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Law enforcement officers from throughout the county reflected the somber mood at last week's memorial honoring fallen Dallas Police Department officers. (photo by Larry Tucker)

Hollen ready for Quitman challenge

Greg Hollen is excited to be the new city secretary/administrator for Quitman. Hollen was selected on a 4-1 vote by the Quitman City Council in a special meeting last Thursday evening.



Greg Hollen

Hollen and his wife, Carol, live in Mineola, where they are active in First United Methodist Church Mineola. Hollen is a member the Mineola Rotary Club and as a volunteer for Animal Preservation of East Texas (APET). He has a lengthy career in human resources, most recently with GAF Corporation, a 125 year old corporation with 3,500 employees with 28 facilities and \$3.25 billion in sales making it the largest manufacturer of residential and commercial roofing in North America.

Hollen is ready to get to work in Quitman. "I am excited about the opportunity to serve the good people of Quitman. I am really looking forward to meeting the citizens and getting to know everyone," Hollen said. "My number one priority will always be to respond to the needs of the people of Quitman and help build as strong a community as we can become. I am excited about getting to know everyone and getting involved

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Wood County Color Guard member Mike Gilmore played Amazing Grace at the memorial service. (photo by Larry Tucker)

Somber mood reflected at memorial service

It was a somber and respectful gathering of law enforcement officials and other first responders last Thursday morning on the lawn of the Wood County Justice Center.

Event organizer Toni Cole and Wood County Sheriff Jim Brown welcomed and thanked those in attendance for coming. There were over 100 citizens among 35 uniformed officers paying respect to the fallen officers of the Dallas Police Department and fallen brothers and sisters in blue across the nation.

Three area city chiefs of police were in attendance with many of their

officers on hand with them. Alba was represented by Chief Timmy Koonce, Mineola by Chief Chuck Bittner and Quitman's Chief Kelly Cole, who spoke to the gathering.

"Why we are here is a saddening thing. In 2015 all across America 130 lives had been taken in the line of duty and 12 of those were in the state of Texas. In 2016, this year up to this date, 62 have lost their lives taken in the line of duty, 11 right here in the state of Texas" Cole reported.

"Why do we do this? We do this because there is a calling. Why do we

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Old Settlers talent line-up announced

The 114th annual Old Settlers Reunion will have four nights of talent this year beginning August 3-6 this year.

Dale "The C" Cummings will bring his rock n' roll oldies show to the pavilion on Wednesday evening. Thursday night will be a time to show off singing talent with karaoke by Randy Lindsey. There will be cash prizes for first, second and third places. Friday night will feature gospel singer Keith Irwin and Prodigal,

Lindale, and Midnite Drive, a local band from the Alba area, will top off the reunion with a show Saturday night. All shows will begin at 7 p.m. each evening.

Come early and take a seat at the Quitman-Lake Fork Kiwanis popular bingo site as you enter the grounds. There will be plenty of food opportunities this year with the Quitman Band Boosters serving up hamburgers, Quitman Rotary

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Dale Cummings will bring his oldies rock n' roll show to open the Old Settlers Reunion Wednesday, August 3 at 7 p.m.

Hollen named city administrator (again)

By Larry Tucker
Democrat Editor

It took an extra 12 days, but the Quitman City Council once again voted 4-1 to hire Greg Hollen as the new city secretary/administrator. The vote was the same as it was at the July 3 special meeting when Quitman Mayor J.R. Evans refused to sign the resolution to make it official because he felt like Hollen to did not meet criteria set forth in the job description. At that time, Aldermen David Dobbs, Randy Dunn, James Whitehurst, and Susan Resnik voted for the resolution to hire Hollen, while Kevin Gilbreath was the dissenting vote.

The council began the evening with citizen's comments and heard from three Quitman residents. They were former alderman and mayor pro tem Toni Cole, Quitman school board member Jane Herring, and current alderman Randy Dunn.

Cole encouraged the council to reconsider their choices for the city secretary/administrator position. "We have heard the voice of our citizens loud and clear. They have requested we hire someone local to do this job and we have failed them already one time and we are getting ready to fail them again," Cole cautioned. "This is to say nothing negative about Mr. Hollen. I am sure he is a won-

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SBA disaster assistance also available to Wood County

U.S. Small Business Administration loans are now being made available to people in Wood County who suffered damage from storms from April 17 - 30. The deadline to apply for these is Friday, July 29.

On the weekend of April 29 tornadoes struck the Lindale, Hawkins and Holly Lake Ranch areas. Mineola received approximately 10 inches of rain that weekend.

The SBA works in partnership with the Federal Emergency Management Administration, said Burl Kelton, public information officer with the SBA. He said that while FEMA awards grants, they are very restricted. The SBA offers loans and they are available to businesses, property owners and renters.

Kelton encourages those affected to take the first step of calling and begin-

ning the application process. People applying should complete the FEMA application process first, he said, even if they are referred to the SBA. That is because if they are ineligible for help with the SBA, they may still be able to receive assistance from FEMA. If they do not finish the process, they won't be able to access assistance.

Assistance for businesses is not

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Ponderations

from the Back Porch By Roy Faubion

The leaves are swaying gently with an occasional gust. As I sit before the computer composing another Ponderations I am increasingly distracted by the beautiful bright red flowering trees in my neighbor's yard. The heat index is exceeding the century mark making outside work not an option. I just saw a cardinal showing off its brilliant coloring, flying straight into one of her trees. I realize the bright red birds know they are always welcome in Helen's yard, as are all the other birds.

Concentrating on Ponderations has become increasingly difficult because of the distraction of today's headlines. Sparrows flutter by, much too busy to concern themselves with me as I stare out the window. I know full well there is a vast universe out there

beyond my fondest imagination, beyond the strongest telescopes. Mysteries of the stars, black holes, planets in faraway places and unimaginable spaces capture my wandering mind. There simply is nothing in all existence to rival my reverie. How marvelous it is to allow the mysteries of space to float in my thoughts.

And suddenly, without fanfare and or cheers, the miracle of miracles happens right before my very eyes. A sparrow comes down and lands within a few feet. My breath becomes shallow, almost nonexistent. The little bird looks straight toward me through the window exhibiting as much curiosity about me as I have of him. For maybe a full minute we are almost face to face. I see the jerky movements of his head as he gathers as much information

about me as I am raking in of him. I feel a connection with the tiny creature. Suddenly he flies away.

Realization snaps me into place. I truly had experienced a miracle. I see miracles every day. The birds, butterflies, squirrels, and flowers and trees and so much more are all miraculous joy-givers. Something inside of me says, "Pay attention! The world in which we live screams so loudly with headlines belonging in horror movies, yet are so very real, gripping us tightly, squeezing the joy of life from us. Then a sparrow comes.

The vast reaches of outer space shrink in importance as I become aware of the incredible awesomeness of that beautiful little common sparrow. If only for a moment in time that little bird gave me peace and joy.

Letters to the Editor

Dear Editor:

Last night I was present when the Quitman City Council made a very difficult and unpopular decision to hire Greg Hollen as our new city secretary. While I did speak up against his hiring, it was nothing to do with the man himself; I was simply disappointed that the members of the city council would vote to hire someone who did not meet the criteria that was set at the beginning of the hiring process.

