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Mineola working to address delinquent, derelict property

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Like cities across Texas, Mineola is wrestling with tax delinquent properties, many of which are abandoned, left to become dilapidated, weed-infested eyesores and neighborhood nuisances.

Mineola is among the

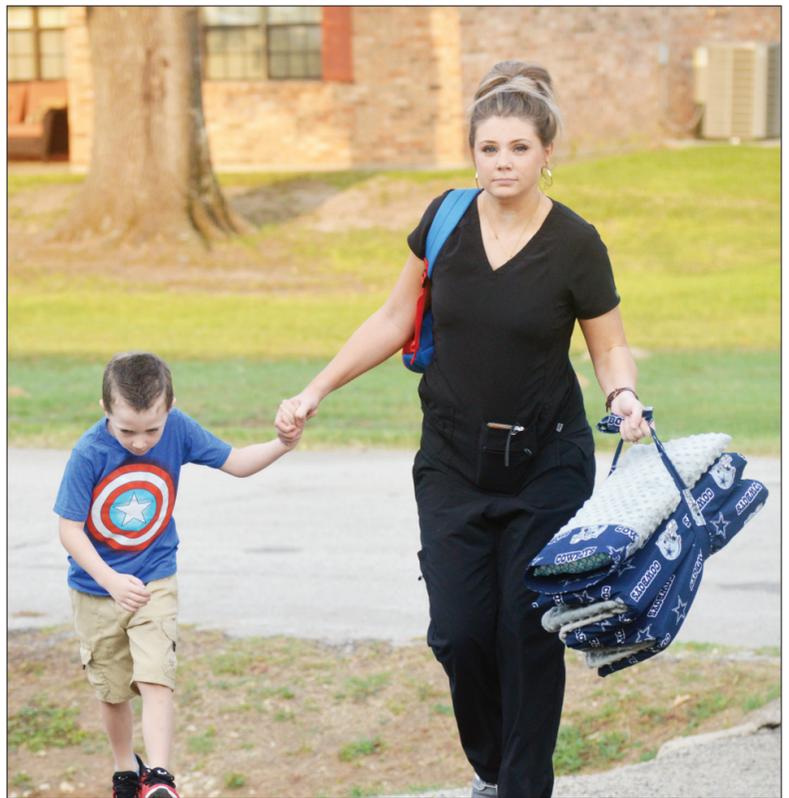
first cities in East Texas to embark on a program aimed at identifying its inventory of tax delinquent properties and expediting the process for which they can be demolished or returned to the tax roll. The city is working with Texas Communities Group LLC (TCG) a Lubbock company that

already serves many Lone Star State communities, primarily in West Texas.

Vacant and abandoned properties are linked to increased rates of crime (particularly arson) and declining property values, according to a report from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development. TCG works with cities to restore values by implementing a plan to address dilapidated and abandoned structures

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This structure on West Broad Street in Mineola is emblematic of some of the tax delinquent properties left to decay. Working with a Lubbock company, the city is attempting to either sell or demolish such buildings. (Monitor photo by Hank Murphy).



Gage Reeves is walked by his mom, Brittanie, to his first day of classes at Quitman Elementary School last Wednesday morning. (Monitor photo by Larry Tucker)



MINEOLA MURAL TAKES SHAPE

Local artist Lauren Pitre continued work this week on a mural emblematic of the city of Mineola. Pitre, a University of Texas at Tyler grad, and fellow artist Sam Edwards of Longview have been making great progress with their skillful painting on the side of the Factory Connection building at Line and Broad streets in downtown Mineola. Although many elements of the mural appear complete, Pitre said she and Edwards still have much work to do before the final product is finished. (Monitor photo by Hank Murphy).

Formation of MISD police dept. progresses

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Amid a combination of measures already in place to bolster security at Mineola school campuses, the search continued last week for a resource officer to provide an armed presence and an extra layer of protection.

In a unanimous vote, the school board on Aug. 20 passed a formal resolution to create a Mineola ISD police department, which will be headed by a certified peace officer. The police department must meet requirements of the Texas Commission on Law Enforcement.

Superintendent Kim Tunnell told board members that as of Aug. 20, five candidates for the police officer position had been interviewed. Two more were interviewed Aug. 22. Interviews were conducted by a committee composed of Mineola police Chief Chuck Bittner, police Capt. Dusty Cook, Wood County Constable Kelly Smith, Mark Parkerson, MISD director of special programs, and Mike Sorenson, high school dean of students and staff affairs. The panel will make a

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SRA Texas donates funds to Quitman water utilities

By Zak Wellerman
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The City of Quitman received some assistance from the Sabine River Authority to upgrade its water system.

SRA of Texas donated a \$10,000 grant to go toward additions to the City of Quitman scada water management



system. The city uses scada to monitor water levels and makes sure pumps are operating correctly,

Quitman water utilities director Dee Gilbreath said.

"It's kind of the brains of the plant. It tells the plant what to

do," he said.

The cost of the equipment is expensive. Gilbreath says one piece at the water plant could be \$10,000.

The authority is a state-run agency that governs all Sabine River watershed in Texas. Since 1949, it's had powers over the

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District judge out thousands after state agency inaction

By Zak Wellerman
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Due to lack of action by Texas Rangers, 402nd District Judge Jeff Fletcher's budget is out nearly \$80,000 in prosecution costs.

Fletcher told the Wood County commissioner's court on Aug. 24 his department has been forced to spend thousands on prosecution cases that

would normally be investigated by a state agency.

"We have exceeded the budget in professional services line item based on the fact that our criminal cases going forward on our law enforcement agency continue," Fletcher said. "It's a direct result of our ranger not doing what he's supposed to do."

The cost has added up to \$78,804. There's no set date for the investiga-

tion to be completed, Fletcher told the court.

"This prevents us from doing our regular business. This is something that we don't typically have to contend with. I'd like to be able to tell you that we'll be done with this in x number of days and I can't. I expect that it will be concluded for too long. We've got trials set this fall but there again I can't make that prediction," he said. "They just dropped the

ball is what it boils down to."

Fletcher has sent a letter about reimbursement and adjustment going forward to the Texas State Senator Bryan Hughes, Director of the Texas Department of Public Safety Steven McCraw, State Representative Cole Hefner.

He hopes the money will be reimbursed by the state in the future.

Commissioners approved the request for adjustment.

Corner Column

The loss of a family member is definitely saddening and devastating. But it also gives the chance to look back at the great memories and see how important it is to spend time with those who are here now.

Last week, I was reminded of the importance of spending time with family members and friends when we lost my grandmother. As much time I as we did get to spend with her, it becomes brief when realizing the person is not coming back again.

I think we often take for granted the shortness of life. Whether it's taken away slowly or out of nowhere, people should realize the fragility and rapidness of time. As cheesy as it sounds, we don't know what tomorrow will bring, good or bad. It's necessary to share the time we have with people



ZAK WELLERMAN

who mean something to you and their life

Someone could be gone in a second or have a long lifetime on Earth. No matter how long or short, they need to know they're cared about and they meant something to the world in some capacity. We should do things that will have relevance for years, not minuscule events that have an effect for just an hour or a day.

People can get consumed in trivial matters of having the best possessions, winning every competition or persuading in favor of one political side. In the end, many of those kind of things have no relevance.

Happiness and the memories made throughout life are what should take precedence over arguments and differences of opinion.

As cheesy as it sounds, we don't know what tomorrow will bring, good or bad.

As author Dr. Seuss said, "Don't cry because it's over, smile because it happened;" you want to be able to recognize that over the years you have memories to laugh at and look at as learning experiences. Family is one of the best things a person can be given in life. We should cherish them and remember that we don't have them forever. So I've learned to be respectful of the time shared and hope that when the end comes the happy memories can create smiles.

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WOOD COUNTY COMMUNITY CALENDAR

2nd FRIDAY ACOUSTICAL JAM - second Friday 6 - 9 p.m., Quitman Public Library, 202 E Goode St, Quitman 903-975-5745

ALBA CITY COUNCIL - first Monday, 6:30 p.m., City Hall.

ALBA LADIES CLUB - fourth Tuesday, 6:30 p.m., Alba Community Center. 765-2573

ALBA LIBRARY/MUSEUM BOARD - third Monday every other month, 4 p.m., library building. Everyone welcome.

ALBA-GOLDEN SCHOOL BOARD - second Monday, 7 p.m., high school library, 768-2472.

ALBA-GOLDEN YOUTH FOUNDATION - second Tuesday, elementary gym, 7 p.m. All welcome.

ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS - Sunday and Monday, 7 p.m., Friday 8 p.m., Wednesday noon; Women's Group Mon. 11 a.m.; St. Dunstan's Episcopal Church, Mineola.

ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS - Wednesday and Saturday, 7:30 p.m., 404 S. Main Street, Quitman.

ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS - Gateway Group, Tues. & Sat. 7 p.m. Puckett House, 109 Kilpatrick Street.

AL ANON - Thursday, 7:30 pm; St. Dunstan's Episcopal Church, Mineola.

ALZHEIMER SUPPORT GROUP (sponsored by Pilot Club) first Monday, 11 a.m., Red Dome restaurant in Quitman, 903-569-5237.

AMERICAN LEGION POST 296 and Auxiliary - fourth Tuesday, 6:30 p.m., Highway 80, three miles east of Mineola. 903-569-0348. All are invited.

AMERICAN LEGION POST OF WINNSBORO - first Tuesday, 6:30 p.m., 102 West Broadway, in Winnsboro. 903-752-0913 or 903-7675338.

APET (Animal Preservation of East Texas) Thrift Store - Dog Gone Good Stuff, 915 S. Pacific Street, Mineola, Thursday-Saturday. 903-569-0505 or 903-563-9542.

BOY SCOUT TROOP #36 QUITMAN - meets Sunday, 4:30 p.m., Scout House behind First United Methodist Church. Danny King, 903-521-5930.

BOYSCOUTS TROOP 385 MINEOLA - Tuesdays 7 p.m., Mineola Methodist Education Bldg. New boys/ alums welcome! Chris Jennings 903-569-3531

BOY SCOUTS TROOP 180 WINNSBORO - Tuesdays 6:30 p.m., Church of Christ. New boys/ alums welcome! Tex Willis 903-816-0638

BOY SCOUTS TROOP 379 WINNSBORO - Tuesdays 7 p.m., City Bldg @ Walker Park. New boys/ alums welcome! Sherry McGovern 903-335-9744

BREAD OF LIFE MINISTRY FOOD PANTRY - Humble Baptist, first & third Tuesday 1-4 p.m.

BREAKING FREE - meeting place for families and friends of addicts and alcoholics. Monday, 7 p.m., 971 E. Goode St., Quitman, 903-497-6149.

CELEBRATE RECOVERY - a support group for those with various hurts, habits or hang-ups, every Monday, 6:30-9 p.m., Church On the Rock annex building at 302 S. Stephens. 903-763-4588.

COUNSELING CHRISTIAN GUIDANCE CENTER - 903-850-3858 or ibarnes@texascellnet.com.

CUB SCOUTS PACK 391 HAWKINS - meets Sundays, 5 p.m., Scout Hut, FUMC. New boys, alums welcome. Scott Randall, 903-203-7901.

