduling important preventive screenings and tests.

There will be an educational speaker, door prizes, exhibits and a light lunch served. It is a free service and no pre-registration is required.

For more information, contact the Wood County Extension Office at 903-763-2924.

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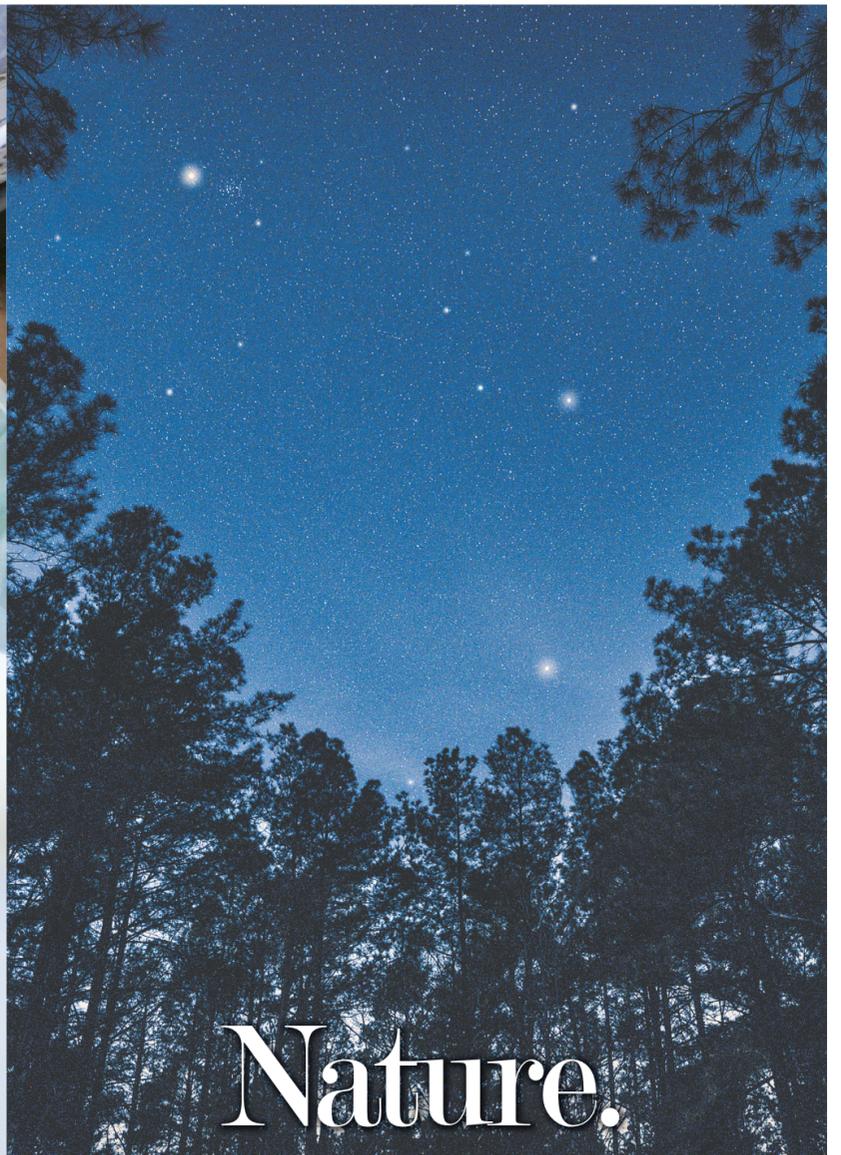


These 2 puppies are of a litter of 5 that was picked up. All are golden tan except 1 female with black and white spots - there is 1 male. This little single male is a pretty fawn color with faint black and beautiful blue-grey eyes. He was also picked up and seems very intelligent. All are loving, playful and people-oriented.

To help decrease the number of homeless animals, please remember to have your dogs and cats spayed and neutered.

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