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Don Hightower is pictured here with an eight and half foot alligator he caught while working on a property damage complaint where a beaver had dammed a flowing stream. The gator was released south of Hawkins in the Sabine River. (courtesy photo)

Hightower gets his gator

By LARRY TUCKER
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Don Hightower was simply working a beaver property damage complaint June 21 when he came face to face with a problem of another kind, an eight-and-a-half-foot alligator.

Hightower, a former Wood County judge, was working the property damage complaint on a tributary of Big Sandy Creek in eastern Wood County where beaver had dammed a flowing stream causing timber damage and making a part of the property inaccessible.

"I was able to remove the beaver from the affected area in a couple of days, then went back for a final check and to remove my equipment," Hightower explained. "The last trap I was going to remove, a lethal device for quickly dispatching beaver under water, had caught the gator."

Hightower said a lot of people don't realize

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YANTIS ISD

Board readies for coming school year

The Yantis School Board approved a number of measures to support the upcoming 2018-2019 school year at the July 9 regular scheduled board meeting.

Most importantly, Superintendent Tracey Hilfferich reported the school has filled all teacher positions for the upcoming year. Hilfferich also noted the school has received six applications for the newly created School Resource Officer position.

The board unanimously approved the school Code of Conduct, enacted the local measures necessary to function as a District of Innovation and approved the service agreement with Region 7 Education Service Center. The state Education Service Center provides a variety of services including teacher training, testing support, nurse administration and supply support for school districts. The approved service agreement cost the district $50,705 for the upcoming school year.

The Crisis Management Plan which includes a security plan will yet be forthcoming. According to Hilfferich, administrators would like the School Resource Officer to go over the plan before it's submitted approval. She anticipates a number of meetings in support of the plan before presentation to the board.

Yantis schools received a competitive grant from the Federal Communications

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Mineola parent and former student Jeff White speaks at the Town Hall. White is a former active duty Marine and his daughter represents the family's fourth generation attending Mineola schools. (Staff photo)

Town Hall tackles school security

Parents and caregivers expressed a wide range of community concerns at the Mineola school security town hall conducted last Tuesday evening at Mineola Primary School. Twenty-two citizens addressed the board, while more than 60 local residents attended.

Board President John Abbott opened the session by proclaiming, "Tonight is your night," and expressing the board's desire to receive community input before taking further school security decisions. An hour and a half later, MISD Superintendent Kim Tunnell praised the involvement of those present and promised further such town hall sessions.

The emotional investment experienced in protecting children was evident throughout the evening, at times rendering those addressing the town hall to tears. In a respectful manner, attendees queried the board on numerous security related issues while the board briefed the gathering regarding the most recent security measures placed in force. Mineola Police Chief Chuck Bittner, Community Relations Officer Dusty Cook and Constable Kelly Smith supported Tunnell in addressing many of the issues.

Tunnell briefed the group on recent physical security improvements, violence prevention efforts and communications improvements. She discussed hosting last year's active shooter training which has resulted in security drills and teacher training using the school's own certified instructors.

The most recent state security audit called for a number of improvements such as installing an additional 45 security cameras, removing underbrush around school property, and fencing off the back parking lot to prevent open access to the school grounds.

Additional physical security mea-

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This Week in Your Neighborhood

• Saint Peter Catholic Church will host a Women's Peace and Unity Luncheon Saturday July 21 at 11 a.m. Attendees should take a covered dish and lunch will be served after the program. For more information call Evangelist Bettie Morgan at 903-262-0959 or call Shelly Self at 903-705-5301.

• The Lake Fork High School Open bass fishing tournament is this weekend at Oak Ridge Marina.

Alex Daggett came from the Houston area town of Spring to be part of the UM Army working in Mineola last Friday on this porch project. (Monitor photo by Larry Tucker)

Youth Army invades Wood County

By LARRY TUCKER
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When most teenagers think about summer camp, visions of swimming, canoes, camp fires, horseback riding and other "fun" activities come to mind. An "army" of teenagers and their sponsors invaded Wood County last week and based their operation out of First United Methodist Church of Mineola (FUMC Mineola).

UM ARMY is an acronym for United Methodist Action Reach-out Ministry by Youth. Young people who sign up for this inspiring mission pay between $200 and $300 for the privilege. They get to spend a week on the road, sometimes in another state, doing manual labor as a group helping meet home repair and maintenance needs for low income, elderly and disabled homeowners who are unable to physically or financially make needed repairs to their homes.

FUMC Mineola has sent their youth and sponsors to sites in Texas as well as Gulfport and Jackson, Mississippi.

Now a nationwide mission, UM Army began some 40

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Letter to the Editor

Dear Editor:

As I write this, I feel the sadness of knowing that Doris Newman will not be at the Monitor's office, alongside Joyce Hathcock, to edit and correct the spelling and grammar of what I wrote. There is no doubt that the Wood County Monitor will continue to flourish with Larry Tucker who is a distinguished reporter/editor; yet those of us who have known her, will miss the gentle guidance and enthusiasm of the departing editor/reporter who recently moved on. Doris has been a "liaison" between Mineola and "Mineolans" for many years, and has done so much with utmost truthfulness and integrity. The "silver lining" is that the City of Mineola has gained a wonderful person who will continue to work hard for the betterment of this community.

George Assaf
Mineola

Correction

The Cub Scout from Mineola Pack 385 shown in a photo on page 12 in the July 4 edition of the wood County Monitor is captioned as Corey Barnes. That particular Tiger Cub Scout is Sam Arcand. We regret the mix-up on the names. We are proud of all the Cub Scouts and appreciate their work in the community.

Letters Policy

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Hollen replaces Newman on Mineola council

By LARRY TUCKER
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Greg Hollen is the new Mineola City Alderman representing Ward 2, replacing Jack Newman.

Hollen and Allene Doggett were each nominated for the position and Mayor Kevin White had to break a tie vote at the June city council meeting.

Greg Hollen

Hollen and his wife, Carol, had been weekend residents in Mineola (Lake Holbrook) beginning in 2002, and moved to Mineola full time in 2015. Hollen is a member of the First United Methodist Church of Mineola, and is active in the United Methodist Men and choir. Current community roles include Mineola's Landmark Commission Board, Wood County Crimestopper's Board, the Friends of Lake Holbrook Board, the APET-SPCA Board and the Bread of Life Food Pantry Ministry Board. He is also about to enter his second term in July as president of the Mineola Rotary Club.

Hollen is excited about serving the city. "I am honored to serve the people of Mineola, where my family and I are fortunate to reside. I will dedicate myself to the vibrant community that is Mineola, and look forward to working with the mayor, city council and city employees," Hollen stated.

Hollen served Quitman as City Secretary/Administrator, and was responsible for managing all aspects of the city's administration, including two budget submissions (2016 & 2017), all administrative hiring in finance, court and utility departments. His role included water and waste treatment plant construction project oversight (w/KSA Engineerings), IT and security upgrades, and implementation of employee payroll and benefits enhancements. He also recruited for and re-launched the city's Planning and Zoning Commission, and had a role in returning Carroll Green Civic Center to profitability.

He served 10 years on the University of North Texas Business School Advisory Board and as a mentor for the Professional Leadership Program (PLP) and was recognized with the business school's Lifetime Achievement Award in 2015. Hollen holds the Senior Professional Human Resources designation (SPHR) as well as the Certified Non-Profit Professional (CNP). He received a Bachelor of Arts in Government and Politics with a focus on state and local government from the University of Maryland.

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. 903-569-3677 or 3069.
LAKE COUNTRY SYMPHONIC BAND - will resume rehearsals Aug. 6 at Mineola High School Band Hall. 7 p.m. 903-569-2300.
LAKE FORK ROTARY CLUB - Wednesday, noon, at the Lake Fork Baptist Church on State Highway 515
LAKE HOLBROOK ASSOCIATION - first Saturday, February, May, August and November, Harold Simmons Community Center, 5:30 p.m. directors, 6 p.m. all members and guests welcome. 903-569-0223.
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.woodcountydem.org.
WOOD COUNTY GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY - third Monday, January through May and September through November, 7 p.m., Quitman Public Library, Shamburger Community Room. For 903-763-4191 or 967-2458.
WOOD COUNTY HEALTH DEPT. IMMUNIZATION CLINIC - Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, 9-11 a.m., and 1-3 p.m., third Monday, 1-6 p.m. Public Health Department offices, 213 W. Bermuda, Quitman, 763-5406.
WOOD COUNTY HOSPITAL DISTRICT - second Monday, 7 p.m., hospital conference room in Quitman. Public invited.
WOOD COUNTY 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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Sanderson Farms begins hiring in Tyler

Sanderson Farms is seeking to hire over 1,400 hourly team members for its newest poultry complex that is currently under construction in Tyler with initial operations expected to begin in early 2019. As the third largest poultry producer in the nation with operations spanning five states and 16 different communities, Sanderson Farms is a growing company with opportunities for employee advancement.

For those interested in pursuing hourly employment with the Fortune 1000 company, Sanderson Farms is hosting "Sanderson Way Career Interest Sessions" on Tuesday, July 17; Wednesday, July 18; and Thursday, July 19 at the Skills Training Center on Tyler Junior College's West Campus. Career interest sessions will begin at 9 a.m., 1 p.m. and 6 p.m. each day, and job seekers can attend any one of the nine session times offered throughout the three-day period to learn more about the various career opportunities available with the company. Each session will last approximately three hours and will include a presentation highlighting key employment information such as pay rates, employment benefits, job responsibilities and pre-employment screening requirements.

As a leader within the poultry industry with respect to employee compensation, Sanderson Farms' team members are offered an outstanding pay and benefits package. Entry-level hourly employees begin earning $12.20 or more per hour, with wages varying according to shift time. Along with a competitive starting wage, employees who have been with Sanderson Farms for three months or longer are eligible for wage increases based on their tenure with the company. According to the Bureau of Labor Statistics, Sanderson Farms line-operators earn more than teacher assistants, nurse assistants, bank tellers and security guards.

In addition to outstanding pay, Sanderson Farms offers a competitive benefits package that includes comprehensive and affordable health care plans including medical coverage for individuals and families, free preventative care screenings, low deductibles and out-of-pocket maximums, as well as $15 copays for generic prescriptions. Sanderson Farms pays 75 percent of the cost of employee health premiums while employees pay the remaining 25 percent as their premium.

