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## WCEC donates over \$48,000 to local charities

Wood County Electric Charitable Foundation (WCECF) distributed more than \$48,000 to 36 various local organizations across their nine-county service area last Tuesday morning.

Checks were presented in the community room at Wood County Electric cooperative (WCEC) headquarters in Quitman as part of a program started last November.

Last fall WCEC began of-

fering members a way to donate to local charities through a program called Operation Round Up. Members simply choose to "round up" their bills each month. That change, never more than .99 cents, is sent to the non-profit WCECF. All the money is raised locally and supports local projects.

Charities from the cooperative's service territory (Camp, Franklin, Hopkins, Smith, Rains, Titus, Upshur, Van Zan-

dt, and Wood counties) can request WCECF grants to help fund worthwhile projects. WCECF has a seven-member board of directors, one from each of WCEC's districts, who review and approve the grant requests.

Texas Ramp Project received \$5,000 while Forever Young Activity Center (FYAC) in Quitman, received \$7,000 and

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Quitman Fire Chief Scott Wheeler (left) receives a \$1,000 check from Wood County Electric's Operation Round Up board member David Maxton (middle) and Vice-Chair Robin Johnson (right). Monitor photo by Larry Tucker

## MISD trustee Holly Mischnick resigns position

By QUINTON LILLEY

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Six year veteran of the Mineola School Board, Holly Mischnick announced her resignation during last Monday's board meeting.



Holly Mischnick

Mischnick, a Mineola High School graduate, began her six year term when she was appointed in 2012. She was subsequently elected in 2013 and reelected in 2016.

In addition to her service on the Board, Holly was instrumental in establishing the Mineola High School Fishing Team and donated her time with board responsibilities along with school functions.

"Mineola ISD is proud of her volunteer service on the board and support for the students, staff, and Mineola community. Holly is a champion for all students and creating high expectations and support for programs to promote student success. We will miss her enthusiasm, focus

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### This Week in Your Neighborhood

- The worship Arts Ministry of First Baptist Church of Mineola will present the patriotic musical "Our Flag Was Still There" Sunday July 1 at 11 a.m. in the church sanctuary. Admission is free.

- The annual Lake Fork Fireworks Show is Saturday at Oak Ridge Marina with activities beginning at 6 p.m. The Golf Cart Parade begins at 7:30 p.m. Come early to get a good spot.

- Quitman Dairy Queen is having their Classic Car Cruise Thursday at 6 pm.

- There will be a Quitman Chamber of Commerce Mixer at Quitman Realty Thursday from 6 p.m. to 7 p.m. at 519 S. Main, Quitman.

## CALL OF THE WILD



This fox was spotted trotting across the grassy area across the street from the Wood County Monitor office in Mineola on Mimosa Street last Tuesday morning. As staffers watched and numerous vehicles drove past he pawed and dug at the ground, flipping his prey up into the air a few times before carrying it off. (Monitor photo by Doris Newman)

## Rushing hangs up his scissors, but not his sharp wit and humor

Every weekday morning for 57 years Jimmy Rushing would turn on the lights, flip over the open sign and unlock the door to Broadway Barber Shop. He had been thinking about retiring, but in May the venerable Mineola barber suffered a

Story & photo  
by Doris Newman

small stroke which made it hard for him to stand for long times or to walk well so he retired.

Rushing has been barbering from his shop at 113 East Broad Street since November 1961, so when he retired it meant the end of an era for downtown. His wife



The signs tell the story – Broadway Barber Shop is closed but the Rushing family wasn't letting it happen without a wry humor.

of more than 60 years, Nita, recalled how he would just walk out during the day and leave the barber shop "wide open. He'd go to different stores around town." She told about calling the shop for him and another downtown businessman, Wayne Collins, answering the phone. "I said, 'Well Wayne, I need to talk to Jimmy,'" she recalled to which Collins replied 'Well. I'm waiting for a

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The owner of the longest continuously-owned Mineola business, Jimmy Rushing retired in May and is shown with his wife of almost 61 years, Nita. Broad Street and the shops across the road reflect in the front window. Over the years Jimmy used those reflections to help keep an eye on his shop when he went to visit neighboring businesspeople. (Photo courtesy Kim Galyean)



Judge Jeff Fletcher

## Fletcher, Castloo hold Town Hall meeting in Yantis

By LARRY TUCKER  
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The third of six planned Town Hall events featuring 402<sup>nd</sup> District Court Judge Jeff Fletcher and Wood County Sheriff Tom Castloo drew an inquisitive crowd of approximately 30 locals to the Yantis Community Center Tuesday night.

Mayor Trey Norris welcomed the audience to Yantis. "I think what these men are doing is great. It's one of those things our community needs for all of

our towns," Norris said. "I appreciate what you men are doing, reaching out and extending yourselves to the communities."

Fletcher and Castloo each gave opening statements. "We decided to do these town halls after the success we had last November with the one we had at the courthouse. We thought it would be better to get out into the communities we serve," Fletcher noted. "We want to find out what people are thinking and what they are concerned about. This is good for everybody."

Fletcher expressed concern over information the residents of the county are receiving. "People have access to things like Facebook where anybody who has an opinion, whether it's right or wrong, can express it, but there is tons of misinformation out there," Fletcher observed. "I am here to let you know what the processes are and how and why we do things the way we do them."

The judge talked about voter and jury turnout being a problem. "Voter turn-

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# Quinton's Quandries

By Quinton Lilley

## Should student athletes specialize in one sport?

For anyone who's been at a Wood County high school game this past school year you've probably seen a tall black guy in jeans and a polo shirt who looks like he should be on the court or field playing on your school's team. Well that guy is me, Quinton Lilley.



QUINTON LILLEY

I became the Wood County Monitor's sports editor last

September just as football season got underway and one of the things that became immediately apparent as football season, basketball season, volleyball season and baseball / softball season came around – was that a lot of the same athletes were playing two and sometimes three sports in one academic year. But while all

these teams could compete with like-size schools in small towns oftentimes small East Texas schools have been overwhelmed skill-wise by schools in Dallas as well as other metropolitan areas in the state and I think I know why.

I'm originally from San Bernardino, California, a suburb located 60 miles east of Los Angeles. Southern California is a lot like the DFW area with millions of residents, bad traffic and extremely compet-

itive sports teams especially on the high school level. From an early age most kids were choosing one sport to specialize in because the skill level of young athletes began to skyrocket especially in metropolitan areas like Los Angeles, New York, Houston and many others.

By the age of 10 I knew that playing basketball was my God-given gift and that if I wanted to maximize my chances to earn a college

basketball scholarship I would have to work on my basketball skills year round. So from the age of 11 with the help of my father Myron Lilley (who played college basketball as well) I played basketball 11 months a year and constantly played on club teams and school teams year round.

By age 17, I became good enough to be offered a college scholarship to California State University-Eastbay. I later transferred and played college basketball at St. Edward's University in Austin from 2012-2016 before beginning my career in sports journalism.

While many "old school" athletes in the 70s, 80s and 90s were regularly seen playing running back in the fall, point guard in the winter and short stop in the spring over the past 20 years or so that occurrence has become less common in major cities across the country. The only exception is high school athletes in small school districts just like Mineola, Alba-Golden, Quitman, Hawkins and Yantis. Much of this reason from my perspective is based on the demand

### Letter to the Editor

Dear Editor:

If you'd like to see how government works, look no further than the drivers license bureau as operated in Wood County. For days they had a sign in the door saying they were closed but would be open at 8 a.m., June 19th.

I was 13th in line 15 minutes before they were to open and it was longer by the time a very nice and polite lady from Tyler arrived to announce that she wouldn't be renewing licenses but only giving drivers tests.

One lady in line said it was the fifth time

she had been there for renewal.

"I'm sorry," was the reply... but we could go to Tyler if we needed to get it done today, or "you can come back tomorrow," she said.

This is ridiculous at so many levels. If the sheriff's department can investigate murders, they can certainly handle the paperwork to renew a driver's license. If the District Judge can throw you in jail, or the local police department do the same, surely they can deal with the limited paperwork it takes to renew a license. If the state can't get the job done, turn it

over to someone who can.

In a world filled with serious matters, this is a mosquito bite on an elephant's rear, but it would be so simple to handle properly.

The 40,000 or so Wood County inhabitants shouldn't have to go to Tyler to get a license renewed, nor should they have to put up with a part-time office in Quitman.

Next time someone asks you for their vote to send them to Austin, ask them what they've done for you recently.