What's done is done. We now have a new city secretary, and as citizens of this town we should support their decision and support our new city secretary. We entrust our alderman to make decisions based on what is best for our town. I don't believe there is one person on the city council who does not desire to see our town grow and prosper. I firmly believe the council made the decision that they believe will most benefit our town. Our job as citizens of the community is to now offer support to our new city secretary in whatever way we can.

I encourage everyone to join with me in welcoming Mr. Hollen to city hall.

Sincerely,
Toni Cole

FYAC hosting 42 tournament

In conjunction with the Wood County Old Settler's Reunion in Quitman the first week of August, Forever Young Activity Center is hosting a 42 Tournament.

On Saturday, August 6, 2016 at the FYAC Center (404 S. Main in Quitman), registration will begin at 8:30 am, with play to start at 9:00 am. Play will be based on the National 42 Players Association Rules.

More information and a registration form can be obtained at the FYAC Center.

The application and monies should be mailed/with checks payable to Forever Young.

"Tips for Tots" to benefit children

It is time for the return of "Tips for Tots" at A.J.'s Fish House Restaurant at the northwest corner of Lake Fork on Highway 17 just south of FM 515.

The restaurant is opening their doors once again to benefit the Wood County Child Welfare and Protection Board. All the tips made from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. will be donated to the organization

which serves over 100 children in Wood County.

"Celebrity" wait staff will be serving for the evening. Ministers, politicians, and local civic leaders will be waiting on the tables. There will also be a raffle and several auctions to raise funds.

Board member Sam Scroggins encourages everyone to come out for the cause. "Join us at A.J.'s for

this very special annual event. Plan now to buy some raffle tickets or you can purchase them at the event for a top of the line 55" HDTV. Tickets are \$5 each or five for \$20 and you don't have to be present to win," Scroggins said. "Every cent raised in tips, the raffle, auctions and other donations will be used to help support the foster children of Wood County."



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UNDERSTANDING HOME APPRAISALS IN REAL ESTATE

Summertime is a very busy time for home-buying and selling, which makes it a busy time for real estate agents, inspectors and appraisers. Most people understand the inspection process but know little about the appraisal process. If you are buying or selling a home where financing is being used, the appraisal becomes one of the most important aspects of the transaction. It is often the last hurdle before receiving a clear-to-close and it can make or break the deal.

An appraisal is the valuation of a property by the estimate of an authorized person. The bank, or lender, relies on this appraisal to determine how much to loan you.

Consider this example: Let's say you make a purchase offer on a home for \$120,000. You need a loan for exactly that amount. However, if the appraisal report comes back showing a market value of \$115,000, the lender will be unwilling to finance \$120,000.

Appraisers look at recent solds in the area, preferring to find similar sold homes as close in proximity to the subject property as possible. They will make adjustments based on factors like age of home, square-footage and extra amenities such as hardwood floors or swimming pools. This is how they determine the market value of a property.

It is important when selling or buying a home to choose a real estate agent who knows the market well and understands how appraisers determine appraised values for upgrades and amenities. When selling a home, your REALTOR® should be excellent at pricing your home and have a good idea what it will likely appraise for. When buying a home, you want a REALTOR® who can likewise analyze the sold comparable properties to advise on an offer so that you will not be offering more than the home will likely appraise for.

Since the appraisal is usually the last major hurdle of the loan process, it can be quite devastating for buyer and seller to receive a low appraisal, often after both parties have packed and are ready to move.

It's important to note that a REALTOR® cannot argue with an appraiser after the report has come in. It is best for the seller's agent to be diligent to provide the appraiser with all of the information she used to price the home upfront and hope that the appraiser will use the same information. It is important to inform the appraiser of any upgrades or amenities the home has that he may not have been aware of otherwise.

The REALTOR® will not know who the appraiser is until he calls to set up the appointment to do the appraisal. At that time, the listing agent should ask if she could send him the information she used to price the home.

Community input on mobility sought in meeting

A community meeting will be held Friday at Quitman Public Library to gather input on mobility in the area.

The East Texas Council of Governments is asking citizens who reside in their 14-county service area to participate in a short-term project to improve mobility throughout the region.

The community meeting for Wood County will be held Fri-

day at the Quitman Public Library from 1 to 2:15 p.m. The meeting will include a short presentation followed by a public forum.

The project is an update of the Regionally Coordinated Transportation Plan completed in 2011 and is funded by a TxDOT grant obtained through the East Texas Connects committee and ETCOG.

"Our goal is to involve as many East Texas residents in the current project as possible," said Melissa Cure, project manager for the East Texas Council of Governments. "By hearing directly from area residents we will focus on those future public transit/mobility improvements that are of greatest importance."

Residents are asked to participate by visiting the project's

website, EasTexConnects.com, in order to learn about the project's progress and complete a short online survey regarding current travel needs and preferences. Those who complete the survey by July 30 will be entered into a drawing for one of four \$50 VISA gift cards.

Other meeting sites and times can be found on the East Texas Connect website.

Quitman DQ to be part of Children's hospital fundraiser

Every minute, 62 children enter a Children's Miracle Network Hospital for treatment. To help those children receive the care and treatments they need, the Quitman Dairy Queen restaurant at 700

South Main will celebrate Miracle Treat Day July 28 to benefit CHRISTUS Trinity Mother Frances, one of 170 hospitals supported by Children's Miracle Network (CMN) Hospitals.

Now in its 11th year, Miracle Treat Day brings awareness and raises funds for CMN Hospitals in local communities. One in 10 children in North America is treated at CMN Hospitals each year and the hospitals

provide 32 trillion treatments annually.

For every Blizzard treat sold on Miracle Treat Day at Quitman Dairy Queen 100 percent of the sales of all blizzards will be donated to CHRISTUS Mother Frances in Tyler.

In addition to Miracle Treat Day, it will also be the monthly Classic Car Cruise in the evening at 6 p.m.

"We are passionate about raising funds to help save and improve lives of kids treated at CMN Hospitals. What is great about this community effort is the funds stay local to support CHRISTUS Mother Frances," Dairy Queen Owner Sherry Dupre said.

In addition, Miss America 2016 Betty Cantrell, the national goodwill ambassador for CMN Hospitals, will serve as this year's honorary spokesperson for DQ Miracle Treat Day. Miss America titleholders have been involved with CMN Hospitals by visiting member hospitals and helping fundraising activities since 1989.

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Commissioners honor historical commission

Wood County commissioner's honored the Wood County Historical Commission with a Distinguished Service Award recognizing them for being an active and well-balanced preservation program. The award was given after commissioners approved the annual report given by Lou Mallory. Mallory reported display cases had finally been moved to the courthouse with no damage to the case. "Getting the case into the courthouse was difficult, but it was done with no damage. Other cases have been placed at the Winnsboro Library, the Mineola Wisener Airport, and a small case at Mineola City Hall. Among other commission accomplishments, Mallory reported Texas History DVDs were given to each school district in the county. The group is planning to set up a Facebook site where questions and comments on county history can

be discussed. They will also add short articles on Wood County history. The next planned activity is in the fall and will be on the proper cleaning of cemetery monuments and headstones. Other actions approved were:

- Wood County audit report
- Inter-local with City of Mineola for street repairs and materials
- Wood County Sheriff's Office request for \$200 seizure account expenditure for towing a vehicle
- Wood County road permits for Steitler Land and Timber and Cody Watson, both in Precinct #3
- Payroll of \$323,492.22
- Constable reports
- Texas Department of State Health Services Vital Statistics contract with Wood County Clerk's office for access to the Texas Electronic Registration Remote System for the purpose of issuing birth certificates through August 31, 2018



Members of the Wood County Historical Commission were honored by Wood County commissioners last Friday. Pictured are (front row, left to right) Barbara Coleman, Sondra Burge, Lou Mallory; (middle row, left to right) Bill Jones, Sue Hamm, Robert Wisener, Lupita Wisener; (back row, left to right) Virgil Holland, Jerry Gaskill, Bryan Jeanes, Roger Pace, Russell Acker

(photo by Larry Tucker)



The concrete for the new parking lot at Quitman High School was poured last week.

