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Wood County Child Welfare board President Sam Scroggins manned the microphone at this year's Tips for Tots. Scroggins led the charge for the evening which netted nearly \$24,000 for the foster children of Wood County. (Monitor photo by Larry Tucker)

Tips for Tots sets record

By LARRY TUCKER
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More than \$23,500 – a record – was raised at the annual Tips for Tots benefit held at A.J.'s fish House last Monday evening. The event was sponsored by the Wood County Child Welfare Board.

Board President Sam Scroggins was happy with the evening. "This year's Tips for Tots raised over \$23,500. This is an increase of almost \$2,000 above last year. About a third came from each of the three major categories: sponsor donations, celebrity waiter tips and donations, and the side money raised from the raffles, bake sales, & auction. Over 500 patrons attended the event," Scroggins said. "The Wood County Child Protection Board is extremely grateful to all who attended: our waiters, spon-

sors, the youngsters from Yantis FFA who bused tables, and especially Carolyn and Andy Johnson and the staff of A.J.'s Fish House Restaurant."

Local auctioneer Shannon Davis led the three sets of live auctions throughout the evening. Yantis FFA members worked the entire evening, busing tables and helping out customers. Tips for Tots began at 4 p.m. and ended at 8 p.m.

Mike Fletcher of Quitman, won the television, and Demethrius Boyd of Mineola won the Henry Golden Boy .22 rifle. According to Scroggins, both winners had served as celebrity waiters in the past.

The protection board is a local non-profit organization which assists and encourages the neglected foster

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Mercury spill causes mail delay across East Texas

By HANK MURPHY
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A U.S. Postal Service mail processing facility in Coppell reopened Monday after a mercury spill last week disrupted regular mail delivery across much of East Texas, including in Wood County.

On Aug. 7, mercury from a mailed package spilled out at the processing center in Coppell, causing a suspension in operations there. Mail was rerouted to other postal facilities in and around Dallas and Fort Worth, according to USPS spokesman Albert Ruiz in Dallas.

"Postal management has worked with professional environmental contractors and regulators to evaluate, clean and certify the safety of the plant. Our remediation efforts and compliance with environmental regulations have been completed," Ruiz said. After the spill, the Postal Service implemented established emergency preparedness procedures, which includes working with the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, according to Ruiz. The spill was contained and no injuries to employees were reported.

Mail remained safe throughout the temporary suspension as postal employees worked around the clock to minimize any service disruptions, Ruiz said.

"We apologize to customers who may have experienced temporary service issues and assure them that we continue to make progress every day toward restoring normal

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Austin Brown holds the deposit box open as Quitman Mayor David Dobbs places the first flag to be retired in the box located at First United Methodist Church, 406 Lane Street in Quitman.

Quitman Boy Scout tackles patriotic project

One Quitman Boy Scout is fulfilling his Eagle Scout project requirements by providing a place for citizens to retire American flags.

Austin Brown, 16 and a junior at Van High School, began building a deposit box for flags that are no longer in use or in need of retirement in March and completed it in late July.

"There are not many places to drop off flags around here," Brown said. "The box is a spot for people to put them when they're no longer displayed."

The box is installed at 406 Lane Street in Quitman. Flags to be retired may be dropped in the box at any convenient time.

Scout Troop 36 will take the flags out twice a month when they meet. The troop will then prepare a ceremony for an honorable retirement of the flags. Local dignitaries were in-

cluded at the installation ceremony on Aug. 10. Those in attendance for the new addition included Wood County Sheriff Tom Castlo, Eagle Scout and Quitman Mayor David Dobbs, County Judge-elect Lucy Hebron, and

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by Zak Wellerman

Keefe Cropper, pastor of the First United Methodist Church.

Brown added the flag is a representation of our country, including each of the stars and stripes.

Boys Scouts of America is one of the few organizations that have an official program for proper flag retirement, and they hold reverent and dignified ceremonies to properly burn retired U.S. flags as spelled out in the U.S. Flag Code, according to Austin's father, Tommy Brown.

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Hensarling touts booming economy in his last Mineola town hall meeting

By HANK MURPHY
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Saying "public policy makes a difference," U.S. Rep. Jeb Hensarling, R-Texas, credited President Trump, deregulation and GOP tax cuts for spurring "one of the greatest economies in my lifetime."

The eight-term congressman made the remarks at a town hall meeting in Mineola on Aug. 8 during his 93rd and final appearance in Wood County. He will step down as District 5 congressman in January. Democrat Dan Wood and Republican Lance Gooden will vie for the seat in November. Hensarling said he has no firm plans come January other than to once again become a full-time husband and father.

The town hall touched on an array of topics, including funding for a southern border wall, immigration, firearm laws, medical choice for veterans, entitlement spending, special counsel Robert Mueller's investigation, trade tariffs and today's hyper-polarized political environment.

"We have passed the most dramatic tax reform plan in a generation" and "90 percent of Americans are seeing greater take-home pay," Hensarling said in remarks about the economy. The tax cuts combined with Trump's focus on reducing regulations have fostered economic growth on pace to average 3 percent a year, he noted.

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This Week in Your Neighborhood

- Mineola Middle School Meet the Teacher is set for 6 p.m. to 7 p.m. on Wednesday at the Middle School.
- Mineola High School Meet the Teacher will from 6:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. Wednesday at the High School.
- Students return to the classroom in Mineola for the first day of school on Thursday. Primary and Elementary Schools begin at 7:50 a.m. and will be let out at 3:30 p.m. The Middle and High Schools begin at 8 a.m. and end

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Corner Column

After working in North Dakota for nine months, I'm excited to be back in Texas and close to home while working in the field I love.

North Dakota was a challenge mostly due to the change in weather and surroundings. With it being so far north, I was aware somewhat of the cold, but I was surprised to have temperatures consistently far below zero from December into February.

As hot as it can get in East Texas, I was ready and welcoming of the warmer weather here to trade for the blisteringly cold winter.

Being there gave me the chance to develop my journalism skills out of college, working for two weekly newspapers in rural western North Dakota. I got the opportunity to grow in reporting, writing,



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taking photos, graphic design and editing.

I covered topics that challenged my preconceived notions of what I would be after college. I didn't think I would be covering sporting events or rodeos. I expected to report on meetings such as city councils, courts or stories about interesting people. However, I'm grateful because I was given the outlet to become more versatile in preparation for the next step in my journalism career.

I wanted to be a reporter because I've enjoyed asking questions and finding out the details of different and interesting stories. I believe that is what led to going to college and pursuing a degree in journalism from UT Tyler. Telling stories about the information people need to hear and not just what they want to hear is a vital part of what a

media outlet does.

Local newspapers, such as the Wood County Monitor, provide a voice to communities that are not always heard at the regional or state scale. The Monitor has given its citizens the fascinating and newsworthy content it deserves for two years now, just as the previous separate newspapers, Wood County Democrat and Mineola Monitor, did for decades prior.

I hope I can add to the news coverage given by the Monitor in my new position as the Quitman editor. I look forward to meeting everyone in the area as I report on events and issues regarding the city of Quitman and surrounding areas. I look forward to learning from those working at the paper and from our readers. Please contact me at news@woodcountymonitor.com or 903.763.4522 for any story ideas you may have.

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Mineola man pleads guilty to theft of govt. funds

Travis E. Grindle, 65, of Mineola pleaded guilty Aug. 8 to theft of government funds in connection with receiving unreported income while still collecting federal disability payments, according to U.S. Attorney Joseph D. Brown in Tyler.

Grindle pleaded guilty before U.S. Magistrate Judge John D. Love.

According to information presented in court, Grindle retired as a brakeman from Union Pacific Railroad, and since 1994, he has received federal disability payments from the Railroad Retirement Board. Recipients of such government benefits are obligated to report certain events that may affect continued eligibility, including the performance

of any work or improvement of condition. For the years 2011-2015, Grindle failed to report that income from his truck leasing business exceeded annual earning limits for receipt of his disability benefits.

Under federal statutes, Grindle faces up to 10 years in federal prison. A plea agreement is under seal. A sentencing hearing will be scheduled after the completion of a presentence investigation by the U.S. Probation Office, according to the U.S. Attorney's Office in Tyler.

This case was investigated by the U.S. Railroad Retirement Board Office of Inspector General, and prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorney Frank Coan.

WOOD COUNTY COMMUNITY CALENDAR

2nd FRIDAY ACOUSTICAL JAM - second Friday 6 - 9 p.m., Quitman Public Library, 202 E Goode St, Quitman 903-975-5745
 ALBA CITY COUNCIL - first Monday, 6:30 p.m., City Hall.
 ALBA LADIES CLUB - fourth Tuesday, 6:30 p.m., Alba Community Center. 765-2573
 ALBA LIBRARY/MUSEUM BOARD - third Monday every other month, 4 p.m., library building. Everyone welcome.
 ALBA-GOLDEN SCHOOL BOARD - second Monday, 7 p.m., high school library, 768-2472.
 ALBA-GOLDEN YOUTH FOUNDATION - second Tuesday, elementary gym, 7 p.m. All welcome.
 ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS - Sunday and Monday, 7 p.m., Friday 8 p.m., Wednesday noon; Women's Group Mon. 11 a.m.; St. Dunstan's Episcopal Church, Mineola.
 ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS - Wednesday and Saturday, 7:30 p.m., 404 S. Main Street, Quitman.
 ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS - Gateway Group, Tues. & Sat. 7 p.m. Puckett House, 109 Kilpatrick Street.
 AL ANON - Thursday, 7:30 pm; St. Dunstan's Episcopal Church, Mineola.
 ALZHEIMER SUPPORT GROUP (sponsored by Pilot Club) first Monday, 11 a.m., Red Dome restaurant in Quitman, 903-569-5237.
 AMERICAN LEGION POST 296 and Auxiliary - fourth Tuesday, 6:30 p.m., Highway 80, three miles east of Mineola. 903-569-0348. All are invited.
 AMERICAN LEGION POST OF WINNSBORO - first Tuesday, 6:30 p.m., 102 West Broadway, in Winnsboro. 903-752-0913 or 903-7675338.
 APET (Animal Preservation of East Texas) Thrift Store - Dog Gone Good Stuff, 915 S. Pacific Street, Mineola, Thursday-Saturday. 903-569-0505 or 903-563-9542.
 BOY SCOUT TROOP #36 QUITMAN - meets Sunday, 4:30 p.m., Scout House behind First United Methodist Church. Danny King, 903-521-5930.
 BOYSCOUTS TROOP 385 MINEOLA - Tuesdays 7 p.m., Mineola Methodist Education Bldg. New boys/ alums welcome! Chris Jennings 903-569-3531
 BOY SCOUTS TROOP 180 WINNSBORO - Tuesdays 6:30 p.m., Church of Christ. New boys/ alums welcome! Tex Willis 903-816-0638
 BOY SCOUTS TROOP 379 WINNSBORO - Tuesdays 7 p.m., City Bldg @ Walker Park. New boys/ alums welcome! Sherry McGovern 903-335-9744
 BREAD OF LIFE MINISTRY FOOD PANTRY - Humble Baptist, first & third Tuesday 1-4 p.m.
 BREAKING FREE - meeting place for families and friends of addicts and alcoholics. Monday, 7 p.m., 971 E. Goode St., Quitman, 903-497-6149.
 CELEBRATE RECOVERY - a support group for those with various hurts, habits or hang-ups, every Monday, 6:30-9 p.m., Church On the Rock annex building at 302 S. Stephens. 903-763-4588.
 COUNSELING CHRISTIAN GUIDANCE CENTER - 903-850-3858 or ibarnes@texascellnet.com.
 CUB SCOUTS PACK 391 HAWKINS - meets Sundays, 5 p.m., Scout Hut, FUMC. New boys, alums welcome. Scott Randall, 903-203-7901.
 DAUGHTERS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION - first Saturday except June, July, August and December, 12 p.m. Harvest Acres Baptist Church, 460 NW Loop 564, Mineola. 903-343-1474.
 DELPHIAN LITERARY CLUB - first Wednesday, 569-6794 or 569-3586.
 DRUG AND ALCOHOL AWARENESS - 7 p.m. Friday, Seventh Day Adventist Church, Ronny Polley 768-2992.
 DUPLICATE BRIDGE ACBL games - Wednesday and Friday, 10:30 a.m., Masonic Lodge, 882-1335.
 EASTERN STAR - Quitman Chapter 695, 3rd Tues., dinner 6:30 p.m., meeting 7:30. Flora Lodge in Quitman. 903-638-6420.
 ETMC Quitman - needs volunteers. Great opportunity to meet people while helping your community. Contact Judy Johnson, 903-383-3433
 FANNIE MARCHMAN GARDEN CLUB - third Wednesday, September - May, Mineola Civic Center, 9:30 a.m. Visitors welcome. Charla Martin, president, 903-638-

