



Jaggar Humphries (above right) has no fear and no napkin as he faces off against the eventual winner of the pie eating contest, Joyce Bell (left). The contest was part of the activities in downtown Alba Saturday for the Life After Meth Ministries. At right, Colt Lopez enjoys cooling off by slipping down a water slide. A motorcycle rally, music and dunking booth were also part of the festivities. See related photo Page Nine. (Monitor photos by Sam Major)



Higginbotham Brothers buys Cade's Building Materials

Cade's Building Materials, a fixture in Mineola since 1985, has been sold to Higginbotham Brothers & Company. The Mineola location becomes the 39th Texas lumberyard and hardware store in the Higginbotham chain.

The acquisition was effective June 3, according to Higginbotham Brothers, whose corporate office is in Comanche, Texas.

Cade's roots go back to 1928, when a lumber store was established in Edom, Texas, by Henry Cade and his son Alton Cade Sr. The

company moved to Tyler in 1945 and opened a location under the name Cade's Building Materials as Cade's continued to operate sawmills in East Texas, according to company history.

In 1957, Alton Cade Jr. joined the business and helped his father oversee daily operations. The store opened in Mineola in 1985. Alton Cade Jr. became president of the company in 1988 and remained in that role until he retired in 2007. Before its purchase by Higginbotham, Cade's had

been owned and operated by Alton Jr.'s daughter, Deborah Cade Nail.

Higginbotham Brothers began as a general mercantile business in DeLeon, Texas, before the turn of the century. By the early 1900s, the Higginbotham brothers and some of their relatives opened eight additional general stores in towns such as Ballinger, Comanche, Dublin, Rising Star, and Stephenville. Those early stores weathered the Great Depression and sold

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New law takes aim at wild pigs

By HANK MURPHY
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Beginning Sept. 1, with a landowner's consent, anyone – licensed or not – can send a wild pig to that big sty in the sky. Gov. Greg Abbott last week signed Senate Bill 317, a bill authored by state Sen. Bryan Hughes (R-Mineola).

The bill passed the Senate 31-0 and the House 141-2 with seven abstentions. The new law allows people to kill feral hogs without a Texas hunting license as long as they have the landowner's permission. Previously, a person needed a license to take out a wild pig.

The legislative ball got rolling when Hughes received a call from a Northeast Texas constituent who informed the senator that the only thing he ever pulls a trigger on is a feral hog, and "the government should never get between a hog and his rifle," a spokesman for Hughes's office in Austin recalled. A hunting license – \$25 for an adult state resident – equates to a tax on someone defending their

property and doing the state a favor, argued the constituent, who implored Hughes to act.

Hughes and his staff worked closely with the state's game wardens and Texas Parks & Wildlife (TP&W) in crafting the legislation, the spokesman said. Additionally, wild pigs "are going suburban now," he noted.

The support from wildlife experts and the fact that wild pigs are no longer just a country problem combined to give the bill widespread support from rural, suburban and urban lawmakers alike, he said.

Wild pigs are a growing nuisance across the state, especially in East Texas. In September 2017, feral hogs tore up the Quitman Arboretum (now called the Wood County Arboretum and Botanical Gardens) at Governor Jim Hogg City Park. The wild pigs uprooted grass, flower beds and irrigation lines and knocked over statues. From the sweet potato fields of Golden and Alba to cattle pastures across Wood County, the critters have

caused a lot of headaches.

The hogs can smell tubers and produce growing in gardens and fields, according to Wood County Extension Agent Shaniqua Davis. Trail cameras have caught up to 40 at a time congregated in Quitman, she said.

A&M AgriLife Extension Service reported in May that wild pigs "were very active and damage reports increased" in East Texas.

According to TP&W, wild hogs generally do not pose a health threat to humans, but some diseases can be transmitted to livestock and wildlife. Various diseases of wild hogs include pseudorabies, swine brucellosis, tuberculosis, bubonic plague, tularemia, hog cholera, foot and mouth disease, and anthrax. Internal parasites include kidney worms, stomach worms, round worms and whipworms. Liver flukes and trichinosis are also found in hogs. External parasites include dog ticks, fleas and hog lice.

TP&W estimates the feral hog population in Texas at 3 million to 5 million and growing.

Judge in Walters murder case orders DPS to release video

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Judge Joe D. Clayton signed an order on June 1 that directs the Texas Department of Public Safety to turn over a video sought by the defense in the Jason Walters murder case.

The order gave the DPS 10 days to produce the video for the court, which will provide copies to defense attorneys and to prosecutors.

Walters is charged with murdering Christopher James Griffin the night of June 15, 2014, behind the EZ-Mart in Mineola.

At a pre-trial hearing on April 25, former Wood County District Attorney Jim Wheeler testified that DPS Trooper Stephen Nichols showed him a video that made reference to Mineola police Capt. Joyce Box as well as the words "meth oil,"

"protection" and "cartel." Upon hearing the officer's name, Wheeler immediately stopped viewing the video, he testified.

Wheeler testified that the video showed Nichols, a Hawkins police officer and a person reported to be a confidential informant. Box was the supervising officer in the Walters murder case and her affidavit served as the basis for Walters' arrest warrant.

After hearing Box's name on the video, he became obligated to share what he'd heard with Walters' defense team under the 2016 Michael Morton Act, Wheeler testified. The DPS, however, refused to turn over to him a copy of the video, Wheeler testified. Viewing the video made him a potential defense witness, Wheeler testified.

He decided the correct thing to do was to recuse

himself from the case, which he did only weeks before the trial was scheduled to start.

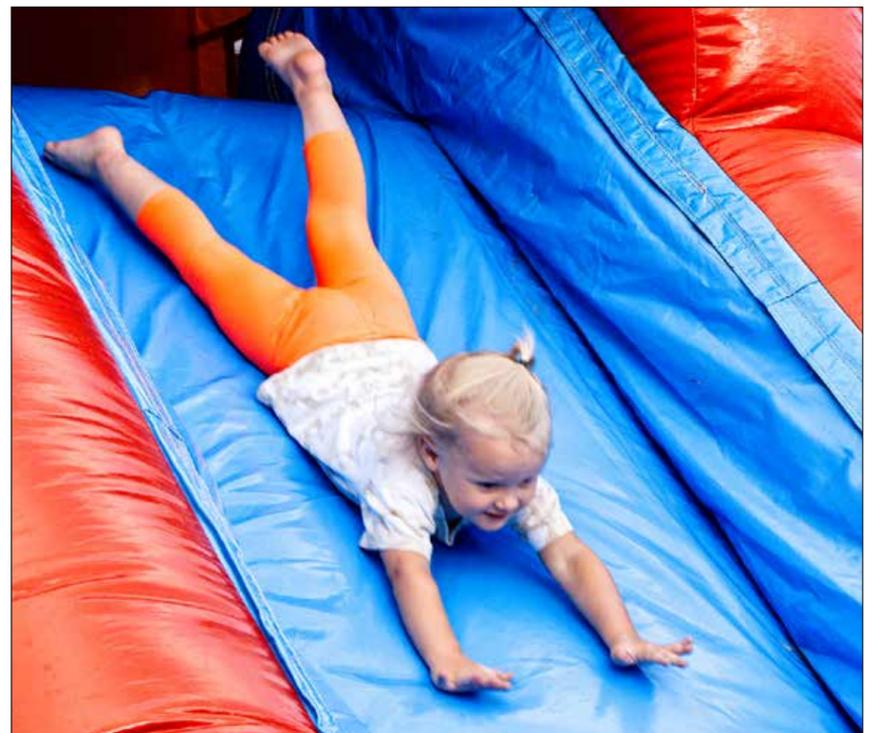
The DPS informed Box that she had never been the subject of an investigation, she testified.

The DPS also informed the Wood County District Attorney's Office that Box had not been the target of an investigation, according to testimony at the hearing.

Thomas Cloudt, a state prosecutor in the case, suggested that the defense was attempting to impugn her character.

Nichols testified on April 25 that he could not recall showing the video to Wheeler, but he did have a separate conversation with him in regard to Box and allegations made by several local peace officers.

Walters' trial is scheduled to start July 8, for which 15 days are set aside.



Kinsley Miller goes head-first into summer, down the inflatable slide on Friday in Quitman at the end-of-school-year block party outside the walls of the Faith Baptist Church. See related photo Page Ten. (Monitor photo by Sam Major)

This Week in Your Neighborhood

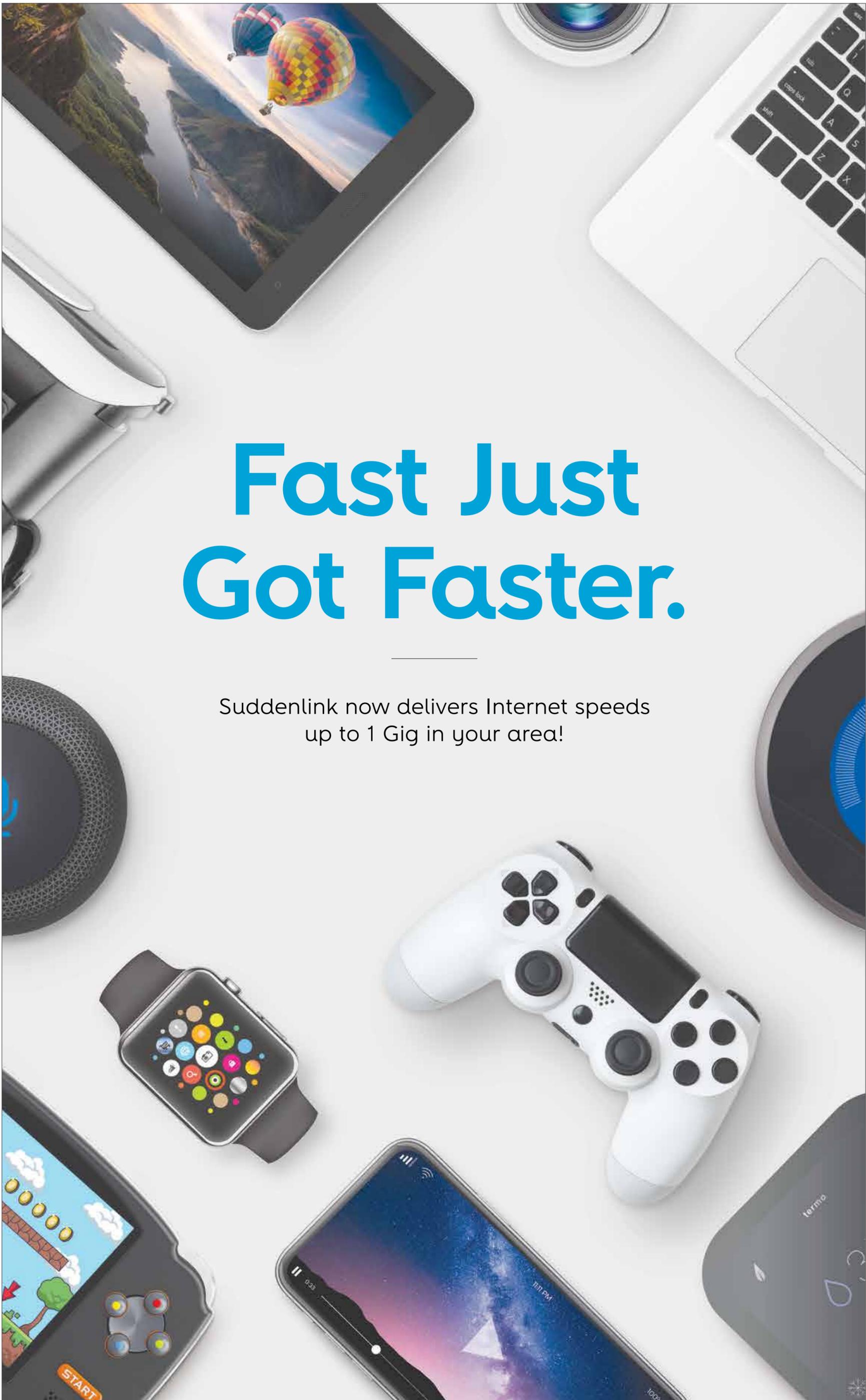
Junk in the Trunk sale, 9 a.m.-2 p.m. Saturday, Mineola Civic Center. Mineola Farmers Market, Saturday morning at the pavilion in downtown Mineola, 8 a.m.-1 p.m.
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QHS culinary arts students learn real-world cooking skills

By ZAK WELLERMAN
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In Quitman's culinary arts program, students improve their cooking abilities and learn to keep food safe as certified food handlers.

Food and consumer science teacher Rena Brown explained that students come into culinary arts with differing levels of experience.

In the first semester, students complete various lab assignments based on their experience and learn about cooking everything from scrambled eggs to pasta or soufflés.

The more experienced ones participate in the annual Texas Association of Family, Career and Community Leaders of America (FCCLA) Cupcake Battle and get to experiment with complex projects. Toward the middle of the semester, they learn about foods from other countries. They then take a field trip to a hibachi

grill to see a professional chef in action.

In addition to becoming well-versed in various foods, students complete their food handler certification, which educates them on food safety when working in the food service industry.

Since 2017, those employed by a food service establishment in Texas must have a food handler certification, according to the Texas Department of State Health Services (DSHS). A certified food handler program is meant to educate employees on how to provide consumers with safe food products and reduce the risk of food-borne illness, according to the Texas DSHS.

This year, 55 Quitman students took the food handling test and 51 earned a certification.

"If you've already got your certification, you're already hireable," Brown said. Safety in the kitchen

would be the No. 1 skill for her students to have, along with knowing safe food temperature and how to properly use utensils, she said.

Quitman Dairy Queen owner Sherry Bridges said the students have a great advantage being able to take the certification while in class as opposed to the online option.

"You can take a course online. But I like that the students do it in class and have some discussion about it and get certified," Bridges said. "I tell them it's like their drivers license, it stays with them when they leave me and go to say Taco Bell next. They will need it."