(photo by Larry Tucker)

New teachers added to QISD staff

Quitman Independent School District continues to prepare for the upcoming fall semester hiring seven new staff members at last week's school board meeting. New hires are: Mallory Bowman - 4th Grade; Lou Colvin - High School Counselor Michelle Johnson - 5th Grade Math; Lee LaPrade - High School History; Terry McGonagill - Speech/Debate; Rickey Reneau - Junior High Teacher; and Jonnie York - 3rd Grade Math & Science. Trustees also gave Superintendent Rhonda Turner the go ahead to bid on a property at the

corner of Paul Street and Highway 154. "It would be a good property for the school district to own. It is adjacent to our elementary campus and would be valuable to the district if and when we needed to expand," Turner explained. Turner gave the board a facilities update. "Our bids for Phase II have come in and everything looks really good. Mr. Jackson (Tim) is going to be with us July 28 at the special meeting we call for a new tax rate public hearing," Turner noted. "He will present Phase II and go through all the details with you. Every-

thing looks like it is on schedule, it's so much fun watching everything happen. I appreciate each of you who were able to get by to take a look." In another action, the board approved policies for the performance evaluation of teachers and administrators. The DNA local is for teachers and the DNB local is for administrators. "This is a much more strenuous evaluation for our teachers and administrators. It is also extremely time consuming," Turner stressed. "The amount of time a principal will have to spend on each teacher is about 10 times what

it was. It's very in depth with lots of goal planning and lots of meetings. We have worked very hard on strategies to figure out how all our principals are going to get evaluations done." In other matters the board approved:

- Melinda McGinnis reported tax collections through June were at 95.29 percent.
- TASB Risk Management Fund at \$102,547.
- Consent agenda including previous board meeting minutes, financial statements, and check payments.

114th Wood County Old Settlers Reunion

August 3-6

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PUBLIC SALE
SATURDAY, JULY 23, 2016

The former Turkey Hill Sportman's Club will sell at auction on Saturday, July 23, 2016 at 655 County Road 2745, Mineola, TX the following items:

Tables and Chairs-Insulated Water Jugs-Refrigerated soft drink cooler and base -Garden Hoses -Miscellaneous kitchen utensils -Large coffee pot -Electrical extension cords -Wood target holders-Trash cans-Plywood sheets-Tin sheets-Steel plates-Metal car canopy-Picnic tables-(2) 16' wooden shooting tables---Pistol range baffle supports-(3) Pro-Matic Clay Target throwers and (1) Pro-Matic Rabbit throwing machine-Several Atlas brand clay throwers- (1) 20' covered tandem axle Cargo trailer- (1) Pro-Matic trap machine with counterweighted metal enclosure and voice calls-Many other assorted items associated with a recreational shooting range too numerous to mention.

Sale items will be on display at 8:00 a.m. Sale will begin at 9:30 am. All sales will be final, and sold as is with no warranties being expressed or implied.

Terms: Payment will be in cash unless other terms are approved. Minimum or reserve bids may be in effect on selected items.

All items sold are to be removed on the day of the sale unless mitigating circumstances prevent such removal and other satisfactory arrangements are made. Sellers will not be responsible for purchased items left remaining at the sale site.

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- 1) Proceed on U.S. Highway 80 East 2.7 miles
- 2) Turn right (south) on County Road 2745 and continue for .6 miles to sale location on left



Jim Brown

Sheriff's Report

JULY 6

Deputy Brandie Cunningham took a report of terroristic threat from a Quitman woman who stated she and her family had been threatened by the father of a child of whom she was recently granted temporary custody. The woman further stated she is now in fear for her safety as well as the safety of her family. At the woman's request, only an incident report was completed for documentation purposes.

Deputy Justin Bowring was dispatched to CR 1500 for a report of the theft of some cattle panels. The complainant stated unknown person(s) had cut the lock to the gate and taken 10 panels sometime after 4:00 PM the previous day. The panels are valued at \$75 each and are described as being finished with red oxide primer. This case has been forwarded to investigators who will attempt to develop a suspect.

JULY 7

Sgt. James Hildebrand responded to a report of a disturbance at Pay-n-Save in Alba. Hildebrand arrived at the store to find a man in the parking lot arguing with several people. The man was uncooperative as Hildebrand attempted to determine what was going on. Sgt. Hildebrand eventually learned the man had argued with a store employee before slapping the employee's face and punching him in the head. The victim stated he would not cooperate with law enforcement due to fear of retaliation from the suspect. Cody Keith Wright, 34, Alba, was arrested for disorderly conduct. He was transported to jail without further incident. This case is closed.

Sgt. Austin Cryer was dispatched to a residence on CR 4150 in the Quitman area for a reported burglary. A woman reported that her 15-year-old daughter had been home alone when three men came through their unlocked front door. The girl ran and hid in a bedroom closet until the men left. Once the girl's brother arrived home, the two called their mom to report the burglary. Sgt. Cryer walked through the home with the mother, who found nothing missing or tampered with. A description of the men was recorded and forwarded to CID for continued investigation.

JULY 8

Deputy Justin Bowring and Sgt. James Hildebrand responded to a report that a man had entered a home on FM 852 in the Winnsboro area unannounced and when confronted, the man left and relocated to a home on CR 4536 where he was reportedly attempting to break in. The suspect was located and detained.

He stated he had gone inside the first residence, the home of his ex-girlfriend, to see his two kids. The second home, which the man was attempting to break into, is the home of the suspect's step-father. The suspect admitted entering his ex-girlfriend's residence but stated it was only because he wanted to see his kids. Justin Kyle Gillis, 28, of Winnsboro, was arrested and transported to jail without incident. He is charged with criminal trespass of a habitation.

JULY 9

Deputy Aaron Warren took a report of burglary from a Mineola man who stated several items had been stolen from his shop. The missing items include various hand tools, a cordless drill, two tool boxes and more. The man also reported he had last been at the location on July 3. Information was recorded about possible suspects and the case was forwarded to investigators who will attempt to locate the suspects for questioning.

JULY 11

Deputies Steven Fields and Josh Davis were dispatched to CR 2302 in reference to an assault which had just occurred. A woman reported that she was struck on the side of the face by her elderly neighbor. The woman alleges that she has had ongoing problems with the man due to her dog barking. The woman also stated that prior to the assault the man was riding around on his golf cart and blowing a handheld air horn to antagonize her dog. The woman stepped in only when the neighbor threw a rock at her dog. Though the woman's face showed no signs of injury, Deputy Fields did note that the woman's eyeglasses had sustained damage to the left ear piece. Two witnesses at the scene corroborated the woman's story. This case has been forwarded to an investigator who will work to determine if charges are warranted.

