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Bluebonnet announces merger of two papers

The Mineola Monitor and the Wood County Democrat have more than 300 years of journalism between them – come August, the county's two legacy publications will merge into one, expanding coverage throughout the area.

Bluebonnet Publishing, parent company of both weeklies, aims to combine the newspapers' strengths to bolster reporting on communities throughout Wood County.

Wood County MONITOR

Announcing the merger of the Monitor and the Democrat this week, "Our goal is to broaden our coverage geographically and to deepen the content," said Bill

Woodall, managing partner of Bluebonnet Publishing, a Kilgore-based company that owns both titles that will move forward as the See MERGER, Page 5

New deadline set for society-type news

While many things will stay the same in the merger of the Wood County Democrat and the Mineola Monitor, staff members would like contributors to be

aware of a new deadline for news.

The combination of the contents of the two papers for the Wood

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Golf cart accident claims young life



A 10-year old Holly Lake Ranch girl was killed in an accident involving a golf cart last Thursday. Skyie LeeAnne Parks died from injuries received in the Thursday accident. Funeral services were held Sunday at Lowe Funeral Home, Quitman, followed by burial at Pilgrim Rest #2 Cemetery, Alba. She had recently completed fourth grade at Harmony Elementary School after previously being a student at Quitman where she sang in the choir.

Wood County Sheriff's Deputies were called to the scene of the accident on Greenbriar Trail in Holly Lake Ranch after being notified of an accident with injuries involving a golf cart. Upon arrival deputies found out the golf cart had been occupied by three siblings ages 14, 10, and nine. They had struck a mail box post and the See PARKS, Page 5

Whitehouse team takes Lake Fork Open title

Will Hughes and Carter Henderson, Whitehouse High School, took home \$6,000 in scholarship money for their first place finish at the Lake Fork High School Open over the weekend. Hughes added another \$500 for reeling in the biggest bass at 10.04 pounds. The team's two-day total was 22.88 pounds.

The team's boat captain was Jody Kea, a former Quitman resident. "I first got involved last year when my son was fishing. I enjoyed it so much I decided to keep doing it," Kea said. "I don't do much. These two young

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Whitehouse High School's Henderson – Hughes team took home first place and \$6,000 in scholarship money at the Lake Fork High School Open tournament headquartered at Oak Ridge Marina. Pictured are (left to right) Carter Henderson, Jody Kea (boat captain), Will Hughes, and Billy Sartain.

(photo by Larry Tucker)

Hollen quick on the job

Greg Hollen hit the ground running as the new Quitman city secretary / administrator Monday morning. Hollen, who was hired by the city council in a special meeting July 14, took some time out over the weekend to answer some questions from the Democrat.

Wood County Democrat (WCD): Where are you from originally and how did you get to Wood County?

I was raised in a military family. My father was a USMC officer, so I was born at Bethesda Naval Hospital in Maryland and lived on military bases, including in

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Quitman Fire Department gets new truck financing

Quitman city aldermen approved a bid at last Thursday's city council meeting from City National Bank-Quitman branch to finance a 2017 Custom Pierce Enforcer-Top Mount Pumper truck to be used by the fire department as a first-use engine. The vehicle, which will replace one purchased in 1999, cost is \$636,944.

Scheduled payments are \$58,304 a year for 15 years with no penalty or fees for

early payment or payoff. At the annual payment rate, the final payoff would total \$874,566. The fire department will be making the payments.

"We have a truck payment every year. We are debt-free, but we always have a truck payment. We are replacing our primary engine," Fire Chief Scott Wheeler explained. "We have a smaller department interested in buying the other truck al-

ready. Every time we get extra money, we will pay on it. We do a letter drive and we get \$20,000 to \$30,000 every year. The truck we are replacing is a 1999 model."

Prior to getting down to business Quitman resident Paul Brown spoke during the citizen's comment portion at the beginning of the meeting. "A few months ago I went to the Quitman

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State Representative elect Cole Hefner visits with Quitman city alderman Kevin Gilbreath at last Thursday's Greater Quitman Chamber of Commerce mixer held at city hall.

(photo by Larry Tucker)



Larry Smith speaks to a gathering of Wood County Crimestoppers after receiving a plaque for several years of service to the organization. Smith is retiring from the group where he served as president. Also pictured are Quitman Chief of Police Kelly Cole (left) and incoming president Toni Cole (right).

(photo by Larry Tucker)

The BuzzAround Town

"Tips for Tots" will be Monday 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. at AJs Fish House on Highway 17 just south of FM 515 at lake Fork. All proceeds raised from the event will go to the Wood County Wood County Child Welfare and Child Protection Board. "Celebrity" wait staff will be serving and all tips made go directly to the cause. Local ministers, elected officials, and civic leaders will make up the wait staff. There will be a raffle for a 55" HDTV. Old Settlers Reunion begins next week at Jim Hogg

City Park. Wednesday night will be the opening of Quitman – Lake Fork Kiwanis Bingo and a concert by Dale "The C" Cummings under the pavilion beginning at 7 p.m. Thursday night will be karaoke night with Friday a gospel performance by Keith Irwin and Prodigal ending with a concert from Midnite Drive Saturday evening. The Proud Blue Band Boosters are bringing back grilled hamburgers, Quitman Rotary Club is bring in Chik-fil-a sandwiches, and a local riding club will serve

barbeque.

U.S. Congressman Jeb Hensarling will host a town hall meeting in Mineola Thursday, Aug. 4 at 9:45 a.m. at the Mineola City Hall. Congressman Hensarling will give an update on recent actions taken by the House of Representatives and hear from the residents of Wood County about the issues that are important to them.

Clover Hill Cemetery is having a memorial day Sunday, August 7, beginning at 10:30 a.m. Clover Hill is located on FM 69 northeast of Quitman.



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Ponderations

from the Back Porch By Roy Faubion

Miz Boyd and her husband were our neighbors, very quiet and super nice people, indeed. They were the kind of neighbors every person desires having. I think I was 12 years old the day I unintentionally tried to make a baked potato of myself, an incident which taught me much about the difference between sun tanning and barbecuing. It was on that day I met the real Miz Boyd, a kind and compassionate lady who came to my aid.

Winter had given way to spring which had melded into the perfect outdoor days all youngsters had been seeking, days made for swimming. The opening day of the city pool happened also to be my idea of the ideal day. I had anticipated the day and was among the first to arrive when the doors opened, towel in hand. My winter-bleached skin was primed and ready to receive the warm, soothing rays of the sun. There I stayed, through the morning and into the afternoon, wearing no shirt and with no sun tanning lotion.

I was still shirtless when I finally arrived home and I was seri-

ously feeling the effects of severe sunburn. No one was home to greet me...no one. I suspect Miz Boyd was looking out her kitchen window when I arrived because in a matter of a very few moments she knocked on our door. I opened it and there she stood with a large tube of ointment in hand. I was already having difficulty walking as a result of the over exposure of the sun to the back side of my legs so I welcomed her help in getting me to the bed. Miz Boyd slathered my back, my face, my ears, my legs and my tummy with the ointment. Never before and never again have I allowed myself to be so badly burned from the sun.