6389
 FLORA MASONIC LODGE #119 - first Tuesday at the lodge hall, Highway 37, Quitman. Covered dish - 6:30 p.m., meeting 7:30 p.m. Study nights for members each Thursday, 7 p.m. at the hall.
 FOREVER YOUNG ACTIVITIES CENTER - Wednesday and Friday, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Fitness exercises, bridge, lessons, Bingo and card games.
 FOUKE-LAKE HAWKINS CRIME WATCH - third Thursday, 7 p.m., Fouke Community Center
 FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY - second Tuesday, Quitman.
 FRIENDS OF THE MINEOLA MEMORIAL LIBRARY - first Wednesday, 1 p.m., Mineola Library, 569-2767.
 GED CLASSES, FREE - Sand Spring Baptist Church. Monday and Tuesday, 9 a.m. to noon, or 6-9 p.m. 903-768-3239 or 903-569-9350.
 GED FREE PREPARATORY CLASS - each Thursday 4 - 6 p.m. concurrent with QISD calendar. Quitman Public Library, 202 E Goode St, Quitman 903-975-5745
 GIRL SCOUT TROOP #3 - Monday, 6 p.m., Broad Street Church of Christ Annex, 903-569-2610. All girls, kindergarten-12th grade welcome.
 HAINESVILLE COMMUNITY CENTER - second Tuesday, 6 p.m. Members bring a covered dish and enjoy an evening of fellowship. The center is located at FM 49 and 778, 903-769-1091.
 HAINESVILLE VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPT. - second and fourth Thursday, 7 p.m., Firehouse downtown Hainesville.
 HAWKINS LIONS CLUB - second and fourth Tuesday at the depot in Willful Crossing.
 HOLLY LAKE FIRE DEPARTMENT - first and third Tuesday at the fire station at Holly Lake Ranch.
 IRIS GARDEN CLUB-GOLDEN - first Monday, September-May, Golden United Methodist Church. 903-765-3000.
 KIWANIS CLUB - noon Tuesday, Mineola Civic Center Dogwood Room.
 THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS OF SAINT PETER'S THE APOSTLE COUNCIL #11933 - second Thursday, 7 p.m., at the church, 203 Meadowbrook Drive, Mineola. 903-569-3662.
 LAKE COUNTRY CLASSIC CAR CLUB - third Monday, 6:30 p.m. 903-850-2557.
 LAKE COUNTRY REPUBLICANS - fourth Tuesday, 6 p.m., Red Dome Smokehouse, Quitman.
 LAKE COUNTRY RV TRAVELERS - of Good Sam Int'l. Monthly, RV parks w/in 150 m. radius. 903-569-3677 or 3069.
 LAKE COUNTRY SYMPHONIC BAND - will resume rehearsals Aug. 6 at Mineola High School Band Hall. 7 p.m. 903-569-2300.
 LAKE FORK ROTARY CLUB - Wednesday, noon, at the Lake Fork Baptist Church on State Highway 515
 LAKE HOLBROOK ASSOCIATION - first Saturday, February, May, August and November, Harold Simons Community Center, 5:30 p.m. directors, 6 p.m. all members and guests welcome. 903-569-0223.
 MINEOLA BAND BOOSTERS - second Tuesday, 7 p.m., in high school band hall. All parents invited.
 MINEOLA LIONS CLUB - second and fourth Thursday, noon, Mineola Country Club, 903-638-1596; 903-569-3340.
 MINEOLA MARINE CORPS LEAGUE Det. #1278, 3rd Tuesday, 6 p.m. meal, 7 p.m. meeting. American Legion Building, 2015 E. Hwy. 80, Mineola, 903-497-3030.
 MINEOLA SCHOOL BOARD - third Monday, Admin. Bldg., Loop 564, 7 p.m.
 MINEOLA CITY COUNCIL - fourth Monday, 5:30 p.m., City Hall. Public welcome. Call City Hall for changes in

November and December because of holidays.
 MINEOLA HIGH SCHOOL ATHLETIC BOOSTER CLUB - last Monday, 6 p.m., high school lobby.
 MINEOLA HISTORICAL MUSEUM ADVISORY BOARD - third Tuesday, 4 p.m., city hall. 569-6944. Public invited.
 MINEOLA MASONIC LODGE - second Thursday, dinner at 6:30 p.m., meeting at 7:30 p.m. All Masons invited. 569-2608.
 MINEOLA REBEKAH LODGE - first and third Tuesday, 11 a.m., 106 S. Line St. All Rebekahs welcome, 569-2776.
 MINEOLA ROTARY CLUB - Monday noon, Dogwood Room, Mineola Civic Center.
 MINEOLA ROTARY RECYCLING - third Saturday, 9 a.m. to noon, Walmart parking lot. Cardboard, paper and plastic accepted.
 MINEOLA SENIOR CITIZEN CENTER - 308 University, 9:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. 903-497-1162; Dominoes & other games.
 MLOTA LINE DANCE GUILD - Tuesday, 8:30 a.m., and Friday, 9:30 a.m.
 MLOTA FIBER/CRAFT ART GUILD - Wednesday and Thursday, 10 a.m. and 1:30 p.m., business meeting fourth Thursday, 9:30 am.
 MLOTA QUILT GUILD - first, second and third Thursday, 9:30 am; business meeting first Thursday.
 MLOTA PAINTERS GUILD - Wednesday, 10 a.m.; business meeting fourth Monday.
 MLOTA RUG HOOKING GROUP - first Thursday, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Beginners are welcome.
 MLOTA PHOTOGRAPHY GUILD - fourth Thursday, 6:30 p.m. All levels welcome., 903-569-8877.
 MLOTA SCULPTURE GUILD - Tuesday, 1 p.m. Business meeting first Tuesday.
 MONDAY NIGHT KNITS - 6-8 p.m. Monday, Golden Methodist Fellowship Hall. 903-768-2540.
 NORTHEAST TEXAS PARATROOPERS ASSOCIATION - third Saturday at 7:30 a.m. at Red Dome Smokehouse in Quitman.
 OPEN HEART MINISTRY - third Friday, 7 p.m., Mineola Civic Center.
 OVERCOMERS RECOVERY SUPPORT GROUP - Monday, 7-8 p.m., Whispering Pines Church of the Nazarene, located on CR 3811, Hawkins
 PARENT ADVISORY COUNCIL OF MINEOLA ELEMENTARY - first Tuesday, 8:15 a.m., elementary library.
 PARENTS ANONYMOUS GROUP - Tuesday, 6:30 p.m., First Baptist Church, Quitman. Children's program provided. 903-629-2114
 PILOT CLUB OF MINEOLA - second and fourth Tuesday, 6 p.m. Mineola Civic Center. 903-569-5237.
 PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY - at First Baptist Church in Quitman. First Tuesday 1-3:30 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. 903-763-8101.
 QUITMAN CHILD ADVOCACY GROUP - third Thursday, 10 a.m., 403 Conger in Quitman. The public is welcome.
 QUITMAN GARDEN CLUB - second Tuesday (except when on field trips), 2 p.m., Quitman library. quitmangardenclub@gmail.com. All are welcome.
 QUITMAN/LAKE FORK KIWANIS - Wednesday, noon, Faith Student Center, 403 S. Main St., Quitman. QUITMAN LIONS CLUB - second and fourth Tuesday, 6:30 p.m., Perallo's Restaurant. Contact any Lions Club member to donate your used eyeglasses for recycling to the needy.
 QUITMAN PILOT CLUB - third Tuesday, 6:30 p.m., Quitman Public Library. 903-383-5075.
 QUITMAN ROTARY CLUB, Thurs., noon, ETMC Community Room, N. Hwy. 37.

QUITMAN CITY COUNCIL - third Thursday, 5:30 p.m.; city hall.
 QUITMAN SCHOOL BOARD - 2nd Monday, 6 p.m. Administration Building.
 REPUBLICAN CLUB OF WINNSBORO - fourth Monday, 7 p.m., 903-342-0575.
 REPUBLICAN WOMEN OF WOOD COUNTY - third Monday, 11:30 a.m., Red Dome, Quitman, 903 383 2121.
 SINGING AT THE FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH OF HAWKINS - fourth Sunday, 2-4 p.m.
 SCOTTISH RITE - Wood County Scottish Rite Club meets third Thursday of odd month, 6:30 p.m., Red Dome Smokehouse meeting room. 903-253-3635.
 STROKE SURVIVORS & APHASIA CLUB OF EAST TEXAS - fourth Wednesday, 6-7 p.m., First Baptist Church Quitman, 903-878-2392.
 TEXAS INMATE FAMILIES ASSOCIATION - second Tuesday, 6:30-8 p.m., First Christian Church Tyler, Broadway & Loop, 903-839-2349.
 TOASTMASTERS INTERNATIONAL - Garden Valley chapter, Thursdays on Mercy Ships property, 5:30-6:30 p.m. 903-882-0887.
 TOPS GROUP - Thursday, 8-11 a.m., Harvest Acres Baptist Church, NW Loop 564, 569-1240, 569-2415.
 UPPER SABINE VALLEY SOLID WASTE DISTRICT - every three months on third Monday, Wood County Courthouse, 5:30 p.m. 903-763-2123.
 UTU AUXILIARY MORNING STAR LODGE #851 - third Monday (except July and August), 11:30 a.m.
 VFW LADIES AUXILIARY #7523 - third Sunday, 1 p.m., Recruiting new members. 569-2228.
 VFW POST #7523 - third Wednesday, 6 p.m., Karaoke every Friday, 8 p.m. 569-2228.
 WHYTE DOVE WRITER'S GROUP - first Tuesday, 6 p.m., 407 N. Stephens in Quitman. 903-763-1210 or e-mail mkyoung97@peoples.com.net
 WOOD COUNTY 4-H HORSE CLUB - Business meeting, Monday, 2 p.m., Wood County Extension Office. Wood County Aggie Moms - 1st Tuesday, 6 p.m., 903-539-7049 or Wood County Aggie Moms Facebook page.
 WOOD COUNTY APPRAISAL DISTRICT - Quarterly, third Thursday, 8 p.m., appraisal district office. Open to the public.
 WOOD COUNTY CENTRAL HOSPITAL DISTRICT - third Monday, 5:30 p.m. (every three months).
 WOOD COUNTY COMMISSIONERS COURT - every other Friday, Commissioners Court, Quitman, 10 a.m. 763-2716.
 WOOD COUNTY CRIME STOPPERS - every other month, third Monday, 6 p.m., Wood County Justice Center courtroom. The public is invited. 903-763-2201 or 903-569-6294.
 WOOD COUNTY DEMOCRAT CLUB - fourth Thursday, Quitman Public Library, at 6:15 p.m. 903-383-7036 or www.woodcountydem.org.
 WOOD COUNTY GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY - third Monday, January through May and September through November, 7 p.m., Quitman Public Library, Shamburger Community Room. For 903-763-4191 or 967-2458.
 WOOD COUNTY HEALTH DEPT. IMMUNIZATION CLINIC - Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, 9-11 a.m., and 1-3 p.m., third Monday, 1-6 p.m. Public Health Department offices, 213 W. Bermuda, Quitman, 763-5406.
 WOOD COUNTY HOSPITAL DISTRICT - second Monday, 7 p.m., hospital conference room in Quitman. Public invited.
 WOOD COUNTY PCT. 2 CONSTABLE EXPLORERS - first Thursday, 6:30 p.m., Armed Texans Training Facility, 369 CR 2784, Mineola.
 WOOD COUNTY RETIRED SCHOOL PERSONNEL ASSOCIATION - third Monday, September-December, and February-April, 2 p.m. and in May at 5 p.m., Forever Young Activity Center, 402 S. Main St., Quitman. All retired school personnel are invited.
 YANTIS CITY COUNCIL - second Tuesday, 6 p.m., city hall.
 YANTIS SCHOOL BOARD - second Monday, 6 p.m. (executive session), 7 open meeting, school cafeteria.
 YANTIS/LAKE FORK LIONS CLUB - second Thursday, 6 p.m., Yantis Community Center.