Sanderson Farms' benefits package includes a 401(k) Plan and Employee Stock Ownership Plan. Employees are eligible to participate in the 401(k) plan after only 90 days of employment. After the first year of employment, contributions to the 401(k) plan are matched dollar-for-dollar by the company on the first three percent of pay, and 50 cents on the dollar for the next two percent of pay.

At no cost to the employee, Sanderson Farms also contributes to the Employee Stock Ownership Plan when approved by its Board of Directors. For fiscal year 2017, Sanderson Farms' Board of Directors authorized an $18 million contribution to the plan.

In addition to eight paid holidays, employees are eligible to earn up to 20 days of paid vacation time based on employee tenure. Sanderson Farms employees are also eligible for continuing education programs such as reimbursement for college tuition and high school equivalency exams after only one year of employment with the company.

Anyone interested in learning more about the hourly job opportunities available with Sanderson Farms' Tyler, Texas poultry complex are encouraged to attend one of the career interest sessions held Tuesday, July 17 through Thursday, July 19, beginning at 9 a.m., 1 p.m. and 6 p.m., at the Skills Training Center on Tyler Junior College's West Campus. The Skills Training Center is located at 1530 South SW Loop 323, Tyler, Texas 75701. For more information about Sanderson Farms, please visit their website at www.sandersonfarms.com.

Army

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years ago south of Wood County in Athens. Since its inception in 1979, UM Army has touched literally thousands of lives. Annually, the program has approximately 5,000 participants working on about 2,000 projects. The group has expanded to opportunities during Christmas and Spring breaks for college age students.

FUMC Youth Director Moe Callison loves the program. "This is a very, very good organization. The neat thing is these kids pay just like they are going to a 'fun' camp. They a pay a fee to come work their tails off for an entire week," Collision observed. "They stay at the host church sleeping on cots, air mattresses and sleeping bags. The kids do all the cooking, cleaning and basically everything with adult supervision. They are completely responsible for everything."

The group in Wood County last week stayed at FUMC Mineola and came from four Methodist churches in the Houston area. "This is a group from the Houston and South Texas area. Our group went to Gulfport, Mississippi. Our middle school group went to Brenham. We have been in Louisiana, Mississippi and on the Gulf Coast and have done some things around here," Callison added. "This is the first time we have hosted a group at our facility."

The program gives an opportunity for youth and adults to experience Christian growth through service to others. Participants combine their strengths and resources to meet home and maintenance needs for low income, elderly and disable homeowners.

Callison said the program is unique. "They want to take kids to an area they are not familiar with. When you are there, you are making new relationships in a community you don't know and they don't know you. It always amazes the people, the clients we serve, that these kids come from so far away to help them."

Many young people return year after year because they get to make an impact on the world around them. They get to build relationships with neighbors in need, new friends and positive adult role models.

Marika Vickers is a member at FUMC Mineola and has been a part of UM Army for four years.

"Next time, I will be coming back as a college helper. These camps have been such a huge impact on me. With each camp I have attended I have found more confidence in myself and in my relationship with God," Vickers explained. "It has been such a positive impact on me, a real blessing in my life. I am still friends with people I met at that first camp our years ago. Relationships you make at these camps will last for years to come. I remember going to every house and getting know each client. It gives you a sense of belonging, a place you can always go back to."

At each camp there is a camp director, a site coordinator, a kitchen coordinator, group leaders and work team adults. A work team usually consists of four to six youth and an adult leader who is responsible for transportation and safety as well as being an equal working member of the team.

UM Army youth and adults work together and do a variety of work from small construction projects to home maintenance such as hand rails, yard work, painting, repairing leaky roofs, windows and doors. UM Army requires churches bring two adults for every five youths. Participants eat, sleep and enjoy fellowship and worship at the host churches. They have worship services in the morning and evening.

Alex Daggett is from Spring and was part of the UM Army working last week in Mineola. "I have learned how to connect more with people and with God. It's hard work, but we have a lot of fun too."

Shelby McNally is also on the team from the Houston area where she attends John Wesley United Methodist church. Her group was working on a porch in of Mineola. "I have gone on other mission trips in the past, but this is the first one like this. It's been a great blessing just being around all the other people and getting to know them."

."I have been on other mission trips," said Marci DeShazer, "but this is my first UM Army mission. It has been a blast and so much better than the other trips. Our topic for the week has been relationships. That is what I have gained, better relationships with others, with God and especially with the clients we do work for. It has all been just amazing."

Said Noah Dunbar, on his second UM Army camp, "It's a lot of fun and you get to learn new skills and techniques in painting and other things through the work we get to do. It's also about relationships with our team and the clients we get to work with."

The UM Army is for high school age students. The middle school age program is called Big House. A Big House camp will be in Mineola July 26-28 and Callison said they were looking for clients who needed yard work done, gutters cleaned, painting, porch, stair and siding repair as well as repair and installation of wheel chair ramps.

Shelby McNally helped to scrape and paint this porch in Mineola Friday as adult team leader Jon Peterson works side by side with his team. (Monitor photo by Larry Tucker)

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MISD receives math innovation zone grant from TEA

The Texas Education Agency (TEA) recently awarded Mineola ISD the Math Innovation Zone (MIZ) grant. TEA solicited applications and subsequently awarded grant to five districts across the state, including an East Texas district. The three-year grant funding in the amount of $500,000 with an additional opportunity for another $100,000 at the end of year one will be utilized to further the work in personalized, blended learning with PK-8 grade students in mathematics.

MIZ grant funding will provide for additional staff, professional development, software, and hardware during this three year period. Mineola ISD will also have the opportunity to supply recommendations to TEA during this process in order to assist the agency in potentially expanding the program.

The application for the TEA grant came from the current work Mineola ISD has been involved in the past two years as a pilot site for the Raise Your Hand Texas, Blended Learning Initiative.

The goal statement for students in Mineola ISD is that "Learners will possess the courage and ability to set goals, navigate their progress, demonstrate mastery and lead change."

The commitment to the implementation of this vision through teacher selected, blended learning models has allowed for more individualization and promoted increased student engagement and ownership of their own educational experience. "The award of this grant will allow Mineola ISD to continue to provide for personalized instruction in mathematics for our PK-8th grade students to increase our percentage of students ready for Algebra I in the 8th grade," Kim Tunnell stated. "It is important to note that blended learning does not replace teachers working with students. The use of the technology is just one tool to assist teachers in individualizing the instruction needed to move each student forward in their academic achievement. We are excited to be selected and showcase the exemplary work of our teachers and staff in Mineola ISD to personalize for every child."

Personnel moves made at Sheriff's Office

By LARRY TUCKER
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Four position changes and three resignations at the Sheriff's Department were approved by Wood County Commissioners Friday.

Sheriff Tom Castloo announced promotions for Fred Ellis, William Burge, Billy Hill and John McQueen. Resigning from the department were Criminal Investigation Division (CID) Lieutenant Christopher Clark, CID Sergeant Justin Bowring and Dispatcher Kelly Jo Stamport.

Ellis will replace Clark, moving from CID Sergeant to CID Lieutenant at $21.81 per hour. Burge will move from Deputy Sheriff to Patrol Sergeant at $21.30 per hour to fill the opening caused by the transfer of McQueen who moves from Patrol Sergeant to CID Sergeant where he will make $21.30 per hour. Hill will replace Bowring moving from Deputy Sheriff to CID Sergeant at $21.30 per hour.

In another matter, commissioners approved a resolution sought by Fire Marshal and Emergency Management Safety Officer Tully Davidson for the submission of a grant request through the Local Emergency Planning Committee. "They don't have as many funds this year. They only have $200,000 for the whole state, but any little bit would help," Davidson said. "We are going to ask for some radios and some office equipment."

Commissioners approved a request by Wood County Industrial Commission Executive Director Kiki Bettis concerning tax abatements and reinvestment zones. "The State requires that a taxing entity re-establish their Reinvestment Zone for the purposes of offering tax abatement every five years," Bettis noted. "Also, the Guidelines for Abatement must be reviewed and approved every two years. It is again time to review and to reapprove the abatement guidelines. The process for review and approval of the guidelines is straightforward and there are no changes to the proposal currently in the guidelines."

In other business, commissioners approved:

- Payroll of $350,560.04; health and dental claims of $75,770.20; accounts payable $452,237.09.
- Annual contract bid for blended oil sand mix for Wood County Road and Bridge.
- Inter-local agreement with City of Yantis for mowing at the waste water treatment plant lagoons.
- Lease agreements for a Xerox machine in the Wood County Treasurer's Office.
- Public hearing set for August 10 at 10 a.m. for the revision of lots 446 and 447 R, Section 9, Holly Lake Ranch.

HOLLY BROOK UPCOMING EVENTS

Holly Brook Baptist to help in Buckner warehouse

Holly Brook Baptist Church members will work in the Buckner Humanitarian Aid Warehouse on July 26 from 9:30 to 11 a.m., sorting shoes for orphanages, first aid supplies, and school supplies. The Hawkins church participates annually in a drive to collect new shoes that Buckner distributes to children and adults around the world. The shoe collection is Buckner International's largest humanitarian aid project. Since 1999, Buckner has distributed more than 3 million pairs of new shoes and socks to children in 82 countries.

Holly Brook Baptist members to aid voice of the martyrs

The Women's Ministry of Holly Brook Baptist Church, Hawkins, is sponsoring two mission trips to Voice of the Martyrs in Bartlesville, OK. A women-only trip is scheduled for September 9-15, and a trip for couples is September 16-22. The volunteers will work in the mission's warehouse. Voice of the Martyrs is a nonprofit, interdenominational missions organization that offers practical and spiritual help to persecuted Christians around the world.

Call the church office for more information. Holly Brook Baptist is located at 3219 S. FM 2869, Hawkins; telephone 903-769-2091. The Web site is www.hollybrookbaptist.org

Gator

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Wood County has a lot of alligators. "I wasn't completely surprised, as alligators can be found in most of the larger streams and lakes throughout East Texas," he said.

There is a closely regulated season on alligators in this part of the state and it is April 1 through June 30. "Some people think you can kill a gator any time of the year, that you can just shoot them and go on, but that is not the way it is done," Hightower noted.

