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## ALBA-GOLDEN SCHOOL BOARD

### Rains County judge delivers pleasant surprise at meeting

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Rains County Judge Wane Wolf was in attendance at the Alba-Golden School Board meeting last Monday, Aug. 8, to give a little history lesson to the A-GISD trustees and also lay a \$94,299 surprise on the table for the district.

Wolf, who is a veteran of many school board meet-

ings, having served 12 years as a trustee for the Rains ISD, reviewed a bit of the history of the Texas Permanent School Fund for the A-GISD trustees.

In 1854 Texas set aside some 1,700 acres of land for each county for public school support and in 1876 that program became known as the Texas Perma-

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### Tips for Tots

Retired Methodist Minister Bill Hedges was one of the waiters at Tips for Tots, a fundraiser for Wood County foster children held at AJ's Fish House at Lake Fork. In addition to waiter tips, funds were raised through sponsors, a live auction, raffle and bake sale. (Photo by Larry Tucker)

### Event raises over \$20K for foster kids

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The second annual Tips for Tots held at AJ's Fish House at Lake Fork raised over \$20,000 for the foster children of Wood County.

Kathy Gilbreath is a past president of the Wood County Child Welfare Protection board and remains active in the organization's activities and fundraisers. "This year was just fantastic. We were able to raise \$20,789, which is up from last year's just over \$14,000. We can't thank people enough for coming out and supporting the children of Wood County," Gilbreath said of the Aug. 1 event.

"The tips alone raised \$7,004 with the sponsors, the live auction, the raffle, and the bake sale providing the rest. We served 550 people and that is not counting board members or the Yantis kids who helped out. The Yantis FFA kids are just wonderful, they worked really hard and really helped the event to be successful."

Sharon Brooks is the secretary / treasurer of the group. "We are so thankful for all of our sponsors and for the community and their wonderful support. We continue to need everyone's help because the children's needs continue throughout the year," Brooks noted. "The overwhelming

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Deven Anthony, 8, accepts his bag of new shoes as does little brother Phillip, 5, who can't help but show his enthusiasm over the gift. The boys were taken to the First Baptist Church of Mineola's Student Center by their mother, Callie Anthony, and grandmother, Jennie Woods, Saturday morning for the annual Feet First event. SEE RELATED PHOTO, PAGE 3A. (Photo by Doris Newman)

## BACK TO SCHOOL

### Quitman students prepare for first day of classes

Classes begin Monday morning with first bells ringing for Quitman Independent School District at 7:55 a.m. to start the new school year.

The pre-kindergarten through second graders who are car riders will be

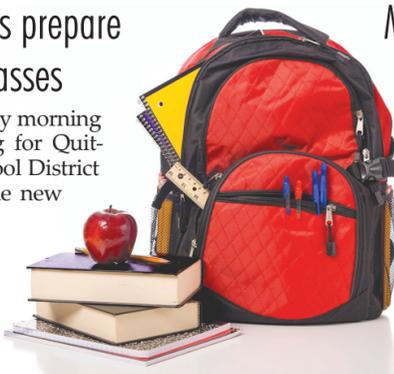
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### Mineola ISD campuses off to a fresh start Monday

Bells will be ringing Monday as Mineola School District show up for the first day of the 2016-2017 school year.

At Mineola High School, students will be walking in to a revamped high school. Dust and construction debris are gone (along with hallway lockers)

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### Hay show samples due tomorrow

The day for submitting hay samples in the 50th Annual Mineola Hay Show is Thursday.

Exhibitors 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 Mineola Middle School and the football field off Loop 564. Direc-

tion 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.

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



Deliver samples to Lester Cole Show Arena, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m..

### Inmate's death ruled suicide

Autopsy results indicate that the death of 69-year-old Robert Sharp, who died after being in the Wood County Jail, was a suicide.

The Wood County Sheriff's Department issued a press release stating that the results of their internal investigation, the Texas Rangers' investigation and the autopsy have been received by the sheriff.

"All indicate that inmate Robert Sharp died at ETMC Hospital in Tyler on August 4, 2016 at 10:15 p.m. as a result of injuries sustained in an attempted suicide on Friday, August 4, 2016 while being

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### Wood County sales tax rebates up for the month

Alba, Winnsboro see declines; Yantis up almost 25% over 2015 payments

The sales tax rebates to Wood County cities increased in four of the six towns for sales that occurred in June and were reported by monthly filers.

The sales were also based on sales made in April, May and June by quarterly filers.

Mineola's rebate was up

7.03 percent over the same reported period last year for a total of \$179,459. For the year to-date, the city's rebates are up 4.63 percent. Quitman's rebate was up 12.56 percent for the month, compared to last year for a check of \$55,716. So far this year the rebates

are up 18.70 percent.

Yantis saw a 6.56 percent increase with a rebate check of \$7,663. The town has a 24.77 percent increase over last year. Hawkins' rebate was up 1.54 percent compared to the same period last year for a check of \$33,502. For the year to-

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### Winnsboro hires new city manager

A Texarkana man was tabbed as the new city manager in Winnsboro after last Tuesday's city council meeting.

Craig Lindholm was one of the three finalists from the 33 applicants for the job. Lindholm will begin his duties Monday Aug. 29 replacing Jeff Howell, whose last day is set for Sept. 30.

Lindholm has 20 years experience in city governments and recently was the city manager in Lindale. Lindholm told the

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Craig Lindholm

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**Corner Column**

*Homemade peach ice cream, caregiving and empty nests*

It's funny the things we find we have in common with those around us. I just recently found out from my sister that her stomach gets sick if she has to write out a big check. So does mine.

The common threads that bind us as the family of man are always there, but often forgotten. A friend commented to me last week about the many nations represented in the Olympics, some of whom are at war in the real world. But those fresh-faced Olympic athletes marched out in the opening ceremonies in their finery, seeming to bear no ill will and only intensely concentrated energy in their chosen fields.

There are other things. Most of us don't like changes – a few do. Change isn't always bad; sometimes it's time for a change. Many of us have experienced the empty nest phase of life, and I see many nests now include a dog or cat.

The world is larger than us, our families and our towns. It goes across county lines



**DORIS NEWMAN**

and state lines and oceans. It does the heart good to get out of our own self-centered worlds and to open one's eyes and heart to what is going on out there. I hope this paper will help with that, even if to a small degree.

And there are those hardships that life deals us. Maybe dealing with one of life's blows such as the death of a loved one makes it more noticeable to us when there are others among us who are suffering; the sort of, when it rains it pours syndrome. One of my favorite songs from Carol King has a line, "and it was a very good year, for the undertaker." Wryly, I've said that a few times this year. It's not a funny joke.

Last week a cancer survivor asked an audience at a program I covered how many were cancer survivors. A few hearty souls in the audience raised their hands. How many were caregivers, she asked next. Several more raised their hands. Then the question was, how many in the audience knew no one who had been touched with

cancer. No hands were raised.

It was a sad commentary on the tentacles of that disease. Nearly all of us have it in common.

These were all things I contemplated, among others, Saturday morning sitting at a homemade peach ice cream stand on Highway 19. I ended up chatting with a group of women there on a girls' day out, finding one had a cousin in Mineola and a few of them had worked together in the catalog department at Neiman Marcus. It sounds as if those renowned Christmas catalogs made that a very interesting job – at least the shipping part of it.

And there was one more thing many of us have in common, and that is an affection for homemade peach ice cream in Texas in the summer time. It is not fast food, and the time that it takes to stop and relish the cool sweet treat reminds us how nice it can be to just stop and smell the roses before we jump back in the hectic pace of everyday living.

(Contact Doris Newman at editor@woodcountymonitor.com)

**Guest Column**

BY ROSALIE ALVIAR, SOCIAL SECURITY REGIONAL PUBLIC AFFAIRS IN DALLAS

*Social security question and answer*

**Question:** Can I complete business with Social Security online?  
**Answer:** There are many things you can do on Social Security's website. You can conduct most of your Social Security business with us online at www.socialsecurity.gov/onlineservices. You can get an estimate of future benefits, find out if you qualify for benefits now, and even apply for benefits. You can complete a number of other tasks online, too. You can estimate your retirement benefit using our Retirement Estimator, which allows you to get an instant, personalized estimate of your future benefit based on different retirement ages and scenarios.

You can even open your own my Social Security account to plan for and manage your benefits. In some areas, you can even request a replacement Social Security card using your my Social Security account. Open or access your my Social Security account today at www.socialsecurity.gov/myaccount.

**Question:** I am receiving Social Security retirement benefits and I recently went back to work. Do I have to pay Social Security (FICA) taxes on my income?  
**Answer:** Yes. By law, your employer must withhold FICA taxes from your paycheck. Although you are retired, you do receive credit for those new earnings. Each year Social Security automatically credits the new earnings and, if your new earnings are higher than in any earlier year used to calculate your current benefit, your monthly benefit could increase. For more information, visit www.socialsecurity.gov or call us at 1-800-772-1213 (TTY 1-800-325-0778).

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**Answer:** Use our Retirement Estimator at www.socialsecurity.gov/estimator to get an instant, personalized retirement benefit estimate based on current law and your earnings record. The Retirement Estimator, which also is available in Spanish, lets you create additional "what if" retirement scenarios based on different income levels and "stop work" ages.

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**Question:** I plan to retire soon. When are Social Security benefits paid?  
**Answer:** Social Security benefits are paid each month. Generally, new retirees receive their benefits on either the second, third, or fourth Wednesday of each month, depending on the day in the month the retiree was born. If you receive benefits as a spouse, your benefit payment date will be determined by your spouse's birth date.

Here's a chart showing how your monthly payment date is determined:

Day of the Month You Were Born	Social Security Benefits Paid On
1st-10th	Second Wednesday
11th-20th	Third Wednesday
21st-31st	Fourth Wednesday

For a calendar showing actual payment dates, see the Schedule of Social Security Benefit Payments at www.socialsecurity.gov/pubs.

**This Week in Your Neighborhood**

- The collection of hay samples for the Hay Show is taking place tomorrow at Lester Cole Show Arena in Mineola between 8 a.m. and 4 p.m. Thursday.
- A cookout for law enforcement and other first responders will take place at

- Gov. Jim Hogg Park in Quitman Thursday from 6 – 8 p.m. The public is invited to go and express their appreciation.
- There will be a book and gift fair at East Texas Medical Center Quitman in the Education Room Friday from 7 a.m. to

- 4 p.m. Proceeds benefit ETMC Hospital Auxiliary scholarships.
- Quitman schools are hosting a Back to Blue night Thursday from 5-6:30 p.m. It's a chance to store supplies, meet staff and tour the building.
- Taste of East Texas will be held at the Mineola Civic Center from 6 – 8 p.m. Saturday and tickets are \$12 for adults and \$6 for children with a silent and live auction. Tickets are available at Bryan Hughes' office, from members of Republican Women of Wood County and at the door.
- School starts Monday in Mineola, Quitman and Alba-Golden schools. Be sure and be watchful for the busses stopping for the children.
- Hawkins school will host Meet the Teacher night Monday starting at 5:30 p.m. at the elementary school and 6 p.m. for the middle and high schools.

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**UNDERSTANDING HOME APPRAISALS IN REAL ESTATE**

Summertime is a very busy time for home-buying and selling, which makes it a busy time for real estate agents, inspectors and appraisers. Most people understand the inspection process but know little about the appraisal process. If you are buying or selling a home where financing is being used, the appraisal becomes one of the most important aspects of the transaction. It is often the last hurdle before receiving a clear-to-close and it can make or break the deal.

An appraisal is the valuation of a property by the estimate of an authorized person. The bank, or lender, relies on this appraisal to determine how much to loan you.

Consider this example: Let's say you make a purchase offer on a home for \$120,000. You need a loan for exactly that amount. However, if the appraisal report comes back showing a market value of \$115,000, the lender will be unwilling to finance \$120,000.

Appraisers look at recent solds in the area, preferring to find similar sold homes as close in proximity to the subject property as possible. They will make adjustments based on factors like age of home, square-footage and extra amenities such as hardwood floors or swimming pools. This is how they determine the market value of a property.

It is important when selling or buying a home to choose a real estate agent who knows the market well and understands how appraisers determine appraised values for upgrades and amenities. When selling a home, your REALTOR® should be excellent at pricing your home and have a good idea what it will likely appraise for. When buying a home, you want a REALTOR® who can likewise analyze the sold comparable properties to advise on an offer so that you will not be offering more than the home will likely appraise for.

Since the appraisal is usually the last major hurdle of the loan process, it can be quite devastating for buyer and seller to receive a low appraisal, often after both parties have packed and are ready to move.

