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## ALL ABOARD FOR BIG HOUSE

Jack Dalluge, left, and Adam Mueller carry lumber to be used in construction of a shade structure for dogs at the APET animal shelter west of Mineola. Youngsters and adult leaders from the BIG HOUSE ministry program were recently in Mineola to lend a hand in a number of worthy projects. SEE STORY & PHOTOS, Page 10A. (Photo by Hank Murphy).

## Quitman hires new city secretary/administrator

By LARRY TUCKER

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A veteran municipal administrator will be the new City Secretary/Administrator for Quitman. Andrew Kloefkorn is headed to take over the job most recently held by Alice Ingram. Quitman Mayor David Dobbs made the announcement Friday. "The mission of the City of Quitman is to consistently provide a high level of service delivery and

an exceptional quality of life to all who live, work, and visit our city," Dobbs observed. "In support of that goal, we seek to bring on board employees who will embrace that vision. As such, it is important that all of us have the ability to provide accurate and timely services to our residents and elected officials."

Kloefkorn has over eight years of government and non-profit experience. He comes to Quitman from his most recent position as a

management analyst with the City of Irving, where he helped to shape the strategic plan and performance management. Previously, he has worked as a budget analyst and community liaison at the City of Lewisville. He has also worked at the state level with the Human Service Department in New Mexico. He holds a Bachelor's of Science degree in Political Science from East-

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## Newspaper's Quitman office on the move

By ZAK WELLERMAN

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After 10 years in its current location, the Wood County Monitor office in Quitman has returned to its downtown roots near the square.

The newspaper has been at its location on East Goode Street since 2008. The move was made yesterday.

As the Wood County Democrat, the newspaper offices on the square north of the county courthouse for many decades. The Quitman office will now be more

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## This Week in Your Neighborhood

• "Tips for Tots" is set for Monday night at AJ's Fish House on Highway 17 just south of FM 515 at Lake Fork. There will be "celebrity" waiters, AJ's famous fish buffet, a bake sale, live auction, a raffle of a Henry Golden Boy rifle and many other surprises. All waiter tips and activity proceeds from the event are used solely to support the foster children of Wood County.

• The Wood County Old Settlers Reunion begins tonight with carnival rides, several different vendors, Bingo and entertainment with Dale "The C" Cummings under the

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Mineola city council previewed a scale version of the planned mural.

## RETURNING HOME TO PAINT THE TOWN



Lauren Pitre

Local artist to showcase her work on downtown building

By HANK MURPHY

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Lauren Pitre fell in love with painting as a college student in Tyler, and now she'll pursue her passion on a 3,000-square-foot brick canvas in the heart of her hometown.

Pitre, 25, a 2011 graduate of Mineola High School and newly minted degree-holder in fine arts from the University of Texas-Tyler, has been

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## Carnival kicks off 116th Old Settlers tonight

By LARRY TUCKER

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It all started with an idea more than 120 years ago.

The 116th version of the Old Settlers Reunion kicks off tonight with carnival attractions,

bingo and ice cream along with a variety of vendors.

J.L. Ray came up with the idea of an Old Settlers Reunion and went public with it in 1898. His persistence for such a festival paid off a year later when a meeting was held August 2,

1899 to organize the event.

The long-gone Quitman News carried the first known stories on the Old Settlers reunion with an August 11 account written by R.M. Smith.

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Mineola graduate earns baseball honor



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## Tucker's Turf

By Larry Tucker

Starting next week, I'm going to turn this column space over to the new guys, Hank Murphy and Zak Wellerman, as I head on over to the sports side of the *Monitor*. I will occasionally fill in every now and then in this space, but I am going to have plenty to do on the sports pages. I won't be totally out of the news department, as I will still be covering what is going on at the Wood County Courthouse.

I am a 12-stepper as many of you already know. I also am one of those who constantly repeats the Serenity Prayer many times each day, especially the first line, "God grant me the serenity to accept the things I cannot change."

There are "things" all of us could probably change to make our lives better. Trying to change a person's mind or opinion is not one of them. Anyone who knows me can pretty much figure where I stand politically, socially and spiritually. I am not shy. But I have learned simply to make my side of a subject known while I must seek the "serenity" card when I am in disagreement on some matters.

Most of my friends hang with me even if most disagree with me on certain subjects. They are



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not going to change my opinions and I am surely not making a dent in theirs. So, with the first line of the prayer, I seek serenity and to keep my big mouth shut so I can listen and respect another's thoughts and feelings without argument. I truly respect what others believe and by listening instead of speaking, I might actually understand another's reasons for what they say and get to know them better as a person. Friends are too dear to me as I get older, to let silly differences cause problems. I'm at the point in my life where I would rather have friends, the to feel like I have won a battle of words.

The second line of that prayer "give me the courage to change the things I can," I take personally and try to change those things in my world about me which might make it better for everyone including myself. I understand this line as one encouraging me to have the courage to change things about me. Sometimes things do come along which need to be done and they may not be popular, but as a journalist I have to do them. Just because someone is a friend or even relative, I can't keep their

names or their kid's names out of arrests reports or convictions in court. Believe me, it's not always comfortable, but you simply have to be fair and treat everyone equally.

Throughout my life I have been an activist joining groups or individuals working for changes which I deemed were good. Sometimes changes were made for the good and other times, things didn't work out as planned, but the effort was made.

That last line of the prayer, "And give me the wisdom to know the difference," is the tricky one for me. I have never been known for having too much wisdom, but as I have grown into the senior citizen era of my life, I hope I have a bit more wisdom than in the days of drinking all night, working all day and repeating that process on a daily basis.

These days I now fully understand what my Dad meant when he said "Pick your battles son, the war is never over." My Dad was probably the wisest man I have ever known. Although my Dad passed away in 2004, the older I get, the wiser he has become.

And beginning in the near future, this corner of the *Monitor* will be in good hands, Hank's and Zak's.

## 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.

ALANON - 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@texascellinet.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 QJSD 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, 903-569-3362.

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 1:30 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.

To add a listing to the calendar, email editor@woodcountymonitor.com or news@woodcountymonitor.com or call 903-569-2442 or 903-763-4522.

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## Dump truck to blame for Wood County electrical outages

Roughly 4,700 Wood County Electric Cooperative customers were without service July 25 after a dump truck met a transmission line in the Grand Saline area.

Paige Eaton, WCEC director of communications, said in a statement the large truck hit the line while doing construction work at about 4:30 p.m.

The line goes to three WCEC substations. Eaton said the Alba, Golden and Grand Saline areas were affected with roughly 4,692 WCEC's meters out.

"WCEC crews were able to use a system loop, built for such cases, to restore power to 3,305 meters by 5:17 p.m.," she said. "Power was restored to the remaining 1,387 meters in the Grand Saline region, at 5:46 p.m., when AEP SWEPCO repaired their transmission line."

The incident with the dump truck showed the importance of being aware of power lines in the area.

"This event is a good reminder for all, that failure to notice high voltage power lines can cause damage, outages, and while not the case here, can also be deadly," Eaton said. "Always be aware of the location of power lines, especially when operating any elevating machinery, poles or ladders."

## Hawkins woman awaits sentencing in \$1.8M embezzlement case

TYLER – Lina Su, also known as Lina Perkins, of Hawkins awaits sentencing in U.S. District Court in Tyler after pleading guilty June 7 in connection with the embezzlement of \$1.8 million.

Sentencing in federal cases generally takes three to six months after a finding of guilt, according to a spokesperson for the U.S. Attorney for the Eastern District of Texas. A sentencing hearing will be scheduled after the completion of a presentence investigation by the U.S. Probation Office. Under federal statutes, Su faces a maximum of life in federal prison; however, a plea bargain was struck before her guilty plea. The plea agreement remains under seal.

Su, 49, pleaded guilty June 7 to two counts of wire fraud and one count of money laundering before U.S. Magistrate Judge K. Nicole Mitchell, according to the U.S. Attorney's Office in Tyler.

The government alleged that in March of 2017, Su made several unauthorized wire transfers from VIG Furniture bank accounts into an account she controlled at City National Bank in Sulphur Springs. In 2015 and 2016, she also made unauthorized transfers from Airport Van Rental and ACE Medical Transport bank accounts into her personal checking account. In addition, Su used funds from those companies' accounts to make personal credit card payments, purchase land, and pay contractors constructing her home in Wood County. Altogether, Su embezzled and transferred over \$1.8 million from the California companies she was working for during the time period, according to federal prosecutors. Su was indicted by a federal grand jury on Dec. 13, 2017, and arrested in January.

The case was investigated by the Internal Revenue Service, Criminal Investigation, Tyler Office, the Vernon California Police Department, and prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorneys Jim Noble and Robert Wells with the assistance of the Financial Litigation Unit.

## Commissioners sponsor law enforcement grant applications

Wood County Commissioners approved sponsorships of three grant applications for a possible K-9 unit and responder communication devices during the July 27 meeting.

The court approved Wood County Precinct Two Constable Kelly Smith's request to submit an application with the K-9 Officers Grant Program. He told the commissioners the grant would fund necessary training for the unit and make him the handler.

Smith also said he would take the K-9 to area school districts to teach students about the use of dogs in law enforcement.

"I also run and maintain an Explorer program where we would be able to utilize the canine unit at the two local school districts and so the youth in our community can see, first hand, the benefits of a canine," Smith said in the application questionnaire.

In the application questionnaire, Smith said the county does not have K-9 unit and constable's office has not had one at all.

"The other agencies that have tried to have one seem to be short-lived due to turnover. I have been a officer for about 21 years with a background with DEA Taskforce, attended the FBI Academy and a former police chief," Smith said. "I decided to become constable in order to keep local enforcement efforts strong with relationships with the schools and the community. I understand the importance and the dedication required to employ and maintain a canine unit due to my past experience as a police chief where we had two successful units."

He also mentioned to the court that he and his wife own a veterinary clinic that supports K-9 units in the area.

Smith presented two other grant application requests: one with the Enbridge Safe Community Grant Program and the other with the Plains First Responder Grant Program.

The Enbridge Safe Community Grant is to purchase a handheld radio to help with first responder activities, such as fire, law enforcement and police departments. Smith said the current radio is more than 11 years old and not reliable.

The Plains First Responder Grant is to purchase a mobile radio for the constable first responder vehicle, handheld radio to be carried on person and a vehicle repeater so radios can reach towers and transmit correctly, Smith said in the request form.

He added that the current mobile radio is plagued by dead spots when it out of reach of the towers.

### Other Agenda Items

Commission approved five personnel actions. Tamara Franconia-Rhodes quit her position in the county elections office. Sheriff Tom Castloo asked to take Deputy Branden Gamm and Patrol Sergeant Matthew Peacock off the payroll. Castloo added Trent Welborn to the payroll as a deputy and Jennifer Adamson as a dispatcher.