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What's her story?

Author and former Mineola teacher returns with gift of books

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Former Mineola school teacher Renee Carr Songer used to tell her students that anyone can be an author. It doesn't require riches, fame or genius. You just need a story to tell.

Encouraged by friends, Songer took her own words to heart and found stories to tell – tales inspired by a pair of pet donkeys. The children's book author returned to Mineola on Aug. 8 to donate copies of her book *The Adventures of Pepe* to the primary and elementary school libraries.

Songer taught school in Mineola from 1994 to 2004. She and her husband, Scott, raised their two children in Mineola, where they also attended school. She now

lives in Forney and teaches elementary school at Sunnyvale ISD.

The genesis for the book lies in yarns spun on social media.

"We have these two crazy little donkeys, and I would tell funny tales on Facebook about what they were doing and this and that. My friends kept saying, 'You really ought to write a book.' So finally I thought I ought to write a book. So I did."

It took her about a year and half to write the manuscript, Songer said. As she finished a chapter, she would bring it to school and read it to her students.

"And they were just astounded; they thought it was amazing that anyone had a pet donkey, let alone two. In Sunnyvale, the idea of a donkey as a pet is a little more unique," she said with a laugh.

Along with the text, the 54-

page book displays photos of some of her true-life critter characters: Pepe and Hodie the donkeys, cranky old Charlie Horse, Buford the cat and Samson the dog.

"At about the time you think what I'm writing is fictional, there's a picture to back it up," she remarked.

She published using the Create Space platform, and the book, geared toward second through fourth grade, is on sale through Amazon.com for \$11.95.

Writing and publishing a book has been a longtime ambition for Songer.

"It was a dream of mine," she said with a smile. "I taught English language arts my whole career, and I always told my students anyone can be an author – and sure enough."

Former Mineola teacher Renee Carr Songer, left, shares a copy of her book "The Adventures of Pepe" with Mineola Primary School principal Jole Ray last week at the school library. Songer also donated one of her books to the Mineola Elementary School library. (Monitor photo by Hank Murphy).



Alba pursuing grant funds to help revitalize city drainage system

From Staff Reports

Alba City Council discussed the possible award of a Texas Community Development Block Grant at last week's regular council meeting. If selected, Alba would receive the grant this upcoming Spring.

The city unanimously approved Resource Management and Consulting of Paris, Texas, to conduct all application and administration services for the grant. The last grant Alba received under this program was in the value of \$275,000.

Successfully securing the grant should allow Alba to create ditches on all city streets presently without ditches, and to clean and maintain the present ditches within the city. In short, the grant should be sufficient to revitalize the entire city drainage system. Water Manager Paul Kelbe highlighted the importance of conducting this upgrade coincident to the already approved sewage system reconstruction. Council Member Tammy Kirkpatrick questioned whether a grant of that value would be sufficient to do the ditches city-wide. Kelbe stated that he believed it would be sufficient. City Secretary Lindy McCarty stated the application for the

grant starts in October with grant award to be announced in March or April.

In related activity, the council issued a resolution supporting the Alba Economic Development Corporation application for a Texas Parks Grant. The grant would be for the purpose of installing playground equipment at the city park. The Economic Development Corporation would be committing matching funds should the state

park grant be awarded.

In personnel matters, council approved Miste Davis to continue serving as one of three Alba representatives to the Wood County Industrial Commission. Council also approved a Letter of Engagement with Certified Public Accountant Norman White. The fee for retaining the CPA's services is \$10,100.

There were no citizen comments before the board. Mayor Sonny Hass was joined by

Council Members Larry Harris, Larry Jones, Robert Kraemer and Kirkpatrick. Council Member Marja Heinert was absent.

MEALS ON WHEELS

THIS WEEK'S MENUS:

Thursday, Aug. 16 - Parmesan Chicken, Chuckwagon Corn, Peach Cobbler, Dinner Roll, Milk

Friday, Aug. 17 - Spanish Beef and Rice Bake, Green Beans w/Red Peppers & Onions, Hot Mixed Fruit, Wheat Bread, Milk

Monday, Aug. 20 - Salisbury Beef w/Gravy, Ranch Potatoes, Spiced Fruit, Wheat Bread, Milk

Tuesday, Aug. 21 - Lemon Pepper Chicken Strips, Cut Yams, Brussels Sprouts, Dinner Roll, Fresh Fruit, Milk

Wednesday, Aug. 22 - Baked Meatballs w/Tomato Sauce, Penne Pasta, Italian Vegetable Blend, Wheat Bread, Fudge Creme Cookie, Milk

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Quitman Mason celebrates 50 years

Membership in the Masonic Lodge runs in the Donald Vaughn's family. He celebrated his 50 years at the Flora Lodge in Quitman on Aug. 8 with a commemorative pin.

"It just runs in my family for years and that's been what I wanted to do," he said. "I haven't been as active as I wanted to be. My

father was Grand Master and I had uncles involved in all three degrees of being a Mason."

The path through Masonic membership includes three degrees: Apprentice, Fellowcraft and Master Mason. Vaughn said he wanted to finish the three degrees in three months; he came close –

four months in 1958.

Derek Spitzer, 2018-19 Master of the Lodge since July, has been a member for five years. He congratulated Vaughn on the longevity of his service as a Mason.

"It's a distinguished honor that isn't reached by many," Spitzer said. "To be a Mason for 50 years is a very proud achievement."

Vaughn says a favorite memory is of attending a Mason event with his father and uncles at the Gladewater rodeo grounds.

Vaughn's father also served the lodge for 50 years. "I have two 50 year pins because of my dad's pin." He hopes to continue with the lodge, but notes he's getting older. He added that he will still pay the dues.

The Masonic Lodge is an all volunteer organization with meetings once a month. When people want to be a Mason, they can ask and find help to become one.

"It's a fraternity of men and it's based on a belief in God. And it's all good men," Vaughn said. "It feels like a family brotherhood. We refer to each other as brothers in the lodge."

- By ZAK WELLERMAN



Donald Vaughn was presented with a 50 year pin commemorating his half century of Masonic service in a ceremony held on August 8th. Pictured are Derek Spitzer, Master of the Lodge, Donald Vaughn and Ricky Gaddis DDGM. (Monitor photo by Zak Wellerman)

Quitman Library Connections

BY LIBRARIAN DELENE ALLEN

With kids heading back to the classroom this month, the Quitman Public Library is highlighting online resources that are especially helpful for students and teachers. A variety of tools for homework help can be found on our website under the Youth Connection and Reference tabs. Exclusive online resources can be found in the TexShare® Databases accessible within the library's website at www.quitmanlibrary.org. Call 903-763-4191 for log-in information.

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.

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

Adult Services

Knitting and crochet instruction class meets each Thursday 2 - 4 p.m. in the library's main gallery and is taught by Rebekah Yeager and Virginia Hofpauir. Students of all ages and skill levels may bring their own supplies and join the group for this free instruction.

The 2nd Friday Acoustical Jam is Friday, September 14 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.

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.

Friends of the Library

The Friends meet Tuesday, September 11, 2018 at noon for an hour of fellowship and fun. 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 meets Monday, September 17 at 7 p.m. in the library's Shamburger Community Room. The society's Facebook page is <http://www.facebook.com/groups/wocotcx>.

New Arrivals

Visit the library's online catalog at <http://quitman.biblionix.com/catalog> and select "What's Hot" to check new arrivals. Download the OverDrive® app to connect to our library's vast collection of eBooks, audiobooks and streaming video.

Bingo set to return Aug. 30 at Mineola American Legion

By ZAK WELLERMAN
news@woodcountymonitor.com

After being away for about three years, bingo at the Mineola American Legion Post 296 has returned beginning on the last Thursday of August. Legion member J.R.

Evans said the post received its license again recently after going dormant for two to three years.

"We're very excited about having our license to have bingo and put the money to work for veterans and youth

programs in the Wood County area," Evans said.

Starting Aug. 30, bingo will be played each Thursday afterwards. Doors open at 5:30 p.m. Early birds bingo starts at 6:30 p.m. and regular session at 7 p.m.

Evans said cash prizes will be awarded based on the people in attendance each night.

Proceeds will go to youth projects, veterans' services, the Mineola veterans' parade, sending students to Boys State in Austin every year and aid veterans.

The post is located three miles east of Highway 80 in Mineola.

For questions or more information contact Post Commander John Lambert at 903.569.6481 or 903.253.5585.