DAUGHTERS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION - first Saturday except June, July, August and December, 12 p.m. Harvest Acres Baptist Church, 460 NW Loop 564, Mineola. 903-343-1474.

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 Simmons Community Center, 5:30 p.m. directors, 6 p.m. all members and guests welcome. 903-569-0223.

MINEOLA BAND BOOSTERS - second Tuesday, 7 p.m., in high school band hall. All parents invited.

MINEOLA LIONS CLUB - second and fourth Thursday, noon, Mineola Country Club, 903-638-1596; 903-569-3340.

MINEOLA MARINE CORPS LEAGUE Det. #1278, 3rd Tuesday, 6 p.m. meal, 7 p.m. meeting. American Legion Building, 2015 E. Hwy. 80, Mineola, 903-497-3030.

MINEOLA SCHOOL BOARD - third Monday, Admin. Bldg., Loop 564, 7 p.m.

MINEOLA CITY COUNCIL - fourth Monday, 5:30 p.m., City Hall. Public welcome. Call City Hall for changes in

November and December because of holidays.

MINEOLA HIGH SCHOOL ATHLETIC BOOSTER CLUB - last Monday, 6 p.m., high school lobby.

MINEOLA HISTORICAL MUSEUM ADVISORY BOARD - third Tuesday, 4 p.m., city hall. 569-6944. Public invited.

MINEOLA MASONIC LODGE - second Thursday, dinner at 6:30 p.m., meeting at 7:30 p.m. All Masons invited. 569-2608.

MINEOLA REBEKAH LODGE - first and third Tuesday, 11 a.m., 106 S. Line St. All Rebekahs welcome, 569-2776.

MINEOLA ROTARY CLUB - Monday noon, Dogwood Room, Mineola Civic Center.

MINEOLA ROTARY RECYCLING - third Saturday, 9 a.m. to noon, Walmart parking lot. Cardboard, paper and plastic accepted.

MINEOLA SENIOR CITIZEN CENTER - 308 University, 9:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. 903-497-1162; Dominoes & other games.

MLOTA LINE DANCE GUILD - Tuesday, 8:30 a.m., and Friday, 9:30 a.m.

MLOTA FIBER/CRAFT ART GUILD - Wednesday and Thursday, 10 a.m. and 1:30 p.m., business meeting fourth Thursday, 9:30 a.m.

MLOTA QUILT GUILD - first, second and third Thursday, 9:30 a.m.; 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.

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Wood County received tourniquets from local emergency services. They are (front, left to right) Mike Adams (Champion EMS), Wood County Fire Marshal Tully Davidson, Donnie Reynolds (Champion EMS), Jim Speer (Flight for Life), Hayden Ray (UT Health East Texas EMS); (back, left to right) Virgil Holland Jr., Jerry Gaskill, Bryan Jeanes, Mike Simmons and Russell Acker. (Monitor photo by Larry Tucker)

Quitman uses film liaison to coordinate movie filmings

By Zak Wellerman
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When a filmmaker came to Quitman roughly five years ago, the city created the film liaison position to coordinate the location for filming.

The makers of the movie *Jerico* came to Quitman in about 2013 to film at Governor Jim Hogg City Park. *Jerico* was released in 2016 and tells the story of best friends on a journey to fulfill their dreams while facing the restrictions of Jim Crow laws, according to IMDB.

The city created the volunteer job around that time to facilitate the arrangements and find the appropriate setting for the film, Quitman Mayor David Dobbs said.

Pam Riley held the position until she passed away recently. The city council appointed Quitman Chamber of Commerce Director Lauren Wilcox for the job during its Aug. 16 meeting.

Wilcox said she's look-

ing forward to being able to use both of her roles to bring more awareness to Quitman. She also runs her own photography business, which she believes will assist her as film liaison to a degree.

Quitman has been declared a film friendly city by the state of Texas. Dobbs said the city benefits as films can put heads in beds at local motels and filmmakers eat at our restaurants.

Wilcox hopes to expand the film work in the city.

"I would like to reach out to people wanting to film rather than only them coming to me," Wilcox said.

Dobbs said the liaison is normally meant to set up for big films, but it doesn't mean the city couldn't use it for other projects. The city could work with WCIC in the future for film of county scenery.

He added that the filmmakers receive no incentives for filming in Quitman.

County names committee to seek Fouke funding

Fouke Water Supply is looking for a grant administrator to help it seek Community Development funding.

Wood County Commissioneres named a committee to solicit and review proposals for professional services for the 2019-20 TxDDBG Community Development application. Director Ed Baker and General Manager Kristi Hirsch were appointed to the committee. Wood

County Commissioner Mike Simmons was chosen and approved as the elected official committee member.

In other business:

- Miste Davis was approved as the Alba representative for the Wood County Industrial Commission Board of Directors.

- Commissioners set a public hearing for Sept. 20 at 10 a.m. to discuss the revision of lots 293, 294 and 295, section eight, of

Holly Lake Ranch subdivision.

- Maria Flores resigned from the Wood County Sheriff's Office and Jesus Sandoval was hired.

- The court approved a payroll of \$326,228.39. Health and dental claims were \$78,182.13 and accounts payable was \$538,428.12.

- Commissioners approved the treasurer's reports for June, pledges and releases, constable reports. A \$15,000 line

item transfer for the RV park during the 2018 fiscal year was approved by the court.

- Commissioners approved a resolution authorizing the county grant with Texas Department of Agriculture for Meals on Wheels 2019 fiscal year. A total of \$4,149.75 was given to the organization from the county to be used between Oct. 1, 2018 to Sept. 30, 2019.

Small Taxing Unit Notice

The City of Quitman will hold a meeting at 5:30 PM on September 20, 2018 at Quitman City Hall, 401 E. Goode St., Quitman, TX 75783 to consider adopting a proposed tax rate for tax year 2018. The proposed tax rate is \$0.4277 per \$100 of value.

The proposed tax rate would increase total taxes in City of Quitman by 7.95%.

No change in MISD tax rate; enrollment up

By HANK MURPHY
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The Mineola Independent School District's tax rate of \$1.17 is expected to remain the same for fiscal 2018-19, but it will raise \$359,302 more in revenue over fiscal 2017-18 thanks to a heftier tax base.

MISD's tax rate has been the same since 2007. It is the highest it can be without triggering a rollback election.

The school district has released a projected budget that calls for expenditures of \$14.24 million, a 3.68 percent increase over last year. Money from the Foundation School Fund (\$6.89 million) and other sources will account for \$8.6 million in revenue. The local tax rate is expected to raise the rest, \$5.6 million.

This year's taxable value for the district came in at \$451.39 million, an increase of \$30.7 million over last year, according to the school district. The rise in value was led by residential property, and much of that increase is attributed to revalua-

tions, according to William Bjork, assistant superintendent of business. The average market value of a home rose from \$116,564 to \$119,938, and the average residential property owner will see a \$46.88 increase in taxes. A public hearing on the proposed tax rate is set for 6:30 p.m., Aug. 30 at the district's administration building.

At its meeting on Aug. 20, the school board also heard an enrollment report for the first week of the new school year. The headcount for Aug. 16, the first day of school, stood at 1,583. The count on Aug. 20, however, was up 31 students to 1,614, which is up 20 kids over 2017. The increase has come mainly at the Ele-

mentary School.

Superintendent Kim Tunnell told board members that this school year "had the smoothest start that I've ever seen as an administrator."

In other business, the school board was notified of \$17,500 in donations from Mineola Foundation Inc. MISD accepted a \$3,500 gift to hire a grant writer for career and technical education funding. It also accepted \$14,000 for automobile lifts for its auto tech program.

The board also awarded a bid to Duko Oil for fuel and petroleum products, and to Republic Services for trash removal. Republic's monthly charge of \$867 is \$17 more than last year's rate.

PUBLIC NOTICE

The Wood County Commissioner's Court will conduct a public hearing to consider a plan for the District Clerk's Technology Fund, Government Code 51.305, to fund the preservation and restoration of the District Clerk's records. The meeting will be held on Monday, September 17, 2018 at 8:50 a.m. in the Commissioner's Courtroom of the Wood County Courthouse, Quitman, Texas.

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BY ANGIE MONK, WOOD COUNTY EXTENSION AGENT

'Healthy Living Class' set to start Sept. 4 at Quitman extension office



A "Healthy Living" class series will begin on Tuesday, Sept. 4th from 10:00 a.m. -11:00 a.m. at the Extension Office in Quitman (618 S. Main St., Quitman).

This free class series for adults will be held on Tuesdays for 12 weeks and will cover topics such as nutrition, chronic disease self-management, physical activity, food demonstrations, and other healthy living topics.

This program opportunity is jointly sponsored by the Wood County Extension Office and NET Health/Wood County. For more information and to sign up for the classes, please call either 903-763-2924 or 903-571-3469.



Amid a crowd of Chamber of Commerce officials and well-wishers, owner Jennifer Henson snips the ribbon to signify the grand opening of Endless Summer Tan & Glam on Aug. 17. The business, at 1120A North Pacific St. in Mineola, offers tanning beds, spray tanning, lotions, swim wear and boutique items. (Monitor photo by Hank Murphy).

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING FY 2019 COUNTY CLERK'S RECORD ARCHIVE

In accordance with Local Government Code 118.025(g), the Commissioner's Court of Wood County, Texas will hold a Public Hearing on Friday, September 17, 2018 @ 8:55 A.M. in the Commissioners Courtroom, Main Floor, Wood County Courthouse on the FY 2019 annual written plan for funding the preservation and restoration of the County Clerk's Records Archive Fund.

After holding this public hearing, the Commissioners Court shall consider approval of the plan. This action is scheduled for 9:00 A.M. on Monday, September 17, 2018, at the same location.

Jones to chair Meals on Wheels' anniversary banquet

Meals on Wheels Ministry (MOWM) announced that Amanda Jones, co-owner of Tyler Tents and Events, will chair the ministry's 45th Anniversary Banquet, to be held at Green Acres CrossWalk Conference Center on Tuesday, Oct. 2.

The event theme of "Farmers Market" will showcase the natural

beauty and home-grown abundance of our local farmers markets. It will also highlight the nutritional foundation of MOWM, which serves nearly 3,000 homebound senior and disabled people living across six counties in East Texas.

Jones first became involved with MOWM during the 42nd Anniversary Banquet, when former banquet chairs Jennifer Hines and Trudy Williams enlisted her help with the arrangements for the event. Today, Hines and Williams serve on the MOWM Board of Directors, and they invited Jones to chair this year's event.

She moved to Tyler in 2012 and started her

own event draping company called Mirabella. "Two years later, my father, Andy Jones and I opened Tyler Tents and Events."

The Farmers Market theme "epitomizes the Meals on Wheels idea. A Farmers Market is people taking fresh produce and goods, in a truck (a.k.a. wheels) to people or a local area for people to partake in. What a better way than to celebrate the 45th anniversary of MOWM with a theme that is literally a meal on wheels? Perfect!"



Amanda Jones

said Amanda Jones.