Laura Wise, Wood County elections administrator, asked for her part-time worker Rachel Goldthorn to become full-time. The commission approved the transition. Wise added that a worker going part-time to full-time is a normal practice for the county elections department.

Commissioners approved a payroll of \$331,666.92 and budget amendments for the 2018 fiscal year.

They also approved road permit #2165 for a logging load on CR 3966 off FM 49. The court also approved the minimum bid offers by Perdue, Brandon, Fielder, Collins & Mott, LLP, from Hillsboro Inlet LLC for the tax sale struck-off property, Cause #7972 and Cause # T-3854 for Lots 10, 7 and 8.

The court approved a memo of understanding between Texas A&M University AgriLife Extension Service and Wood County regarding Information Technology. The MOU defines the responsibilities of each party for the IT services in the county's extension office. The agreement goes from Sept. 1, 2018 to Aug. 31, 2020.

The court approved a benefit change between Envision Pharmaceutical Services and Wood County. Forty drugs are excluded from the program with this change, Wood County Judge Bryan Jeanes said.

Mary Kay Thomas with the Fouke Water Supply Corporation requested the sponsorship of an application for funding from the 2019-2020 Texas Community Development Fund through the Texas Department of Agriculture.

Thomas said the court agreed to sponsor Fouke WSC the next time funding was available. Funding is available for 2019-2020 application and the company has a project ready for the potential funds.

The money for the application would be \$275,000 and additional funds supplied by Fouke WSC. This project will be either for water line improvements or water storage tank and has a two-year timeline for completion starting the date of the contract. The court approved the sponsorship for the company.

## Excessive noise discussed

Mineola City Council Members actively discussed the need and composition of an excessive noise ordinance within the city Monday evening.

The discussion became one of weighing the wisdom of enacting a noise ordinance when a nuisance ordinance was already on the books.

"Do you think the Nuisance Ordinance is doing just fine?" council member Jayne Lankford asked Police Chief Chuck Bittner.

According to Bittner, "Right now it is, but I recommend it for the future."

Further discussions regarding the practical application of a noise ordinance followed. Council Member Sue Jones summarized the discussion by stating, "a noise ordinance takes the common sense out of the issue."

Mayor Kevin White highlighted that while a nuisance ordinance is a reactive enforcement tool that deals with a current situation, a noise ordinance can be used as a development planning tool.

The subject was ultimately referred to workshop.

downtown revitalization going on currently," Tucker said. "I'm excited because I can walk to the courthouse without searching for a parking spot. Please feel free to come by the new office anytime."

The new address is 211 N Main St. next to local bakery Your Appetites. Please come by to visit, share a story idea or place an ad. The phone and fax numbers – 903-763-4522 and 903-763-2313 – are unchanged.

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The Democrat and the Mineola Monitor merged in August, 2016.

## Tips for Tots IV



## Monday, August 6th

4:00 pm - 8:00 pm

A.J.'s Fish House Restaurant  
On Lake Fork

*Join us for another special evening featuring:  
A.J.'s Famous Fish Buffet \* Celebrity Waiters  
Henry Golden Boy Rifle Raffle \* Bake Sale  
Live Auction and More!*

*All Waiter Tips and Special Activity  
Proceeds from "Tips for Tots" Are  
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The Wood County Child Protection Board*

## Relocating

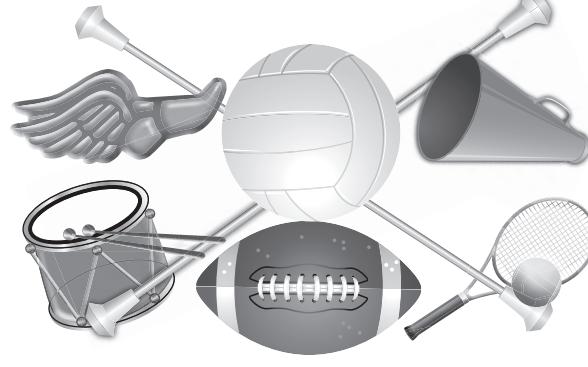
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centrally located for local events and meetings to record the evolution of the business community on the square, said Larry Tucker, managing editor.

"We are going to miss our good neighbors at Scott's Quitman Pharmacy, but we are excited about moving back downtown. We hope to be a part of the

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## IT'S TIME FOR THE 116<sup>TH</sup> OLD SETTLERS REUNION

**Wednesday, August 1<sup>st</sup> - Saturday, August 4<sup>th</sup>**  
**Jim Hogg City Park in Quitman**

### FREE ENTERTAINMENT NIGHTLY STARTING AT 7 PM UNDER THE HISTORIC PAVILION

**Wednesday:** Dale "The C" Cummings presents Golden Oldies from the 50s, 60s and 70s  
**Thursday:** Karaoke Talent Contest with cash prizes with John "Bear" Dubose  
**Friday:** Bluegrass Gospel Night featuring East Mountain Bluegrass and Right Direction Bluegrass Band  
**Saturday:** Country Music Concert starring Monkey Grass

Carnival with games and rides by **Hip-Hop Amusements**

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## Kiwanis hosting free back-to-school supplies event

The Mineola Kiwanis Club will host a back-to-school free school supplies distribution for Mineola and Alba-Golden ISDs' pre-k through fifth-graders at the Mineola Civic Center on Saturday, Aug. 4 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. They will be set up right next to the Splash Pad.

They will also provide a free dental exam, free eye exam, free head lice check, and a coupon for a free back-to-school haircut. The concession stand at the Civic Center will be open for you to purchase snacks while you wait.

Come out and take advantage of this great opportunity.

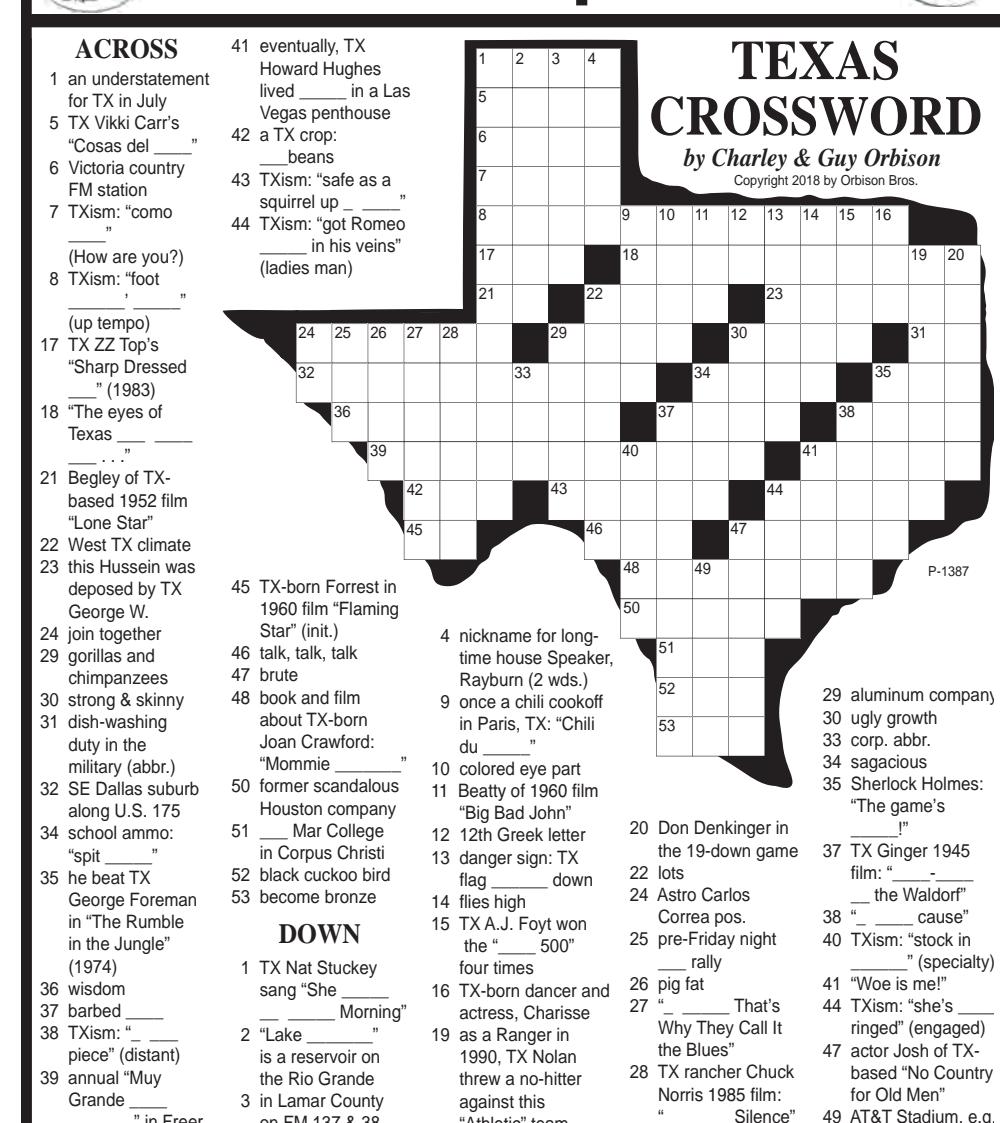


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Misty Hooks of City National Bank reads a Dr. Seuss book about different kinds of money to children at the Mineola Public Library on July 27 during the last day of a summer money camp in which children are taught about financial literacy.

## Neighborhood Commercial Overlay District created

There will be no full service laundries or ambulance services in a new Neighborhood Commercial Overlay District created by the Mineola City Council Monday evening.

The much-discussed rezoning initiative can

generally described as a narrow north-south district from North Pacific and Molly Lane north to the city limits and then west along loop 564 to a point due north of Spring Lake.

After significant discussion and community input, council member Mitchell Tuck's motion for approval (seconded by Jayne Lankford) was passed unanimously July 23.

Fire Marshal David Madsen briefed the recommendation from the Planning and Zoning Committee, and four local residents addressed the board.

Developer Vic Savelli generally described the value of the properties to potential commercial developers as well as the tax benefits to the city. Lou Steele, Chairman of the Mineola Memorial

Library Board, voiced support of the rezoning as it would assist the library board's efforts to sell land that had once been purchased as a new library site.

Spring Lake resident Gary Middleton spoke against the rezoning due to potential drainage problems. He requested the council, "Please think and be conscientious about your decision... as if you lived in one of these spots." In addition to drainage, lighting and noise issues, Spring Lake resident Yvie Witt spoke against the rezoning because of debris runoff.

Officially the district is bounded by properties located between North Pacific Street and Newson Street, from Molly Street north to Shady Lane. West of North Pacific Street the district encompasses properties

along North Pacific from the intersection of North Pacific and North Johnson Streets north to the city boundary, then west along the city boundary until due north of Spring Lake.