It's important to note that a REALTOR® cannot argue with an appraiser after the report has come in. It is best for the seller's agent to be diligent to provide the appraiser with all of the information she used to price the home upfront and hope that the appraiser will use the same information. It is important to inform the appraiser of any upgrades or amenities the home has that he may not have been aware of otherwise.

The REALTOR® will not know who the appraiser is until he calls to set up the appointment to do the appraisal. At that time, the listing agent should ask if she could send him the information she used to price the home.

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# Alba to get ditch work help from county

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Wood County Commissioners approved an inter-local agreement with the city of Alba for street cleaning, clearing, and ditches during their regular meeting Friday at the Wood County Courthouse.

The Alba City Council had discussed their ditch and street problem at their Aug. 1 meeting seeking to meet with Pct. 1 Commissioner Virgil Holland Jr. on getting help from the county. "This is an inter-local between the city of Alba and Wood County Pct. 1," Holland

said. "They have a lot of ditch problems right now with their ditches not draining. I would like to see this approved as an inter-local agreement."

Commissioners further approved inter-local agreements with the city of Tyler dealing with buying fuel and Smith County for joint purchasing between Smith and Wood counties.

Paula Thomas made a presentation concerning the Texas Healthy Communities Program. "One of our first initiatives was to work with our farmer's markets to try and increase their client base. The Winnsboro

Farmers Market does now accept Snap benefits. We have also worked with Winnsboro and Mineola trying to promote those markets," Thomas said.

"Winnsboro did pass a clean air policy. All their recreation sites where kids gather are now smoke-free zones. That was a huge accomplishment. Also through the Winnsboro Wellness Coalition we worked and had some runs and raised some money. This past weekend the Winnsboro Parks and Recreation Board was able to install new playground equipment at one of the parks that previously had nothing."

In another matter, commissioners approved Neal Duncan, Mineola, to the Wood County Airport Board of Directors on a nomination from the Wood County Industrial Commission.

In other agenda item action, commissioners approved:

- the authorization of the county judge to sign, on behalf of Wood County, a contract to purchase real property in Quitman, as buyer;
- a resolution authorizing a county grant with Texas Department of Agriculture for Meals on Wheels for 2017;
- a presentation by Brinson

Benefits renewing with Superior Vision for county employees;

- Wood County road permit 2112 for Patterson Logging in Pct. 2;
- Wood County road permit 2113 for George T. Hayes in Pct. 3;
- inter-local agreement for the sale of two vehicles from Wood County Emergency Management to the city of Winnsboro;
- the Order of General Election for Nov. 8, 2016 and payroll of \$309,639.42; line items of \$6,466.66; budget amendments of \$1,947.73.

## NEW KICKS!



Claudia Rojas shows 9-year-old Tania Villeda her new pair of school shoes Saturday at the First Baptist Church of Mineola's annual Feet First event. The church provided bags of shoes to 43 families with approximately 70 pairs of shoes. Kay Lamb heads up the effort and said that both Walmart and Brookshire's work with the church to make the program possible. Tania will start fourth grade with her new pair of tennis shoes. (Photo by Doris Newman)

## Hawkins City Council addresses EMS expansion in special meeting

By LINDA HERNANDEZ

Two items were on the Hawkins City Council special meeting agenda last Monday, Aug. 8, alongside a budget workshop session.

The first item on the agenda was to consider an expansion project for the Champion EMS facilities located at the Hawkins Volunteer Fire Station. Arnie Spiers, representing Champion, presented the council with the plans for expansion and explained that the entire project would be paid for by Champion EMS. The general contractor will be Mike Rogers, and the project, if approved, will begin within the next two weeks - with completion taking place within 90-120 days.

A motion by Wayne Kirkpatrick, with a sec-

ond by Sherry Davis, passed unanimously to expand the Champion EMS facilities.

The next item of business was to adopt the proposed tax rate for 2016. Davis made a motion, seconded by Norma Oglesby, to adopt the rate of .8038 per \$100 and it passed unanimously.

Afterward, Mayor Howard Coquat began a budget workshop session with the city council. He went department by department and asked the council if they had any questions regarding the budget that had previously been discussed at a budget workshop.

It was decided that code enforcement should be moved from administration to the fire marshal's budget.

The other change was to increase the fire department's office sup-

ply budget. The department's prior amount for office supplies was \$2,500. However, a software purchased by the previous fire chief costs \$3,600 per year, and it is a five-year contract. The council decided to raise the office supply total to \$5,000.

The other discussion was on the Hawkins Fire Department's vehicle payments. The city secretary, Dona Jordan, was instructed to find out what the total payments were and to add that amount to the fire department budget.

After that discussion, the mayor asked the council if they had any further questions regarding the budget. They answered by adjourning the meeting. Debbie Rushing was absent from the meeting.

## County-wide event to honor law enforcement and first responders

There will be plenty of food, entertainment, and great conversations this Thursday at Jim Hogg City Park in Quitman from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m.

A group of Wood County residents decided they simply want law enforcement officers and first responders to know the local citizenry appreciates their efforts to keep the people of Wood County safe.

Officers, responders, and their families from all over Wood County are invited to go and enjoy a meal and the evening with their families.

"We decided we wanted to do something for all the men and women in law enforcement and all first responders just to let them know we all care. Most people have no idea the hardships some of these folks go through. Not only can the job be tough, but it's hard on the families sometimes too, with their loved ones being in dangerous situations sometimes," Janae Holland said. "We want everyone to be here, it's a come-and-go type of thing. We have plenty of food for everyone and entertainment. I would also encourage the families to bring their young ones and bring a swimsuit to enjoy the Splash Pad."

Quitman City Secretary / Administrator Greg Hollen looks forward to

honoring the special group of people. "Each of our personal relationships with law enforcement is one of the most important in our individual and community lives," Hollen noted. "Our special recognition of, and for, the people who wear that badge and that take those risks always deserves to be renewed and recognized.... today we seek to shine light on that special bond we share with them to keep our community safe."

Holland said Jim Hogg City Park is a good location for the event. "Jim Hogg Park is in the county seat, in the middle of the county. We want all of our city and county officers, and first responders, to be able to come by. It's an event for the entire county's law enforcement and first responders," Holland said. "It's just a simple way of saying thank you to all of these folks and their families."

Former law enforcement officer Andre Thompson will perform with his band, Riding for the Son, on the stage at the pavilion during the evening. Holland added anyone is welcome to go by to visit with the officers and responders to show support and tell them thank you at the come and go affair.



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Back TO SCHOOL

## NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING TO DISCUSS BUDGET AND PROPOSED TAX RATE

The Mineola ISD will hold a public meeting at 6:00 PM, August 31, 2016 in Mineola ISD Administration Board Room, 1000 W. Loop 564, Mineola, 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	\$0.0000/\$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	-2.41 % decrease
Debt Service	0 0
Total expenditures	-2.41 % decrease

### 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	\$631,082,489	\$611,246,383
Total appraised value* of new property**	\$9,131,820	\$9,496,700
Total taxable value*** of all property	\$514,244,655	\$492,701,348
Total taxable value*** of new property**	\$8,959,205	\$8,347,166

\*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\* \$0

\*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	\$0.0000*	\$1.1700	\$3,791	\$4,509
Rate to Maintain Same Level of Maintenance & Operations Revenue & Pay Debt Service	\$1.1991	\$0.0000*	\$1.1991	\$3,620	\$4,570
Proposed Rate	\$1.1700	\$0.0000*	\$1.1700	\$3,632	\$4,573

\*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	\$106,090	\$110,180
Average Taxable Value of Residences	\$80,816	\$84,459
Last Year's Rate Versus Proposed Rate per \$100 Value	\$1.1700	\$1.1700
Taxes Due on Average Residence	\$945.55	\$988.17
Increase (Decrease) in Taxes		\$42.62

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 \$1.1700. This election will be automatically held if the district adopts a rate in excess of \$1.1700.

### 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)	\$960,545
Interest & Sinking Fund Balance(s)	\$107,469

## NOTICE OF 2016 TAX YEAR PROPOSED PROPERTY TAX RATE FOR CITY OF HAWKINS

**A tax rate of \$0.8038 per \$100 valuation has been proposed by the governing body of City of Hawkins.**

<b>PROPOSED TAX RATE</b>	<b>\$0.8038 per \$100</b>
<b>PRECEDING YEAR'S TAX RATE</b>	<b>\$0.5584 per \$100</b>
<b>EFFECTIVE TAX RATE</b>	<b>\$0.8046 per \$100</b>

**The effective tax rate is the total tax rate needed to raise the same amount of property tax revenue for City of Hawkins from the same properties in both the 2015 tax year and the 2016 tax year.**

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

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

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## New teachers

*New teachers going in to Mineola School District were treated by Mineola Community Bank to a chamber-sponsored breakfast Thursday at Mineola Country Club.*

**New at the middle school will be from left, Becky Meadows and Kyle Austin. Not pictured, Codi Smith.**



**New teachers at Mineola Elementary will be, from left, LaQuita Howard, Katherine Chaney, Kay Sluder, Wendell Benningfield, Brett Powell, Marquita Stottern, Kristina Salonen and Anita Naylor.**



**New at Mineola Primary School will be, front row, from left, Jole Ray, Melissa Snook, Stacey Whitehead and Paige Clark. Back, Abraham Burciaga, Shenice Lacy, Brooke Neilsen, Ashley Dubbs, Veronica Lopez and Martha Crump.**



**At the high school, new teachers will be, front from left, Brent Hutto, Taylor Paroline, David Smith, Christina Gault and Marcy Sauer. Back from left are Kenneth Morris, Benjy Melancon, Charlie Feller and Sheila Thurmond. (Photos by Evan Dudley)**

## A-GISD

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nent School Fund.

"Over the years most counties have gotten rid of those lands and I think now only about five counties that still own any of those lands. Rains County is one of them and we still own something over 100 acres of Permanent School Fund Land. Our land is out in West Texas and it turns out that oil was discovered on it. There are six oil wells, one water well, which is almost as valuable as an oil well out there, and a couple of injection sites," Wolf explained.

Getting down to the bottom line, Wolf said that the funds can only be used for construction and the Rains ISD had utilized a large sum of these funds for a construction project.

"The commissioners court sets aside a prorated amount of the funds collected by the Rains ISD for other school districts who have students who reside in Rains County. At the time these funds were drawn Alba-Golden had 34 students residing in Rains County and this amounted to the prorated sum of \$94,299. It is just sitting there drawing a tiny amount of interest waiting for you to find a good use for it," Wolf said.

By some strange twist of fate at the close of Monday's meeting Superintendent Dwayne Ellis listed two action items for the next board meeting and one of those was to consider a use for and writing a request for the Rains County grant fund.

In advance of the meeting the agenda didn't appear to be too action packed, but it wound up with a lot of inter-

esting activity. After the excitement of the \$94,299 windfall settled down, the trustees went to work reviewing the proposed budget for the 2016-2017 school year.

That review unveiled a budget that will leave the district's tax rate at \$1.23, \$1.17 for the maintenance and operations fund and 6 cents for the interest and sinking fund. This rate will fund a balanced budget totaling \$7,695,000 for the year, just about the same as the 2015-2016 budget.

After an executive session the trustees accepted the resignations of three teachers and approved the employment of four new teachers, three of which will have coaching duties in addition to being classroom teachers.

In other action Monday night, the A-GISD Board:

- agreed that the board would cook hamburgers for all the staff at lunch on Friday, Aug. 12;
- awarded the 2026-2017 fuel bid to Duko Oil at a cost of 5 ½ cents per gallon over wholesale price. This applies to both unleaded fuel and diesel fuel;
- approved budget amendments to meet specific needs within the various departments, with no change in the actual budget total;
- approved the 2016-2017 student handbooks for both elementary and secondary schools.
- approved a routine resolution approving the district's investment policy;
- was informed that at the start of the school year the district has a list of 22 substitute teachers, 13 of which are certified teachers and, this list of the board then approved this list of subs;
- heard that they will have a public hearing on the budget on Monday, Aug. 29 at 6:30 p.m.

**'It is just sitting there drawing a tiny amount of interest waiting for you to find a good use for it.'**

## Mineola Police Report

Mineola police reports for the past week included:

**Aug. 10** – Officers responded to a welfare concern on North Newsom Street. An elderly woman was walking with a cane but they found that there wasn't a problem.

Police arrested Regina Rene Medford, 42, of Mineola for theft under \$100 at Dollar General Store. Another woman who was with her was written a citation for theft.