The bag limit on alligators in season is one per hunter, per season. Information regarding alligator hunting can be found on the Texas Parks and Wildlife website or in their Outdoor Annual.

Hightower found the alligator to be restrained and unhappy, but otherwise in good shape despite the steel necklace it was wearing. "I didn't want the hide or the meat and neither did the property owner, who was out of town on that day. He did make it clear not to release it back onto his property," Hightower confirmed. "I knew help would be needed to get the gator restrained, trap removed and unloaded for transport to another location. I quickly decided the appropriate thing to do would be contact one of our local game wardens and Derrick Spitzer was on his way."

Spitzer arrived and the men were able to get the gator under control and loaded in the game warden's truck. Spitzer suggested the gator be released into the Sabine River south of Hawkins. Spitzer further mentioned to Hightower that alligators were sometimes more difficult to release than to capture.

Hightower followed Spitzer to the release site.

"Along about the Stagner Church, things got a little wild in the back of Derrick's truck, but the gator calmed down again," Hightower said. "After we removed the duct tape wraps from the alligator's legs and mouth, the release was uneventful, and everyone went home happy."

YISD

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Commission designated for new internet wiring at the high school. The work is underway and will be complete before classes begin.

Lastly, a dozen Agricultural-Mechanical students attended the state Ag-Mech convention in Fort Worth, July 9-13.

All board members were in attendance. Newly-elected board member Tyra Kenemore requested bullying be added to the agenda for the next board meeting. School transfer policy and final determination of the district's tax status will also be on the agenda.

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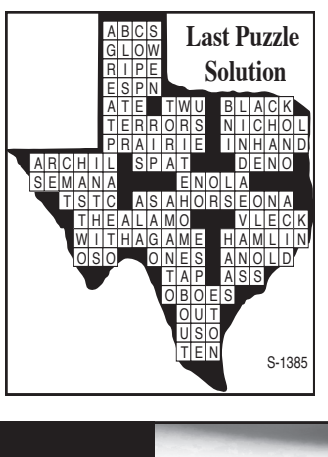

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Mineola Police Report

Mineola police activities from July 5 to July 11

July 11 – A vehicle burglary was reported at 12:07 a.m. on West Broad Street. The complainant reported they were at work on West Broad and realized when he got in his vehicle when leaving that some items were missing from the car. No forced entry was noted.

Possible gunshots were reported at 12:35 a.m. in the area of North Line and Sycamore Street. Officer patrolled the area and found nothing. It was believed to be fireworks.

A suspicious male was reported behind a building on East Broad Street. He was found by officer and was OK.

An officer checked a residence when a woman reported suspicious activity. Officer did not find any problems.

A burn violation investigation was conducted on North Newsom. The residents were burning in their backyard and put out the fire.

6:58 an officer assisted a mother by talking with her 11 year old daughter regarding listening to her mom.

At 10:53 p.m. officers assisted with EMS on a medical call on North Line Street.

July10 – a person at a convenience store on East Broad Street reported a minor attempting to buy tobacco for the third time. The minor was criminally trespassed from the property.

Aarons reported three theft cases when customers refused to pay for a rental or bring back the property.

At 6:04 p.m. a family violence assault was reported when a woman reported her ex-boyfriend choked her. This is under investigation.

At 6:11 p.m. a disturbance was reported on Walnut Street when a woman called 911 saying a man pushed and shoved her. She hung the phone up but dispatch could hear yelling and screaming. The man had a pipe in his hand walking towards the caller's residence. During the investigation it was found that the woman and husband threatened him at his residence and he had the pipe to protect himself. No charges were filed, but a report filed.

Officers spoke with several residents in the University area regarding gun shots. It was determined to be fireworks.

July – 9 thefts was reported at Sanderson Farms construction site on SE Loop 564 when a 16 ft. flatbed trailer, 6 welders and several tools were stolen while the site was closed from Saturday, July 7 through July 9. It is under investigation.

At 1:27 p.m. a hit and run was reported in the Walmart parking lot that was reported to have happened July 7. An officer checked surveillance video and found the vehicle was not hit or damaged while in the lot.

An officer assisted a resident on Graham Street with a problem appliance. The officer recommended the resident call a plumber.

A reckless driver was reported on South Pacific Street. An officer was unable to catch up with the vehicle before they left the city limits. Wood County was notified.

A verbal disturbance was reported in the front yard of a residence on West Blair Street. Officers responded and handled the situation.

July 7 – An officer investigated what he believed to be fireworks on Wren Street. He located two male subjects who denied having any fireworks.

An identification card was left at Chevron and turned into the police. A family member of the owner was contacted.

A man on Dubose Street reported someone on his property was refusing to leave. The man left before any officer arrived.

A man on East Broad Street reported an employee stealing from him. The items were located and the property returned.

A resident on South Street reported the front door had been kicked in on the house but nothing stolen. The incident is under investigation as a criminal mischief.

A man on Belcher reported two bicycles were stolen. One was located and charges are pending.

A possible shoplifter was reported at a business on South Pacific Street. The man left the store in a vehicle and was not located. The business was not sure that anything was taken.

10:30 p.m. a suspicious person was reported on Mimosa Street. The resident witnessed a man pull into his driveway, get out and walk over to the resident's vehicle. When the resident said something to the man he got back in his vehicle and drove off.

11:23 p.m. A person on Line Street reported a man trespassing on his property when a known subject was asked not to come back on the property and returned without permission.

July 6 – At 4:30 a.m., an officer assisted a stranded motorist in the 100 block of Newsom Street.

When a man requested an officer speak with him about a civil matter the officer advised him to speak with the Justice of the Peace or call the labor board.

Harassment was reported on Second Street when a woman saw a known person taking pictures of her house and license plate on her vehicle. A directed patrol was issued for the residence.

July 5 – A homeowner on East Broad Street was warned about a city ordinance violation when they were burning a stump on their property. The fire was put out.

Officers were called to a restaurant on East Broad Street when an employee stated they were being harassed by another employee who was terminated the day before.

At 8:09 p.m. Jason Scott France, 31 of Hawkins was arrested for two outstanding JP3 misdemeanor warrants and charged with fail to identify fugitive from justice. He was stopped for expired driver's license on North Pacific Street and he gave the officer a false name.

10:18 p.m. Emily Lee Strickland, 25 of Quitman and Brandon Wayde Morrison, 28 of Mineola were arrested for possession of a controlled substance under 1 gram. Strickland was pulled over by an officer for a defective license plate light at the intersection of East Blair and Wigley Street. The two were found to be in possession of cocaine.

10:51 p.m. an officer checked on a vehicle that was at the civic center after hours and advised the occupants to leave.

At 11:25 a suspicious person was reported at a vacant residence on West Blair Street. An officer responded and found the man had permission to be there.

Wood County Sheriff's Report

Wood County sheriff's Department activities

June 30 – Deputies were dispatched to FM 49 near Hawkins at 4:05 a.m. in reference to an abandoned vehicle. They located the vehicle and everything was OK.

Deputies answered a welfare check on FM 2966 near Yantis . The person was found and everything was OK.

Deputies spoke with a person in reference to criminal mischief that occurred on CR2360 near Mineola. Deputies said that extra patrol would be provided.

Klinton Kenner, 24 of Nacogdoches was arrested for an outstanding warrant when deputies went on an arrest/warrant service to PR 6645 near Mineola about 9:33 p.m.

At approximately 10:51 p.m. deputies were dispatched to CR 2140 near Quitman in reference to a disturbance. Darrel Barnes, 35 of Palestine was arrested for assault causes bodily injury family violence.

Deputies sent to FM2225 near Quitman in reference to a disturbance. The people were separated for the day.

At about 5:44 p.m. deputies were dispatched to CR 3114 near Quitman in reference to a disturbance. The case is active.

Deputies were dispatched to FM 17 near Alba around 6:45 p.m. in reference to criminal mischief. A known actor damaged the reporting party's vehicle at their work place. Deputies issued a criminal trespass warning and the case was forwarded to investigators.

At approximately 11:24 p.m. deputies were dispatched to CR 2320 near Mineola in reference to a reckless driver. The driver was located and deputies found the damage done by the vehicle. The driver spoke with the owner of the damaged property and will be repairing the damage done with no charges.

At approximately 11:28 p.m. deputies responded to a suspicious person on CR 4495 near Winnsboro. They were unable to locate anyone.

Deputies were dispatched to FM 2225 near Quitman at approximately 11:32 p.m. in reference to assault. Deputies spoke with everyone involved and cleared the incident.

June 29 – At around 3:41 a.m. deputies responded to a suspicious vehicle at Lake Holbrook point. The car was located and everything was OK.

A reckless driver report was called in at approximately 9:40 a.m. on Hwy 80 near Mineola. Deputies located the vehicle and everything was OK.

Deputies were dispatched to CR 3470 near Hawkins in reference to theft. Actors or actors unknown stole the reporting party's vehicle. The case was forwarded to investigators.

Deputies were dispatched to FM 778 near Hawkins on a criminal trespass. They issued a criminal trespass warning and left the scene.

Deputies went to Hwy 69 near Mineola on a dispute. Parties were separated for the day.

Jacob Davis, 20 of Mineola was arrested for outstanding warrants when deputies went to FM 17 near Alba on a disturbance call.

Deputies spoke to a person in reference to a theft that occurred on Main Street in Yantis. Actors or actors unknown stole tools from the person's property. The case was forwarded to investigators.

Deputies were dispatched to PR 6645 near Mineola at around 8:29 p.m. on shots fired. They searched the area, but did not locate any activity.

A suspicious person on FM779 near Alba was called in to deputies about 9:52 p.m. Deputies located the person and everything was OK.

Deputies were dispatched to PR 6938 near Alba about 10:15 p.m. in reference to a disturbance. Parties were separated for the night.

Deputies answered a noise complaint to PR 6778 near Hawkins about 10:22 p.m. but were unable to locate any activity.

Deputies spoke with a person at about 10:41 p.m. in reference to terroristic threat that occurred on PR 6429 near Mineola. They gave the person advice and cleared the incident.

June 28 – James David, 42 of Hawkins was arrested for outstanding warrants when deputies went out on an arrest/warrant service to CR 3494 near Hawkins about 12:31 a.m. and Krista Burdge 31, Red Oak was arrested for hindering apprehension or prosecution of known felon.