The recommendation from the Planning and Zoning Committee removed two specific business types off of the list of allowable businesses: ambulance services, and full service laundries. Additionally, the committee's recommendation required an environmental impact study be conducted before a restaurant can be opened in the new district.

The council-approved measure included the restriction against ambulance services and full service laundries but removed the requirement for a restaurant's environmental impact study.

## Forecast

From page 2A

Texas' high number of uninsured people is one reason for the state's low rank, as is the reluctance to protect certain groups from discrimination.

A more disturbing poor showing is education. The relationship between business and education is multifaceted. Not only do companies need well-prepared workers and good sources of new talent, they also prefer to locate in areas offering quality schools for employees' children.

The education ranking is based on the number of higher

education institutions, long-term trends in education support, test scores, class size and spending, and technology available in schools.

As I have often mentioned, Texas compares very poorly in the area of spending for public education, which is clearly reflected in this standing.

Over time, insufficient education will drag down overall performance. Last year, Texas ranked 1st on the workforce measure; this year's result is a notable step backward.

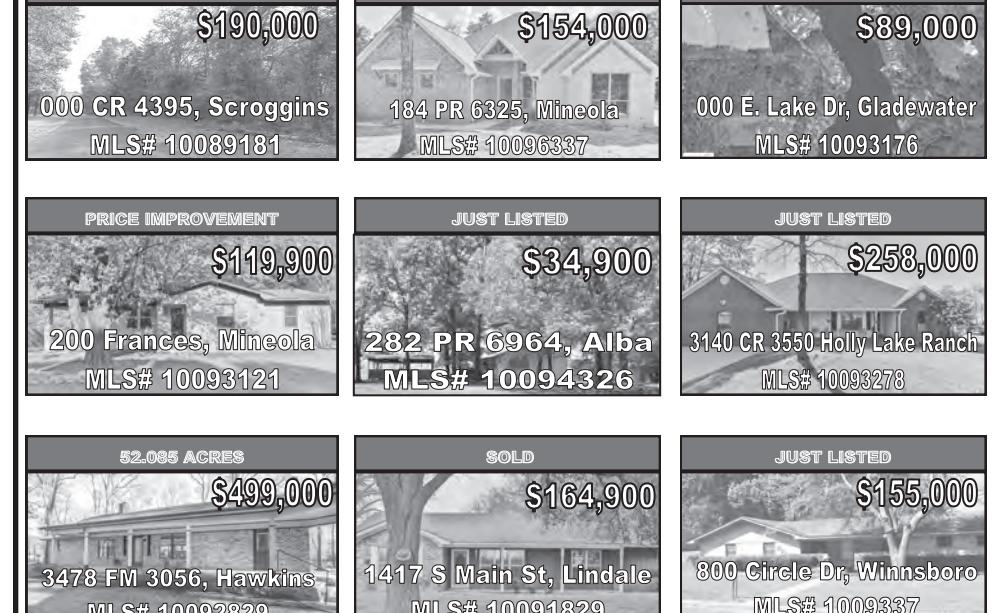
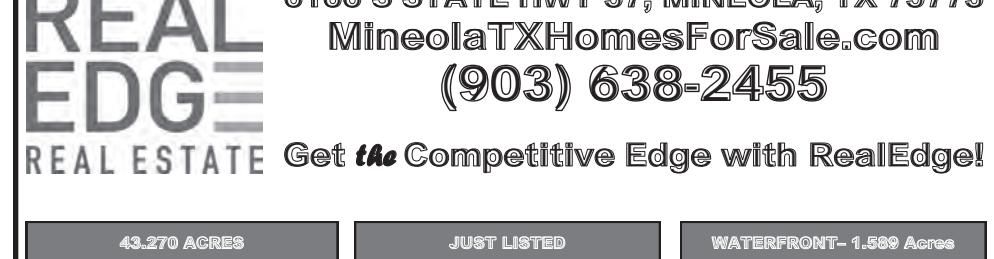
Some states which score well on several measures rank poorly due to high costs of living and doing business (including California and Massachusetts).

Others don't have

adequate workforce or infrastructure. Texas scores well by most measures, and if we work on our relative weaknesses, the state should continue to be among the top states for business.

However, if Texas continues to lag in education and fails to build a workforce for the future, our days as "Top State for Business" will ultimately become a distant memory.

*Dr. M. Ray Perryman of Lindale is President and Chief Executive Officer of The Perryman Group (www.perrymangroup.com). He also serves as Institute Distinguished Professor of Economic Theory and Method at the International Institute for Advanced Studies.*



## Mineola Police Report

Mineola Police Department weekly news report July 19-July 25:

**July 25** – at 4:35 p.m. James Chace Dowdle, 20 of Mineola was arrested for minor in possession when police answered a report of a male appearing to be under age walking on Newsom Street with a pack of beer. Police found the beer was unopened. Dowdle had another male's identification in his possession that slightly resembled Dowdle, showing him to be 22 years old.

At 6:49 p.m. Wood County Sheriff's office requested assistance when the employee at Somewhere RV Park reported a man that appeared intoxicated attempting to get into the office. It was reported the man started walking west. An officer responded but did not find anyone fitting the description.

10:01 p.m. A resident reported two teenage females attempting to get into a vehicle. The girls took off running when someone walked outside. An officer responded but was unable to locate the girls.

**July 24** – at 3:11 a.m. a resident on Robin Street reported someone hit the back window of her residence. An officer responded to the residence but did not find anyone around. The officer patrolled the area.

A verbal disturbance was reported on McWhorter Street 9:56 p.m. between a mother and daughter. An officer responded and reported things had calmed down.

A resident on Nuss Street reported a fraud when someone opened an account in her name. An officer assisted her on reporting the fraud to the company so it could be investigated and more information could be forwarded to the department.

11:32 a.m. a verbal disturbance was reported on McWhorter Street between a resident and her sister. The two had calmed down when the officer arrived.

11:42 A woman reported a co-worker had assaulted her by pushing her out of a chair while they were at work at a business on Mimosa Street.

12:24 a verbal disturbance was reported at a residence on Kraus Street when the resident was attempting to make people leave. An officer responded and transported the three subjects from Kraus Street to stay in a motel.

Suspicious activity was reported on Stone Street when some young males were crawling through a window. Officers responded and

found 3 males at the residence. One of them lived at the residence, but they were locked out by a family member.

Windows were reported out of the old gym on University Street and someone gained access through the burglar bars on the window. Officers investigated and found things inside the building in disarray. It is unclear if something is missing.

A business on NE Loop 564 reported cleaning their safe out and finding counterfeit money that had not been reported. The money was turned over to the police department.

**July 23** – 3:03 a.m. A business on NE Loop 564 reported a man in a vehicle driving slowly in the parking lot. A manager requested an officer make contact with the subject. The officer did make contact with the man and he left the area.

A woman reported a fraudulent charge on her bank account. After checking into the check she had written with that number she found the check had been charged to a larger amount. This is under investigation.

At 12:31 p.m. an officer assisted with EMS when a man collapsed in the parking lot of a business on NE Loop 564.

At 1:02 p.m. a reckless driver was reported on South Pacific Street. An officer located and followed the vehicle but did not see any violations to stop the vehicle.

A wallet was turned in from a business on East Broad Street. The owner was located and the wallet returned to the owner.

A business on NE Loop 564 reported a theft of service when a customer did not pay for the items they leased and did not return the property. This is under investigation.

At 5:14 p.m. A reckless driver was reported on 69 North and Loop 564. An officer located the vehicle, stopped it and issued a verbal warning to the driver.

At 6:55 a suspicious person was reported when a woman witnessed a vehicle pull up to the splash pad at the civic center. When the woman attempted to inquire their intentions the vehicle left. An officer patrolled the area but did not find the vehicle.

At 9:53 p.m. a woman reported she was at a bank ATM on North Pacific Street and all lights were off in the parking lot. An officer found everything secure and continued to patrol the area.

10:19 p.m. A welfare concern was reported by a mother saying her daughter was with her boy-

friend and she was concerned about the welfare of her daughter. An officer found she was reported to be on South Pacific Street, but did not find her there.

11:31 p.m. A suspicious person was reported on Reed Street when a resident saw a vehicle turn out their lights and pull into an area across from her. An officer found the vehicle and the occupants of the vehicle left.

**July 22** – 12:49 a.m. A welfare concern was reported by a man who said he saw a young female child, around 10 years old running down North Pacific toward Greenville Avenue. The man said he told him she was going to McDonald's to get some French fries. The sheriff's office had also received a call with the same description headed back south on North Pacific. Officers checked with McDonald's and they closed. Local officer, Wood County deputies and Mineola Fire Department searched for the child but did not find her and no more calls were received regarding the child.

1:25 a.m. A suspicious person was seen by an officer at a closed business on North Pacific Street. The officer made contact with the man who was trying to enter the business and he said he thought the business was open.

2:07 a.m. A resident on North Johnson reported hearing noises outside his residence. An officer checked but did not locate anyone.

3:08 p.m. A caller reported a concern of a man walking with a jacket on in the heat. The officer located him at North Pacific and Kilpatrick and reported he was fine.

A resident on West Blair Street reported he was out of town and his wife was having problems with a neighbor and asked the department to check on his wife. An officer spoke with her about the situation.

9:29 p.m. A business on West Broad Street requested an officer check on a vehicle parked across the street because they were attempting to close and felt the vehicle suspicious. An officer found it was not occupied.

10:23 p.m. A reckless driver was reported on North Pacific Street. The complainant reported following the car and the driver was unable to maintain a single lane of traffic. An officer stopped the vehicle and driver was not intoxicated and appeared to be fine.

**July 21 – 11:44 a.m.** a burn violation was reported on Wren Street. An officer responded and had the tenants put the fire out.

11:05 p.m. An officer worked a welfare con-

cern when a mother reported her 17 year old daughter leaving the residence after they got in an argument over the girl being intoxicated. Police transported the teenager to her residence.

**July 20 – 7:28 a.m.** Wood County sheriff's office reported an 18 wheeler reckless driver failing to maintain a single lane. An officer saw the truck on South Pacific and stopped it. The driver was fine and warned in reference to his driving.

A reckless driver was reported by Wood County S.O. at 5:24 p.m. coming into the city from 37 North that had driven in the grass. An officer searched but did not locate the vehicle.

Shortly thereafter at 5:42 p.m. the sheriff's office got a report of another reckless driver. This one was reportedly coming into the city from 69 South from Lindale. An officer was unable to locate the vehicle.

8:32 p.m. A suspicious male at the gas pumps at a business on Loop 564 was reported trying to sell some type card. The complainant, who refused to buy the card, reported the subject left headed west. An officer attempted to locate the subject but was unable to.