How nice it would be if I could say how I developed a close relationship with Miz Boyd. Without a doubt I would have been welcomed in her home to visit a spell. What a wonderful person I would have been if I had shown my gratitude for her sweet and loving care by picking flowers for a bouquet or offering to mow her lawn. Nope. Regretfully, I do not even remember another encounter with her. How sad.



Worker's put on the finishing touches for the new marquee at Quitman Public Library.

(photo by Larry Tucker)



Home Sweet Home

From Angie Monk

"FRIEND TO FRIEND" PROGRAM SET FOR AUGUST 11TH

The Annual "Friend to Friend" Women's Health Program is scheduled for Thursday, August 11th from 12:00 noon - 2:00 p.m. at St. Peter's Catholic Church, 203 Meadowbrook, Mineola, TX. This

free program will offer educational information on women's health topics and also assist women in scheduling important prevention screenings/tests.

Hope you can join us for a delicious light lunch, educational speaker, door prizes, and exhibits! All with great women's health in-

formation! It's free! No need to pre-register! Women are encouraged to bring a friend and attend to get the latest information and updates on women's health topics. For more information, please call the Wood County Extension Office at 903-763-2924.



Amber Gaby, owner of Guys and Dolls on the square in Alba, cuts the ribbon celebrating the Grand Opening of the salon.

(photo by Larry Tucker)

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This is probably the most asked question from potential sellers! We all live in our homes and tend to get used to the "blemishes". Then when we think of selling, all of the sudden those blemishes loom large.

So, the question is, "How much do I fix, replace in order to list?" It depends:
-How quickly do you want to sell?
-What is your repair budget?
-What needs to be replaced, updated or repaired?

In general, I always tell sellers to start with repairs first. Look carefully at each room. There may be some very inexpensive things you can do. For example:
-Replace broken or missing electrical plates
-Tighten loose knobs
-Replace broken or dirty blinds
-Put new mats outside your doors
-Replace broken window panes
-Replace any rotted wood outside
-Use "Upshot" to cover any stains on the ceiling from repaired leaks. You certainly don't want to hide a leak that hasn't been repaired.
-Clean, Clean, Clean You want your house to sparkle!

The biggest payoff is fresh paint. Almost any house needs fresh paint inside. Paint isn't that expensive and immediately makes a positive impact! Be sure and use a neutral color.

Have a list ready for you're REALTOR® that shows:
-Last 6 months utility bills
-Anything you have replaced or improved in last 5 years
-The date your roof was replaced
-Copy of a survey if you have one

Other than mentioned, be careful where you spend money. Your house may need updating, but that doesn't necessarily mean you should do it. That's where a good REALTOR® comes into play. They can tell you what is needed and whether or not you'll get a return on that investment.

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Friday is deadline to apply disaster assistance from spring storms

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 is this Friday.

Burl Kelton, public information officer with the SBA, encourages those affected to begin the application process. People applying should complete the FEMA application process first even if they are referred to the SBA. If they do not finish the process, they won't be able to access assistance.

Assistance for businesses is not 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.

Wood County has been added to the list of counties eligible for assistance from FEMA due to the April storms, Wood County emergency management coordinator Tully Davidson said.

The Disaster Recovery Center site for FEMA assistance will be at the Wise Elementary Fine Arts Magnet school. The school is located at 10659 State Highway 64 East in Tyler and will open at noon. 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.

Residents can also register the following ways:

* Online at DisasterAssistance.gov

* By phone at 800-2621-3362 (FEMA). People who are deaf or hard of hearing or have a speech disability and use a TTY may call 800-462-7585. Applicants who use 711 or Video Relay Service may also call 800-621-3362. The toll-free numbers are open from 7 a.m. to 10 p.m. seven days a week.

Multilingual operators are available.

*Deadline to register is this Friday.

FEMA grants do not have to be repaid. FEMA assistance is nontaxable and will not affect eligibility for Social Security, Medicaid or other federal benefits.

Property owners should register if they have insurance. FEMA cannot duplicate insurance payments, but underinsured applicants may receive help after their claims have been settled.



SOFTBALL TOURNAMENT BENEFITS SCHOLARSHIP FUND

Cord Burnett touches home plate after hitting his second home run in the game. The game was just one of many played during a tournament in Yantis which raised money for the Natasha Bettis Memorial Scholarship Fund. The scholarship is an annual award giving to a Yantis High School senior.

(photo by Larry Tucker)

HOLLEN

From page 1

Puerto Rico. I attended high school and college in the Washington, DC, area, but spent most of my professional career in Dallas. My wife and I purchased a property on Lake Holbrook over 15 years ago, became involved in the community, and made the decision to move out here full time in October 2015.

WCD: Why do you feel qualified to be the city secretary / administrator?

My business background includes people leadership, budget and vendor management, recruiting and talent development. These coupled with my bachelor degree in government and politics (state and local) and my community volunteer leadership experience make me uniquely qualified for this role.

WCD: How do you see your role in this position?

First and foremost, the role is one where responsiveness to the people of Quitman is critical. Also, helping to build a more vibrant community appropriate to a county seat will be important. Building healthy relationships with business, faith, academic and government entities will help accomplish our goals.

WCD: What do you see as a top priority for Quitman?

Beyond ensuring that administrative, including budgetary, aspects of the role are handled well, teaming with other community leaders to enhance economic development and expand our tax base is a high priority.

WCD: Do you have any ideas to make the local civic center a productive facility?

I look forward to engaging with the civic center board and learning more about what's important to them, benchmarking with similar organizations, and building on the successes already enjoyed by the organization.

WCD: What do you see in the future for Jim Hogg City Park facilities?

The Jim Hogg City Park is truly a jewel for Quitman and the county. I look forward to engaging in its focus on public / private partnerships for the benefit of our community.

WCD: There was some controversy over your selection. How will you "mend the fences" with those who were against your employment as city secretary / administrator?

My intent is to form positive, productive relationships with all individuals who can play a constructive role in the success of the City of Quitman.

WCD: How long does it take you to get from your home to city hall in Quitman?

Depends on rush hour (that's a joke!) It takes about eight to 10 minutes, door to door.

WCD: Why do you want to work in Quitman?

I see the potential in Quitman to become one of the top small communities in Texas, and share the city and community leadership's vision of growth and enhanced quality of life for everyone. Working together, each of us brings unique skills and experiences; mine will complement those already in place throughout the community.

WCD: Will Quitman citizens be able to contact you directly with their concerns? How can they do that?

Absolutely. I'm excited to get to know everyone and will be accessible to the citizens in person, by phone and through email.

Hollen added he believes in some basic principles. "So as I begin my new role, I will be guided by some very basic tenants we all know, but seldom get right. They are: first seek to understand, then to be understood; practice random acts of kindness, especially to the smallest among us; and there is no limit what you can achieve if you don't care who gets the credit."