Gary Edwards  
Holly Lake Ranch

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# WOOD COUNTY COMMUNITY CALENDAR

2nd FRIDAY ACOUSTICAL JAM - second Friday 6 - 9 p.m., Quitman Public Library, 202 E Goode St, Quitman 903-975-5745  
 ALBA CITY COUNCIL - first Monday, 6:30 p.m., City Hall.  
 ALBA LADIES CLUB - fourth Tuesday, 6:30 p.m., Alba Community Center. 765-2573  
 ALBA LIBRARY/MUSEUM BOARD - third Monday every other month., 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., Wednesday noon; 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.  
 ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS - Gateway Group, Tues. & Sat. 7 p.m. Puckett House, 109 Kilpatrick Street.  
 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 Tuesday, 6:30 p.m., Highway 80, three miles east of Mineola. 903-569-0348. 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 QUITMAN - meets Sunday, 4:30 p.m., Scout House behind First United Methodist Church, Danny King, 903-521-5930.  
 BOYSCOUTS TROOP 385 MINEOLA - Tuesdays 7 p.m., Mineola Methodist Education Bldg, New boys/ alums welcome! Chris Jennings 903-569-3531  
 BOY SCOUTS TROOP 180 WINNSBORO - Tuesdays 6:30 p.m., Church of Christ. New boys/ alums welcome! Tex Willis 903-816-0638  
 BOY SCOUTS TROOP 379 WINNSBORO - Tuesdays 7 p.m., City Bldg @ Walker Park. New boys/ alums welcome! Sherry McGovern 903-335-9744  
 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, 6:30-9 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.  
 CUB SCOUTS PACK 391 HAWKINS - meets Sundays, 5 p.m., Scout Hut, FUMC. New boys, alums welcome. Scott Randall, 903-203-7901.  
 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. 903-569-3128.  
 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.  
 EASTERN STAR - Quitman Chapter 695, 3rd Tues., dinner 6:30 p.m., meeting 7:30. Flora Lodge in Quitman. 903-638-6420.  
 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.  
 GED FREE PREPARATORY CLASS - each Thursday 4 - 6 p.m. concurrent with QISD calendar. Quitman Public Library, 202 E Goode St, Quitman 903-975-5745  
 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.  
 KIWANIS CLUB - noon Tuesday, Mineola Civic Center Dogwood Room.  
 THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS OF SAINT PETER'S THE APOSTLE COUNCIL #11933 - second Thursday, 7 p.m., at the church, 203 Meadowbrook Drive, Mineola. 903-569-3662.  
 LAKE COUNTRY CLASSIC CAR CLUB - third Monday, 6:30 p.m. 903-850-2557.  
 LAKE COUNTRY REPUBLICANS - fourth Tuesday, 6 p.m., Red Dome Smokehouse, Quitman.  
 LAKE COUNTRY RV TRAVELERS - of Good Sam Int'l. Monthly, RV parks w/in 150 m. radius. 903-569-6777 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 Simons Community Center, 5:30 p.m. directors, 6 p.m. all members and guests welcome. 903-569-0223.  
 MINEOLA BAND BOOSTERS - second Tuesday, 7 p.m., in high school band hall. All parents invited.  
 MINEOLA LIONS CLUB - second and fourth Thursday, noon, Mineola Country Club, 903-638-1596; 903-569-3340.  
 MINEOLA MARINE CORPS LEAGUE Det. #1278, 3rd Tuesday, 6 p.m. meal, 7 p.m. meeting. American Legion Building, 2015 E. Hwy. 80, Mineola, 903-497-3030.  
 MINEOLA SCHOOL BOARD - third Monday, Admin. Bldg., Loop 564, 7 p.m.  
 MINEOLA CITY COUNCIL - fourth Monday, 5:30 p.m., City Hall. 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.  
 NORTHEAST TEXAS PARATROOPERS ASSOCIATION - third Saturday at 7:30 a.m. at Red Dome Smokehouse in Quitman.  
 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  
 PARENT ADVISORY COUNCIL OF MINEOLA ELEMENTARY - first Tuesday, 8:15 a.m., elementary library.  
 PARENTS ANONYMOUS GROUP - Tuesday, 6:30 p.m., First Baptist Church, Quitman. Children's program provided. 903-629-2114  
 PILOT CLUB OF MINEOLA - second and fourth Tuesday, 6 p.m. Mineola Civic Center. 903-569-5237.  
 PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY - at First Baptist Church in Quitman. First Tuesday 1-3:30 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. 903-763-8101.  
 QUITMAN CHILD ADVOCACY GROUP - third Thursday, 10 a.m., 403 Conger in Quitman. The public is welcome.  
 QUITMAN GARDEN CLUB - second Tuesday (except when on field trips), 2 p.m., Quitman library. quitmangardenclub@gmail.com. All are welcome.  
 QUITMAN/LAKE FORK KIWANIS - Wednesday, noon, Faith Student Center, 403 S. Main St., Quitman. 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, Thurs., noon, ETMC Community Room, N. Hwy. 37.

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., Red Dome, Quitman, 903 383 2121.  
 SINGING AT THE FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH OF HAWKINS - fourth Sunday, 2-4 p.m.  
 SCOTTISH RITE - Wood County Scottish Rite Club meets third Thursday of odd month, 6:30 p.m., Red Dome Smokehouse meeting room. 903-253-3635.  
 STROKE SURVIVORS & APHASIA CLUB OF EAST TEXAS - fourth Wednesday, 6-7 p.m., First Baptist Church Quitman, 903-878-2392.  
 TEXAS INMATE FAMILIES ASSOCIATION - second Tuesday, 6:30-8 p.m., First Christian Church Tyler, Broadway & Loop, 903-839-2349.  
 TOASTMASTERS INTERNATIONAL - Garden Valley chapter, Thursdays on Mercy Ships property, 5:30-6:30 p.m. 903-882-0887.  
 TOPS GROUP - Thursday, 8-11 a.m., Harvest Acres Baptist Church, NW Loop 564, 569-1240, 569-2415.  
 UPPER SABINE VALLEY SOLID WASTE DISTRICT - every three months on third Monday, Wood County Courthouse, 5:30 p.m. 903-763-2123.  
 UTU AUXILIARY MORNING STAR LODGE #851 - third Monday (except July and August), 11:30 a.m  
 VFW LADIES AUXILIARY #7523 - third Sunday, 1 p.m., Recruiting new members. 569-2228.  
 VFW POST #7523 - third Wednesday, 6 p.m., Karaoke every Friday, 8 p.m. 569-2228.  
 WHYTE DOVE WRITER'S GROUP - first Tuesday, 6 p.m., 407 N. Stephens in Quitman. 903-763-1210 or e-mail mkyoung97@peoples.com.net  
 WOOD COUNTY 4-H HORSE CLUB - Business meeting, Monday, 2 p.m., Wood County Extension Office. Wood County Aggie MomS - 1st Tuesday, 6 p.m., 903-539-7049 or Wood County Aggie Moms Facebook page.  
 WOOD COUNTY APPRAISAL DISTRICT - Quarterly, third Thursday, 8 p.m., appraisal district office. Open to the public.  
 WOOD COUNTY CENTRAL HOSPITAL DISTRICT - third Monday, 5:30 p.m. (every three months).  
 WOOD COUNTY COMMISSIONERS COURT - every other Friday, Commissioners Court, Quitman, 10 a.m. 763-2716.  
 WOOD COUNTY CRIME STOPPERS - every other month, third Monday, 6 p.m., Wood County Justice Center courtroom. The public is invited. 903-763-2201 or 903-569-6294.  
 WOOD COUNTY DEMOCRAT CLUB - fourth Thursday, Quitman Public Library, at 6:15 p.m. 903-383-7036 or www.woodcountymonitor.org.  
 WOOD COUNTY GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY - third Monday, January through May and September through November, 7 p.m., Quitman Public Library, Shamburg Community Room. For 903-763-4191 or 967-2458.  
 WOOD COUNTY HEALTH DEPT. IMMUNIZATION CLINIC - Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, 9-11 a.m. and 1-3 p.m., third Monday, 1-6 p.m. Public Health Department offices, 213 W. Bermuda, Quitman, 763-5406.  
 WOOD COUNTY HOSPITAL DISTRICT - second Monday, 7 p.m., hospital conference room in Quitman. Public invited.  
 WOOD COUNTY PCT. 2 CONSTABLE EXPLORERS - first Thursday, 6:30 p.m., Armed Texans Training Facility, 369 CR 2784, Mineola.  
 WOOD COUNTY RETIRED SCHOOL PERSONNEL ASSOCIATION - third Monday, September-December, and February-April, 2 p.m. and in May at 5 p.m., Forever Young Activity Center, 402 S. Main St., Quitman. All retired school personnel are invited.  
 YANTIS CITY COUNCIL - second Tuesday, 6 p.m., city hall.  
 YANTIS SCHOOL BOARD - second Monday, 6 p.m. (executive session), 7 open meeting, school cafeteria.  
 YANTIS/LAKE FORK LIONS CLUB - second Thursday, 6 p.m., Yantis Community Center.

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Justice of the Peace Tony Gilbreath (far right) swears-in recently-elected school board members (left to right) Royce Patterson, Jeremy Smith and Michael Hipp at the board's June 18 meeting. (Monitor photo by Larry Tucker)

# QISD board elects officers, buys field equipment

By **LARRY TUCKER**  
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Dr. Jeremy Smith was re-elected for another term as Quitman ISD board president at last Monday night's meeting with Doug Cameron elected vice-president and Royce Patterson board secretary.

QISD Superintendent Rhonda Turner is confident about the future and the leadership of the current school board.

"QISD continues to forge forward with a strong vision of Educating Every Child...Every Chance...Every day. It is exciting to see continued facility improvements on every campus, and to see the growth our students are making," Turner noted. "Our improving test scores, diverse and successful CTE programs, UIL performances, and Fine Arts programs are all testaments to the impact that a stable and supportive board has on the overall academic success of students."

"I am very proud of our school board and the diverse backgrounds that they represent. Their passion for our children is evident, and their guidance is the force behind the success."

In another matter, the board approved the \$14,500 purchase of field equipment from Grand Saline ISD (with a retail value of \$31,735). The equipment will be used by Quitman personnel in the care of all the outdoor athletic facilities.

"Grand Saline is going to all turf over at their facilities and they won't need any of their field equipment anymore. Some of it, like the field mower is only a year old so we were able to get what we need at an excellent price," Turner said.