At approximately 2:15 a.m. deputies went out on another arrest/warrant service to CR 2771 near Mineola, but were unable to contact the person.

June 27 – Deputies were dispatched to PR 7991 near Winnsboro about 8:45 am in reference to an inquest. A male, 79, was found deceased in his residence. The Justice of the Peace ordered an autopsy and the case was forwarded to other agency.

Deputies were dispatched to CR 1306 near Quitman in reference to theft. Deputies spoke with all involved and cleared the incident.

Deputies were dispatched to Hwy 154 near Quitman for a reckless driver. They located the vehicle and everything was OK.

Deputies were dispatched to FM 1804 near Mineola on a suspicious circumstance. They searched the area bet did not find any suspicious activity.

Deputies were dispatched to FM 1643 near Winnsboro in reference to terroristic threat. The case is active.

Tabitha Crow, 27 of Mineola was arrested for assault when deputies were dispatched to CR 2540 near Mineola on a reference to an assault.

Deputies were dispatched to CR 3522 near Hawkins about 11:21 p.m. on a burglary. Deputies noticed there to be no signs of forced entry and nothing to be missing.

July 1 – Walter Hall, 24 of Hawkins was arrested for resisting arrest/search or transport and possession of drug paraphernalia. When deputies responded to a motorist assist on FM 14 near Hawkins about 1:46 a.m.

Deputies responded to a suspicious person on Hwy 154 near Winnsboro at 5:21 a.m. They searched the area, but unable to find the person. Deputies advised the reporting person that extra patrol would be provided.

Michael Shaddox, 45 of Longview was arrested for public intoxication when deputies responded to an s

July 2 - Deputies received a reference to fraud call to SPUR 514 near Yantis. Actors or actors unknown bought a printer from the reporting party with counterfeit money. The case was forwarded to investigators.

Deputies were dispatched to Oak St. in Yantis about 10:52 a.m. in reference to an alarm. Upon arrival deputies noticed an open door on the building. They checked and nothing appeared to be missing.

Deputies spoke with the reporting party in reference to criminal mischief that occurred on CR 3947 near Hawkins. Deputies told the reporting party that extra patrol would be provided.

Deputies were dispatched to FM 69 near Como at approximately 12:13 p.m. in reference to a dispute. Those involved were separated for the day.

Deputies spoke with the reporting person regarding harassment that occurred on CR 4930 near Quitman. Deputies gave the person advice and left the scene.

Deputies were dispatched to PR 6645 near Mineola on a criminal mischief but they did not observe any criminal mischief.

Deputies were dispatched to Comanche near Quitman in reference to a disturbance. The people were separated for the day .

Deputies were dispatched to FM 69 near Como on an assault call. The case was forwarded to investigators.

A criminal trespass report was made at approximately 5:28 p.m. on CR 3420 near Hawkins. Deputies spoke with people involved and cleared the incident.

Deputies were dispatched to FM 852 near Winnsboro on a suspicious circumstances call. Deputies located the suspicious activity and everything was OK.

Deputies were dispatched to CR 4890 near Quitman about 2:01 a.m. in reference to suspicious circumstances. Deputies searched the area but were unable to locate any suspicious activity.

At about 1:02 a.m. deputies responded to a suspicious vehicle near Mineola Civic Center. They located the vehicle and everything was OK.

At 6:58 a.m. deputies responded to a suspicious vehicle on FM 14 near Quitman. Deputies located the vehicle and cleared the scene.

July 3 – Deputies were dispatched to CR2275 near Mineola in reference to a welfare check. They were unable to locate the person.

Jason Phillips, 41, Winnsboro was arrested for outstanding warrants when deputies went out on an arrest/warrant service to Bermuda Street in Quitman.

Deputies spoke with a person in reference to theft that occurred on CR 3588 near Winnsboro. Deputies determined the incident to be a civil matter.

Dustin Reynolds, 29 of Canton was arrested for resisting arrest/search or transport and disorderly conduct at approximately 5:56 at Lake Holbrook beach when deputies received a suspicious person call.

Phillip Gaby, 22 of Emory was arrested for assault when deputies were dispatched to FM 1643 near Winnsboro in reference to a disturbance.

Deputies were dispatched to FM 2966 near Quitman about 9:17 p.m. in reference to an inquest. A female, 85, was deceased in her residence. The Justice of the Peace was notified and no autopsy was ordered.

Deputies spoke with a reporting party in reference to a noise complaint on CR 3455 near Hawkins. Deputies gave the person advice and cleared the incident.

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County teams in DCTF

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Dave Campbell's Texas Football magazine finally arrived on newsstands recently and just one Wood County football program is picked to make the playoffs.

In Class 3A Division I, Mineola is picked for a fourth place finish and a playoff spot behind West Rusk, Tatum and Gladewater in District 8 3A DI which also includes White Oak, Winnsboro and Sabine.. The Yellowjackets return five offensive and six defensive starters to this year's team from a squad who went 5-6 last year, losing in the bi-district round to Hughes Springs 27-0.

The 'Jackets are led by quarterback Shaw Franklin and sensational sophomore running back Trevion Sneed. That's not all the men in orange have going for them. Veteran lineman and four year starter Cameron Wise anchors a line with help from Seth Kirk, Wylie Franks and Mark Burrell. Receivers Cole Castleberry and Dalton Rogers will be on the receiving end of Franklin's passing arm.

Winnsboro was tabbed for sixth place in the seven team district. The Red Raiders have six offensive and five defensive returning starters from a team that went 4-6. Running back Landry Deaton ran for 700 yards last year and hopes for an even better season behind linemen John McCurdy and Fernando Garcia.

The Quitman Bulldogs enter new territory with the wide ranging District 10—3A DII. The eight team district features the Bulldogs, Winona, Arp, Troup, Grand Saline, Frankston, Alba-Golden and Harmony. Harmony is the pick for first place followed by Troup, Arp, Winona, Grand Saline, Alba-Golden, Frankston and Quitman by the magazine.

Coach Bryan Oakes has seven returning starters on both sides of the ball. The Bulldogs have returning quarterback Josh Medlin and stellar running back Trey Berry. Incoming sophomore Ty Holland saw varsity action last year at quarterback and on defense and special teams. The Bulldogs have a talented receiving core with Gavin Derryberry, Dylan Coe and Rylie Flanagan each having big play talent. Hunter Gilbreath and Hunter Huggins anchor the line.

Alba-Golden finished at 3-7 last year and have one of the area's top signal callers in Zane Smith who passed for over 1,200 yards last year and scored 14 rushing touchdowns. The Panthers are solid on defense led by linebackers Tom Mitchell and Dylan Arenas along with defensive back Jon Michael Chadwick. The magazine picks the Panthers to finish sixth.

Over at Hawkins, the Hawks will have 10 offensive and nine defensive starters coming back. The Hawks are picked to finish fifth in the six team District 10-2A DI with Price Carlisle, Alto, Big Sandy, Union Grove and Cushing. Running back Chris Jackson and wide receiver Camron Taylor have explosive talent and should give defenses trouble trying to defend them.

In pre-season state rankings, Brock is the number one team in the state in Class 3A DI. East Texas teams in the Top 20 are Atlanta at number four, Kemp eight, Malakoff ninth, Mt. Vernon 18 and Jefferson 20. In 3A DII, Newton sits at number one while Daingerfield is at ninth and Harmony 11 as the only East Texas teams in the top 20 in DII.

The Alba Crush are pictured here after coming in second place at the 6U T-Ball Texas Teenage Baseball –Softball Association State Championship Tournament in Emory last week.

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Mineola Country Club

SENIOR GOLF REPORT

Results from Mineola Country Club Thursday Senior Golf Scramble on July 12, 2018

Tie for first place

FIRST PLACE: WITH A SCORE OF 58 -13 Robert Linker, Howard Hanks, Loy Frazier, Ed Vanderbilt, Jerry Keosoff

First Place: with a score of 58 -13 Jack Smith, Donnie Drake, Loyd Valentine, Don Hinesly, Charles Rocky

Tie for second place

SECOND PLACE: WITH A SCORE OF 59 -12 Kent Mullins, Rickey Stone, Larry Jackson, John Tanner, Gary Hulme

SECOND PLACE: WITH A SCORE OF 59 -12 Steve Raley, Willie Boyles, Bill Stone, Rod Waggoner, Richard Smi th

Closest to the pin:
#5 Robert Carlson
#9 Donnie Drake
#18 Bill Lochow

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Director Bob Hibbard puts the Continental Congress through its paces in a rehearsal for 1776 at Mineola's Lake Country Playhouse.

Lake Country Playhouse summer musical set to open

By Mike Holbrook

It's summer in the year 1776, and it's hotter than a firecracker on the 4th of July in Philadelphia. Lake Country Playhouse presents its summer musical, 1776, opening July 20 at the Historic Select Theater. Written by Peter Stone with music and lyrics by by Sherman Edwards, the show opened on Broadway in 1969 and ran for over 1200 performances. Nominated for five Tony Awards, it won three, including Best Musical in 1972. A movie adaptation was also done in 1972, and the musical enjoyed a successful revival on Broadway in 1997. The musical revolves around the efforts of John Adams to persuade his fellow members of the Continental Congress to vote for American independence and sign the document.

Directed by Bob Hibbard, the show stars Rodney Mize as John Adams, Carol Friend as Abigail Adams, Keith Haisten as Ben Franklin, and Michael Phifer as Thomas Jefferson. Rounding out the cast are Candace Brooks, Carter Mize, Nelson Bond, John Dubose, Micah Brooks, Daniel Robinson, Roy Shockey, Richard Hasting, Jim Hollowell, Greg Eberhart, Seth Bettis, Andy Martinez, Doug Barnes, Chuck Roy, Kevin Graham, Roy Person, Jonathan Mounce, Bryce Trull, Ben Morris, Val Vetter, Greg Hollen, Jim Horn, and Jim Dax.

Performances run July 20, 21, 22, 27, 28 and 29. Friday and Saturday shows are 7:30 PM with Sunday matinees at 2:00 PM. The box office and doors will open one hour prior to each performance. Tickets are $15 for adults and $7 for students. Discounts are available for groups of 10 or more.