Sgt. Austin Cryer took a report from a Mineola man who stated a gun was missing from his residence on CR 2445. According to the man, he is in the process of moving to the location from California and had been away from the residence for about six weeks during which painters had been at the home working. Upon returning, he discovered that his Beretta 9mm was missing. Information was recorded about a possible suspect. The case was forwarded to investigators who will attempt to locate the named suspect.

JULY 12

Deputy Brandie Cunningham took a report of a stolen dump trailer from a complainant on CR 1630. The man stated the trailer had been taken sometime in the past two days. The man also related an incident which had occurred last week in which he witnessed a man walking toward his house from the roadway. The victim stated he chased the man off his property and watched as he sped off through a field. Cunningham recorded the man's description of the suspect's vehicle as well as the trailer's VIN number. This case has been forwarded for continued investigation.

AVERAGE JAIL POPULATION 133

Males	105
Females	28
Book-Ins	32
Releases	29

ARRESTS

Shecota Cheyenne Stephens, 21, Gun Barrel City, release of surety, theft of service \$20 or more but less than \$500; bail jumping and failure to appear.

Patrick Lee Walker, 46, Gladewater, theft of copper, less than \$20,000 with prior state jail felony (X2); possession of a controlled substance, penalty group 1, less than one gram, analogue.

Sealey Brooke Hartman, 31, Hawkins, assault causes bodily injury, family.

Michael Deon Wesley, 35, Hawkins, out of county warrant, forgery of financial instrument.

Lannon Cody Pickle, 20, Mineola, speeding, 10% or more above posted; display expired registration/license plate.

Anthony Dewayne Wagner, 32, Tyler, motion to revoke, criminal mischief \$50 or more but less than \$500; motion to revoke, assault causes bodily injury.

Gerayauna Patrice Derrick, 25, Big Sandy, out of county warrant, bond forfeiture, driving while license invalid with prior conviction(s).

Stormie Hope Hasten, 18, Mineola, commitment, theft of property \$50 or more but less than \$500.

Carllem Ann Tucker, 30, Scroggins, commitment, motion to revoke, fail to ID, fugitive, give false information.

Dalyniza Nicole Mooring, 23, Ft. Worth, commitment, criminal mischief \$500 or more but less than \$1,500.

Patrick Alan Whitehill, 25, Mineola, commitment, motion to revoke, organized retail theft, more than \$50 but less than \$500; commitment, motion to revoke, driving while license invalid with prior conviction(s); out of county warrant, release of surety, theft of property with previous convictions.

Chantz Jordan Fowler, 26, Scurry, commitment, motion to revoke, bail jumping and failure to appear; commitment, motion to revoke, fail to ID fugitive.

Joel Steven Rickman, 36, Mineola, commitment, assault causes bodily injury.

Daimeyen Lamour Sanders, 22, Tyler, bail jumping and failure to appear.

Cecil Wayne Thompson, 63, Mineola, motion to revoke, forgery of financial instrument (X2).

Cody Keith Wright, 34, Alba, disorderly conduct.

Sarah Danylyn Moses, 29, Quitman, driving while intoxicated.

Justin Kyle Gillis, 28, Winnsboro, criminal trespass of habitation.

Stephan Shaun Sumner, 36, Anna, out of county warrant, indictment, theft of property (X2); out of county warrant, theft of property (X2).

Derrick Henry Toesa Griffin, 21, Mineola, release of surety, possession of marijuana two ounces or less.

Tamela Perkins Owen, 53, Winnsboro, issuance of bad check; out of county warrant, violation of probation.

Connie Jean Richter, 39, Hawkins, commitment, child support.

Gabrielle Lane Linton, 38, Emory, driving while intoxicated.

Adan Miguel Delgadillo, 24, Quitman, possession of marijuana two ounces or less.

Robert Bruce Lord, 59, Quitman, driving while intoxicated with open container.

Dylan Christopher Pitre, 19, Golden, criminal mischief, \$100 or more but less than \$750.

David Michael Roche, 45, Yantis, boating while intoxicated.

Dawn Renee Gossett, 43, Mineola, out of county warrant, driving while intoxicated, third or more.

Jaillian Elaine Britton, 33, Big Sandy, possession of dangerous drug.

Nathaniel Lee Hurtzig, 20, Mineola, blue warrant.

Shane Alan Smith, 24, Lindale, out of county warrant, theft of firearm.

Charles Wayne Bledsoe, 28, Pickton, motion to revoke probation, forgery, government/national inst/money/security.

Jeff Lynn Arnold, II, 32, Athens, injury to a child, with intent serious bodily injury.

Mary Elise Arney, 24, Big Sandy, forgery of financial instrument.

Crystal Lee Godwin, 51, Quitman, forgery of financial instrument.

Christy Leanne Smith Parks, 46, Hawkins, driving while intoxicated with BAC 0.15 or more.

James Carl Beaver, 26, Greenville, blue warrant.

Billy Tarren Beaver, 23, Greenville, theft of property, \$50 or more but less than \$500.

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2016 ETREYS attendees and scholarship winners

Ten youth delegates sponsored by Wood County Electric Cooperative Inc. (WCEC) recently attended the 2016 East Texas Rural Electric Youth Seminar (ETREYS), a leadership camp designed to foster positive ideals, enhance leadership skills, and teach the cooperative philosophy. These youth joined approximately 120 participants, each sponsored by one of nine East Texas electric cooperatives for the week-long camp held on the campus of East Texas Baptist University in Marshall.

The students representing WCEC were: Lane Blalock, Quitman; Spring Coleman, Mineola; Halie Daniels, Winnsboro; Aubrey Gilbreath, Quitman; Maddie Jones, Yantis; Jodi Lopez, Grand Saline; Brian Lyke, Mineola; Justin Noll, Winnsboro; Haylee Page, Lindale; and Marcus Tucker, Winnsboro. Also, returning from 2015 when she was elected Youth Director to help lead the 2016 camp, was Kaitlyn Sullivan, Harmony.

At ETREYS, there were teambuilding exercises as well as presentations by outstanding speakers such as retired professional New York Giants football player Keith Davis and comedian and youth speaker Shannon Pickard. There were also opportunities to win scholarships.

Lane Blalock brought home the ETREYS Founders Scholarship valued at \$2,500. The Juan D. Nichols Scholarship valued at \$750 was earned by Brian Lyke, and Halie Daniels earned a \$500 scholarship. Chosen by camp peers, Marcus Tucker was selected as WCEC's Youth Director, and he'll return in 2017 to help lead the camp.

WCEC CEO/General Manager Debbie Robinson said, "I'm so pleased that our cooperative is able to



Front L-R: Jodi Lopez, Spring Coleman, Maddie Jones, Aubrey Gilbreath, Halie Daniels, Youth Director Kaitlyn Sullivan, Haylee Page. Back L-R Lane Blalock; Marcus Tucker, Justin Noll, Brian Lyke,

offer this all-expense paid opportunity for our regional youth. It's memorable for all attendees and life-changing for many."