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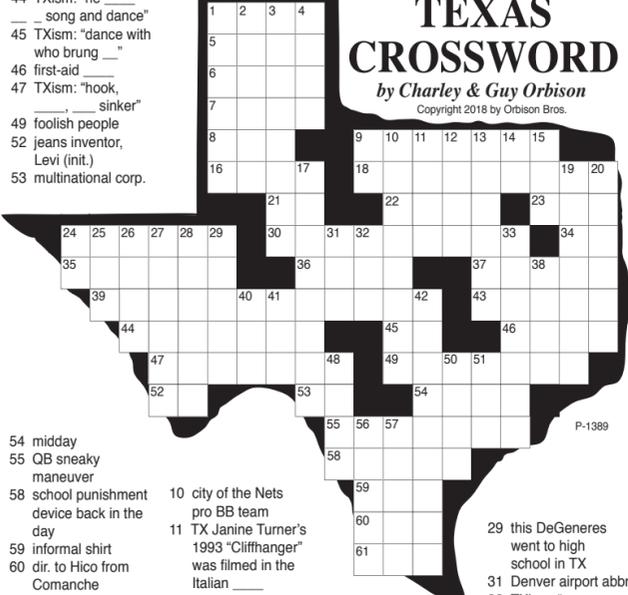
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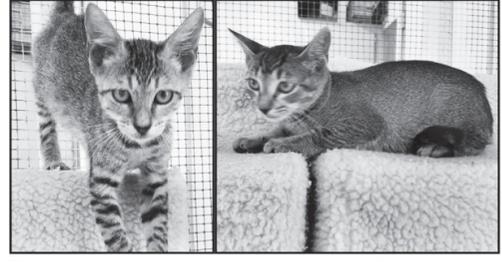
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- Dallas "Energy Plaza" building was first called "Tower"
- TXism: "never anything by the glow of a neon light" (good advice)
- extension
- TX-based "Steak and "
- hymn: "There Is ___ Gilead"
- TXism: "she could talk the ___ off an iron stove"
- an old Missouri Pacific train that ran from Houston to New Orleans
- "good ___ boy"
- gem that can be found on TX's Gulf coast
- an Astro, e.g.
- TXism: "___ as a wildcatter with a bank balance"
- TX Roy Orbison had one while in high school (2 wds.)
- TX electronics co.
- Dallas mayor, Earle at time of JFK assassination
- "no use crying over spilt ___"
- this LB Tommy's #60 jersey number is retired at UT
- Padre Island was named for Father Jose ___
- remove writing

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- TX "Spanky" McFarland was a "little ___"
- Altamira ___ bird is found in southern TX
- in McLennan County on U.S. 84
- TXism: "big frog in the ___" (VIP)
- Houston Olajuwon before he was Hakeem (init.)
- TXism: "he ___ song and dance"
- TXism: "dance with who bring ___"
- first-aid ___
- TXism: "hook, ___ sinker"
- foolish people
- jeans inventor, Levi (init.)
- multinational corp.
- midday
- QB sneaky maneuver
- school punishment device back in the day
- informal shirt
- dir. to Hico from Comanche
- nat'l identifier
- this Moses was star
- Houston Rockets forward (1976-82)
- TX Orbison 1963 hit: "___ Dreams"
- TXism: "___ it in the bud"
- TX "Icky Twerp" of TV's "___ Theatre" in 1950s and 1960s
- TX Orbison and TX Willie, e.g.
- city of the Nets pro BB team
- TX Janine Turner's 1993 "Cliffhanger" was filmed in the Italian ___
- TX Roy Orbison song
- unpleasant sounds
- this TX Sunset was a B-western star (init.)
- TX Christopher Cross sang "Best That You ___ Do"
- TXism: "he's a small fish in ___ pond"
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- Denver airport abbr
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- TX Roy Orbison's ___ for the Man
- fish lure
- Dallas' Paul Quinn Coll. affiliation
- ___ Film State Park
- ___ hide
- nor hair of him"
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- "___ is me!"
- Rangers' manager in 1990s, Johnny
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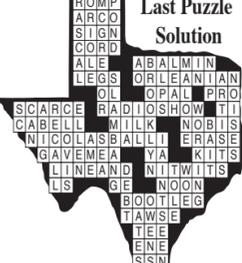
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Mineola Police Report

Aug. 8 – at 1:45 a.m. officers checked McWhorter Street when dispatch received a call from a resident in regard to hearing noises outside the home. The area was checked and no criminal activity was observed.

At 8:23 a.m. A woman on South Street reported being cursed by a neighbor. Officer told the person cursing if not stopped charges of disorderly conduct could be filed.

1:36 p.m. A small trailer had rolled into the highway in the 800 block of East Broad. Officers assisted with traffic and the trailer was removed from the roadway.

Aug. 7 – At 12:21 a.m. It was reported a man sitting in a truck for several days on Ivey Street. The man lived at the residence and was OK

At 12:28 a.m. an officer stopped a car on West Blair Street for defective brake light and later located stolen property in the vehicle. The property was seized and the case is under investigation with several suspects involved.

3:43 a.m. A suspicious man was walking around the train depot. Officers found he was checking the time on the clock at the depot.

4:27 p.m. A Smith County Sheriff officer reported a runaway from their county was possibly in the Mineola ISD area. The area was searched and the juvenile was not located.

5:59 p.m. A woman on Goodson Street reported a female was harassing her. An officer advised her to cease all communications.

9:21 p.m. An officer was asked to check the Elliot Street area regarding a motion light that was active and dogs were barking. The area was checked and was OK.

Aug 6 – At 3:11 a.m. Fireworks were set off and reported in Goodson Street area. The area was checked.

At 1:33 p.m. A truck coming into the city from South Pacific was reported losing material off the truck. Officers checked and could not locate the truck or material.

At 4:04 p.m. An assault was reported involving a juvenile. This is under investigation.

8:26 p.m. A group of kids and an adult were reported kicking a ball out into the highway on East Broad. Officers checked and were unable to locate anything near the highway.

9:29 p.m. A friend of a woman on Buchanan Street called for a welfare check when he received a questionable message from her. She was alright and the message had been misunderstood.

Aug 5 -12:34 a.m. A man who had ridden the train into Mineola and then went on to Tyler realized his wallet was missing. Officers were able to locate the wallet and return it to the owner.

12:41 A wallet was found on the roadway at Good and Wigley Street and turned in to police. The wallet was returned to the owner.

3:07 p.m. A man was criminally trespassed from a residence on Molly Lane by homeowner's request.

4:45 p.m. A city ordinance violation was reported on Elliot when it was found the residents were burning in their yard. Fire was extinguished and the homeowners received a warning.

8:12 p.m. David Lee Slavens 38, of Mineola was arrested for a Mineola and Upshur County traffic warrant. He was stopped by officers on Graham Street.

10:16 p.m. Aimee Marie McEwen, 40 of Mineola was arrested for driving while license invalid with previous convictions. McEwen was

stopped at the 100 block of North Pacific for obscured license plate. During inventory a crystal-like substance was located and then field tested. Tests came back as methamphetamine. She was also arrested for possession of a controlled substance.

Aug 4 – At 3:01 p.m. a car was reported to be parked at a stop sign on Welch at Wigley Street for a long time. When officers checked it was broken down.

3:53 p.m. A man on Johnson Street reported that he had unwanted relatives at his home and they were refusing to leave. The parties separated after an officer arrived.

7:23 p.m. A suspicious vehicle was stopped by officers when they noticed a driver driving slow in the Walnut and Wren Street area. When asked, the woman said she was lost.

7:34 p.m. Villeda Ponce Eliseo, 26 of Dallas was arrested for no drivers license. He was stopped on Graham for a traffic violation and found not to hold a valid license.

8:01 p.m. An employee at Goodwill found a wallet in the store and turned it into the police. Dispatch was able to contact the owner and the wallet was returned.

Aug 3 – At 1:09 a.m. Wendy Ann Williams, 24 of Palestine was arrested for possession of drug paraphernalia. She was stopped by an officer for speeding on East Broad.

3:09 a.m. A Second Street resident reported awakening to hearing loud voices outside her home. The subjects were located and after investigation by the officer were released to go home.

9:40 a.m. An unsecure building was reported on Johnson Street. An officer and owner secured the business.

10:39 a.m. An officer checked a house on North Pacific that was reported unsecured. Everything was found to be OK.

12:43 p.m. A woman on Newsom Street reported receiving threats over Facebook that were made by a family member. A report was made and is currently under investigation

3 p.m. A fraud report was made when a local bank customer gave her account number out to a person to wire money. After checking the account several transactions were made without the account holder's consent. Investigation continues.

Aug. 2 – 12.2a.m. An officer made a stop with a man riding a bicycle around Johnson and Bowdoin Street area. He was checked and given a warning by officer.

3:23 p.m. EMS, fire and police were called to Goodson Circle for a person not breathing. EMS called for the JP for an inquest.

7:14 p.m. A disturbance was reported between large groups of teenagers at WalMart. An officer talked with the subjects who said the argument before he got there and the other subjects left the area.

10:09 p.m. An officer answered a suspicious person call in the parking lot at 300 block of West Broad. The man said he lived nearby and was just walking.

10:19 p.m. An officer received a call of a man and woman arguing on North Johnson. It was determined to be a verbal argument only.

10:48 p.m. A man on a bicycle on West Kilpatrick was given a warning for a violation.

11:13 p.m. An officer was contacted about a welfare check on Wigley Street. He found everything OK.

Wood County Sheriff's Report

The Wood County Sheriff's Department activities for July 25 through July 31, 2018 are:

July 31 - Deputies were dispatched to FM 17 near Alba, at approximately 9:07 a.m., in reference to an alarm. Deputies checked the building and it was secure.

Deputies were dispatched to Main St. in Yantis, at approximately 9:50 a.m., in reference to a reckless driver. Deputies located the individual and advised to have a family member pick the person up.

Deputies were dispatched to HWY 37 near Quitman, at approximately 12:37 p.m., in reference to a theft. A known actor stole and sold the reporting party's air compressor.

Deputies spoke with the reporting party, at approximately 1:47 p.m., in reference to theft that occurred on CR 2166 near Quitman. Deputies gave the reporting party advice and cleared the incident.

Deputies responded to a suspicious vehicle on CR 2260 near Mineola; at approximately 9:36 p.m. Deputies located the vehicle and everything was OK.

Deputies were dispatched to CR 4878 near Winnsboro, at approximately 10:18 p.m., in reference to a burglary. Actors, or actors unknown, stole several items from the reporting party's residence. This case has been forwarded to investigators.

Deputies were dispatched to CR 1681 near Alba, at approximately 10:42 p.m., in reference to suspicious circumstances. Deputies searched the area, but were unable to locate any suspicious ac-

tivity.

July 30 - Deputies were dispatched to CR 4200 near Winnsboro, at approximately 7:05 a.m., in reference to an alarm. Deputies checked the building and it was secure.

Deputies were dispatched to HWY 80 near Mineola, at approximately 7:57 a.m., in reference to criminal mischief. A known actor damaged the reporting party's property. This case has been forwarded to investigators.

Deputies were dispatched to HWY 154 near Quitman, at approximately 10:05 a.m., in reference to suspicious circumstances. Deputies searched the area, but were unable to locate any suspicious activity.

Deputies were dispatched to CR 3495 near Hawkins, at approximately 10:30 a.m., in reference to a dispute. Deputies spoke with all parties involved, gave them advice and cleared the incident.

Deputies spoke with the reporting party, at approximately 12:31 p.m., in reference to a scam that occurred on CR 1505 near Alba. Deputies gave the reporting party advice and cleared the incident.

Deputies responded to a suspicious person on CR 3420 near Hawkins; at approximately 2:38 p.m. Deputies searched the area, but were unable to locate the individual.

Deputies spoke with the reporting party, at approximately 6:29 p.m., in reference to a theft that occurred on FM 14 near Hawkins. Deputies gave the reporting party advice and cleared the incident.

Deputies were dispatched to Concho near

Quitman, at approximately 7:14 p.m., in reference to a reckless driver. Deputies searched the area, but were unable to locate the vehicle.

Deputies were dispatched to FM 2869 near Hawkins, at approximately 7:17 p.m., in reference to a reckless driver. Deputies searched the area, but were unable to locate the vehicle.

Deputies were dispatched to HWY 154 near Yantis, at approximately 10:48 p.m., in reference to a welfare check. Deputies searched the area, but were unable to locate the individual.

July 29 - Deputies were dispatched to PR 6645 near Mineola, at approximately 12:25 a.m., in reference to a noise complaint. Deputies advised the individuals to lower the volume of the music and cleared the incident.

Deputies were dispatched to CR 4890 near Winnsboro, at approximately 1:49 a.m., in reference to a welfare check. Stacey Wyer, 48, of Quitman, was arrested for Possession of Marijuana.

Deputies spoke with the reporting party, at approximately 5:49 a.m., in reference to suspicious circumstances on PR 7869 near Hawkins. Deputies gave the reporting party advice and cleared the incident.

Deputies were dispatched to CR 1859 near Yantis, at approximately 8:31 a.m., in reference to a disturbance. Frederick Bolton, 51, of Yantis, was arrested for Assault by Contact/Family Violence and Resist Arrest Search Transport.

Deputies conducted a traffic stop on CR 1835 near Yantis; at approx-

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Tips

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children from newborns to 18 who live in Wood County.