For reservations and information, contact the box office at 903.569.2300. All performances will be at the Historic Select Theater, 114 N. Johnson Street, in Mineola.

Quitman Library Connections

BY LIBRARIAN DELENE ALLEN

During July, the Quitman Public Library is hosting Healthy Summer Meals for Kids every Tuesday – Friday at 11 a.m. This is a no-cost program for kids 18 years and younger. Call 903-763-4191 or stop by for more information.

Displayed near the front check out desk is a collection of the best summer reads selected by Melissa Frosch. Stop by and check it out.

The next 2nd Friday Acoustical Jam is Friday, August 10 from 6 – 9 p.m. Acoustical instruments only and listeners are always welcome. Beans and cornbread served at 7 p.m. This is a free event.

Hours are Tuesday through Friday from 10 a.m. until 6 p.m. Visit our pages at www.quitmanlibrary.org and www.facebook.com/quitmanpubliclibrary. Wi-Fi is available 24/7.

ADULT SERVICES

Knitting and crochet instruction class meets each Thursday 2 – 4 p.m. in the library's main gallery, and it will meet throughout the summer. Students of all ages and skill levels may bring their own supplies and join the group for this free instruction.

QPL's Get GED Ready class is on summer break and will resume September 6, 2018. For more information, call or stop by the library.

CHILDREN'S SERVICES

QPL Story Time is on a summer break until September 6, 2018. We have lined up a great schedule that will soon be posted on the library's website.

FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY

The Friends will be on summer break until Tuesday, September 11, 2018. The Friends of the Quitman Public Library is an active group of volunteers dedicated to the growth and improvement of the library.

GENEALOGY

The Wood County TX Genealogical Society will have volunteers on hand throughout the summer to assist you with your family history research, according to WCTGS President, David Gilbreath. Contact a member through the society's Facebook page at http://www.facebook.com/groups/woocotx.

ON DISPLAY

In the lobby showcase during July, is a collection of patriotic items on loan from Beverly Chamberlain. If you have items you would like to display in the monthly showcase, contact the library at 903-763-4191.

NEW ARRIVALS

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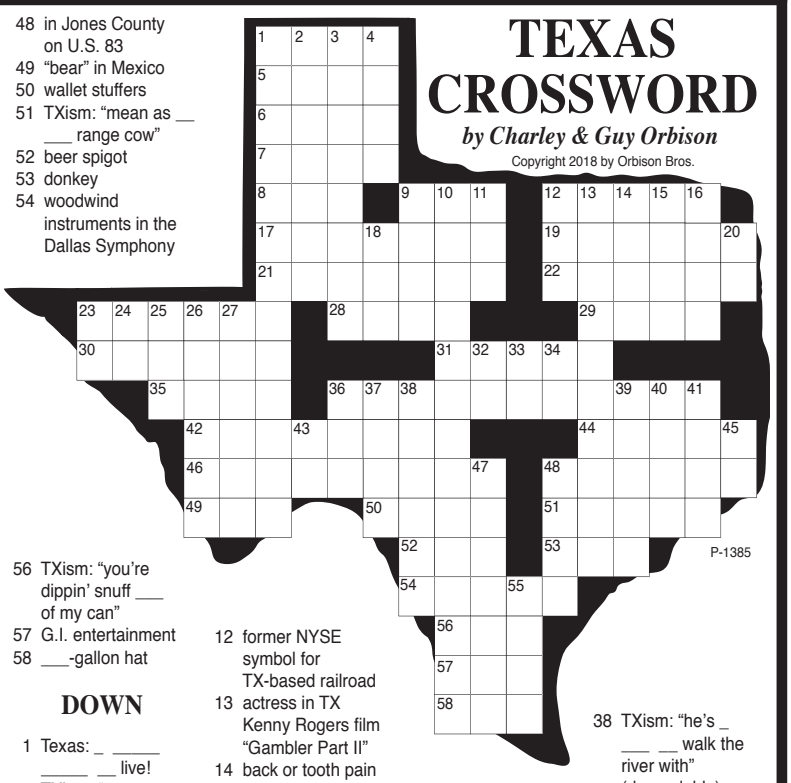

ACROSS

1 old TX "Dandy Don" show: "____ Monday Night Football
5 TXism: "never sign anything in the ____ of a neon light"
6 TXism for "smelly"
7 sports cable net.
8 TXism: "___ some gravel" (fell)
9 Denton university primarily for women
12 TX Tech color, with red
17 Roosevelt recruited "Teddy's _____" from TX ("Rough Riders")
19 TX-filmed "Terms of Endearment" actor _____son
21 Grand _____, TX
22 TX Vikki Carr hit: "With Pen __ ____"
23 lichens violet dye
28 ejected tobacco juice
29 this Lottie was a famous TX gambler
30 Mexican "week"
31 a Texan flew the scout plane for WWII "_____ Gay" atomic bomber
35 Waco tech. college
36 TXism: "gentle __ _ _____ __ _ merry-go-round"
42 "Remember ___ _____!"
44 Van _____, TX
46 TXism: "boring as a fishing trip ____ _ ____ warden"
48 in Jones County on U.S. 83
49 "bear" in Mexico
50 wallet stuffers
51 TXism: "mean as __ ___ range cow"
52 beer spigot
53 donkey
54 woodwind instruments in the Dallas Symphony
56 TXism: "you're dippin' snuff ___ of my can"
57 G.I. entertainment
58 ___-gallon hat

DOWN

1 Texas: _ _____ _____ __ live!
2 TXism: "_____ end" (tool handle)
3 _____ Cove, TX
4 historic "____ R. Swenson Cattle Company"
9 when repeated 3 times, a WWII film
10 TXism: "it's nothing to _____ ____ _____" (unimportant)
11 TXism: "___less as a milk bucket under a bull"
12 former NYSE symbol for TX-based railroad
13 actress in TX Kenny Rogers film "Gambler Part II"
14 back or tooth pain
15 Charlie or Jackie
16 San Antonio oldies AM/FM
18 TX actor Torn
20 TX actress Darnell (init.)
23 TXism: "brave __ a rodeo clown"
24 TX TV Tarzan, Ely (init.)
25 once a country cable network
26 TXism: "he's ___ ___ left feet" (bad dancer)
27 TXism: "__ ____ neck of the woods"
32 TXism: "close but __ cigar"
33 TXism: "I got knocked down a peg __ two"
34 Levi of blue jeans fame (init.)
36 pie ___ mode
37 edible starch from palm trees
38 TXism: "he's _ ___ __ walk the river with" (dependable)
39 _____ Park, TX
40 Rangerettes creator Gussie ____ Davis
41 amino or battery
43 TX media giant: _ _ Belo Co.
45 ex-Cowboy LB Ken (init.)
47 adopt a belief
48 this Lukas was with TX-born Steve Martin in 1992 "Leap of Faith"
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NOTICE TO CREDITORS
Notice is hereby given that original Letters Testamentary for the Estate of Jerry Lee Sinor, Deceased, were issued on July 9, 2018 under Docket Number 13,324, pending in the County Court of Wood County, Texas, to Anita Lorene Sinor.
Claims may be presented in care of the attorney for the Estate addressed as follows:
Anita Lorene Sinor, Independent Executor
Estate of Jerry Lee Sinor, Deceased
c/o Ben J. Kerr, III
Attorney at Law
P.O. Box 1029
Quitman, Texas 75783
All persons having claims against this Estate which is currently being administered are required to present them to the undersigned within the time and in the manner prescribed by law.
DATED the 9th day of July, 2018
Respectfully submitted,
Brown, Kerr, & King
By: Ben J. Kerr, III

NOTICE TO CREDITORS
Notice is hereby given that original Letters Testamentary for the Estate of Geneva Cook, Deceased, were issued on July 9, 2018, in Docket No. 13,320, pending in the County Court of Wood County, Texas, to: RUNYON McCLAIN TOLLIVER.
The address of the Independent Executor is:
c/o Adams & Coker, P.C.
4540 Kinsey Dr.
Tyler, Texas 75703
All persons having claims against this Estate which is currently being administered are required to present them within the time and in the manner prescribed by law.
Date: July 10, 2018.
ADAMS & COKER, P.C.
Attorneys for the Estate

Public Notice

NOTICE TO CREDITORS
Notice is hereby given that original Letters Testamentary for the Estate of Mary Louise Cullum, Deceased, were issued on July 9, 2018, in Cause No. 13,321, pending in the County Court of Wood County, Texas, to: HARDIE DARRELL INGRAM.
All persons having claims against this Estate which is currently being administered are required to present them to the undersigned within the time and in the manner prescribed by law.
c/o Kyle G. Waggoner
Attorney at Law
P.O. Box 1152
Mineola, Texas 75773

PUBLIC NOTICE
Notice is hereby given that a public hearing has been set for revision on the plat of Holly lake Ranch Subdivision.
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This 4700 sq ft home, listed by *Andy Guinn of Cornerstone Brokerage*, sold the 1st day on the market! Contents must go: 3 sofas; din. tables; din. chairs; campaign desks; ornate mirrors; chandeliers; Waterford vase; silv. plate & sterling selections; bookshelves; many books; lamps; misc. chairs; bed benches; framed art; stain glass; king bed; twin beds; rugs; vintg. glassware; home acces.; dishes; Tyler High Sch. yr.bks ('40's); desks; dressers; many table cloths; washer & dryer; refrig.; train sets; linens; over 100 frames; vanity stool; perfume bottles; huge amt. of clothing, shoes, & purses; men's sports coats; medical scales; armoire; seasonal selections; games; movies; CD's; wall décor; abundance of frames; 2 sew. mach.; fire screens; electronics; speakers; card tables & chairs; patio furn.; potting bench; bird houses; CD's; DVD's; children's tee-pees; tools; motorized scooter for seniors; bicycle; heaters; shop vac.; bi-fold doors; door hardware; soooo much more! **Pictures:** DivideAndConquerOfEastTexas.com

Sale #2 ~ Divide & Conquer Downsizing Sale at
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Inside Loop 323 & off S. College (near Bergfeld Park) turn east onto Mockingbird. Parking is on one side of the street only.