At 4:14 p.m. a resident of Wigley Street called 911 reporting she returned home to find a strange man inside her house rummaging through her closets. An officer was close by and after a short chase foot caught Jessie Ray Pruner of Longview and arrested him for burglary of a habitation and evading arrest. Pruner said he had been in the Mineola area for about a month.

A man on Maxine reported that his mailbox was hit by a car. There is a suspect.

**Aug. 9** – A welfare concern was reported at 8:12 p.m. at Brookshire's when a woman went in the store and left children unattended in a vehicle. Police spoke with her about the matter.

**Aug. 8** – An Alabama woman went to the police station to report she was scammed out of \$600 by another woman who reportedly lived on Dawn

Drive. They met on an online site and formed a relationship and the Alabama woman wired money several times to help the woman move to Alabama. She found that the person doesn't live here and she was apparently sending money to a person who was lying about where she lives and who she is.

A mother reported her daughter was hurt by her boyfriend on South Pacific Street. But the police talked to the daughter who said the matter was only an argument.

A woman reported at 1:43 p.m. that someone hit her car in the Kelly Drug parking lot and left without stopping. She got a license plate number, so the officer was able to locate the driver who said he did not know he had hit the car. The situation was resolved with an exchange of insurance information.

Police arrested Jesse Ray Wallace, 45, of Alba for possession of marijuana. Police said the Nissan truck he was driving was stopped on North Pacific Street for failing to signal a turn.

**Aug. 7** – At 9:19 p.m. officers were called to the Walmart parking lot for a possible fight with a group of teenagers. But when officers arrived they didn't find anyone.

**Aug. 6** – Mineola officers assisted the Wood County Sheriff's Department on serving a warrant on a man on Kevin

Street at 3:12 a.m. He was arrested on the Wood County warrant.

Just before 10 p.m. there was a report of a reckless driving coming in on West Broad Street headed east driving 100 miles per hour. However, the caller then said the truck turned around on West Broad and headed back westbound. The Van Zandt County Sheriff's Office was notified.

A debit card theft was reported at Walmart but it was later located in the man's pocket.

**Aug. 5** – At 5:57 p.m. officers responded to a report of a disturbance at Mineola Motor Lodge on West Broad Street when two men were fighting and one was stabbed. Police arrested Andres Chavez Hernandez, 60, of Mineola on the scene for aggravated assault with a deadly weapon.

Police arrested Travis Charles Smith, III, Mineola for a Mineola failure to appear warrant and possession of a controlled substance less than one gram. Smith was driving a truck that was pulled over at 12:10 a.m. on South Pacific Street for a defective front light.

Police arrested Frances Lois Teel, 30, Lindale, and passenger Shawn Kevin Dale, 48, Dallas, who were both arrested for possession of a controlled substance. The pair were pulled over for a defective brake light on South Pacific

Street at 12:23 a.m.

At 5:19 p.m. a welfare concern was reported by a business on South Pacific Street for a customer who was not feeling well. An officer followed the man home.

Stage Store on North Pacific Street reported that a witness saw three females shoplifting, removing over \$300 worth of clothes. This is under investigation.

A disturbance was reported on Church Street at 8:19 p.m. but it turned out to be only an argument. One person involved left the residence.

Officers were called to Gateway Lanes Bowling Center on a report of a person refusing to leave and causing problems, but the person did leave before police arrived.

**Aug. 4** – Police arrested Glenda Lynn Blaisdell, 41, and Andrea Michelle Prest, 18, both of Mineola for shoplifting at Walmart. Police reported they attempted to leave the store with \$200 worth of unpaid merchandise such as food, clothing, toys and DVDs. Prest was also charged with possession of a controlled substance when she was found to be in possession of hydrocodone without a prescription.

A father called police when his 13-year-old son started acting up and causing problems and a police officer talked to him.

## Wood County Sheriff's Report

**Aug. 9** – A burglary of a habitation report was made by a Mineola man who said the burglary occurred on July 20 when a shed door was not closed completely. Value of the property is estimated at \$1,149. The case was sent to CID for investigation.

A burglary of a vehicle call was answered by Deputy Justin Bowring at the public boat ramp on Highway 154 at Lake Fork. The Fort Worth man said someone busted his pickup window and took a Smith and Wesson tactical 9 mm gun and checkbook while he was fishing. CID will investigate the theft.

Two vehicle burglaries were reported by a man on Private Road 7850 in the Hawkins area. Windows were busted out of one of the vehicles and a wallet stolen. The second vehicle was left unlocked and was not damaged, however some things were taken from that vehicle.

**Aug. 8** – Deputy Tucker George took an assault report from a woman south of Quitman off Highway 37. She said her boyfriend assaulted her following an argument over relationship issues and said she was pushed off the porch and sustained injuries. The woman said the assault continued until she grabbed a kitchen knife and told him to stop. She then left the residence. The case is closed since she did not want to pursue charges.

A deputy was dispatched to Highway 37 south of Quitman for an assault in progress. The victim said she was struck in the head by her girlfriend while traveling down the highway. She also said her girlfriend pulled to the side of the road and the fight continued in the ditch. She was able to take the keys and walk until she was picked up by a passerby. The victim did not want to pursue charges and during a routine check the suspect revealed she had outstanding warrants from Hopkins County. The suspect was transported to Hopkins County and the case closed.

An Alba woman reported her cabin off County Road 2980 had been burglarized. She said there were no signs of forced entry at the cabin since it was unlocked. Two long guns were missing but ammunition

### ON-SITE AND WARRANT ARRESTS

Michael Scott Gallimore, 17, Mineola assault causing bodily injury; criminal mischief \$100 or more but less than \$750;

April Ann Devaney, 30, Point, possession of marijuana two ounces or more but less than four ounces; possession of a controlled substance, four grams or more but less than 200 grams; possession of a controlled substance, less than 28 grams;

Andrea Michelle Prest, 30, Mineola, possession of a controlled substance, less than 28 grams; theft of property \$100 or more but less than \$750;

Glenda Lynn Blaisdell, 41, Mineola, theft of property \$100 or more but less than \$750;

Erik Guadalupe Gonzalez, 18, Mineola, indecency with a child, sexual contact;

Joseph Edward McDowell, 29, Mineola, possession of a controlled substance, one gram or more but less than four grams; tampering/fabricate physical evidence;

Travis Smith, 38, Mineola, possession of a controlled substance, less than one gram;

Frances Lois Teel, 30, Lindale, possession of a controlled substance,

one gram or more but less than four grams;

Shawn Kevin Dale, 48, Dallas, possession of a controlled substance, one gram or more but less than four grams;

Andres Hernandez Chavez, 60, Mineola, aggravated assault with deadly weapon;

Nancy Betty Lou Busbee, 58, possession of a controlled substance, less than one gram;

Joseph David Hill, 66, Big Sandy, driving while intoxicated;

Rhonda Gaye Finney, 54, Hawkins, theft of property \$100 or more but less than \$750;

Jose Oscar Yanez, 41, Point, driving while intoxicated, second;

Robert Bruce Lord, 59, Keene, New Hampshire, public intoxication;

Jesse Ray Wallace, 45, Alba, possession of marijuana two ounces or less; Melvin K. Colvin, 52, Winnsboro, assault causing bodily injury;

Jerry Allen Bullington, 35, Hawkins, assault causing bodily injury, family and

Larry Darnell Harris, 56, Lindale, driving while intoxicated, third or more.

and other items were not touched. Deputy Dustin Moffett took serial numbers and turned the case over to an investigator.

**Aug. 7** – An assault report was answered by Deputy George from a woman camping at Lake Quitman with her husband and child. She said she had been slapped several times by her husband who also tried to kick her but missed and kicked their sleeping three year old son. Deputy George saw injuries on the woman consistent with her story; however, there were no visible injuries to the child. She declined medical treatment but requested it for the child. She did not want to pursue charges. The husband who was reported to have been intoxicated was left at the lake without a vehicle.

A woman reported several items were missing from property where she lived with her boyfriend. She got home to find a pickup inside the gate of the property which had been left locked. After the pickup left the area she found that items were missing and she does want to pursue theft charges. The case was forwarded for investigation.

**Aug. 5** – A report was made that in the vicinity of Farm-to-Market 1795 and CR 3650 in the Hawkins area there was a vehicle accident. Deputy Dustin Fenlaw arrived on scene to find a white 1999 Ford F-150 pickup that had been crashed.

No one was around the pickup and there didn't appear to be any serious injuries or property damage. The case was closed.

A burglary of a building was reported by a Mineola man who said he was missing several power tools from his shop on CR 2444. The complainant gave information regarding a possible suspect. The case was forwarded for investigation.

An employee of Wood County Asphalt in Mineola reported theft from the property. He said someone forced entry through a rear gate and took "big rig" tires and wheels, valued at over \$6,000. The employee said the suspect had to know how to operate the large front end loader to knock down the gate and haul out the tires and wheels. There is a possible suspect and an investigator has been assigned to the case.

**Aug. 4** – A man reported criminal mischief when his ex-wife came

to his house wanting some of their daughter's clothes. He said he complied and went to gather the child's belongings and while he was inside the house the ex-wife threw a wooden bench at his truck which busted the windshield. He did not pursue charges. The case is closed.

**Aug. 3** – A woman reported she was dropping off her teenage son at a residence on CR 2840 when a young man approached the vehicle yelling and cursing at him. She said her son rolled up the window, but the teenager struck the window and shattered it. Minor injuries were sustained by the son. Michael Scott Gallimore, 17, Mineola, was arrested after he admitted he was trying to strike the other man when he recklessly struck the window causing the injuries. Gallimore was transported to jail. He is charged with assault causing bodily injury and criminal mischief, \$100 or more but less than \$750.

## Mineola Fire Report

Mineola Fire Department calls for the past week were:

August 10 – At 2:18 a.m. the department was dispatched to Private Road 6882 for shorted electrical equipment. At 6:18 p.m. the department was dispatched to North Newsom Street for aircraft standby.

August 9 – At 11:38 a.m. the department was dispatched to Farm-to-Market Road 1799 for a brush fire.

August 8 – At 6:41 p.m. the department was dispatched to County Road 426 for a brush fire. At 9:31 p.m. the department was dispatched to North Pacific for a smoke scare.

August 7 – At 2:19 p.m.

the department was dispatched to CR 2466 to assist EMS.

August 5 – At 3:25 p.m. the department was dispatched to CR 2795 for a brush fire. At 5:29 p.m. the department was dispatched to Loop 564 for a transport vehicle fire.



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## WOOD COUNTY SALES TAX ALLOCATIONS

County/City	Current Rate	Net Payment This Period	Prior Year Payment	Percent Change	2016 Payments To Date	2015 Pymt. To Date	Percent Change
Alba	1.500%	14,589.50	15,565.29	-6.26%	104,407.55	107,418.44	-2.80%
Hawkins	1.500%	33,502.49	32,992.88	1.54%	212,345.53	181,673.36	16.88%
Mineola	1.500%	179,459.05	167,661.89	7.03%	1,245,694.23	1,190,472.82	4.63%
Quitman	1.500%	55,716.73	49,487.15	12.58%	416,787.02	351,122.47	18.70%
Winnsboro	1.500%	87,429.50	95,047.52	-8.01%	645,169.01	634,576.10	1.66%
Yantis	1.500%	7,663.77	7,190.56	6.58%	49,056.20	39,314.86	24.77%
County Total		378,361.04	367,945.29	2.83%	2,673,459.54	2,504,578.05	6.74%

## Sales tax

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date Hawkins is up 16.88 percent.

Only two towns saw decreases. Winnsboro had an 8.01 percent decrease over the same period last year with a rebate of \$87,429. For the year so far, the city's rebates are up 1.66 percent.

Alba also experienced a decrease of 6.26 percent for the month with a rebate of \$14,589. For the year, the town's rebates are down by 2.80 percent. Statewide, Comptroller

Glenn Hegar said that rebates sent out in August were up 1.2 percent over last August.

"The cities of San Antonio, Austin, Fort Worth, Arlington, Plano and Irving saw no-

ticeable increases in sales tax allocations," Hegar said in a press release from his office. "Energy-centric cities, such as Houston and Midland, continue to see decreases in sales tax allocations."