The certification test used at Quitman is called ServSafe, and it is considered "the gold standard" in the industry, according to Bridges. "I appreciate that it is offered at school and the students are work-ready for me or other eating establishments," Bridges said.

Along with cooking projects and food safety, Brown has her students research various careers in the culinary arts industry. Options include food taster, barista, bartender, line cook, chef and bakery owner.

Brown has been teaching about foods for 20 years. Prior to teaching, she worked with her parents for 14 years at their restaurant on Lake Fork.

"I love what I do. My world in here (the classroom) is a real-life world. You can apply it to your real life, and that's what I like about it," she said.

In addition to culinary arts, Brown also teaches child development, Ready Set Teach and principles of human services.

She wants her students to be adventurous in the kitchen.

For instance, her students cook Aussie burgers, an exercise that began with a visiting chef from Australia visiting a class a few years



Quitman High School culinary arts students take one of their cooking projects out of the oven. (Courtesy photo Rena Brown)

ago. The student must all try the burger as it is before removing pieces they might not like.

"I want them to not be

afraid of different experiences," Brown said. "If it doesn't taste good, throw it out."

Corner Column

Last week we talked in this space about snakes, and we will continue with that theme this week.

I am talking about the recently convened session of the Texas Legislature.

A lot of the news coming out about the end of the session concerned the measures that were passed dealing with the dueling issues of property tax reform and public school finance.

While it would appear that the albatross that has long hung around the necks of state lawmakers has been lifted at least partially – assuming that a strong Texas economy continues for a few more years – there was a bit of a mid-night surprise that was hidden amidst the congratulations and back-slapping.

And in the bitterness of ironies, the amendment that removed a key public notice provision from the law was contained in a bill whose title includes the word transparency. And heading into Memorial Day weekend and graduations, no less.



PHIL MAJOR

If you want to watch a little acrobatic act, find the video of the explanation of the removal of the provision while under questioning from Rep. Davis.

The requirement means that the notice on the final vote to raise taxes will appear only on the entity's website, and Davis questioned whether that discriminated against those who don't use the internet, and indeed those with no or limited access.

One of the reasons this is such a shady deal is that lawmakers used the trick of going outside the rules during the conference committee process of resolving differences between the Senate and House versions of the bills.

They knew full well that if such an amendment had been attempted during the regular legislative process, with full hearings and such, that it would not have stood the light of day.

Now before you go thinking that this is just so much whining by newspapers, be assured, that we will continue to report on any and all tax increases proposed by local government bodies whether they file a notice in the paper or don't.

I saw one comment that was hopeful that entities would

do the right thing and publish these notices anyway. I suppose it is possible, but I won't be holding my breath. Perhaps those in charge of Wood County budgets will surprise me.

In the meantime, if you have a chance to ask your senator or representative why they were in favor of such an amendment (and to be fair the way the vote was structured gave them little choice), be sure and mention that less notice does not equal more transparency.

The other issue with removing one notice requirement is that this is just another step in the slow erosion of government transparency. Sure most of the world is moving to the internet, but no one seems to be concerned with the ready ability to manipulate anything that exists only online.

Once it's printed in the paper, you can go back months and years from now and show exactly what was published.

I hope that matters to you, and that having your government, that is spending your money, do everything it can to be open and honest and accountable to you is vitally important.

WOOD COUNTY COMMUNITY CALENDAR

This calendar has been updated as of April 16, 2019. If your group listing has been omitted, please email editor@woodcountymonitor.com or news@woodcountymonitor.com and include the correct information.

2nd FRIDAY ACOUSTIC JAM - second Friday 6 - 9 p.m., Quitman Public Library, 202 E Goode St, Quitman 903-975-5745
ALBA CITY COUNCIL - first Monday, 6:30 p.m., City Hall.
ALBA LADIES CLUB - fourth Tuesday, 6:30 p.m., Alba Community Center. 765-2956
ALBA LIBRARY/MUSEUM BOARD - third Monday every other month, 4 p.m., library building. Everyone welcome.
ALBA-GOLDEN SCHOOL BOARD - second Monday, 7 p.m., high school library, 768-2472.
ALBA-GOLDEN YOUTH FOUNDATION - second Tuesday, elementary gym, 7 p.m. All welcome.
ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS - Sunday and Monday, 7 p.m., Friday 8 p.m., Wednesday noon; Women's Group Monday noon; St. Dunstan's Episcopal Church, Mineola.
ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS - Wednesday and Saturday, 7:30 p.m., 404 S. Main Street, Quitman.
ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS - Gateway Group, Tues. & Sat. 7 p.m. Puckett House, 109 Kilpatrick Street.
AL ANON - Thursday, 7:30 pm; St. Dunstan's Episcopal Church, Mineola.
AMERICAN LEGION POST 296 and Auxiliary - fourth Tuesday, 7 p.m., Highway 80, three miles east of Mineola. 903-569-6481. All are invited.
AMERICAN LEGION POST OF WINNSBORO - first Tuesday, 5:30 p.m., 201 West Broadway, in Winnsboro, 214-502-4496.
APET (Animal Preservation of East Texas) Thrift Store - Dog Gone Good Stuff, 915 S. Pacific Street, Mineola, Thursday-Saturday 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. (903) 569-1250
BOY SCOUT TROOP #36 QUITMAN - meets second and fourth Sunday, 4:30 p.m., Scout House behind First United Methodist Church. Joe Degorostiza, 903-763-4127
Boy Scouts Troop 385 Mineola - Tuesdays 7 p.m., Mineola Methodist Education Bldg. third floor. New boys/alums welcome! Chris Jennings 903-569-3531
BREAD OF LIFE MINISTRY FOOD PANTRY - Humble Baptist, first & third Tuesday 1-4 p.m.
CELEBRATE RECOVERY - a support group for those with various hurts, habits or hang-ups, every Monday, 6:30-9 p.m., Church on the Rock annex building at 302 S. Stephens. 903-497-6149
DAUGHTERS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION - first Saturday except June, July, August and December, 11 a.m. Harvest Acres Baptist Church, 460 NW Loop 564, Mineola. 903-343-1474.
DAUGHTERS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION, John Hogg, Sr. Chapter, 3rd Monday except June, July, August & December, 1 PM. Holly Hall, Holly Lake Ranch. 903-520-8697
EASTERN STAR - Quitman Chapter 695, 3rd Tues., dinner 6:30 p.m., meeting 7:30. Flora Lodge in Quitman. 903-850-4822
EAST TEXAS WORKFORCE SOLUTIONS - first Friday at 10 a.m. at Quitman Public Library
UT Health Quitman - needs volunteers. Great opportunity to meet people while helping your community. Contact Judy Johnson, 903-383-3433
FANNIE MARCHMAN GARDEN CLUB - third Wednesday, September - May, Mineola Civic Center, 10 a.m. Visitors welcome. Angela Thompson, president, 903-316-0875
FLORA MASONIC LODGE #119 - first Tuesday at the lodge hall, Highway 37, Quitman. Covered dish - 6:30 p.m., meeting 7:30 p.m. Study nights for members each Thursday, 7 p.m. at the hall.
FOREVER YOUNG ACTIVITIES CENTER - Wednesday and

Friday, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Fitness exercises, educational programs, entertainment, fellowship, Bingo and card games. 903-763-8201
FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY - second Tuesday at noon, Quitman.
FRIENDS OF THE MINEOLA MEMORIAL LIBRARY - first Thursday, 1 p.m., Mineola Library, 569-2767.
GED Test Support - each Thursday 4 - 6 p.m. concurrent with QISD calendar. Quitman Public Library, 202 E Goode St, Quitman 903-975-5745
Girl Scouts Mineola Troop 3 - building girls of courage, confidence, and character, who make the world a better place! All girls kindergarten-12th grade welcome! Monday, 5:00-6:30 pm, September-May, Broad Street Church of Christ Annex, Crystal Arcand 903-705-2459
HAINESVILLE VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPT. - second and fourth Thursday, 7 p.m., Firehouse downtown Hainesville.
HOLLY LAKE FIRE DEPARTMENT - first and third Tuesday at the fire station at Holly Lake Ranch.
KIWANIS CLUB - noon Tuesday, Mineola Civic Center Dogwood Room.
THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS OF SAINT PETER'S THE APOSTLE COUNCIL #11933 - second Thursday, 7 p.m., at the church, 203 Meadowbrook Drive, Mineola. 903-569-3662.
LAKE COUNTRY CLASSIC CAR CLUB - third Monday, 6:30 p.m. 903-850-3858.
LAKE COUNTRY REPUBLICANS - fourth Tuesday, 6 p.m., Red Dome Smokehouse, Quitman.
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LAKE FORK ROTARY CLUB - Wednesday, noon, at the Lake Fork Baptist Church on State Highway 515
LAKE HOLBROOK ASSOCIATION - first Saturday, February, May, August and November, Harold Simmons Community Center, 5:30 p.m. directors, 6 p.m. all members and guests welcome. 903-569-0223.
MEMORY CAFE, a time for stimulating memory, meets weekly on Thursday in the craft room at Holly Brook Baptist Church from 11:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. Lunch is provided. Various activities are offered each week, including games, moderate exercise, art, and music. People in the area are invited. There is no charge. For more information call 903 769-2091
MINEOLA BAND BOOSTERS - second Tuesday, 6 p.m., in middle school band hall. All parents invited.
MINEOLA LIONS CLUB - for information on meetings call 903-638-1596.
MINEOLA MARINE CORPS LEAGUE Det. #1278, 3rd Tuesday, 6 p.m. meal, 7 p.m. meeting, American Legion Building, 2015 E. Hwy. 80, Mineola, 903-497-3030.
MINEOLA SCHOOL BOARD - third Monday, Admin. Bldg.,

Loop 564, 7 p.m. dependent on schedule changes
MINEOLA CITY COUNCIL - fourth Monday, 5:30 p.m., City Hall. Public welcome. Call City Hall for changes in November and December because of holidays.
MINEOLA HIGH SCHOOL ATHLETIC BOOSTER CLUB - third Monday, 5:30 p.m., high school lobby.
MINEOLA HISTORICAL MUSEUM ADVISORY BOARD - third Tuesday, 4 p.m., city hall. 903-569-6183. Public invited.
MINEOLA MASONIC LODGE - second Thursday, dinner at 6:30 p.m., meeting at 7:30 p.m. All Masons invited. 569-2608.
MINEOLA REBEKAH LODGE - every other Saturday, 11 a.m., 106 S. Line St. All Rebekahs welcome, 769-4024.
MINEOLA ROTARY CLUB - Monday noon, Dogwood Room, Mineola Civic Center.
MINEOLA SENIOR CITIZEN CENTER - 308 University, 8:45 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Monday, Wednesday, Thursday and 8:45 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Tuesday. 903-497-1162; Dominoes, cards, rummy cube.
MLOTA LINE DANCE GUILD - Tuesday and Friday, 8 to 9 a.m. beginners, intermediate 9 a.m. to noon
MLOTA FIBER/CRAFT ART GUILD - third Wednesday at 1 p.m. and first and third Thursday at 10 a.m.
MLOTA QUILT GUILD - first Thursday at 10 a.m.
MLOTA PAINTERS GUILD - Wednesday, 10 a.m.; business meeting fourth Monday.
MLOTA RUG HOOKING GROUP - first Thursday, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Beginners are welcome.
MLOTA PHOTOGRAPHY GUILD - fourth Thursday, 6:30 p.m. All levels welcome
MLOTA SCULPTURE GUILD - first and third Tuesday, 1 p.m. Business meeting second Monday at 10:30 a.m.
PARENTS ANONYMOUS GROUP - Saturday, 2-3:30 p.m., First Baptist Church, Quitman. Children's program provided. 903-629-2114
PILOT CLUB OF MINEOLA - second Tuesday, 6 p.m. Mineola Civic Center. President Loraine Epps.
Quilts of Valor group, Stitchin' Angels, meet the last Wednesday of the month at 10:30 a.m., 1118 N. Pacific St., Mineola, to make quilts for service members and veterans.
QUITMAN GARDEN CLUB - second Tuesday (except when on field trips), 2 p.m., Quitman library. quitmangardenclub@gmail.com. All are welcome.
QUITMAN/LAKE FORK KIWANIS - Wednesday, noon, Faith Student Center, 403 S. Main St., Quitman.
QUITMAN LIONS CLUB - For meeting time and place call 903-763-4126.
QUITMAN PILOT CLUB - third Tuesday, 1:30 p.m., UT Health Quitman board room. 903-383-5075.
QUITMAN ROTARY CLUB, Thursday, noon, UT Health Quitman Community Room, N. Hwy. 37.
QUITMAN CITY COUNCIL - third Thursday, 5:30 p.m.; city hall.
QUITMAN SCHOOL BOARD - third Monday, 6 p.m. Adminis-