The Anniversary Banquet is the primary fundraiser for Meals on Wheels Ministry, and all proceeds go directly to providing services to people in need. Sponsorships and tickets are available. More information can be found at www.mowmet.org.

Meals on Wheels Ministry serves nearly 3,000 seniors and homebound individuals in 30 communities across six counties, including Gregg, Henderson, Smith, Upshur, Van Zandt, and Wood. Meals on Wheels Ministry is dedicated to providing good nutritious meals, daily contacts, and other support services that enable senior citizens and disabled persons to remain independent and living in their own homes as long as possible.

Source: Meals on Wheels Ministry

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- Lavaca, TX
- TXism: "get your ducks in ___"
- El ___ TX
- "The King" (init.)
- "Honest ___" Lincoln
- TXism: "a squeaky wheel gets the ___"
- TXism: "gave ___ dose of your own medicine"
- TXism: "___ an oilman's daughter"
- TXism: "fell like I was chewed up ___ out"
- El Paso has a 34-foot tall statue of conquistador Juan de ___
- it was a sub-division of a Roman legion
- charged atoms
- TX Dennis Burkley sitcom: "Sanford ___"
- relating to an apex
- TXism: "___ to write home about" (ordinary)
- doc's degree
- African Methodist ___ Church
- TX Gene Tierney 1950 film: "Where the Sidewalk ___"
- Kaitlin nickname
- cowboy hat usage: ___ water
- becomes familiar (2 wds.)
- "on the ___"
- versification

DOWN

- tasteless food
- TXism: "don't give a hoot ___ holler"
- TX hometown of pro RB LaDainian Tomlinson
- TXism for "alike" (5 wds.)
- TXism: "busier than ___-armed fry cook"
- TXism: "I ___ a spring lamb" (swindled)
- TX Perot (init.)
- UK will leave this in 2019
- TXism for "long time" (3 wds.)
- "Monahans ___ hills State Park" in southern "Llano Estacado"
- historical periods
- TXism: "___ back now, ya hear?"
- TXism: "___ sized" (small)
- hamburger veggie (2 wds.)
- "mail" as a verb (2 wds.)
- swimming ___
- nickname of the first female governor of TX
- TXism: "fits like ugly on an ___"
- sips of "rot gut"
- hanging, tapering piece of ice with "El," a resident of TX's westernmost city
- TXism: "costs an arm ___ leg" (expensive)
- TX A.J. Foyt was the first to win the "___ 500" four times
- this Otto directed TX Kathryn Grant in "Anatomy of a Murder" (init.)
- TXism: "happy as a ___ with two tails"
- "Keep Sharing the Good News" FM in California
- end-of-week abbr.
- "I'm all ___" (listening)
- TXism: "___ with kid gloves"
- Denton's TWU is primarily for ___
- TXism: "raised ___ concrete" (city boy)

Small Taxing Unit Notice

The City of Yantis will hold a meeting at 6:00 PM on September 11, 2018 at Yantis City Hall, Yantis TX 75497 to consider adopting a proposed tax rate for tax year 2018. The proposed tax rate is \$0.2066 per \$100 of value.

The proposed tax rate would increase total taxes in City of Yantis by 7.94%.

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Wood County Sheriff's Report

The Wood County Sheriff's Department activities for August 8-14, 2018 are:

August 14 - Deputies went out on an arrest/warrant service to Front St. in Hawkins; at approximately 12:10 a.m. Deputies searched the area, but were unable to make contact with the individual.

Deputies went out on an arrest/warrant service to Minwood St. in Mineola; at approximately 1:12 a.m. Brian Warren, 22, of Mineola, was arrested for an outstanding warrant.

Deputies were dispatched to Beaulah St. in Hawkins, at approximately 2:52 a.m., in reference to an alarm. Deputies checked the building and it was secure.

Deputies were dispatched to Lake Holbrook point, at approximately 3:08 a.m., in reference to a disturbance. Parties were separated for the day.

Deputies responded to a suspicious vehicle on CR 3426 near Hawkins; at approximately 3:27 a.m. Deputies located the vehicle and everything was OK.

Deputies were dispatched to CR 3269 near Quitman, at approximately 7:25 a.m., in reference to a burn ban violation. Deputies searched the area, but were unable to locate any burn ban violations.

Deputies responded to a suspicious person on Lake Holbrook point; at approximately 10:40 a.m. Deputies located the individual and cleared the incident.

Deputies were dispatched to FM 2422 near Mineola, at approximately 6:52 p.m., in reference to a welfare check. Deputies located the individual and everything was OK.

Deputies responded to a suspicious person on CR 1699 near Alba; at approximately 8:27 p.m. Deputies searched the area, but were unable to locate the individual.

Deputies were dispatched to FM 2966 near Quitman, at approximately 9:21 p.m., in reference to a disturbance. Parties were separated for the night.

August 13 - Deputies responded to a suspicious person on HWY 154 near Quitman; at approximately 3:17 a.m. Deputies located the individual and provided a courtesy transport.

Deputies were dispatched to CR 4290 near Winnsboro, at approximately 4:01 a.m., in reference to a disturbance. Parties were separated for the day.

Deputies were dispatched to FM 514 near Yantis, at approximately 6:28 a.m., in reference to theft. Actors, or actors unknown, stole a lawn mower from the reporting party's property.

Deputies conducted an arrest/warrant service at the Wood County Sheriff's Office; at approximately 7:09 a.m. Dedrick Woods, 44, of Mineola, was arrested for outstanding warrants.

Deputies were dispatched to HWY 154 near Quitman, at approximately 9:06 a.m., in reference to shots fired. Deputies searched the area, but were unable to locate any activity.

Deputies were dispatched to CR 1917 near Yantis, at approximately 1:53 p.m., in reference to a burn ban violation. Deputies advised the individual of the effective burn ban and the fire was extinguished.

Deputies were dispatched to Clearwater Trail near Hawkins, at approximately 2:14 p.m., in reference to theft. A known actor stole a motorcycle from the reporting party's property. This case is active.

Deputies responded to a suspicious vehicle on CR 4408 near Winnsboro; at approximately 3:57 p.m. Deputies located the vehicle and it was towed by Wyatt's Towing.

Deputies were dispatched to FM 778 near Quitman, at approximately 4:28 p.m., in reference to a burn ban violation. Deputies advised the

individual of the effective burn ban and Hainesville Fire Department extinguished the fire.

Deputies were dispatched to Fm 17 near Alba, at approximately 4:33 p.m., in reference to theft. Actors, or actors unknown, stole a utility trailer from the reporting party's property. This case has been forwarded to investigators.

Deputies were dispatched to HWY 80 near Mineola, at approximately 5:03 p.m., in reference to a burn ban violation. Deputies searched the area, but were unable to locate any burn ban violations.

Deputies spoke with the reporting party, at approximately 5:33 p.m., in reference to a scam that occurred on CR 3849 near Hawkins. Deputies gave the reporting party advice and cleared the incident.

Deputies were dispatched to FM 779 near Alba, at approximately 7:51 p.m., in reference to a burn ban violation. Deputies advised the individual of the effective burn ban and the fire was extinguished.

Deputies were dispatched to HWY 37 near Mineola, at approximately 8:16 p.m., in reference to a burn ban violation. Deputies advised the individual of the effective burn ban and Mineola Fire Department extinguished the fire.

Deputies were dispatched to CR 4626 near Winnsboro, at approximately 8:23 p.m., in reference to a burn ban violation. Deputies searched the area, but were unable to locate any burn ban violations.

Deputies responded to a suspicious person on CR 3425 near Hawkins; at approximately 8:55 p.m. Deputies advised the reporting party that extra patrol would be provided.

Deputies went out on an arrest/warrant service to Gilmer Rd. in Winnsboro; at approximately 9:45 p.m. Jamie Branch, 49, of Winnsboro, was arrested for an outstanding warrant.

Deputies responded to a suspicious vehicle on HWY 80 near Hawkins; at approximately 10:49 p.m. Deputies located the vehicle and everything was OK.

Deputies went out on an arrest/warrant service to HWY 154 near Quitman; at approximately 11:05 p.m. Deputies searched the area, but were unable to make contact with the individual.

Deputies went out on an arrest/warrant service to Burton Rd. in Hawkins; at approximately 11:54 p.m. Deputies searched the area, but were unable to make contact with the individual.

August 12 - Deputies responded to a suspicious vehicle on CR 3163 near Quitman; at approximately 12:41 a.m. Deputies searched the area, but were unable to locate the vehicle.

Deputies were dispatched to CR 2267 near Mineola, at approximately 5:55 a.m., in reference to suspicious circumstances. This case is

active.

Deputies were dispatched to CR 4540 near Winnsboro, at approximately 10:26 a.m., in reference to terroristic threat. Deputies advised the reporting party that extra patrol would be provided.

Deputies were dispatched to CR 3954 near Hawkins, at approximately 10:50 a.m., in reference to a burn ban violation. Deputies advised the individual of the effective burn ban and the fire was extinguished.

Deputies were dispatched to CR 4560 near Winnsboro, at approximately 11:05 a.m., in reference to burglary. Actors, or actors unknown, broke into and damaged the reporting party's property. This case has been forwarded to investigators.

Deputies spoke with the reporting party, at approximately 12:46 p.m., in reference to criminal mischief that occurred on Mockingbird St. in Alba. Deputies gave the reporting party advice and cleared the incident.

Deputies were dispatched to CR 1215 near Quitman, at approximately 2:35 p.m., in reference to a burglary. Deputies searched the area, but were unable to locate any individuals at the residence, and there were no signs of theft or forced entry.

Deputies spoke with the reporting party, at approximately 2:47 p.m., in reference to an unauthorized use of a motor vehicle on CR 1602 near Alba. Deputies determined the incident to be a civil matter.

Deputies were dispatched to CR 2700 near Mineola, at approximately 2:48 p.m., in reference to illegal dumping. Deputies located the illegal dump site, but were unable to locate any information on the actors.

Deputies were dispatched to CR 1689 near Alba, at approximately 8:27 p.m., in reference to a burn ban violation. Deputies advised the individual of the effective burn ban and the fire was extinguished.

Deputies responded to a suspicious vehicle on CR 4360 near Scroggins; at approximately 8:44 p.m. Deputies located the vehicle and everything was OK.

August 11 - Deputies were dispatched to CR 4460 near Winnsboro, at approximately 1:47 a.m., in reference to suspicious circumstances. Deputies searched the area, but were unable to locate any suspicious activity.

Deputies were dispatched to CR 1560 near Alba, at approximately 9:51 a.m., in reference to an alarm. Deputies checked the building and it was secure.

Deputies were dispatched to CR 2297 near Mineola, at approximately 12:24 p.m., in reference to theft. Actors, or actors unknown, stole a go-kart from the reporting party's property. This case has been forwarded to investigators.

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Mineola Police Report

The Mineola Police Department activities for August 16-22, 2018 are:

Aug. 22 - At 10:06 a.m. a reckless driver was reported heading west on West Broad Street at a high rate of speed. An officer saw the vehicle parked at a business on that street.