The equipment will be useful, not only at Bud Moody Field and the football practice facilities but also at the new softball facility and the high school baseball field at Dawson Athletic Complex. Included in the list of equipment is a field mower valued at \$25,000 retail which has only been used this year along with field and hand rollers, a 75-foot hose, batter's box template, mound clay, seven field rakes, mat drag, spike drag, grass sweeper, chalker, tamps, field conditioner and several other smaller items.

In other action the board approved a Memorandum of Understanding with Tyler Junior College (TJC) and QISD concerning the dual credit program. TJC will pick up half of the tuition for economically disadvantaged students while QISD pays the remainder. QISD currently picks up half of the tuition for all students in the dual credit program for the first 15 hours of classes.

A bid of \$29,900 for repainting needed at Quitman Elementary School was awarded to Campbell Paint and Wall-covering of Tyler. The work includes all labor and materials for the project.

Winn Tile Company of Tyler was awarded the bid to replace the carpet at Quitman Junior High and High School for \$69,859.40.

The trustees also approved the Student Code of Conduct and separate handbooks for each campus including elementary, junior high school and high school.

Donations approved by the board included \$300 from Faith Baptist Church (\$100 to each campus) and two checks totaling \$2,850 from the Quitman Athletic Booster Club.

## Yantis trustees approve 2018-19 calendar

The Yantis School Board last week approved the 2018-2019 school calendar calling for students to be back in the classroom Wednesday, August 24.

Approved unanimously, the calendar schedules the last day of class next spring on Friday, May 24. The 170 days of instruction were adjusted to complete the school year before the 2019 Memorial Day holiday weekend.

Preparations for the fall semester dominated the board meeting. Trustees discussed security, transportation, staffing and scheduling. Superintendent Tracey Hilfferich briefed the board regarding the updated safety and security plan status and reported that a draft plan should be available for the board to review at the July meeting.

Following a closed session, the board hired teachers Stacey McMinn and John Walker on 10-month probationary contracts, and school counselor Robin Boggs on a part-time ten-month probationary contract. Hilfferich noted the school is getting very close to having a full staff in place for the fall.

By unanimous vote, the board approved the District of Innovation plan which will become official once the Texas Education Agency Commissioner's Office receives and approves the letter request from the board. The five-year plan will allow a greater degree of local control over Texas education policy and procedures. Specifically, the school board requested control over the school calendar, authority to revoke a student's transfer status, and an exemption from the teacher certification requirement in order to have flexibility in staffing hard-to-fill teacher positions.

The board also approved a final draft

of the Mission, Vision and Goals statement without objection. Board Member Stacey Wetzel described the statement as the "best thing I've seen in a long time," while Hilfferich lauded those involved in developing the statement. The Mission states: "in partnership with parents, community and students, Yantis ISD will educate all students to achieve their full potential in a secure learning environment as knowledgeable, self-assured citizens ready for college or careers." The five goals are fiscal responsibility, community relations, a professional environment, quality training, and vigilance in security.

Board Member Michael Burnett raised a number of transportation issues including bus rotations and investigation into the feasibility of leasing busses. Hilfferich commented, "We must better our bus fleet," and agreed to present more information regarding a leasing option at the next meeting.

Hilfferich informed the board that based on student population and tax values it is anticipated Yantis school district will once again be a Texas Education Agency Chapter 41 school district and hence will have some state funding redirected to less-wealthy school districts. According to the Texas Education Agency, "The relative wealth of the school district is measured in terms of the taxable value of the property that lies within the school district borders divided by the number of students in weighed average daily attendance."

All board members were in attendance at the meeting. Agenda items anticipated for the July board meeting include security, student transfers, handbooks, board orientation, and new hires.

## Mineola school board prepares for budget

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The Mineola school board announced their 2018 fiscal budget planning schedule during last Monday's board meeting.

The board plans to hold a budget workshop on July 16 at 6 p.m. with a regular board meeting to follow at 7 p.m.

On Aug. 20 the board will again hold a budget workshop at 6 p.m. before holding a public meeting to address some of the discussions held. During the public meeting in August the board plans to adopt a proposed tax rate. The rate will be finalized and formally adopted on Aug 30 as the new fiscal year begins.

The final budget numbers are expected to be approved entirely by the end of

August. Board member also announced that additional budget workshops may be held as needed for budget on Aug. 23 and Aug. 27.

A public notice is expected to be published Aug. 15 that will reveal the new proposed tax rate.

In other news Superintendent Kim Tunnell announced the resignation of Stacey Whitehead, Kindergarten Teacher; Stacey Sager, WCSESSA Diagnostician; and Claire Sims, WCSESSA Speech Pathologist Assistant.

The district also hired Kylie Alexander, Donna Baker, Tyler Broadhurst, Kerry Bullard, Michelle Fabel, Kimberly Howard, Khindra Kent, Melissa Reusers and Tamara Turner. Each hire is expected to fill positions on the faculty staff for the 2018-2019 school year.

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## Students make their voice heard

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As district officials aim to create the best learning environment possible, Mineola students made their voice heard through the district's student survey. District officials released the results of the survey last Monday during their board meeting. The presentation's first slide noted, "Schools must exist for the sake of helping each and every student toward a further destination – his or her aspirations."

Students in grades six through 12 were administered the survey over a three-year period. It included eight key focus areas: belonging, heroes, sense of accomplishment, fun and excitement, curiosity and creativity, responsibility and confidence to take action, leadership and spirit of adventure. Of the 406 students surveyed in 2018, 59

feel school is a welcoming place, 62 of them feel teachers are making an effort to get to know them, 45 note teachers care about their problems, 57 say bullying is a problem in their school and 20 of them feel they have a problem fitting in at school. Some of the other responses showed 60 students feel their teachers recognize when students do their best, 40 students disagree they give up when schoolwork is difficult, 42 feel teachers let parents know what students do well and 49 students disagree they have never been recognized for something positive at school. Likewise, 42 students said they enjoy being at school, 49 students say teachers enjoy working with them, 39 said school is an exciting place to learn, 61 believe learning can be fun and 17 students disagreed 'school is boring.'

Mineola school district will now look over the results in order to better improve the student learning experience. Some of the efforts planned include a leadership development workshop, a superintendent advisory board, social-emotional development resources as well as other strategies in the future.



## Miss Ebony Pageant taking applications now

Anthony Wright along with members ALW Productions Inc. are now accepting applications to compete in this year's Miss Ebony Pageant. The event has been held since 1977 as a non-profit pageant system and will be held August 11 at the Mineola multi-purpose building at 7:30 p.m. The pageant is designed to encourage young black men and

women to be competitive in poise, personality, talent, photogenic appearances and over-all beauty. Contestants must complete an application prior to being approved to compete. The pageant will be split in to age divisions; ages one to three, four to seven, eight to 13, 14 to 16 and 17 plus. Contestants will also compete in four categories; sports / active

wear, formal wear / party dress, over-all beauty and poise / personality. Presentations during the event will be limited to three minutes. Each contestant will receive 12 tickets at \$5 each and must be sold to be eligible for competition. Applications can be picked up from the Mineola Housing Authority or by contacting Wright at 903-617-4498.

## Town Hall

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out is a problem. Jury turnout is a problem. We had about a five percent turnout in our May elections. We have 29,000 voters and I think it was 1,600 who voted, that is pitiful," Fletcher said. "A lot of people don't understand our local elections directly affect you. The city council and the school board levels affect you taxes. If you don't get the right people in those places it could get really bad."

Fletcher further explained about jury duty. "If you get a jury notice in the mail, it is a good idea to show up. If you don't, you will get a nice letter from me saying you owe us a hundred bucks. That is something I started doing because it's the right thing to do," Fletcher stated. "It's jury duty and it's not called jury fun. It is important because it keeps our system working. We can't do what we do without juries."

Fletcher further explained the process of choosing a Grand Jury. "We do our best to demographically pick a jury who represents the entire county. The Grand Jury is 12 people who serve a six-month term," Fletcher said. "They serve at my behest. They work with the district attorney to review cases to deter-



The Town Hall meeting in Yantis drew an inquisitive crowd which included (seated, left to right) Jana Castloo and State Representative Cole Hefner. Discussing a topic standing (left to right) are Wood County Judge-elect Lucy Hebron and Yantis Mayor Trey Norris. (Monitor photo by Larry Tucker)

mine whether or not a case is ready for trial or should be tried. They return an indictment or return a no bill. It happens on the last Wednesday each month."

Castloo spoke of why he ran for sheriff. "I was Chief Deputy here for three years. I saw that Wood county law enforcement had major issues. The prior sheriff is under indictment, the former chief deputy is under indictment, the former captain of operations was arrested for drug possession and the chief jailer just spent a year in the pen for getting someone out of jail and taking them to Las Vegas," Castloo said. "So, I have been behind the eight-ball from the very get-go. I was asked to run for sheriff and I did. My job is simply to do my job to the best of my ability. I do everything I can to give you the absolute best service I can from the sheriff's office."

The sheriff gave statistics from 2017. "We had 16,500 calls for service in 2017. That is when a deputy goes out and physically makes contact with a citizen. 9-1-1 calls were up 1,400 from the pre-

vious year. In 2016 the average daily number of people in jail was 111 and for 2017 our average daily population was 141. So far this year our average daily population has been 140," Castloo said. "We only have so much room for inmates. We are spending a lot of money housing inmates out of county, but the courts have been cleaning up the jail log. I was looking just the other day and the count was 120, the lowest it's been since I took office."