tration Building.
REPUBLICAN WOMEN OF WOOD COUNTY - third Monday, 11:30 a.m., Carol Green Civic Center, Quitman.
SINGING AT THE FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH OF HAWKINS - fourth Sunday, 2-4 p.m.
SCOTTISH RITE - Wood County Scottish Rite Club meets third Friday of odd month, 6:30 p.m., Richie's Café in Winnsboro. 903-253-3635.
TOASTMASTERS INTERNATIONAL - Garden Valley chapter, Tuesdays on Mercy Ships campus, noon to 1 p.m. Call ahead for room details 903-939-7000 or gvtm@mercyships.org.
TOPS GROUP - Thursday, 8-11 a.m., Harvest Acres Baptist Church, NW Loop 564, 569-1240, 569-2415.
UPPER SABINE VALLEY SOLID WASTE DISTRICT - meetings are held quarterly, 5:30 p.m. on a Thursday to be determined at the Wood County Airport board room.
VFW AUXILIARY #7523 - third Sunday, 1 p.m., Recruiting new members. 569-2228.
VFW POST #7523 - third Wednesday, 6 p.m., Karaoke every Friday and Saturday, 8 p.m. 569-2228.
WHYTE DOVE WRITER'S GROUP - Second Tuesday, 6 p.m., Quitman Public Library. 903.967.7488, e-mail kayoung.wdp2001@gmail.com
WOOD COUNTY 4-H HORSE CLUB - Business meeting, Monday, 2 p.m., Wood County Extension Office.
Wood County Aggie Moms - 1st Monday, 6 p.m. at Speakeasy in Quitman (except in January, June, July and August), 903-539-7049 or Wood County Aggie Moms Facebook page.
WOOD COUNTY APPRAISAL DISTRICT - Quarterly, third Thursday, 8 a.m., appraisal district office. Open to the public.
WOOD COUNTY ARBORETUM & BOTANICAL GARDENS - garden workday each Wednesday 9 a.m. to noon, all levels of experience welcome. Come at 8:45 a.m. in the kitchen of the Stinson House for coffee. 175 Gov Hogg Pkwy, Quitman - the two-story white house behind the pavilion at Hogg Park.
WOOD COUNTY CENTRAL HOSPITAL DISTRICT - third Monday, 5:30 p.m. in the UT Health Quitman hospital board room (every three months).
WOOD COUNTY COMMISSIONERS COURT - every other Friday, Commissioners Court, Quitman, 10 a.m. 903-763-2716.
WOOD COUNTY CRIME STOPPERS - every other month, third Monday, 6 p.m., depending exceptions. Wood County Justice Center courtroom. The public is invited. 903-569-3711
WOOD COUNTY DEMOCRAT CLUB - fourth Thursday, Quitman Public Library, at 6:15 p.m. www.woodcountydem.org 936-635-4656
WOOD COUNTY TX GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY - third Monday, January through May and September through November, 7 p.m., Quitman Public Library, Shamburger Community Room. For 903-763-4191 or 967-2458.
Wood County Pct. 2 Constable Explorers - first Thursday, 6:30 p.m., Armed Texans Training Facility, 369 CR 2784, Mineola.
WOOD COUNTY RETIRED SCHOOL PERSONNEL ASSOCIATION - third Monday, September-December, and February-April, 2 p.m. and in May at 5 p.m., Forever Young Activity Center, 402 S. Main St., Quitman. All retired school personnel are invited.
YANTIS CITY COUNCIL - second Tuesday, 6 p.m., city hall.
YANTIS SCHOOL BOARD - second Monday, 6 p.m., school cafeteria.
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Quitman ISD receives grant to 'grow its own' quality teachers

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Through a Texas Education Agency grant program, Quitman ISD was awarded \$49,000 to fund district employees' teacher certification degrees, dual-credit classes, training and pathways for future educators.

TEA's Grow Your Own teachers grant is meant to elevate the teaching profession in Texas using high quality education and training in high school.

School districts can use the 2019-21 grants to encourage students to pursue teaching careers, and district employees can obtain certifications.

Bethany Fatheree, a Quitman Elementary paraprofessional, received \$10,000 in grant funding to complete her teaching degree.

Corey Hammond (agricultural sciences), Austin Hagy (physical education/coach) and Jesus Ramirez (social studies/coach) each received \$5,000 to complete their degrees.

"This is an amazing opportunity for our district, our employees, and our students. I am so proud of the work that went into making this grant happen, and I expect a great return on the investment," QISD Superintendent Rhonda Turner said.

The remaining \$24,000 will go toward encouraging Quitman students to become teachers through dual-credit classes, training and a student organization for future teachers called the Texas Association of Future Educators (TAFE).

TAFE is a statewide student organization that helps young people explore and achieve teaching careers.

Amy Park, an instructional technology and digital media center specialist, wrote

the grant application for QISD. The grant's purpose is to increase the amount of qualified diverse candidates in the teaching field, especially in small rural schools, she said.

"The district benefits from the increase in the number of potential teacher candidates to fill future positions, and the students benefit from an added career pathway to pursue, which will hopefully lead them back to where they received their own education," said Park. "I am excited to be a part of this program, giving back to my alma mater and hopefully impacting our students to make a return on the investment QISD has made on them. It's a win-win for everyone involved."

QHS Principal Dana Hamrick shared her excitement about the school district receiving these funds to help bring great teachers to Quitman.

"I am thrilled that Quitman ISD has been afforded the opportunity to participate in this program. With the shortage of teachers across Texas, I believe the ability to 'Grow Your Own' teachers, both from non-traditional and alternative certification programs and from our own high school students who pursue the education and training pathway will positively impact our community in countless ways," Hamrick said.

Hamrick, Park and Brittny Eldred will learn more about the grant and specific training related to it this summer in Austin.

"I'm really looking forward to seeing how this program grows here in Quitman, and to the possibility of seeing more and more Quitman folks teaching in Quitman schools," Hamrick added.



Quitman Elementary School paraprofessional Bethany Fatheree received a Grow Your Own grant award of up to \$10,000 to fund the tuition costs of becoming a teacher. Pictured are (left to right) Assistant Superintendent Angela Brown, Superintendent Rhonda Turner, Bethany Fatheree and Elementary Principal Mary Ann Nichols. (Photo courtesy of Quitman ISD)



Quitman High School agricultural sciences teacher Corey Hammond received a Grow Your Own Grant award of \$5,000 to fund the tuition costs of becoming a teacher. Pictured are (left to right) Assistant High School Principal David French, agricultural sciences teacher Brant Lee, Corey Hammond, Superintendent Rhonda Turner and High School Principal Dana Hamrick. (Photo courtesy of Quitman ISD)



Austin Hagy, physical education teacher and coach, and Jesus Ramirez, social studies teacher and coach, each received a Grow Your Own Grant award of \$5,000 to fund the tuition costs of becoming a teacher. Pictured are (left to right) Assistant High School Principal David French, Austin Hagy, High School Principal Dana Hamrick, Superintendent Rhonda Turner and Jesus Ramirez. (Photo courtesy of Quitman ISD)



Quitman High School Student Council members.

QHS Student Council earns recognition

For outstanding achievement in leadership, service, and activities that serve to improve the school and community, Quitman High School Student Council has been recognized by the Texas Association of Student Councils (TASC).

The QHS Student Council was recognized in the areas of Outstanding Student Council; Drugs, Alcohol, Safety and Health (DASH); Pride and Patriotism; and Energy and Environment. It also was recognized as a Sweepstakes Council. Sweepstakes councils must be recognized as an Outstanding Student Council and receive outstanding recognition in Drugs, Alcohol, Safety and Health (DASH); Pride and Patriotism; and Energy and Environment as well as submitting a Community Service Report.

TASC has 1,399 member schools. Of those, QHS is one of only 232 student councils statewide to receive

this esteemed honor. Shelley Chance has served as advisor of QHS Student Council for 12 years. Next school year Leann Cross will take over as advisor.

"It has been a blessing to work with the students that have served on the council the past 12 years," Chance said. "I have enjoyed seeing these students develop their leadership skills and go on to serve in the community."

Student Council members develop proven skills in team-building, problem-solving, project planning, and decision-making. Through their co-curricular activities, council members serve their communities while strengthening their academic and civic skills.

Whitnee Weiher, next year's QHS Student Council president, expressed her excitement in earning this recognition, saying, "I am looking forward to carrying on the tradition of service to our school and community."

Alba council puts plan in motion to save on interest

By PHIL MAJOR
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Alba City Council started the process to save more than \$139,00 in interest on city bonds Monday.

The council approved Government Capital to seek a better interest rate on the 2009 city bonds that extend through 2039.

Wade Thompson with the firm said the bonds would be shopped to several banks, but he already has one lined up ready to refinance.

The city has until Aug. 15, the 10-year anniversary, to lock in new, lower rates.

The council also discussed paying down some of the principal ahead of the refinance for more savings.

The council learned that a tree that recently fell onto the fence at the east water well will cost the city \$1,650 to have it and an adjacent dead tree cut up and removed. The damage to the fence cannot be assessed until the tree is removed.

The council also learned that Daylan McManus is being offered the position for summer help and Robert Ivory will fill the part-time position.

The city will also be looking for a new office assistant with the resignation of Diane Eaton.

The council approved a request from Lisa Arrington to replace a modular home on Hopkins St. with a tiny house.

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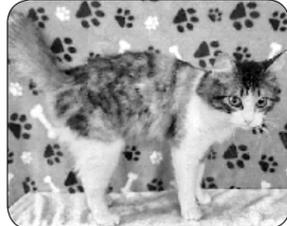
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Wood County Sheriff's Report

MAY 29

Deputies were dispatched at 7:23 a.m. to County Road 2110 on an animal complaint regarding a snake. The snake was relocated from the residence to the woods.

Deputies were dispatched to the Lake Holbrook beach area at 2:43 p.m. on a report of two people smoking marijuana. Deputies located them and requested permission to search the vehicle, which they received. When the vehicle door was opened a very strong odor of marijuana emanated from the truck cab. Deputies discovered a small white tube containing marijuana buds and Xanax bars. Justin Hillard-Kennedy, 31, of Mineola was arrested for alleged possession of drugs.

Deputies were dispatched to County Road 3990 in Hawkins at 5:14 p.m. on a domestic assault call. The reporting party claimed injuries from being hit in the face with a bottle. Due to conflicting witness statements the case was forwarded to investigators.

Deputies were dispatched to County Road 4360 at 7:26 p.m. in regard to a tornado touching down. The citizen was referred to the Red Cross for additional assistance.

Deputies were dispatched to County Road 2110 in Quitman at 7:46 p.m. in regard to a burglary in progress. Upon arrival, deputies located a subject who had a strong odor of an alcoholic beverage coming from him as he stood in the roadway. Joshua Ray Scott, 27, of Alba was arrested for public intoxication and transported to the Wood County Jail. The homeowner declined to pursue any charges for burglary.

Deputies were dispatched to County Road 2944 in Golden at 9:25 p.m. in reference to a domestic disturbance. A subject was transported to the hospital for evaluation.

Deputies were dispatched to FM 69 off of Highway 37 at 9:51 p.m. to assist a motorist who had driven into high water. A towing company was contacted and TxDOT put up barricades on the road.

Deputies were dispatched to County Road 2920 in Alba at 10:58 p.m. in regard to a disturbance in progress. One individual stated that she had been assaulted by two others. Due to conflicting statements, this case was forwarded to investigators.

MAY 30

Deputies were dispatched to County Road 1416 near FM 2966 at 2:27 a.m. regarding a suspicious vehicle. Deputies located a car parked at the location with minor damage.

Deputies were dispatched to Private Road 6338 in Mineola at 3:32 a.m. regarding a dispute with shots fired. A family member violated a protective order by coming onto the property and shooting onto a car window. When deputies arrived, the subject was no longer at the residence. However, at 5:18 a.m. dispatch was notified that the subject was at the hospital with an accidental gunshot wound to his foot. This case was forwarded to investigators.

Deputies received information regarding possible drug activity in the Holly Lake Ranch area. This information was forwarded to investigators.

Deputies received information at 11:28 a.m. that a possible sexual assault had occurred on County Road 3800 in Hawkins. A report was made to Child Protective Services and this case has been forwarded to investigators.

Deputies responded to a call on County Road 3144 in Quitman at 11:31 a.m. that an unknown bull was in reporting party's yard. The bull was picked up and taken to Winnsboro Livestock because the owner could not be located.

Deputies were dispatched to Private Road 7948 in Winnsboro at 12:36 p.m. in regard to an animal complaint. The reporting party believes that a neighbor is using a Taser to discipline her dog. The deputy spoke with other witnesses who said they had not seen this occur. Deputies were unable to contact the dog owner.

Deputies were dispatched to Private Road 5675 in Alba at 3:33 p.m. on a reported terroristic threat. Deputies spoke to the parties involved and one of the parties agreed to leave for the night to prevent further disturbances.

Deputies were dispatched to Private Road 6673 in Mineola at 3:58 p.m. for shots fired. The deputy located bullet holes in the residence. After speaking with multiple neighbors, the deputy located by phone the shooter, who admitted to shooting in that direction during target practice. He did not realize that there was a residence in that direction and will find a safer location in the future.

Deputies were dispatched to Bent Bow Lane in Holly Lake Ranch at 4:06 p.m. regarding harassing phone calls and texts. The reporting party was advised to block the number.

Deputies were dispatched to Private Road 6645 in Mineola at 6:21 p.m. regarding a suspicious person knocking on the door to ask for a ride. The subject was located and advised not to return to the residence.

Deputies were dispatched to County Road 4760 in Winnsboro at 10:43 p.m. regarding a family disturbance. One of the family members was found to be in crisis and was transported to the hospital for treatment.

MAY 31

Deputies were dispatched to County Road 2460/County Road 2465 at 12:14 p.m. in regard to found property. The reporting party had found a wallet without identification in the road along with a plastic sack containing drug paraphernalia. The items were placed in evidence.

Deputies received a phone call at 1:25 p.m. regarding property damage at a location on FM 17 in Yantis. The reporting party stated that he had been notified by neighbors that persons known to him had damaged his fence even after a criminal trespass warning. This case has been forwarded to investigators.

Deputies were dispatched to Highway 154 at FM 515 at 8:46 p.m. in reference to a reckless driver. The car was located, and Peter Joseph Petsche, 32, of Howe, Texas, was arrested for an out-of-county warrant.

Deputies were dispatched to 1799 at Holbrook Bridge at 10:51 p.m. in reference to a suspicious person walking into oncoming traffic. The subject was located and Monica Shafer, 23, of Grand Saline was arrested for an out-of-county warrant.

JUNE 1

Deputies were dispatched to the boat ramp at Lake Holbrook at 5:20 p.m. in reference to a noise complaint. The deputies warned the subjects not to swim off the boat dock pier.

Deputies were dispatched to Lake Holbrook beach at 6:06 p.m. in reference to an alcohol violation. Deputies warned multiple beachgoers that alcohol is not allowed on the beach.

JUNE 2

Deputies were dispatched to FM 14 in Quitman at 8:06 a.m. in reference to fraud. The reporting party stated that he had received four counterfeit \$100 bills from a tenant paying rent. The case was forwarded to investigators.