10:10 a.m. Chelsea Elizabeth Long Calvert, 32 of Mineola was arrested for identity theft of property by check out of Tarrant County when she reported a verbal disturbance between her and her husband. When Mineola officers responded to the call the argument was settled and they found she had the outstanding warrants.

12:28 p.m. a person in a business on South Pacific Street reported a suspicious man in the store. When officers responded they found the man to be wanted for a warrant out of Ector County for fraud. Daniel Gene Critz, 33 of Lewisville was arrested for the warrant.

At 2:25 p.m. a disturbance was reported on Kraus Street when a man reported he was confronted with a gun by a man that accused him of stealing from him. Officers and investigators investigated the claim and found probable cause to obtain a warrant for Dornell Lamar Lipscomb, 35 of Mineola for deadly conduct. Lipscomb was arrested at his residence on Church Street.

3:14 p.m. A gas drive off was reported at a business on NE Loop 564. The person headed north toward Quitman. This is under investigation.

4:47 p.m. A reckless driver was reported on North Pacific Street weaving in and out of traffic. An officer was unable to locate the vehicle.

6:20 p.m. A nursing home reported two residents got into an altercation. No physical assault occurred and the two were separated.

9:58 p.m. A business on NE Loop 564 reported a vehicle in the drive thru with four teenagers and a baby and the teenagers appeared to be intoxicated. Officers searched but did not locate the vehicle.

Aug. 21 - At 8:39 a.m. a welfare concern was reported when the family of a man found his vehicle on West Front Street in front of a business, but he was not there. After checking with authorities the man was arrested by ICE for a detainer warrant.

3:32 p.m. Officers assisted a stranded motorist when the battery lost charge on Greenville Hwy.

4:57 a 1-year-old child was accidentally locked inside a vehicle on North Pacific. An officer unlocked the vehicle and the child was unharmed.

At 11:17 p.m. a woman reported a suspicious person behind a business on NE Loop 564. The woman was found and was waiting for a ride.

Aug. 20 - At 8:11 a.m. an officer from Oklahoma requested Mineola police check on an 8-year-old boy who was with his mother. Officers found the boy at school and fine.

8:29 a.m. There was a welfare concern for a man who showed up to work intoxicated and sent home. An officer checked on the man on East Broad Street.

4:32 p.m. A woman reported she wanted a man trespassed from her residence on Goodson Circle. The man was warned not to be on the property.

6 p.m. Wood County S.O. reported reckless driver coming into Quitman. The vehicle was not located.

At 7:35 p.m. Murry DeWayne Richards, 43 of Lindale was arrested for Smith County warrants when he was stopped on a traffic violation on West Broad Street. The charges were violation of a protective order, driving while license suspended and failure to appear.

Aug. 19 - 1:22 a.m. officers assisted DPS and fire with a one vehicle accident on Hwy 69 and Loop 564.

5:56 a.m. A business on North Pacific Street reported a man and woman coming through the drive thru topless and both appeared intoxicated. An officer responded but could not locate the vehicle.

9:55 a.m. Officers checked on a woman on Pat Street when it was reported her car door was open for several hours. The woman was found and everything was fine.

At 1:25 p.m. a disturbance was reported on South Stone Street between two females. One had left the scene in a vehicle before the officer arrived. Officers located one of the subjects on Padgett Street who refused to cooperate.

2:58 p.m. A verbal disturbance was reported on Goodson Circle when the resident reported the grandfather of her child would not leave her residence. An officer responded to the residence and the man left.

8:34 p.m. A woman reported a woman she knew was banging on her doors and windows yelling. Officers talked with the woman who said her iPad was at the location and she was trying to get it. The iPad was returned and a criminal trespass was issued.

Aug. 18 - At 12:43 a.m. a reckless driver was reported coming into the city from South Pacific. The caller reported the driver driving at a high rate of speed. An officer saw the vehicle but no violation.

8:34 a.m. A man reported he was told someone was in his carport on Turman Street. An officer checked and no one was located. A direct patrol has been issued for the residence.

11:34 a.m. A business on North Pacific Street reported damage to some property at the business. Video

was obtained and the incident determined to be a civil matter.

12:31 a.m. A woman on Elliott Street requested a man be criminally trespassed from her property. The trespass warning was issued.

1:09 p.m. An officer searched several residences for Justin Jones, wanted for aggravated robbery out of Jacksonville.

8:10 p.m. A shopper reported a woman in the parking lot of a business on Loop 564 walking around to customers as they were loading their merchandise trying to sell a bracelet. An officer responded but did not find the woman.

Aug. 17 - At 12:45 a.m. an officer helped a resident on Kings Lane get in his home after locking himself out.

At 2:49 a.m. an officer checked on a resident on Kings Lane that reported her garage opened by itself.

3:44 a.m. While on routine patrol an officer located a suspicious vehicle parked at a recently closed business on West Broad Street. The officer checked the building and surroundings and found no signs of criminal activity, but he did find women's clothing on the ground near the vehicle. The vehicle was unoccupied and secure. The clothing was collected by the officer.

7:56 a.m. An officer checked on the driver of a vehicle on West Broad Street after the officer was stopped and told of the reckless driving. The driver of the vehicle was fine.

9:19 a.m. A man reported his cell phone stolen when he left it at a gas station on Loop 564 East. He returned to find it missing. An officer looked at the video surveillance and saw another customer picking up the man's phone. This is under investigation.

11:12 a.m. A business on East Broad requested a woman criminally trespassed from the property because of a theft in the past. The trespass warning was issued.

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Mineola Fire Report

Building Fire: Aug. 21, 2:02 p.m. County Road 2372, Mineola. Assisted Alba with residential fire.

Medical Assistance: Aug. 16, 1407 Lee Drive, Mineola. Aug. 20, 900 W. Patton St., Mineola.

Motor Vehicle Accident, No Injuries: Aug. 19, 1:25 a.m. N. Hwy. 69 and N. Loop 564, Mineola.

Unauthorized Burning: Aug. 17, 7:51 p.m. County Road 2630, Mineola. Aug. 17, 8 p.m. 181 PR 6631, Mineola.

Dispatched and Cancelled En Route: Aug. 22, 8:14 p.m. Phillips Street, Mineola.

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GATLIN SHINES AT CIVIC CENTER



Approximately 180 people attended the LaDonna Gatlin Mineola Historical Museum fundraiser Saturday at the Memorial Civic Center. Here, LaDonna Gatlin teases Sharon Chamblee, museum project chairperson, about the length of her introduction. Museum board members were pleased with the success of the event. (Courtesy photo).

Yantis trustees amend student handbook for dress code, human sexuality instruction

Yantis Schools Superintendent Tracey Hilfferich reported, "lots of energy and excitement" on the eve of opening day classes during the August 20th regular school board meeting.

Principal Buddy Winstead echoed her sentiments commenting on the quality of new teachers added to the staff. Winstead is anticipating a "really, really good year." Enrollment is up for the fall semester with 95 students expected in high school and 94 in middle school.

During a break in board proceedings, Hilfferich commented on the disappointing school report card recently received from the Texas Education Agency. "We don't feel that one test or score defines the value of our education or the value of our school," she commented.

Hilfferich continued, stating

that the school will not stop doing what they know is right. She did highlight three areas at the elementary school which received state distinctions: science, post-secondary readiness and academic progress across the socio-economic spectrum.

The school board heard four items which will impact the imminent commencement of the semester. Board reviewed the Employee Handbook and the Student Handbook. Although there were no changes to the Employee Handbook, the Student Handbook now contains a detailed dress code policy, the introduction of Honors Graduate criteria, and addresses the teaching of human sexuality within other subjects. The board also approved adoption of Texas Association of School Board's update 111. This update aligned

administrative language with the designation of a District of Innovation. Lastly board approved retaining the law firm of Walsh Gallegos of Austin as legal counsel.

The board was briefed on the proposed 2018-2019 budget. The budget reflected a \$75,000 positive balance at the conclusion of the upcoming fiscal year. All budget amendments required for the present fiscal year will be presented at the next regular board meeting.

After over two hours in closed session, the board deferred action on the employment of a superintendent. The action is expected to be taken at the August 27th board meeting. Elementary School Principal Tracey Hilfferich continues to work additional duties as the acting Superintendent.

Hensarling calls McCain a statesman and hero

U.S. Rep. Jeb Hensarling (R-5) joined the Texas congressional delegation in honoring the late Sen. John McCain (R-Arizona), who died Saturday at age 81 after a battle with brain cancer.

"America lost a true statesman last night," Hensarling stated. "Senator McCain was a hero fighting in uniform and in the halls of Congress. His legacy of standing up for everyday Americans and his unwavering patriotism have left a lasting mark on our

democracy that cannot be denied. May we lift up the McCain family in our thoughts and prayers during this time of loss."

Republican Sen. Ted Cruz of Texas said of McCain: "Senator John McCain was a patriot, and an extraordinary American war hero. Heidi and I send our heartfelt thoughts and prayers to the entire McCain family, as they grieve the loss of a loving husband, father, and grandfather. May he Rest In Peace."

U.S. Rep. Beto O'Rourke, (D-16) who is opposing Cruz for his Senate seat in November, told a crowd of supporters Sunday: "There are decisions that he's made — votes that he's cast that you may or may not agree with — but at the end of the day, before he was a Republican and you were a Democrat, before he was a Republican and you were an Independent, before either of us cared about party, he was an American and he was a hero. And we should remember him that way."

Republican Sen. John Cornyn of Texas issued this statement: "Today the nation lost a proud

veteran, seasoned lawmaker, and beloved father. A true maverick and highly-effective statesman, John McCain's career spanned the globe and was the envy of many. The firmness of his character, and unyielding love for this country, were unmatched. As we mourn the loss of John McCain, we're called to be stronger patriots and better citizens. We send our condolences to his four children, his wife Cindy, and the entire McCain family. It's hard to lose him, but I know the legacy he leaves will long remain."

(Compiled from news releases and published reports).

UT-Tyler's Tidwell to present lecture on non-profits Sept. 12

Dr. Michael Tidwell, president of the University of Texas – Tyler, will present a lecture titled "A Social Identity Model of Prosocial Behaviors within Non-profit Organizations" on Sept. 12 at the Woman's Building at 911 S. Broadway Ave. in Tyler.

Tidwell's lecture is one of three scheduled under the Our Nonprofit Leadership Lecture series hosted by the East Texas Center for Non Profits – Smith County United Way. The series will provide a unique learning opportunity, networking, and a Q&A time with each presenter.

Other presenters will include Ted Talk speaker Jonathan Fanning on "Creative Leadership: Building a Culture of Innovation" on Oct. 16 and Suzanne Smith on "Collaboration as a Key to Success in the 21st Century" on Nov. 13. To register and learn more about the topics and presenters, visit <https://uwsmithcounty.org/lecture-series/>.

Source: East Texas Center for Non Profits – Smith County United Way

NOTICE OF 2018 TAX YEAR PROPOSED PROPERTY TAX RATE FOR CITY OF MINEOLA

A tax rate of \$0.562410 per \$100 valuation has been proposed for adoption by the governing body of City of Mineola. 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 City of Mineola proposes to use revenue attributable to the tax rate increase for the purpose of Operating expenses.