Suds cast

Suds! Opens July 29 in Mineola

The blazing temperatures of summer means summer musical time at Lake Country Playhouse in Mineola! Lake Country Playhouse presents Suds! The Rocking 60's Musical Soap Opera, which will run July 29, 30, 31 and August 5, 6 and 7. The show, created and written by Melinda Gilb, Steve Gunderson and Bryan Scott, features over 40 of the greatest doo wop hits of the 1960's, all performed at the Suds Laundromat. The musical is presented by arrangements with Brent Peek Productions in New York. Directed by Kay Lamb, with music director Jeannette Peel and choreographer MarCordrie Collins, the show revolves around Cindy (played by Lnette Garza), who works at Suds but has no luck in life and love. It's her birthday, and with the arrival of the postman things just go from bad to worse. Deciding to end it all, she is stopped by Dee Dee (Micah Graham) and Marge (Brandi Bridges), two larger than life characters that are more than meets the eye. Rounding out the cast are Micah Brooks and Jacob Hays, both playing multiple roles.

It's a family friendly musical romp through some of the greatest songs of the 60's, set among the backdrop of washers and dryers.

Tickets are \$15 for adults and \$7 for students. Discounts are available for groups of 10 or more. Friday and Saturday performances are 7:30 p.m. with Sunday matinees starting

at 2:00 p.m. The box office and doors will open one hour prior to showtime. For reservations, contact the box office at 903.569.2300.

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Sheriff's Report

JULY 13

Deputy Tucker George and Lt. Robert Holland were dispatched to FM 1799 just after midnight in reference to an assault. There they met with a couple and their son. The couple stated that approximately two hours earlier their son had become aggravated when confronted about his drug use. The woman stated she was pushed and shoved numerous times. The couple stated they wished to pursue charges against their son. The son was located in his bedroom and did not attempt to resist of flee from the deputies. Marshall Nathan Freeman, 32, Mineola, was arrested and transported to jail. He is charged with assault by contact.

Deputy Melissa Pollard was dispatched to a structure fire on Hwy 11. Pollard arrived to find an old shaving mill full of junk completely destroyed by fire. The electric company was notified of the fire and upon arrival they removed a pair of jumper cables from an electrical box which were being used to illegally obtain electricity. The electrical box was registered to a man who was renting the mobile home next to the burned structure. This case has been forwarded to the county fire marshal.

Sgt. Donivan South was dispatched to Hwy 80 in the Mineola area for a theft report. The complainant stated a 6' home-made utility trailer, valued at \$800, was missing from the property. The trailer was last seen at the location at 8:00 AM. The man also advised he was not the owner of the trailer, but had borrowed it to haul some building materials. This case has been forwarded to CID or assignment and continued investigation.

JULY 14

Deputy Dustin Fenlaw was dispatched to Ozarka-owned property CR 3540 in the Hawkins area for a burglary of a building. An employee advised that sometime in the past two days unknown person(s) had come onto the property and broken into three different outbuildings. Property was removed from each one of the buildings. Two 4-wheelers were missing from the first building. They are described as green Yamaha Grizzly 660's, valued at \$3,400 each. A turkey fryer, valued at \$100 was missing from the second outbuilding. The door of the third building had been pried open. A portable generator, thermal arc welder and miscellaneous hand and power tools were missing from inside. A 2008 Argo Frontier was also missing. The value of the property missing from the third building is \$11,500. The case was forwarded to CID for continued investigation.

Sgt. Donivan South and Deputy Heather Bailey recovered a 2006 Chevrolet 2500 4x4 pickup at White Oak Shores in the Yantis area. The truck was reported stolen out of McKinney. The deputies spoke with a man at the location who stated he had been in possession of the pickup for the past six years. The man further advised the pickup had been brought to his mechanic shop lo-

cated in the metroplex. According to the man, the subjects who dropped off the pickup had not returned any of his phone calls regarding payment for repairs and he had invested over \$7,000 in the truck. A wrecker service was summoned to transport the pickup to the Sheriff's Office impound.

JULY 15

Deputy Jeremy Ragsdale took a report of an assault which occurred at Winnsboro Livestock. A woman reported that her ex-husband shoved her when she reached for their child. The woman stated that she was not injured but the shove did cause her discomfort. The woman stated she wished only for an incident report at that time but later called to state she had been advised by her attorney to pursue charges. The case was forwarded to CID for further disposition.

Deputy Josh Davis initiated a traffic stop in the Mineola area after witnessing a pickup being operated without a front license plate. Upon approaching the vehicle, Deputy Davis smelled what he believed to be an alcoholic beverage. The passenger was determined to be drinking from a cup that contained the suspected alcohol. A consensual search of the vehicle produced suspected methamphetamine and drug paraphernalia. Katy Iwana Grant, 49, Grand Saline, was arrested for possession of a controlled substance, penalty group 1, less than on gram. She was transported to jail without incident.

JULY 16

Deputy Brandie Cunningham was dispatched to a structure fire on FM 779 in the Golden area. Upon arrival, Cunningham spoke with a man who stated he was currently residing in the home as was his mother who was away at the time the fire began. The man advised he had been smoking on the back porch and had been back inside the residence for a short time before smelling smoke. Deputy Cunningham was advised by the fire department that the blaze had rendered the home unsafe to live in. The home was taped off and secured by the fire department. The case has been forwarded to the county's fire marshal for investigation.

Shortly before 6:00 AM, Sgt. James Hildebrand observed a man and woman walking along FM 515. Having earlier been made aware that a suicidal male had left the Winnsboro emergency room against medical advice and was possibly in danger of dying, Hildebrand detained the couple. After a brief conversation with the man, Sgt. Hildebrand placed him in protective custody so that he could be transported to a hospital for evaluation. As he was leaving, the female made a verbal threat against her own life. She was taken into custody for a transportation code violation (use of sidewalk). Winnsboro PD officers assisted with taking the woman into custody. Their encounter with her resulted in additional charges of fail to identify and resisting arrest, search or

transport. Sara Beth Searl, 35, Mt. Vernon, was transported to jail without further incident.

Deputy Justin Bowring initiated a traffic stop on a vehicle near the intersection of SH 154 and FM 515 after observing a vehicle being operated with a registration which expired in 2014. The driver of the vehicle stated he had just purchased the 4-door Toyota car and produced a bill of sale as proof. A check of the car's license plate revealed that the plate belonged on a 1997 Ford Explorer. The man claimed the vehicle was that way when he purchased it. A check of the man's driver's license showed the license to have expired in February of 2015. The man was also unable to produce proof of insurance. Colt Gerald Freudiger, 26, Brasher, was arrested and transported to jail. He is charged with failure to maintain financial responsibility. He was issued a citation for the expired driver's license and the fictitious license plate. A wrecker service was summoned for the car.

Deputies Steven Fields and Josh Davis responded to a report of a reckless driver traveling on FM 14 in the Hawkins area. Deputy Fields located the car and witnessed it fail to stop at a stop sign and then travel westbound in the eastbound lane. A traffic stop was initiated and contact was made with the driver. According to Deputy Fields' report, the driver smelled strongly of an alcoholic beverage, was swaying while on his feet and had slurred speech. Curtis Wayne Peek, 44, Hawkins, was arrested for driving while intoxicated with a blood alcohol concentration of greater than 0.15%. He was transported to jail without further incident. This case has been submitted to the District Attorney's office for prosecution.