Deputies were dispatched to FM 312 one mile north of E. Highway 154 at 8:39 a.m. in reference to a cow hit by a car. The owner was contacted and removed the cow.

Deputies contacted a reporting party by telephone at 11:27 a.m. in reference to a theft. The party reported that she had been missing some items from her home but had not reported them stolen until a neighbor contacted her with information as to who might be responsible. This case has been forwarded to investigators.

Deputies were dispatched to County Road 3420 in Hawkins at 4:01 p.m. in reference to a homeowner finding broken windows at her home. The deputies made entry for the homeowner and everything was secure.

Deputies were dispatched to County Road 2920 in Golden at 7 p.m. on a disturbance. The reporting party stated that a pair of pliers was thrown at her, striking her in the leg and causing bruising. Due to conflicting statements and the fact that the reporting party had been involved in a physical altercation a few days prior, the parties were told that this case would be forwarded to investigations. One of the parties, Gerri Rachelle Butler, 44, of Golden, had an outstanding warrant for driving with an invalid

license and was arrested.

Deputies were dispatched to the FM 515 bridge before FM 17 at 7:30 p.m. in reference to teens jumping off of the bridge. Deputies arrived and the subjects dispersed.

Deputies were dispatched to Greenbriar Cove in Holly Lake Ranch at 8:45 p.m. in reference to a family disturbance. Zoe Nicole Armock, 18, of Holly Lake Ranch was arrested for an alleged assault causing bodily injury to a family or household member by impeding breathing or circulation.

Deputies were dispatched to County Road 2503 in Mineola at 10:47 p.m. in reference to criminal mischief. The reporting party stated that a person known to him had damaged the interior of his vehicle. The case was forwarded to investigators.

JUNE 3

Deputies made contact by phone with a reporting party who stated that he had paid an individual known to him to build a boathouse at County Road 1445 in Quitman. The subject began but did not finish the job and admitted to the reporting party that he spent the money elsewhere. This case has been forwarded to investigators.

Deputies made contact by phone with a reporting party who stated that she had paid an individual to do mechanic work on her 18-wheeler. The subject took the money but did not perform the work. This case has been forwarded to investigators.

Deputies were dispatched to FM 69N in Quitman at 12:54 p.m. regarding a terroristic threat. The reporting party stated that her ex-husband pulled up next to her vehicle and pointed a gun, threatening to kill her. Deputies were unable to locate the subject. This case was forwarded to investigators.

Deputies were dispatched to FM 515/CR 4990 at 2:07 p.m. in reference to assisting a motorist. Deputies located the vehicle which had been driven off of the roadway and called roadside assistance for the driver.

Deputies were dispatched to County Road 1513 in Alba at 8:01 p.m. in reference to criminal trespass. Deputies issued a criminal trespass warning and cleared the incident.

Deputies went out on an arrest/warrant service to FM 312 at 9:52 p.m. The subject was arrested for the outstanding warrant.

JUNE 4

Deputies were dispatched to County Road 1515 in Alba at 7:33 a.m. in reference to a criminal trespass. The homeowners were advised to post some no trespassing signs on the property.

Deputies were dispatched to FM 2659 in Hawkins at 11:15 a.m. in reference to actors unknown trying to kick in their door. Homeowners requested extra patrol in the area.

Deputies made contact by a reporting party who stated that she had paid an individual to cut down four trees on her property on County Road 2434 in Mineola. The subject took the money but cut down only three trees. This case has been forwarded to investigations.

Deputies were dispatched to U.S. 80 in Mineola at 2:55 p.m. in reference to theft of services. A reporting party stated that a customer picked up his truck that had been repaired without paying for the services. This case has been forwarded to investigators.

Deputies were dispatched to Highway 69 at 5:14 p.m. in reference to an animal complaint. The reporting party stated that as he was riding his bike a large dog came out onto the road and knocked him over, causing him to scrape his knee. The dog did not attack him, but he requested that a report be made.

Deputies went out on an arrest/warrant service to County Road 2482 in Mineola at 7:22 p.m. David William Wilson, 41, of Mineola was arrested for an outstanding warrant.

Between May 29 to June 4, Wood County Sheriff's Deputies responded to multiple agency assists that included the following: Mineola Police Department, Hawkins Police Department, Quitman Police Department, Department of Public Safety, Child Protective Services and UT Medical Center Quitman.

enforcement respect their decision and will continue to work diligently to uphold the message of their verdict," Albers stated.

Defendant gets 40 years for drug possession

A Wood County jury on June 4 sentenced Bradley Martin Watt, formerly of Mineola, to 40 years in prison for possession of a controlled substance.

Watt was found to be in possession of more than one gram but less than four. He had eight previous felony or misdemeanor convictions. Jurors returned a guilty verdict in less than 30 minutes.

The case was prosecut-

ed by Criminal District Attorney Angela Albers and first assistant Wm. Brandon Baade. Witnesses included sheriff's Deputy Jeremy Smith, former Mineola police officer Frank Hurst, Mineola police Capt. Joyce Box and Caroline Allen, a Department of Public Safety lab analyst.

"The jury's sentence sent a message that was crystal clear. Our office and law

Mineola Police Report

MAY 30

7:33 a.m. A criminal trespass warning was issued for a female to keep her from going to a convenience store on East Broad Street.

2:38 p.m. A resident on West Kilpatrick turned in a check that was a scam. When she called a number, the scammer wanted her to deposit the check into her account and send the scammer some money back.

4:04 p.m. Officers responded to a death investigation on Brenda Lane. A 48-year-old female was pronounced deceased by Justice of Peace Janae Holland. No autopsy was ordered because the cause of death was believed to be natural causes.

5:26 p.m. An owner of property on Graham Street observed two teenagers walking onto the property as they pulled up. A female juvenile was transported to her residence on Wigley Street and turned over to her mother.

6:10 p.m. David Ray Herring, 39, of Mineola turned himself in at the police department on a warrant for unauthorized use of a motor vehicle warrant. Herring was found to be the suspect who allegedly stole a vehicle at the VFW. It was found close to his residence a couple hours after it was stolen.

6:24 p.m. A man got out of a vehicle to get a snow cone on West Broad Street and his dog accidentally locked the car doors. An officer unlocked the vehicle.

9:57 p.m. A disturbance was reported at a residence on Wigley Street. The caller reported that his sister's boyfriend pushed her down. Upon the officers' arrival, it was determined that the boyfriend was trying to leave and he pushed her out of the way. No charges were filed. A family violence report was completed.

10:12 p.m. A restaurant on North Johnson Street reported that a couple came in with a child and seemed to be fine, but after going to the bathroom, they left and appeared to be stumbling around. An officer attempted to catch up to their vehicle but did not locate it.

MAY 31

7:24 a.m. An employee at a convenience store on East Broad Street requested an officer. Two individuals were trespassed from the store.

8:38 a.m. A resident on West McDonald Street reported someone stealing gas from their vehicle.

9:38 a.m. A possible sexual assault of a 4-year-old child was reported. This is under investigation.

11:29 a.m. A theft was reported by a convenience store on South Pacific Street. The woman captured on video is known to police. A citation for the theft was written.

1:31 p.m. A man went to a residence on Minwood Street trying to repair a driveway. The resident felt like it was a scam. When the officer arrived, the man gave a false name. A warrant will be issued because the officer did not

determine the name was wrong until after the man left.

4:17 p.m. An officer assisted a man at a business on East Broad Street when he was trying to capture bees from the building. The man needed a longer ladder. Public works was contacted to help.

7:23 p.m. A business on East Broad Street reported a suspicious vehicle outside the business when the employees were attempting to leave. An officer responded and had the driver of the vehicle leave the property.

9:21 p.m. An officer was flagged down by a man that reported people running out in front of a vehicle on Hwy. 80 West between Mineola and Grand Saline. Van Zandt and Smith County were notified.

JUNE 1

9:27 a.m. EMS requested assistance in the Walmart parking lot until they could arrive in reference to a 5-month-old child who was unresponsive. The family with the baby drove on to the ER in Quitman before an officer or EMS arrived.

9:47 a.m. A hotline reported a woman that reportedly overdosed at a residence. An officer responded with EMS. The woman willingly went to the hospital with EMS.

2:25 p.m. A sexual assault was reported by the family of a 14-year-old female. This is under investigation.

2:34 p.m. A store on East Broad Street reported a man who kept coming in trying to use different debit cards. He was reportedly wearing a handcuff on one hand. The man was not there when the officer arrived, and he had not been identified as of June 1.

JUNE 2

12:01 a.m. Cheryl Denise Hunt, 44, of Mineola was arrested at a business on North Pacific Street when an officer observed her and knew she had outstanding warrants. She was arrested for traffic warrants out of Wood County.

JUNE 3

12:37 a.m. The owner of the Mineola Motor Lodge reported that a man at the property refused to leave. An officer responded to the location and asked the man to leave. When the officer started to leave the man came back. Felipe Aranda Silva, 49, of Grand Saline was arrested for criminal trespass.

1:15 p.m. A baby was reportedly locked in a vehicle at a business on North Newsom Street. The Mineola Fire Department opened the vehicle door.

2:18 p.m. A dog bite occurred on Circle Drive. A man was reportedly at a residence to work and the owner's dog bit him. The man went to the Urgent Care and was released with a minor injury to the back of his leg. The dog was being quarantined at the animal clinic for 10 days.

5:19 p.m. Officers assisted on a medical call on West Kilpatrick Street. The woman was transported by EMS to UT Health in Quitman by EMS.

Mineola Fire Report

Medical assistance: May 30, 11:41 a.m., 409 CR 2768, Mineola; May 30, 3:08 p.m., 1635 CR 2336, Mineola; June 1, 9:22 a.m., 135 NE LOOP 564, Mineola; June 3, 9:32 a.m., 148 Rosemont Dr., Mineola; June 3, 11:58 a.m., 350 PR 6323, Mineola; June 3, 8:25 p.m., 369 CR 2774, Mineola; June 5, 12:01

a.m., CR 2235, Mineola; June 5, 7:56 a.m., 212 W Buchanan St., Mineola; June 5, 4:42 p.m., 1510 Robin St., Mineola.

Motor vehicle accident with injuries: June 4, 1:56 p.m., 761 CR 2700, Mineola.

Lock-in: June 3, 1:21 p.m., 201 N Newsom St., Mineola.

Dispatched & canceled en

route: May 31, 1:39 p.m., 2122 FM 1799, Mineola; June 3, 6:28 p.m., 1032 N Pacific St., Mineola; June 4, 4:39 a.m., 234 Molly Lane, Mineola.

No incident found on arrival at dispatch address: May 31, 1:33 p.m., W Hwy 80, Mineola.

Highway projects in Wood County

Mineola maintenance crews plan to perform overlay operations on FM 2088 and ditch maintenance on FM 779. Expect lane closures with flaggers providing traffic control at both locations.

Wood County construction projects updates:

- FM 1254 Bridge Replacement Project, FM 1254 at Lake Fork Creek.

Contractor: Staline Construction, LLC.

Cost: \$1.5 million
Expected Completion Date: Fall 2019

FM 1254 is closed at Lake Fork Creek between Loop 564 and FM 778. Detours are in place and motorists are encouraged to use alternate routes. With the old bridge removed, the contractor will begin substructure work for the new

bridge. This project consists of replacing the bridge and approaches.

- Loop 564 overlay project from US 69 north of Mineola to US 69 south of Mineola

Contractor: Reynolds and Kay, Ltd.

Cost: \$5.77 million

Expected Completion

Date: Fall 2019

The contractor is performing milling and paving operations. Expect lane closures with flaggers providing traffic control. The project includes pavement repair, hot mix asphalt overlay, guardrail, and pave-

ment markings upgrades.

- SH 182, safety project at various roadways, current work on FM 182 from FM 17 to SH 154

Contractor: Highway 19 Construction, LLC

Cost: \$1.2 million

Expected Completion

Date: Summer 2019

Structure widening and installation of safety features continue on SH 182 and FM 1805. Expect minor delays due to periodic single lane closures with flaggers providing traffic control.

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Obituaries



JOE BROWNING
1976 - 2019

Joe Browning, 43, of Mineola, passed away on Friday, May 10, 2019, in Mineola.

Funeral services were May 14 at Beaty Funeral Home in Mineola with Otis Lee officiating. Burial was at Cedar Memorial Gardens in Mineola.

Mr. Browning was born on Jan. 11, 1976, in Zanesville, Ohio, to the late Richard Browning and Betty Craig Browning. He was an electrician and was a member of Cottonwood Assembly of God.

Joe is survived by his mother, Betty Browning of Mineola; wife, Tracy Browning of Mineola; son, Tucker Browning of Mineola; daughter, Ashtyn Browning of Mineola; brothers Richard Browning of Mineola, Michael Browning of Lindale, Grover Browning of Gilmer, Paul Browning of Big Sandy; and sister, Betty Fuller of Natchitoches, La.

Wood County Grand Jury returns felony indictments

A Wood County grand jury met May 22 and returned 22 felony indictments against the following individuals:

Amanda Rene Allen, Hawkins, possession of a controlled substance (penalty group one) under one gram, state jail felony, \$25,000 bond.

Diane M. Bartoszak, New York, N.Y., evading arrest and detention with a vehicle, third-degree felony, \$50,000 bond.

Roger Allen Bedord, Winnsboro, theft of property greater than \$2,500 and less than \$30,000, state jail felony, \$30,000 bond.

Charles Eugene Marty, Hawkins, possession of a controlled substance (penalty group one) more than one gram and less than four grams, third-degree felony, \$30,000 bond.

Elizabeth Michelle Busby, Atlanta, Texas, evading arrest and detention with a vehicle, third-degree felony, \$30,000 bond.

Elizabeth Michelle Busby, Atlanta, Texas, possession of a controlled substance (possession group one) greater than four grams and less than 200 grams, second-degree felony, \$75,000 bond.

Benjamin James Howard, Quitman, aggravated assault and exhibited a deadly weapon, second-degree felony, \$75,000 bond.