Wood County Electric Cooperative, Inc. is a not-for-profit electric cooperative with the mission of providing member-customers reliable electric

service at a reasonable rate. WCEC serves over 34,000 meters in parts of nine counties throughout northeast Texas, including Camp, Franklin, Hopkins, Rains, Smith, Titus, Upshur, Van Zandt, and Wood.

Superheroes are coming to Winnsboro

It's a magical time again at the Winnsboro Center for the Arts (WCA) as over 30 young people in Marilee Z KidZZ on Stage Drama Camp prepare an original musical production that will be presented Saturday, July 23 at 7:00pm and Sunday, July 24 at 2:00pm. As in years past, the campers write the songs and the script for their show and have a grand time doing so. "The Good, the Bad, and the Downright Silly" has four original songs. The theme song was written by George Gagliardi, a Dallas-based singer/songwriter, who then worked with the kids to write the other songs. This is the fourth year that Gagliardi has come to Winnsboro to do the camp, and he says it is the highlight of his summer. "I enjoy this whole process so much," Gagliardi says. "Creating a whole show from nothing to something. The kids are great to work with and get so excited about a song and how we can write it in a short period of time."

The process Gagliardi uses to write the songs with the kids is to cover part of a wall with butcher paper, then sit with the kids and brainstorm ideas for the lyrics. One of the songs this year is about villains, so the kids came up with words and phrases that might work for a group of villains. When writing each song, the kids also decide on the rhythm and beat they want for their particular song, and then Gagliardi writes the melody line, bringing the finished song in the next day for the kids to start learning.

Joining the camp leaders this year is Vivien Tagg, a professional ac-

tress and former theatre teacher. She's a great addition to the creative team of Gagliardi, Jennifer Zimmerman, former WISD Fourth Grade Music Teacher, and Cassia Rose, who just completed her two years as a theatre student at North East Texas Community College. She is a long-time member of the WCA Young Players and made her directorial debut with the production of "Bonnie & Clyde in Winnsboro" this past spring. "Cassia has been a tremendous asset to the theatre, starting about eight years ago when she walked in to audition for 'Scrooge,'" says Maryann Miller, WCA Theatre Director and Camp Administrator. "Her talent was apparent the moment she took the stage, and I'm thrilled that she's pursuing theatre in college. I'm also thrilled that she is able to do the drama camp, and I'm happy that Vivien is part of it, too. She was amazing as Mrs. Cratchit in last December's production of 'Scrooge,' and we are lucky to have her in Winnsboro."

The success of the camp and the performances relies on the combined talents of the leaders and the kids, and each one brings something special to the mix. "Jennifer Zimmerman is a terrific teacher and she has a wonderful way of keeping order in the camp without dampening the creativity," Miller says. "And her ability to help the kids learn the songs is truly an asset to the camp. I enjoy watching the whole team work together and make this magic happen for the kids."

WCA relies on spon-



George Gagliardi Singer/Songwriter and Camp Leader

sors to pay the expenses for the camp, thus keeping the camp fee as low as possible. This year's main sponsors are Marilee & Bill Russell, who bought naming rights for the camp; The Winnsboro Emporium; First National Bank of Winnsboro; Karla Chapman; Academic Solu-

tions in Plano; Paul Miller; West Chevron, and Becky Pickett. We also received a grant from the Texas Commission on the Arts.

Tickets for the show - \$10 for adults and \$5 for children 12 and under - can be purchased in advance at the Winnsboro Emporium, 212

SBA

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limited to solely property damage from the storms. Kelton noted that businesses who suffered economic impact due to things such as the closing of roads or employees being unable to go to work may also be eligible. Business loans can also include inventories, supplies, machinery and equipment. Businesses of any size are eligible. Private, nonprofit organizations such as charities, churches, etc. are also eligible.

The Disaster Recovery Center site for FEMA assistance which the Monitor was told last week was to be at a Tyler church fell through. Kelton said the best way to begin is by calling the SBA's Disaster Assistance Customer Service Center at 1-800-659-2955. For FEMA assistance the telephone number is 1-800-621-3362.

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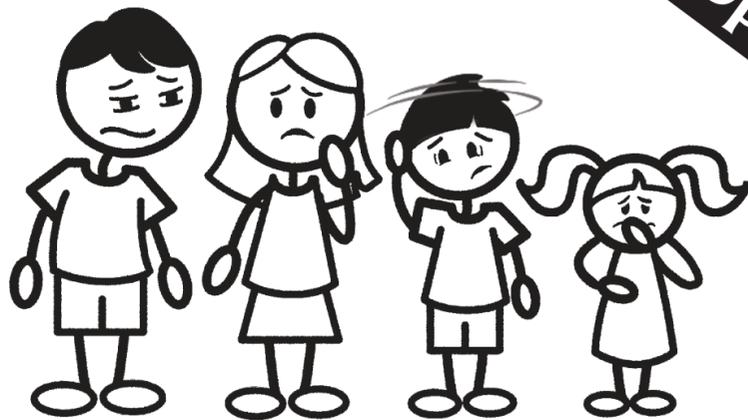
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The camp is directed by Sports Ministry Outreach and will teach fundamentals of ball handling and shooting as well as basic offensive and defensive strategies. To register, students must complete the 2016 Basketball Camp registration form available at the church office. The office will accept the completed form and registration fee during usual office hours.

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

EVANGELIST ELLIS TO LEAD HOLLY BROOK BAPTIST REVIVAL

Evangelist Malcom Ellis of Colmesneil, TX, will preach at evening revival services at Holly Brook Baptist Church July 31 through August 3. The July 31 service will begin at the usual Sunday evening service time of 6 p.m. The remaining services, Monday through Wednesday, will begin at 6:30 p.m.

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

HOLLY BROOK BAPTIST TO HOLD BLOOD DRIVE JULY 31

Holly Brook Baptist Church will hold its quarterly blood drive July 31. Personnel from the Carter Family Life Center will be in the Family Life Center from 11 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. to accept blood donations from qualified donors.

HBBC has been holding blood drives since 2012 when a member needed a blood transfusion. Donations benefit HBBC members as well as others.

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MEN'S BIBLE STUDY CONTINUES AT HOLLY BROOK BAPTIST

A weekly men's Bible study is continuing at Holly Brook Baptist Church. Men of the community are invited. The group meets Tuesdays from 8:15 a.m. to 9 a.m. in Room D102 of the Family Life Center.

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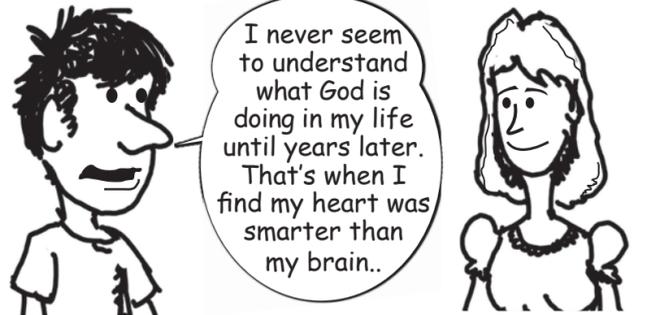
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OBITUARIES

ROY SCOTT DAVIDSON



Funeral services for Roy Scott Davidson, 63, of Golden, were held July 15, 2016, at Wilson Bartley Funeral Home Chapel, Alba, with Bro. Craig Kearby officiating.

Burial was held in Golden Cemetery.



Mr. Davidson passed away July 13, 2016, in a Tyler hospital.