PROPOSED TAX RATE	\$0.562410 per \$100
PRECEDING YEAR'S TAX RATE	\$0.562410 per \$100
EFFECTIVE TAX RATE	\$0.545142 per \$100
ROLLBACK TAX RATE	\$0.607714 per \$100

The effective tax rate is the total tax rate needed to raise the same amount of property tax revenue for City of Mineola 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 City of Mineola 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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903-763-2261
ctaylor@mywoodcounty.com

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

First Hearing: September 6, 2018 at 5:30 PM at Mineola City Hall, 300 Greenville Ave., Mineola, TX 75773.

Second Hearing: September 13, 2018 at 5:30 PM at Mineola City Hall, 300 Greenville Ave., Mineola, TX 75773.

2017 Property Tax Rates in Upper Sabine Valley Solid Waste Mgmt Dist.

This notice concerns the 2018 property tax rates for Upper Sabine Valley Solid Waste Mgmt Dist.. It presents information about three tax rates. Last year's tax rate is the actual tax rate the taxing unit used to determine property taxes last year. This year's effective tax rate would impose the same total taxes as last year if you compare properties taxed in both years. This year's rollback tax rate is the highest tax rate the taxing unit can set before taxpayers start rollback procedures. In each case these rates are found by dividing the total amount of taxes by the tax base (the total value of taxable property) with adjustments as required by state law. The rates are given per \$100 of property value.

Last year's tax rate:

Last year's operating taxes	\$608,949
Last year's debt taxes	\$0
Last year's total taxes	\$608,949
Last year's tax base	\$2,806,216,590
Last year's total tax rate	\$0.0217/\$100

This year's effective tax rate:

Last year's adjusted taxes	\$602,042
(after subtracting taxes on lost property)	
÷ This year's adjusted tax base	\$2,894,262,575
(after subtracting value of new property)	
= This year's effective tax rate	\$0.0208/\$100
(Maximum rate unless unit publishes notices and holds hearings.)	

This year's rollback tax rate:

Last year's adjusted operating taxes	\$602,042
(after subtracting taxes on lost property and adjusting for any transferred function, tax increment financing, state criminal justice mandate, and/or enhanced indigent healthcare expenditures)	
÷ This year's adjusted tax base	\$2,894,262,575
= This year's effective operating rate	\$0.0208/\$100
x 1.08 = this year's maximum operating rate	\$0.0224/\$100
+ This year's debt rate	\$0/\$100
= This year's total rollback rate	\$0.0224/\$100

Statement of Increase/Decrease

If Upper Sabine Valley Solid Waste Mgmt Dist. adopts a 2018 tax rate equal to the effective tax rate of \$0.0208 per \$100 of value, taxes would increase compared to 2017 taxes by \$1,938.

This notice contains a summary of actual effective and rollback tax rates' calculations. You can inspect a copy of the full calculations at 301 E. Goode St., Quitman, TX 75783.
Name of person preparing this notice: Carol Taylor
Title: Wood County Tax Assessor-Collector
Date Prepared: 08/20/2018

Quitman Library Connections

BY LIBRARIAN DELENE ALLEN

September is National Library Card Sign-up Month, so stop in and see what your Quitman Public Library has to offer. 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.

With kids heading back to the classroom, the 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.

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 Hoffpauir. Students of all ages and skill levels may bring supplies and join the group for 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

QPL Story Time has moved to Wednesdays 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. Sept. 19 - "It's Shark Week!"; Sept 26 - "Eat Your Vegetables" We will create a vegetable platter.

Genealogy

The Wood County TX Genealogical

Society meets Monday, September 17 at 7 p.m. in the library's Shamburger Community Room. The society gathers for a pre-meeting social dinner at Peralta's Mexican Restaurant in Quitman at 6 p.m and invites newcomers to fellowship. The society's Facebook page is <http://www.facebook.com/groups/woocotx>.

Friends of the Library

The Friends meet Tuesday, September 11 at noon for an hour of fellowship and fun. Guest speaker will be the owner of Speakeasy Coffee - Quitman who will share the history of the building on the square and its renovations. Beverly Chamberlain will present the "5-minute-no-spoiler

Book Review," on Sweet Mandarin by Helen Tse. Also, a FOL member will present "What You May Not Know about Me."

FOL Officers for 2019 are: Cathy Dye - President, Beverly Chamberlain - Vice President, Lillian Gray - Secretary, Rebekah Yeager - Treasurer, and Diane Moseley - Hospitality. Becky Crump - Newsletter

New Arrivals

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MISD

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recommendation to the school board.

"We want the right person," Tunnell told the school board. "This is a huge task, to not only mitigate any active shooter or emergency but to also build relationships with kids and be proactive in warding off any behavior that would lead to something undesirable happening. That's a huge responsibility, and we're taking it very seriously."

In June, a month after a student opened fire at a high school in Santa Fe, Texas, killing 10, the school board gave the go ahead to hire an officer. The Santa Fe shooting was among 23 in the United States in the first 21 weeks of 2018 in which someone was injured or killed, according to an analysis by CNN.

No date has been set for establishing the police department. Meanwhile, the City of Mineola is posting opportunities for its officers to work at the schools "so we can have armed personnel on our campuses until we get a police chief hired," Tunnell said. The district also intends to enter into a Memorandum of Understanding with the city regarding jurisdiction, dispatch support, and other agreements in support of the MISD and its police department

MISD's preliminary 2018-19 budget calls for \$60,000 in payroll for an officer and \$91,000 in total spending for security and monitoring.

Along with establishing a police presence, the district also has upgraded cameras, added a telephone to each class-

room, removed trees blocking sight lines, and provided training for staff and substitutes. It also will keep exterior doors locked and it intends to employ a camera/intercom system at main entry points.

On Aug. 20, Tunnell also presented the results of a staff survey on arming teachers and administrators. See the accompanying chart:

ARMING OF STAFF SURVEY

107 staff members completed the survey along with nine administrators.

Administrators re-

sults, nine responses:
89% agree/strongly agree they feel safer with police officer carrying weapon - 0% disagree/strongly disagree
44% agree/strongly agree they feel safer with trained staff member carrying weapon - 22% disagree

67% (six) would pre-

fer to have a police officer on each campus over having staff carry a weapon - (two) said no and 1 said maybe

Two said they would be interested in the process to carry, one said no and six said maybe

Staff Results: 107 Responses:

85% agree/strongly agree they feel safer with police officer carrying weapon - 9% disagree/strongly disagree
65% agree/strongly agree they feel safer with trained staff member carrying weapon - 17% disagree

48% would prefer to have a police officer on each campus over having staff carry a weapon - 16% said no and 24% said maybe

21% (22) said they would be interested in the process to carry, 59% (63) said no and 21% (22) said maybe

Source: Mineola Independent School District

MINEOLA ANIMAL SHELTER



At left is a male puppy about 5 months old. He will be a medium-size dog. He loves toys and gets along with everyone. At right is a female around 1-2 years old. She would make great family dog. She is gentle and gets along with everyone and other dogs.

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

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

A tax rate of \$1.0269 per \$100 valuation has been proposed for adoption by the governing body of City of Alba.

PROPOSED TAX RATE	\$1.0269 per \$100
PRECEDING YEAR'S TAX RATE	\$1.0145 per \$100
EFFECTIVE TAX RATE	\$1.0269 per \$100

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

YOUR TAXES OWED UNDER ANY OF THE ABOVE RATES CAN BE CALCULATED AS FOLLOWS:
property tax amount = (rate) x (taxable value of your property)/100

For assistance or detailed information about tax calculations, please contact:

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REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATIONS

The City of Yantis plans to apply for the 2019-2020 Community Development Fund. Accordingly, the City is seeking to contract with a qualified Engineering Firm (individual/firm) to prepare all preliminary and final design plans and specifications, and to conduct all necessary interim and final inspections. These services are being solicited to assist the City in its application preparation and project implementation of a TxCDBG contract, if awarded, to support eligible activities in the City of Yantis. Please submit four (4) copies of your proposal of services and a statement of qualifications for the proposed services to the address below: Attn: Tonya Norris, City Secretary, City of Yantis, P.O. Box 245, Yantis, TX 75497 or 103 City Circle, Yantis, TX 75497. Proposals shall be received by the City no later than 10:00 a.m. on September 12, 2018 to be considered. The City reserves the right to negotiate with any and all individuals or firms that submit proposals, as per the Texas Professional Services Procurement Act and the Uniform Grant and Contract Management Standards. Section 3 Residents and Business Concerns, Minority Business Enterprises, Small Business Enterprises and Women Business Enterprises are encouraged to submit proposals. The City of Yantis is an Affirmative Action/Equal Opportunity Employer.

CITY OF MINEOLA - SECTION 34-21

BRUSH, LIMB AND LEAF COLLECTION

- Brush, limbs and leaves shall be piled separately behind the curb or the edge of the street for pickup and collection.
- Brush, limbs and leaves shall not be placed in such manner restricting, hindering or interfering with traffic flow, normal drainage, or the use of city streets.
- Brush, limbs and leaves shall be prepared for collection as follows:
 - Brush. Brush shall be placed separately from leaves and limbs and shall be free from other waste. The failure to do so will result in the brush remaining until such time as it is separated.
 - Limbs.
 - Limbs six inches in diameter or smaller shall be cut into 36-inch lengths and stacked behind the curb.
 - Limbs or logs greater than six inches in diameter shall be cut into 24-inch lengths and stacked behind the curb. A special time for pickup shall be obtained from the city offices.
 - In the event collection is desired in both an alley and behind the curb of a street, a fee as established from time to time by ordinance shall be paid in advance.
 - In the event alleys are not accessible with only one way in and one way out, limbs and brush shall be placed behind the curb or the edge of the street.
 - Fee for oversized loads of brush and limbs.
 - Solid waste loads of brush and leaves will be picked up by the City of Mineola at no charge to the consumer. Oversized loads will be picked up by the city at a charge of \$50.00 per load or partial load.
 - The term "load" shall mean the volume of wood chips generated by the City of Mineola's brush chipping equipment, which such load shall measure to approximately one-half of the truck container. This load shall be measured in volume only and not measured by tare weight. One load, by volume, shall be permanently marked on the inside and the outside of the truck dump bed.
 - Leaves. Leaves shall be separated from brush, limbs and other solid waste, including, but not limited to, bricks, brickbats, wire, glass, metal or other similar material which may impair or damage the leaf machine or other device picking up the leaves. The failure to do so will result in the leaves remaining until such time as they are separated.
- Fees; generally. See appendix B online at www.Mineola.com.

Do not place leaves or limbs on top of water meter. Must have leaves and limbs out by curb by the first day of the month.