JULY 17

Deputy Tucker George took a report of burglary of a habitation from a complainant on CR 1602. The complainant stated the property is a vacation cabin and he had been away from the residence since July 5. The complainant had arrived to discover a large window air conditioning unit was missing from the living room window. The cabin's front door was closed, but unlocked. No damage was noted to the front or back door leading to the belief that the window was the point of entry. Several items were missing from inside the cabin including a TV, several rods and reels, a tool bag with miscellaneous tools and more. The total value of the missing property is \$1,530. This case has been forwarded for assignment and investigation.

JULY 18

Sgt. Josh O'Grady was able to facilitate the return of some property after he was contacted by a man who stated he had been unable to retrieve a 16' double axle trailer and a hot tub which he had loaned to a friend. The friend had since been incarcerated and left the property at a third party's residence. The third party was refusing to release the property. Sgt. O'Grady spoke with the third party and

arranged for the man to pick up the trailer and hot tub.

JULY 19

Lt. Robert Holland and Deputy Dustin Fenlaw responded to Holly Lake Ranch in response to a report that an assault had occurred. Speaking with the female victim, the deputies learned the suspect, the woman's fiancé, had broken her cell phone and grabbed her arm, twisting both her arm and her wrist. The suspect had left the area but was later located and arrested for assault causing bodily injury. Danny Gene Blankenship, 32, Mabank, was transported to jail but not without incident. He continually argued and cussed during the transport and once he arrived at the jail, refused to get out of the car or comply with any commands. He also threatened Lt. Holland with bodily harm. He was eventually placed in a body restraint device and placed in a cell.

Deputy Dustin Fenlaw was dispatched to the Winnsboro emergency room in reference to an assault which reportedly occurred at a residence on CR 1970 in the Yantis area. The female victim had several injuries, consisting of lacerations to her nose, left hand and left leg. The victim stated she was pushed down by her significant other. The woman gave contradictory information and first stated she wished to pursue charges but later stated she did not. This case has been forwarded to CID for warrant review.

Deputy Aaron Warren took a report of burglary of a building from a complainant on CR 3859. The man reported that a shed on his property had been broken into and several items were missing from inside. The missing property includes electric hedge trimmers, ratchets and sockets, air compressor and shot gun shells. Other more valuable items in the area were not tampered with. This case remains under active investigation.

Deputy Melissa Pollard was dispatched to FM 2869 in the Winnsboro area in reference to a burglary of a building. A complainant reported that he had discovered his Yamaha Grizzly, valued at \$7,800 missing from the garage area of a building on the property. Also missing was a log splitter, valued at \$1,000. As Deputy Pollard left the property and traveled west on CR 4596, she observed a small roadway leading to the south. Pollard drove down the road and observed two log splitters in the wooded area north of the path. Deputy Pollard made contact with the complainant and requested he come to the location to determine if the log splitter was his. Once he arrived, he was able to positively identify one of the log splitters as being his. Investigators were notified to come to the scene and while awaiting their arrival, Deputy Pollard and the complainant checked the area for additional stolen property. The Grizzly ATV was located approximately one-quarter of a mile away. The complainant's property was released to him at the scene. Additional property

was recovered and transported to the Sheriff's Office impound lot where investigators will attempt to determine its rightful owner.

Deputy Aaron Warren took a theft report from an Alba man who stated an ice chest had been taken from the bed of his work truck. The cooler is described as being tan in color and resembling a Yeti brand, however it is made by IceBin. The value of the cooler is \$213. This case is now in the hands of investigators.

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Males 105
Females 27
Book-Ins 22
Releases 30

ARRESTS

Dawn Michelle Miller, 37, Yantis, motion to revoke, driving while intoxicated, second.

Jenny Rene Segler, 20, Big Sandy, driving while intoxicated, first offense.

Walter Wayne Hall, 22, Gilmer, theft of property, \$50 or more but less than \$500; criminal trespass of habitation; evading arrest or detention.

Daniel Horton Amador, 26, Canton, bail jumping and failure to appear.

Sean Gagliano, 36, Katy, criminal trespass.

Christopher Lawson, 29, Hawkins, theft of property \$500 or more but less than \$1,500.

Marshall Nathan Freeman, 32, Mineola, assault by contact.

Phillip Dwayne Morgan, 53, Hawkins, assault by contact, family violence.

Stephanie Ann Cecil, 45, Winona, release of surety, bail jumping and failure to appear; release of surety, theft of service, \$20 or more but less than \$500, by check.

Anthony Alan Perkins, 24, Quitman, criminal trespass.

Katy Iwana Grant, 49, Grand Saline, possession of a controlled substance, penalty group 1, less than one gram.

Amy Mechelle Fikes, 43, Sulphur Springs, possession of a controlled substance, penalty group 1, less than one gram.

Michael Edward Rogers, 42, Winnsboro, possession of a controlled substance, penalty group 1, four grams or more but less than 200 grams; unlawfully carrying a weapon; possession of marijuana four ounces or more but less than five pounds.

Charles Taylor Carroll, 26, Big Sandy, out of county warrant, bond forfeiture, theft of property \$500 or more but less than \$1,500.

Danny Gene Blankenship, 32, Mabank, assault causes bodily injury.

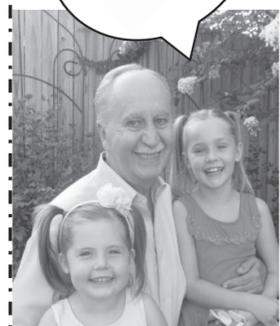
Jason Keith Sipes, 29, Alba, theft of property \$100 or more but less than \$750.

Shane Dewayne Cawthon, 34, Quitman, possession of a controlled substance, penalty group 1, less than one gram.

Robin Elaine Adams, 47, Mineola, release of surety, possession of a controlled substance, penalty group 1, less than one gram, analogue.

James R. Wilson, 40, Mineola, driving while intoxicated with child passenger under the age of 15.

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MERGER

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new, weekly *Wood County Monitor*. "It's not normal in today's marketplace, but we're not doing this to save one single penny. We're not closing any offices, we're not eliminating any staff, we're not shutting down any phone lines or reducing the number of computers.

"We're simply going to make a better newspaper."

Running six (now five) East Texas publications and printing others, Woodall often jokes a newspaper's first duty to its readers is to stay in business.

That said, "The financial experts might disagree with us, but it's our opinion that readers in hometown America want to be informed about events driving their communities. That's news you can't get anywhere else."

Staffing at the papers won't change - residents throughout Wood County will still see the familiar faces of their community journalists. Joyce Hathcock, publisher of both papers, will continue in that role - she's worked 35 years at the *Monitor* and has led the two publications for much of that time.

"Merging two newspapers that have both served Wood County for over 100 years was not a decision made lightly," Hathcock said. "However, there will be little change other than combined news in the *Wood County Monitor*. Change for the better.

"Our goal now is to extend our coverage, giving our readers the opportunity to know what is happening in our county."