This charming Azalea District home is for sale and *offered by Andy Guinn of Cornerstone Brokerage*; contents must go: large din.table; 10 fabulous turquoise lacquered dining chairs with Chinoiserie decoration (circa 1900); antq. secretary; antq. curio cab.; sterling mint julep cups; Reed & Barton Burgundy sterl. silverware (12 place settings); "Union" china; Baccarat; Sabina; jade elephant; ruby cheetah; antq. brass lanterns; variety of art; parson chairs; queen beds; antq. umbrella stand; barley twist chairs; Lenox Christmas wreath china; 2 flat screen TV's; bird sculpture bird bath; lamps; front load. wash. & dry.; stainless steel refrig.; Bose Wave Radio; rattan swivel chairs; trunks; Hummels; antq. rockers; name brand shoes; tole tray; many books; poolside furniture; State of TX Capitol ornaments; wedding dress; NEW Exofficio, Outdoor Research, and Marmot clothes for women & men; copper selections; costume jewelry; backless bar stools; pet cages/pens; exerciser; yard tools; soooo much more! **Pictures:** DivideAndConquerOfEastTexas.com

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and issued pursuant to judgment decree(s) of the District Court of Wood County, Texas, by the Clerk of said Court on said date, in the hereinafter numbered and styled suit(s) and to me directed and delivered as Sheriff or Constable of said County, I have on July 12, 2018, seized, levied upon, and will, on the first Tuesday in August, 2018, the same being the 7th day of said month, at the East Door, Wood County Courthouse of the Courthouse of the said County, in the City of Quitman, Texas, between the hours of 10 o'clock a.m. and 4 o'clock p.m. on said day, beginning at 10:00 AM, proceed to sell for cash to the highest bidder all the right, title, and interest of the defendants in such suit(s) in and to the following described real estate levied upon as the property of said defendants, the same lying and being situated in the County of Wood and the State of Texas, to-wit:

Sale #	Cause # Judgment Date	Acct # Order Issue Date	Style of Case	Legal Description	Adjudged Value
1	T-1908 01/04/99	R25010 JULY 12, 2018	THE FOLLOWING PROPERTIES HAVE BEEN STRUCK-OFF AT PREVIOUS TAX SALES AND ARE NOW BEING OFFERED FOR RE-SALE WOOD COUNTY, ET AL VS. AMERICAN LAKESHORE CORPORATION, ET AL (TAX SALE HELD APRIL 6, 1999)	Lot 32, Block 3, Unit 3, Alba Lake Shores, according to the map or plat thereof recorded in Volume 4, Page 3, Plat Records of Wood County, Texas (#R25010)	$800.00
2	T-3057 04/15/08	R23009 JULY 12, 2018	WOOD COUNTY VS. W. H. PRINCE, ET AL (TAX SALE HELD OCTOBER 7, 2008)	10.00 acres, more or less, in the E. Wideman Survey, Abstract 604, described as the 1st Tract in a deed from Ellis Prince, et ux to Harrison Prince, filed in Volume 114, Page 414, Deed Records of Wood County, Texas; LESS & EXCEPT, the following tract of land: (1) 3.00 acres in the Wideman Survey, Abstract 604, from W. .H. Prince, et ux to Oscar Mitchel, recorded in Volume 174, Page 43, Deed Records of Wood County, Texas, (2) 1.00 acre, more or less, in the E. Wideman Survey, Abstract 604, from W. H. Prince, et ux to Mason Dean, filed in Volume 183, Page 518, Deed Records of Wood County, Texas and (3) 2.00 acres more or less, conveyed from W .H. Prince, et ux to G. S. Scott on November 19, 1940, in an unrecorded deed, but mentioned in Volume 183, Page 518, Deed Records of Wood County, Texas; leaving herein a residue of 4.00 acres, more or less (#R23009)	$20,000.00
3	T-3350 06/06/12	R28965 JULY 12, 2018	WOOD COUNTY, ET AL VS. EVERGREEN PARTNERSHIP, ET AL (TAX SALE HELD DECEMBER 4, 2012)	**Tract 5** Lot 90, Holly Lake Ranch, Part 1, Section III, an addition to Wood County, Texas, according to the map or plat thereof, recorded in Volume 4, Page 41, Map Records of Wood County, Texas (Acct #R28965)	$1,000.00
4	T-3350 06/06/12	R29013 JULY 12, 2018	WOOD COUNTY, ET AL VS. EVERGREEN PARTNERSHIP, ET AL (TAX SALE HELD DECEMBER 4, 2012)	**Tract 6** Lot 139, Holly Lake Ranch, Part II, Section III, an addition to Wood County, Texas, according to the map or plat thereof, recorded in Volume 4, Page 66, Map Records of Wood County, Texas (Acct #R29013)	$1,000.00
5	T-3350 06/06/12	R29022 JULY 12, 2018	WOOD COUNTY, ET AL VS. EVERGREEN PARTNERSHIP, ET AL (TAX SALE HELD DECEMBER 4, 2012)	**Tract 7** Lot 148, Holly Lake Ranch, Part II, Section III, an addition to Wood County, Texas according to the map or plat thereof recorded in Volume 4, Page 66, Map Records of Wood County, Texas (Acct #R29022)	$1,000.00
6	T-3350 06/06/12	R29023 JULY 12, 2018	WOOD COUNTY, ET AL VS. EVERGREEN PARTNERSHIP, ET AL (TAX SALE HELD DECEMBER 4, 2012)	**Tract 8** Lot 149, Holly Lake Ranch, Part II, Section III, an addition to Wood County, Texas, according to the map or plat thereof recorded in Volume 4, Page 66, Map Records of Wood County, Texas (Acct #R29023)	$1,000.00
7	T-3350 06/06/12	R29042 JULY 12, 2018	WOOD COUNTY, ET AL VS. EVERGREEN PARTNERSHIP, ET AL (TAX SALE HELD DECEMBER 4, 2012)	**Tract 9** Lot 168, Holly Lake Ranch, Part II, Section III, an addition to Wood County, Texas, according to the map or plat thereof recorded in Volume 4, Page 66, Map Records of Wood County, Texas (Acct #R29042)	$1,000.00
8	T-3350 06/06/12	R29047 JULY 12, 2018	WOOD COUNTY, ET AL VS. EVERGREEN PARTNERSHIP, ET AL (TAX SALE HELD DECEMBER 4, 2012)	**Tract 10** Lot 173, Holly Lake Ranch, Part II, Section III, an addition to Wood County, Texas, according to the map or plat thereof recorded in Volume 4, Page 66, Map Records of Wood County, Texas (Acct #R29047)	$1,000.00
9	T-3350 06/06/12	R30588 JULY 12, 2018	WOOD COUNTY, ET AL VS. EVERGREEN PARTNERSHIP, ET AL (TAX SALE HELD DECEMBER 4, 2012)	**Tract 19** Lot 6, Holly Lake Ranch, Part I, Section VIII, an addition to Wood County, Texas, according to the map or plat thereof recorded in Volume 7, Page 10, Map Records of Wood County, Texas (Acct #R30588)	$6,500.00
10	T-3350 06/06/12	R30592 JULY 12, 2018	WOOD COUNTY, ET AL VS. EVERGREEN PARTNERSHIP, ET AL (TAX SALE HELD DECEMBER 4, 2012)	**Tract 21** Lot 10, Holly Lake Ranch, Part I, Section VIII, an addition to Wood County, Texas, according to the map or plat thereof recorded in Volume 7, Page 10, Map Records of Wood County, Texas (Acct #R30592)	$6,500.00
11	T-3384 11/20/12	R25324 JULY 12, 2018	WOOD COUNTY, ET AL VS. MARY REBECCA COKER, ET AL (TAX SALE HELD MAY 7, 2013)	Lot 128, Tract 2, Section 2, Big Woods Springs Addition, an addition to Wood County, Texas, according to the map or plat thereof, recorded in Volume 5, Page 43, Map Records of Wood County, Texas (R25324)	$1,000.00
12	T-3637 03/02/16	R10728 JULY 12, 2018	WOOD COUNTY, ET AL VS. LAURIE HILL, A/K/A LAUREL CARLINE HILL, ET AL (TAX SALE HELD MAY 2, 2017)	**TRACT 1 & 2 ARE BEING SOLD TOGETHER - ONE COMBINED BID** **Tract 1** 2.00 acres, more or less, situated in the H. Anderson Survey, Abstract 9, Wood County, Texas, as described in deed dated August 23, 1991, from Harold Harris to Laurie Hill, in Volume 1296, Page 517, Real Records of Wood County, Texas. (R10728)	$19,420.00
13	T-3637 03/02/16	R65277 JULY 12, 2018	WOOD COUNTY, ET AL VS. LAURIE HILL, A/K/A LAUREL CARLINE HILL, ET AL (TAX SALE HELD MAY 2, 2017)	Tract 2 0.148 acres, more or less, situated in the H. Anderson Survey, Abstract 9, Wood County, Texas, as described in deed dated August 23, 1991, from Harold Harris to Laurie Hill, in Volume 1296, Page 517, Real Property Records of Wood County, Texas (R65277)	$1,310.00
14	T-3890 05/30/17	R11741 JULY 12, 2018	WOOD COUNTY, ET AL VS. ELLIS E. PRINCE, ET AL (TAX SALE HELD NOVEMBER 7, 2017)	All that certain tract of land situated in the George Brewer Survey, Abstract 41, Wood County, Texas, described as 22.810 acres, more or less, as Tract 3, in deed dated February 26, 1980, from Willie McCoy, et al to Wendell Webster Prince, et al, in Volume 801, Page 92, Deed Records of Wood County, Texas; SAVE & EXCEPT however, that certain 1.848 acres tract described as First & Second Tracts in Volume 826, Page 869, Deed Records of Wood County, Texas, leaving herein a residue of 20.9620 acres, more or less (#R11741)	$63,690.00
15	T-2728 10/03/06	R24429 JULY 12, 2018	UPSHUR COUNTY, ET AL VS. MAX THWEATT, ET AL (TAX WARRANT SALE HELD OCTOBER 2, 2007)	3.18 acres, more or less, situated in the W H Flanagin Survey, Abstract 678, Wood County, Texas, described in deed dated December 22, 1975, from George S. Lemon to Max Thweatt, et ux, recorded in Volume 933, Page 710, Deed Records of Wood County, Texas (#R24429)	$25,470.00
16	T-3221 02/19/09	50151 JULY 12, 2018	WOOD COUNTY VS. JOHN RAY RAGAINS, ET AL (TAX WARRANT SALE HELD MAY 5, 2009)	Lot 241, Part 1, Section 9, Holly Lake Ranch, Wood County, Texas, according to the map or plat thereof, recorded in Volume 8, Page 16, Map Records of Wood County, Texas (#R31460 Harmony ISD)	$8,500.00
17	T-3709 10/31/13	R20766 JULY 12, 2018	WOOD COUNTY, ET AL VS. KENNETH ANDREW MENEES, ET AL (TAX WARRANT SALE HELD MAY 6, 2014)	1.70 acres, more or less, situated in the Peter Roselle Survey, Abstract 496, Wood County, Texas, as described in deed dated December 14, 1971, from Jessie Alleene Menees, Executrix of the Estate of W. A. Menees, deceased to Kenneth Andrew Menees, et al, in Volume 654, Page 286, Deed Records of Wood County, Texas (#R20766)	$8,500.00
18	T-3865 02/26/15	R22681 JULY 12, 2018	WOOD COUNTY, ET AL VS. PRESTON CAMPBELL, ET AL (TAX WARRANT SALE HELD MAY 5, 2015)	All that certain lot, parcel or tract of land known as 1.5 acres, more or less, in the M .H. Ussery Survey, Abstract 595, described in Warranty Deed from Will Ella Monroe to Preston Campbell, recorded in Volume 416, Page 396, Deed Records of Wood County, Texas, as described on the tax rolls of Wood County, Texas (#R22681)	$12,020.00
19	T-3872 03/24/15	R28239 JULY 12, 2018	WOOD COUNTY, ET AL VS. JIMMY RAY WINN, ET AL (TAX WARRANT SALE HELD NOVEMBER 3, 2015)	Lot K-28, Lake Holbrook Estates, a subdivision in Wood County, Texas, according to the map or plat thereof, recorded in Volume 6, Page 1, Map Records of Wood County, Texas (#R28239)	$8,040.00
20	T-3923 10/01/15	R25428 JULY 12, 2018	WOOD COUNTY, ET AL VS. ALTON R. BEARDEN, ET AL (TAX WARRANT SALE HELD MAY 3, 2016)	Lot 421, Tract 2, Big Woods Springs Addition, Section 1, a subdivision in Wood County, Texas, according to the map or plat thereof, recorded in Volume 5, Page 41, Plat Records of Wood County, Texas (#R25428)	$750.00
21	T-3932 11/10/15	R25367 JULY 12, 2018	WOOD COUNTY, ET AL VS. GORDON R. FOLMER, ET AL (TAX WARRANT SALE HELD NOVEMBER 1, 2016)	Lot 245, Tract 2, Big Wood Addition, Section 3, an addition to Wood County, Texas, according to the map or plat thereof, recorded in Volume 5, Page 53, Plat Records of Wood County, Texas (#R25367)	$1,000.00
22	T-3983 06/21/16	R25534 JULY 12, 2018	WOOD COUNTY, ET AL VS. JOSEPH ELSAS STALLINGS, ET AL (TAX WARRANT SALE HELD NOVEMBER 1, 2016)	Lot 438, Tract 3, Section 1, Big Woods Springs Addition, an addition to Wood County, Texas, according to the map or plat thereof, recorded in Volume 6, Page 6, Plat Records of Wood County, Texas (#R25534)	$1,000.00
23	T-3984 06/21/16	R40058 JULY 12, 2018	CITY OF WINNSBORO VS. ROLANDO ESQUIVEL, ET AL (TAX WARRANT SALE HELD NOVEMBER 1, 2016)	0.269 acre, more or less, situated in the Gray B. King Survey, Abstract 3, City of Winnsboro, Wood County, Texas, described in deed dated August 26, 1976, from G. L. Elledge, et ux to M. B. Wetzel, et ux, in Volume 727, Page 146, Deed Records of Wood County, Texas (#R40058)	$22,940.00
24	T-3998 07/18/16	R28216 JULY 12, 2018	WOOD COUNTY, ET AL VS. MILLIE HOLLINS (TAX WARRANT SALE HELD NOVEMBER 1, 2016)	Lot 17, Lake Holbrook Estates, Unit "J", an addition in Wood County, Texas, according to the map or plat thereof, recorded in Volume 6, Page 1, Plat Records of Wood County, Texas (#R28216)	$8,040.00
25	T-4018 10/11/16	R52627 JULY 12, 2018	WOOD COUNTY, ET AL VS. ERMA CARLTON (TAX WARRANT SALE HELD MAY 2, 2017)	2.00 acres, more or less, situated in the A. J. Smith Survey, Abstract 675, Wood County, Texas, described in deed dated October 1, 1985, from Kathryn Peterson to Erma Carlton, in Volume 990, Page 776, Real Property Records of Wood County, Texas (R52627)	$9,440.00
26	T-4118 11/17/17	R79798 JULY 12, 2018	CITY OF WINNSBORO, ET AL VS. ANNIE JEAN JONES (TAX WARRANT SALE HELD MAY 1, 2018)	Lot 14B, Block N-1, City of Winnsboro, Wood County, Texas, described in Volume 646, Page 67, Deed Records of Wood County, Texas (#R79798)	$14,770.00