All funds from the event's sponsor donations, waiter tips, live auction raffle and bake sale will be used to support Wood County children who are under the supervision and care of the Child Protective Services (CPS). The child protection board adds additional financial support beyond that covered by the state's foster care funding.

Support includes a \$100 initial clothing allowance for each child removed from their home to help get necessary clothing until the foster system begins funding. There is a \$200 allowance to help with back-to-school clothing and school supplies for each school-age child in CPS care.

An average of \$200 for each child in foster care is also provided to get the top items on the child's Christmas wish list as well as a party with Santa at which gifts are delivered. An age-appropriate allowance is given for each child to spend as they wish. Each also gets birthday money of \$25 to spend as they wish.

The board also often helps cover special requests for help with items such as senior rings, prom activities, summer camp fees, beds, infant equipment and other items needed to help provide a "normal" life for these children. Support and maintenance also goes to the Rainbow Room, which is open round the clock, for emergency clothing and to supplement needed items not donated.



Jack Neel (left) and Charles Thompson (right) were part of a large group from Forever Young Activity Center who took part in the Tips for Tots program last week. (Monitor photo by Larry Tucker)

"The operating cost for the Rainbow Room and foster children's finan-

cial support is well over \$60,000 annually. There is no state or federal funding available to cover these costs so the board is dependent upon donations and fundraisers. Tips for Tots provides a major boost in helping defray these costs," Scroggins said.

Waiters were some of Wood County's finest "celebrities" including educators, ministers and some elected officials. All of their tips went into the night's fundraising program.

Mineola Fire Report

Forest, woods or wildland fire: Aug. 2, 4:16 p.m. 310 County Road 2315, Mineola.

Aug. 3, 4:42 p.m. County Road 3582, Winnsboro, assist Holly Lake with plow.

Aug. 6, 4:46 p.m. Hwy. 80, Hawkins, assist Hawkins with plow.

Brush or brush-and-grass fire mix: Aug. 3, 6:09 p.m. 2335 E. Hwy. 80, Mineola.

Medical assistance: Aug. 2, 3:23 p.m. 782 Goodson Circle, Mineola.

Aug. 3, 9:28 a.m., 0955 County Road 2310, Mineola.

Aug. 6, 4:51 p.m., 1809 Park Place, Mineola.

Aug. 7, 5:27 p.m., 1830 Park Place, Mineola.

Aug. 7, 8:12 p.m., County Road 2281 Mineola.

Gasoline or flammable liquid spill: Aug. 3, 2:01 p.m. North Hwy. 37, Mineola.

Unauthorized burning: Aug. 3, 9:58 p.m. Holiday Pine (Enchanted Lakes), Mineola.

Dispatched and cancelled en route: Aug. 2, 12:34 p.m., North Hwy.

69, Mineola.

Aug. 5, 6:20 a.m., 129 County Road 2501, Mineola.

Aug. 6, 9:37 p.m., 369 County Road 2774, Mineola.

No incident found upon arrival: Aug. 5, 7:02 a.m. FM 1255 and Hwy. 80, Mineola.

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Quitman City Council Chambers
August 30, 2018, at 5:30 p.m.

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Commissioners approve 90-day burn ban; issue welding guidelines

By **LARRY TUCKER**
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A 90-day burn ban was approved by Wood County Commissioners Friday morning.

The order prohibiting burning states "all outdoor burning is prohibited in the unincorporated area of Wood County for 90 days from the date

of adoption (Aug. 10) of this order, unless the restrictions are terminated earlier based on a determination made by Texas Forest Service or this court."

Wood County Fire Marshal Tully Davidson sent out guidelines for welding during the ban. Welding operations shall be prohibited with the

exception of welding operations conducted under the following guidelines:

1. A 30' area clear of any combustible materials where welding, cutting or grinding operations are being performed;
2. A 30' area clear of any combustible materials is required with an enclosure that is covered;
3. Anything elevated above 20' - the radius will increase by two feet for every elevated foot;
4. Surface around area will be wetted down;
5. Wind speed must be less than 15 mph (maximum);
6. Relative humidity must be above 30 percent;
7. One fire guard watching with pressurized extinguishers on site for every person welding, cutting, or grinding;
8. Each site will have cellular telephone com-

munications for emergency response;

9. All welding, cutting and grinding operations may be performed in a total welding enclosure, or "welding box," that is sufficiently high enough to control sparks and includes a fire retardant cover over the top. Wind speeds must not exceed 30 mph while utilizing an enclosure.

Where welding (above ground and sub-surface) is required in an area where there is potential for a hazardous atmosphere, barriers will be substituted for total enclosures (e.g. "wind walls") to prevent sparks from coming in contact with any combustible material. The barriers will be installed to allow ven-

tilation of the work area and ingress and egress to the work area for personnel safety. Sub-surface, or "bell hole" welding and grinding operations within approved excavations are allowed if all other mitigation efforts are included.

In other matters, commissioners acted on seven personnel requests. In the Wood County Sheriff's Office, Barbara Cox was hired to fill the dispatcher's post left by Kelly Jo Stampert and will be paid \$18.27 per hour. Alderson Franklin, Jr. will replace Billy Hills as a deputy sheriff at \$21.05 per hour and Jesse Rodriguez resigned his post as a jailer at Wood County Jail.

Other personnel mat-

ters included hiring Kimberly Carpenter part-time in the District Judge's office at \$12 per hour. In the elections office, Rachel Goldthorn was moved from part-time to full-time secretary at \$16.54 per hour. In Precinct #3, seasonal temporary helpers Everin Gipson and Theodore Wells resigned their positions.

Commissioners further approved:

- Payroll of \$329,109.66; health and dental payments of \$91,944.16; and accounts payable of \$246,756.31.
- A revised longevity pay policy.
- Constable reports.
- A revision of Lots 446 and 447R, Section 9 within the Holly Lake Ranch subdivision into one lot.

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING TO DISCUSS BUDGET AND PROPOSED TAX RATE

The Yantis ISD will hold a public meeting at 6:00 PM, August 27, 2018 in Yantis ISD Cafeteria, Yantis, TX 75497. The purpose of this meeting is to discuss the school district's budget that will determine the tax rate that will be adopted. Public participation in the discussion is invited.

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

Maintenance Tax	\$1.0400/\$100 (proposed rate for maintenance and operations)
School Debt Service Tax	\$0.0782/\$100 (proposed rate to pay bonded indebtedness)
Approved by Local Voters	

Comparison of Proposed Budget with Last Year's Budget

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

Maintenance and operations	7.14 % increase
Debt Service	-0.64 % decrease
Total expenditures	6.79 % increase

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

	Preceding Tax Year	Current Tax Year
Total appraised value* of all property	\$371,680,228	\$404,374,579
Total appraised value* of new property**	\$6,907,150	\$4,592,830
Total taxable value*** of all property	\$217,998,461	\$220,131,114
Total taxable value*** of new property**	\$6,769,660	\$4,451,160

*Appraised value is the amount shown on the appraisal roll and defined by Section 1.04(8), Tax Code.
 ** "New property" is defined by Section 26.01(2)(17), Tax Code.
 *** "Taxable value" is defined by Section 1.04(10), Tax Code.

Bonded Indebtedness
Total amount of outstanding and unpaid bonded indebtedness* \$640,000

*Outstanding principal.

Comparison of Proposed Rates with Last Year's Rates

	Maintenance & Operations	Interest & Sinking Fund*	Total	Local Revenue Per Student	State Revenue Per Student
Last Year's Rate	\$1.0400	\$0.0782*	\$1.1182	\$8,856	\$1,725
Rate to Maintain Same Level of Maintenance & Operations Revenue & Pay Debt Service	\$1.5851	\$0.0792*	\$1.6643	\$9,577	\$1,386
Proposed Rate	\$1.0400	\$0.0782*	\$1.1182	\$9,128	\$1,386

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

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

	Last Year	This Year
Average Market Value of Residences	\$184,648	\$184,982
Average Taxable Value of Residences	\$159,698	\$159,421
Last Year's Rate Versus Proposed Rate per \$100 Value	\$1.1182	\$1.1182
Taxes Due on Average Residence	\$1,785.74	\$1,782.65
Increase (Decrease) in Taxes		\$-3.09

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

Notice of Rollback Rate: The highest tax rate the district can adopt before requiring voter approval at an election is \$1.1176. This election will be automatically held if the district adopts a rate in excess of the rollback rate of \$1.1176.

Fund Balances

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

Maintenance and Operations Fund Balance(s)	\$1,519,000
Interest & Sinking Fund Balance(s)	\$754,000



From left to right: Wood County Sheriff Tom Castloo, Keefe Cropper, pastor of the First United Methodist Church, Eagle Scout and Quitman Mayor David Dobbs, County Judge-elect Lucy Hebron, Troop 36 Scoutmaster Danny King and Austin Brown stand with Brown's Eagle Scout project, a retired flag deposit box.

Scout

From page 1

Austin created the handmade box from the ground up, working with seven other scouts to prepare a concrete pad, surrounded with a half-circle rock garden.

Working on this box fitted with his career goals - Brown wants to attend college to pursue a degree in engineering. He plans to mention the deposit box and the Eagle Scout experience in his college applications.

Brown received help from Wood County Electric Cooperative with the donation of a utility box that he recycled and converted to his purpose. Par 3 Graphics of Lindale donated a patriotic full color vinyl flag wrap. Bobby Skeeter, Van ISD metal fabrication teacher, advised and supported

in the repurposing of the box. Family, friends, and other scouts also made contributions of time and materials.

"It took hard work and minor details," Brown said. "It was a bunch of little things that added up to be what it is now. It'll outlive me that box will. This box will continue to contribute to the community even after I'm gone."

He began his scout journey in 2013 and is at the rank of Life Scout. He is now working toward the highest honor within BSA. Brown has earned 39 merit badges along the way.

In order to obtain the Eagle Scout rank, a scout must be active in the troop, live by the principles of the scout oath, earn 21 merit badges, hold leadership positions as a Life Scout for six months, participate in a unit leader conference and complete the service project as a Life Scout.

This high honor within scouting is only reached by 4 percent of its members.

The project to become an Eagle Scout must be helpful to a religious institution, school or the scout's community. It must benefit a group other than scouts. The scout has to prepare a proposal for the project to give the group receiving the service, according to the BSA website.

Brown will have a few more meetings and go through the board review process before becoming an Eagle Scout.

Brown also is drum major, active in band, "Wood Chucks" (wood and metal fabrication service club) and Smith Chapel United Methodist in Mineola. He is the son of Tommy and Jill Brown of Mineola. He is the grandson of Peggy and James Samford of Mineola and Larry and Phyllis Elliott of Kilgore.

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suit is as follows: Adverse Possession concerning the following described real property: Being a 3.687 acre tract of land in the M. Monteith Survey, A-401, Wood County, Texas. If this citation is not served within 90 days after the date of its issuance, it shall be returned unserved. ISSUED AND GIVEN UNDER MY HAND AND THE SEAL OF THIS COURT on this the 10th day of August 2018, at Quitman, Wood County, Texas. JENICA TURNER Clerk of the Court Donna Graves DEPUTY CLERK

Legal notice NOTICE TO CREDITORS Notice is hereby given that original Letters Testamentary for the Estate of Charles Howard Reed, Deceased, were issued on July 16, 2018 to: Randy Reed, Executor. All persons having claims against this Estate which is currently being administered are required to present them to the undersigned within the time and in the manner prescribed by law. Direct claims to the following: Law Office of Nancy E. Ridgway 9441 LBJ Frwy, Suite 106 Dallas, TX 75243 Tel: 972-671-5000 Fax: 972-671-5100 Email: nancyridgway@earthlink.net DATED the 31st day of July, 2018 Nancy E. Ridgway

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 Unifund 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

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month, at Wood County Court House in Quitman, TX 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: LOT 22.33. 5289 FRANCIS TILLEY 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. Castloo Wood County, Texas By Bonnie Sepulvado Civil Deputy

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NOTICE TO CREDITORS Notice is hereby given that original Letters Testamentary for the Estate of Viola Bramble, Deceased, were issued on July 30, 2018, in Cause No. 13,303 pending in the Probate Court of Wood County, Texas, to: Deborah A. Bramble. All persons having claims against this Estate which is currently being administered are required to present them to the undersigned within the time and in the manner prescribed by law. c/o: Deborah A. Bramble 250 CR 1788 Yantis, TX 75497 DATED the 8th day of August, 2018.