Doris Newman, who's been with the *Monitor* since 1988 and became editor in 1995, will edit the new, combined *Wood County Monitor*.

"Doris has deep roots in her community and in this county," Bluebonnet Editorial Director James Draper said. "She's a veteran reporter, editor, photographer - a real community journalist."

Larry Tucker, editor of the *Wood County Democrat*, will be *Wood County* news editor.

"Tucker's built news relationships

with county officials, with community leaders, with churches, with clubs, with readers. He knows his way around Lake Fork, he puts mile after mile after mile on the odometer making sure his communities are covered," Draper said. "These are the two people who know where the stories are, and they've been working alongside each other extremely well - their new partnership's going to be even more valuable moving forward and growing the countywide news desk."

Evan Dudley was recently hired to be sports editor of the new paper.

"Evan was an excellent find, and sports fans throughout our combined coverage area are going to enjoy the additional coverage they'll get in the weekly paper."

The transition for advertisers will be an easy one: Larry Box will still work with clients out of the Quitman office while Heather Trammell works as the advertising sales representative in the Mineola office. Brandi Box will continue to handle classified advertising in Quitman.

With 28 years at the *Mineola Monitor* under her belt, the merger is a big change for Newman.

It took some getting used to, the new editor said, to watch the newspaper that welcomed her to the community decades ago evolve into a new publication. She's looking forward to a change for the better.

"I am excited about the possibilities of what we can do with this," Newman said, recalling a recent local speech by economist Ray Perryman: "One of his pieces of advice was for our county to continue to expand upon working together in reaching out to new businesses and expanding offerings in our county. I really feel like this falls very much in line with his advice to our businesses in our county."

Tucker said he, too, was hesitant at first but the chance to cover more in the county won him over quickly.

"This is kind of like a gift to me, for what I want to do," he said. The hard-

est part has been keeping the news to himself. "I think it's going to be a great thing. I like how we're going to do sports, I really like how we're going to include more news. People have always wanted more county news from me.

"Everyone is kind of leery of change sometimes. I'm not. I embrace change. Bottom line is I'm excited. We want to be bigger and better."

There are some growing pains ahead, Newman allowed. At the very least, readers will find a heavier paper in newsstands and in their mailboxes, though the price won't change.

"We will have a lot of things that we're going to be working out, as far as the logistics of gathering the information, getting the stories produced and into the paper," she explained. The newspaper will be recruiting new contributing writers to cover all corners of the county. "I've been with the *Monitor* for a long time - from the time, actually, my family moved to Mineola. I read the *Monitor* and learned about this town in many ways through the articles that were in the *Monitor* at the time. I worked here in high school.

"It is a process of adjusting to this as a change that will help make our paper stronger and better for the communities in our county."

Recruiting 'stringers' is an immediate and ongoing task.

"We're actively looking for people to help us increase our coverage of the county," Woodall said. "We'd like to provide our readers with coverage of school boards, city councils and community organizations across the county. This will provide us with a platform to accomplish that."

Woodall, whose company bought the newspapers almost four years ago, noted that the idea of the merger was first presented to him by a reader.

"One of our subscribers sent back his renewal card with a check and a note - why don't you just combine these papers and give us a better newspaper?" That was about three years ago. The

idea's been rattling around in my head ever since. And, we regularly hear that from others. Eventually, the details crystallized and we're moving ahead with it."

The annual subscription price will remain unchanged - \$31.50 per year locally, \$44 outside the area.

Advertisers who have a rate agreement in place will see no change in their rates - they'll simply get twice as much circulation. Advertisers who do not have a rate agreement will pay the same price advertisers have for the last three years paid to be in both the newspapers.

"I lived in Wood County, edited the *Wood County Democrat* for eight years in the '70s and early '80s," Woodall noted. "In the '90s I was publisher of the *Mineola Monitor* for a couple of years. My children graduated from high school in Wood County and exactly half my grandchildren were christened here. "This county is important to me personally as well as professionally. Local newspapering in Wood County is not going to get weaker on my watch."

According to Draper, weekly coverage decisions will be based on the significance of the story, not on geography or the size of the community involved.

"The two papers already produce a lot of news," he said. "With Doris and Tucker working together, our readers are going to see really strong front pages, the best of what's happening in Wood County, and they're still going to find the same coverage - and more - inside the paper."

"We've invested a lot of money in our Wood County coverage, and we're prepared to invest more. We're looking to add staff at a time when newspapers from coast to coast are trimming staff. We're expanding our coverage, because we have community journalists who can make it happen - all our staff have been doing a great job on their own, and we're excited to see what they can do together."

DEADLINES

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County Monitor will result in a larger paper and more sections and an earlier deadline for production of part of the publication. Consequently, the deadline for news to be brought in to the *Monitor* about nonprofit organizations, civic clubs, churches, school news, weddings, engagements and birth announcements will be 4 p.m. on Thursday prior to the week's edition it will be in. All other news, including letters to the editor, will be noon on Friday.

The deadlines for advertising for the newspaper will remain the same. Those are noon on Friday for retail / business-type advertis-

ing and 10 a.m. on Monday morning for classified advertising. The new rate for the new publication is \$10 per column inch. The cost of classified advertisements will continue to be \$12 for 15 words and 20 cents per word over that.

Items can be taken to either of the offices which remain in the same locations. The former *Mineola Monitor* office is located at 715 Mimosa Street in Mineola and the former *Wood County Democrat* office at 310 East Goode Street, Suite C in Quitman.

The *Wood County Monitor's* letter to the editor policy remains the same with a 300-word limit.

Letters which are slanderous or libelous will not be run and any letter over the limit will be charged the per-inch advertising rate. The *Monitor* reserves editorial discretion on publishing as well as editing letters.

As a reminder, the *Wood County Monitor* will continue to run basic, factual obituaries for free and with photographs if room allows. To include other than the basic information, the obituary will need to be placed as paid advertisement and subject to the advertising per-inch rate.

PARKS

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electric cart rolled on its side. During the crash, the 10-year-old female occupant, Skyie Parks, sustained head injuries. She was

immediately flown by EMS Care flight to a Tyler hospital, but died as a result of the injuries. Both siblings involved in the accident were

checked by EMS and released. The case remains under investigation by the Wood County Sheriff's Department.



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BY Jan Whitlock

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Coming in second place from Crandall was the team of Garrett Cutler and Brandon Dominguez, who also placed second last year. Cutler was the big bass winner last year.

Winners Hughes and Henderson will share the scholarship money which was donated by Billy Sartin of Sartin Marine at Lake Fork. "We can't say how very much we appreciate Billy Sartin for his donation and for his support of this event," Tournament Director Micheal Rogge said. "I can't say enough about all of these young men and their boat captains who have participated this year. Our volunteers have been again been wonderful. It was great to have the East Texas Baptist University (ETBU) bass fishing team here to help us out. They drove over from Marshall and volunteered to do anything we asked of them."

There were 102 teams entered in the event which drew participants from throughout Texas and several states from Arizona to Kansas.