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 Pastor - Reggie Day
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 Pastor Kelly B. Burton
Lake Fork Baptist
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 Pastor Perry Crisp

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Church of Christ of Alba
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 Rev. Beverly Tune

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 Pastor: Otis Lee

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 903 768-2258
 Pastor Ed Lewis
Pilgrim Rest #2 Baptist Church
 205 County Road 2376, Golden
 903-768-2653
 Pastor Craig Kearby

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Psalm 128

Jesus said to his disciples: "Stay awake! For you do not know on which day your Lord will come. Be sure of this: if the master of the house had known the hour of night when the thief was coming, he would have stayed awake and not let his house be broken into. So too, you also must be prepared, for at an hour you do not expect, the Son of Man will come. "Who, then, is the faithful and prudent servant, whom the master has put in charge of his household to distribute to them their food at the proper time? Blessed is that servant whom his master on his arrival finds doing so. Amen, I say to you, he will put him in charge of all his property. But if that wicked servant says to himself, 'My master is long delayed,' and begins to beat his fellow servants, and eat and drink with drunkards, the servant's master will come on an unexpected day and at an unknown hour and will punish him severely and assign him a place with the hypocrites, where there will be wailing and grinding of teeth."

Obituaries

JESSIE MABLE CLANTON
1930-2018

TYLER-A graveside service for Jessie Mable Clanton, 87 of Tyler was held Saturday, August 25 at Roselawn Memorial Gardens with Preston Burton officiating.

Mrs. Clanton died August 23, 2018 in Tyler. She was born October 5, 1930 in Mills, New Mexico to the late Landon and Neoma Copelin.

She lived 25 years in Anchorage, Alaska and was retired in 2003 as a secretary for Habitat for Humanity.

She was preceded in death by her parents; husband, Doyle Clanton, Sr; son, Doyle Truman Clanton, Jr.; daughter, Susie Anne Clanton; brothers, Roy Copelin and Robert Copelin.

Survivors include her brother, Wayne Copelin of Sunray, Texas and grandson, Brandon Clanton of Tyler.

SARAH PAULINE HOWLE
1915-2018

QUITMAN-Graveside services for Sarah Pauline Howle, 103, of Quitman were held Saturday, August 25 at Rock Hill Cemetery with Fred Morrow officiating.

Mrs. Howle died August 22, 2018, in Longview. She was born January 8, 1915, to John and Nora Dial in Wood County.

She was preceded in death by her mother and father; husband of over 50 years, C.R. Howle; sisters, Opal Willingham, Floy Morgan, Estelle Noe, Mozelle Craver and Bonnie Bryan; brother, Benford Dial and a great-grandson.

Survivors include her daughter, Glenda Owen of Longview; two grandchildren; four great-grandchildren and two great-great-grandchildren and several members of an extended family.



MARY LOUISE JOHNSON
1943-2018

HOLLY LAKE RANCH-Interment services for Mary Louise Johnson, 74 of Holly Lake Ranch were held at Dallas-Ft. Worth National Cemetery in Arlington on August 23. A memorial mass was celebrated at Holy Spirit Catholic Church in Hawkins and a reception followed the memorial mass.

Mrs. Johnson died August 10, 2018 at her home. She was born October 12, 1943 in Kansas City, Missouri to the late Angus and Grace Devereaux. She was Catholic and a member of Holy Spirit Catholic Church.



She was preceded in death by her parents; her brother, Ronald Devereaux; sister, Diane Devereaux-Sears and husband Richard Johnson.

She is survived by her brother, Paul Andre Devereaux; four children, Paul Andre, Laura Louise, Richard Stephen and LaDonna Michelle; eight grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

In lieu of flowers you may make a donation in memory of Mary to the American Diabetes Foundation.

JAMES ROBERT KING III
1942-2018

MINEOLA-Graveside services for James Robert King, 111, 76 of Mineola, was held Thursday, August 23 at Oakwood Cemetery in Huntsville with Jim Pickens officiating.

Mr. King died August 20, 2018, in Tyler. He was born July 17, 1942, in Huntsville to James Robert King Jr and Virginia King. He grew up in Huntsville, graduated from Huntsville High School where he was a cheerleader. He attended Sam Houston state University and earned his Bachelor of Science degree.

He served in the U.S. Coast Guard and retired as a Senior Chief.

Survivors include his son, James Robert King IV of St. Martinville, Louisiana; daughters, Shelly Chance, Hainesville, Mollye Glasscock of Arlington; brother, Col. Jerry Marshall of San Antonio; sister, Mollye Kay Mitchell of Huntsville and six grandchildren.



MARY ELIZABETH KIRBO
1940-2018

QUITMAN-Funeral services for Mary Elizabeth Kirbo, 77 of Quitman were held August 26 at Lowe Funeral Home with Rev. Fred Morrow and Wayne McKay officiating.

Burial followed at Myrtle Springs Cemetery.

Mrs. Kirbo died August 23, 2018, in Quitman. She was born August 28, 1940 in Vernon, Texas to the late Jesse and Ina McKay. She worked at the Wood County Tax Office for 15 years and was a member of Lake Fork Baptist Church.

She was preceded in death by her mother and father; brother, Roy McKay and sister, Adeline Johnson.

Survivors include her husband of 51 years, Robert Kirbo of Quitman; two daughters, Michelle Bowers and Becky Watson; a sister, Kathy Jordan of Winnsboro and several nieces and nephews.



CHARLES MALLICOTE
1934-2018

MINEOLA-Charles (Max) Mallicote, 84 of Mineola died on August 17, 2018. He was born to Ora and Everett Mallicote on January 8 1934 in Gainesville, Texas.

Max served in the U.S. Army and the Army National Guard in Texas and served the City of University Park Police Department from November 1957 until retiring in 1989 as a Lieutenant. While serving in the UPPD he was honored to attend the 91st session of the FBI Academy in Quantico, Va.

He was preceded in death by his first wife, Shirley Brown Mallicote; parents; brother, Kenneth Mallicote and two sisters, Ann Hutchison and Carolyn Sue Mallicote.

Survivors include his wife, Sue Mallicote; sister, Jane Alexander; daughter Melody Lundquist; son, John Mallicote; stepdaughter, Rebecca Decker; stepson Michael Loftin; eight grandchildren; three great-grandchildren and extended family.

He was a member of Broad Street Church of Christ in Mineola.



JUDY RUSH MOSS
1960-2018

MINEOLA-Graveside services for Judy Rush Moss, 58 of Mineola were held August 25 at Starr Cemetery with Revs. Jim Parker, Andrew McQueen and Homer Morgan officiating.

Mrs. Moss died August 22, 2018, in Tyler. She was Born July 1, 1960 in Grand Saline to Finis Ray and Madaline Rush. She lived most of her life in Wood County; was a paramedic and member of Country Fellowship of Wood County.

She was preceded in death by her father and mother; sister, Doris Daniels and two brothers, Johnny and Steven Ray Rush.

Survivors include her husband, Donald Moss of Mineola; two daughters, Christina Spencer, Mineola and Rebecca Stolte of Henderson; two stepsons, Donald "Donny" Moss of Quitman and Daylon Moss of Mineola; stepdaughter, Deidra "DD" Moss of Lindale; two brothers, David Rush and Larry Rush, both of Fruitvale; seven sisters, Betty Scott, Barbara Copeland and Frankie Phillips, all of Grand Saline, Sandra Rush and Janis Landreau, both of Fruitvale, Deloris Smith of Van and Brenda Kirk of Mineola; nine grandchildren; two great-grandchildren and numerous other relatives and friends.



KERRY MACK WEEMS
1935-2018

HOLLY LAKE RANCH-Graveside service for Kerry Mac Weems, 82 of Holly Lake Ranch was held August 30, 2018, at Dallas Fort Worth National Cemetery.

Mr. Weems died Friday, August 24, 2018 in Tyler. He was born September 11, 1935 in Rotan, Texas to the late Walter and Anna Weems.

He was a retired Aerospace Data Analyst for Vought/LTV and a member of the First Baptist Church of Mansfield and Walnut Ridge Baptist Church of Mansfield.

He is survived by his wife, Ronda Weems of Holly Lake Ranch; daughters, Shelley Ball of Eddy, Texas, Sharla Persons of Holly Lake Ranch, Sara Weems of Tyler, Shannon McLean of Azle; brothers, Don Weems and Ken Weems, both of Houston and Ronnie White of Odessa; and five grandchildren.



Representatives from the Sabine River Authority of Texas donate a \$10,000 grant to the City of Quitman for improvements to its water management system, scada. From left to right: Sabine River Authority regional manager Troy Henry, Director Jeanette Sterner, Director Jeff Jacobs, Director Mac Abney, Director Janie Walenta, Melady Thompson (representative for District Five State Representative Cole Hefner), Quitman Mayor David Dobbs, Quitman city administrator/secretary Andrew Kloefkorn and Quitman water utilities director Dee Gilbreath.

SRA

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conversation storage, control, preservation, quality, and utilization of water in the Sabine River and its Texas trib-

utaries.

Lake Fork reservoir is overseen by SRA. The city pumps from Lake Fork and treat it to be distributed, SRA regional manager Roy Henry said

"We look forward to continuing the relation-

ship with Quitman," Henry said. "It [The grant] keeps costs down. The goal is to keep the cost of water affordable and still be quality."

The use of scada by Quitman started in 2001 at the water plant and raw water intake. This

latest addition will go toward the water tower and ground water storage, Gilbreath said.

In a possible future addition, Gilbreath could be able to view the equipment in action from his office computer or cell phone.

We would like to thank everyone so much for all of the calls, flowers, food and prayers for our family as we lost John. We will never forget all of the kind words and countless stories that you all shared with us as you remembered John at this time.

Thank you, Wanda Noe, John, Shelly, Jamie, Jeff, Adam, Kimberly, Matthew, Brett & Blake

Master Gardener training slated for Tyler, Sept. 18-20

The Smith County Master Gardeners Association will host the Texas Superstar Master Gardener plant specialist training Sept. 18-20, at the Comfort Suites Hotel, 303 Rieck Rd. in Tyler.

This Texas Superstar specialist training was created as an intensive multi-day training that helps empower Master Gardeners with

knowledge and skills required to effectively support and multiply Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service efforts in Earth-kind environmental and educational programs in their counties.

Instructors this year include Larry Stein, Jerry Parsons, Brent Pemberton, David Rodriguez, Keith Hansen, and Greg Grant.

The training will cover the history of the Texas Superstar plant selection program as well as details on all designated Texas Superstar plants.

The cost for the training is \$225. To register (or for information) please call 903 590-2980. Registration deadline is Sept. 7 and spaces are limited.

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Property

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and market them to potential buyers.

The city began its association with TCG in March and so far has identified about 180 properties in which the owners are five or more years delinquent in pay-

ing their taxes, according to Curt Myers, the city building inspector and code enforcement officer. With few exceptions, nearly all the properties are residential, he said. About 30 of those properties have been abandoned, and others are vacant structures with no power or running water. Many delinquent properties are occupied houses,

and some are vacant lots. Thanks to the efforts of Myers and TCG, "This is the first time we've had a comprehensive list," said City Manager Mercy Rushing. The city pays TCG an annual fee of \$3,500 plus additional fees for services. It has set aside \$39,500 for structure removal, which includes the cost of TCG's services,

according to city Finance Director Cindy Karch. Rushing sees the TCG contract as a bargain given that the company identifies and tracks down property owners, inventories the properties, expedites the necessary legal work, and manages the sale of properties. Instead of selling each individually, TCG has the ability to group properties for bid. Eventually, potential buyers nationwide will be able to see the properties and offer bids through TCG's website.