9:35 p.m. A business on Loop 564 reported several people in the store that appeared to be intoxicated and knocking over items and causing a scene. The subjects were gone when the officers arrived.

**July 19 – 10:20 a.m.** A welfare concern was reported by Life Alert when an elderly woman's life alert was activated accidentally. The woman was found at her residence on North Newsom and she was fine.

A road rage incident was reported at Loop 564 and North Pacific Street. The man who reported said his and another vehicle had almost hit each other when the reporting party was coming out of Walmart. The reporting party said when he got to the intersection to stop for the traffic light, a man driving the vehicle involved in the near accident got out of his vehicle and hit the hood of his vehicle with his fist causing minor damage. A criminal mischief report was filed.

6:01 p.m. A verbal disturbance between neighbors was reported on Wren Street. When the officer arrived the argument was determined to be over a car parked in the roadway blocking someone from getting out of the driveway.

A woman reported she found some fraudulent changes on her bank account.

A woman reported her car was hit while at a business on South Pacific Street and the person that hit her left without leaving any information.

## Wood County Sheriff's Report

The Wood County Sheriff's Department activities for July 11 through July 17, 2018 are:

**July 17** - Deputies conducted a traffic stop on CR 1902 near Yantis; at approximately 2:18 a.m. David Slavens, 38, of Mineola, was arrested for Tamper/Fabricate Physical Evidence.

Deputies were dispatched to Alba High School, at approximately 8:10 a.m., in reference to an alarm. Deputies checked the area and determined it was the construction crew that accidentally set the alarm off.

Deputies were dispatched to FM 312 near Winnsboro, at approximately 12:32 p.m., in reference to an inquest. A female, 93, was found deceased in her residence. The Justice of the Peace was notified and no autopsy was ordered.

Deputies spoke with the reporting party, at approximately 12:45 p.m., in reference to a scam that occurred on CR 2279 near Mineola. Deputies gave the reporting party advice and cleared the incident.

Deputies spoke with the reporting party, at approximately 1:06 p.m., in reference to phone harassment that occurred on CR 2267 near Mineola. Deputies gave the reporting party advice and cleared the incident.

Deputies spoke with the reporting party, at approximately 1:25 p.m., in reference to theft that occurred on FM 2869 near Hawkins. Actors, or actors unknown, used the reporting party's credit card without authorization. This case is active.

Deputies were dispatched to FM 1801 near Mineola, at approximately 2:01 p.m., in reference to a disturbance. Parties were separated for the day.

Deputies were dispatched to CR 3600 near Hawkins, at approximately 2:27 p.m., in reference to theft. Actors, or actors unknown, stole two 12-volt batteries from the reporting party's property. This case has been forwarded to investigators.

Deputies were dispatched to Holly Trail East near Hawkins, at approximately 3:16 p.m., in reference to an assault that occurred. This case has been forwarded to investigators.

Deputies were dispatched to CR 2375 near Mineola, at approximately 4:35 p.m., in reference to criminal trespass. Deputies issued a Criminal Trespass Warning and cleared the incident.

Deputies went out on an arrest/warrant service to CR 3540 near Hawkins; at approximately 7:44 p.m. Deputies searched the area, but were unable to make contact with the individual.

Deputies responded to a suspicious vehicle on CR 17 near Alba; at approximately 1:24 a.m. Deputies located the vehicle and everything was OK.

Deputies were dispatched to CR 3909 near Hawkins, at approximately 2:05 p.m., in reference to a disturbance. Lee Loughmiller, 58, of Hawkins, was arrested for Unlawful Possession of a Firearm.

Deputies were dispatched to CR 2165 near Quitman, at approximately 12:32 a.m., in reference to a theft. A known actor stole several items from the reporting party's residence. This case has been forwarded to investigators.

Deputies responded to a suspicious vehicle on FM 17 near Alba; at approximately 1:24 a.m. Deputies located the vehicle and everything was OK.

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proximately 5:43 p.m., in reference to a fire. Quitman Fire Department extinguished the fire. This case is active.

Deputies were dispatched to FM 17 near Alba, at approximately 6:47 p.m., in reference to criminal trespass. Deputies searched the area, but were unable to locate the individual and issue the Criminal Trespass Warning.

Deputies spoke with the reporting party, at approximately 8:03 p.m., in reference to harassment that occurred on FM 2088 near Quitman. This case has been forwarded to investigators.

Deputies responded to a suspicious vehicle on FM 1799 near Mineola; at approximately 8:37 p.m. Deputies located the vehicle and everything was OK.

Deputies responded to a suspicious vehicle on FM 14 near Hawkins; at approximately 12:11 a.m. Deputies located the vehicle and everything was OK.

Deputies responded to a suspicious vehicle on FM 1799 near Mineola; at approximately 5:04 a.m. Deputies located the individual and everything was OK.

Deputies were dispatched to CR 1226 near Quitman, at approximately 9:18 a.m., in reference to criminal trespass. Deputies advised the reporting party that extra patrol would be provided.

Deputies responded to a suspicious vehicle on FM 1799 near Mineola; at approximately 5:04 a.m. Deputies located the individual and everything was OK.

Deputies were dispatched to CR 1226 near Quitman, at approximately 5:32 p.m., in reference to theft. Actors, or actors unknown, stole hay bales from the reporting party's property. This case has been forwarded to investigators.

Deputies were dispatched to HWY 11 near Winnsboro, at approximately 2:21 p.m., in reference to a reckless driver. Deputies searched the area, but were unable to locate the individual and cleared the incident.

Deputies spoke with the reporting party, at approximately 2:25 p.m., in reference to harassment that occurred on FM 154 near Quitman. This case has been forwarded to investigators.

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## Taxes

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are expected to see another increase in rates. After two consecutive years of nine percent increases, customers this year will see an eight percent jump if the budget is approved. According to Rushing, the city's sewer and water fund had been underfunded by previous councils, and the rate increases are necessary to restore the fund and pay for upgrades in infrastructure, purchase of capital equipment, support debt and build reserves. A long-range plan calls for a seven percent increase next year, followed by more modest increases of two percent through 2025.

Another feature of the budget is growing cash balance projections, which are viewed as a positive development given the city's bleak financial picture of a few years ago. A dire situation unearthed in 2015 showed the city flirting with insolvency, according to Rushing. Drastic cutbacks were put in place in fiscal 2015-16. Through a combination of

bond refinancing, bidding out healthcare insurance, automation, seeking better returns on investment and other measures, the city escaped from its hole. It now eyes ending this fiscal year with a \$1.12 million balance in its general fund, \$536,942 in its water utility fund, \$256,005 in the MEDC fund, and \$75,183 in its Natural Resources fund, the draft budget indicates. In addition, the city has built a general fund investment account of \$424,532 and added an investment account for the water fund, which stands at \$154,420.

City projects expected to be undertaken next year include improvements at Iron Horse Square, which will be under the auspices of the city's Landmark Commission, and the construction of two lighted basketball courts near the city's water tower. City Finance Director Cindy Karch said the \$55,000 basketball court project will proceed as long as the city has enough in excess funds from fiscal 2017-18.

Rushing said the city also is looking to replace several water lines, improve a number of streets and lease two new police cars.

## Mineola eye doctor honored by national business network

Dr. Andy Hawari of Mineola Eyecare received recognition for his commitment to professional development at a recent meeting of Cleinman Performance Network.

As a member of Cleinman Performance Network, a wisdom-sharing group of peer optometrists from across North America, Hawari provides valuable knowledge that highlights and contributes to the best practices in vision care and eye health.

Hawari received his doctor of optometry degree at the University of Missouri – College of Optometry in St. Louis. After graduation, he and his wife, Debra, joined Mineola Eyecare. Hawari volunteers time and equipment to Grace Community Healthcare Ministries, supplying exams and eyeglasses to those in need along with mission work at the Remar Orphanage in El Salvador. Hawari is a member of the American Optometric Association, Texas Optometric Society and East Texas Optometric Society. In Addition, he has served three years as the president for the East Texas Optometric Society.

Founded in 1989, Cleinman Performance Partners provides business solutions to independent optometry practices and the select vendors who serve them. Our mission is to transform lives through recognized and realized possibilities.



Dr. Andy Hawari

## Reunion

From page 1A

Attendance at that first meeting drew a much larger crowd than Ray had anticipated. Many people traveled to Quitman prepared to camp and spend a couple of days. However, an inadequate water supply and the grueling summer heat forced the meeting to discontinue after one day. It culminated with a dinner in which many of the visitors participated by bringing boxes and baskets of food.

A formal meeting was called and a capacity crowd met in the district courtroom.

W.R. Blalock was elected chairman of the event and W.A. Moody named secretary. Ray and many others spoke to the gathering including one Jahaha H. Morrow, one of the pioneer citizens and unusual characters of the county.

The audience was canvassed and all those who were interested became members of the Wood County Old Settlers Association. It was then voted to make the oldest living citizen in the county president of the association.

The honor fell to J.F. Dowell of the Golden community. J.L. Ray was elected vice-president and W.A. Moody secretary.

By unanimous vote, it was decided to hold the next annual meeting on the first Thursday in August, 1900 to celebrate the 50th anniversary of the county's organization.

Dowell died 14 days before the reunion and Ray became the association president.

The reunion has been held each year since 1900 with the exception during World War II when the event was not held for two years as many were sold.

diers and others worked at various jobs in the war effort.

Over the years, the reunion has seen many changes. At one time, the reunion went from 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. every day and politicians gave speeches from the podium under the pavilion. Entertainment was added in the 1930s and '40s. In the 1950s the Prison Band from the state prison in Huntsville became a popular attraction. A big draw in 1960s and '70s was Joe Paul Nichols and his Five Pennies. Tony Douglas and the Shrimpers drew large crowds to the pavilion in the late 1990s and early 2000s.

Entertainment under the pavilion opens with a popular rock and roll classic show by Dale "The C" Cummings beginning at 7 p.m.

Cash prizes will be handed out to the oldest person, youngest person, person who traveled the greatest distance and possibly married longest and married shortest time each night of the reunion. Those recognitions will be at approximately 7:45 to 8 p.m. each night.

This week Thursday is Karaoke Talent Night with cash prizes given in two age groups for the winners chosen by a panel of judges. Bear Dubois brings his karaoke show to the reunion. Entries need to be signed up by 7 p.m. when the show begins.

Bluegrass and Gospel music fans are in for a treat Friday night. East Mountain Bluegrass Band and Right Direction Bluegrass will grace the pavilion stage. Saturday night's concert will be turned over to local country music band Monkey Grass who have Wood County residents Joe Wayne Reynolds, Les Paul Clanton and Michael Booth in their line-up.

## MINEOLA ANIMAL SHELTER



These two sisters are 12 weeks old, litter box trained and have been wormed and given first shots. They are both very playful and waiting on a family. We currently have 15 other kittens to choose from.