ETBU is one of the universities which give scholarships to young bass fishermen. Other college-level institutions giving bass fishing scholarships are Dallas Baptist University; Bethel University, McKenzie, Tennessee; Drury University, Springfield, Missouri; McKendree University, Lebanon, Illinois; and Savannah College of Art and Design, Savannah, Georgia.

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OBITUARIES

ROSE MARY GARBERS



Celebration of life services for Rose Mary Garbers, 70 of Winnsboro, were held July 24, 2016 at Beaty Funeral Home in Winnsboro with Trey Garbers officiating.

Mrs. Garbers passed July 10th, 2016 in Winnsboro.

She was born January 1, 1946 in Orlando, FL., to the late William Joseph Hall and Rose Eltha Wright Hall. She worked as the receptionist at Saffie Property and Casualty in Winnsboro, and was a Christian.

She was preceded in death by her parents.

Survivors include sons, Don Ivie and Beatriz of Grand Prairie, Trey Garbers of Arlington; daughters, Danielle Ivie Rohrbeck and Ray of Winnsboro, Angela Walker of Branson, MO., Kelly Clark and Jeremy of Cleburne; sister, Imelda Tatsch of Winnsboro; 9 grandchildren, and 5 great-grandchildren

DEWITT LOOMIS BLANCHARD



Funeral services for Dewitt Loomis Blanchard, 93, of Quitman, were held July 22, 2016 at Lowe Funeral Home with Reverend Bill Hedges and Charles Long officiating.

Burial was held at Roselawn Memorial Gardens in Mineola.

Mr. Blanchard passed away July 20, 2016 in Quitman.

He was born December 4, 1922 in Woodward, Iowa to Roy Lloyd and Blanche (Dugan) Blanchard. He

was a member of Liberty United Methodist Church and the Masonic Lodge.

He is preceded in death by his wife, Theresa Blanchard; both parents; and one sister, Beulah Blanchard.

Survivors include daughter, Patricia Fulson of Bethany, Oklahoma; one grandchild and three great grandchildren.

CAROLYN SUE LEE



Funeral services for Carolyn Sue Lee, 71, of Quitman, were held July 25, 2016 at Lowe Funeral Home with Brother Fred Morrow officiating. Burial was held at Clover Hill Cemetery.

Mrs. Lee passed away July 21, 2016 in Tyler.

She was born September 3, 1944 in Hainesville to Hulon and Charlene (Turner) Folmer. She worked in the insurance business in the claims department and was a Baptist.

Survivors include her husband Jimmy Lee, Quitman; son Joe Don Lee, Quitman; daughter Holly Lee Jones, Terrell; sisters June Adamcik, Frisco; Sandra Bright, Quitman; 6 grandchildren and 3 great grandchildren.

SKYIE LEEANNE PARKS

Funeral services for Skyie LeeAnne Parks, 10 of Holly Lake Ranch, were held July 24, 2016 at Lowe Funeral Home Chapel with Brother Craig Kearby officiating. Burial was held at Pilgrim Rest #2 Cemetery in Alba.

Skyie passed away July 21, 2016 in Tyler.

She was born December 12, 2005 in Quitman. She loved to crochet and draw as well as go tubing and



wake boarding.

Survivors include her mother, Heather Underwood, Holly Lake Ranch; Father Dennis York, Kansas; Daddy Timothy Parks, Snyder; step-father Ronnie Higgins, Holly Lake Ranch; grandparents Connie Underwood, Quitman; Bonnie Jarrett, Dallas; Cynthia Copeland, Dallas; adopted grandparents Robert and JoAnn Grant, Quitman; brothers Chase Parks, Holly Lake Ranch; Christian Scott, Ponder; and sister Brianna Parks, Holly Lake Ranch.

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Holly Brook Baptist Church event set

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"Saints Alive," the senior adult ministry of Holly Brook Baptist Church, will host the teachers and staff of Hawkins and Harmony public schools at a luncheon in their honor on Thursday, August 18.

The luncheon, annually scheduled during teacher preparation the week before school starts, is a "thank you" to local public school faculty and staff for their service to public education and the area's school children. Church members will provide homemade desserts.

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school auditorium and met with over 200 more people at a pep rally put on by the Quitman Economic Development and the city of Quitman. And folks, ain't nothing happened," Brown said. "You come up there and gave us a big spill and we expect change. Every time there is a new business in town another business goes out. Drive around the square and it's vacancy after vacancy. I thought we were going to do something and I hear well, this is going to happen and this is going to happen."

"I love this town, but I want to see it be like other towns. I want to see progress. Why we can't get a handle on this and get something done, I don't know. I would like to see something happening and that's it," Brown concluded.

Mayor J.R. Evans responded to Brown's comments. "Usually we don't address citizen comments but there is change and it is slow. The QDC (Quitman Development Corporation) has started work on the north side of the square. We have removed some trees and are getting ready to remove some stumps so we can get started on a parking lot as part of that program," Evans replied. "They had started with the asbestos removal in those two buildings (the old Democrat and Ramseys) and it may look a little trashy at this point, but asbestos has been removed and disposed of properly.

"They are waiting on the contractor to get in there and do some clean-up and renovation of the buildings to get them more marketable. The QDC director (Denea Hudman) has been showing those buildings and even in that condition, they have received quite a bit of interest in those buildings for future development," Evans advised.

During the Mayor's Comments section, Evans read from a letter sent by Forever Young Activity Center thanking Walter Lutonsky for the work and action he and his crew had done around and near the center. "Walter and his crew do a lot of work around town and it is greatly appreciated and I also want to thank you," Evans noted. Lutonsky was quick to give his crew the credit for their hard work.

The council approved an ordinance moving the council meeting starting time from 7 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. each third Thursday of the month. "This will allow for council members to get here and get the business of the city done and maybe get home at a half-way decent hour," Evans explained. "It certainly will allow the city staff not to have to hang around for a couple of hours and have to rush back at 7 p.m. for a council meeting."

On another item, aldermen approved the reallocation of \$13,120 from park revenue to building

maintenance to provide for roofing at the Honeymoon Cottage and the small gazebo, both located at Jim Hogg City Park. The council then approved a bid from ABC Roofing of Texas to perform those needed roofing repairs.

Quitman representative and Wood County Industrial Commission Chairman Sam Scroggins reported the organization has 19 seats, but currently seven are vacant. "Quitman is in terrific shape with three active representatives. Some of the other cities around us need to try and get representation back on the commission," Scroggins said.

In other actions the council approved:

- renewal of the 20-year franchise contract with Wood County Electric Cooperative which grants the cooperative the right to use and occupy rights-of-way within the city of Quitman for construction and operation of and electric transmission and distribution system;
- the acceptance of a bid of \$737 for the sale of property in West Quitman for the payment of back taxes;
- The changing of names on the signatories for city accounts to J.R. Evans, mayor; David Dobbs, mayor pro-tem; Sandy Cobern, utilities clerk and Greg Hollen, city secretary-administrator;
- financials, previous minutes, and departmental reports.