Fletcher and Castloo answered a few questions from the audience. Castloo was asked about what local residents can do to help. "What we are asking is that if you do see something give us a call and give us a description or a license plate number. Write down information and give it to us. We will sure look into it," Castloo said. "People watching and calling us has been a big help."

After being asked about deputies covering the county, the sheriff said the dream world would always have a deputy in each precinct. "Often times if there is a disturbance, you have to send everybody. When that

happens everyone is in one precinct leaving the other three open," Castloo said. "Logistically it can be a nightmare."

Fletcher was asked about the backlog of cases and about the process to get to trial. "After I got elected, I met with Jim Wheeler (District Attorney) about a case which at that time was six years old. It was the case when DPS Trooper Larry Vaughn had been shot. I got sworn in Jan. 1 and we tried it Jan. 9. We got the guy convicted and he got a life sentence stacked on another life sentence," Fletcher recalled. "That case was seven years old when we finally got to it. There are things that happen and there are all kinds of moving parts when the cases are developing. You have to be careful with due process."

Fletcher gave a current example. "We take each case on its own merit. One of the cases we are dealing with now has witnesses involved who all have felony charges pending as well. Those witnesses have a Fifth Amendment right not to testify. If they start talking about something that might spill over to their case, that is a violation of their rights," Fletcher continued.

"It's a process of elimination. To get to the main case, you have to have a trial for all these other cases and that takes a lot of time. It's a giant job to work through all the things you have to process to get to a jury trial. "Things happen like the DPS lab for drug cases being shut down for a while or the DNA lab dealing with a huge influx of cases across the state. We have a good group of folks all doing their part to get the job done. We are weeding out the deadwood so to speak, so we can get to cases a lot more efficiently. It will allow us to get to cases faster. It's not good for anybody for a case to drag on for three or four years. We have 48 cases on the docket for Thursday this week," Fletcher concluded.

There will be one more Town Hall gathering with Fletcher and Castloo, Thursday at Holly Lake Fire Department beginning at 6 p.m.

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## Mineola Police Report

Mineola police activities from June 14 to June 20 included:

**June 20** – A reckless driver was reported heading westbound on East Broad Street at 1:09 a.m. The vehicle reportedly veered in to the eastbound lane. An officer responded to the call but could not find the vehicle.

Officers responded to a residence on Wren Street to assist medical services. A 63-year-old man pronounced deceased by justice of the peace Jerry Parker.

A woman reported a fraudulent scam after receiving a call from another woman identifying herself as an employee of an electric company. She told the victim that she was going to have her electricity turned off if she did not pay her. She was instructed to go the dollar store and get prepaid cards, then call her back with the pin number.

A reckless driver was reported on West Broad Street. According to the caller the vehicle was unable to maintain a single lane. The officer located the vehicle at the intersection of Broad and Pacific streets. The officer followed the vehicle to East Loop 564, but did not witness a violation.

A reckless driver was reported, traveling at a high rate of speed. The caller reported the vehicle tried to run her off the roadway on South Pacific Street. The caller said the vehicle pulled into a local business, an officer was unable to locate the vehicle.

Personnel at a business on South Pacific Street reported a man who they thought was stealing in the store. Officers located the man as he was walking in to another store, but did not find any stolen items in the man's possession.

A suspicious person was reported at a church on the 1900 block of Old Tyler Highway. The man was reported looking in to the windows of the church. An officer responded to the call and found it to be the same man that was at the business earlier suspected of shoplifting. The man had a family member in route to pick him up.

A reckless driver call was reported driving erratically and was parked at Walmart the caller said the driver was seen drinking alcohol. Officers investigated the call and found the man was not intoxicated.

**June 19** - A woman reported her daughter and the daughter's boyfriend

fighting on Buchanan Street because the daughter kept calling and the boyfriend would take the phone away and hang up. Officers responded and found the two had an argument and the female was pushed. She did not want to file charges and a report was filed for family violence purposes.

A woman on Kings Lane reported suspicious activity at her residence. She said someone knocked on the door and the electricity went off at the same time. An officer responded but did not find anyone in the area.

Darek Marcell Curts, 17 and Chance Avery Briggs, 19 both from Mineola turned themselves in at the police department for an outstanding warrant on a theft under \$750. The two were involved in stealing multiple cases of beer from Walmart in May.

A resident reported a man acting strange on Kilpatrick Street. The man was yelling at people and walking around carrying a guitar. An officer responded to the area and found the man. The man left the area.

Loud music was reported near South Johnson Street. An officer found the music on the 700 block South Johnson Street. An officer verbally warned the resident and they turned the music down.

A man reported his sister's boyfriend came over and threatened him and his sister near West Blair Street. When the officers responded it was reported the woman was assaulted by the boyfriend. This was investigated and the woman said she was not assaulted. A report was filed for family violence purposes.

**June 18** – A Mineola student made a threat of harming himself and possibly others. Investigators met with witnesses immediately. The incident is under investigation.

Personnel at a business on Northeast Loop 564 reported a man walking through the parking lot with a crow bar. Officers responded and found the man on North Pacific Street but did not find a crow bar. Johnny Ray Tudor, 23, Mineola, was arrested for public intoxication and possession of drug paraphernalia after officers found a drug pipe in his pocket.

A reckless driver was reported on South Pacific Street that was unable to maintain a single lane. An officer re-

sponded and found the vehicle. After following the vehicle the officer did not witness a violation.

A cart filled with items for travel was located by a resident on West Buchanan Street. The officer transported the items to the police department. The following morning a man came to the department and claimed the items.

Officers received a report of a person acting strange and possibly intoxicated in a vehicle at the intersection of North Pacific and Broad Street. When officers responded they found alcohol, pills and methamphetamine in the vehicle. Stephanie Marie Loy, 39 of Mineola, was arrested for possession of a controlled substance under 28 grams and possession of a controlled substance under 1 gram.

**June 17** - A man reported suspicious men in a vehicle near Nuss Drive taking pictures. The male subjects left the area before an officer arrived.

A business on Northeast Loop 564 reported a theft that occurred the day before. This is under investigation.

A burn permit violation was reported on Wigley Street. An officer responded to the location and found the resident was burning in a chimney.

**June 16** - Wood County Sheriff's Office reported a call in reference to several males, possibly teenagers on the roof of Paredes. An officer responded to the restaurant but did not find anyone.

A woman reported she was assaulted by her husband at a residence on North Line Street. The case was under investigation, but the woman decided not to file charges. A report was filed for family violence purposes.

An officer responded to University Street when a man reported he and his families were receiving threats. The officer found that the threats were not direct.

A reckless driver was reported on West Broad Street headed eastbound. The driver was unable to maintain a single lane and driving at a high rate of speed. An officer attempted to locate the vehicle but was unable to find it.

A man on Carolyn Street requested an officer to speak with him about marital issues and his rights with his children. He was told it was a civil matter.

**June 15** - A man reported he was traveling into the city on North Pacific Street when an item fell off a truck hauling a

trailer and struck his vehicle. The officer stopped with the two vehicles at the intersection of North Pacific and Greenville Street while they exchanged information. The incident was found to have happened before the vehicles entered the city limits.

An officer assisted a stranded motorist on South Pacific Street who was out of gas. The officer took the man to the convenience store to get gas and returned him to his vehicle.

A business on the North West Loop 564 reported a theft. This incident is under investigation.

A woman reported while at a traffic light at Broad Street and Pacific Street, her vehicle was struck from behind. She had the license plate of the other vehicle that left the scene.

Police arrested Michael James Morrow, 32, Canton for a Van Zandt County warrant for theft, driving while license invalid enhanced and operating motor vehicle without financial responsible and unregistered vehicle. Passenger, Kimberly Ann Herring, 28 Grand Saline was also arrested for possession of drug paraphernalia. Morrow was stopped by an officer for a defective license plate light on West Broad Street.

**June 14** - A homeowner on Wigley Street reported that tenants were destroying his rental property and had tampered with the water meter. The water department was notified to check the meter and found it had not been tampered with.

Police arrested Melissa Kay Tucker, 27, Mineola for two Wood County warrants, possession of a controlled substance and tampering with evidence, after the officers received a tip that she was at a business on Northwest Loop 564.

Officers conducted a suspicious vehicle check at the Wood County National Bank when a car was parked in the parking lot. Officer was told that the vehicle ran out of gas. Officers attempted to assist with the vehicle. An officer took the woman to Walmart to get something to fix the car, but was unsuccessful a friend picked the woman up.

A reckless driver was reported on West Broad Street, heading eastbound at a high rate of speed. The officer found the vehicle and followed it but did not witness a violation.

## Wood County Sheriff's Report

Wood County Sheriff's Department activities on June 6 through June 12

**June 12** – Deputies spoke with a person around 3:36 a.m. on suspicious circumstances on CR 3540 near Hawkins. The reporting party was advised to clear the incident.

A disturbance was reported around 6:30 a.m. to deputies in reference to a disturbance. All parties involved cleared the incident.

Deputies went out on an arrest/warrant service to FM 2088 near Quitman at about 10 a.m. They searched the area and were unable to make contact with the person.

Following an arrest/warrant service Jennifer King, 36, of Wiggle Street, Mineola, was arrested for an outstanding warrant.