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

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## Quitman Library Connections

BY LIBRARIAN DELENE ALLEN

August is National Golf Month, so let your first swing be by the Quitman Public Library to check out our large collection of some of the best books on golf.

Quitman Public Library joins libraries across the country to remind parents that the most important school supply of all is a library card! Patron cards are available for those residents who can provide proof of residence in Wood County and photo identification. A guardian must sign for children ages 5 - 17.

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 2nd Friday Acoustical Jam is Friday, August 10 from 6 - 9 p.m. Musicians of all ages and musical levels are invited to join in from 6 - 9 p.m. in the library's community room. There will be an open mic set-up for those who wish to perform. Listeners are always welcome. This is a free event. For more information, call 903-975-5745.

Hours are Tuesday through Friday from 10 a.m. until 6 p.m. Visit our pages at [www.quitmanlibrary.org](http://www.quitmanlibrary.org)



org and [www.facebook.com/quitmanpubliclibrary](http://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 is on summer break and will resume Thursday, September 6, 2018. For more information, call or stop by the library.

### Children's Services

Beginning this fall, QPL Story Time will move to Wednesday's at 2 p.m. Upcoming Story Time themes: Sept 5 - "A Field Trip!" We will tour the Wood County Courthouse; Sept 12 - "Easy Food For Kids" We will have a cooking class with Charla Sampson; Sept 19 - "It's Shark Week!"; Sept 26 - "Eat Your Vegetables" We will create a vegetable platter. For more information, contact Lillian Gray at 903-763-4191.

### 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>.

### New Arrivals

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## Operation Christmas Child prepares for holiday season

The Wood County branch of Operation Christmas Child began its series of drives for 2018 Christmas holiday season.

Operation Christmas Child, a part of Samaritan's Purse, provides gifts and necessities for children living in poverty, famine, disaster and political instability in 116 countries and the United States, according to its website.

Marti Busbee, drop-off location leader for the greater Wood County area, is preparing for the gift giving and meeting with previous participants. Shoeboxes will be filled with gifts for the child in need and sent out across the world.

The national collection week will be from Nov. 12 to 19 at the First United Methodist Church,



Quitman from 10 a.m. to noon each day. The boxes will be sent out from mid-December through January.

Busbee is a year 'round volunteer who helps with organization of the collections and she is doing it for the second time.

"We always need individuals, organizations and churches to organize a drive for their group to further the ministry to children around the world for whom a gift is a new experience," she said.

The Wood County location in Quitman received over 700 boxes. Busbee said they would like to send 1,000 boxes to children across the world this year.

Participants can use any type of shoebox to fill with necessities or toys for the children to use and enjoy, Busbee added.

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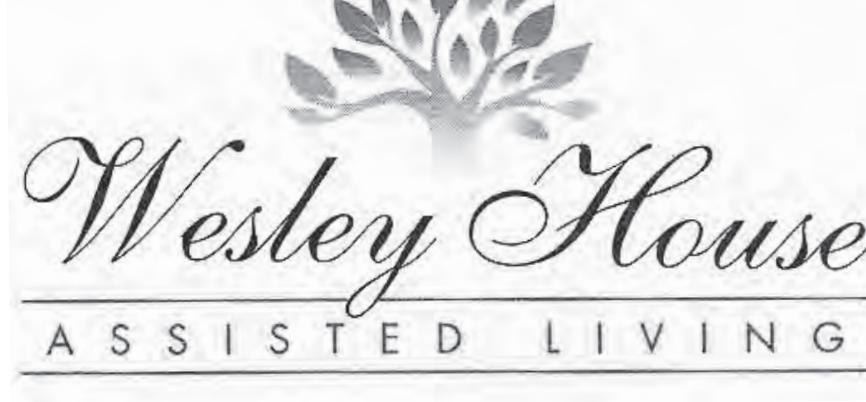
The third and final concert in a "Second Sunday" series at Holly Brook Baptist Church, Hawkins, will be sung Aug. 12 at the evening service starting at 6 p.m. Holly Brook Sunday evening worship in June, July, and August has featured

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Swearingens & Matthews will lead worship in song from southern gospel to contemporary Christian. Jordan and Nicole Swearingen and Zeb Matthews are graduates of East

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Call the church office for more information. Holly Brook Baptist is located at 3219 S. FM 2869, Hawkins; telephone 903-769-2091. The website is [www.hollybrookbaptist.org](http://www.hollybrookbaptist.org)



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## Obituaries

**JAMES ALLEN HOOD  
1938-2018**

ALBA-A memorial service for James Allen Hood, 80 of Alba will be held August 1 at Holy Ghost Central Church in Alba with Rick Childers officiating.

Mr. Hood died July 21, 2018. He was born April 13, 1938 in Veto, Alabama to John and Gertrude Hood. He enlisted in the U.S. Army and worked his way up through the ranks and finally retired as a sergeant.

He was preceded in death by his son, John Hood; parents; sister, Betty Anne Houser and a grandson.

Survivors include his wife of over 40 years, Kathy Hood; sons, Charles Morgan of California and Dennis Hood, also California; daughters, Maria Strohl of Decatur, Illinois, Penny Price of Arkansas and Sunney Jackson of Cleveland, Texas; 19 grandchildren; 10 great-grandchildren and extended family.


**JERRY M. JORDAN  
1938-2018**

WINNSBORO-Funeral services for Jerry Jordan, 79 of Winnsboro were held July 25 at Beaty Funeral Home-Winnsboro with Rev. Donny Chamberlain officiating.

Burial followed at Cypress Cemetery in Winnsboro.

Mr. Jordan died July 21, 2018


**ROBERT AUSTIN MEEK  
1929-2018**

MINEOLA-A memorial service for Robert Austin Meek of Tyler, age 89 was held on Sunday, July 22, 2018, at Grace Chapel Assembly of God. A private burial was held at Concord Cemetery near Hainesville.

Mr. Meek died July 19, 2018. He was born November 7, 1929, in Wood County, Texas. He was a welder in Tyler Pipe trailer shop for 25 years and a devoted Christian from age 19.

He was preceded in death by an infant son; his parents; three brothers, Clifford, Paul, Gene and a half


**ELVETA IRENE RUSSELL NATHANSON  
1924-2018**

WINNSBORO-Elveta Nathanson, 93, died July 17 at her home in Winnsboro. She was born September 16, 1924.

She worked several years in Houston at Luby and from Houston she moved to Winnsboro where she remained until her passing. She was a member of Fellowship Baptist Church and supported many charities related to the Stars and stripes.

She was preceded in death by her mother, Mattie Helms; her husband, Herman and sisters, Marge Russell, Doris Palmer and Kitty Hobgood and a nephew, Jesse Hobgood.

She is survived by a host of nieces and nephews. In lieu of flowers, please donate to Fellowship Baptist Church.



## Mineola mural

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commissioned to paint a mural on the side of the Factory Connection building at the corner of Broad and Line streets. A college friend and fellow artist, Sam Edwards of Longview, will lend a hand with the painting. The mural will display a colorful assortment of symbolic scenes that spell out MINEOLA.

She was scheduled to begin the mural this week. The project is expected to take an estimated three months to complete. Four parking spaces on Line Street will be closed off to accommodate the work.

The mural won't be Pitre's first. At UT-Tyler, she painted a mural called "species-scape," whereby she depicted various animal species and sized the creatures in proportion to their population numbers on earth. That experience helped her conquer trepidation about painting in a public space. During the species project, she soon discovered that the awareness of passersby was secondary to the focus she placed on her work.

The pencil, not the paint brush, was Pitre's first love. "I always was a sketcher; I loved to sketch and draw. And when I started college, I was really nervous about painting because I had never done it before. Once I got into painting - because it was a requirement - I fell in love with it," she explained.

The mural project was conceived a little more than a

## Council previews scale version

A small scaled version of the mural to be painted on the west side of the Factory Connection building was exhibited at the Mineola City Council Meeting this week.

According to Main Street Director Doris Newmann, the mural project was funded through a combination of the Main Street Festival, the hotel tax and the 1/2-cent tax.

Council members voted unanimously to close four parking spots on Line Street to assist in the safe painting of the mural. The three month project will commence about Aug. 1.

year ago as a way to improve the look of downtown. The Main Street advisory board's Design and Review Committee learned about Pitre and enlisted her for the project. Along the way, the mural project got an assist from Annalee Cook, a Mineola High School student, who won a school contest for the best conceptual design. The finished work will incorporate Cook's design, symbolic elements of Mineola developed by the Main Street Board, and Pitre's artistic flair and eye for color.

The final design, shown to the City Council last week, was approved by the Main Street Board, the Landmark

Commission and former city Main Street Director Holly Herring.

Pitre will employ a boom lift to navigate the huge expanse of brick wall and use exterior house paint to create the mural. An acrylic sealer will be applied to prevent fading and to help protect against vandalism, she said.

The artist also plans to do most of her work early so as not to roast in the afternoon sun.

"Since the heat is so bad, I'm just going to have to go every morning at daybreak and probably quit at noon," she said.

As far as making career out of her love of painting, Pitre said that's not a certainty.

"I think I'll always paint, but my goal right now is to find a good job that's steady. Whatever that is, I'm not really sure."

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The Mineola Kiwanis Club will host a back-to-school free school supplies distribution for Mineola and Alba-Golden ISD students pre-k through fifth-graders at the Mineola Civic Center this Saturday, Aug. 4, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

They will also provide a free dental exam, free eye exam, free head lice check, and a coupon for a free back-to-school haircut. They will be set up right next to the Splash Pad.

• Clover Hill Cemetery Association is meeting Saturday at 10:30 a.m. Clover Hill is located at 1816 FM 69.

• The annual Quitman Lady Bulldog Volleyball Alumni Game is Saturday at 6 p.m. in Delbert Ballard Gym

• Quitman First Baptist Church will be giving away free Blue Jeans and Backpacks Saturday at the church gym from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

• Yantis Community Movie Night will be in the Family Life Center Gym at Yantis First Baptist Church. The movie is "I Can Only Imagine" August 8 at 6 p.m. And it is a free event.

• U.S. Rep. Jeb Hensarling (R-Texas) will host a town hall meeting in Mineola to give an update on recent actions taken by the House of Representatives and hear from the residents of Wood County about the issues that are important to them. The discussion will be held on Wednesday, Aug. 8 at 9:30 a.m. at the Mineola City Hall, 300 Greenville Hwy.