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Obituaries

INA MAI BROWN 1922-2018

MINEOLA-A celebration of life for Ina Mai Brown, 96 of Mineola was held Tuesday, August 14 at Beaty Funeral Home in Mineola. Mrs. Brown died August 9, 2018. She was born June 19, 1922, in Lawrence County, Tennessee to Rosa and Earl Glass.

She grew up in Mt. Pleasant, Tennessee; worked as a chemist during World War II and the local soda fountain; owned and operated an egg ranch, along with her husband, Clarence Brown Sr.; also worked in the original Walmart in Mineola. She was a Baptist and leader of G.M.A.

She was preceded in death by her husband; brother, Buster Glass and parents.

She is survived by her son, Clarence Brown, Jr; two grandchildren and one great-grandchild.



RONALD "RON" DYESS 1956-2018

MINEOLA-Funeral service for Ronald "Ron" Dyess, 62 of Hainesville was held Wednesday, August 8 at Lake Fork Baptist Church with Perry Crisp officiating. Burial followed at Concord Cemetery.

Mr. Dyess died August 5, 2018, in Tyler. He was born January 6, 1956, in Levelland, Texas to Billy and Cliffie Dyess Tucker. He was a member of Lake Fork Baptist Church in Alba and was a retired Baptist Minister and funeral director.

He was preceded in death by his father, Billy Wayne Dyess.

Survivors include his wife of 34 years, Janice Dyess; son, Matt Dyess, Hughes Springs; mother, Cliffie Tucker; sister, Cecillia Garrett; two grandchildren and nieces, nephews and friends and extended family.

In lieu of flowers the family asks that you make a donation in memory of Ron to Rose of Texas Hospice, East Texas Hospice or Lake Fork Baptist Church building fund.



Town hall

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"Business is exploding all over America" and people are seeing greater job opportunities, rising wages and more money in their pockets, Hensarling said.

The gains made by the economy, however, could be imperiled by tit-for-tat trade tariffs, according to Hensarling, who criticized the Trump administration's \$12 billion relief program for farmers hurt by tariffs on agricultural products. "I do not support that package," said Hensarling, who grew up on a farm. "The truth is a lot of people are being hurt. I'm not really sure why farmers are necessarily singled out to get a \$12 billion payment from a nation that, last I looked, remains bankrupt."

Hensarling said he's heard from three separate steel and aluminum companies that convert the raw metals into downstream products. "They've been hurt by these tariffs. Nobody in the administration is proposing a bail-out package for them."

The congressman called tariffs "a tax, pure and simple," and the longer they stay in place, the more pressure they will put on consumer prices, which will erode gains made through tax relief.

"He's playing with fire here," he said of the president, "and fire can either cook your food or burn down your house."

Hensarling also addressed today's toxic political climate, saying "there's probably more acrimony, divisiveness, hatred in politics than I've seen since I came here 16 years ago."

Still, the nation's history reveals worse periods of disunity and political conflict, such as during

the Civil War, the Vietnam War era and the early years of the nation.

"You think politics are tough now, you should have seen it at the dawn of the republic," Hensarling said.

"Things (today) are acrimonious; they shouldn't have to be that way. I think character matters. I try to treat my fellow members of Congress with respect. I never try to question somebody's motives. I never try to question their integrity. And I never try to question their patriotism. I will try to rip their arguments to shreds, but I attack their arguments; I don't attack them."

In regard to Mueller's investigation, Hensarling said it's indisputable that Russia interfered in the 2016 election, although he doesn't believe it influenced the outcome. Whether the Trump campaign colluded with the Russians is a wholly separate matter. The media and, to some extent, Trump himself have conflated the two issues, according to Hensarling. He noted that after 18

months, Mueller's investigation has yet to bring a single allegation of collusion by the Trump campaign. "At some point you start to question, is justice being done or this something just to hang over the president's head in perpetuity?"

The investigation "still needs to play out," Hensarling said. "But we need to put more pressure on Mueller to wrap this thing up. At some point, enough is enough. Either you've got something, or you don't have something."

On other topics, Hensarling:

Indicated his support for letting veterans seek medical care from doctors of their choice;

Called himself a strong

supporter of Second Amendment rights but said he believes the nation should seek better ways to keep firearms out of the hands of criminals and mentally unstable people;

Said the House will vote again in the fall on more funding for a border wall with Mexico. Already, \$1.8 million has been appropriated. However, he doesn't see sufficient support in the Senate for authorizing the money still needed;

Noted that one of his biggest regrets about serving in Congress was his inability to convince his fellow politicians to confront the "slow moving fiscal tsunami" looming on the horizon and driven by unsustainable entitlement spending.

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and the school day ends at 3:40 p.m.

• Aug. 16, noon - Annual teacher appreciation luncheon in the Family Life Center honoring teachers and staffs of Harmony and Hawkins schools. Senior adult ministry, "Saints Alive!" will host. Church members will provide desserts.

• The Quitman football scrimmage with Hawkins was moved to Thursday beginning at 5 p.m. in Quitman at Bud Moody Stadium.

• The Quitman City Council has their regular meeting this Thursday at 5:30 p.m. in the council chambers at 401 E. Goode Street.

• "Meet the Teacher" for all campuses in Quitman ISD is Thursday evening. Quitman Elementary is 5 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.; Junior High and High School is 6 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. Classes in QISD begin Wednesday, August 22.

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Joann Clark 1931 - 2018

Funeral service for Joann Clark, 87, of Quitman, was held Friday, August 10, 2018 at Lowe Funeral Home with Mike Leeper officiating. Interment followed at Quitman City Cemetery.

The family will receive friends one hour prior to service.

Joann Clark was born in Arkansas on February 25, 1931 to Fred and Pearl (Litsy) Miller. She moved to Quitman in 1996 from Houston. Joann was very active in Girl Scouts of San Jacinto Council for 55 years, where she served as troop leader and volunteer. She was also a passionate stamp collector for more than 50 years. Joann passed away Monday morning, August 6, 2018 in Winnsboro.

Left to cherish her memory is her daughter, Sherri Hawley and husband Bob of Alba; brother, Paul Joe Miller of West Memphis, Arkansas; grandchildren, Bailey R. Hawley of Alba and Jennie Marie Leeper and husband Mike of Burleson; six great grandchildren, Bradford, Cody, Preston, Jessica, Michael, and Julianne; three great great grandchildren; niece, Sonya Miller; nephew, David Miller; and extended family and friends.

NOTICE OF 2018 TAX YEAR PROPOSED PROPERTY TAX RATE FOR WOOD COUNTY

A tax rate of \$0.5799 per \$100 valuation has been proposed for adoption by the governing body of Wood County. This rate exceeds the lower of the effective or rollback tax rate, and state law requires that two public hearings be held by the governing body before adopting the proposed tax rate.

The governing body of Wood County proposes to use revenue attributable to the tax rate increase for the purpose of improving the county's infrastructure, repairing and renovating county facilities, and replacing aging public safety vehicles as well as providing for an increase in the County's assigned share of Wood County Appraisal Districts' budget.

PROPOSED TAX RATE	\$0.5799 per \$100
PRECEDING YEAR'S TAX RATE	\$0.5899 per \$100
EFFECTIVE TAX RATE	\$0.5631 per \$100
ROLLBACK TAX RATE	\$0.6244 per \$100

The effective tax rate is the total tax rate needed to raise the same amount of property tax revenue for Wood County from the same properties in both the 2017 tax year and the 2018 tax year.

The rollback tax rate is the highest tax rate that Wood County may adopt before voters are entitled to petition for an election to limit the rate that may be approved to the rollback rate.

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You are urged to attend and express your views at the following public hearings on the proposed tax rate:

First Hearing: August 27, 2018 at 9:00 AM at Wood County Courthouse, 2nd Floor, Commissioners' Courtroom, Quitman, Texas.

Second Hearing: September 4, 2018 at 9:00 AM at Wood County Courthouse, 2nd Floor, Commissioners' Courtroom, Quitman, Texas.



HOWARD RAY BRUNER 1932 - 2018

BUDA - Howard Ray Bruner, 54, died surrounded by family and friends on Friday, August 3, 2018 at Dell Seton Hays Hospital in Kyle.

He was born April 8, 1964 in Houston, Texas to Billie Gene and Peggy Ann Flowers Bruner.

He was a 1982 graduate of Robert E. Lee High School in Tyler. He was also a graduate of the University of Texas at Tyler. He was the co-owner of Texas Capital Appraisal Group in Austin.

He was preceded in death by his mother, Peggy Ann (Flowers) (Bruner) Thompson; father Billie Gene Bruner; sister Debra Jean Bruner; brother Billy Gene Bruner; grandparents George Howard Bruner and Ethel Johnson Bruner and Delbert Ray Flowers and Vida (Cammack) (Flowers) Gibson and nephews Dean Allan Bruner, Jr. and Rodney Wayne Bruner.

He is survived by his wife of 27 years, Susan Hawkins Bruner and two sons, Ryan Andrew and Nicholas Austin Bruner, all of Buda; sister Terry Bruner Owen and husband Steve Owen of Canyon Lake; niece Wendy Owen Moore and husband Russell of Canyon Lake; nephew Adam Owen and wife Lindsay of New Braunfels; brother Dean Allen Bruner and wife Donna Sue of Lake Fork; nephew Dalton Bruner of Lake Fork; stepmother Connie Bruner of Arlington; sister-in-law Jan Bruner of Cedar Hill; nieces Nancy Bruner Moreau and husband Emeric of Arlington and Bobbi Voll of The Colony; nephew Paul Bruner of Arlington; sister-in-law Celinda Hawkins and two nieces, Audrey Petty of Austin and Emma Petty of Philadelphia, PA.

A Celebration of Life will be held at 6:30 p.m. Saturday, August 25, 2018 at the Puryear Ranch at 10500 Crumley Ranch Road in Austin.

Sheriff

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imately 9:36 a.m. Patricia Raymond, 37, of Sulphur Springs, was arrested for Driving without a License.

Deputies were dispatched to CR 3290 near Quitman, at approximately 10:39 a.m., in reference to a disturbance. Deputies issued a Criminal Trespass Warning, spoke with all parties involved and cleared the incident.

Deputies were dispatched to PR 5675 near Alba, at approximately 5:38 p.m., in reference to a disturbance. Dianna Foreman, 55, of Alba, was arrested for Assault Causes Bodily Injury Family Violence.

Deputies were dispatched to CR 2117 near Quitman, at approximately 7:03 p.m., in reference to a noise complaint. Deputies searched the area, but were unable to locate any activity.

Deputies were dispatched to PR 6308 near Mineola, at approximately 7:21 p.m., in reference to criminal trespass. Deputies spoke with all parties involved and cleared the incident.