## RIBBON CUTTINGS



Several people showed up for the ribbon cutting and grand opening celebration of the ETMC Urgent Care Facility Thursday morning next to Brookshire's in Mineola. They included ETMC personnel, chamber of commerce representatives and members of the business community. Shown on the front from left are an unidentified member of the public, Janna Castloo, Chamber President Becky Moore holding the ribbon, Mineola Mayor Rodney Watkins, ETMC-Quitman Administrator Patrick Swindle, Nurse Practitioner Sheila Williams, Dr. Craig McMullen, Nurse Practitioner Gwendolyn Myles, Clinic Manager Karen Blair, Shawna Shacklett, Beverly Precise and Misty Hooks. In the middle are sheriff-elect Tom Castloo, Keni Monk, Alicia Settles, Nurse Practitioner Jill Quiambao, Rob Hope, Michael Lawyer, Tim Lyke, Pete Harris and Terry Casburn. In the back are Ken Johnson, Chris Norword, Kellam Newell and Neal Franklin.

## Blue Cross & Blue Shield, ETMC reach preliminary agreement on network

According to an ETMC Tyler spokesperson, ETMC and Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Texas reached a preliminary agreement recently that would renew and strengthen their relationship to ensure that the hospital will be a full in-network provider in BCBSTX preferred provider plans.

The parties are in the process of finalizing their agreement, which they expect will take 45 days. In the meanwhile ETMC remains in-network for the full range of BCBSTX products.

According to Elmer Ellis, ETMC president/CEO, "This ensures that our patients from across the region can choose our services and receive the maximum benefits offered by their policies."

## Four local students graduate from TJC nursing program

Tyler Junior College School of Nursing and Health Sciences has announced the August graduates from its vocal nursing programs. The college had students in the three different campuses, including Rusk, Lindale and the Tyler campus.

Local graduates from the Lindale campus were Caleb Owens of Mineola and Lauren Thompson of Alba. Cassie Buchanan, Mineola and Courtney Crawford, Mineola attended the Tyler campus.



A ribbon cutting celebrating Edward D. Jones Financial Advisor Jason Henderson's move to his new location at 1819 North Pacific Street in Mineola was held recently. On the front, from left, are Becky Moore, Nancy McKethan, Deborah Salley, Jason Henderson, Susan Jones, Paula Gunn, Tom Pantle and Misty Hooks. On the back row are Katelyn Harford, Marianne Eubanks, Susan Resnik, Ken Johnson and Kellam Newell. Henderson still has the same telephone number. (Photo by Kim Galyean)

## MINEOLA ANIMAL SHELTER



Two animals described as "good dogs" by those at the shelter are spotlighted this week. This male pitbull mix is an affectionate and athletic dog. The female border collie mix is a little shy but after she gets comfortable with you she buddies up and is very sweet. Both are believed to be under a year old.

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Representatives of the Mineola Chamber of Commerce were on hand as All Star Insurance Agent Kellam Newell cuts the ribbon at his new location inside the Mineola branch of Wood County National Bank Friday morning. Chamber and business representatives on the left are Shirley Frazier holding the ribbon, Dr. Loy Frazier, Misty Hooks, Chamber President Becky Moore and Heather Trammell. On the right are Shayna Tarter, First National Bank of Gilmer Interim President and COO Danny Weems, All Star Insurance President Joe Dodd, WCNB Mineola branch President Jerry Richardson and Brittany Holland. (Photo by Doris Newman)

## Quitman clinic has new nurse practitioner

Trinity Mother Frances, Quitman Clinic, has announced that Kristal Spencer, Family Nurse Practitioner, has been hired to serve the patients of a growing community practice.

Spencer is a native of East Texas, getting both her bachelor degree in nursing and master's degree as a family nurse practitioner from the University of Texas at Tyler. She has worked in the clinical, ambulatory and hospital environments, and has extensive previous experience with the health system. She is also a member of the American Academy of Nurse Practitioners.

Spencer said she is thrilled to be rejoining the health system.

## Quitman

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dropped off in the morning in front of the cafeteria on Paul Street. If there are older children in the family, they may be dropped off there too. The rest of students in grades three, four and five should be dropped off in the driveway which enters and exits of Highway 154. These students will go in the gym unless they are going to breakfast.

There will be no dropping off of students in the office area and car riders are not to be picked up in the office until after 3:30 p.m. except in case of emergency.

In the afternoons at Quitman Elementary School pre-k through second grade will be dismissed at 3:10 p.m. on Paul Street. Students in third, fourth, and fifth grades will be dismissed at 3:15 p.m. at the Highway 154 circle.

The district makes bus transportation available to all students in QISD living two or more miles

from school. Elementary students may be transported home, to a grandparents' home, or licensed daycare providers. Bus routes any subsequent changes will be posted at the school. Further information may be obtained by calling 903-763-5000 ext. 5002.

Superintendent Rhonda Turner said there are no significant changes for the beginning of school other than there is additional parking for staff and visitors in the new parking lot in front of the junior high and senior high schools. Students will continue to park in the parking lot behind the school. "We have no immediate traffic flow changes right now. When and if we do, we will let everyone know way ahead of time," Turner. "We are ready to go, the principals and their staffs are very excited about the upcoming year."

School breakfast will be \$1.35 for students and \$1.75 for adults while lunch is \$2.65 for students and \$3.50 for adults at each campus.

## Mineola

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and students will discover their high school has been updated and renovated. And there will be no bells in the high school.

In the Mineola schools, the administration office tells us there are no changes in lunch prices from last year, no signifi-

cant changes to bus routes and all schools will start at 7:50 a.m. with no tardy bells. If a student arrives after 7:50, they are tardy.

Middle school and high school dismissal time will be 3:30 p.m. At the primary, it will be 3:15 for car riders and 3:25 for bus riders. At the elementary dismissal time will be 3:25 for the car riders and 3:30 for bus riders.

## Inmate

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detained in the Wood County Jail," the release states.

Sharp, who had been detained since July 25 on a charge of assault family violence, was being housed in a separation medical cell and was being checked every 30 minutes by the detention officer on floor duty. After the floor officer made her check at 3:23 p.m., the release states, Sharp attempted to take his life by hanging himself in the

shower utilizing material torn from his jail uniform.

He was discovered unresponsive approximately 23 minutes later by the detention officers. CPR was administered and Sharp was transported to East Texas Medical Center Quitman emergency room and subsequently flown to ETMC Tyler where he later died. Smith County Justice of the Peace Mitch Shamburger pronounced him dead.

"There was never any indication that Inmate Sharp was suicidal or intended to harm himself," Sheriff Jim Brown said.

## Lindholm

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Winnsboro News, "When I was in Lindale I, spent most of my free time in Winnsboro. That's how much I love your city. I'm very excited about meeting all of you and working with a great council."

Winnsboro Mayor Randy Parrish was part of a committee which reviewed applications before making a recommendation. "It was a long search and a difficult decision with all the qualified applicants we received," Parrish told the Winnsboro News. "The council feels pretty comfortable they found the guy for Winnsboro."

## Obituaries

### SHIRLEY JAYNE BENISHEK 1938-2016

ALBA-Services for Shirley Benishek, 78, Alba, were held Saturday in the Spanish Church at Sand Springs Baptist Church, Mineola. Rev. Jim Parker and Merle Parker officiated.

Mrs. Benishek died August 7, 2016 in a Tyler hospital. She was born April 28, 1938 in Wood County to the late Samuel and Goldie Caldwell. She worked in the clothing industry and was a member of Sand Springs Baptist Church. She lived most of her life in the Alba area.

She was preceded in death by her parents and her husband of 60 years, Albert Benishek, Jr.

Survivors include a son, Philip Benishek, Alba; a daughter, Cynthia Barnes, Alba; sister, Kathryn Sue Collis, Athens; three grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

### LORENE KEENER 1944-2016

SCROGGINS-Lorene Keener, 71 of Scroggins died August 6, 2016, in Scroggins. No services are planned at this time.

Mrs. Keener was born October 4, 1944, in Franklin County, Texas to the late Earl and Dovie Keener

She was preceded in death by her parents and a sister, Polly Cook.

Survivors include her daughter, Nancy Vick of Scroggins; brothers, Richard Kenner, Mt. Vernon, Ennis Keener, Scroggins and Early Keener, Scroggins.

### JOHN KNIGHT 1923-2016

WINNSBORO-Graveside services for John Knight, 92, Winnsboro, were held August 15 at Lee Cemetery

in Winnsboro.

Mr. Knight died August 13, 2016, in Winnsboro. He was born October 25, 1923, in Jacksonville, Texas to the late Grover and Vada Knight. He served in World War II during which his plane went down over Cologne, Germany. He was captured and spent time in Prisoner Of War camps in Poland and Germany.

He was preceded in death by his parents; his wife of 69 years, Monika Knight; a brother, Grover Knight and sister, Dorothy Williams.

Survivors include sons Mark Knight and Bart Knight, both of Winnsboro; daughters Leslie Caviness, Chandler, Cindy Tinney and Mitzi Moss, both of Winnsboro; 13 grandchildren; 22 great-grandchildren and one great-great-grandchild.

### CHARLES BURNARD "TREY" MARTIN, III 1968-2016

ALBA-Memorial services for Charles Martin, III, 47, Alba, are scheduled for Thursday, Aug. 18, at 10 a.m. at Amazing Grace Fellowship Church, Alba, with Rev. Byron George officiating.

Mr. Martin died August 13, 2016, in Longview.

He was born September 27, 1968, in Mineola to Charles Burnard, Jr. and Janet Martin, was a truck driver and a member of Enon Baptist Church. He lived in Alba all his life.

He was preceded in death by his father, C.B. Martin, Jr. and his wife,

Beverly Martin.

Survivors include his mother, Janet Martin, Alba; four sisters, Wanda Gaby, Alba, Elaine Subia, San Antonio, Linda Johns and Brenda Bates, both of Lubbock, and Brittany Johnson, Mineola.



## Governor names new river authority member

Laurie Woloszyn of Longview has been appointed by Governor Greg Abbott to the Sabine River Authority Board of Directors.

Woloszyn was appointed last Tuesday filling a vacancy left by Kimberly Fish, who resigned from the board in April. The new di-

rector's term is set to expire July 6, 2021.

A press release from the governor's office states the Sabine River Authority conserves, stores, controls, preserves, utilizes and distributes the storm and flood water and the waters of the Sabine River and its tributaries.

Woloszyn is the Gregg County auditor. Prior to serving as an auditor, she served as the Gregg County clerk for eight years. She is a member of the Texas County Auditors Association. Woloszyn received a Bachelor of Business Administration Degree from The University of Texas at Tyler.



Laurie Woloszyn has been named to the Sabine River Authority Board of Directors. (Courtesy photo)

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The Mineola High School Yellowjacket Band drum line provided the beat for the morning as the school district kicked off the 2016-2017 school year with a convocation Monday. (Photo by Doris Newman)

## Mineola ISD kicks off school year with convocation

Mineola School District launched the upcoming school year with a lively convocation Monday morning in the middle school cafeteria as the high school drum line provided the tempo for the day.

Superintendent Kim Tunnell said the theme this year is "Operation: Innovation." The theme is in keeping with the goal to provide personalized learning for every student and instill the five core values of respect, empathy, resilience, integrity and ambition. Staff participated in "basic training" tasks to

develop teamwork like assembling the Mineola ISD Mission Statement and creating a pyramid of cups.

All employees were trained on the new Standard Response Protocol from the district's Emergency Management System.

Staff members were "commissioned" upon completion of the "Jacket Creed" and were issued dog tags.

"Mineola ISD is extremely blessed to have a strong school board with a vision for the future and

a tremendous staff that are ready to use innovative methods to engage our students and develop life-long learners and leaders prepared to contribute to a diverse and dynamic world, from mission statement," Tunnell said. "We are excited about the year and look forward to serving our students and their families." The superintendent said this is one of her favorite days of the year - having the staff all back together and preparing for the return of their students.

## Tips

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support of our community is the key to the welfare and protection boards. All of our money comes from donated money from which comes from the generosity of the citizens of Wood County."

The child protection board has over 100 children in supervised care. Over 90 percent of cases in Wood County where children are removed from their homes involve drug use or the manufacture and sale of drugs. Most removals of children take place in the middle of the night or early morning.

Children are not allowed to take anything with them from their homes because of their being contaminated by drug fumes and filth. There are not enough foster homes in Wood County to take all the children who have been removed. Unfortunately, sometimes siblings have to be split up because of the lack of available foster homes.

"We get kids from birth to 18 years of age. We immediately provide them with everything they need for three days from clothes to shoes and of course, diapers and baby formula," Gilbreath said.

Some Wood County children must be placed in foster homes in Dallas, Fort Worth, Hous-



Yantis First Baptist Church Pastor Craig Vance was a server at Tips of Tots.

ton and other places far from Wood County. State funds for foster care do not cover a lot of expenses needed for a child to have a normal life. The Wood County Protection Board helps provide items not covered by state funds.