## MEALS ON WHEELS

### THIS WEEK'S MENUS:

**Thursday, Aug. 02** - Beef Tips with Gravy, Parslied Rice, Green Beans, Wheat Bread, Strawberry Glazed Fruit, Milk

**Friday, Aug. 03** - BBQ Pork Rib Patty, Baked Beans, Apple and Raisin Compote, Hamburger Bun, Milk

**Monday, Aug. 06** - Breaded Fish, Sliced Cheese, Tater Gems, Mixed Vegetables, Hamburger Bun, Carnival Cookie, Milk Tartar Sauce

**Tuesday, Aug. 07** - Pork Carnitas, Lettuce and Tomato, Black Beans, Flour Tortilla, Pineapple Cobbler, Milk Taco Sauce

**Wednesday, Aug. 08** - Beef Chili w/Beans, Parslied Rice, Pacific Vegetable Blend, Cornbread, Milk

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## BENJAMIN MOSES SHIREY II

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A memorial service for Benjamin Moses Shirey II, 71 of Canton was held Wednesday, July 25 at First Baptist Church in Canton with Bro. Mike Roberson officiating.

Ben was born March 23, 1947 in Mineola, Tx to Benjamin Moses Shirey and Billie Novelle Smith Shirey. He passed away July 20, 2018 in Tyler, Tx.

Ben grew up in Rusk and Highland, Tx. He graduated from Baytown High School before receiving his Bachelor's Degree from North Texas State University and attending Southwestern Graduate School of Banking. Ben married Lara Leigh Peete June 29, 1974. The two lived in Dallas and Longview before settling in Canton.

Ben worked in banking over 40 years and served as President of First National Bank Canton for 25 years. Some of his favorite hobbies included golf, collecting antiques, visiting First Monday and restoring his grandfather's 1951 Chevy truck. He was an active member of First Baptist Church in Canton since 1990 and was also very active in his community serving in Lion's Club, Canton Economic Development Corporation and the chamber of commerce where he was voted Citizen of the Year in 2014.

Ben is survived by his wife of 44 years, Laura Leigh Shirey; daughter, Summer and Kyle Norman, Daughter, Heather and Lee Axtens; son, Jason Shirey; Daughter, Laura Beth Shirey; 6 grandchildren: Benjamin, Kylee, and Brady Norman, Gabriel, Evan and Tori Axtens, Mother, Billie Shirey; sisters: Angela Terry, Jill Carey and LeAnne Barron and brothers: Lance Shirey and John Shirey.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Gideons International or Soul Harvest Missions, P.O. Box 1149, Keller, Texas 76244.

## Quitman

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ern New Mexico University and a Master of Art's degree in Political Science and Public Policy from the University of Iowa. He is currently seeking a Master's of Public Administration from Tarleton State University.

"With the city's mission in mind, I am pleased

to announce the appointment of Andrew Kloefkorn as the City Secretary/Administrator, reporting to the Mayor and City Council, to lead our city government's day-to-day operations," Dobbs said. "Please join me in welcoming Andrew to our city leadership team and prepare to work with him as we strive to provide excellence in our operations and ensure safety in our community."

swimming, reading, and cooking out. They look forward to the community of Quitman and East Texas.

The new administrator's first day of employment with the city is Monday, August 13.

## THANK YOU

To the many who sent cards, flowers, food and prayers; who honored RICKEY DOUGLAS LOVE and his family by attending his memorial, our family thanks you so much. We were touched and overwhelmed by all the love shown in his honor. Rick was always bigger than life and he will be missed by friends everywhere and especially his family.

God bless each one of you and thank you for continued prayers.

The family of Rickey Douglas Love

# From BIG HOUSE comes small shelters

By HANK MURPHY  
editor@woodcountymonitor.com

Another wave of mission-minded young people swept into Mineola last week with an eye toward serving others. Their good deeds included scraping and painting houses, building handrails for an elderly man, taming unruly yards and even giving comfort to beings of a four-legged variety.

First United Methodist Church in Mineola played host to the camp, just as it did earlier in July when the UM ARMY (United Methodist Action Reach-out Ministry by Youth) of teenagers descended on town to do projects for low-income, elderly



Kelley Laboeuf hauls a two-by-four to the construction site. A team of youth and adult volunteers from churches across Texas pitched in to make important improvements to the APET facility just west of Mineola. (Monitor photos by Hank Murphy)

or disabled homeowners. Last week, 50 youngsters and 25 adult leaders from eight Texas cities working in association with a mission ministry called BIG HOUSE Texas came to Mineola to make a difference.

BIG HOUSE Texas

aims is to give youngsters and opportunity to come together and grow in their Christian experience through all aspects of a mission trip, whether on the work site or in fellowship with one another. The acronym BIG HOUSE stands for Believing in God, Helping Others Understand through Service Everywhere.

The BIG HOUSE kids hailed from churches in eight Texas cities, from Beaumont to the Metroplex. They range from those who completed fifth grade to youngsters who finished eighth grade. The kids each paid

\$140 for the privilege of attending the camp, and the money paid for their meals and expenses as well as materials for their projects.

The camp serves a dual purpose: "It teaches the students a skill, and then to give back and be a part of something positive," said Sean Little, director of youth ministry at First United Methodist Church in Chandler.

One of the beauties of the BIG HOUSE camp is that it allows for an extra day of work – kids worked Thursday, Friday and Saturday, according to Little. That extra day allows for the completion of more time-intensive construction projects, like the one at the APET (Animal Preservation of East Texas) shelter just west of Mineola.

The BIG HOUSE campers aimed to mouse-proof the shelter's feed shed, repair its driveway and perhaps fill in low spots on the grounds. But the centerpiece of their work was the construction of seven 8-by-8-foot shelters situated



A team of volunteers from BIG HOUSE Texas dig a posthole during construction of a structure to provide shade for dogs at the APET shelter west of Mineola. From left are Sophia Van Rijn, Spencer Mendez, Luke Little and John Makeki.

within the dog runs.

"They're doing some real important work given all the heat we have in East Texas," said C.J. Thatcher, who chairs the APET board. The shelters will give the dogs shade while still allowing them

to be outside during the long hot day. The no-kill shelter was caring for 19 dogs last week.

"That'll provide them some relief," she said, noting that the shelters will even come with UV protection.

## Staff

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The Odessa American. He joined the staff at the Lubbock Avalanche-Journal in 1989 and worked there until 2004, when he moved back to Wisconsin and purchased a community weekly paper, the Florence Mining News. Six years later, he bought The Forest Republican. He sold his papers in late 2016, and he returned to Texas in 2017, living in San Antonio.

"As a general rule, I get really nervous about hiring new members of our news staff. Not this time," Bluebonnet Publishing owner Bill Woodall said. "Hank brings a remarkable resume that includes a wealth of experience as a reporter and write about a community closer to home in East Texas," Wellerman said.

"Zak is a native East Texan who left home for a job in North Dakota where he cut his reporting teeth at a pair of weekly newspapers – he's safely away from North Dakota winter and put his skills to work in Wood County," Woodall added.

Another change announced by Woodall was a reassignment for news editor and former Wood County Democrat editor Larry Tucker.

"At the same time, this allows us to re-assign Larry Tucker – he'll be able to put his writing skills to work doing what he really prefers... covering sports," Woodall said. "With his experience, Larry will manage our news operations and continue to cover some news beats, but he's most excited about being the new county sports editor. It's a home run for Larry and for our company."

Murphy had this to say about coming to Mineola. "So far, East Texas seems like an extremely friendly and hospitable place. I'm looking forward to learning more about Mineola and establishing a rapport with its civic leaders and everyday residents," Murphy noted. "As a journalist, my primary objective is to inform readers of the Wood County Monitor."

Wellerman, a graduate of Hallsville High School, received a Bachelor of Arts degree in Mass Communication from

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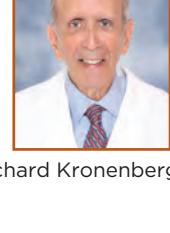
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Kyle Slaton peers across the playing field during a Nashville, Ark. High School baseball game.

## Mineola grad earns national baseball honor

By LARRY TUCKER  
sports@woodcountymonitor.com

A 1990 Mineola graduate earned a nationwide honor recently.

Former Yellowjacket and Southern Arkansas University (SAU) hurler Kyle Slaton has amassed a stellar 470-198 record in over 20 years coaching baseball and his Nashville (Arkansas) High School Scrappers have won back-to-back Class 4A state championships.

Slaton's two state championship teams have gone 60-12 the past two years. He earned the American Baseball Coaches Association (ABC) Diamond District 6 Regional Coach of the

Year last year and this year. This season the ABC made Slaton the High School Division II National Coach of the Year.

District 6 is made up of baseball coaches from Arkansas, Texas, Mississippi, Oklahoma and Louisiana. Eleven coaches from throughout the country are named to the national honor in different divisions. "I got a phone call last year when they named me district coach of the year. Never in my days since playing baseball at Mineola Youth Foundation did I ever think anything like this could happen to me," Slaton noted.

"And then I got another call letting me know about the national honor I was simply blown away. The only reason I won any award is because of the opportunity to coach great kids and great teams. They are the ones who are awesome."

Slaton has been at the helm of Nashville for 17 years after spending his first five years at Fouke where one of his teams won a state championship.

"When I got the phone call about being the district coach of the year, I was overwhelmed," Slaton said. "I went to the ABCA Hall of Fame/Coach of the Year banquet in Indianapolis last year and that was neat. Never in my wildest dreams did I think I would be District

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Kyle Slaton peers across the playing field during a Nashville, Ark. High School baseball game. LEFT: Mineola baseball seniors in 1990 were: (kneeling left to right) Kyle Slaton, Coach Danny Freeman and Bobby Curtis; (standing, left to right) Tracy Jones, Brandon Lankford, Jarred Thomas, Curtis Dowdle and Rodney Clower. (Courtesy photos)

## Quitman athletic boosters assist HS, JH programs

Quitman Athletic Booster Club reached many goals to give valuable resources and equipment for the junior high and high school athletes.

Quitman Athletic Booster Club president Paige Brown said the club exceeded its goals for this year.

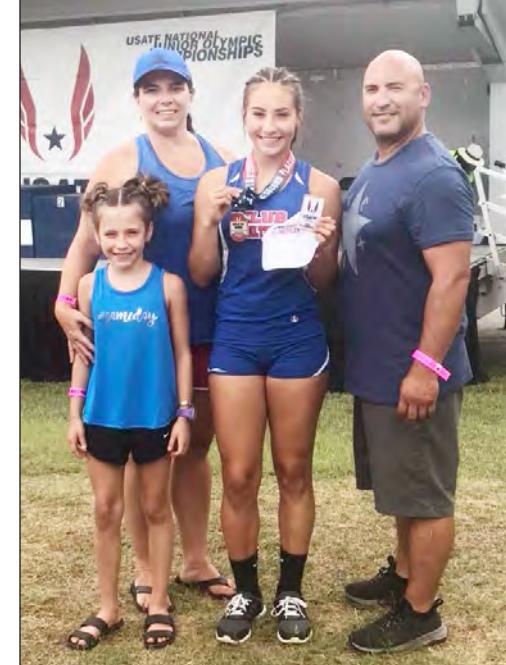
"At the beginning of the year we made a list of goals according to what our coaches said they needed and we were able to meet every need except one which was an industrial washer and dryer for the girls. This item will stay on our list and we will add to it for this school year," Brown said.