Jose Arturo Jimenez-Davila, Balch Springs, Texas, forgery of a financial instrument involving an elderly person, third-degree felony, \$30,000 bond.

Cody Wade Reed, Mineola, possession of a controlled substance (penalty group one) less than one gram, state jail felony, \$25,000 bond.

Jamie Maximillon Rodarte, Grand Saline, possession of a controlled substance (penalty group one) less than one gram, state jail felony, \$25,000 bond.

Jamie Maximillon Rodarte, Grand Saline, unauthorized use of a motor

vehicle, state jail felony, \$25,000 bond.

Kardaylun Loyd Tennyson, Mineola, online solicitation of a minor for sexual conduct, second-degree felony, \$50,000 bond.

Walter Wayne Hall, Hawkins, possession of a controlled substance (penalty group one) less than one gram, state jail felony, \$25,000 bond.

Clinton Scott Yale, Hawkins, prohibited substance in a correctional facility, third-degree felony, \$35,000 bond.

Robert Randall Corbitt, Leesburg, manufacture or delivery of a controlled substance (penalty group one) greater than four grams, first-degree felony, \$250,000 bond.

Robert Randall Corbitt, Leesburg, Texas, engaging in organized criminal activity, second-degree felony, \$250,000 bond.

Tammie Lynette Potts, Winnsboro, possession of a controlled substance (penalty group one) less than one gram, state jail felony, \$25,000 bond.

Bessie Vaughn Webb, Mineola, possession of a controlled substance (penalty group one) less than one gram, state jail felony, \$25,000 bond.

Krystle Leigh Eaton, Hawkins, possession of a controlled substance (penalty group one) greater than one gram less than four grams, second-degree felony, \$25,000 bond (surety).

Stephen Colby Pyron, Winnsboro, engaging in organized criminal activity, second-degree felony, \$250,000 bond.

Vinice Paul Jones, Winnsboro, assault causing bodily injury of a family or household member by impeding breathing or circulation, third-degree felony, \$30,000 bond.

Jessalee Marie Mackey, Grand Saline, prohibited substance or item in a correctional facility, third-degree felony, \$50,000 bond.

Quitman pro truck puller competes for national titles

By ZAK WELLERMAN
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"An old East Texas country boy starting out playing and then went up in the national ranks."

This is how pro truck puller Charlie Hinds of Quitman describes his journey to become one of the top contestants in the pro pulling league.

Hinds began his pulling career in the mid-80s in Quitman with amateur truck pulls and at local fire department fundraisers. Then life got in the way of his truck pulling pursuit.

He and his wife, Laurie, took a break from truck pulling to raise their kids and start their business, Hinds Metal Buildings.

After taking a 17-year hiatus, Hinds returned to his passion.

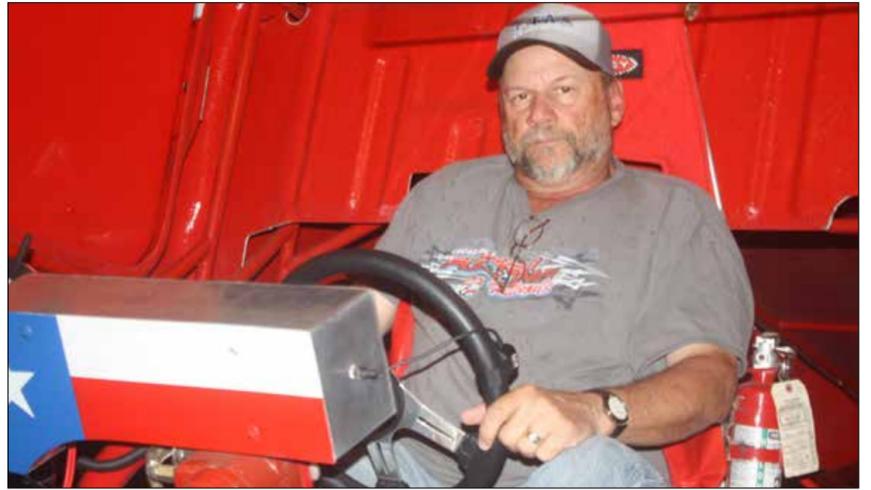
"We got our kids raised and we started back pulling. We pulled Outlaw Association at the state level for probably about five years. After five years, we hooked up with Lucas Oil Pro Pulling (League)," he said. "Through the years, we've worked ourselves up through the Lucas Oil deal, and we're on what they call a champion tour in the pro ranks."

Now he's second in points nationally.

The Hinds joined the Lucas Oil competition in 2006 and they enter about 20 events in a year. At the championship in 2018, he finished fifth at Lucas Oil Stadium in Missouri.

Lucas Oil Pro Pulling tours the country to showcase various vehicles and their drivers' abilities in pulling. The object of the contests is to see who can pull a weight transfer sled the furthest with their truck.

Hinds explained that his love for four-wheel drive trucks over the years drew him to the pulling sport.



Charlie Hinds of Quitman sits behind the wheel of his pulling truck. (Monitor photo by Zak Wellerman)

"Back when I was growing up here and graduated here ... everybody had four-wheel drives," he said. "We were either in the mud or something."

Charlie recalled seeing many Texan drivers in contests back in the day. Now, he is the only driver representing Texas in the league.

"I'd always say it would be cool to run with them guys," he said. "There were so many trucks like this in Texas back in the '90s. It's unbelievable. We're the only truck left now representing the state of Texas."

To show pride in their state, the truck features a Texas flag-themed paint job. It's named "Runnin' Wild: Texas Style"

"We represent our state as far as the level of competition, and our truck represents the state of Texas," he said.

Truck pulling is a family affair for the Hinds team. Charlie drives the truck, while Laurie and their son-in-law, Don King, work as the pit crew with their friend Andy Buschjost of Missouri.

"Most all pullers are family (or) got their family with them. It's a close-knit bunch of guys (and) a second family," he said.

Drivers compete for money prizes at the various pull events, and they have some big-name sponsors on their trucks as well as their professional pit crew wear.

Over the years, they've competed in five national title championships. Competitions are televised on national networks. In 2017, Hinds placed second in the finals and was interviewed on ABC Sports.

So far this year, the Hinds came in third out of 21 trucks at Rudy's Diesel Spring Truck Jam in North Carolina in April.

Being a part of the national truck pulling community has given the Hinds the chance to travel across the country and meet new people along the way.

"We enjoy having the friendship and the friends we've made all over the Midwest. I mean we've got friends from South Carolina to Canada, Indiana and everything in between, Nebraska, Missouri and Iowa," Charlie said. "I guess we enjoy the travelling, the friendship and we enjoy the competition. We're just fortunate to be able to compete at the level we compete at."

The Hinds talk to the friends they pull with more

than people with whom they grew up, said Laurie.

Travel and driving in truck pulls does take some serious preparation. Their team travels in a semi truck for pulls, and it functions as a rolling RV.

The Hinds use their knowledge of each track and technology to make necessary adjustments.

"All the tracks are different. You have to gear different, you have to put different amounts of air in your front tires and your back tires," Laurie explained. "The truck itself has an onboard computer. We can go back and review everything. It's kind of like a diagnostic tool."

They use a device called a weather station to show the adjusted altitude, which tells them if fuel changes should be made. Drivers are able to choose where they want to pull on a track to find a spot that's well-suited for pulling, she added.

Their next national event, the Mackville Nationals, is set for June 14 to 15 in Mackville, Wis. For an amateur truck pull, they will attend an event put on by the Outlaw Association in White-wright, Texas, on June 28 to 29.

Quitman man faces aggravated robbery charge

Jordan Ryan Williams of Quitman faces a charge of aggravated robbery in connection with an armed robbery that allegedly occurred June 2 near Mineola.

Williams was being held early this week in the Wood County Jail on a \$100,000 bond.

According to the Wood Coun-

ty Sheriff's Office, deputies were dispatched at 12:34 a.m. on June 2 in reference to an aggravated robbery.

Deputies arrived at the location to find a male who had been shot in the neck.

The man said the shooting took place on County Road

2502 near Mineola.

The victim was transported to a Tyler hospital by EMS.

Williams is accused of being with another man who shot the victim and took his wallet. He was arrested June 3 and remained in the county jail as of June 11.



WILLIAMS

Daughters chapter installs 2019-20 officers

At the regular May business meeting, members of the Elizabeth Denton English Chapter of the National Society Daughters of the American Revolution recognized the new officers for 2019-20.

Joy Hagg, honorary state regent, presided over the installation ceremonies and guidance of using friendship during every activity for the society.

New chapter officers are Karen Pilgrim, regent; Barbara Vogl, second vice re-

gent; Carrie Shough, recording secretary; Terri Bentley, corresponding secretary; Gayna Christian, chaplain; Helen Stipe, treasurer; Joeline Yates, registrar; Linda Haddock, assistant registrar; Cathy Dunlap, assistant treasurer; Angela Wylie, first vice regent; Shelley Hodges, historian; and Ellen Jackson, librarian.

Retiring Chapter Regent Barbara Gillies received the honorary regent pin and donated a Mayflower Crossing pin in honor of late Regent

Kelly Lindsey. Incoming Chapter Regent Karen Pilgrim accepted the gavel and title for the second time.

While the business meetings for the Elizabeth Denton English Chapter have stopped for the summer break, the members are continuing their service to America, service to veterans, volunteering, and restoring the Honeymoon Cottage in Quitman.

The Elizabeth Denton English Chapter is chartered in Mineola, but members are

welcome from all areas. Any woman is eligible for membership if she is at least 18 years old and can prove lineal bloodline descent from a man or woman who aided the cause of American Independence. For more information, contact www.DAR.org, or on Facebook: DAR-Elizabeth Denton English Chapter, www.texasdar.org/chapters/ElizabethDentonEnglish, or contact Chapter Registrar Joeline Yates at email: joelene Yates@yahoo.com.

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FAX (903)-768-2130.
Applications to be turned in to
Jamie Lennon, Human Resources.

PUBLIC NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that a public hearing has been set for revision on the plat of Holly Lake Ranch Subdivision.

The revision includes lots 2 and 3R, Section 8, within Holly Lake Ranch Subdivision.

The public hearing is set for Friday, July 12, 2019, at 10:00 A.M. in the Commissioners Courtroom. All persons interested in revision to this plat may appear at the public hearing with opposition should they so desire.

/s/ Lucy Hebron
Wood County Judge

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Notice is hereby given that original Letters Testamentary for the Estate of ROLAND GEE SENTER, Deceased, were issued on June 3, 2019, in Cause No. 13,488, pending in the County Court of Wood County, Texas, to: LINDA SUE NICHOLSON SENTER.

All persons having claims against this Estate which is currently being administered are required to present them to the undersigned within the time and in the manner prescribed by law.

c/o: J. Brad McCampbell
Curtis, Alexander, McCampbell, P.C.
P.O. Box 38
Emory, Texas 75440
Telephone: (903) 473-2297
State Bar No.: 13358000
DATED the 5th day of June, 2019.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Notice is hereby given that original Letters Testamentary for the Estate of Lecil Conard Johnson, Deceased, were issued on June 3, 2019, under Cause No. 13,463, pending in the County Court of Wood County, Texas, to Glen E. Howie, Independent Executor.

Claims may be presented in care of the attorney for the estate, addressed as follows:

Glen E. Howie, Executor
Estate of Lecil Conard Johnson, Deceased
c/o Brad Wilson
Attorney at Law
Wilson Law Office
P.O. Box 1529
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 June 4, 2019.

[Signature]
Brad Wilson
Attorney for Executor

CITY OF MINEOLA NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The City of Mineola will hold a Public Hearing on Monday, June 24, 2019 beginning at 5:30 pm in the Mineola Municipal Complex, 300 Greenville Highway, Mineola, TX.

The Public Hearing is being held to authorize a demolition order on property located at 901 University, Mineola, TX.

Curt Myers
Code Enforcement Officer
City of Mineola

Mineola Police Department

is accepting applications for the position of

POLICE OFFICER

APPLICANTS MUST

- Be 21 years of age
- Possess a high school diploma or G.E.D
- Hold a basic certification from TCOLE
- Be of high moral character
- Be able to pass a thorough background investigation

Applications can be obtained from Mineola City Hall, 300 Greenville Highway. Applications will be accepted until the position is filled. The City of Mineola is an Equal Opportunity Employer.

Application has been made with the Texas Alcoholic Beverage Commission for a Mixed Beverage Restaurant Permit with FB and Food and Beverage Certificate by Kitchen's Hardware and Deli LLC dba Kitchens Hardware and Deli, to be located at 119 East Broad Street, Mineola, Wood County, Texas. Managing Members of said LLC are Corbie Doggett and Tomasito Garcia.

REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

Wood County will accept sealed requests for proposal (in duplicate) for a contract on Specific and Aggregate Stop Loss Re-Insurance until 10:00 A.M. local time, THURSDAY, JUNE 20, 2019, in the offices of Brinson Benefits, 4851 LBJ Freeway, Suite 900 Dallas, TX 75244. Information may be obtained from the Benefits Analyst, 214-379-5125. Bid envelopes shall be sealed and marked with "RFP # 2019-007: Specific and Aggregate Stop Loss Re-Insurance" on the outside of the envelope. Any bids received after the time and date stated above, regardless of the mode of delivery, will not be considered. The County reserves the right to reject any and all bids, in whole or in part, to waive any informality in any bid, and to accept any bid, which, in its discretion, is in the best interest of the County.

Public Notice

Requesting Public Comment

Habitat for Humanity of Smith County known as HFHSC is requesting public comment about HFHSC applying for a "Section 533 Housing Preservation" grant from the United States Department of Agriculture. The grant will be used to repair homes of low to very-low income families in rural Anderson, Cherokee, Henderson, Rusk, Van Zandt, Wood and Smith Counties, Texas. This project involves the rehabilitation of one to twenty homes in rural Anderson, Cherokee, Henderson, Rusk, Van Zandt, Wood and Smith Counties, Texas. Typical ReHabit projects will involve roof replacement, bathroom repair, kitchen repair, window repair, flooring replacement, safety issues, etc. All comments should be sent to Raimund Gideon, Habitat Humanity of Smith County, 822 West Front Street, Tyler, Texas 75702 by July 1, 2019.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Notice is hereby given that original Letters Testamentary for the Estate of Kenneth Walter Fancher, Deceased, were issued on June 3, 2019 under Cause No. 13,444, pending in the County Court of Wood County, Texas, to Mary Lanell Fancher, Independent Executor.