Some of the things the protection board provides for foster children of Wood County are initial clothing allowances for children when they

are first removed (\$100); monthly allowance based on age; birthday money (\$25 per child); back to school money for clothes and supplies (\$200); Christmas gifts and a party for all Wood County children in foster care (\$200 per child) and special items such as senior rings, driver's education, graduation gifts, prom activities and other things common to children liv-

ing normal lives with parents.

Donations also help with the maintenance of the Rainbow Room. The Rainbow Room is a project of the Wood County Child Protection Board that provides an emergency resource stocked with all new items to help meet critical needs of abused and neglected Wood County children. Wood County's Rainbow

Room was dedicated in 1998 by Laura Bush. The room stocks clothing, underwear, shoes, baby formula, hygiene items and car seats. It also provides household cleaning supplies for families who are working with CPS to regain or maintain custody of their children.

"Our goal is to provide as normal a life as possible for these children who have already come

through so much in their short lives. We hope in doing this it will help them become productive well-adjusted adults and hopefully break the cycle so often seen with the abused and neglected in turn becoming abusers themselves," Brooks explained. "We are trying to make a difference in the lives of these children in any way we can help. We are truly blessed to live in such a wonderful, loving, and concerned community."

The Wood County Child Protection Board focuses on helping the children and the caseworkers know they have not been forgotten and there are those who love them and will care for them.

Donations are always needed throughout the year and the board believes the protection of the children is the responsibility of the entire community.

"We want foster children to have the same things most of our children take for granted as a normal part of life. We are truly humbled over and over again by the turn out for our fundraisers. We are envied by so many other CPS counties because we have so much support which they do not experience," Brooks concluded.

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Chantz Perkins takes a handoff from quarterback Jeremiah Crawford before hitting the line during the scripted portion of Friday's scrimmage. (Monitor photo by Evan Dudley)

## Schoolyard scrap

Drennon pleased with first look at team in battle of Yellowjackets

BY EVAN DUDLEY  
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The Mineola Yellowjackets held their first scrimmage of the season Friday against the Elysian Fields Yellowjackets. The junior varsity team enjoyed a bright sunny afternoon during their portion of the scrimmage but the varsity team would have to fight the elements as well as the competition.

Coach Joe Drennon's format for this first scrimmage included a scripted portion for both the junior varsity and varsity teams and one timed quarter of play for the varsity.

Drennon said the goal was to find which kids could compete and make plays in certain situ-

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## Bulldogs see bright spots vs. Hawkins

By LARRY TUCKER  
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Quitman and Hawkins battled in a scrimmage Friday night with both coaches able to take away positives for their upcoming seasons.

Quitman suffered a loss prior to the game when team leader Isaac Sims, center and defensive lineman, was rushed to a local hospital for an emergency appendectomy. The surgery went better than expected and the big lineman may be ready to play in the season opener at Big Sandy.

"We had great news. When they went in, they didn't have to tear through the muscle to get to the appendix, so it will be a few days before he can start exercising. He can start running and doing some things," Head Coach John Woodward said. "We don't expect him back

for the scrimmage, but maybe he will be ready for Big Sandy."

The Bulldogs had two other injuries during the scrimmage. "Teague Stewart (knee injury) came out pretty early and Kayden White had a shoulder sprain later in the scrimmage," Woodward noted. "It was nice that we had kids who stepped right in and played."

There was only one score when each of the team's number one units faced off. Quitman held the high-powered Hawk spread offense to several three-and-outs before talented quarterback Akim Richmond tossed a bomb for a score and the offensive line was able to move the defense early as the Bulldogs drove for three straight first downs early.

The Bulldogs were able to run the ball

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An Alba-Golden defensive player holds on tight to an opposing player. (Photo by Tommy Anderson)

## 18 new positions get first varsity start in Alba-Golden, Rains scrimmage

By TOMMY ANDERSON  
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The rains came and then Rains came again to get in the first football scrimmage of the season for the Alba-Golden Panthers and the Rains Wildcats. The tiff was slated for Friday evening, but rain fell in the area and coaches decided to postpone it until Saturday morning. So, Rains had to go away and come again another day to get in their warmup actions as both teams prepare for their season openers on Friday.

"We grew up a lot out there today," commented Alba-Golden Head Coach

Ron Callahan.

"We had nine kids on each side of the line (on offense and defense) that had never played a down of varsity ball before." He continued, "They were really nervous before we got started."

Those nerves settled pretty quickly as the Panthers' first unit gave a very good accounting of itself in the situation scrimmage in the heat of a hot and humid Saturday morning.

Rains started the session on offense and was stopped on downs their first possession of the ball, stopped by a lost

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Linemen on both squads played tough.

## Lady Bulldogs roll to 6-0, sweep Van tourney

By LARRY TUCKER  
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Taking no prisoners, the Quitman Lady Bulldogs convincingly won the Van tournament cham-

pionship defeating district rival Edgewood 25-21, 25-17. In the process, Quitman did not lose a set during the entire tournament.

In the tournament final, Kaci Raley had eight kills, five digs

and a block with Cammie Hicks setting up 25 assists. The junior teammates were named to the all-tournament team. Fellow junior

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From left, Cammie Hicks and Kaci Raley were named all tournament at Van. (Photos by Larry Tucker)

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# Local pharmacist heads to Idaho to conquer Ironman course

By LARRY TUCKER  
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Local pharmacist Randy White, 39, is quiet and mild mannered. The affable White is leaving Thursday with his family for Couer d'Alene, Idaho in hopes of becoming an Ironman.

He is not exactly like the fictional character Tony Stark, an American billionaire, playboy, business magnate and engineer who created a powered suit of armor and became the comic book and movie hero, Iron Man. The fictional Iron Man, a founding member of the Avengers, is an American icon, but who knows if he can do what White does.

White is a triathlon athlete who lives in Sulphur Springs and goes about his regular day filling prescriptions at Scott's Pharmacy in Quitman. His real life Avenger pals are his family, wife, Lynesi, and sons Luke, 9; Jude, 7 and Jake, 2. Lynesi, maiden name Cadell, is also a runner and was a two-time state champion as part of the Winnsboro Lady Raider state championships in the early 1990s. She is a marathon runner and they ran together last year in the Chicago Marathon. She is currently training in hopes of participating in the Boston Marathon.

White is 5'11" and weighs in at 160 pounds, but once he dons his helmet for cycling, his swim trunks, and his running shoes, he becomes a superman of sorts, and wants to become a real life Ironman. It is a real athletic competition, not a game called Iron Man. Triathlon athletes compete in three endurance events - swimming, bicycling and run-

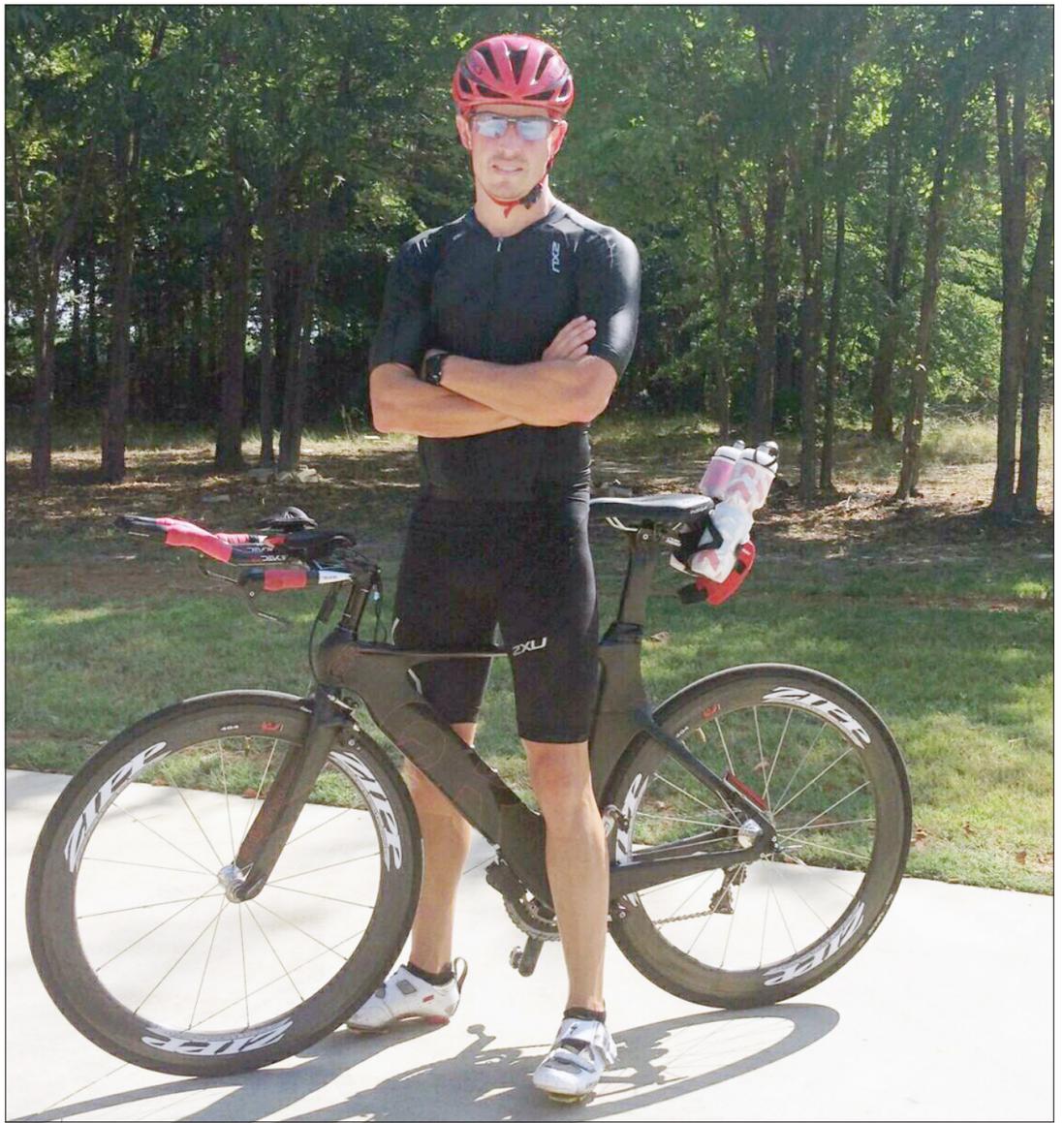
ning. White seeks to be an Ironman when he competes to finish his quest in 17 hours. The Ironman competition is Aug. 21 in Coeur d'Alene; a classic resort and vacation destination is the site. To earn the Ironman distinction, entries must begin the day with a 2.4 mile swim in the clear waters of Lake Coeur d'Alene, a glacier-fed lake, followed by a 112-mile bicycle course, ending with a marathon run (26.2 miles).

White is a native of Carlsbad, New Mexico, where he was active in football, baseball, soccer and golf. He graduated from Lubbock Christian University with a degree in chemistry and pharmacy school at Texas Tech University, which is where he met his wife.

He started running triathlons at the age of 24, mainly sprint triathlons. "These events have anywhere from a 300 to 500 meter swim, then a 12- to 18-mile bike, and usually a 5K run," White explained. "It's fast and all out."

White has long watched Ironman competitions. "I have watched Ironman world championships at Kona (Hawaii) for as long as I can remember. It's always been my ultimate goal to do one before I turned 40," White claimed. "And I will be 40 in October, so here I am getting ready to go. I have done two half-Ironman competitions. They are a 1.2 mile swim, a 56-mile bike ride and a half-marathon, 13.1 miles. I did my first one at Buffalo Springs in Lubbock in 2013. This year in preparation for Ironman, I did a half in New Orleans in April."

Preparation for the en-



Randy White getting ready for an earlier competition. (Courtesy photo) BELOW: White filling a prescription at Scott's Pharmacy. (Photo by Larry Tucker)

deavor is not an easy task. "Most weeks I'm doing 12 to 15 hours of training. I have a coach, Morgan Johnson, in the metroplex. A training weekend consists of a 2.4 mile swim and then a four-hour bike ride followed by an hour and a half run," White acknowledged.

Training and family life

keep him busy. "It's difficult, my wife has a full time job and I have a full time job. My two older sons play travel baseball so we are gone on the weekends," White said. "We train every day. Me or my wife, one of us, is up every morning at 4:15 a.m. training. Usually, she is up first, and I am head-

ed out as she is coming in. I am either headed out for a run or upstairs to ride on my trainer, my bike. I normally swim in Rockwall at the aquatic center once a week. On my swim day I drive to Rockwall and swim for an hour, drive back, shower, and drive to Quitman to work by 8:30 a.m. and I do that every

Thursday." The Idaho event will have over 3,000 participants. To be an ironman a competitor must finish the three grueling events in less than 17 hours. "The cutoff is 17 hours, and if you are still competing when the time is up, you are pulled off the course. For me it is about pushing myself to the limits," White noted.