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Janan Rushing

Funeral services for Janan Rushing, 77, of Quitman, were held Saturday, July 23, 2016 at Lowe Funeral Home with Brother Mike Morrow officiating. Burial followed at Rock Hill Cemetery. Rebecca Janan Rushing was born August 25, 1938 in Floydada, TX to Vernon and Emma (Martin) Gilbreath and passed away July 19, 2016 in Tyler. She lived most of her life in Quitman and was a graduate of Quitman High School class of 1958. She and her husband, Curtis, opened the Minnow Bucket in 1983 and she was also a secretary for Goldsmith & Morse Insurance.

She is preceded in death by her husband, Curtis Rushing. Survivors include two sons, Darrell Rushing and wife Pam of Quitman, and Bobby Rushing and wife Deedi of Tyler; brother, Reggie Gilbreath and wife Wendy of Denver City; three sisters, Gwen Laminack of Amarillo, Mattie Wynne and husband Ronnie of Odessa, Patricia Milner and husband Steve of Temple; four grandchildren, Macie Thompson and husband Logan of Fort Worth, Candace Bates and husband Quitman, Dillan Rushing of Tyler, and Chelsea Rushing of Tyler; and a large extended family.

Serving as pallbearers are her nephews: Scott Wynne, Jeff Wynne, Robert Laminack, Charlie Gipson, Cody Milner, and John Piper.

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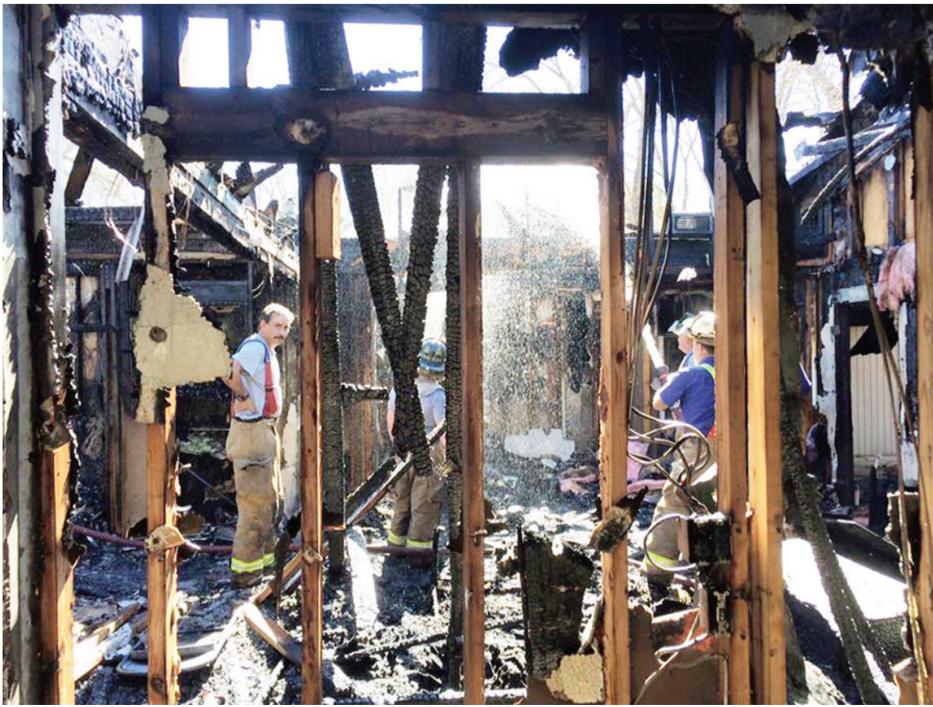


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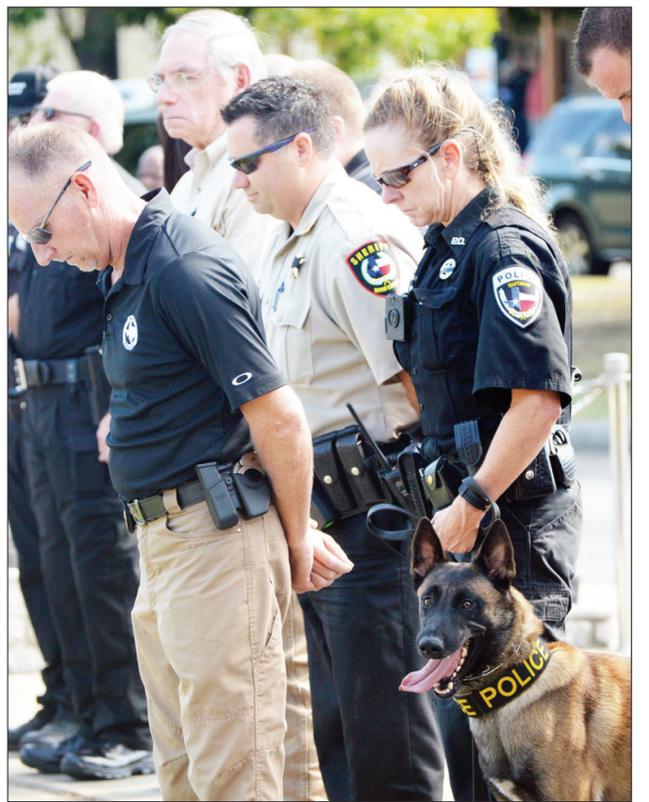
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2016-205 STATEOF TEXAS TO: Larry Harris "You have been sued. You may employ an attorney. If you or your attorney does not file a written answer with the clerk who issued this citation by 10:00 a.m. on the Monday next following the expiration of 20 days after you were served this citation and petition, a default judgment may be taken against you. The petition of Sun Eagle Bay Owners Association, Petitioner, was filed in the District Court of Wood County, Texas on the 28th day of March, 2016, against Larry Harris, Respondent, numbered 2016-205 and entitled "Sun Eagle Bay Owners Association v. Larry Harris". The suit requests foreclosure

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2016-206 STATEOF TEXAS TO: Charlie and Bonnie Taylor "You have been sued. You may employ an attorney. If you or your attorney does not file a written answer with the clerk who issued this citation by 10:00 a.m. on the Monday next following the expiration of 20 days after you were served this citation and petition, a default judgment may be taken against you. The petition of Sun Eagle Bay Owners Association, Petitioner, was filed in the District Court of Wood County, Texas on the 28th day of March, 2016, against Charlie and Bonnie Taylor, Respondent, numbered 2016-206 and entitled "Sun Eagle Bay Owners Association v. Charlie and Bonnie Taylor". The suit requests foreclosure of real property. The real property owned by Defendant and located within the Sun Eagle Bay Subdivision is more fully described as follows: Sun Eagle Bay Subdivision, Section 1, Lots 42 and 43 The Court has authority in this suit to render an order to enforce property foreclosure that will be binding on you. Issued and given under my hand and seal of the Court at Wood County, Texas, this the 22nd day of July, 2016. "Jenica Turner, Clerk of the District Court of Wood County, Texas. By: Jennifer Mosher, Deputy." Citation Issued

NOTICE TO CREDITORS Notice is hereby given that original Letters Testamentary for the Estate of Frank Watson Robertson, Deceased, were issued on July 18, 2016, under Docket No. 12,950, pending in the County Court of Wood County, Texas, to Frank David Robertson. Claims may be presented in care of the attorney for the