Although a successful bid may be less than a property's value, "It's coming back onto the tax rolls, and something is better than nothing," Rushing said. "If they could cut our (inventory of delinquent properties) in half, it's a win-win. If they could cut 25 percent, it's a win-win." The city of Plainview has been working through TCG for two years to address its catalogue of tax delinquent properties, said Plain-



This color-coded map pinpoints the location of tax delinquent property in Mineola. The property is categorized as vacant land, abandoned property, occupied property, or a vacant house.

view City Manager Jeffrey Snyder. Plainview identified more than 140 such properties, and TCG handles the entire disposition process, he said. "Overall, we're pleased with it," he said of the program, which has returned a number of delinquent properties back to the tax rolls. "I think it's a benefit, instead of (properties) sitting idle, people are using them." Rushing said she knows Mineola will never totally eliminate all of its de-

linquent and distressed property. "It's never going to be zero; that's a pipe dream." Still, she believes addressing blight is an effort worth pursuing. "With us taking this on, we feel like it's keeping our crime lower in Mineola, we're cleaning up Mineola. At the same time we're trying to protect our young people and the citizens around that neighborhood, and that's the bottom line."

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The Quitman Junior High Cheer Squad attended camp July 23-25, 2018. The squad earned Superior Blue Ribbons in both the cheer and chant categories, the Herkie Award, as well as a bid to the National Championship Competition. Individual members receiving All-American Cheerleader Awards are Kameron Farnham, Katherine Cox, Ashley Davis, Trinity Purdin, and Addison Marcee.

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Former Quitman High School educator and coach Pat Neighbors is surrounded by the current Lady Bulldog volleyball team as she receives a plaque and flowers when being honored prior to the game last Tuesday at Ballard Memorial Gym. (Monitor photo by Larry Tucker)

Quitman honors Pat Neighbors

By LARRY TUCKER
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A revered Quitman educator and coach was honored last Tuesday night prior to the Lady Bulldogs three-game sweep of Class 5A Whitehouse. Quitman's first volleyball coach, Pat Neighbors, was honored in front of a packed home-side crowd at Delbert Ballard Memorial Gym. Quitman has had seven volleyball coaches in 50 years. Neighbors was the first, building the traditionally strong program from the ground up. She was head coach from 1967 to 1985.

Current Head Coach Ashlee Lingo was excited about honoring Coach Neighbors. "This was one of my favorite nights at Ballard Gym. We had a great crowd to honor Coach Pat Neighbors. She is such a wonderful woman and we wanted to pay our respect to the lady that started the volleyball program. This program is so much more than playing games. "It has taught young women how to succeed through hard work and dedication. This has carried over into their lives through work and family. We had a lot of other special people in the stands who have coached and taught at QISD. The girls played the best I have seen them play all year and they picked a great night to do so. I'm so proud of their constant hard work and willingness to improve daily." Coach Ashlee Lingo said.

Neighbors is married to Lon Neighbors and has three children, nine grandchildren and twelve great grandchildren. She graduated from East Texas State College in 1958, but continued pursuing additional degrees and licenses to teach in different areas, from business to computers and finally counseling. Neighbors started her career at Hawkins ISD and then went to work for Quitman ISD in 1961, where she taught all girls PE classes, typing, and world history. She also coached the cheerleaders, pep

squad, and girls tennis. Tennis was the only competitive sport that Quitman offered for girls at the time, having dropped basketball in the '50s. Girls later started competing in track at the high school level and then at the junior high level.

In introducing Neighbors, current Assistant Coach Elizabeth Miller said, "She was still the only girls coach for all sports at all levels including the cheerleaders and pep squad until David Seago took over as head girls track coach in the early '70s and she became his assistant," Miller noted. "Coach Neighbors started competitive volleyball in the mid-sixties and Texas held its first state tournament April of 1967. She took the 1971 Lady Bulldog team to the state tournament."

After 24 years, Neighbors retired from coaching following the 1984-85 school year, devoting her time to teaching and counseling students here and at Rains ISD until the past few years. Each year Neighbors is honored at a freshman and junior varsity tournament in her name.

"Coach Neighbors, thank you for starting such a wonderful program that has impacted the lives of so many young women. You have paved the way for hundreds of young girls, including three alumni on our current volleyball staff and many more to come," Miller added. "We want to thank you for being a pioneer of this volleyball program. You truly created a legacy. We will forever be grateful."

In five decades of Quitman volleyball, Quitman's head volleyball coaches have been Neighbors (1967-1985, state finals 1971); Susan Ledkins (1985-1987); Jackie Dammann (1987-2000, state 1988, 1992, 1993); Keith Guyon (2001-2009, state finals 2003, 2004, 2005); Lisa Rockhill (2010); Sabrina Haggerty (2011-2012); and Ashlee Lingo (2013-present). Quitman Lady Bulldogs have competed at the state tournament seven times, won many district championships and playoffs.

Lady Bulldogs take down Whitehouse

By LARRY TUCKER
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The Quitman Lady Bulldogs parlayed their best game so far this season into a 3-0 straight set win over Class 5A Whitehouse on the night when former coach Pat Neighbors was honored. The Lady Bulldogs won 25-17, 25-20, 25-20.

The Lady Bulldogs started strong in the first game with Ava Bur-

roughs playing strong at the net at one point scoring four straight points on blocks and kills. The second and third games were closer, but once the Lady Bulldogs took a lead, Whitehouse could not come back.

The Lady Bulldog defense was superb in going after seemingly impossible digs and standing strong against kill attempts from the tall Lady Wildcats front line.

Senior Madalyn Spears was on fire with 13 kills and also had four aces on strong serves. Sophomore Lindsey Hornaday had a good day on the back line as did Abby Dobbs.

"The girls played the best I have seen them play all year and they picked a great night to do so. I'm so proud of their constant hard work and willingness to improve daily," Coach Ashlee Lingo said.

Statistics for the game were: Spears 13 digs, 13 kills, four aces; Jen-tri Jackson nine digs, six kills, and one ace; Julia Simpkins two digs, four kills, four assists; Shelby Hayes two digs, two kills, 19 assists; Abby Dobbs six digs, one ace; Maddy Whitehurst three kills; Ava Bourroughs seven kills, one block; Lindsey Hornaday five digs, two aces, one kill.

Quitman travels to the prestigious White Oak Tournament this weekend and plays their final game of pre-season Sept. 4 at Van before opening district play at Lone Oak Sept. 7.



Madalyn Spears (5) returns a kill shot by Whitehouse in Quitman's victory last Tuesday. (Monitor photo by Larry Tucker)

Lady Jackets fall to Brownsboro in four sets; set to open district on Sept. 11 at A-G

The Lady Jackets fell to the Brownsboro, three sets to one, in volleyball action last Tuesday. The Lady Bears started the match with intense focus and took the opening set. Mineola recomposed themselves at the break, and came back to take a closely decided second set. The physically imposing Lady Bears used accurate floor spacing and a powerful striking game to close out the third and dominate the fourth set.

The Lady Jackets are next in action on Tues-

day, August 28th at Brook Hill High School (outside of Bullard), and again this upcoming weekend at the Brownsboro Tour-

nament. Mineola opens district action and their quest for the playoffs Sept. 11 at Alba-Golden.

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In accordance with Chapter 152.013 of the Texas Local Government Code, all employees, including elected officials, will receive a 5% pay increase in the fiscal year 2019 budget. In addition, all eligible employees, including elected officials, will receive \$80 incremental longevity pay for an additional year of service. Justices of the Peace and Constables will also receive a salary increase of \$4,000.00 as well as the 5% pay increase.

Former Quitman volleyball coach Pat Neighbors is pictured here with current QHS Coach Ashlee Lingo during ceremonies honoring her last Tuesday. Her four grandsons are in the background. (Monitor photo by Larry Tucker)





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A Mineola running back is hauled down by a Caddo Mills defender in last week's scrimmage at Meredith Memorial Stadium. BELOW: Mineola defenders stop a Caddo Mills running back at the line of scrimmage. (Photos courtesy of Gene's Photography)



Jackets shine in Caddo Mills scrimmage

It was methodical and beautiful. The first nine plays of the Mineola Yellowjackets' varsity offense in Friday's scrimmage against Caddo Mills were both. Seven runs for 55 yards with no negative yardage, and two for two passing including a wide receiver screen and a deep in route composed the play selection.

Operating out of a standard three receiver set with a single back in the backfield, the Yellowjackets followed excellent blocking of the left side of the line which allowed the talented backfield to exploit the defense. A four

yard scoring run off of left tackle capped the initial drive.

Mineola scored again six plays later on a beautiful 70-yard deep post pattern. The touchdown pass was preceded by three positive yardage running plays, two of which were executed from a full backfield set.

The hometown crowd was reassured by the initial efforts of the Jackets' offense. The squad recorded two scores, no negative yardage plays, no turnovers and zero penalties in the initial 15 play set. It was a good start to the season.

The debut of the varsity defense showed much promise, but was not as successful. In 11 plays the defense conceded two scores to a well-balanced Caddo Mills offense. The two scores came on a wide receiver pick pattern which went for a 14-yard score, and an 11-yard skinny post pattern. Of the initial seven running plays faced by the Mineola defense only one was stopped for no or negative yardage.

The Mineola offense was sporadic in the second 15-play set. Three turnovers, two interceptions and one fumble plagued their efforts. Nine running plays netted 51 yards while the passing attack was two completions in six attempts. It was obvious that the Caddo Mills defense had made some adjustments between periods.

Caddo Mills scored once in their second set of plays. They scored on an 8-yard crossing pattern from a quarterback roll-out action. The score was preceded by a 40-yard completion on a wide receiver go route.

Mineola scored twice in the 12:00 minute live quarter, and converted both points after touchdown to claim a 14-0 advantage. A third score on a 23-yard quarterback option was nullified due to a holding call. The Mineola defense tallied an interception and a turnover on downs during the live action. The turnover on downs was critical in stopping a Caddo Mills drive, and came from sack of the Caddo Mills quarterback for a nine-yard loss.



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County football teams open Friday night

By **LARRY TUCKER**
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All five of Wood County's high school football teams kick-off their seasons Friday night. Mineola, Alba-Golden and Winnsboro are at home while Quitman and Hawkins hit the road. All the games have 7:30 p.m. kick-offs.

MINEOLA VS. WILLS POINT

Coach Luke Blackwell's Mineola Yellowjackets open the season at home against Class 4A Wills Point. The Jackets are coming off a successful scrimmage against Caddo Mills last week. Mineola moves into rugged District 10-3A DI with Tatum, Gladewater, West Rusk, Winnsboro, Sabine and White Oak.

The Yellowjackets have shown in early scrimmages they have a powerful running game and quarterback Shaw Franklin is capable of breaking the long play with his passing ability and running talents.

The Yellowjackets' offensive efforts start up front with a talented offensive line anchored by Cameron Wise and Seth Kirk. Last year's freshman running back sensation Trevion Sneed is back for what should be a premier sophomore season. On the defensive side of the ball, Sneed is also one of the area's top linebackers.