Claims may be presented in care of the attorney for the estate, addressed as follows:

Mary Lanell Fancher, Executrix
Estate of Kenneth Walter Fancher, Deceased
c/o Brad Wilson
Attorney at Law
Wilson Law Office
P.O. Box 1529
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 June 4, 2019

[Signature]
Brad Wilson
Attorney for Executor

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- TX "Moonraker" actress Chiles
- TX LBJ took _____ of office aboard Air Force One
- TX ZZ Top, e.g. _____
- TXism: "leave stone unturned"
- TXism: "threw a hissey _____"
- llama lookalike
- TX McMurry's "Lonesome Dove" was a TV _____ series
- worn by TX roller-bladers, wrestlers, or boarders
- TXism: "left out for parts _____"
- TXism: "he _____ his own trail" (independent)
- ex-Chevy model
- Cowboys contest
- home for many TX actors: "_____ town"
- TXism: "tall hog at the _____"
- TX Larry McMurry writing genre
- a fraternity at UT (abbr.)
- you can hike a Longleaf _____ in East TX
- Technical school in Waco (abbr.)
- TXism: "_____ (very small)"
- TXism: "horny _____ (lizards)"
- "the man" south of the border

TEXAS CROSSWORD

by Charley & Guy Orbison

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DOWN

- TXism: "got a _____ of corn to shuck"
- TXism: "he's only got one _____ in the water" (dim witted)
- TXism: "can write _____ (sure)"
- TXism: "easy as _____ a barrel"
- Houston Museum of _____ Arts

- Ezekiel objectives
- TXism: "_____gow" (jail)
- cute TX babies elicit "_____ and aahs"
- TX Hamlin comic strip character "Alley _____"
- TX VP Garner said his job "_____ worth a bucket of warm spit"
- "to and _____"
- Rockne, TX was named after a coach from this school
- Plainview is the seat of this county
- devastate
- an hour later than CST
- dir. to Denton from Alvord
- first female mayor of Dallas
- Joan Crawford was born as Lucille _____Sueur in TX
- school activity
- "he's _____ guy" (fine fellow)
- Abel's brother who was first murderer
- TXism: "it all _____ up" (makes sense)
- TXism: "got as _____ as a hibernating bear"
- Del Rio AM radio
- grass sowers
- former coach of the Houston Oilers: "_____ "Bum" Phillips
- Pecos Bill's honey: "_____ Phoenix"
- TXism: "rug rats"
- Galveston, e.g. _____ a coarse file
- Dallas probably was named for this Alexander (init.)
- TXism: "tough row _____"
- Dallas sportscaster Hitzges on KTCK before 1890, the name of Bronte, TX was _____ (Spanish for "bear")
- TX "Hoop-It-Up" is three- _____ basketball
- TXns among Americans
- rattlesnake's home

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The Monitor does not accept letters of endorsement for or against political candidates. Letters of a political nature will not be accepted for the last edition prior to the election as well.

Letters should not be personal attacks and must not be libelous. The newspaper has editorial discretion on publishing as well as editing letters.

Submit letters to the editor to editor@woodcountymonitor.com or by mail to one of our offices (see staff box at bottom of page three).



Ulysses Riley with his best-of-show-winning motorcycle. He also won best original during Saturday's motorcycle rally in Alba sponsored by Life After Meth Ministries. (Monitor photo by Sam Major)

NOTICE OF DEFAULT AND FORECLOSURE SALE

WHEREAS, on January 22, 2011, a certain Adjustable Rate Home Equity Conversion Deed of Trust ("Reverse Mortgage") was executed by MARIE J SENNIKOFF, as mortgagor in favor of Bank Of America, N.A., A National Banking Association, as mortgagee and G. TOMMY BASTIAN, as trustee, and was recorded on February 10, 2011 under Clerk's Instrument Number 2011-00001750 in the real property records of Wood, Texas.

WHEREAS, the Reverse Mortgage was insured by the United States Secretary of Housing and Urban Development (the "Secretary") pursuant to the National Housing Act for the purpose of providing single family housing; and

WHEREAS, the beneficial interest in the Reverse Mortgage is now owned by the Secretary, pursuant to an assignment dated November 22, 2016, and recorded on December 12, 2016, under Clerk's Instrument Number 2016-00012054 in the real property records of Wood County, Texas; and

WHEREAS, a default has been made in the covenants and conditions of the Reverse Mortgage in that the Mortgagors are now deceased; and

WHEREAS, the entire amount delinquent as of July 2, 2019 is \$252,445.06; and

WHEREAS, by virtue of the default, the Secretary has declared the entire amount of the indebtedness secured by the Reverse Mortgage to be immediately due and payable;

NOW THEREFORE, pursuant to powers vested in me by the Single Family Mortgage Foreclosure Act of 1994, 12 U.S.C. 3751 et seq., by 24 CFR part 27, subpart B, and by the Secretary's designation of me as Foreclosure Commissioner, recorded on October 15, 2007 in Dallas County under Clerk's File Number 20070369306, notice is hereby given that on July 2, 2019, at 10:00 AM local time or no later than three hours thereafter, all real and personal property at or used in connection with the following described premises ("Property") will be sold at public auction to the highest bidder:

LOT NO. THREE (3) OF ACRES BONITA ESTATES, A SUBDIVISION OF WOOD COUNTY, TEXAS, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT OF SUBDIVISION FILED IN VOLUME 9, PAGE 222, PLAT RECORDS, WOOD COUNTY, TEXAS.

Commonly known as: 176 COUNTY ROAD 3282, QUITMAN, TX 75783.

The sale will be held in Wood County, Texas at the following location: EAST DOOR (FRONT DOOR) OF THE WOOD COUNTY COURTHOUSE OR AS DESIGNATED BY THE COUNTY COMMISSIONER'S OFFICE or as designated by the County Commissioners Court.

The Secretary of Housing and Urban Development will bid \$252,445.06.

There will be no proration of taxes, rents or other income or liabilities, except that the purchaser will pay, at or before closing, his prorated share of any real estate taxes that have been paid by the Secretary to the date of the foreclosure sale.

When making their bids, all bidders except the Secretary must submit a deposit totaling \$25,244.51 in the form of a certified check or cashier's check made out to the Secretary of HUD. A deposit need not accompany each oral bid. If the successful bid is oral, a deposit of \$25,244.51 must be presented before the bidding is closed. The deposit is nonrefundable. The remainder of the purchase price must be delivered within 30 days of the sale or at such other time as the Secretary may determine for good cause shown, time being of the essence. This amount, like the bid deposits, must be delivered in the form of a certified or cashier's check. If the Secretary is the highest bidder, he need not pay the bid amount in cash. The successful bidder will pay all conveying fees, all real estate and other taxes that are due on or after the delivery date of the remainder of the payment and all other costs associated with the transfer of title. At the conclusion of the sale, the deposits of the unsuccessful bidders will be returned to them.

The Secretary may grant an extension of time within which to deliver the remainder of the payment. All extensions will be for 15-day increments for a fee of \$500.00, paid in advance. The extension fee shall be in the form of a certified or cashier's check made payable to the Secretary of HUD. If the high bidder closes the sale prior to the expiration of any extension period, the unused portion of the extension fee shall be applied toward the amount due.

If the high bidder is unable to close the sale within the required period, or within any extension of time granted by the Secretary, the high bidder may be required to forfeit the cash deposit or, at the election of the foreclosure commissioner after consultation with the HUD representative, will be liable to HUD for any costs incurred as a result of such failure. The Commissioner may, at the direction of the HUD representative, offer the property to the second highest bidder for an amount equal to the highest price offered by that bidder.

There is no right of redemption, or right of possession based upon a right of redemption, in the mortgagor or others subsequent to a foreclosure completed pursuant to the Act. Therefore, the Foreclosure Commissioner will issue a Deed to the purchaser(s) upon receipt of the entire purchase price in accordance with the terms of the sale as provided herein. HUD does not guarantee that the property will be vacant.

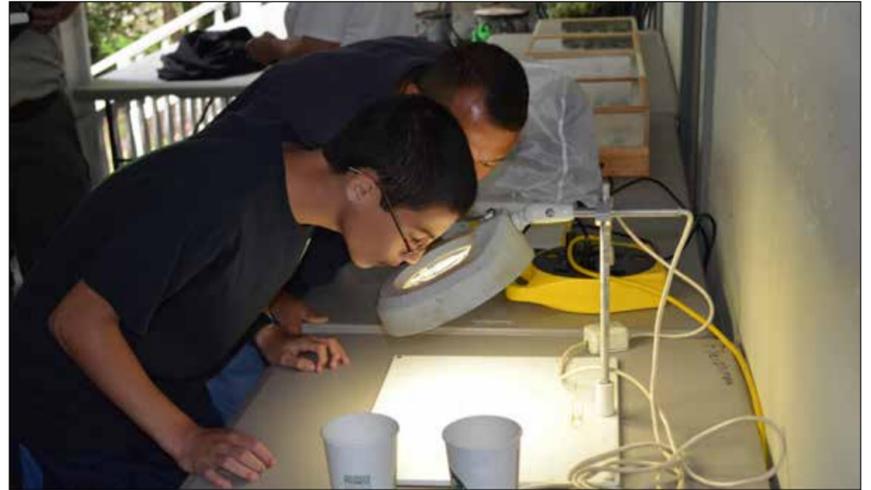
The scheduled foreclosure sale shall be cancelled or adjourned if it is established, by documented written application of the mortgagor to the Foreclosure Commissioner not less than 3 days before the date of sale, or otherwise, that the default or defaults upon which the foreclosure is based did not exist at the time of service of this notice of default and foreclosure sale, or all amounts due under the mortgage agreement are tendered to the Foreclosure Commissioner, in the form of a certified or cashier's check payable to the Secretary of HUD, before public auction of the property is completed.

The amount that must be paid if the mortgage is to be paid in full prior the scheduled sale is \$252,445.06, plus all other amounts that would be due under the mortgage agreement if payments under the mortgage had not been accelerated, advertising costs and postage expenses incurred in giving notice, mileage by the most reasonable road distance for posting notices and for the Foreclosure Commissioner's attendance at the sale, reasonable and customary costs incurred for title and lien record searches, the necessary out-of-pocket costs incurred by the Foreclosure Commissioner for recording documents, a commission for the Foreclosure Commissioner, and all other costs incurred in connection with the foreclosure prior to reinstatement.

Tender of payment by certified or cashier's check or application for cancellation of the foreclosure sale shall be submitted to the address of the Foreclosure Commissioner provided below.

Date: June 5, 2019

L. Keller Mackie
Foreclosure Commissioner
Mackie Wolf Zientz & Mann, P.C.
Parkway Office Center, Suite 900
14160 North Dallas Parkway
Dallas, TX 75254
(214) 635-2650
(214) 635-2686 Fax



Alan DeGorostiza peers through a magnifying glass to get a close up view of a bug during a presentation on insects last month at the Stinson House in Quitman. Next to him is his father, Joe DeGorostiza. (Monitor photo by Hank Murphy)

A&M bug expert says to look beyond insecticides in dealing with garden pests

By HANK MURPHY
editor@woodcountymonitor.com

When an East Texas garden is invaded by destructive insects, resorting first to chemical warfare isn't always the best line of defense. The common approach of bug-therefore-poison might eliminate your enemies, but it's a good bet you'll slaughter plenty of allies as well.

When confronted with an infestation of plant-killing insects, the most common mistake gardeners make is to first reach for a chemical poison, says Alan Smith, an entomologist for the Texas A&M Forest Service.

"I've got a problem. I'll put a spray on it," says Smith, describing the mindset of many gardeners. "That is not necessarily the best option at the beginning."

Not only does it have the potential to kill beneficial insects, but through extended overuse of a chemical agent, insects can develop resistance, according to Smith.

The A&M Forest Service bug expert was in Quitman in May to lead a program at the Stinson House as part of the Wood County Arboretum and Botanical Garden's "Nature U" series titled "Insect Friends and Foes." He talked about methods of controlling damaging

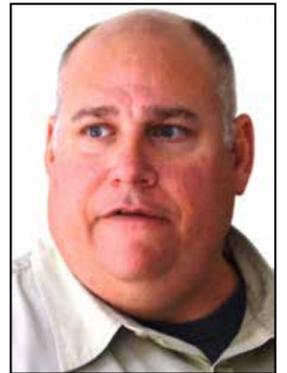
insects, resources for identifying them, and, when the situation does call for an insecticide, how to select and apply the proper one.

Smith notes that when a person is armed with knowledge, many pest problems can be prevented. When infestations do occur, often they can be dealt with through natural processes and effective gardening techniques. Those options should always be explored before "we reach for an expensive spray and before we start putting poison into the environment."

For instance, one way to eliminate a pest is to disrupt its habitat, Smith says. He cited the example of insects that like to live in the crooks and crannies of garden mulch. Eliminate their habitat, and you can eliminate them.

He pointed to natural predators – like bees, wasps and spiders – as another line of defense. And knowing that insects such as Spined Soldier Bugs and Pirate Bugs are good guys while Mexican Bean Beetles and Pill Bugs are destructive pests is useful knowledge to environmentally conscious gardeners.

Smith estimates that 1.3 million varieties of insects inhabit planet Earth. The biggest misconception peo-



SMITH

ple have in general about bugs in their home or garden is that "all of them are bad. When I see a bug I've got to spray it. I think that is the biggest problem we have. A lot of the stuff we see around our homes, those insects are actually beneficial. We don't like wasps, because they sting us. But wasps are very beneficial because they take care of a lot of different things. They eat mosquitoes, all kinds of things. If you learn to live with some of this stuff, it's cheaper, you're not contaminating the environment and putting poison out there, and you're solving a lot of problems before you even have to worry about it," said Smith.