July 28 - Deputies were dispatched to PR 7547 near Hawkins, at approximately 12:25 a.m., in reference to a disturbance. Deputies spoke with all parties involved and cleared the incident.

Deputies were dispatched to FM 14 near Hawkins, at approximately 5:41 a.m., in reference to a disturbance. Gregory Roland, 46, of Hawkins, was arrested for Assault Causes Bodily Injury Family Violence.

Deputies were dispatched to CR 1336 near Quitman, at approximately 11:34 a.m., in reference to a burglary. A known actor damaged and stole several items from the reporting party's property. Deputies issued a Criminal Trespass Warning, and this case has been forwarded to investigators.

Deputies spoke with the reporting party, at approximately 3:09 p.m., in reference to criminal trespass on FM 852 near Winnsboro. Deputies gave the reporting party advice and cleared the incident.

Deputies were dispatched to PR 6662 near Mineola, at approximately 4:39 p.m., in reference to an alarm. Deputies checked the building and it was secure.

Deputies were dispatched to CR 1559 near Alba, at approximately 6:24 p.m., in reference to a welfare check. Deputies searched the area, but were unable to locate the individual.

Deputies were dispatched to FM 2088 near Quitman, at approximately 8:26 p.m., in reference to criminal trespass. Stuart Bruce, 39, of Winnsboro, was arrested for Criminal Trespass.

Deputies were dispatched to CR 1985 near Yantis, at approximately 10:31 p.m., in reference to shots fired. Deputies searched the area, but were unable to locate any activity.

Deputies were dispatched to CR 4506 near Winnsboro, at approximately 11:30 p.m., in reference to a welfare check. Deputies searched the area, but were unable to locate the individual.

July 27 - Deputies were dispatched to HWY 154 near Quitman, at approximately 8:06 a.m., in reference to a welfare check. Deputies located the individual and

provided a courtesy transport.

Deputies were dispatched to FM 2422 near Mineola, at approximately 12:44 p.m., in reference to a welfare check. Deputies located the individual and everything was OK.

Deputies were dispatched to CR 3581 near Winnsboro, at approximately 1:07 p.m., in reference to a theft. A known actor stole money from the reporting party.

Deputies spoke with the reporting party, at approximately 2:57 p.m., in reference to fraud that occurred on PR 7485 near Hawkins. Deputies gave the reporting party advice and cleared the incident.

Deputies were dispatched to FM 1795 near Hawkins, at approximately 4:36 p.m., in reference to a reckless driver. Deputies searched the area, but were unable to locate the vehicle.

Deputies were dispatched to CR 3130 near Quitman, at approximately 5:18 p.m., in reference to an alarm. Deputies checked the building and it was secure.

Deputies spoke with the reporting party, at approximately 5:35 p.m., in reference to terroristic threat that occurred on CR 2632 near Mineola. This case has been forwarded to investigators.

Deputies were dispatched to CR 3191 near Quitman, at approximately 5:47 p.m., in reference to an alarm. Deputies checked the building and it was secure.

Deputies were dispatched to CR 2263 near Mineola, at approximately 8:44 p.m., in reference to a reckless driver. Deputies searched the area, but were unable to locate the vehicle.

Deputies were dispatched to Lake Holbrook point, at approximately 10:48 p.m., in reference to a disturbance. Parties were separated for the night.

Deputies responded to a suspicious person on FM 852 near Winnsboro; at approximately 11:55 p.m. Deputies searched the area, but were unable to locate the individual.

July 26 - Deputies responded to a suspicious person on CR 4560 near Winnsboro; at approximately 2:11 a.m. Deputies searched the area, but were unable to locate the individual.

Deputies were dispatched to CR 1900 near Yantis, at approximately 6:14 a.m., in reference to an alarm. Deputies checked the building and it was secure.

Deputies went out on an arrest/warrant service to CR 2444 near Mineola; at approximately 8:46 a.m. Deputies searched the area, but were unable to make contact with the individual.

Deputies went out on an arrest/warrant service to Gerard St. in Mineola; at approximately 9:23 a.m. Deputies searched the area, but were unable to make contact with the individual.

Deputies went out on an arrest/warrant service to Buchanan St. in Mineola; at approximately 9:31 a.m. Deputies searched the area, but were unable to make contact with the individual.

Deputies went out on an arrest/warrant service to Wren St. in Mineola; at approximately 10:01 a.m. Deputies searched the area, but were unable to make contact with the individual.

Deputies went out on an arrest/warrant service to Blackburn St. in Hawkins; at approximately 10:42 a.m. Krystle Eaton, 35, of Hawkins, was arrested for outstanding warrants.

Deputies spoke with the reporting party, at approximately 6:23 p.m., in reference to harassment on HWY 37 near Mineola. Deputies gave the reporting party advice and cleared the incident.

Deputies responded to a suspicious vehicle on FM 2869 near Winnsboro; at approximately 7:23 p.m. Deputies located the vehicle and everything was OK.

Deputies responded to a suspicious vehicle on CR 4460 near Winnsboro; at approximately 8:10 p.m. Deputies searched the area, but were unable to locate the vehicle.

Deputies were dispatched to CR 3689 near Hawkins, at approximately 9:21 p.m., in reference to an assault that occurred. James Johnson, 50, of Hawkins, was arrested for Assault Causes Bodily Injury of Family/ Household Member – Impede Breathing/Circulation.

Deputies responded to a suspicious vehicle on CR 2650 near Mineola; at approximately 9:31 p.m. Deputies searched the area, but were unable to locate the vehicle.

July 25 - Deputies went out on an arrest/warrant service to CR 1895 near Yantis; at approximately 9:36 a.m. Sonja Culp, 39, of Yantis, was arrested for an outstanding warrant.

Deputies went out on an arrest/warrant service to FM 2088 near Quitman; at approximately 10:10 a.m. Brandi Arnold, 37, of Quitman, was arrested for an outstanding warrant.

Deputies spoke with the reporting party, at approximately 10:32 a.m., in reference to a theft that occurred on FM 852 near Winnsboro. Deputies gave the reporting party advice and cleared the incident.

Deputies were dispatched to HWY 154 near Yantis, at approximately 12:13 p.m., in reference to a theft. Actors, or actors unknown, stole several items from the reporting party's property. This case has been forwarded to investigators.

Deputies were dispatched to CR 3950 near Mineola, at approximately 11:27 p.m., in reference to a disturbance. Ryan Williams, 30, of Hawkins, was arrested for Disorderly Conduct, Resist Arrest Search or Transport, Assault of Public Servant and Terroristic Threat against a Public Servant.

Deputies spoke with the reporting party, at approximately 11:32 p.m., in reference to a terrorist threat that occurred on CR 1416 near Quitman. Deputies made contact with all parties involved and cleared the incident.

Between the dates of July 25 and July 31, Wood County Sheriff's Deputies responded to multiple agency assists that included the following: Police Departments, Van Zandt County, Adult Protective Services, Rains County and Emergency Medical Services.

Between the dates of July 25 and July 31, Wood County Sheriff's Investigators filed 1 case with the District Attorney, obtained 2 arrest warrants and arrested the individuals.

Sheriff Castloo would like to remind everyone...if you have any information on these or any other crimes, please contact the Wood County Sheriff's Office at 903-763-2201 or Crime Stoppers at 903-763-CASH.

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING TO DISCUSS BUDGET AND PROPOSED TAX RATE

The Mineola ISD will hold a public meeting at 6:30 PM, August 30, 2018 in Board Room of Mineola ISD Admin. Bldg., 1695 W. Loop 564, Mineola, TX 75773. The purpose of this meeting is to discuss the school district's budget that will determine the tax rate that will be adopted. Public participation in the discussion is invited.

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

Maintenance Tax	\$1.1700/\$100 (proposed rate for maintenance and operations)
School Debt Service Tax	\$0.0000/\$100 (proposed rate to pay bonded indebtedness)
Approved by Local Voters	

Comparison of Proposed Budget with Last Year's Budget

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

Maintenance and operations	3.68 % increase
Debt Service	0 0
Total expenditures	3.68 % increase

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

	Preceding Tax Year	Current Tax Year
Total appraised value* of all property	\$653,316,513	\$691,262,396
Total appraised value* of new property**	\$7,093,530	\$14,776,640
Total taxable value*** of all property	\$420,470,676	\$451,338,906
Total taxable value*** of new property**	\$6,500,960	\$13,969,315

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

Bonded Indebtedness

Total amount of outstanding and unpaid bonded indebtedness* \$0

*Outstanding principal.

Comparison of Proposed Rates with Last Year's Rates

	Maintenance & Operations		Interest & Sinking Fund*	Local Revenue Per Student	State Revenue Per Student
	Operations	Total	Total		
Last Year's Rate	\$1.1700	\$0.0000*	\$1.1700	\$3,575	\$5,136
Rate to Maintain Same Level of Maintenance & Operations Revenue & Pay Debt Service	\$1.3328	\$0.0000*	\$1.3328	\$3,891	\$4,878
Proposed Rate	\$1.1700	\$0.0000*	\$1.1700	\$3,881	\$5,020

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

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

	Last Year	This Year
Average Market Value of Residences	\$116,554	\$119,938
Average Taxable Value of Residences	\$90,382	\$94,389
Last Year's Rate Versus Proposed Rate per \$100 Value	\$1.1700	\$1.1700
Taxes Due on Average Residence	\$1,057.47	\$1,104.35
Increase (Decrease) in Taxes		\$46.88

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

Notice of Rollback Rate: The highest tax rate the district can adopt before requiring voter approval at an election is \$1.1700. This election will be automatically held if the district adopts a rate in excess of the rollback rate of \$1.1700.

Fund Balances

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

Maintenance and Operations Fund Balance(s)	\$1,592,547
Interest & Sinking Fund Balance(s)	\$109,554

NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING TO DISCUSS BUDGET AND PROPOSED TAX RATE

The Alba-Golden ISD will hold a public meeting at 6:30 PM, August 27, 2018 in Alba-Golden ISD HS Library, 1373 CR 2377, Alba, TX 75410. The purpose of this meeting is to discuss the school district's budget that will determine the tax rate that will be adopted. Public participation in the discussion is invited.

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

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

Comparison of Proposed Budget with Last Year's Budget

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

Maintenance and operations	4.70 % increase
Debt Service	2.25 % increase
Total expenditures	4.66 % increase

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

	Preceding Tax Year	Current Tax Year
Total appraised value* of all property	\$375,347,706	\$408,036,220
Total appraised value* of new property**	\$6,626,928	\$5,843,777
Total taxable value*** of all property	\$208,206,158	\$223,972,752
Total taxable value*** of new property**	\$5,888,022	\$5,461,446

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

Bonded Indebtedness

Total amount of outstanding and unpaid bonded indebtedness* \$1,700,000

*Outstanding principal.

Comparison of Proposed Rates with Last Year's Rates

	Maintenance & Operations		Interest & Sinking Fund*	Local Revenue Per Student	State Revenue Per Student
	Operations	Total	Total		
Last Year's Rate	\$1.1700	\$0.0600*	\$1.2300	\$3,641	\$6,200
Rate to Maintain Same Level of Maintenance & Operations Revenue & Pay Debt Service	\$1.1683	\$0.0461*	\$1.2144	\$3,977	\$6,278
Proposed Rate	\$1.1700	\$0.0600*	\$1.2300	\$3,785	\$6,278

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

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

	Last Year	This Year
Average Market Value of Residences	\$110,826	\$117,778
Average Taxable Value of Residences	\$85,790	\$93,395
Last Year's Rate Versus Proposed Rate per \$100 Value	\$1.2300	\$1.2300
Taxes Due on Average Residence	\$1,055.22	\$1,148.76
Increase (Decrease) in Taxes		\$93.54

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

Notice of Rollback Rate: The highest tax rate the district can adopt before requiring voter approval at an election is \$1.2324. This election will be automatically held if the district adopts a rate in excess of the rollback rate of \$1.2324.