The club is an all volunteer organization made up of parents, grandparents, administrators and community members of Quitman High School and Junior High athletes. Members donate their time at events and fundraisers to strengthen the athletic department.

Club members raise funds with membership fees, merchandise sales and concession sales.

Booster club members welcome any help from community members wanting to volunteer. For those who are interested, you can contact the booster club through Facebook at the Quitman Athletic Booster Club page.

The next event will be Meet the Bulldogs on Aug. 9. The club will provide membership information and have new t-shirts and hats for this year.



Quitman's Brooklyn Marcee is shown here with a second place medal she won at the Hershey National Junior Olympic Track and Field meet held last week at North Carolina A&T University Stadium in Greensboro, N.C. Pictured with her are younger sister Cooper, mother, Heather, and father Andy. Her vault actually tied for the top spot, but the winner made it in one attempt and Marcee took two attempts to clear. (Courtesy photo)

## MAKING A PITCH TO IMPROVE



Third-grader Kali Chrietzberg fires a pitch during a girl's softball camp on July 27 at the Mineola ISD softball field. Girls came from Mineola and surrounding towns to attend the camp in a bid to improve their skills. (Monitor photo by Hank Murphy)

## Lake Fork Fishing Report

July 22-28

By J &amp; M Guide Service

The heat continues to be a factor here at Lake Fork. The water temperatures are approaching 94 degrees and the water clarity is slightly stained.

This week was spent supporting 54 top young anglers from California to New York here at Lake Fork in Camp Bass 2018. The fishing was fare, and Bryce Toliver caught a great Lake Fork Bass that weighed 9.8 pounds, for which he was awarded the 2018 Bass Camp largest fish.

There is much more that goes into Camp Bass. The young anglers learn and graded on such things as leadership, team play, hook sets, boat control, boat electronics, attitude and responsibility. This all plays into the Bass Camp Angler of the Year Award. This year's Angler of the Year Award went to Neil Covington. My hat is off to you Neil, great job!

The Crappie fishing was fare due to the heat and water temperatures. Look for them in 22 to 25 foot of water over and around isolated brush piles. Bub-

ba's Bait chartreuse and white Crappie jigs worked the best this week. Sometimes you have to tip the Crappie jig with a minnow.

The White Bass are still on a diet. The best way to catch them is to use a Bubba's bait white with an orange tail Crappie jig tipped with a minnow. Look for them in 30 foot of water around old brush piles.

The Catfish were still hungry this week. They are in 26 to 28 foot of water around old trees. Make sure you bait the trees. Minnow were your best bet to catch a good mess of Catfish this week.

On our equipment list, this week was our Ranger Z520c powered by a Mercury 250 Pro XS, Lowrance Electronics, Duckett rods, ABU Garcia reels, Stren line, Buddy's Custom Baits from here at Lake Fork and Strike King hard baits.

We have several days open for guided Bass trips in August. Give us a call here at J & M Guide Service at (903) 413-6919 or E-mail us at bassmr@geus-net.com. Have a safe fishing week and stay hydrated.



Quitman Coach Josh Wade instructs campers during Bulldog Football Camp last week. RIGHT: Keithyn Meadows listens and watches as Quitman Coach Mark Fatheree shows him the proper way to punt a football. BELOW: Quitman football campers worked on deep snapping and punting during last week's activities. (Monitor photos by Larry Tucker)



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**Mineola Country Club  
SENIOR GOLF REPORT**

Results from Mineola Country Club Thursday Senior Golf Scramble on July 26 are:

**FIRST PLACE:** WITH A SCORE OF 54 (-17) Gary Milam, Donnie Drake, Willie Boyles, Mike Casselman, Jim Wray

Tie for second determined by putt off

**SECOND PLACE:** WITH A SCORE OF 58 (-13) Jack Smith, Paul Ransberger, Robert Carlson, Bill Stone, Steve Alsbrooks

Closest to the pin: #5 Bob Hardin, #9 CK Baker, #18 Bob Hardin.

# Blooms for ET summers

With more than a week of temperatures hovering at or above 100 degrees, many east Texas gardens are looking a bit ragged. But some gardens still boast plenty of blooms.

So how do you find those heat-loving plants? It's not as simple as getting a list of plants from the desert Southwest, as many of these cannot tolerate our high humidity. Similarly, you can't just pick from a list of Texas native plants – plants that thrive in alkaline calcareous soils may not adapt to the acid soils we have. The best way to find blooms for summer is to visit public gardens or landscapes local to you, and see what looks nice now. (Be sure to check the irrigation and soil to ensure you can mimic these growing conditions).

One place to visit is the Quitman Arboretum and Botanical Gardens – there's a lot in bloom right now, including most of the plants listed below. While many of the beds are irrigated, the Arboretum also offers a water-wise garden (the bed that is between the Arboretum and Civic Center parking lots) that does not have an irrigation system; plants are only watered regularly

## In East Texas Gardens

By Lin Grado

till they're established.

Among the plants that will bloom in our hot, dry yet humid summers are some Texas natives. You can't go wrong if you plant mealy sage with its flower spikes of blue or white. This long-blooming perennial is a favorite of bees – the flowers nod in the mornings with the weight of bumblebees searching for nectar – but said to be deer resistant. "Henry Duelberg" is an exceptional deep blue selection that is available in

many nurseries.

Another sage that should find its way into your garden is autumn sage. Autumn sage forms a nice mound in your garden, with soft, fragrant foliage on its woody stems. My favorites are the deep reds and the hot pink, but you can find almost any color that fits your garden. Other native plants that bloom in summer include red yucca, Turk's cap, and flame acanthus, all of which you can see at the Arboretum.



Tropical milkweed is a monarch butterfly host



Purple Amistad salvia provides a deep color in the garden

## 4-H News



(L-R) Jentri Jackson, Avery von Reyn, Jenna Haney, Kierney Wallis, and Brenley von Reyn.

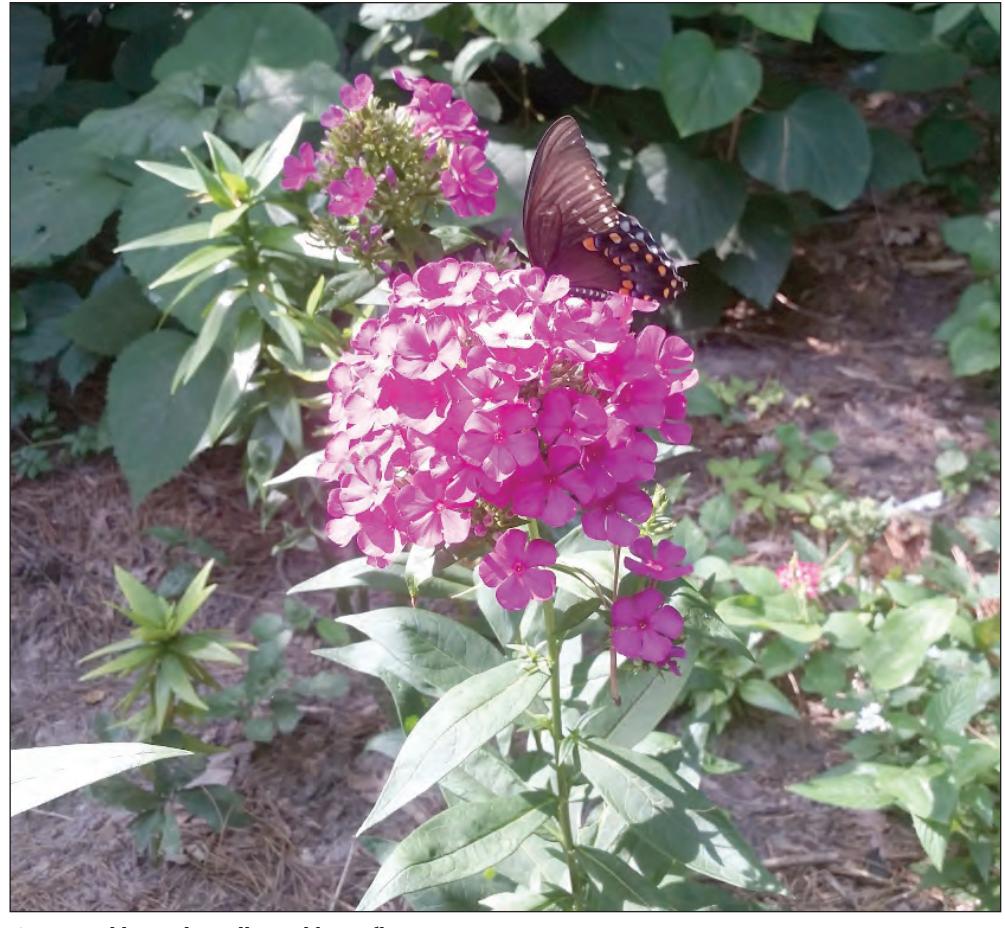
## Wood County 4-H delegation attends state congress

Texas 4-H Congress is an elite youth legislative experience for Texas 4-H members, held in Austin every two years, in which the youth assume the roles of senators, representatives, lobbyists, press corps, and special interest groups to gain a first-hand understanding of how the legislative process works.

Bills are written and submitted by

4-H members that focus on issues facing Texas youth, as well as bills on numerous current topics. These bills are assigned to the appropriate committee, debated in committee meetings, and in the House or Senate.

If a bill is successful in negotiation and debate, it is delivered to the Governor of Texas 4-H Congress for their approval.



Summer phlox with swallowtail butterfly

But your summer-blooming garden need not be limited to native plants. There are plenty of adapted perennials in bloom throughout the summer, though most need supplemental watering. I don't think any garden is complete without at least one summer phlox, a tall, upright, long-blooming perennial. Their showy flower clusters literally dance with butterflies. The best varieties for east Texas are "Robert Poore" with violet-pink flowers, and "John Fanick," a soft pink with lavender center.

Another clump-forming perennial is the cigar plant (*Cuphea ignea*), with orange and yellow tubular flowers up and down its tall stems. Also blooming in shades of red, orange, or yellow are Uruguayan firecracker plant, tropical milkweed, and firebush. Firebush performs better once the summer heats up; it is late to come back after a cold winter, so it's best to treat this as an annual or container plant.

For perennial summer color in blues and purples, plant black and blue salvia with cobalt-blue flowers; Amistad salvia with deep

purple blooms; tall verbena (also called 'verbena on a stick') with purple blooms on insanely tall, thin stems; or Russian sage, with silvery lacy leaves and light blue-violet spires of blooms. For all of these perennials, a light shearing as one flower cycle fades will encourage repeat blooms.