So if reaching for poison first isn't the best way to save a row of pole beans, what should a person do?

The stock answer is "it depends," says Smith. Much depends on variables, such as time of year, the stage of an insect's life, the ease of disrupting a habitat and numerous other factors. He suggests that people consult with their local Extension service, the Texas A&M Forestry Service, or federal agencies before first reaching for the poison or enlisting a pest control business.

Hudgins named to President's List

Robert Hudgins, a junior sport management major from Mineola, earned a 4.0 GPA during the spring 2019 semester and recognition on Southern Arkansas University's President's List.

A total of 349 students were honored on the spring 2019 SAU President's List, compared to 290 students earning this award last year.

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lumber, dry goods and clothing. Some locations even operated an undertaking department, and the company dabbled for a time in the automotive industry and farm implements, according to company information.

Today, Higginbotham Brothers carries lumber, hardware and tools, plumbing and electrical supplies, lawn and garden products, appliances and automotive supplies. Many of its locations offer a variety of services as well.

WOOD COUNTY SPECIAL EDUCATION SHARED SERVICE AREA ARRANGEMENT

The Wood County Special Education Shared Service Arrangement will be destroying confidential student information on special education students who have graduated, moved or were dismissed during the 2013-2014 school year. This will include records of special education students from the 5-member districts: Alba-Golden ISD, Hawkins ISD, Mineola ISD, Quitman ISD, and Yantis ISD. These records may be needed by your child or you in the future for the purpose of filing social security benefits or for other purposes. Parents of these students or the adult student may come to the Special Education Department located at 109 Earlene in Quitman, Texas, Monday through Thursday from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. to claim the file. Proof of identification will be required. Parents/adults students unable to come to the Special Education Office may send a written request for records to: Wood County Special Education: Tammy Willis; 109 Earlene, Quitman, Texas, 75783. Written request must include proof of identification. Written request must be received before June 27, 2019. The remaining files for the 2013-2014 school year will be destroyed as per state directives 30 days from the date of this notice. The district will retain on permanent record the student's name and other identifying information. If you have any questions, please call 903-763-2253.

MADERA COUNTY ESPECIAL EDUCACIÓN COMPARTIDA ARREGLO DEL ÁREA DE SERVICIO

La madera County educación especial compartido servicio arreglo será destruir información confidencial en los estudiantes de educación especial que se han graduado, movido o fueron despedidos durante el año escolar 2013-2014. Esto incluye registros de estudiantes de educación especial de los distritos de 5 miembros: Alba oro ISD, ISD Hawkins, Mineola ISD, Quitman ISD, y Yantis ISD. Estos registros pueden ser necesaria por su hijo o usted en el futuro con el fin de presentar los beneficios de seguro social o para otros fines. Los padres de estos estudiantes o el estudiante adulto pueden llegar al Departamento de educación especial ubicado en 109 Earlene Quitman, Texas, del lunes al jueves de 8:00 a 16:00 para reclamar el archivo. Prueba de identificación será requerido. Los padres/adultos estudiantes incapaces de ir a la oficina de educación especial pueden enviar una solicitud por escrito para los registros: educación especial del Condado de madera: Tammy Willis; 109 Earlene St, Quitman, Texas, 75783. Solicitud escrita debe incluir prueba de identificación. Solicitud debe ser recibida antes del 27 de junio de 2019. Se destruirán los archivos restantes para el año escolar 2013-2014 según las directivas de estado 30 días desde la fecha de este aviso. El distrito mantendrá un registro permanente el nombre del estudiante y otra información de identificación. Si usted tiene alguna pregunta, por favor llame 903-763-2253.

Mineola Middle School Honor Roll

FOURTH TERM-ALL A'S 6TH GRADE

Elsie Adair
Meelah Amason
Gabriel Bardwell
Amedea D'Angelo
Camila Degadillo
Olivia Hughes
Addison Kennimer
Christa Kratzmeyer
Breanna Lindley
Bella Lovett
Aubrielle Maloney
Nathalie Marquez
Calem Redding
Cole Rhodes
Maisy Seaton
Ryleigh VanCleave
Lilyanne Windle

7TH GRADE

Sarahy Amador
Sarah Brust
Ana De La Garza
Mariana Delgadillo
Kennedi Elmore
Macy Fischer
Ella Layne
Hannah McElroy
Marco Medina
Zaid Palma
Breanna Ritter
Jordan Saxon
Chevelle Smith
Richard Stanley
Yuka Torres

8TH GRADE

Alex Barriga
Aubree Bedford

Adam Blalock
Jacob Castleberry
Ashton Crowley
Cason Davis
Lauren Dickerson
Laurin Duncan
Mylee Fischer
Jonathan Gallegos
Conner Gibson
Zoe Goodson
Jon Loreda
Alexis Miller
Timothy Moreland
Cillian Russell
Mira Stampfer
Madeline Tucker
Sydney VanCleave
Hunter Vandover
Riley Woodward



JK Business Services LLC ribbon-cutting

Julie Watson, co-owner of JK Business Services, cuts the ceremonial ribbon to signify the grand opening of the new business alongside community members, Dogwood queens and Quitman Chamber of Commerce directors. At JK Business Services, Watson and Kristy Hargus provide bookkeeping services, typing, notary services, conference room and computer station rentals, video conferencing and more for small businesses and individuals in the area. The office is located at 304 N. Main St. in Quitman. (Monitor photo by Zak Wellerman)

Mineola Middle School Honor Roll

FOURTH TERM-ALL A'S & 1 B 6TH GRADE

Bailey Foster
Riley Jones
Maddison Mcquilliams
Emily Miller
Mason Patterson
Hector Rodriguez
Laila Rushing
Sarah Smith
Tania Villeda

7TH GRADE

Rylee Adley
Jazmin Cruz
Aiden Gould
Valerie Moreland
Gage Norris
Braylon Peckham
Jasmine Rogers
Itzmalzyn Simon
Fernel Ventura
Abrianna Wesley

8TH GRADE

Dalton Anders
Cameron Andrews
Mia Backer
Owen Coutre
Jenna Haggerton
Allison Hooton
Madilynn Sheeran
Spencer Joyner
Alyssa Pendleton
Benjamin Spofford
Vanessa Veloz

Mineola Elementary School Honor Roll

FOURTH TERM-ALL A'S 3RD GRADE

Francisco Anaya
Beckham Bowker
Nicholai Carranza
James Duncan
Jasmin Duran
Paislee Hall
Cesar Hernandez
Nathan Loreda
Triston Lovett
Eric Manson
Evelyn Neely
Jessenia Paredes
Rylan Patterson
Cason Peebles
Jacob Perez
Camden Quiambao
Ashley Ventura
Callee White
Elijah Zavala

4TH GRADE

Vanessa Anaya
Payton Applegate
Hunter Ballard
Maeson Beck-Barton
Jeremiah Black
Carol Brena
Presley Collins
Payton Covington-Jones
Kelly Hernandez Marquez
Mason James
Sebastian Klodnicki
Averie LaForge
Nadiyah Martinez
Isabella McDowell
Abbie McQuilliams
Aubrey McQuilliams
Thomas Melvin
Olman Mendez Vasquez
Natalie Morales
Zion Olajide

5TH GRADE

Katherine Paredes
Adriana Parpart
Davis Pierce
Braxten Pool
Victoria White
Ariel Whitworth
Journie Wilson
Terry Yang

5TH GRADE

Matthew Ballew
Michael Carmago-Rodriguez
Sophia Duncan
Lucy Goodson
Jadelyn Marshall
Bailey McQuilliams
Raylie Peebles
Makena Quiambao
Saoirse Ray
Kerrianna Woods

Mineola Elementary School Honor Roll

FOURTH TERM-ALL A'S & 1 B 3RD GRADE

Lola Carrington
Audrey Cruz
Wesley Fosnight
Iris Goodson
Kinslee Harle
Avery Herlocker
David Hernandez
Beau Hobbs
Hayden Holcomb
Marley Johnson
Skylee Jones
Gavin Key
Aiden Lee
Kylar Leonard
Madison Mendez
Madelynn Moore
Courtney Nguyen
Jazmyn Ortega
Johnny Rocha
Juliana Rodriguez

Steven Sims
Nicholas Solano
Adelyn Steward
Natalie Tucker

4TH GRADE

Mary Adair
Ayden Burciaga
Sara Calderon
Daysen Cook
Jarezi Delgadillo
Audrina Galaz
Aerien Harshman
Cayden Jones
Jaecey Jones
Selena Martinez
Kaitlyn McMahan
Chance Mosher
Dulce Rendon
Madison Snook
River Strange
Carter Wynne

5TH GRADE

Carie Adair
Kenzi Banks
Olivia Barnes
Addyson Blackwell
Austin Blalock
Kaylynn Burge
Corbin Collier
Eva Cruz-caro
Kori Hammond
Sophia Hogue
Josie Hornsby
Anthony Le-Phan
Andres Martinez
Sophia Mullins
Kaleece Palmer
Stephanie Rojas
Zane Strange
Jorja Young

Ag News

By SHANIQUA DAVIS

Driving around, any astute observer has surely noticed the abundant wildflowers on the side of the road. In my area we have worlds of Black-Eyed Susan (the yellow flower) and the white flower about the size of a silver dollar is Queen Anne's Lace.

Or if you have these white flowers in your pasture, you'd know them as wild carrot. The scientific name is *Daucus carota*.

It's called Queen Anne's Lace, or wild carrot depending on your view of it. It is a non-native plant, brought to America by Europeans who wanted it for the garden. It easily spread. Its name, legend has it, came from Queen Anne, who was challenged by friends to create lace as beautiful as the flower. The story goes that while making the lace, the queen accidentally pricked her finger and had a drop of blood. Continuing the story, the plant's grouping of tiny flowers sometimes has a

tiny purple flower at its center that represents that tiny drop of blood.

As a non-native, it can typically do very well in another setting, as they do not have their natural enemies that typically keep them in check.

It's funny to me that both those common names are well known by how you view the plant. Vegetable growers yank wild carrot, and hay producers spray it to clean up pastures.

Flower enthusiasts buy the seed for Queen Anne's Lace and plant it carefully after all chance of frost has passed on a well-prepared seed bed.

However you find these European transplants, they are especially abundant this year due to optimum growing conditions and roadside management practices that work in its favor.

It's either nature's art or a nuisance to food growers, a wildflower or a weed, according to the beholder.

In truth, Queen Anne's Lace is listed as a noxious

weed in at least five states. When you earn the title "noxious" that means it needs to be controlled, according to several experts.

Queen Anne's Lace is related to the carrot family, and the tap root is said to be edible. Yet be very cautious that you have the right plant before you eat it. Some sources report that if you crush seeds, it will act as a form of birth control. Some recent studies find some truth in the fact that the seeds and flower heads should be avoided by women pregnant or hoping to conceive.

Also, to the untrained eye, Queen Anne's lace looks a little like poisonous hemlock. And poisonous hemlock is very lethal if ingested.

A beautiful lacy flower or a wild weed to be removed? It's all in what you call it.

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Pastor Mike Midkiff of Faith Baptist Church presents Quitman Elementary Assistant Principal Lance Marrow with a \$100 gift. The Quitman Junior High and High School, plus the Quitman Police and Fire Departments all received such funds, totaling \$500 donated. The presentation was made during the church's end-of-school-year block party Friday. (Monitor photo by Sam Major)

Home Sweet Home

BY ANGIE MONK, WOOD COUNTY EXTENSION AGENT



Food preservation program set for June 27

Home grown fruits and vegetables often trigger a desire to preserve foods at home. While this can be a fun and rewarding way to keep foods long after the season ends, care must be taken to assure that home canning is done properly. Beginners are probably wondering "where do I start"?

A "Preserving the Harvest: Food Preservation Program" is set for Thursday, June 27 from 10 a.m. -noon at the Wood County Extension Office, 618 S. Main St., Quitman.

This program will be an introduction to the basics of canning. Topics will include water bath vs. pressure canning, equipment, safety and

procedures for vegetables, fruits and pickles.

Participants will receive instruction, resources, handouts, recipes and door prizes for attending.

There is a \$15 per person registration fee for the program. Space is limited to the first 25 people to sign up. Registration is on a first-come, first-served

basis. To register, please come by the Wood County Extension Office to sign up and pay the registration fee, or it can be mailed to the Wood County Extension Office, P.O. Box 968, Quitman, TX 75783. For more information, please call Angie Monk, county extension agent, at 903 763-2924.



Third in the state

Gabe Mullen of Alba-Golden High School earned third place at the UIL Prose Interpretation 3A State Meet on May 30 at the University of Texas at Austin. He is pictured with his coach, Mandy Whitecotton.

Early holiday deadlines set

The July 4 edition of the Wood County Monitor will be published one day early to accommodate press and postal schedules.

The newspaper will be sent to the press on Monday, July 1.

All news submissions, advertising and classifieds should be submitted no later than 3 p.m. on Friday, June 28.

Monitor offices in Quitman and Mineola will be closed for the holiday on Thursday, July 4.

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In East Texas Gardens

By Lin Grado

If you're looking for reliable plants that bloom in an array of colors through the heat of summer, sages are the plants for you. I'm not referring to culinary sage (*Salvia officinalis*, which deserves a spot in your herb garden), but rather the ornamental plants that are a staple in East Texas gardens.

Their blooms provide season-long color in hues ranging from red to yellow to blue to purple to white; their scented leaves are resistant to deer, and their nectar-rich flowers attract pollinators to your garden. You can even enjoy them inside as long-lasting cut flowers in bouquets. Most Salvias prefer full sun and well-drained soil to look and perform their best, but there are some that are suitable for the part-shade garden.