White credits his wife with his success. "We just celebrated our 12<sup>th</sup> anniversary. What makes it easy is we have a lot of the same likes. We are both pharmacists, we are driven and like to push ourselves, so she understands. I think it would be tough married to someone who does not understand, but she gets it, she knows how bad I want it," White admitted.

White's goal is to make the swim in an hour and 15 minutes; the bike ride is around six and a half hours; and the marathon in under four and half hours. "My best marathon time is 3 hours, 33 minutes, and 38 seconds."

The ironman competition begins at 6 a.m. and must be completed by 11 p.m. He has a plan for the competition which includes about 250 calories per hour on the bike. Most of that will come from sports drinks and gels. "Sodium is very important. I will take salt tabs a lot. My biggest concern in this race is climbing on the bike. There is over 5,700 feet of elevation climbing. I am hoping training in the heat and humidity here will help me on that. The high temperatures there are supposed to be around 82 or 83."

It will be an emotional day for White. "There are so many emotions you go through. I have three levels of goals. I call them my gold, bronze and silver levels. One is to finish in 12 hours, that is a pretty lofty goal for a first time and that is my gold level. My second or silver level is under 13 hours and bronze is to just finish in under the 17 hours," White declares.

Why does he do it? He simply says he wants to hear these words, "Randy, you are an ironman."

## NOTICE OF 2016 TAX YEAR PROPOSED PROPERTY TAX RATE FOR WOOD COUNTY

A tax rate of \$0.5999 per \$100 valuation has been proposed by the governing body of Wood County.

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Hawkins Coach Terri Boyd talks with her team during their match against Troup. (Photo by Evan Dudley)

# Roundup: Volleyball

**Mineola**  
The Mineola Lady Jackets swept the Gladewater Bears, 31-29, 25-18, 25-17, in their season opener Tuesday. The Lady Jackets competed in the Van tournament during the weekend. Mineola defeated All Saints, Tyler Chapel Hill and lost to Sunnyvale. The Lady Jackets lost to Paris and Mt. Pleasant Saturday. Mineola is now 3-3 on the season. The Lady Jackets host Westwood Tuesday and will compete in the Wills Point Tournament this weekend.

**Alba-Golden**  
The Alba-Golden Lady Panthers swept the Union Grove Lions, 25-15, 25-23, 25-14, in the opening match of the season. The Lady Panthers dropped two games this past weekend at the Golden Chick Classic. Alba-Golden defeated Crandall and lost to Sherman and Weatherford. The Lady Panthers are now 2-2 and host Big Sandy Tuesday and visit Brownsboro this Friday.

**Quitman**  
The Quitman Lady Bulldogs swept the New Diana Eagles, 26-24, 25-10, 25-17, in the opening match of the season. The Lady Bulldogs competed at the Van Tournament, winning all of their games and the tournament championship. Quitman sits at 6-0 on the season and will host Trinidad Tuesday and will travel to Pine Tree this Friday.

**Hawkins**  
The Lady Hawks lost their opening match against the Grand Saline Indians, 21-25, 24-26, and 25-14, in their season opener. Hawkins also dropped their match to the Troup Tigers Thursday bringing their record to 0-2 on the season. The Lady Hawks host Harmony Tuesday and will compete in the West Rusk Tournament this weekend.

## Lake Fork Weekly Fishing Report (August 8-14)

By JOHN MORRIS

Wow, catching Bass in the heat! The water temperatures remained in the lower 90s and the water clarity continues to get better all over the lake. Even with the water temperatures in the 90s it really didn't seem to affect the fish this week. We still were able to catch them in 3 to 4 foot of water in the early morning hours and about 8:30 moving into

16 to 20 foot of water. Our shallow water bite was still on a wacky rigged chartreuse/pumpkin Zoom Trick worm. The deeper bite was using the good ole Carolina rig. We did go back to the watermelon/red Zoom Baby Brush Hog on the Carolina rig and used a LO 45 2/0 hook and a 4-foot leader. We continued to use 17 pound Clear Blue Florissant line. A great combination!

scattered out on humps and creek bends. There a few good white bass hanging out at all of the bridges. This week I used the white and black Flashtail spoon. We needed just a little smaller presentation. The crappie fishing was still very slow. The best way to catch them was at the Farm-to-Market 515 bridges using minnows. Look for them in 24 foot of water. The bite is very light. Catfish fishing was still

very good this week. Look for them in 26 to 30 foot of water around baited trees. Punch bait was their favorite bait.

## Jackets

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ations. Drennon said he was pleased about the varsity team's ability to play well during the the scrimmage. Shortly before the timed quarter began, rain descended on Meredith Memorial Stadium and those in attendance found some relief from the scorching temperatures that Mineola has endured the past few weeks. Drennon's design for the timed quarter included a sustained drive by

the offense and a strong performance by the defense. The Yellowjackets accomplished both by allowing no points from Elysian Fields and scoring on a short Jeremiah Crawford run into the

end zone. "We were pleased by how we played today," said Drennon. "We wanted to know who's learned the most in two weeks and I believe we did that."

## Mineola Country Club SENIOR GOLF REPORT

The team of Robert Linker, Mike Casselman, Jake Koepfel and Lou Diaz won first in the Senior Golf Scramble at Mineola Country Club Thursday. They shot (13 under) 58. The second place team of Elroy Doggett, Ken Norlie, Jim Bowen, and Bill Mince shot (10 under) 61. Closest to the pin on hole #5 was Diaz. Larry Jackson drove closest on hole #9.

## Congratulations to Debbie Johnson



Following 24 years as a dedicated employee of Wood County Electric Cooperative, Debbie Johnson is retiring on August 24.

After a 15 year career as a Legal and Executive Secretary, Debbie began her tenure at WCEC in 1992 as the Executive Secretary to the General Manager.

In 2010, "Debbie J.", as WCEC employees call her, was promoted to the Administrative Services Manager.

As a planner and orchestrator, we'll miss her many talents that helped smooth our work days. As a friend, we'll miss her sympathetic ear, quick wit, and her laughter ringing in the halls.

In her retirement, all of us at WCEC wish Debbie J. many years of contentment with her beloved husband of 30 years, Johnny. We also wish her fun times with her son and daughter and their families, and the time to richly experience her favorite pursuits including traveling, boating, and enjoying time with her many cherished grandchildren.

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- TXism: "does a cat have a climbing \_\_\_?" (yes)
- city government group
- a boys hair cut once banned at some TX schools
- TX pest: fire
- like TX Sandy Duncan, Eva \_\_\_ Gallienne has played the role of Peter Pan
- TXism: "wise up on"
- San Antonio Air Force base
- TXism: "hard work \_\_\_ the fences up"
- exec. of a TX co. Gruene Mansion
- Davy \_\_\_ men to the Alamo
- DOWN**
- Meridian is seat of this county
- TXism: "thick \_\_\_ on a dog's back"
- "larger \_\_\_"
- TXism: "\_\_\_ as finding a horse thief in heaven"
- TX "Singing Cowboy" (init.)
- expose to harm
- TXism: "it's \_\_\_ hog or die"
- TX McMurtry's "Lonesome Dove" became a TV \_\_\_-series
- TX George W. beat him in 2000
- TX B.J. Thomas sang "\_\_\_ So Lonesome I Could Cry"
- "no" vote in TX legislature
- Dallas southern suburb on hwy. 67
- relating to "gettin' hitched"
- murderer
- anno Domini (abbr.)
- TXism: "he was around when the Dead \_\_\_ was only sick" (old)
- ex-Oiler offensive lineman, Erik \_\_\_ a million" (rare)
- \_\_\_-of-a-gun
- artist Penelope who painted Mrs. Sam Houston (init.)
- TXism: "big fish in a \_\_\_"
- plumbing problem
- iced and pekee
- TXism: "\_\_\_ his hide" (spank)
- TX polo player Smith
- in Johnson County off hwy. 67

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**Public Notice**

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

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

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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 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  
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"Jenica Turner, Clerk of the District Court of Wood County, Texas.  
By: Jennifer Mosher, Deputy."  
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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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2016-206  
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Sun Eagle Bay Subdivision, Section 1, Lots 42 and 43  
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"Jenica Turner, Clerk of the District Court of Wood County, Texas.  
By: Jennifer Mosher, Deputy."  
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**Notice of Public Auction:**  
Pursuant to Chapter 59, Texas Property Code, Holly Self Storage, LLC located at 2280 S. FM 2869 Hawkins, Texas 75765 will hold a public sale of property to satisfy a landlord's lien. Property will be sold to the highest bidder for cash. Sale will be held Wednesday August 31, 2016 at 10:00 am. Units to be sold include property of Wes Swan. Units includes household items, table saw, and miscellaneous items.

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age, LLC located at 3765 S. FM 2869 Hawkins, Texas 75765 will hold a public sale of property to satisfy a landlord's lien. Property will be sold to the highest bidder for cash. Sale will be held Wednesday August 31, 2016 at 10:30 am. Units to be sold include property of Kelvin Underwood and Michael (Mike) Macaluso. Units include carpentry items, tackle, grill, furniture, household items, tools, and miscellaneous items.

NO. 12,952  
ESTATE OF PARALEE PRICE, DECEASED  
IN THE COUNTY COURT OF WOOD COUNTY, TEXAS  
NOTICE TO CREDITORS  
Notice is hereby given that original Letters Testamentary for the Estate of PARALEE PRICE, Deceased, were issued on July 25, 2016, in No. 12,952, pending in the County Court of Wood County, Texas to RICHARD LYNN PRICE and LLELWYN PRICE (BUDDY) GREGG. The residence of the Independent Co-Executors are in Wood County, Texas. The post office address of the Independent Co-Executors is c/o Richard E. Roberts, P.O. Box 70, Quitman, Wood County, 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 this 25th day of July, 2016.  
RICHARD E. ROBERTS, Attorney for RICHARD LYNN PRICE and LLELWYN PRICE (BUDDY) GREGG, Independent Co-Executors

**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

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Estate of Freida Harris Stroud, Deceased  
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Attorney at Law  
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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 11th day of July, 2016.  
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# Ag News

BY CLINT PERKINS, COUNTY EXTENSION AGENT

The mosquito-transmitted Zika virus is a potential threat to the health of unborn babies in Texas and other states, and the Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service has stepped up efforts to educate the public on ways to protect themselves from this new menace, said agency entomologists.



"While people enjoy outdoor activities and travel this summer, it's important to remember that our first line of defense against Zika is to avoid being bitten by mosquitoes," said Dr. Sonja Swiger, AgriLife Extension entomologist at Stephenville. "The Aedes aegypti and A. albopictus mosquitoes that transmit Zika occur commonly in our backyards where their eggs are laid and larvae live in standing water. Like other mosquito species, they are active at sunrise and sunset, but commonly bite throughout the day as well."

Swiger said it's important to remember the "Four Ds" as a first line of defense. They are:

- Drain: Empty standing water, thus eliminating mosquito breeding sites.
- Dress: Put on long sleeved shirts and pants when going outside.
- Defend: Apply mosquito repellent when going outside.
- Dusk and Dawn: Avoid outdoor ac-

tivity during these two most mosquito-active periods.

Swiger said simple steps such as repairing screen doors and windows are critically important to keeping mosquitoes out. Managing landscape water features is another key area in the fight against the spread of the Zika virus.

"Mosquito dunks, commonly sold in garden centers for mosquito control in home water features, can be used to treat water that cannot be readily drained," she said. "The dunks contain insect growth regulators or mosquito-specific bacteria to effectively control mosquito larvae. Neither approach is harmful to fish or other aquatic organisms."

Dr. Mike Merchant, AgriLife Extension urban entomologist at Dallas, said that fighting Zika will be much different than fighting West Nile virus. Aedes mosquitoes infected with Zika are not easily detected, so health officials have to rely on actual human cases to identify hot spots.

"In addition, city and county truck-mounted sprayers are less effective at killing Aedes mosquitoes, so stopping these mosquitoes in each and every backyard is even more important. Everyone will need to pitch in," he said.

"Anything that holds water should be dumped or treated. Breeding areas can include sites as benign as containers under potted plants and bird baths. Other trouble areas are old tires, empty cans and bottles, kiddie pools, buckets, boat tarps and even clogged gutters.