He was born March 4, 1953, in McKinney. He was a member of the Merchant Marines, and he was a painter in the construction business.

Survivors include his wife, Cynthia Davidson of Golden; father, Scott Davidson of Howe; sons, Tully Davidson and, Molly, of Grand Saline, and Jeffery Davidson of Golden; brother, Glen Davidson of Golden; and three grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his mother, Annie

Ruth Davidson; sister, Angela Mills-Duncan; and infant brother, Randy Davidson.

CLAUDE EDGAR GRISHAM



Services for Claude Edgar Grisham, 95 of Holly Lake Ranch will be held at a later date. Mr. Grisham passed away July 8, 2016 at his residence. He was born March 10, 1921 to Asa and Della Marie

Grisham in Basehor, KS. He was an accountant for Mobil Pipeline Co. and served in the Army in World War II. He was preceded in death by his wife JoAnn, daughter Beverly Sanders, son Martin Grisham and two brothers.

Survivors include his daughter Billie Jo Webb, Watauga; sons Craig Grisham, Malakoff; Waymon Lain, Joshua; and Brian Lee Grisham, College Station; brothers Clyde W. Grisham, Basehor, KS, Ralph K. Grisham, Shawnee Mission, KS; numerous grandchildren and great grandchildren.

SANDRA EDWARDS



There are currently no services scheduled or pending at this time for Sandra (Umberger) Edwards, 69, of Yantis.

Mrs. Edwards passed away June 22, 2016 at Rock Creek Nursing Home, in Sulphur Springs.

She was born in Indianapolis, Indiana to Gregory Lowell and Barbara Jean (Brown) Umberger. She had her Associate's Degree and worked as a cosmetologist.

Survivors include her husband, Charles Richard Edwards; daughters, Tina M. Edwards of Yantis, Teresa M. Starrett and husband Charles, of Yantis; four grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

She is preceded in death by her parents.

In lieu of flowers, memorials can be made to Seymour Bible Fellowship, Lightswitch Ministries at P.O. Box 124, Yantis, TX 75497.

SETTLERS

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serving Chik-fil-a sandwiches, and barbeque from a Quitman's Riding Club.

Wednesday night entertainer Cummings has performed in Branson on stage with The Platters. He has opened up for Elvis Impersonator, Joe Kent, in Memphis, right across the street from Graceland. Cummings has performed many times, in Carthage at the Texas Country Music Hall Of Fame.

He has been on musical venues with stars such as Wanda Jackson, Ronnie McDowell, Eddy Raven, Don Williams, Gene Watson, Dan Seals, Janie Fricke, Exile, Ricochet, The Bellamy Brothers, Moe Bandy, Shenandoah, Johnny Lee, T Graham Brown, Johnny Rodriguez, and Buddy Holly's Crickets. He has also opened up for Rock and Roll Hall Of Famer Bobby "Blue" Bland. Recently, Cummings was part of the show with the World Premier "ELVIS Tribute Artist" Craig Parker, and has opened the girls group "Shake, Rattle, and Roll."

Thursday evening Randy Lindsey, staff member at KWNS radio in Winnsboro, will host karaoke. You need to get there early to get signed up to perform to one of the many songs Lindsey has available.

Gospel singer Keith Irwin, Lindale, and his band Prodigal will take the stage for Gospel Night under the Pavilion.

On Saturday night, Midnite Drive will perform. The members of Midnite Drive are Amanda Pruitt, vocals/guitar, Michael Booth, vocals/lead guitar, Tyler Joiner, bass/vocals, Joe Harrison, steel guitar, and Aaron Warren on drums.

Pruitt is a vocalist with a large fan base and an electric stage presence. She has released three country albums and just released her fourth, a gospel album, titled "Not Turning Back" this month. She just filmed her first music video of the title cut.

Booth is a 20-year veteran of the East Texas music scene and has played lead guitar and bass guitar for several different artists and bands from East Texas to Chicago. Some of those he has played with are Nick of Time, and the Jeff Allen Band. Booth also played guitar for Kacey Musgraves when she lived in the

area.

Joiner is also a seasoned local singer/songwriter/musician with years of stage and music performance and engineering under his belt. Joiner also fronts the local band "Finding Shade." Harrison is a multi-instrumentalist that is at home on any stage and he is also a member of the Generations Band. Warren has played in numerous bands including 2 Mile Bridge, Don Eoods, and Christian band Trufaith.

Midnite Drive plays a full range of music to please any taste, from country and gospel, to southern and classic rock. They have played at Golden Homestead, the Alba Country Fair, with upcoming shows at the Farmers Market in Sulphur Springs and at The Forge in Ben Wheeler.

ETMC fixed, and won, her heart

Coretta Williams
ETMC heart patient



"I found out I needed open heart surgery at age 33. All I could think was, 'I have my whole life ahead of me.'"

Coretta Williams was born with an atrial septal defect – a hole between the two upper chambers of her heart. Aside from a few incidents, the condition didn't become serious until about a year ago.

"I went to my cardiologist for what was supposed to be a routine visit and he said, 'This is serious. When do you want to have surgery?'"

Coretta, a local television producer, was understandably scared. She called two friends who are nurses in Dallas and Houston about traveling for a second opinion. "They had done internships in Tyler and both said, 'Stay where you are. You have great cardiac care there.'"

She took their advice – and soon her team at ETMC calmed Coretta's fears with their expertise and compassion. "I'm really grateful for everybody who was involved, because without them, I wouldn't be here.

"My experience with ETMC has been wonderful. If you need heart care, definitely stick with East Texas because the doctors here are very knowledgeable and they care for you like family."

Visit etmc.org/coretta to view Coretta's story. For information about the ETMC Cardiovascular Institute, visit etmc.org/cardiac or call 903-535-6496.

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Herchell Zimmerman

June 2, 2016 - June 21, 1940

Former Quitman resident Herchell Zimmerman passed away June 2, 2016. He was born June 21, 1940 to Melvin and Mary Zimmerman. He was born in Cartwright, Texas and raised on a farm in Quitman, Texas.

Herchell and his wife Carolyn were married on February 3, 1962 and lived 54 years wonderful years together.

Herchell is survived by his wife Carolyn Zimmerman. His son Barry, and his wife Amy of Norman, OK. His daughter Paige Zimmerman of Bakersfield, CA. His daughter Ashley and her husband Kenneth "Beau" Lee of Bakersfield, CA. His granddaughters Caroline and Lola Lee of Bakersfield, CA. His sister Carol and husband Don Lee of Lathrop, Missouri. His brother-in-law and sister-in-law, Olin and Kathryn Gilbert of Oklahoma City, OK. Many nieces and nephews.

A Mass of Christian Burial was held on Saturday, June 18th at Our Lady of Perpetual Help Catholic Church Bakersfield, CA. A celebration of life was held on Herchell's Birthday June 21st.

Pamela Yvonne Wilks

(January 13, 1957 - July 8, 2016)



Funeral services for Pamela Yvonne Henderson Wilks, 59 of Mineola were held Wednesday July 13, 2016 at the First Baptist Church in Mineola with Bros. Fred Morrow and Mark Neeley officiating. Burial followed at Roselawn Memorial Gardens in Mineola. Pam was born January 13, 1957 in Tyler to Johnnie C. "Dan" Henderson and Yvonne Claybourn Henderson. She was a 1975 graduate of Mineola High School and attended Tyler Junior College majoring in computer science. She worked alongside her family at Mineola Packing and was a member at First Baptist Church in Mineola. Pam was also a former Vice President of the Goldwing Road Riders Club and a lifetime resident of Mineola.