Fund Balances

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

Maintenance and Operations Fund Balance(s)	\$4,800,000
Interest & Sinking Fund Balance(s)	\$450,000

Tucker's Turf

By Larry Tucker



LARRY TUCKER

This week finds Wood County football teams getting their first taste of actual contact against someone other than a teammate.

It's time for pre-season scrimmages. Scrimmages are glorified practices in a game situation form. They provide coaches a good way to determine how far along their teams are in the early stages of workouts and just how far they need to go to get ready for district openers.

Usually by the second scrimmage, teams will play game-like conditions with a clock. Normally, every player will get an opportunity to show coaches what they can do against competition other than their own teammates.

As a coach, I looked forward to scrimmages so the kids could finally unwind and hit somebody other than a buddy on their own team. Scrimmages can get pretty competitive and you will see a lot of hard-hitting action. Players are trying to impress their coaches and prove to them why they need to be on varsity or why they are the ones to play a certain position.

You try your best to stay away from injuries especially this early. In the smaller schools just having enough kids out for football is sometimes a key to the season. Quitman has had up to 47 players so far this year and Winnsboro had about 60. Mineola's numbers should be in the range of 55 to 60 with Alba-Golden and Hawkins in the 50-player range.

The 'Jackets got no favors from UIL realignment, pitting them against the likes of Gladewater, Tatum, West Rusk and White Oak, but Coach Luke Blackwell will have his team ready. Pre-season games against 4A schools Wills Point, Canton and Farmersville will be good tests for Mineola. They also play Class 2A DI school Big Sandy – a team on playoff runs the past few years under Head Coach Larry Minter's guidance.

At times last year, Quitman would have 18 or 19 kids suited out while most of the district teams suited up 30 or more. That's no excuse for losses and Quitman's Bryan Oakes, along with coaches and players, make no excuses. They know the task before them and they accept it. I'm just saying in 3A Division II, the numbers should be close to the same and it makes a big difference when it comes to team depth charts. Those numbers take on even more importance in the last half of the season when the injury bug and sometimes grades, diminishes original numbers.

Some teams have to get ready quickly because they have moved to larger districts. Quitman and Alba-Golden will each have just three games prior to district play. The Bulldogs and Panthers have moved into District 10-3A DII where there are eight teams, giving them just three games to prepare for the district slate.

Quitman will host cross-county rival Hawkins in a scrimmage this Thursday evening while the Panthers travel to Tyler to go up against All Saints. On August

24 Quitman travels to Como-Pickton and Alba-Golden will host a Kemp team that went deep into the 3A DI playoffs last year. Mineola and Winnsboro will each have four games to get ready for district races. This Friday, Mineola will entertain a tough Malakoff squad and then on August 24 the Yellowjackets will host Caddo Mills.

Winnsboro will host a scrimmage with their neighbors down Highway 11 from Como-Pickton this Friday and on Aug. 23 the Red Raiders will travel to Hooks to take on the Hornets.

Hawkins is in a six-team district which leaves them with five non-district and five District 10 2A DI games. After playing the Quitman scrimmage Friday, next week the Hawks will go to Frankston before opening their season at Alba-Golden Aug. 31.

Volleyball teams are already into their schedules with a lot of good competition in Tuesday night games and weekend tournaments. This week finds Alba-Golden traveling to Class 4A Brownsboro while Quitman goes to Class 5A Pine Tree and Hawkins girls will be at the West Rusk tournament. Mineola will be headed to Eustace for a tournament against some of East Texas' top squads.

Many area schools will be sending volleyball ninth graders and junior varsity teams to play in a sub-varsity tournament in Quitman Saturday.

Most of the area cross country teams are in training and the meets will begin the last week in August continuing through October and into early November for district, region and state meets.

Entries sought for Iron Horse Festival Pageant

Attention girls ages 6-17 in the Mineola ISD. The Mineola Kiwanis Club is seeking entries for the Mineola Iron Horse Festival Pageant on Saturday, September 15 in the Mineola High School Multipurpose Room.

Winners will be determined from three age groups. Tiny Miss Iron Horse will include ages 3-7. Junior Miss Iron Horse will be chosen from ages 8-12 and Miss Iron Horse will be ages 13-17. Entry fee for the pageant is \$25. Winners receive a crown, sash and trophy and the teen winner receives a \$500 college scholarship.

Activities will start at 10 with an informational session and modeling practice on stage. This will be followed by an interview with the judges. At 1 contestants will model casual wear and party dress.

No talent is required, but all entrants will participate in onstage questions with the Master of Ceremony. Winners will participate in the

Iron Horse Festival on September 28-29.

Food and refreshments will be available during the noon hour. Admission is \$5 for adults and \$3 for students. Deadline for entering is September 8. Entry forms are available at the Mineola Chamber of Commerce and KMOO Radio or by calling Joyce Curry at 903-569-2729.

The Mineola Kiwanis Club is involved in service to the children of the world. They sponsor Terrific Kids at Mineola Primary School, K-Kids at Mineola Elementary, Builder's Club at Mineola Middle School and Key Clubs at Alba-Golden and Mineola High Schools. The pageant is a fundraiser for the Kiwanis International Eliminate Project, which is saving babies and mothers from death by tetanus. There are only fourteen countries left who have not received Eliminate status. The Mineola Kiwanis have pledged \$52,500 to this cause.

RISE program aims to help people realize economic gain

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Special support may be available for intense job search and short-term training programs leading to a job. The program focuses on assistance to attend training or do job search and may include gasoline assistance, utility assistance and other documented needs. According to local case manager Shelia Dutton, "Coordination with other agencies and organizations is a cornerstone of the program. Many have gone through this program and significantly improved their earning ability."

Individuals are required to qualify by household income and other documentation. The income guideline is 125% of federal poverty. Those seeking training should take action quickly as possible.

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For the love of the game Mineolan recounts his long softball career

By HANK MURPHY
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After a career spanning 66 years, Bill Blakemore, 86, of Mineola decided this year that the time had come to hang up his cleats.

But before putting away his softball glove, Blakemore played with some of the finest teams in America, won multiple national championships and earned induction into the Texas Senior Softball Hall of Fame.

To him, however, competing on the softball circuit entailed more than running, catching, hitting and throwing. When asked what he found most enjoyable about his softball experience, he was quick with a reply: "Without question the camaraderie. The fellowship, the people. Every team, if you stay on it very long, becomes your family."

A native of Kingston, Okla., Blakemore took up fast-pitch softball 1951 while serving in the U.S. Air Force. After his discharge, Blakemore kept playing fast-pitch while working for Southwestern Bell. He competed in places like Oklahoma City, Tulsa, St. Louis, Topeka and Wichita.

"Everywhere I've moved, I found a ball team to play on," he said.

After being transferred to Houston in 1968, he made the transition from fast-pitch to slow-pitch softball. "I thought, man, this'll extend my career another 20 years."

At age 61, while competing with men less than half his age, he was introduced to the senior game.

With a laugh, he remembered telling himself: "This'll extend my career another 20 years."

Make that 25. Blakemore counts his



Bill Blakemore and his array of tournament medals won by senior softball teams on which he played. (Monitor photo by Hank Murphy). LEFT: Bill Blakemore receives a plaque from Jon Bryan, an official with the National Senior Softball Players Association, during his induction into the Texas Senior Softball Hall of Fame in 2011. (Courtesy photo)

– a bad one. It occurred earlier this year during a batting practice session with his son Brad, also a Mineola resident.

"He leveled a pitch to me, and I hit it real hard right back at him on a hard line. He jumped back and his feet went out from under him. He hit the ground and I knew he'd broken something," Blakemore recalled. He was right; Brad had fractured his leg.

For now, Blakemore will make do with the treasure chest of memories he's collected over the years – memories of all the wonderful friends and teammates who grew to become like family as they traveled the country to compete against the best ballplayers in their class. And maybe it's time he try his hand at another sport.

"My philosophy through the years is that I'm going to take up golf after I'm too old to do anything else," he said with a laugh. "Well maybe it's time to take up golf."

Mineola Country Club

SENIOR GOLF REPORT

Results from Mineola Country Club Thursday Senior Golf Scramble on August 2 (tie for first place):

FIRST PLACE: WITH A SCORE OF 55 -16 Gary Milam, Donnie Drake, Mike Casselman, Roger Stai

FIRST PLACE: WITH A SCORE OF 55 -16

Jimmy Smartt, David Cartwright, Jim Wray, Curtis Simms

SECOND PLACE: WITH A SCORE OF 57 -14 Ron Ihler, Rickey Stone, Loy Frazier, Bill Stone

Closest to the pin: #5 Jack Smith, #9 Gary Odom, #18 Robert Carlson.

blessings that his body has held up to the rigors of the sport.

"The only thing I can attribute it to is the grace of God. I've been rather injury free – always in good health and trying to stay in good health," he said. "I'm just blessed; that's all you can say."

He estimates that during his time in senior softball, his teams racked up close to 10 championships in tournaments that drew the top teams from around

the country. His exploits in the game were recognized by his peers who nominated him for enshrinement into the Texas Senior Softball Hall of Fame. He was inducted in 2011 while living in Plano. The Texas Senior Softball Hall of Fame was established in 2001 to recognize and honor those who have made outstanding contributions to the success of senior softball in Texas.

If Mineola had a senior softball league, Blake-

more said, he'd still be playing. He compared the motives of older ballplayers to those of kids. "They just love to get out there and have fun," he explained.

But the closest senior league is in Tyler, and the teams play under the lights, something Blakemore, an outfielder by trade, has not done for a number of years. The nighttime drive twice a week also was a drawback. But the decision to retire was probably

Lake Fork Fishing Report

August 5-10

By J & M Guide Service

It was another warm week here at beautiful Lake Fork, Texas. Due to the Southwest winds, this week the water clarity was just a little stained. The Bass fishing was slow this week with most of the fish being caught just at daylight to 6:30 or early in the evenings until dark. The best early bite was on a Strike King Square Bill Crankbait in

the gizzard shad pattern early in the morning. After the crankbait bite quit we had to go to a drop shot rig and use a Zoom finesse worm in the tomato color. The best depth for the drop shot rig was 22 to 24 foot over isolated brush piles. One other way you can catch the Bass is look for them in 12 to 14 foot of water around timberlines and use a Zoom Ole Monster worm in the red shad color. You have to fish it very slowly!

The Crappie fishing was fare this week. They are located in 24 foot of water suspended over isolated brush piles.

We used Bubba's Bait 1/8-ounce chartreuse crappie jigs tipped with a minnow. Do not move the bait very much. In other words dead stick it!

The White Bass have gone back on a diet this week. The can be found in 30 to 32 foot of water around the 515 bridges. The Joe Spaits chrome Flash Tail jigging spoon was a good bait to catch them with. You do not have to jig it very much; just a very small jigging motion works.

The Catfish are located in 28 to 30 foot water, around old trees. Punch bait was on the top of

their menu. Make sure you bait the trees.

On our equipment list, this week is our Ranger Z520c powered by a Mercury 250 Pro XS, Duckett rods, ABU Garcia reels, Stren line, Bubba's Bait Crappie jigs, Zoom soft plastics and Strike King Hard baits.

The major tournament time of the year is almost here at Lake Fork. I have a few openings for guided Bass trips to help you get ready for the Big bass Splash and Berkley Tournaments. Give us a call at (903) 413-6919 or E-mail us at bassmr@geusnet.com. Have a safe fishing week and stay hydrated.

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