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Dated at Quitman, Texas, July 12, 2018

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Sheriff Tom Castloo
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Security

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sures include door locks in each classroom, moving the Nurse's Office to the elementary school campus, and replacement of the old analog telephone system with a multi-functional digital system. All of the above measures are either completed or underway.

Violence prevention measures recently taken include employing a school counselor at each campus. Tunnell said one of her goals is to be "addressing the social and emotional needs of the students." The issue of "bullying" featured prominently in later citizen comments.

Tunnell described the COPsync communications system which is the latest alert technology adopted by the school. It replaces the 911 network, and allows for an instantaneous alert of local police and security officers.

Questions from the gathered parents largely fell into one of four categories: present security procedures, arming teachers and related issues, physical security, and cyberbullying. The most recent security processes were described as establishing the school's own police department and executing a Memorandum of Agreement with Mineola Police Department for mutual support.

The school's latest procedures for dealing with an armed intruder is the "run, hide, fight" sequence. Issuing security alert can be accomplished through the new communications system.

The possibility of arming teachers spawned the most discussion. Attorney Carlo D'Angelo gave a short tutorial on potential school board and individual liability. D'Angelo argued "The policy must be reasonable and supported by data." As an alternative to arming teachers, he suggested a matching funds type arrangement between the school district and the city to employ additional police officers for the school.

Constable Smith addressed possible training regimes for teachers stating, "Arming the teachers is not a small thing … they will be trained more than any police officer." Smith stated he believed that the training regimen would be so onerous the armed teacher program would likely be short-lived.

Abbott clarified there is no timeline for instituting an armed teacher program, and vetting procedures for admission to the program would be locally prepared.

A brief discussion of logistics followed, as one mother in the audience admitted, "I have five kids and cannot hide one thing from them." In response, Tunnell described how others schools employing an armed teacher program place a gun safe in each classroom. Inside the safe would be either a weapon or pepper spray.

Evan and Dorothy Hubbard offered good examples of the inputs received from the citizenry. Mr. Hubbard received the first applause of the evening when stating, "My biggest concern is the outside security of the school." Mrs. Hubbard followed up by commenting, "Make the school a deterrent!" Physical security of the school grounds and the school buildings were touched upon by many of those who came forth to speak.

The problem of cyberbullying closed the town hall. In addition to describing the Stop It application and the Crime Stoppers program, Tunnell detailed the possible consequences of cyberbullying. Those consequences include counseling, referral to alternative campus, and referral to the police. She affirmed to the crowd that the school already monitors students' social media.

Officer Cook and Chief Bittner both advised that increased interaction between police and students does have a positive influence in the efforts to curb cyberbullying.

Bittner added, regarding police presence at the schools, "It's not budgeted for, we just do it."

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Psalm 128

Zechariah was troubled by what he saw, and fear came upon him. But the angel said to him, "Do not be afraid, Zechariah, because your prayer has been heard. Your wife Elizabeth will bear you a son, and you shall name him John. And you will have joy and gladness, and many will rejoice at his birth, for he will be great in the sight of the Lord. John will drink neither wine nor strong drink. He will be filled with the Holy Spirit even from his mother's womb, and he will turn many of the children of Israel to the Lord their God. He will go before him in the spirit and power of Elijah to turn their hearts toward their children and the disobedient to the understanding of the righteous, to prepare a people fit for the Lord."

Luke 1: 12-17

Obituaries

RICKEY DOUGLAS LOVE
1950-2018

MINEOLA-A celebration of life for Rickey Douglas Love, Rick, will be held Saturday July 21 at 3 p.m. at Beaty Funeral Home. Visitation with the family will be at 2 p.m. preceding the service.

Mr. Love died July 11, 2018. He was born January 6, 1950 in Texarkana, Arkansas. He was a 1969 graduate of Mineola High School where he was Student Council president; first chair trumpet player and, as most would attest, the class clown. He served in the U.S. Coast Guard.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Kim; father, Zeb Love and brother, Travis Love.

He is survived by his mother, Mary Mustarde; daughter, Crystal Mullican; sons Jason Rains-Love, Dillon Love and Noble Willingham; siblings Mike Love, Debbie Love Babb, Gary Love, David Love and numerous nieces and nephews.

Q.C. DAVIS
1960-2018

MINEOLA-Graveside services for Q.C. Davis, 58 of Mineola, were held June 16 at the Davis Family Cemetery.

Mr. Davis died June 11, 2018, in Tyler. He was born January 9, 1960 in Muskogee, Oklahoma to Paul and Bonita Davis. He was a musician and also owned eyeglass repair businesses.

He was preceded in death by his natural and adoptive parents; brothers John and Kim and sister, Marlene.

Survivors include his wife, Marilyn Davis of Mineola; four sons, John Paul Davis of Tyler, Brandon Levi Davis of Mineola, Matthew Alexander Courleon Davis of Tinker AFB, Oklahoma, Daniel Christopher Davis of Mineola and daughter, Angel Davis-Warren of Mineola; sisters Kellie Wright of Tecumseh, Oklahoma Tamera Davis, Scottsdale, Arizona Cathy Antle of Oklahoma, Judy Schumacher of Mineola, and Suzanne and Mary Ann of Arizona also a brother, Roger Davis of Austin.