After Blackwell's young team made the playoffs last year, Blackwell expects the varsity experience will pay off. "We worked really hard in the off season. The younger guys got to play for us at the end of the season last year and have worked hard in the off season," Blackwell said. "The Jackets return experience with seven offensive and six defensive starters returning.

They will take on a Wills Point team that went 5-5 last year and returns six offensive and 10 defensive starters this year. Although the Tigers lost their top running backs, they return their entire offensive line and quarterback Demonre Hill who has good speed. Tight end Cameron Penny at 6'3" and 240 pounds is a huge and talented target for Hill.

In most pre-season predictions the Tigers are picked to finish third in District 7-4A DII after Rusk and Brownsboro.

QUITMAN AT CUMBY

The Quitman Bulldogs open the 2018 season with a positive outlook

for the upcoming season.

"I have seen a lot of positive things so far this year. We have really been working with our kids to fight through adversity no matter how tough things are," Head Coach Bryan Oakes said. "In the past, sometimes we would get hit in the mouth and we wouldn't fight back, but this group does fight back and stand their ground. We are looking forward to getting our season started."

After successful scrimmages against Hawkins, Paris Chisum and Comco-Pickton, the Bulldogs travel to Cumby to open the season against the playoff veteran Trojans. The Trojans were 7-5 last year and are led by quarterback Cameron Scott. Scott rushed for over 1,500 yards while scoring 18 touchdowns. "Everything Cumby does will go through their quarterback. He is a talented young man," Oakes observed. "They play tough on defense and really fly around after the football. They have a winning tradition and Coach Dracos (Tom) does a great job over there."

The Trojans return all-district performers in linebacker /running back Wil Chapin and defensive lineman Elijah Matthews. Cumby has six offensive and eight defensive starters back from last year's playoff squad.

The Bulldogs are focused on ending the 43-game losing streak dating back to Oct. 2014. "Once we get that first win under our belts, there is no telling where it could end," Oakes said. "We have our work cut out for us this because Cumby has a good and experienced ball club. We can't let mistakes get us down, we must play through them."

HAWKINS AT ALBA-GOLDEN

Alba-Golden is excited about their home opener after taking it to a Kemp Yellow Jacket team in last week's scrimmage. Kemp is picked to win district 6-3A DI after a stellar 13-2 playoff run last year. The Panthers held their own in the scrimmage, holding the powerful Kemp offensive in the live quarter.

Coach Derek Smith is expecting his team to be in the playoff hunt this year. "That's always our goal, the playoffs, and we feel like we have the experience and talent to get there this year," Smith said. "We have

better depth and experience at the skill positions this year and have much more size, strength and knowledge of the system."

The Panthers are led by quarterback Zach Smith who directs an explosive offense which can travel by ground or through the air. Linebacker Tom Mitchell returns after breaking a foot in the first game last year and Zack Kellis returns to anchor the offensive line. Jon Michael Chadwick and Dylan Arenas will give the Panthers running back options this time around.

The Panthers will face off against county rival Hawkins in their second year under Coach Scott Evans. The Hawks have shown scoring punch in pre-season scrimmages being led by talented running back Jordan McGown who stands 6'1" and 225 pounds with 4.5 speed. Lineman Josh Caruso leads the offensive line and is also a defensive stalwart. Senior Akim Richmond brings back four years of varsity experience in the backfield.

This one should be a high-flying, high-scoring affair.

WINNSBORO VS. WINONA

The Winnsboro Red Raiders open their season of rebuilding against Winona at Red Raider Stadium. The Red Raiders are depending on younger players to come through early to get ready for district play.

Winona has five offensive and seven defensive starters returning from a 4-7 playoff team last year led by Keylon Kincaide who does it all. Kincaide played receiver and safety last year and saw time at quarterback and running back too.

Another key for Winona will be the play of Dakota Pullum who had 57 catches for 1,033 yards and 13 touchdowns last year. The 6'1" 190-pounder moves under center and takes control at quarterback this season. Team speed in Winona's biggest threat, but the Wildcats must improve on defense where they gave up 35 points a game last year.

Winnsboro went 4-6 last year and returns six offensive and five defensive players to this year's team. The Raiders will depend on running back Landry Deaton who rushed for over 700 last year and linemen John McCurdy and Fernando Garcia.

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Public Notice

Public Hearing
Wood County Central Hospital District will hold a public hearing on the 2018-2019 Annual Budget on September 6, 2018 from 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. at the UT Health Quitman Hospital Board Room located at 117 N. Winnsboro St. Quitman Texas.

NOTICE OF PUBLIC SALE of property to satisfy landlord's lien on September 14, 2018 at 10 a.m. Keep it Mini Storage, 1113 CR 2220 Mineola, Tx (Behind KMOO). Property will be sold to the highest bidder. CASH ONLY. Clean-up deposit of \$25.00 will be required. Seller reserves the right to withdraw property from sale. Property includes contents of: MICHAEL MADSON-household misc; JODIE DENTON-household misc.

THE STATE OF TEXAS TO: The UNKNOWN TRUSTEE(S) OR SUCCESSOR TRUSTEE(S) of the Clyde W. Jones and Shirley M. Jones Revocable Living Trust, and any other persons claiming an ownership interest in a 3.687 acre tract of land in Wood County, Texas, Defendants. You, and each of you, are commanded to appear and to answer before the 402nd Judicial District Court of Wood County, Texas, at the Wood County Courthouse, Quitman, Texas, at or before 10 a.m. on the first Monday after the expiration of 42 days from the date of issuance of this citation, being at or before 10 a.m. on Monday, the 24th day of September, 2018, then and there to answer the petition of LOGAN LEE CAIN, Plaintiff, in Cause No. 2018-422, styled "LOGAN LEE CAIN, Plaintiff vs. the UNKNOWN TRUSTEE(S) OR SUCCESSOR TRUSTEE(S) of the Clyde W. Jones and Shirley M. Jones Revocable Living Trust, and any other persons claiming an ownership interest in a 3.687 acre tract of land in Wood County, Texas, Defendants". The peti-

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tion, filed on August 10, 2018, discloses that the nature of the 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

PUBLIC NOTICE
Notice is hereby given that a public hearing has been set for revision on the plat of Holly Lake Ranch Subdivision. The revision includes lots 293, 294, and 295, Section 8, within Holly Lake Ranch Subdivision. The public hearing is set for Friday, September 21, 2018, at 10:00 A.M. in the Commissioners Courtroom. All persons interested in revision to this plat may appear at the public hearing with opposition should they so desire. Bryan Jeanes Wood County Judge

Alba-Golden ISD has an International 784 Tractor for sale. Case mount-a-matic with front loader attachment including pallet forks and bucket. For more information contact Shana Burge at 903-768-2472 x 1106. Sealed bids will be accepted at the Alba-Golden Administration Office until 2:00 p.m. on September 5.

The Alba Economic Development Corporation is accepting quotes for services at the Alba City Park for a proposed 6' wide HMA walking trail that is approximately 1,470 LF. Quotes must be received on or before September 14, 2018 @3:00 pm at albacity@peoples.com.net or Alba City Hall PO Box 197/145 S. Broadway Alba, TX 75410. Quotes will be opened on September 17, 2018 at 6:00 pm for possible award. Quote packet may be received at Alba City Hall or contact 903-765-2396. The Alba EDC reserves the right to reject any or all quotes or to waive any informalities in the quoting process.

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**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
2019 Budget - Wood County, Texas**

In accordance with Section 111.0075 of the Texas Local Government Code, the Commissioners Court of Wood County, Texas will hold a Public Hearing on Monday, September 17, 2018 at 9:00 AM in the Commissioners Courtroom, Main Floor, Wood County Courthouse on the Fiscal Year 2019 proposed budget for Wood County.

This budget will raise more total property taxes than last year's budget by \$437,227 or a 3.24% increase, and of that amount \$228,153 is tax revenue to be raised from new property added to the tax roll this year.

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Tucker's Turf

By Larry Tucker

Quitman's Pat Neighbors was honored prior to the volleyball game last Tuesday at Ballard Gym. Coach Neighbors is an icon not only in Quitman, but in high school volleyball in Texas. She was a pioneer of the sport becoming part of the University Interscholastic League (UIL) making volleyball an official high school sport.



LARRY TUCKER

I grew up in Dallas and attended W.W. Samuell High School graduating in 1969. At that time in Dallas schools, girl's athletics consisted of tennis. If females wanted to be active in extra-curricular events it had to be in band, drill team, cheerleading or pep squad. There was no volleyball, basketball, softball or even track for Dallas high school ladies until the 1970s.

I had the privilege of broadcasting Quitman's volleyball state championship run in the late 1980s when they were coached by Jackie Damann. I worked for KMOO at the time and we did a live broadcast from a large high school facility in South Austin. Coach Neighbors went with me to be the color commentator. She taught me a lot about the game by simply listening to her enthusiasm and knowledge.

After winning the first match against Alpine, Quitman lost to Jewett Leon in the state final. Our radio equipment went on the fritz, and up until the first serve, we had been unable to get on the air. We ended up using a telephone and handing the receiver back and forth to call the game. It didn't bother Coach Neighbors, she just grabbed the phone and got after it, bailing me out on more than one instance when I had not a clue what was happening on the court.

If there was ever anyone who deserved to be in a Hall of Fame, it is Pat Neighbors. If there is a Texas High School Volleyball Coaches Hall of Fame, she should be at the top of the list. A great coach and one classy woman, Coach Neighbors is one of a kind.

Quitman crew pleased with scrimmage

By LARRY TUCKER
sports@woodcountymonitor.com

Quitman Bulldog coaches were smiling after a three-way scrimmage Thursday at Como-Pickton facing the Eagles and Paris Chisum.

"We did a lot of positive things out there this time. The offensive line has started coming around and I thought they did a good job. We had our moments on defense too," Head Coach Bryan Oakes said. "I was pleased with the running of Alex Wilson who has moved in from Lindale. He did a good job for us and is going to be a big plus for our offense this year. Medlin (Josh) continues to show his leadership skills on the field and Berry (Trey) can be explosive on any play."

Berry scored on one electrifying 65-yard jaunt and then again at the end of a long sustained drive. Rylie Flanagan caught a pass on the run from Medlin and completed a 70-yard scoring play with his speed. Ty Holland played solid on both sides of the ball and recovered a fumble after a solid hit on an Eagle runner.



Quitman's Trey Berry (3) stiff arms a Paris Chisum defender on the way to a 65-yard scoring touchdown in the Bulldogs scrimmage last Thursday. (Monitor photos by Larry Tucker)

Oakes said Como-Pickton did a good job. "Como-Pickton has a really good team. Coach Swann (Charles) and his staff have done a great job," Oakes said. "Our kids did a good job against a quality team that will be in the playoffs."

In their time against Paris Chisum, Quitman dominated the line of scrimmage which led to the Bulldogs gaining positive yards on the ground. The line also did a good job of protection which gave Bulldog quarterbacks time to find receivers and make completions.



Quitman's Gavin Derryberry (19) goes high for a pass in Thursday's scrimmage at Como-Pickton.



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Mineola Country Club

SENIOR GOLF REPORT

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