She was preceded in death by her father, Dan Henderson.

Survivors include her mother, Yvonne Henderson, Mineola; husband Bud Wilks, Mineola; sister Susie Lee and her husband Jim: Mineola, nieces Jennifer and Jackie; nephews Jake and Josh, and a host of aunts, uncles and extended family including her pet Yorkie, Snickers.

DAR sets Guinness World Record for Patriotism

To celebrate the National Society's 125th Anniversary and the culmination of the Celebrate America! volunteer service initiative, the DAR channeled its fervor for patriotism and dedicated support of our nation's military service members toward an ambitious goal. During the week of the 125th Continental Congress, held in June at DAR's Washington, D.C., headquarters, the organization set an official GUINNESS WORLD RECORDSTM title in patriotism for "most letters to military personnel collected in one month."

DAR members possess an unwavering patriotic devotion that spans the organization's 125-year history. During the past three years alone, Daughters have devoted more than 2.2 million hours of service to veterans, honored more than 288,000 Vietnam War veterans, and donated more than \$250,000 in support of active duty service members and their families. The GUINNESS WORLD RECORDSTM attempt served as a test: Could the membership exceed its already high standards of support for our military?

Achieving this ambitious goal required the National Society to collect and then mail at least 10,000 letters to active-duty service members. Daughters across the country rallied in support of the effort. Members of Elizabeth Denton English chapter in Mineola, TX, contributed by collecting 117 letters to add to the total. Many DAR members wrote personal messages, but because individuals could write only one letter each, they also enlisted help from their communities. Local DAR members obtained letters from coworkers, church members, friends and family.

As dictated by the GUINNESS WORLD RECORDSTM guidelines, all letters had to be handwritten, addressed to an active duty service member, placed inside a stamped, unsealed envelope, and delivered in person to one of the designated stations set up at DAR Headquarters. Letters of appreciation filled more and more boxes as the week progressed, and an official GUINNESS WORLD RECORDSTM ad-

judicator arrived to conduct the verification process.

The carefully tallied total was revealed at the National Defense Night ceremony on Saturday, June 18, 2016. As thousands in attendance waited to learn the outcome of the attempt, members surprised them by carrying in box after box to give a visual representation of how many letters were submitted. The adjudicator took the stage to announce the results using a number tally on the big screen. Cheers increased as soon as the number topped 10,000, but then the audience, including the night's special guests, Secretary of Veterans Affairs Robert McDonald and the USO President and CEO, Dr. J.D. Crouch, all went wild when the tally surpassed 100,000. The DAR had collected 100,904 letters, more than 10 times the minimum threshold needed to set the record for most letters to military personnel collected in one month!

"Congratulations—you are officially amazing!" the adjudicator proclaimed.

This record-setting achievement provides the latest measure of the collective force of the DAR's appreciation for the United States Military, while simultaneously fostering human connection between the American people and those who defend our freedom. As devoted stewards of the legacy of the Revolutionary War generation, Daughters feel equally compelled to express appreciation for the valor, sacrifice and commitment of today's active-duty service members. Each letter represents the support of a grateful nation, and the Elizabeth Denton English chapter is humbled by the opportunity to assist in collecting these missives to the defenders of our country.

By the end of June, all 100,904 letters were delivered to active-duty military personnel serving both at home and abroad. May their handwritten messages of gratitude and encouragement cheer the spirits of those who have raised their right hand and sworn to defend and protect the United States of America.

CASA sets information meeting

Adoption, foster parent, CASA meeting set Monday

There are children in Wood County who need homes, and a meeting will be held Monday at 5:30 p.m. at the First Baptist Church of Mineola to address the problem.

The meeting will give those interested in fostering or adopting a child a chance to ask questions regarding the process. A press release sent to the Monitor states, "there is a tremendous need for foster

parents in our community." Adoptions will be discussed in this meeting as well.

Also, on the same evening there will be a presentation by CASA (Court Appointed Special Advocates) to address the need for volunteers in Wood, Smith and Van Zandt counties.

For more information contact Child Protective Services, 903-497-2010 or laci.alexandr@dfps.state.tx.us or Kathy Clark 903-597-7725 or kclark@casaforkidsofnet.org.

Scholarship tournament at Lake Fork July 23-24

The 3rd Annual National Lake Fork High School Scholarship Tournament will be held on Lake Fork Saturday, July 23, 2016 and Sunday, July 24th. This tournament, headquartered at Oak Ridge Marina, is open to all high school students entering the ninth grade to 2016 seniors who have not started college classes since graduation. Students can be a member of B.A.S.S. High School Nation, Student Angler Federation, or their high school team program. If a student does not have a fishing program at their high school, they can enter by showing they are a student in good standing with their most recent report card or a letter from school officials.

Being one of the largest Open Scholarship Tournaments in the country, The Lake Fork Open offers \$20,000 in scholarship money and prizes to the top 10 teams and another \$5,000 in prizes to anglers registered in the tournament. What is unique about this event is that the students do not have to be part of any formal fishing team with their prospective high school and there is no qualifying tournament required.

There is a \$500 payout for the Big Bass and the winning team receives \$6,000 with

second place earning \$4,000; third place \$2,000; fourth place \$1,500; fifth place \$1,000; and sixth place \$500. Places seven through ten will receive tackle prizes.

The tournament is unique also in that they host a big block party Saturday evening for the entrants and their families. It is held Saturday night at Oak Ridge and features a DJ, games and plenty of great food.

Teams have already pre-registered from Arizona, Kansas, Oklahoma, Arkansas and Texas to date. Tournament officials are expecting hundreds of participants as well as additional family members to attend the event. Volunteers are needed to help the tournament run smoothl. For more information call 800-846-1859 or visit www.lakeforkopen.org

Texas colleges offering bass fishing scholarships are Dallas Baptist University and East Texas Baptist University. Other college programs offering full bass fishing scholarships are Bethel University, McKenzie, Tennessee; Drury University, Springfield, Missouri; McKendree University, Lebanon, Illinois; and Savannah College of Art and Design, Savannah, Georgia.

Free Empower Diabetes classes at UT Health Northeast

If you or a family member have diabetes, you are encouraged to learn more, get connected, and get on top of this serious disease by attending UT Health Northeast's free Empower Diabetes classes beginning August 2 in UT Health's Hudnall Auditorium.

Disease management is the goal of the

Empower Diabetes program. Each session provides information for better diabetes self-management and guidelines for living a healthy lifestyle. Classes are free and topics include:

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HOLLEN

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in local civic organizations. I am no stranger to hard work and will do my best to make Quitman an exemplary city."

Prior to working at GAF, Hollen was Director of Talent Resources at Lennox International in Richardson where he oversaw selection and management of key vendor relationships. He further built college relations programming and enhanced Lennox visibility with local universities. Hollen became a guest lecturer at University of Texas at Dallas (UTD), and was an advisor/mentor for the University of North Texas (UNT) Professional Leadership Program in the College of Business. Hollen received a "Lifetime Achievement Award" from UNT for accomplishments in the business program.