Deputies received a reference to touristic threat on CR 2841 near Mineola at about 1:18 p.m. Deputies gave the reporting party advice and cleared the incident.

Deputies were dispatched to Indian Gap near Quitman around 3:58 p.m. in reference to a disturbance. Deputies spoke with all parties involved and left the scene.

At around 4:31 p.m. deputies received a report of reckless driver on FM 779. They searched the area but were unable to locate the vehicle.

Deputies received a report of disturbance on CR 1452 near Quitman about 6:17 p.m. Those involved were separated for the night.

A resident on CR 1670 near Alba reported a credit/debit card abuse at around 7:15 p.m. A known person was said to use the reporting party's card without authorization. This case was for-

warded to investigators.

A suspicious vehicle report on CR 3550 near Hawkins was reported to deputies about 7:21 p.m. After searching the area they were unable to locate the vehicle.

At 8:53, Crystal Martin, 36 of Mineola, was arrested by deputies on a traffic stop on FM 14 near Hawkins on outstanding warrants.

**June 11** – At 9:07 a.m. deputies were dispatched to CR 2460 near Mineola in reference of a vehicle burglary. Unknown people stole a firearm from the reporting party's vehicle. The case was forwarded to investigators.

Deputies received a report of theft on Hwy 154 near Quitman about 9:18 a.m. A known person stole cattle from the reporting party. The case was forwarded to investigators.

A suspicious vehicle on 3440 near Hawkins was reported at 1:47 p.m. Deputies located it and everything was OK.

Deputies spoke with a person at 1:48 p.m. in reference to suspicious circumstances on CR 1431 near Quitman. The deputies advised the reporting party that extra patrol would be provided.

**June 10** – at about 12:31 a.m. deputies were dispatched to Rising Star near Quitman regarding a suicidal subject. A 70 year old person of Quitman was arrested for aggravated assault with deadly weapon.

James David, 42, Hawkins was arrested for unlawful possession of a firearm following a report of a suspicious person on CR 3820 near Hawkins was made to deputies at 2:43 A.M.

Deputies went out on arrest/warrant services on FM 2088 near Quit-

man about 10:46 a.m. and FM 2966 near Yantis at 11:11 a.m. They were unable to make contact with the individuals.

Deputies were dispatched to CR 4854 near Winnsboro about 12 p.m. in reference to a dispute. Deputies spoke with all parties involved and cleared the incident.

At about 3:05 p.m. deputies answered a welfare check on CR4530 near Winnsboro. The person was found and everything was OK.

Steven Ingram 31, Hawkins, was arrested on an outstanding warrant at approximately 4:15 p.m. when deputies went out on an arrest/warrant service to CR 3120.

Deputies were dispatched on FM 17 near Alba at around 4:41 p.m. in reference to a fire. Alba Fire Department extinguished the fire and the scene was cleared.

A criminal trespass report was made to deputies at 5:57 p.m. The deputies gave the reporting party advice and cleared the incident.

Kenneth Kratzmeyer, 28 of Hawkins was arrested for assault when deputies were dispatched to CR 3425 near Hawkins around 6:34 p.m. in reference to an assault.

Deputies were dispatched to FM 2659 near Hawkins around 9 p.m. in reference to theft. The reporting person said a known person stole several items from his property. The case was forwarded to investigators.

**June 9** – Deputies were dispatched to Hwy 154 near Quitman around 12:13 a.m. in reference to a welfare check. They gave the person a courtesy transport and cleared the incident.

Susana Cortes, 27 of Quitman was arrested

on outstanding warrants when deputies made a welfare check about 2:02 a.m. on Hwy 69 near Mineola.

Deputies spoke with the reporting party at approximately 12:05 p.m. in reference to criminal mischief. A know actor damaged the reporting party's shed.

Deputies received a report of burglary about 12:11 p.m. on CR 3269. They spoke with the reporting party and cleared the incident.

Deputies were dispatched to CR4897 near Winnsboro on criminal mischief. Unknown person had damaged the reporting party's mailbox.

A suspicious person report at Lake Holbrook beach about 4:57 p.m. Deputies located the person and cleared the scene.

Deputies were dispatched to FM 2869 near Hawkins around 6:34 p.m. in reference to suspicious circumstances. Deputies spoke with the reporting party and advised extra patrol would be provided.

At about 7:27 p.m. deputies were dispatched to CR 2163 near Quitman in reference to a noise complaint. Deputies spoke with all parties involved and cleared the incident.

Deputies went to CR 3130 near Quitman about 7:56 p.m. in reference to suspicious circumstances. The suspicious activity was located and everything was OK.

At 9 p.m. on CR 3270 another suspicious circumstance was reported near Quitman. Deputies searched but were unable to locate any suspicious activity.

Deputies were dispatched to CR 4896 near Winnsboro around 8 p.m. in reference to an assault. The case was forwarded

to investigators.

**June 8** – A report of shots fired near CR 1995 near Yantis about 6:13 a.m. Deputies searched the area but found no activity.

Deputies went out on a welfare check on FM2869 near Hawkins around 6:33 a.m. They searched the area but were unable to locate the individual.

Deputies went out on an arrest/warrant service to CR 2290 near Mineola. At approximately 12:32 p.m. they searched the area but could not make contact with the person.

There was a welfare check request on Hwy 80 near Mineola about 1:02 p.m. Deputies located the person and everything was OK.

Deputies were dispatched to CR 2427 near Mineola around 5:35 p.m. on a welfare check. The person was located and everything was OK.

Deputies were dispatched to Lake Holbrook beach around 7:18 p.m. in reference to a reckless driver. Deputies searched but did not locate the vehicle.

Amber Thompkins, 37 of Flint was arrested for possession of Marijuana when deputies conducted a traffic stop on Hwy 80 near Mineola about 10:27 p.m.

**June 7** – Deputies responded to a suspicious

vehicle on CR 1943 near Yantis around 5:46 a.m. They located the vehicle and everything was OK.

Deputies were dispatched to FM 17 near Alba about 6:48 a.m. in reference to theft. Actors or actors unknown stole a cargo trailer full of wood cabinets from the reporting party's property. The case was forwarded to investigators.

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# Mineola Memorial Library Notes

BY LIBRARIAN MARY HURLEY

As I type this column, we are entering our fourth week of our Summer Reading Programs. In the three weeks we have been hosting programs, we have had 30 programs with 394 participants! All of our programs are "homegrown" in that we have not paid for anyone to perform for the children. Teens have taken walking tours, preschool has played games and made things, Kindergarten through fifth grade has made things; Primary and Elementary summer school students have made things and tried experiments; and kids at McFarland Center made a craft. We will continue



programs until the end of July at which time, programming will cease so inventory can begin and the staff can take a quick break before Fall programs begin. All of these programs hopefully encourage visits to the Library to see what all the Library has to offer. There are books (of course), audio books to listen to or read along with, movies, for the children computers full of fun, educational games, for adults access to the internet, newspapers and magazines, and coloring pages for all ages. We don't whisper any more and we do not use outside voices inside. We have all kinds of display to help our patrons find their next book to read. Summer Reading Programs at the

Library: Tuesdays 2 p.m for Kindergarten to 5th grade; Wednesday mornings 10:15 a.m. for Toddlers (ages 18months to 3 years) with their parent / caregiver; Wednesday afternoons 2 p.m. Teens and Tweens for 6th grade up to High School; and Thursdays 2 p.m. for PreSchool ages 3, 4, and 5 years with their parent / caregiver. We did not have a Book Sale at the Annex in the month of June due to the heat and humidity and not enough volunteers to comfortably run the sale. Check with the Library closer to the estimated date of the July Sale to see what is happening. East Texas Library Friends Book Club will meet on Saturday, July 7 to discuss

Karin Tanabe's The Diplomat's Daughter at Oak Ridge Marina / Restaurant. To eat, join the group at 1 p.m (you pay for your own meal.) To discuss the book, join the group by 2 p.m. For those of you wondering about our Library cat, Chessie: She is a little under the weather with a stomach ailment. We are hoping antibiotics will do the trick. She goes back to see her veterinarian in about another week. Remember, the Library will be closed Wednesday, July 4 to celebrate Independence Day! Please, have a safe holiday and enjoy the freedoms we have! The Mineola Memorial Library is a 501(c)3 non-profit and your donations are tax-deductible.

## Rushing

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haircut too." Years ago Jim's Cafe, (Niehaus) was on Broad Street in what became a flower shop that burned down and is now the patio at Kitchen's. Jimmy could sit there and drink coffee and look across the street at the reflections in Collins' window and see if anyone went in his barbershop. A few years ago Rushing and his barbershop received a Texas Treasure Business Award by the Texas Historical Commission. Broadway Barber Shop was the longest-continuously owned downtown business

when it closed. A native of Quitman, Rushing went from school to serving his country in the Navy as a machinist from 1954 to 1958. The Navy gave him a ticket to see places like Japan, the Philippines and the Persian Gulf. After his discharge from the military he went to barber college on Commerce Street in Dallas and after completing that went to work. Rushing started barbering in 1959 in Dallas, Commerce, Quitman and Mineola. Asked how he got into barbering Rushing, with his trademark sly smile, replied, "Beats pickin' cotton." Jimmy and his wife Nita, who were both from Quitman, celebrated their

60<sup>th</sup> anniversary last summer. "We lived about a mile or two apart," Jimmy said. Asked if they were high school sweethearts, Nita began, "Well," and Jimmy answered "Sometimes." They married when she was 18 and he was 21 on Aug. 9, 1957. With both of their families from Quitman, Jimmy and Nita chose to live in Mineola to give themselves a little space. They have three children, Tim, Kim Galyean and Jill Hudson and their clan includes five grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren. Jimmy bought his barber shop building from Kathleen McGee about 30 years after he opened it. Mrs. McGee was the mother of attorney Jim-

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# WCEC

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Quitman Pilot Club got \$3,550. Receiving \$1,000 each were 33 fire departments throughout the service area.