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estate, addressed as follows: Frank David Robertson, Representative Estate of Frank Watson Robertson, Deceased c/o James A. Attaway, Jr., Attorney at Law P.O. Box 746 Quitman, Texas 75783 All persons having claims against this estate, which is currently being administered, are required to present them within the time and in the manner prescribed by law. Dated July 18, 2016. James A. Attaway, Jr. Attorney for Executor

PUBLIC NOTICE OF TEST OF AUTOMATIC TABULATING EQUIPMENT Notice is hereby given that the automatic tabulating equipment that will be used in the August 2016 TRE election for Yantis ISD Election held 27-Aug-16 will be tested on 28-Jul-16 at 10:00 AM at Wood County Courthouse to ascertain that it will accurately count the votes cast for all offices and on all measures. Laura Wise, Elections Administrator

AVISO PUBLICON DE PROBAR EL EQUIPO PARA TABULAR AUTOMATICAMENTE Por lo presente se da aviso que el equipo para tabular automaticamente que se usara en la Eleccion August 2016 TRE Eleccion Yantis ISD que se llevar a cabo el 8/27/2016 se probara el 7/28/2016 a las 10:00 AM en la Corte del Condado Wood para determinar si el equipo contara con exactitud los votos para todas los puestos oficiales y sobre todos los proyectos de ley. Laura Wise, Elections Administrator

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NOTICE OF APPLICATION AND PRELIMINARY DECISION FOR TPDES PERMIT FOR MUNICIPAL WASTEWATER RENEWAL

PERMIT NO. WQ0014171001 APPLICATION AND PRELIMINARY DECISION. Lake Fork Paradise RV Resorts LLC, 321 Private Road 5534, Alba, Texas 75410, has applied to the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) for a renewal of Texas Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (TPDES) Permit No. WQ0014171001, which authorizes the discharge of treated domestic wastewater at a daily average flow not to exceed 24,500 gallons per day. TCEQ received this application on January 11, 2016.

The facility is located at 321 Private Road 5534, in Wood County, Texas 75410. The treated effluent is discharged directly to Lake Fork Reservoir in Segment No. 0512 of the Sabine River Basin. The designated uses for Segment No. 0512 are high aquatic life use, public water supply, and primary contact recreation. All determinations are preliminary and subject to additional review and/or revisions.

The TCEQ Executive Director has completed the technical review of the application and prepared a draft permit. The draft permit, if approved, would establish the conditions under which the facility must operate. The Executive Director has made a preliminary decision that this permit, if issued, meets all statutory and regulatory requirements. The permit application, Executive Director's preliminary decision, and draft permit are available for viewing and copying at Office of Wood County Clerk's Office, 1 Main Street, Quitman, Texas. This link to an electronic map of the site or facility's general location is provided as a public courtesy and is not part of the application or notice. For the exact location, refer to the application https://www.tceq.texas.gov/assets/public/hb61_o/index.html?lat=32.831388&lng=-95.628611&zoom=13&type-r

CHANGE IN LAW: The Texas Legislature enacted Senate Bill 709, effective September 1, 2015, amending the requirements for comments and contested case hearings. This application is subject to those changes in law.

PUBLIC COMMENT / PUBLIC MEETING. You may submit public comments or request a public meeting about this application. The purpose of a public meeting is to provide the opportunity to submit comments or to ask questions about the application. TCEQ holds a public meeting if the Executive Director determines that there is a significant degree of public interest in the application or if requested by a local legislator. A public meeting is not a contested case hearing.

OPPORTUNITY FOR A CONTESTED CASE HEARING. After the deadline for submitting public comments, the Executive Director will consider all timely comments and prepare a response to all relevant and material, or significant public comments. Unless the application is directly referred for a contested case hearing, the response to comments will be mailed to everyone who submitted public comments and to those persons who are on the mailing list for this application. If comments are received, the mailing will also provide instructions for requesting a contested case hearing or reconsideration of the Executive Director's decision. A contested case hearing is a legal proceeding similar to a civil trial in a state district court.

TO REQUEST A CONTESTED CASE HEARING, YOU MUST INCLUDE THE FOLLOWING ITEMS IN YOUR REQUEST: your name, address, phone number; applicant's name and proposed permit number; the location and distance of your property/activities relative to the proposed facility; a specific description of how you would be adversely affected by the facility in a way not common to the general public; a list of all disputed issues of fact that you submit during the comment period and, the statement "[I/we] request a contested case hearing." If the request for contested case hearing is filed on behalf of a group or association, the request must designate the group's representative for receiving future correspondence; identify by name and physical address an individual member of the group who would be adversely affected by the proposed facility or activity; provide the information discussed above regarding the affected member's location and distance from the facility or activity; explain how and why the member would be affected; and explain how the interests the group seeks to protect are relevant to the group's purpose.

Following the close of all applicable comment and request periods, the Executive Director will forward the application and any requests for reconsideration or for a contested case hearing to the TCEQ Commissioners for their consideration at a scheduled Commission meeting.

The Commission may only grant a request for a contested case hearing on issues the requestor submitted in their timely comments that were not subsequently withdrawn. If a hearing is granted, the subject of a hearing will be limited to disputed issues of fact or mixed questions of fact and law relating to relevant and material water quality concerns submitted during the comment period. TCEQ may act on an application to renew a permit for discharge of wastewater without providing an opportunity for a contested case hearing if certain criteria are met.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR ACTION. The Executive Director may issue final approval of the application unless a timely contested case hearing request or request for reconsideration is filed. If a timely hearing request or request for reconsideration is filed, the Executive Director will not issue final approval of the permit and will forward the application and request to the TCEQ Commissioners for their consideration at a scheduled Commission meeting.

MAILING LIST. If you submit public comments, a request for a contested case hearing or a reconsideration of the Executive Director's decision, you will be added to the mailing list for this specific application to receive future public notices mailed by the Office of the Chief Clerk. In addition, you may request to be placed on: (1) the permanent mailing list for a specific applicant name and permit number; and/or (2) the mailing list for a specific county. If you wish to be placed on the permanent and/or the county mailing list, clearly specify which list(s) and send your request to TCEQ Office of the Chief Clerk at the address below.

All written public comments and public meeting requests must be submitted to the Office of the Chief Clerk, MC 105, Texas Commission on Environmental Quality, P.O. Box 13087, Austin, TX 78711-3087 or electronically at www.tceq.texas.gov/about/corments.html within 30 days from the date of newspaper publication of this notice.

AGENCY CONTACTS AND INFORMATION. If you need more information about this permit application or the permitting process, please call the TCEQ Public Education Program, Toll Free, at 1-800-687-4040. Si desea informacion en Espanol, puede Hamar al 1-800-687- 4040. General information about the TCEQ can be found at our web site at www.TCEO.texas.gov.

Further information may also be obtained from Lake Fork Paradise RV Resorts LLC at the address stated above or by calling Ms. Jennifer Smith at 903-765-3600. Issuance date: June 30, 2016

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