NORVAL JEAN CONNER
1943-2018

MINEOLA-Funeral services for Norval Jean Conner, 74 of Chula Vista, California and formerly of Mineola, were held at Mater Dei Catholic Church in Chula Vista on Friday, July 13 with Military Honors.

He died July 6, 2018 in Chula Vista. He was born July 10, 1943 in Oregon to Clifton and Alice Conner. He proudly retired as a Storekeeper Senior Chief after a 20 year career in the United States Navy.

He was preceded in death by daughter, Rose, son, Robert and sisters, Alice and Betty.

He is survived by his wife, Remie; daughters, Alice, Floramaye and Norma; son Reuel; 15 grandchildren; brothers Nelson and Neil and sister, Patricia.

Sheriff

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Deputies responded to a suspicious vehicle on CR 3540 near Hawkins at approximately 11:25 p.m. Deputies located the vehicle and everything was OK.

July 2 - Deputies received a reference to fraud call to SPUR 514 near Yantis. Actors or actors unknown bought a printer from the reporting party with counterfeit money. The case was forwarded to investigators.

Deputies were dispatched to Oak St. in Yantis about 10:52 a.m. in reference to an alarm. Upon arrival deputies noticed an open door on the building. They checked and nothing appeared to be missing.

Deputies spoke with the reporting party in reference to criminal mischief that occurred on CR 3947 near Hawkins. Deputies told the reporting party that extra patrol would be provided.

Deputies were dispatched to FM 69 near Como at approximately 12:13 p.m. in reference to a dispute. Those involved were separated for the day.

Deputies spoke with the reporting person regarding harassment that occurred on CR 4930 near Quitman. Deputies gave the person advice and left the scene.

Deputies were dispatched to PR 6645 near Mineola on a criminal mischief but they did not observe any criminal mischief.

Deputies were dispatched to Comanche near Quitman in reference to a disturbance. The people were separated for the day .

Deputies were dispatched to FM 69 near Como on an assault call. The case was forwarded to investigators.

A criminal trespass report was made at approximately 5:28 p.m. on CR 3420 near Hawkins. Deputies spoke with people involved and cleared the incident.

Deputies were dispatched to FM 852 near Winnsboro on a suspicious circumstances call. Deputies located the suspicious activity and everything was OK.

Blalock receives Houston Livestock and Rodeo scholarship

Lane Blalock

Seventy Texas FFA members were presented with $1.4 million in scholarships from the Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo during the 90th Texas FFA State Convention in Fort Worth, Texas, on Wednesday, July 11. Receiving a $20,000 scholarship was Quitman FFA member and 2018 Quitman High School valedictorian Lane Blalock.

"The very first Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo scholarship was presented in the amount of $2,000 to a Texas FFA member more than 60 years ago," said Joel Cowley, Rodeo president and CEO. "We are proud to continue this tradition today by providing $1.4 million to these talented and deserving students in furtherance of their educational and career goals."

Each student will receive a $20,000 scholarship from the Rodeo to apply toward a four-year undergraduate degree at a Texas college or university of their choice. Representing 59 different cities in Texas, the 70 recipients are 67 percent female and 33 percent male. The students recognized today will major in 25 different fields of study, with the top three majors being Animal Science, Agribusiness and Biology.

Scholarship recipients were selected by Texas FFA officials based on the students' involvement with the program, academic achievements and financial need. These scholarships represent a portion of the Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo's annual commitment of more than $26 million to scholarships, research, endowments, calf scramble participants, junior show exhibitors, School Art participants and other educational programs.

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Pamela Jean McGee Riley
April 17, 1947 to July 15, 2018

Pam Riley, age 71, of Cartwright, TX went to be with her Lord and Savior on July 15, 2018. She was preceded in death by her parents, John W. and Bertha Sanford, both of East Point, TX, and her brother, Philip, of Dallas.

She is survived by her beloved husband Patrick Riley, devoted sons Jon Weigel of Cartwright, TX, Duke McGee of Cartwright, TX and Patrick Riley of White Oak, TX, and her three adored grandchildren, Brianna Weigel, and Korbin and Kash McGee.

Pam was born in Dallas, TX, and moved to Wood County in 1979 where she worked in real estate and then at Fidelity Express. Upon semi-retiring she worked alongside her husband Pat in his cattle hoof-trimming business where she did the books, but also masterfully wrangled.

Pam had a deep and abiding appreciation for Wood County and had an active interest in nature, gardening, and anything botanical. From those combined interests and loves, and her studies as a Wood County Master Gardener, Pam became the driving force behind an ambitious project; to create and develop the Quitman Arboretum. From that vision, she worked with countless volunteers to develop the Arboretum as a non-profit entity. She then led those volunteers through a master plan that has created a destination and showpiece for Quitman. Since the Arboretum's inception in 2007, Friends of the Arboretum have added a gazebo, pergola, many gardens, improved walking trails, and a storage building in keeping with the look of the Stinson house. Under Pam's watch, FOA eventually took control of the historical Stinson House to ensure its upkeep and rich heritage. The Arboretum and the house now serve as a focal point of Quitman, and a destination spot where events and gatherings are held.

Pam loved Texas, Wood County, and Quitman. And, right in the center of it all, she fiercely loved the Arboretum that she founded and ultimately became the Chairman of the Board of.

A celebration of her life, officiated by Fred Morrow, will be held at 10:00 a.m. on Saturday, July 21, 2018 at the Quitman Arboretum, 100 Gov. Hogg Pkwy, Quitman, TX 75783. Following, Friends of the Arboretum will hold a tree planting ceremony in her honor, and then host a brief reception.

The family wishes to thank Pam's caregivers with Reflections Hospice of Texas in Quitman for their gentle care in her illness. The family also offers much gratitude to devoted friend, Linda "Sassy" Cowan, for her abundant kindness and her compassionate and loving care during Pam's extended illness.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions can be gifted in Pam's honor to: Friends of the Arboretum, PO Box 1395, Quitman, TX 75783

Patricia Lou Sevenants
1939 - 2018

Somewhere over the rainbow bluebirds fly…

Our angel on earth, our Mom, our friend, and Michael's beloved wife, returned to the heavenly place over the rainbow, way up high, where her dreams that came true on this earth surely will continue.

Patricia Lou Sevenants (*previously Gunn*) came into this world on June 2, 1939. Her gentleness, kindness, and overflowing happiness brought love, light, and hope to many. She lived in a state of colorful, innocent, confetti fun and re-gifted that throughout her journey on this beautiful place we call earth. She loved dandelions, purple clovers, and thistles as much as her beloved peonies, irises, and roses.

Pat mothered her own kids and family as well as many beating hearts which she came into contact. Her Snow White "save the animals," "help others," "pass it forward," "we can do anything," "we are so blessed" aura was contagious. We can honestly say that our home housed a plethora of friends, acquaintances, occasional strangers and of course, animals that needed refuge. She gave us the tools to be kind, honest, and fun. She taught us what being spontaneous was, as well as steady. She taught us endless optimism, resourcefulness, love, and celebration.

Pat's more earthly contributions were abundant. She loved her sweet husband, Michael, for thirty four years. She raised four daughters and was a positive influence and friend for her three step-children. When she was a stay-at-home mom, she was president of the PTA, an incredibly creative Girl Scout leader, author of the column "Much A Do" in our local paper, active in our local garden club, and the neighborhood "go to" mom for just about everything. She later worked full time as a successful market researcher. She was a talented renovator, decorator, and landscaper bringing life to whatever project she undertook.

Pat was a deep and devoted animal lover, literally helping to save thousands of animals. After retiring to Mineola, she was a central figure in starting Animal Preservation of East Texas (APET), a no kill animal organization. She happily spent tireless hours at adoption fairs and with follow up visits to ensure each animal was treated properly. She was instrumental in creating the APET thrift store (Doggone Good Stuff) and in helping to establish a physical shelter to serve Wood County.

Pat is survived by her husband Michael Sevenants; her four girls and their spouses Ginny and Scott Erke, Kathy and Lee Rainey, Jamie Gunn, Amanda and Casey Smeller; her three step children and their spouses Philip and Katie Sevenants, Chuck and Tammy Sevenants, and Cara and Lou Peluso. She is also survived by her last remaining sister, Sandy Phillips; sixteen grandchildren, Andrew, Zachary, Jacob, Sarah and Grace Rainey; Blue, Faith and Isa Gunn; Dylan Mercer, Cade, Cooper and Chloe Smeller; Mackenzie Wennerberg, Charlie and Taylor Sevenants; Lucas Sevenants; and one great-grandson, Emery Mercer. Her love and generosity will continue to shine through many she encountered. We learned how to LOVE, to truly LOVE, from a woman that LOVED greatly. She believed it and so do we…that somewhere over the rainbow bluebirds really do fly!

Pat asks that you remember her by doing kindness without judgement for someone every day and by showing compassion for animals especially those in need.

In lieu of flowers, she asks that you carry on her mission by donating to APET, PO Box 381, Mineola, TX 75773.

A memorial service will be held at 1:00 p.m. on Saturday, July 21, 2018 at The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints in Quitman.

Many saddled up for the fun

Carmen Carrasco was named the 2018 Junior Miss Mineola Fire Department Rodeo Queen. She is the daughter of Juan and Kelli Carrasco of Mineola.

Tyler Johnson, Athens, hangs on for a good ride in the bareback competition at Saturday's Mineola Fire Department Rodeo. (Monitor photo by Larry Tucker)

Kaylie Roberts was crowned 2018 Miss Mineola Fire Department Rodeo Queen. She is the daughter of Todd and Lori Roberts of Mineola.

The final night of the 56th Annual Mineola Fire Department Rodeo got a rousing patriotic start in front of a packed house at the arena. (Monitor photo by Larry Tucker)

This cowboy gets a good dismount in steer wrestling competition at the Mineola Fire Department Rodeo Saturday evening. (Monitor photo by Larry Tucker)

Eli McGahee had a great ride to the buzzer in the saddle bronc competition at Saturday's Mineola Fire Department Rodeo.

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