Swiger said there are many mosquito repellents available, but all approved formulations share two commonalities. The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency registration of these repellent products means first, that the active ingredient has been tested and is safe for people to use, and second, that it's effective in repelling mosquitoes when used as directed.

"EPA and the Centers for Disease Control have evaluated scientific reports and conclude mosquito repellents containing DEET, picaridin, oil of lemon eucalyptus, called IR3535, as active ingredients provide reasonably long-lasting protection from mosquito bites," Swiger said.

"Users should always read and follow label instructions. Most repellents can be used on children over two months of age, with the exception of those containing oil of lemon eucalyptus, which should not be used on children younger than 3 years old. For babies under two months of age, infant carriers fitted with mosquito netting are recommended. Pregnant and breast-feeding mothers

can safely use EPA-approved insect repellents."

Swiger said constant vigilance is the key to slowing Zika and other mosquito-borne diseases such as West Nile virus.

"It's the global world we live in today," she said. "As people travel and return from areas affected by Zika, some will return carrying the virus. When Aedes mosquitoes bite infected people, they acquire the virus. The mosquito then transmits it to an uninfected person, passing the virus to them."

Swiger said that as of this writing, there are 46 recorded cases of Zika in Texas, all travel associated, except for one contracted sexually from their partner who traveled. No Texas mosquitoes have been found to be infected.

"Epidemics are expected as infected people arrive and locally acquired infections occur," she said. "As the many media accounts report, women infected by the virus while pregnant are known to have babies with severe neurological defects. Aside from mosquito infections, additional cases may occur from sexual transmission of the disease. So at this point, controlling mosquitoes and protecting yourself from infection are the two key factors in the rigorous defense against this new mosquito-borne virus threat."

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<u>Cause No.</u> 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
<u>Cause No.</u> 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.
<u>Cause No.</u> 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

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# Panthers

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fumble on the second and then finally put together a 70-yard scoring drive that took 8 plays, the longest gain being a 21-yard pass.

The Wildcats then went on defense and the Panther offense trotted on to the field with a pair of young sophomore quarterbacks trying to hold the Panthers together until veteran field general Kash Sisk recovers from a broken right leg. The Panthers had their first play go very much the wrong with Rains intercepting a pass and returning it for a touchdown.

saw Alba-Golden go three and out and the third possession end via another interception. The fourth possession finally saw the Panthers get their offense working and they drove the 70 yards needed for their first touchdown of the year on an exciting 11-play drive.

After that substitutions started being more liberal and parts of second units got work at different times as the two teams battled it out with two more offensive and two more defensive sessions each.

After the scrimmage Sisk, who was on the sidelines taking everything in from start to finish, had a big smile on his face as he walked off the field.

“They did pretty good today. We are going to be okay,” he said.

Sisk said his leg was healing nicely and he hopes to be able to return to the team in three of four weeks. “It isn’t a sure thing when I will get released, but I want to be back and ready by the time we start district,” he said. And he really should be as the Panthers don open District 8-3A Division II competition until Oct. 7 when they travel to Lone Oak. That date is a nice fat 8 weeks out, which should be ample time for Sisk to get his engine revved up to full speed.

This Friday Alba-Golden travels to Tyler for its final pre-season tune-up in a scrimmage with Bishop Thomas K Gorman.



Alba-Golden quarterback picks up a 13-yard gain on the ground. He would score on the next play. (Photos by Tommy Anderson)



Quitman's Lady Bulldogs flash their "W" for winning sign as they celebrate the Van Tournament championship.

# Quitman

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Molly Tanner added another consistent outing with seven kills and nine digs. Sophomore Madalyn Spears hustled her way to nine kills, five digs and one ace.

The Lady Bulldogs started tournament pool play with a 25-17, 25-15 win over Class 4A Spring Hill, who was the defending champion of the tournament. Junior Molly Tanner had six kills, six digs, and three big blocks while teammate fellow junior Cammie Hicks picked up where she left off last season with 12 assists and three digs.

For Head Coach Ashlee Lingo, the tournament championship was a milestone in her coaching career. “This is the first tournament win for me as a coach, so it will be a weekend I’ll never forget,” Lingo admitted. “The ladies played great this weekend even after having to wait seven hours before the championship game. They are playing more confident and smarter than they ever have.”

Lingo had reservations about playing district foe Edgewood this early in the season. “We had to play Edgewood, who is in our district, and I wasn’t too happy to play them this early in the season. But I’m glad we came out on top,” Lingo added. “We had lots of support from parents, students, and other community members. Our crowd is great and we are thankful to have them!”

According to Lingo, the entire team deserves credit for the tournament championship. “Every lady on this team contributes in each game. Everyone knows their role is important to our overall success,” Lingo said.

The Lady Bulldogs faced off against nearby neighbor Big Sandy in the final pool play game winning going away 25-15, 25-15. For the match, Hicks recorded 20 assists and one ace; Raley five kills, three digs, one ace; Tanner five kills, seven digs, one block; and Spears five kills, six digs, one ace.

With the first two wins in pool play, the Lady Bulldogs moved into the Gold Bracket and the championship rounds. They opened at 9 a.m. Saturday morning

to take on an athletic Class 4A Brownsboro Bearette team.

The Lady Bulldogs wasted no time in disposing of Brownsboro by scores of 25-12 and 25-9. The Lady Bulldog defense crushed every offensive effort by Brownsboro, with the front line dominating the net and the back line hustling and making diving plays all over the court. In this game, Raley registered five kills, five digs, and a block while Tanner had six kills, two digs, and an ace, with Hicks getting 18 assists and serving six aces.

The Lady Bulldogs met powerful Sunnyvale in the semi-finals and came away with a hard fought 25-18, 25-22 victory. Hicks had 19 assists, with Raley big at the net on eight kills, four blocks, and two digs. Tanner added five more kills, five digs and three hard aces

The Lady Bulldogs are now 6-0 on the year and host Trinidad Tuesday night before traveling to Longview for a challenging match with Class 5A powerhouse Pine Tree. Not only are the Lady Bulldogs undefeated, they have yet to lose a set this season.

# Bulldogs

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well with fullback Wacey Warren, quarterbacks Jake Farmer and Ty Moss along with runningbacks A.J. Dunn, Brad Davenport and White all able to gain positive yards. David Henderson did a good job filling in for Sims at center.

“Hawkins has good speed and some real talent. Coach Moore (Marty) does a great coaching job with his kids,” Woodard said. “But overall, I saw a lot of positive things with our kids. The thing I hate most is how disappointed they were in themselves after it was over. These kids want to win so bad, they were just real disappointed.”

Hawkins scored on three long runs later in the scrimmage after the number one units got in there playing time. The Hawks showed great offensive potential and the big-play possibilities are there with Richmond, Tristan Garrett, Daniel Robinson and Dustin Threlkeld.

Woodard said they know what needs to be worked on. “We need to work on the passing game on offense. I was pleased that we just had two bad snaps from a kid who has never played center,” Woodard said. “With Isaac out we had to change some of the ways we block, but the kids adapted pretty well. In a game situation they go three and out we get the ball. Scrimmages are just modified practices. It’s hard to score a lot when you just get 15 plays when you run the ball like we do.”

The Bulldogs are set to travel to Como-Pickton this Thursday night for another scrimmage before opening the season at Big Sandy August 26.



Quitman quarterback Jake Farmer rolls out to pass. BELOW: This catch and run gave the Hawks an early score. (Photos by Larry Tucker)



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## Cancer survivor shares survival tactics

By DORIS NEWMAN

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A 17-year breast cancer survivor said prayer, diligence, exercise, education, humor and support are key to fighting the battle against the dreaded disease during the Women's Health Program at St Peter's Catholic Church Thursday in Mineola.

The event was arranged by the Wood County Extension Service with its Friend to Friend program.

Wood County Extension Agent for Family Consumer Science Angie Monk introduced Wanda Stephens of Holly Lake Ranch as a cancer survivor.

Stephens said she is an educator of 31 years and that she was first diagnosed with cancer in 1999. "I am a 17-year cancer survivor," she said to applause, adding she was 54 years old at the time of the diagnosis.

"As a cancer survivor what do we need to do? We need to pray," she said, "that God's will be done, because God's will is love and mercy."

According to Stephens, one of the other things that one needs to do is to be diligent. That is not just for someone with cancer, but applies to those who are caregivers. She asked how many people in the audience were survivors, then how many were caregivers and finally, if



Wood County Extension Agent Angie Monk, front right, introduces Women's Health speaker Wanda Stephens as Stephens, an educator, distributes sticky note papers to the audience. (Photo by Doris Newman)

there was anyone in the group who did not know someone who had cancer. No one spoke up or raised their hand.

"And that's what we're fighting." She said if a person knows someone with cancer, they are a cancer caregiver "because it takes more than just the spouse or the family. It takes everybody."

The speaker said to be diligent in everything one does. She also said to exercise, to include humor in one's life and to be educated and thankful to caregivers.

Stephens said she had always wanted to live in East Texas. She had lived here when she was a little girl and she wanted to move back. Finally she

was able to talk her husband into retiring from his job with the postal service and she accepted a teaching job in Gilmer.

In the fall of 1998 they moved to Holly Lake. "And we've loved every minute that we've lived here." A year later she was diagnosed with cancer.

She noted that when

she said to be diligent, that was not just as a cancer patient but to everything going on with one's body. With her situation, she was the one who discovered that something was wrong. "It wasn't a lump sticking out of my breast," she said. "Mine was flat. But it was just different." And there was no cancer in her family

anywhere and as far as she knows, she is still the only one.

But this is where diligence comes in to play. She went to a doctor and he told her that she needed a mammogram and he wrote the order. She waited to schedule her appointment for two weeks but the order did not come through. She called the doctor back and then learned the order had gotten lost under some other papers. So for two weeks longer she waited for her mammogram.

The day she had her biopsies she was told it was likely cancer and two or three days later it was confirmed that she had stage 2 breast cancer. At that time patients had to call and talk to people to learn about what they were facing. "What is breast cancer? What kinds of medications do you use? What kind of treatments are there?"

She and her husband ended up finding people who they knew who had battled the disease and that included a former co-worker from Duncanville who had just finished a year of treatment. "There were things that she told me were going to happen to my body that I had no idea was going to happen. Now, thank heavens, those things are told to people through

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*'As a cancer survivor what do we need to do? We need to pray that God's will be done, because God's will is love and mercy.'*

### ANNIVERSARY



George and Brenda Melvin will celebrate 50 golden years of marriage on Aug. 20. They are celebrated by their children and their spouses, Scott and Leah Melvin, Jill and Ricky Quiambao and Todd Melvin. Their grandchildren are Emily and Thomas Melvin, Audri Dunwoody, Makena and Camden Quiambao and Ella Melvin.

### Inside and Outside the Picket Fence

BY JAN WHITLOCK

Those of us who maintain and care for the Quitman Arboretum are excited to welcome our friends and neighbors who have been subscribers of the Mineola Monitor. This column has been appearing bimonthly to keep the Wood County community informed of what we have done, what we are presently doing and what our plans are for the future of the Stinson House and the Quitman Arboretum.



Quitman Arboretum and Botanical Gardens

A group of hardworking volunteers meets every Wednesday at the back of Hogg Park in Quitman to tend the gardens, work on the restoration of the Stinson House, visit and give guided tours of the house and property to those who stop by with a passing interest.

We invite you to join us! New faces turn into good friends as we work and plan together. No prior experience is necessary - just a feeling of pride to be living in such a beautiful corner of this incredible state and an interest in giving

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### 100TH BIRTHDAY



Winnie Booher originally from Grandview now resides in Wood Memorial Nursing Home and calls Mineola home. She turned 100 on July 31 and was honored by the City of Mineola at her birthday celebration. Mayor Pro-tem Kevin White, far right, proclaimed July 26 as Winnie Booher Day in the City of Mineola! Pictured with Ms. Booher is Elijah Coffman. His grandma was caregiver to Winnie for two years. Winnie helped care for him and a special bond was formed from the start. He still visits Winnie and when she sees him her face lights up! (Photo courtesy Stacey Hays)

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# Preaching in the park set Aug. 27

The Mt. Calvary Church of God in Christ is having a worship service Saturday, Aug. 27, from 5 to 8 p.m. at the Jim Hogg City Park pavilion. There will be preaching from Minister Rodney Grant and music from Perfect Praise. Refreshments will be served.

# Quitman Pilots honor caregivers

The Pilot Club of Quitman recognizes and honors caregivers each month. The club presented the June Caregivers of the Month to the housekeeping and maintenance departments of East Texas Medical Center Quitman.