The foundation's board recently met to review and approve grant requests. Wiley E. Vonner, WCECF board chair from the Hawkins region said, "Operation Round Up has given me a sense of excitement to be able to give back to so many organizations that help so many people in our community. This is a true statement of people helping people. Thank you to all the organizations that took the time to apply for the grants and I am encouraged that more will continue to apply." Robin Johnson, board vice-chair from the Quitman region, was there to present the checks. "During the course of the meeting we all felt an assurance that this foundation stands for the right thing - locals giving locally," Johnson noted. "As a board, we were united on each grant to each of these fine organizations. I'm thrilled to be part of the

good works the program will promote." Board member David Maxton, Mt. Vernon region, helped Johnson with the check presentations.

Texas Ramp Project is a nonprofit organization whose mission is establishing regional wheelchair ramp-building programs across Texas. These programs provide free wheelchair ramps to elderly and disabled clients in need identified by local health care professionals. They are built exclusively with the donated labor of volunteers. Ramps are built by volunteers from local service clubs and churches, including St. John Catholic Church, Holly Lake Ranch Kiwanis Club and Broad Street Church of Christ.

Last year TRP volunteers built 1,624 ramps in 97 Texas counties. Ninety-three of these ramps were built in the nine counties served by Wood County Electric Cooperative. Local volunteers donated over 2,400 hours of labor to ramp construction, valued at over \$60,000. There to receive the check were TRP director Jim Lane and Holly Lake Kiwanis representative Tom Lewis.

On hand to receive the



Wood County Electric Cooperative's Operation Roundup program donated over \$48,000 to 36 various entities Tuesday at the facilities community room in Quitman. Those receiving checks proudly display their checks in this group photo. (Courtesy photo by Paige Eaton)

\$7,000 donation for FYAC were President Dr. John F. Johnson and several of the organization's board members. FYAC is a non-profit tax exempt organization in Quitman. The organization provides a place for adult fellowship and programs to enrich lives and is open to seniors from Wood County and surrounding areas. Senior programs occur every Wednesday and Friday including group activities, chair yoga on Friday mornings, educational programs, health screenings, seminars, painting, crafts and various volunteer opportuni-

ties. FYAC is completely sustained by fundraisers and donations.

Quitman Pilot Club is an all-volunteer group that provides education for the prevention of traumatic brain injury and offers services to those suffering from brain related disorders, such as Alzheimer's, Stroke, and Autism. Bicycle Safety, Scholarships,

Project LifeSaver and Special Olympics are just a few of those efforts so important to the health, safety and quality of life for our community members. They also sponsor an active Quitman High School Anchor Club which gives high school students the opportunity to serve with the Pilots. Several club members led by President

Martha Scroggins were in attendance to receive the donation.

Wood County fire departments receiving \$1,000 each were Alba-Golden, Coke/Pleasant Grove, Pine Mills/Hainesville, Hawkins, Holly Lake, Land's End, Mineola, Ogburn, Perryville, Quitman, Winnsboro and Yantis.

## Inside and Outside the Picket Fence

BY JAN WHITLOCK

Can you smell that wonderful smell? It's fresh paint! The Stinson House, located on the grounds of the Quitman Arboretum, is getting a long-awaited makeover. Power washing, scraping, caulking, and painting are helping restore this beautiful structure. Many, many hours of fundraising and planning have gone into making this event a reality. Those of us who love this house, and the property on which it resides, are watching as the painter works his



Quitman Arboretum and Botanical Gardens

magic with his sprayer and brushes.

Do I sound like a proud parent? I guess that I, along with many of my friends and volunteers, have awaited this day for several years. We would like to thank the community

that has supported the Friends of the Arboretum organization. This had not been an easy road for those who resolutely made sure this dream became a reality.

The House is smiling. The gardens are being restored from massive hog damage, and on we go to make this a destination for visitors for many years to come.

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## Lake Fork fireworks show set 6 p.m. Saturday

The annual free fireworks event at Lake Fork is set for this Saturday with activities beginning at 6 p.m. The 2018 show is once again at Oak Ridge Marina south of the Highway 154 bridge.

The annual show, sponsored by Peoples, Wood County Industrial Commission and Lake Fork Area Chamber of Commerce, is one of the largest in Northeast Texas. The fun begins with a disc jockey and games along with barbeque and other food available for purchase beginning at 6 p.m.

Prior to the fireworks, the festive Golf Cart Parade begins with Independence Day themed golf carts decorated in an assortment of July 4th pageantry. The parade begins at 7:30 p.m.

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ly begins gathering early as parking normally backs up on Highway 154 after volunteers fill the area around Oak Ridge. Many people observe the fireworks from boats on the waters of Lake Fork.

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The Splash Park will be open for children throughout the day at no charge.  
If you are hungry or thirsty the pavilion will be open with drinks, snacks, etc. for sale

**7 P.M.** - A Flag Retirement Ceremony, organized by the Cub Scouts and their leaders, will take place at the civic center.

**8 P.M.** - The Lake Country Symphonic Band will begin their one hour concert of patriotic music in front of the civic center.

**9 P.M. (around dusk)** - As the band finishes their concert the Mineola Fire Department volunteers will begin the fireworks display with a boom.

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*Luke 1: 12-17*

# Mischnick

From page 1A

on our students and leadership," District Superintendent Kim Tunnell said via email last week.

Mischnick released a statement last Tuesday on Facebook regarding her time spent of

the board. Mischnick described her time as a board member as "an amazing six plus years". "Being able to hand Bailey (Mischnick's son) his diploma along with so many others was the greatest day ever! Getting to make decisions that will help in the advancement of the students and staff of MISD

has truly been a privilege," Mischnick said. As Mischnick and her husband will be moving out of the district close to Lake Fork in the coming months, the board will now look to the community to help appoint a well regarded new board member. The Board will be accepting letters of inter-

est from community members with a desire to serve on the board. Interested individuals must live within the school district. The Board has the option to leave the position open until the seat is opened for election in May or to appoint a community member to complete the remaining 11 months of Mischnick's term.

Interested community members are welcome to drop a letter of interest off at the M.I.S.D. Administration Building or mail a letter to Mineola ISD Board of Trustees, Attn: Dr. John Abbott at 1695 W. Loop 564, Mineola, Texas 75773. Deadline for interest is July 11 at 4:30 p.m.

Mischnick closed her statement on Facebook saying, "I promise to still be a faithful fan and supporter, just from a few more miles down the road, a Yellowjackets' pride never dies."

# Obituaries

**MARGARET KING**  
1940 - 2018

WINNSBORO - Funeral services for Margaret King, 77 of Winnsboro were held June 20 at Beaty Funeral Home in Winnsboro with Rev. Ken Goodson officiating.

Mrs. King died June 18, 2018, in Winnsboro. She was born November 6, 1940, to the late Garner Hill and Clara Jones Stokley in Henderson. She was a homemaker and member of Cross Roads Baptist Church.

She was preceded in death by her parents and brothers, Donald Stokley and Joe Stokley.

She is survived by her husband, Robert King of Winnsboro; daughter, Rhonda Walker of Sulphur Springs; sons, Mike King of Winnsboro and Rodney King of Texarkana; brother, Kenneth Stokley of Winnsboro along with seven grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren.



**RAMONA MAYE LEWERS**  
1938-2018

MINEOLA-Funeral services for Ramona Lewers, 79 of Mineola were held June 25 at Wilson-Bartley Funeral Home, Alba with Gary Dale Allan officiating.

Mrs. Lewers died June 21, 2018, at her home in Mineola. She was born July 29, 1938, in Emory to the late Luther and Rubye Melton.

She was a 40 year resident of Alba and member of Harvest Acres Baptist Church, Mineola.

She was preceded in death by her parents; brother, Arvis Melton and sister, Lanona Murphy.

Survivors include her husband of 60 years, Fred Lewers, Mineola; daughters, Kimberly Morris of Lindale and Pamela McCartney of Mineola; four grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren.



**MARY FRANCES MITCHELL**  
1926 - 2018

LONGVIEW - Funeral services for Mary Mitchell, 92 of Longview, formerly of Mineola, were held June 19 in Longview at Rader Funeral Home Chapel. Burial followed at Turner Cemetery in Redland.

She died June 16 in Longview. She was born June 11, 1926, in Clarksville to Rachel and John Pollock.

She was a "railroad wife" and lived in Mineola for 70 years.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Roger Mitchell; parents; sons, Roger Mitchell, Mike Mitchell and daughter Judy Furrh; great-granddaughter; three sisters and a brother.

She is survived by her brother, Johnny Ray Pollock, Houston; daughters, Mary Mitchell Turner, Longview and Sue Mitchell of Mineola; 11 grandchildren and 15 great-grandchildren.

In lieu of flowers the family requests donations to be made to Turner Cemetery Association, P.O. Box 368, Mineola 75773.



# Quandries

From page 2A

for athletes to fill a roster as well as the traditional approach that athletes shouldn't have to choose one sport at which to be good at.