For big splashes of color in your summer garden, consider planting some flowering shrubs or trees. For years, the favorite blooming tree in the south has been the crape myrtle, which is also available in shrub forms. Some crape myrtles also have attractive dark foliage, or pretty exfoliating bark. Other trees with summer flowers include the chaste tree and desert willow. You can see examples of these in the water-wise bed at the Arboretum.

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purple flowers with deep red centers; glossy abelia, with its shiny leaves and clusters of pink-blushed white bells; and butterfly bush, with trusses of pink, blue, or purple. My favorite butterfly bush for ease of care and versatility is the weeping butterfly bush that we grow at the Arboretum.

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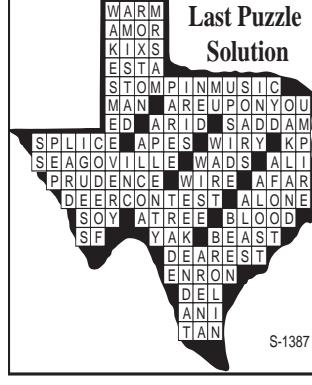
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The City of Mineola will receive bids for the Natural Gas Utility Infrastructure Improvements for Sanderson Farms, TCF Contract No. 7217052 until 2:00 pm on Thursday, August 9, 2018 at Mineola City Hall, 300 Greenville Hwy., Mineola, TX 75773. At the time stated, bids received will be publicly opened and read aloud.

Bids are invited for several items and quantities of work as follows:

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Contract documents including bid proposal forms, plan sheets, and specifications for the Project may be viewed and downloaded free of charge (with the option to purchase hard copies) at [www.civcastusa.com](http://www.civcastusa.com).

Please submit questions for the project 72 hours prior to bid opening through [www.civcastusa.com](http://www.civcastusa.com) in the Q&A portal.

Addenda will be posted at [www.civcastusa.com](http://www.civcastusa.com). You will be notified of addenda automatically through email if you downloaded your plans and specification via civcast.com.

A bid bond in the amount of 5 percent of the bid issued by an acceptable surety shall be submitted with each bid. A certified check or bank draft payable to the City of Mineola or negotiable U.S. Government Bonds (as par value) may be submitted in lieu of the Bid Bond.

Attention is called to the fact that not less than, the federally determined prevailing (Davis-Bacon and Related Acts) wage rate, as issued by the Texas Department of Agriculture and contained in the contract documents, must be paid on this project. In addition, the successful bidder must ensure that employees and applicants for employment are not discriminated against because of race, color, religion, sex age or national origin. Adherence to the Locality's Section 3 Policy is required for contracts and subcontracts in excess of \$100,000.

The City of Mineola reserves the right to reject any or all bids or to waive any informalities in the bidding.

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## Miscellaneous

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### Public Notice

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Application has been made with the Texas Alcoholic Beverage Commission for a Mixed Beverage Restaurant Permit with Food and Beverage by Luttrell Food Group LLC d/b/a Tony B's, to be located at 101 Lipscomb Street, Quitman, Wood County, Texas. Managers of said LLC are Clay L Luttrell, Manager and Lee M Trammell, Manager.

**NOTICE OF SHERIFF'S SALE (REAL ESTATE)**  
BY VIRTUE OF A WRIT OF EXECUTION issued out of the 402nd District Court of Wood County, Texas, in a certain cause numbered 2018-096. On the 11th day of July Unifind CCR Partners Assignee of Palisai Acquisition XVI, LLC vs. Julie Thompson, to me, as Civil Deputy directed and delivered, I have levied upon this June day of 19 A.D. 2018 and will between the hours of 10:00 A.M. and 4:00 P.M. at approximately 10:00 A.M. on the first Tuesday in September A.D. 2018, it being the 4th of said month, at Wood County Court House in Quitman, TX

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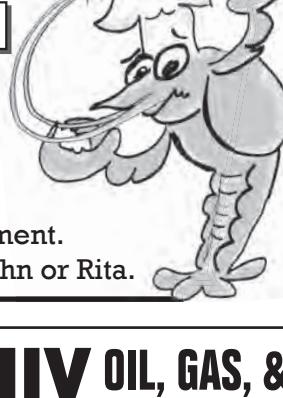
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of said Wood County, proceed to sell at public auction to the highest bidder, for cash in hand, all right, title and interest, if any, which the defendant had on the 20th day of July A.D. 2018, or at any time thereafter, of and in the following described property:  
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Said property is levied on as the property of Julie Thompson and will be sold to satisfy the judgment for \$29,680.84 Dollars. GIVEN UNDER MY HAND on this 11th day of July A.D. 2018. Sheriff Tom A. Castello Wood County, Texas  
By Bonnie Sepulvado Civil Deputy

6-22-2018 Wyatt Towing picked up an orange motorcycle, vin #KM4MJ6276D1700355, NO LICENSE PLATE, NO REGISTER TAGS. MPD called in the tow. Located in the 1000 south block of Pacific Street, Mineola, Texas. To claim motorcycle call 903-569-6060 or come by 1210 N US Hwy 69 Mineola, Texas.

**PUBLIC NOTICE**

Notice is hereby given that a public hearing has been set for revision on the plat of Holly lake Ranch Subdivision.  
The revision includes lots 446 & 447R, Section 9, within Holly Lake Ranch Subdivision.  
The public hearing is set for Friday, August 10, 2018, at 10:00 A.M. in the Commissioners Courtroom. All persons interested in revision to this plat may appear at the public hearing with opposition should they so desire.  
Bryan Jeanes  
Wood County Judge

**PUBLIC NOTICE**

Wood County Special Education SSA will be accepting proposals for Lawn Mowing Services for the 2018-2019 school year.  
All sealed proposals must be returned to the WCSESSA Office at: 103 Earlene Dr. Quitman, TX 75783 (Attention: Tammy Willis) by **12:00 noon on Friday, August 10, 2018**. Place Bid for Lawn Mowing Services on the envelope. Wood County SSA reserves the right to reject any and/or all bids.  
The proposals will be reviewed and selected at a public meeting at 3:00 pm on August 13, 2018. For additional information, contact Tammy Willis-Special Education Director at (903) 763-2253.

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Quitman Independent School District offers career and technical education programs in Agriculture, Food & Natural Resources; Architecture & Construction; Business Management & Administration; Education & Training; Health Science; Science, Technology, Engineering & Mathematics; and Career Development. Admission to these programs is based on open enrollment.

It is the policy of Quitman Independent School District not to discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex or handicap in its vocational programs, services or activities as required by Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, as amended; Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972; and Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, as amended.

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Quitman Independent School District will take steps to assure that lack of English language skills will not be a barrier to admission and participation in all educational and vocational programs.

For information about your rights or grievance procedures, contact the Title IX Coordinator, Angela Brown at 1201 E. Goode Street, Quitman, TX, 903.763.5000 and/or the 504 Coordinator, Angela Brown at 1201 E. Goode Street, Quitman, TX, 903.763.5000.

**Notificación Pública de No Discriminación en Programas de Educación Técnica y Vocacional**

Quitman Independent School District ofrece programas de educación técnica y vocacional en Agricultura, alimentos y recursos naturales; Arquitectura y construcción; Gestión y administración; Educación y la formación; Ciencias de la salud; Ciencia, tecnología, ingeniería y matemáticas; y desarrollo de la carrera. La admisión a estos programas se basa en matrícula abierta.

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Quitman Independent School District tomará las medidas necesarias para asegurar que la falta de habilidad en el uso del inglés no sea un obstáculo para la admisión y participación en todos los programas educativos y vocacionales.

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## MINEOLA HS BAND ENJOYS CHICAGO TRIP

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## Slaton

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6 Coach of the Year again. I won these awards because of the opportunity I've had to coach great kids and great teams. It's just awesome."

He is one of only 11 coaches in the United States that earn the coveted National Coach of the Year award. District 6 consists of coaches from Texas, Arkansas, Mississippi, Oklahoma and Louisiana.

"To think of how many great coaches and teams that there are in those five states, it is unbelievable that I was

picked out of the field in that district," he said. "I was humbled to find out that I was one of the 11 coaches chosen as National Coach of the Year."

Slaton has been involved in coaching for 21 years and got his first experience at Fouke, AR High School where he and his first state champions in 1999. His 2007 Nashville team also won a state title.

The 2017 team was loaded with 10 seniors, of which seven were starters. This year's team, with almost all newcomers, surprised everyone with a 30-5 record on the way to the state crown where they defeated Shiloh Christian 4-0. "This was a special group. We had to replace seven start-

ers and had no idea we would be this good," Slaton said. "Those seven new starters probably didn't have 10 innings total of playing time last season, so I am real proud of them."

Slaton's love for baseball began at a very young age playing on teams at Mineola Youth Foundation Park. His parents, the late Kenneth and Dolores Slaton, were the foundation builders of his life. "My Mom and Dad were always there for me and I had a lot of great coaches growing up," Slaton said. "I grew up with some good baseball players like Bobby Curtis, Curtis Dowdle, David Sinches, Rodney Clower and Brandon Lankford. Playing in the summer we got become friends with players from other towns like Cory Tucker and Carlos Berry in Quitman and Jason Hathcock from Grand Saline.

Slaton's mother Dolores passed away prior to the 2017 season and he and his team dedicated that year to her. "It was really special time for me. There is a picture the players dog-piling after the state win and you can see me off to the side pointing my finger to heaven and my Mom."

Slaton said things were different when he played. "We didn't have distractions like kids do today. We had the ballpark and baseball. That's all we did all summer long," Slaton added.

Slaton fondly remembers his men-

tor and high school coach, the late Danny Freeman. "There is no doubt if it weren't for Coach Freeman. I wouldn't be here today coaching baseball. Coach Freeman got me in at Southern Arkansas where I could play college ball and he helped me get my first job at Fouke," Slaton observed. "Just about everything in my baseball career is because of Coach Freeman."

This state championship was even more special because the tournament was played in Nashville at the Scorpions' facility. "In Arkansas, you get to bid for the state tournament and we were fortunate to get the bid this year. It sure helped because we did not have to travel and my kids got to go home and eat and sleep in their own beds," Slaton said. "It always helps to have a big crowd of your own fans to be there for you. In Arkansas the state tournament has 12 teams competing."

Slaton has also coached football and has been a part of four state championships, but baseball is his life. "Baseball has always been my love," Slaton said. "I enjoy coaching football as much as I do baseball, but I played college baseball. I love this game! It has been my passion, and has always been part of my life. I enjoy being around the kids and watching the enjoyment on their faces. I do this profession for the kids."

Slaton and his wife, Kim, have three children, daughters Bailey and Sydney and son Slade. They live in Nashville.

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