He is also a graduate of Leadership Richardson, Class VI, and later served as faculty advisor in the program. Hollen was a member of the first class of the Richardson Citizen's Police Academy and is a past board member and chairman of the Richardson Symphony Or-

chestra.

The Hollen's have owned property in Wood County for several years. Hollen is a history buff and has studied the history of the area.

"I have studied the history of Wood County. Quitman is the seat of the county and the city should be at the forefront of all things in the county. Winnsboro and Mineola have both recently been named in the state's top ten small towns. There is no reason why Quitman should not be mentioned in the same breath," Hollen offered. "First and foremost I want the citizens of Quitman know I am here to work with everyone. I will reach out and seek out individuals in Quitman so I can know their needs and goals for the city. My door will always be open to the people of Quitman to seek me out for whatever is on their mind. I am ready to get to work!"

Hollen plans to meet with Quitman Mayor J.R. Evans to finalize paperwork and he hopes to be on board in the next week or two.



Yantis Mayor Jerry Miller (right) and his wife, Phyliss Miller (center), hand over a \$15,000 donation check to Yantis Fire Chief Wesley Crist from funds raised at the 2016 Yantis Catfish Classic held April 30 and May 1.

(photo by Larry Tucker)

Yantis VFD gets \$15,000 donation

The City of Yantis 2016 Catfish Classic raised \$15,000 to donate to the Yantis Volunteer Fire Department. Mayor Jerry Miller gave Fire Chief Wesley Crist the check Monday afternoon. "After expenses and payouts to the winners, we were able to contribute \$15,000 to the fire department this year," Miller said. "This

is an increase over last year's donation of \$14,000. The money will be used to send new fireman to school, to buy new bunker gear, and for much needed equipment updates."

Miller added the economic stimulation for the county has been estimated at approximately \$50,000. This year there were over 200 entries with an-

glers not only from Texas, but New Mexico, Oklahoma, Arkansas, and Louisiana. There was a record number of youth in the 12 and under category and record numbers for ages 13-17.

Next year the event will be held May 6 and 7 at the Minnow Bucket Marina.

MEMORIAL

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run into and not away from? Because there is something in us, something in each officer that pushed us forward to stand up for what's right, and stand up against the evil that is out there, and there is a lot of it out there in all shapes and sizes," Cole added.

Former Quitman High School Principal and Cartwright Baptist Church pastor Cody Mize closed the service. Mize talked about getting the opportunity to ride with a Smith County officer. "On the first call I quickly realized that folks like these behind me are definitely underappreciated and underpaid for what they do day in and day out. We have the slightest idea of what they deal with and what they see, what they take home inside of them. These people stand on the line to protect us day in and day out," Mize said.

Wood County Color Guard member Mike Gilmore played Amazing Grace on the bagpipes and slowly faded into the background as the music ended.

DIABETES

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- 5:00-6:00 p.m. - What is Diabetes?
- 6:00-7:00 p.m. - Managing High/Low Blood Sugars and Sick Days

AUGUST 9

- 5:00-6:00 p.m. - Medications/Insulin
- 6:00-6:30 p.m. - Monitoring
- 6:30-7:00 p.m. - Stress/Coping

AUGUST 16

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- 6:00-7:00 p.m. - Foot Care

AUGUST 23

- 5:00-6:30 p.m. - Meal Planning
- 6:30-7:00 p.m. - Goal Setting

SEPTEMBER 27

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QUITMAN

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derful man and I know his wife is a lovely lady, I met her today.

"But that is beside the point. We, the council when I was still there, did that criteria for applicants and that criteria was must live within the Quitman Independent School district, must be proficient in QuickBooks, and my understanding is the man you are wanting to hire is neither of those things. If either of those statements is incorrect, I apologize," Cole continued.

Cole further noted the plight of the ladies working at city hall. "Our ladies at city hall have been overtaxed for way too long. If we put someone else in here who makes our citizens unhappy, and is not ready to sit down and start doing the work from day one, we've done them an injustice as well," Cole explained. "So I beseech you to think long and hard before you make your vote."

Herring was next on the list to speak. "First I want to thank each of you for serving on the council and for letting me speak. When we moved here in '63 the city hall was a little white building down where the driver's license office is," Herring began. "George McAlister was the city secretary and Jo White was his assistant. For that first 40 years we lived here all was well. We knew who ran the city hall on a daily basis. If we had an issue, it was taken care of."

Herring then referred to former city secretary R.T. Bridges. "Then, when R.T. Bridges retired things began to change, but that was okay because we were connected to Jo," Herring observed. "When Jo retired, the wheels came off. We, and I'm talking about me, have felt totally disconnected from the city. The council has hired people I've never heard of, they don't live among us, they don't want to live

among us, and pay our water bill. They are not connected with the people in the town. They don't have a real vested interest in our town."

Herring further challenged the council. "What I want to challenge you councilmen to do is to wake up. Look for a city secretary who does and wants to live among us and pay our high water bills, who does have a vested interest in our town, who is connected to the people and will get our town back on track and moving forward again," Herring stressed.

Dunn asked to speak as a citizen of Quitman. "I am a firm believer in full process and I am a firm believer in a democracy where the majority votes. As citizen Randy, I trust the council to do what they feel like is best. I appreciate everybody's interest," Dunn said. "None of these individuals live in the city limits. One of them is probably closer who doesn't live in QISD than one who does. The process was done very thorough."

Before going into executive session to discuss the employment of a city secretary/administrator, the council voted unanimously to name David Dobbs, upon recommendation by Evans, as the new mayor pro-tem, replacing Cole.

The council went into executive session and returned approximately 45 minutes later with their decision to hire Hollen for the position. Dobbs made the motion which was seconded by Resnik.

Before the vote was taken, Dunn spoke to those in attendance. "We went through many hours and took 20-something resumes' with one all the way from Utah. We went through all of those very thoroughly and chose to send the mayor our top five candidates. Out of that we came up with the five candidates," Dunn noted. "We went through an hour and a half interview with the

five people we had invited to interview. We were not limited to applicants living in QISD, there were three that were and two that were not. We, in a general discussion talked about within a 30 minute drive of Quitman would be satisfactory because we have had folks an hour and half away.

"We came up with another interview after checking all the references. I was to check one, Mr. Dobbs checked one and the mayor checked one and reported off those references. We had a very difficult decision. It was not easy to choose someone who was not from here. With references, with the information, with the interview process, I feel like we made that decision. In my opinion it was a unanimous vote of the four people who actually sat in on the interviews," Dunn concluded.

Dodd sought to speak prior to the official vote. "I respect everyone who is here and many who are not. I will share this with you, if you think this is easy, it is not. It is hard, but if I didn't care about you then I would not do what I am doing tonight. I am not asking you to agree with it right now, but I am sharing with you I have spent time with all three of these finalists and I feel very comfortable with where I have landed," Dodd articulated. "I'm just going to ask you to give us a chance, and if we fail, call me. Don't call him (pointing to Evans) because he has a difference of opinion."

The mayor called for a vote and it was the same 4-1 as at the July 2 meeting. Evans did not balk at the selection this time. "The ayes have it and Greg Hollen will be Quitman's next city secretary/administrator. I will get with him and see if when a starting day is and will try to coincide with the payroll," Evans said.

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