While most athletes at schools like Dallas Lincoln, Dallas Carter, Desoto, Plano East or Lancaster high schools are playing one sport year round, small school athletes feel an obligation to play multiple sports throughout the school year which sometimes can hinder their ability to improve in the off-season from year to year.

For example, most of the athletes who played basketball this past winter in Wood County won't touch a basketball again until football season is over because most of them also play on the gridiron. This fact has put small town sports other than football at a huge disadvantage compared to their metropolitan counterparts. These athletes often specialize

in one sport, have skills trainers work with them year round and play club sports in their school team's off-season and summer.

Another issue that asking student athletes to play multiple sports creates is it makes it even harder for some to receive the exposure needed for a college coach to recruit them. Most college coaches do their recruiting during club seasons often held in their respective off seasons.

Lastly rural areas like Wood County have vastly fewer options when it comes to club teams for high school athletes to join. So many of the high school athletes with dreams of playing college sports have to travel more than 30 miles for club practices, tournaments and camps which costs families more and more money.

According to information released by local high schools covered by the Monitor this school year, eight student athletes earned sports scholarships in NCAA Division II and III as well as NAIA schools, with none of them being

NCAA Division I schools. The Monitor currently covers sports at five Wood County high schools. According to NCAA.org, six percent of all high school athletes earn a college sports scholarship; 3.4 percent of men's basketball players, 3.9 percent of women's basketball players, 6.8 percent of football players and 7.1 percent of baseball players.

Ultimately I believe that if student athletes in small towns want to compete on the highest level with athletes from metropolitan areas year-in and year-out some of them may have to choose just one sport in which to specialize and better their skill level year round. While some athletes may be able to play multiple sports and still be good enough to earn a scholarship in a sport of their choice the likelihood will continue to drop.

Being able to say you're a multi-sport athlete is a great accomplishment, but if it means risking your opportunity to earn a college scholarship is it really worth it?

# Sheriff

From page 5A

Deputies were dispatched to CR 3540 near Hawkins about 9:51 a.m. in reference to a dispute. Deputies determined it was a civil matter and cleared the incident.

Deputies were called in reference to an inquest. A 58 year old male was found deceased in his residence on FM 49 near Mineola about 1:03 p.m. The Justice of the Peace ordered an autopsy.

Deputies were dispatched to FM 2869 near Hawkins about 5:18 p.m. in reference to a disturbance. They transported an individual to the emergency room and cleared the incident.

Deputies dispatched to Hwy 69 near Mineola around :59 p.m. in reference to a fire. Alba and Mineola Fire Department extinguished the fire and the scene was cleared.

June 6 - Daniel Willi, 21 of Grand Saline was arrested for an outstanding warrant when deputies were dispatched to a disturbance on CR 2264 about 1:26 a.m.

A suspicious vehicle on CR 4583 near Winnsboro was reported about 2:42 a.m. Deputies searched the area but didn't locate the vehicle.

Deputies spoke with

the reporting parties in reference to a scam that occurred on CR 2223 near Mineola and Fm 2088 near Quitman.

Deputies were dispatched to Geronimo near Quitman about 10:35 a.m. in reference to harassment. They spoke with all parties involved and cleared the incident.

Deputies were dispatched to Loyd St., in Yantis at approximately 11:49 a.m. in reference to a theft. Unknown persons stole a security camera from the reporting party's property. The case was forwarded to investigators.

Deputies were dispatched for a welfare check on FM 288 near Quitman about 12:36 p.m. The person was located and everything OK.

A reckless driver was reported deputies on Hwy 154 near Yantis about 1:59 p.m. Deputies searched the area and found no vehicle.

Deputies were dis-

patched to CR 2223 near Mineola about 2 p.m. in reference to a welfare check. The person was located and everything OK.

Deputies spoke with the reporting party about 2:47 p.m. about a criminal trespass on PR 7908 near Hawkins. Deputies gave the reporting party advice and left the scene.

Deputies were dispatched to CR 4960 near Quitman about 3 p.m. in reference to a theft. Unknown people stole several items. The case was forwarded to investigators.

Deputies went to CR 1460 near Quitman about 5:48 p.m. on a disturbance call. The case was forwarded to investigators.

Deputies received a call about 6:13 p.m. to Lake Hawkins point regarding a welfare check. The person was found and everything OK.

Deputies were dispatched to CR 1900 near Yantis at about 7:02 p.m.

in reference to theft. A known person stole and dumped the reporting party's motorcycle. The case was forwarded to investigators.

Deputies were dispatched to Hwy 182 near Quitman around 7:28 p.m. on a burglary. A known person stole several items from the reporting party. The case was forwarded to investigators.

Deputies spoke to the reporting party at about 9:17 p.m. in reference to harassment on CR 3640 near Hawkins. Deputies gave the person advice and left the scene.

Deputies received a call of suspicious circumstances on FM 49 near Hawkins about 9:29 p.m. The person fled the scene before deputies arrived.

Deputies were dispatched to Hwy 37 near Mineola around 10:56 p.m. in reference to a reckless driver. Deputies located the vehicle and issued a warning.

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## Hutto leaving Mineola; hired as new baseball coach at Winnsboro

By **QUINTON LILLEY**  
sports@woodcountymonitor.com

After leading the Mineola Yellowjacket baseball team to back-to-back playoff appearances, Brent Hutto announced he will be leaving the Jacket program to become the new Head Baseball Coach at Winnsboro High School this fall.

Hutto first told the Monitor about his resignation as head coach Wednesday and the information was confirmed Friday by Mineola Athletic Director Luke Blackwell who said nothing but positive things about Hutto and what he's meant to the athletic program in Mineola.

"Coach Hutto is a great coach and an even better person. He has contributed a lot to our overall program and I hate to see him go, but I also understand that our profession is very demanding and sometimes as coaches we have to make choices that are best for our families and I certainly respect that," Blackwell said via text on Friday.

Blackwell also announced that Assistant Baseball Coach Russell Bowker will be promoted to Head Coach for the Jackets as they look to make it back to the playoffs again this coming spring.

"I'm excited to give Russell the opportunity. I have known him for a long time and know the he is going to do a great job. Coach Bowker takes a lot of pride in his work and he has a lot invested in this community, school district and the success of our sports programs. I feel very fortunate to have a coach of his caliber to be able to step in and take over our baseball program," Blackwell said.

Both Hutto and Bowker served as assistant coaches under Blackwell on the football team this past season. Bowker is also a Graduate of Mineola High School and spent the season before last as head coach at Princeton High School.



Former Head Baseball Coach Brent Hutto seen holding his two grandchildren after a game this past spring. (Courtesy photo)



Quitman Athletic Director Bryan Oakes encourages a junior high athlete during summer conditioning at the practice field last week. (Monitor photo by Larry Tucker)

## Oakes, Quitman ready for success

By **LARRY TUCKER**  
news@woodcountymonitor.com

The stigma is still there and it's not going anywhere: Quitman has not won a football game since October of 2013.

The losses have mounted to 43 in a row.

Athletic Director and Head Coach Bryan Oakes, his staff and the Bulldogs are already working hard and gearing up to change course. The off-season has been busy and summer conditioning workouts have been promising.

Oakes is upbeat and confident that change is imminent.

"We have some kids who have bought into what we are trying to accomplish, and I believe this year will bring about positive changes in the program," Oakes said. "You can tell our program is growing by the presence of our athletes. Our underclassmen have bought in to our goals whole-heartedly.

"It's hard to see sometimes in the day to day grind, but when you remove yourself from it and

take a look at it you can see the positive advances we have made."

Oakes has been at the helm for over a year now.

"The biggest accomplishment for us in football has been the off season. We have had to create a different mindset. The last year has been a whirlwind for me and for the kids," Oakes noted. "We had new coaches and just a new way of doing things for our athletes. In the football program the retention of knowledge is a big factor. Now, our guys know what to expect and we don't have to start brand new. They know how we want things done."

Going through last year was sometimes a struggle. "Sometimes we simply suffered from paralysis

of analysis. I can see now already how much better we are, simply because of retention," Oakes said. "We have identified our deficiencies and from that we know exactly what we must work on. We have given them things they have to work on that are harder than before. It's a mindset to learn to work harder and to push through tough times. We are also having a lot more competition among our players."

Oakes said his athletes are maturing.

"We were really young last year, and we still are going to be young, but I see a growing confidence in our kids we have not had in the past. We have been working hard and competing with other schools in seven on sev-

en competition. Right now we look forward to summer workouts. We are anxious to see our growth."

According to Oakes, the team has grown emotionally after facing adversity last year.

Tim Huggins, father of Bulldog Hunter Huggins, died just as the grind of two-a-days began. Hunter, who will be a junior this year, fought courageously through the personal pain and played varsity football. Just a few weeks later, after the Homecoming game in October, senior wide receiver Stephen Love died tragically in a traffic collision.

"These kids have been through so much with the emotions and the loss of a dad and teammate they all loved," Oakes said. "I have watched them mature throughout the year."

Oakes is ready for the 2018 season with a team that is experienced.

"You are looking at a group of kids and a pleth-

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**'We were really young last year, and we still are going to be young, but I see a growing confidence in our kids we have not had in the past.'**

## Postseason begins for summer softball, baseball

By **LARRY TUCKER**  
sports@woodcountymonitor.com

Postseason for softball teams in the Rains Wood County Association started this week with district tournaments for some and state tournaments in the horizon.