Mealycup sage, *Salvia farinacea*, is a Texas native that blooms in blue, blue-violet, or white, depending on variety. They all grow about two to three feet tall and

run into one of its hybrids such as Indigo Spires or the more compact Mystic Spires (*Salvia longispicata* x *farinacea*). These hybrids have similar color palettes – a bit more true blue than mealycup – and texture in the garden. Indigo Spires is suited for the back of the border, as it tends to sprawl, or planted near sturdier companions to contain it. Mystic Spires, at only 18-30 inches, can even be used in a container.

Anise sage (*Salvia guaranitica*) is a favorite in my garden, as it's a great performer in my part shade. Black-and-blue *Salvia* has blooms that are a deep cobalt blue with dark, almost black calyxes at the base of each flower. It grows to three feet tall, starts blooming in spring, and doesn't stop till a hard freeze (its blooms repeat better with deadheading, if you have the time). Once established, anise sage will spread, so you'll have plenty to share with unsuspecting friends and neigh-

ue to improve this beautiful sage. Friendship sage (*Salvia 'Amistad'*) was bred from anise sage, but has deep purple blooms and a grander form. In my garden the plants stand 3-4 feet tall, with lots of upright branching – one plant is easily four feet wide.

For a smaller spot to fill, you might look at Texas sage (*Salvia coccinea*). This *Salvia* has scarlet-red blooms that you can find in garden centers under the name Lady in Red, but it's being developed in many colors, including a soft salmon pink called Coral Nymph, and the white Snow Nymph. These vase-shaped plants stay about one to two feet tall and wide, but they will re-seed to fill a larger area over time. This Texas native really loves the heat, and is tolerant of some shade.

Finally, Autumn sage (*Salvia greggii*) is a woodier, almost shrub-like plant, with small fragrant leaves and lots of flowers. This plant comes in almost every color, from white to purple, red to bluish, yellow, coral, and my favorite shade of fuchsia. The plants grow three feet wide and tall, and with light pruning stay very tidy. Each spring, trim the stems back to about eight inches, and this will give you a gorgeous shrub that is a favorite of butterflies and hummingbirds.

We have planted most of these salvias at the Wood County Arboretum & Botanical Gardens – ask a volunteer to point them out, or look for the plant tags in the gardens. To sum it up, my sage advice is – plant salvia, and you'll have flowers, bees, butterflies, and hummingbirds in your east Texas garden.

Lin Grado is the garden manager for the Wood County Arboretum & Botanical Gardens in Quitman, and is there each Wednesday from 8 a.m. till noon during the summer. Her email is txgardengal@gmail.com – email your gardening questions and she'll do her best to help.



The deep rich purple of the Friendship sage (Amistad) can add depth to a summer garden.

wide, including their foot-tall flower spikes. The foliage tends to be on the grey-green side, which makes a nice contrast in the border. The plants are a little lanky in part sun locations such as my garden, but they still bloom. While you're looking for mealycup sage at the garden center, you might also

bors. Hummingbirds visit my black-and-blue salvia each morning, ignoring the feeder that's two feet away. Another variety of anise sage, Brazilian sage, has the same blue blooms but with green calyxes. You can find anise sage in lighter shades of blue or different color calyxes, as breeders contin-



"Henry Duelberg" is a mealycup sage, blooming early spring with poppies.

Umpiring brotherhood vital to sports

"Honesty allows camaraderie," stated Cody McAree as he made a point about the level of fellowship within the umpiring brotherhood.

McAree is in his sixth year within the Greater East Texas chapter of baseball umpires and his fifth year in the Commerce chapter of football officials. Both are part of the Texas Association of Sports Officials (TASO).

Sports reside at the heart of East Texas. So much of our identity stems from local sports accomplishments and legends that it is part of our shared life experiences. With the variety of available sports and the number of athletes increasing, maintaining professional sports officiating talent is critical.

TASO directly supports the University Interscholastic League (UIL) by coordinating independent officiating chapters for high school baseball, basketball, football, soccer, softball and volleyball. The organization grew out of the initial officiating efforts at the collegiate level early in the 20th Century. Today, 155 chapters operate around the state.

Zay Green, president of the Greater East Texas baseball chapter, endeavors to build on the concepts of honesty and camaraderie at every turn. Above all else, he stated, umpires must be professional. "Professionalism – it makes a huge difference," he said. The 42 umpires led by Green cover umpiring duties at 32 East Texas schools. "From Mabank to Mount Pleasant," Green noted.

Continued training is essential for maintaining professional standards. In addition to the TASO-mandated annual training, Green's chapter conducts meetings twice a month in season. "We bring in respected veteran umpires to give us training on specific rules, such as obstruction, and we review our performances from the previous two weeks," Green explained. That type of commitment to training pays off, "We get a lot of requests for our umpires," he continued.

McAree detailed another contributing factor in the chapter's professionalism. He described the baseball coaches meeting hosted by the chapter, which explains any rule changes for the upcoming season. Specific rule interpretations are also explained. The meetings have had a positive effect on consistency and accuracy.

Both men started calling slow pitch softball games just after high school. "It was, and still is, an excellent way to earn a little cash while going to school," McAree said. The genesis of umpiring is, however, love of the game. "I have always had a love for baseball," McAree offered, while Green added, "I simply wanted to be part of the game."

Love of the sport is practically the only prerequisite for starting an officiating career.



An umpire makes a decisive call at home plate.

After the preliminary hoops of a background check, joining a chapter, passing an online test and attending a state meeting or regional clinic, a newcomer can count on significant training within the local chapters. Green noted the growing demand, "We can't train umpires fast enough. We'll do the best we can to get you ready for the field. We don't turn anyone away."

TASO just increased the game stipend to \$70 per game. A mileage rate of 43 cents per mile based on a centerpoint mileage chart rounds out the monetary reward. As McAree explained, football officials are not paid a set fee, but rather receive a small percentage of the gate receipts. McAree admitted that last year's Friday night deluges made for some skinny payoffs. The mileage helped offset gate shortfall.

Payment is not the only difference in officiating the two sports. While baseball umpires are generally scheduled individually, football officiating crews are scheduled as five-person teams. The process for football crew assignment is known as the draft. Each spring, region football coaches and head officials meet to determine assignments. A random draw identifies the drafting order, and the head coach then selects the team to officiate the game of his choice. So it goes until all the game assignments are set.

Expectantly, the 2019 football season will see an increased emphasis on targeting. With five years together as a crew, McAree greatly looks forward to the upcoming season. Due to recent retirements, his crew is the longest tenured in the chapter, and they acknowledge the need to replenish the ranks.

Green, too, sees recruitment as vital to the continued success of East Texas sports. He called out their most recent addition, former Mineola stand-out athlete Noah Sneed, as an example of a young man who has made an excellent start to his officiating career. He has become "one of our best umpires," Green stated.

While knowledge of the sport may give one confidence, there is no standard background among the of-

ficials and umpires. McAree began his adult life on the rodeo circuit and now operates a chiropractic service for show animals. Three of the five officials on his football crew are present or retired educators.

There is likely no profession to prepare one for the scrutiny officials fall under in the competitive East Texas scholastic environment. Both Green and McAree listed "thick skin" as the No. 1 quality of an official. "You don't want to ever miss a call," explained Green, "it means you were not in position. But when it does happen – you feel this small," he stated as he held up his thumb to his forefinger.

Each also listed "professionalism" as the next important quality. Green philosophically described the scholastic sporting environment and the impact umpires can have on the livelihoods of coaches. Umpires are keenly aware that their performance may impact a coach's job. "I have tossed only one high school coach in 24 years of umpiring," he admitted. "It's their career," he acknowledged.

The monitored environment of high school competition is loosened significantly in summer and select leagues. This can lead to more direct action by umpires and more vocal criticism from the crowd.

Recently selected by the Rains Youth Sports Association to assemble umpires for the three baseball age groups, McAree summarized his perspective: "Success is being able to handle yourself in a professional manner at all times."

Green shares this perspective and added, "The game (of baseball) is simple. Umpires are there to enforce the rules that are already in place."

As with many paths in life, a mentor can be a godsend. McAree called out his previous pastor at Clarks Chapel Church of God in Flats, Nathan Bounds, as the man who most influenced him to join the umpiring ranks. For any young man or woman seeking to continue, or begin, a relationship with sports in East Texas, two great examples are provided by Zay Green and Cody McAree.

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Quitman's Dobbs awarded \$25,000 TGA scholarship

For her hard work and accomplishments, Quitman High School 2019 valedictorian Abby Dobbs was awarded a scholarship from the Texas Golf Association.

The 2019 Doris Kallina/Nez Muhleman Scholarship is valued at \$25,000 over four years. She received the first portion of \$3,000 at a ceremony on April 11 at The Links at Land's End golf course in Yantis.

TGA Foundation received about 50 applications, and applicants were eventually narrowed down to Dobbs as this year's recipient.

"I would really just like to thank everyone that was involved in the selection process," Dobbs said. "It really means so much to me that you all picked me for this scholarship, so thank you so much! This TGA Founda-

tion scholarship has really changed my life."

She graduated with a 4.18 GPA and has earned college credit through Advanced Placement courses. She will attend Texas A&M University in College Station to major in animal science this fall.

In her high school golf career, Dobbs was named most improved player as a freshman, and then most valuable player in her sophomore and junior years. The girls' golf team advanced to the UIL Regional Tournament from 2017 to 2019.

She has played JV and varsity volleyball and basketball and was part of the varsity cheerleading squad for the past three years. She was active in Student Council, National Honor Society, and Fellowship of Christian Athletes and more. In addition

to school activities, Dobbs also works at the Speakeasy Coffeehouse and interns at the Quitman Animal Clinic.

Dobbs dreams of being a veterinarian at an unconventional type of vet clinic.

"I have plans to start a small business that I will call The Chocolate Bark," she said. "I will have my veterinary practice on one side of the building and on the other side, completely separate but adjacent, will be a small bakery. When the owner comes in with the patient, instead of sitting in a boring waiting room, they can walk next door to the bakery and grab a treat for themselves and/or their pet. I know it may seem silly to some people now, but that's just because they haven't seen it yet."



Wood County athletes David Tarno of Quitman and Cameron Wise of Mineola met on the gridiron.

Wood County athletes participate in Heart of Champions All Star Bowl

Standout football players from around East Texas geared up Saturday for the Fellowship of Christian Athletes (FCA) Heart of a Champion All Star Bowl at Rose Stadium in Tyler. Local athletes Zane Smith of Alba-Golden, Cameron Wise of Mineola, and Quitman's David Tarno and Justin Blalock each saw significant playing time.

They were among 82 athletes representing 45 area schools who spent a week

of preparation and fellowship leading up to kickoff. The Red team coached by Bullard High School's Scott Callaway prevailed 27-0.

A large crowd turned out at Christus Trinity Mother Francis Rose Stadium to cheer on those players who have entertained so many in their high school football careers.

The FCA is highly valued at the three schools. Each of the head coaches, Alba-Golden's Derek Smith,

Mineola's Luke Blackwell and Quitman's Bryan Oakes, volunteered as assistant coaches for the week.

The annual FCA Heart of a Champion program also includes baseball, softball and cheerleading all-star competitions. Mineola's River Simonek participated in the baseball game.

The purpose of the all-star games is to honor God, raise support for the FCA, and showcase local athletes.

Local Kiwanis and Rotary clubs seek golfers

Members of the Mineola Kiwanis and Rotary clubs have joined together for the "KI-RO" Golf Tournament Fundraiser.

The tournament will be held Saturday, June 22, beginning at 8 a.m. at the Mineola Country Club. The event will be a four-person scramble with an entry fee of \$280 per team.

The Mineola Kiwanis

Club was organized in 1975 and "Serves the Children of the World." Funds raised through the golf tournament will be donated to the Kiwanis International world-wide project called Eliminate, which aims to end deaths by tetanus for mothers and babies. Established in 1941, the Mineola Rotary Club plans to use funds raised with the golf

tournament to provide college scholarships for the students of the Mineola ISD.

Chair of the tournament for both clubs, Paul Thomasson, is looking for teams to participate in the golf tournament. He can be reached at 713 483-4785 for more information.

Vice chair for the event is Roy Shockey.

Lake Fork Weekly Fishing Report

Wow, what a great week to fish beautiful Lake Fork. The water temperatures are in the lower 80s and the water clarity over most of the week is stained. However, the water clarity is getting better day by day.

The bass fishing was outstanding this week. There were three good patterns to catch bass on this week. The first is the Carolina rig. We used a Buddy's Custom Baits from here at Lake Fork watermelon/candy/red Boss Hog with dyed chartreuse dyed tails on the Carolina rig in 18 feet of water. The second pattern was the Boss Hog rigged on a 1/4-ounce shaky head jig. You had to move the shaky head jig extremely slow with very little movement. Our best shaky head bite came in 6 feet of

water. The third pattern was the chartreuse/pumpkin Zoom trick worm with a nail in the head fished wacky style. With the air temperatures reaching the upper 80s and the lower 90s every day, make sure you stay hydrated. Drink a lot of water!

The crappie fishing picked up this week. The chartreuse Bubba's Bait 1/8 ounce crappie jig did the trick most of the week. There were a couple of days we needed to tip the crappie jig with a minnow. We found them in 22 to 24 feet of water on brush piles and around the FM 515 bridges.

The white bass fishing slowed down this week. They are still on the main lake humps and on old sharp creek bends. The best bait this week for the white

bass was the Joe Spaits white and black Flashtail jiggling spoon.

The catfish anglers had a good week. They went back to punch bait in 18 feet of water on main creek brush piles and old trees that was baited.

On our equipment list this week was our Ranger 520c powered by a Mercury 250 Pro XS, Duckett rods, ABU Garcia reels, Stren line, Buddy's Custom Baits, Zoom soft plastics, Bubba's Baits Crappie jigs and Joe Spaits spoons.

Here at J&M Guide Service, we have a few days open in June for guided bass trips. Give us a call at (903) 413-6919 or E-mail us at bassmr@geusnet.com. Have a safe fishing week and stay hydrated.

Thursday senior scramble at Mineola Country Club

1st: Elroy Doggett, Rickey Stone, Robert Tullis, Carlis Yelverton - 59-12 under par
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