Pilot Betty Stribley reported that the Pilot Club members told the employees that while the hospital is a wonderful asset to the community, it is the employees that make a difference for the citizens of Wood County. "The doctors and nurses are extremely valuable assets but they cannot do their job effectively without the support of numerous employees," she said. Pilot representatives Betty Stribley and Debo-



From left are Patrick Swindle, ETMC administrator; Betty Stribley, Pilot Club; David Cody; Kimberly Watterson; Christina Link; Deborah Bramble, Pilot Club; Vanya Leija; Geraldine Wright; Vanessa Tello and Kimberly Shelby. Other members not on duty at time of presentation were Janet Bundrick, Sonja Rodriguez, Brandi Phillips, Valerie Katan, Christina Wright, Gloria Simmons, Chrystal Fultner, Nicole Myers and Chalmaly Love. (Courtesy photo)

rah Bramble presented the certificate to supervisors Kimberly Watterson and David Cody and thanked them for the way their depart-

# Jarvis to break ground on residence halls

The Jarvis Christian College campus soon will be alive with the sound of new construction, according to a press release from the college. Local dignitaries have been invited to join College President Lester C. Newman at 11 a.m. Thursday to break ground for the construction of three new residence halls and the renovation of two existing halls.

The release states as part of the Campus Master Plan project three two-story buildings will include a one-bedroom apartment for faculty, 64 single suites for students, computer bars on each floor and shared meeting and lounge areas. Each residence hall will have a theme and students will be assigned by major and interest. Faculty living in the residence halls will facilitate a true living and learning environment. The

new construction is expected to be completed by fall 2017.

A concurrent renovation project will transform Hurdle and Waddleton Halls. The release stated the college is also anticipating the renovation of Carey Hall, should there be remaining funds. The renovation should be completed on or before the first of the new year.

Newman said, "The projects are expected to create a more vibrant campus community and also reflect the living and learning styles of the students. Our students come first and we make every effort to make their experiences here at Jarvis pleasant, while at the same time bring economic growth to this county and East Texas. This is just the beginning. There is much to do with our infrastructure. With your support we will make it a reality."



From left, Earl Haddock is presented with the Golden Trowel Award on Saturday, July 30, by Mineola lodge No. 502 Worshipful Master Danny Lonsberry. (Photo courtesy of Dr. Stan Spencer)

# Haddock honored by local Masons

The Fraternity of Ancient Free & Accepted Masons, Mineola Lodge No. 502, has honored Earl Dwain Haddock with the Golden Trowel Award.

Since its inception, the Golden Trowel Award is an exciting means for lodges to recognize and honor distinguished members with an official award from the Grand Lodge of Texas. Honorees quietly demonstrate their devotion to the teachings of Masonry without thought of recognition or receiving special honors.

Haddock was initiated Feb. 23, 2009 and raised to the Degree of a Master Mason on July 27, 2009. He has served as Senior Steward since 2014.

# Arboretum

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back to the community. The City of Quitman leased the 23 acres of property and the Stinson House to the Friends of the Arboretum a few years back. Hard work and determination have resulted in a beautiful venue for Wood County residents to enjoy. We also have guests who are passing through our "neck

of the woods" stopping to admire this historical spot.

Many activities are planned for the fall of 2016. We will share these with you as the month of August draws to a close. Thanks for taking the time to read this article and we look forward to your readership in the future.

# Art league photo guild plans walkabout

By LISA MOSS

We welcome you to join the Mineola League of the Arts Photography Guild for our Sampler class "From 'A' - Auto to 'M' - Manual Walkabout" at 200 West Blair Street in Mineola.

Bring your digital single lens reflex cameras and meet us at the Mineola League of the Arts building at 8 a.m. to beat the heat Saturday. There will be a small \$5 charge for this class to sample what we do at the Photography Guild.

We'll be walking into downtown Mineola (only one block away) and showing you how to take photos in the 'M' manual mode. You'll learn about the Exposure Triangle Rule - ISO, aperture and shutter speed.

The three elements are ISO - the measure of a digital camera sensor's sensitivity to light; aperture - the size of the opening in the lens when a picture is taken and shutter speed - the amount of time that the shutter is open.

Please bring the manual to your camera, if you have one.

Use the parking lot in the back of the building and enter the door to the far left.

The next regularly schedule meeting will be Thursday, Aug. 25 at 6:30 p.m. This meeting will be to review Bokeh photos and lessons learned.

# WOOD COUNTY COMMUNITY CALENDAR

ALBA CITY COUNCIL - first Monday, 6:30 p.m., City Hall.  
 ALBA LADIES CLUB - fourth Thursday, 6:30 p.m., Alba Community Center. 765-2573  
 ALBA LIBRARY/MUSEUM BOARD - third Monday, 4 p.m., library building. Everyone welcome.  
 ALBA-GOLDEN SCHOOL BOARD - second Monday, 7 p.m., high school library., 768-2472.  
 ALBA-GOLDEN YOUTH FOUNDATION - second Tuesday, elementary gym, 7 p.m. All welcome.  
 ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS - Sunday and Monday, 7 p.m., Friday 8 p.m., Women's Group Mon. 11 a.m.; St. Dunstan's Episcopal Church, Mineola.  
 ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS - Wednesday and Saturday, 7:30 p.m., 404 S. Main Street, Quitman.  
 AL ANON - Thursday, 7:30 pm; St. Dunstan's Episcopal Church, Mineola.  
 ALZHEIMER SUPPORT GROUP (sponsored by Pilot Club) first Monday, 11 a.m., Red Dome restaurant in Quitman, 903-569-5237.  
 AMERICAN LEGION POST 296 and Auxiliary - fourth Monday, 6:30 p.m., Highway 80 east three miles. All are invited.  
 AMERICAN LEGION POST OF WINNSBORO - first Tuesday, 6:30 p.m., 102 West Broadway, in Winnsboro. 903-752-0913 or 903-7675338.  
 APET (Animal Preservation of East Texas) Thrift Store - Dog Gone Good Stuff, 915 S. Pacific Street, Mineola, Thursday-Saturday. 903-569-0505 or 903-563-9542.  
 BOY SCOUT TROOP #36 - meets two Sundays each month at 4:30 p.m., First United Methodist Church Scout House, Quitman.  
 BOY SCOUT TROOP #385 - Tuesdays, 7 p.m., First United Methodist Educational Bldg., Mineola, Scoutmaster Chris Jennings, 903-569-3531.  
 BREAD OF LIFE MINISTRY FOOD PANTRY - Humble Baptist, first & third Tuesday 1-4 p.m.  
 BREAKING FREE - meeting place for families and friends of addicts and alcoholics. Monday, 7 p.m., 971 E. Goode St., Quitman, 903-497-6149.  
 CELEBRATE RECOVERY - a support group for those with various hurts, habits or hang-ups, every Monday, 7 p.m., Church On the Rock annex building at 302 S. Stephens. 903-763-4588.  
 COUNSELING CHRISTIAN GUIDANCE CENTER - 903-850-3858 or ibarnes@texascellnet.com.  
 DAUGHTERS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION - first Saturday except June, July, August and December, 12 p.m. Harvest Acres Baptist Church, 460 NW Loop 564, Mineola. 903-569-3286.  
 DELPHIAN LITERARY CLUB - first Wednesday, 569-6794 or 569-3586.  
 DRUG AND ALCOHOL AWARENESS - 7 p.m. Friday, Seventh Day Adventist Church, Ronny Polley 768-2992.  
 DUPLICATE BRIDGE ACBL games - Wednesday and Friday, 10:30 a.m., Masonic Lodge, 882-1335.  
 ETMC Quitman - needs volunteers. Great opportunity to meet people while helping your community. Contact Judy Johnson, 903-383-3433  
 FANNIE MARCHMAN GARDEN CLUB - third Wednesday, September - May, Mineola Civic Center, 9:30 a.m. Visitors welcome. Charla Martin, president, 903-638-6389  
 FLORA MASONIC LODGE #119 - first Tuesday at the lodge hall, Highway 37, Quitman. Covered dish - 6:30 p.m., meeting 7:30 p.m. Study nights for members each Thursday, 7 p.m. at the hall.  
 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.

MINEOLA ROTARY CLUB - Monday noon, Dogwood Room, Mineola Civic Center.  
 MINEOLA ROTARY RECYCLING - third Saturday, 9 a.m. to noon, Walmart parking lot. Cardboard, paper and plastic accepted.  
 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.  
 MONDAY NIGHT KNITS - 6-8 p.m. Monday, Golden Methodist Fellowship Hall. 903-768-2540.  
 THE NAME CENTER (National Association of Marriage Enhancement) - i302 S. Stephens, Quitman. Certified and experienced counselors by appointment to assist couples in Wood County. Free, donations are accepted. 903-763-1286.  
 OPEN HEART MINISTRY - third Friday, 7 p.m., Mineola Civic Center.  
 OVERCOMERS RECOVERY SUPPORT GROUP - Monday, 7-8 p.m., Whispering Pines Church of the Nazarene, located on CR 3811, Hawkins  
 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. quitman-gardenclub@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.  
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 YANTIS SCHOOL BOARD - second Monday, 6 p.m. (executive session), 7 open meeting, school cafeteria.  
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# Survivor

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programs like this, and the American Cancer Society. And women don't have go and be so afraid. There's information out there."

Stephens underwent treatment for five years and five years later was finally informed she was cancer free. She said when she walked out of the doctor's office that day she called everyone she knew. She and friends started a cancer support group at Holly Lake.

However, 16 years later she began having a pain in her leg that wouldn't go away. She was diagnosed with pneumonia but the pain persisted

and she diligently sought reasons why. She finally insisted on having an MRI and as a result last September learned that she has cancer in one of her legs, and that the tiny cells have spread to her spine.

"I'm okay," she said and smiled as members of the audience reacted with "Ohs." She is continuing to stay upbeat and exercises as she is able, noting she is looking for an indoor swimming pool, and shared one of her other talents as she sang, a capella, "Blessed are the Merciful."

More valuable information was provided by Sarah Allen with the American Cancer Society. She said the organization provides a variety of resources to support

those with cancer, their caregivers and cancer survivors. They are always looking for volunteers.

She also invited those present to the Relay for Life for Franklin and Wood counties on Aug. 27 from noon to 10 p.m. at the civic center in Winnsboro. It will be a family-friendly event with "lots of food," bounce houses and a disc jockey. At 9 p.m. they will light luminaries in honor or in memory of those who have battled cancer.

The flow of information continued as Pamela Lincoln, extension program specialist with Friend to Friend, spoke of that program. She said that the Friend to Friend program was about "staying healthy together" much as Stephens had spoken of her support group. She discussed the American Cancer Society



The Women's Health Program at St. Peter's Catholic Church in Mineola was well attended Thursday. The TEEA provided decorations and lunch and guest speakers were arranged. Wanda Stephens is at the podium in the background. In the center, foreground, is Pamela Lincoln who told the group that, among other things, the Friend to Friend program could help people with mammograms and pap smears.

screenings which have just been revamped and said that Friend to Friend helps with those who need mammograms and pap smears. She noted that men can get breast cancer too and that the program can help financially for those who are uninsured, underinsured

or for those with more income but who have high deductibles.

Monk thanked the Texas Education Extension Agency members for providing lunch for the group and the members of the church for use of the facility. She invited those interested in taking

part in the group to their meetings on the second Thursday of the month at the extension service building Quitman. For those unfamiliar with the club, "Remember the old Home Demonstration Club," she asked. They are planning a fall program in November.

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## Sampler classes set this week at Mineola League of the Arts

The Mineola League of the Arts is gearing up for Sampler Week, during which the organization offers various classes to the public for only \$5 each, including supplies.

The week is set to begin Saturday through Friday, Aug. 20 through Aug. 26. The hours will be 10 a.m. to noon and 1:30-3:30 p.m. each day.

The Sampler Week gives the public a chance

to experience an artwork form that they might otherwise not have done to see if they like it, according to League Secretary Sharon Robertson. The league will offer 15 classes. The classes and projects will be over photography, making eyeglass cases, metal abstract work, woven four-patch coasters, vintage tags, Chihuly, birdhouse and wire sculpture, cro-



Sampler Week at Mineola League of the Arts will include a class on Chihuly and another on metal jewelry.

chet potholders, clay sculpture, oil landscape painting, metal jewelry, encaustic painting, scrubbies, web painting and beginning line dance.

There will also be a painters' business meeting and demonstration by Paula Hodge on Monday, Aug. 22 at 2 p.m. at no charge.

The schedule is available online or at the league building. For more information call the league building at 903-569-8877.

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