### SOFTBALL

In softball play, the 6U National League first place Alba Crush drew a bye and will go directly to the state tournament being held at Emory.

The 8U girls District Tournament is being held this week in Mineola at the

Youth Foundation facilities. Participating teams are: First place American League representatives Alba Pink Panthers; Second place National League Mineola Dirt Dolls; Central League First Place Quitman Firestix and Second Place Quitman Intensity.

The 10U district tournament is going on at this time in Quitman at Dawson Athletic Complex. County teams participating are: Central League First Place Mineola Outlaws and Second Place Mineola Cracker Jacks.

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Ava Burroughs (left) leans over to pass a set to Alexis O'Neal (right) during a break at Quitman Lady Bulldog volleyball camp last Wednesday at Ballard Memorial Gym. Standing behind them (left to right) are Delaney Flanagan and Karli Cowart. LEFT: The action was fast and furious last week at the Lady Bulldog volleyball camp in Quitman. Head Coach Ashlee Lingo and assistants Chris Veach and Elizabeth Miller hosted 40 girls in two age brackets for the camp. (Monitor photos by Larry Tucker)

## Oakes

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ora of sophomores who were forced into a varsity role and took it on the chin. We have seen them grow through all the sports because so many have played varsity level sports," Oakes praised. "We say we are still young and hopefully in a couple of years we won't be saying that anymore. We are still only going to have about six seniors on the team. Because of what they went through last year, I can see where they have grown and it will make a difference this fall."

What about winning games?  
"We will win this year.

I don't know if it will be early or if it will be after we play a few games, but we will win. Once we get that first one, we will be on a roll to win again and again," Oakes said. "I was encouraged this year by our track season. In 2017 we had 11 boys on the track team and this year we had 25. We need to keep on growing in all our sports and we will be just fine."

"Can't is a word derived from the word can. We need to understand that we can be successful and we plan on doing that this year."

The Bulldogs open the 2018 season on the road at Cumby, a team who went three deep in the state playoffs last season. Two-a-days begin in early August.



The Quitman Giants 2018-12U were the National Division First Place Team. Players on the team are: Austin James, Brady Floyd, Hunter Wilcox, Jaxon Wilson, Tommy Drinkwine, Micah Parker, Hayden James, Charlie Matthews, Justin Matthews and Lukas Goodman. They are coached by Jason Gallender, Joe Wilson, Tim Adair and Leslie Drinkwine.

## Mineola Country Club SENIOR GOLF REPORT

Results from Mineola Country Club Thursday Senior Golf Scramble were: Jack Smith, David Cartwright, John Tanner, Jim Albritton and Marty Eaton in first place with a score of 55 at -16.

Coming in second place were Jimmy Baughman, Donnie Drake, Loy Frazier, Jim Wray and Moe Jarvis with a score of 57 at -14.

Third place was determined by putt off

as Kent Mullins, Ken Norlie, Don Hinesly, Roger Stai and Gary Hulme rounded out the day in third place with a score of 59 at -12.

## Postseason

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Also playing in Mineola this week is the 12U District Tournament. Two county teams, the Alba Heat, First Place American League and the Mineola Thunderstruck, Second Place National League, are competing for a ticket to the state finals.

In 15U, the Quitman Killer Kleatz (Second Place) and Alba Uproar (Third Place) have no district tournament and are headed to Rusk for the state tournament.

### BASEBALL

The boys' teams are still wrapping up the season with make-up games this week, but others have been set. Those tournaments are at various sites July 2 through 6.

The 6U district tournaments for the boys will be held at Emory. Mineola will be sending two teams from the Centr4al league. They are First Place winners the Mineola Bombers and Second Place Mineola Longhorns.

In 10U competition being held in Quitman there are eight teams total with three of those from Wood County. The Central League Second Place finisher Mineola Longhorns will be there as will the East League's First Place Mineola Wrecking Ballz and Second Place Quitman Rookies.

At the 12U District Tournament in Emory, Wood County will be represented by the First Place Quitman Giants and the Second Place Mineola Dodgers. The 14U boys will travel to Chandler for their District Tournament. They will be represented by the First Place Mineola Indians and third Place Alba Panthers.

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Requests for a public hearing from persons who can show they are adversely affected or requests for further information concerning any aspect of the application should be submitted in writing, within fifteen days of publication, to Technical Permitting, Oil and Gas Division, Railroad Commission of Texas, P.O. Box 12967, Austin, Texas 78711 (Telephone 512/463-6792).

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 Notice is hereby given that original Letters Testamentary for the Estate of Ralph Paul Heinefield, Deceased, were issued on June 18, 2018 under Docket Number 13,319 pending in the County Court of Wood County, Texas, to Karla Huneycutt Heinefield. Claims may be presented in care of the attorney for the Estate addressed as follows: Karla Huneycutt Heinefield, Independent Executrix Estate of Ralph Paul Heinefield, Deceased c/o Ben J. Kerr, III Attorney at Law P.O. Box 1029 Quitman, Texas 75783 All persons having claims against the Estate, which is currently being administered, are required to present them within the time and in the manner prescribed by law. DATED the 18th day of June, 2018 Respectfully submitted, Brown, Kerr, & King By: Ben J. Kerr, III

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## Leg Pain Can Be More than Annoying

By Patricia Danflous

Sitting down or standing up for long periods of time often leads to leg pain and swelling. No problem. Just change your position and walk around a little bit – you should be back to normal, right? Wrong. Swelling and pain can also be symptoms of a blood clot – and that can be dangerous.

Blood clots can happen to anyone at any time, but some people are at an increased risk. Taking steps to reduce the chances of a blood clot forming in your veins can help avoid potentially serious problems such as deep vein thrombosis, which typically occurs in the lower leg or thigh.

“Deep vein thrombosis has classic symptoms— for example, swelling, pain, warmth, and redness on the leg,” says Dr. Andrei Kindzelski, a National Institute of Health (NIH) blood disease expert. “But about 30–40% of cases go unnoticed, since they don’t have typical symptoms.”



Deep vein clots—especially those in the thigh— can break off and travel through the bloodstream. If a clot lodges in an artery in the lungs, it can block blood flow and lead to pulmonary embolism, damaging the lungs and reducing blood oxygen levels, which can harm other organs as well.

Lifestyle can contribute to a blood clot forming, for example not moving enough and lack of exercise. Your risk is higher if you’ve recently had surgery or broken a bone, if you’re ill and in bed for a long time or if you’re traveling for a long time (such as during long car or airplane rides).

Other diseases or conditions can also increase the risk for a blood clot including a stroke, paralysis, chronic heart disease, high blood pressure, surgical procedure or having been recently treated for cancer. Women who take hormone therapy pills or birth control pills, are pregnant or within the first six weeks after giving birth are also at higher risk. So are those who smoke or who are older than 60, although deep vein thrombosis can happen at any age.

You can take simple steps to lower your chances of a blood clot. Exercise your lower leg muscles if you’re sitting for a long time while traveling. Get out of bed and move around as soon as you’re able after having surgery or being ill.

A prompt diagnosis and proper treatment can help prevent the complications of blood clots. See your doctor immediately if you have any signs or symptoms of deep vein thrombosis or pulmonary embolism:

- swelling of the leg or along a vein in the leg
- pain or tenderness in the leg, which you may feel only when standing or walking
- increased warmth in the area of the leg that’s swollen or painful
- red or discolored skin on the leg
- unexplained shortness of breath
- pain with deep breathing
- coughing up blood

A physical exam and other tests can help doctors determine whether you have a blood clot.

Source: NIH News in Health

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### SWIMMING

**SET UP:** Lie face down on a mat with arms extended overhead and palms facing down.

**INHALE:** Draw in your belly button as you raise your limbs slightly off the floor squeezing your buttocks to protect your lower back.

**EXHALE:** Breathe in through the nose and out through the mouth in rhythm while lifting opposing arms and legs off the floor in unison. For example, while all limbs are off the floor, lift the right arm and left leg slightly higher, then switch.

**REPEAT:** Continue swimming, swapping arms and legs in unison, to complete 20 reps.

### THE SAW

**SETUP:** Sit on the floor. Straighten your legs and place them a little wider than hip width apart. Press your feet straight up so that your toes are pointed toward the ceiling. Extend your arms straight out at your sides. **INHALE:** While in set up position, take a deep inhale.

**EXHALE:** Begin exhaling as you twist from the waist to bring the outside of your right hand to the outside of your left foot. Your fifth finger and fifth toe should touch. Exhale out for a 1-2-3 pulse, as you pretend to saw at your toe with your finger. Inhale as you return to set up position.

**REPEAT:** Continue switching from the right side, to the center then to the left side to complete 10 reps.



## CHAI LATTE

### INGREDIENTS:

By: Lauren Amerson

- 4 cups water
- 5 tsp. loose leaf black tea or 5 tea bags
- 8 whole cloves
- 1 tsp. fennel seeds
- 8 cardamon pod (crushed)
- 2 tsp. fresh ginger, chopped
- 1 cinnamon stick
- ½ cup almond or hazelnut milk
- healthy sweetener to taste (raw coconut sugar, stevia)

### DIRECTIONS:

1. In a small saucepan, bring water to a boil.
2. Add tea and spices.
3. Reduce heat to simmer for 5 minutes.
4. Let steep 10 minutes.
5. Strain out tea and spices.
6. Stir in almond or hazelnut milk and sweetener.
7. Enjoy immediately!



YIELDS: 2-3 servings



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