

With the thanks of a grateful nation Mineola family lays to rest a brother killed in action in Vietnam

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A whole generation had passed. On May 19, 1967, Major Roy Knight Jr., United States Air Force, launched his A-1E Skyraider attack plane out of Udorn Royal Thai Air Base, Thailand. Last week on Aug. 10 he returned home.

The efforts of his fellow servicemen brought him home, where he was received with the highest of honors. His final resting place, the Knight family plot

at Holders Chapel Methodist Church cemetery just east of Mineral Wells, is a place of peace and reverence.

Knight flew a hulking, overpowered single-engine attack aircraft renowned for its rugged construction and payload capacity. Despite many modern innovations, it was more reminiscent of World War II aircraft than those of the jet age. The characteristics of the Skyraider were remarkably well-suited to the many missions required above the battlefields of Southeast Asia during the

Vietnam War. Those roles put pilots such as Knight directly in harm's way.

His skill as a war-time pilot is a matter of record. In just two months of combat flying, Knight's airmanship and dedication to his mission earned him the Air Force Cross, Silver Star, the Distinguished Flying Cross and six Air Medals.

A trend is identifiable when reading the citations that justified the awards. Knight repeatedly put himself at great personal risk while flying in support of others. His willingness to expose himself to intense enemy fire in an effort to protect fellow warriors is the stuff of military legend. Sacrifice of self is perhaps the most highly valued moral characteristic of the U.S. Armed Forces.

That service cost him his life and left a young family – wife Patricia, sons Roy III and Bryan, and daughter Gayann – without a husband and father. Bryan went on to become an Air Force pilot and subsequently a pilot for Southwest Airlines. In a truly meaningful gesture, Bryan received authority to pilot the aircraft carrying his father's remains from Oakland to Dallas. It could not have been a more fitting tribute.

It is accurate and proper to refer to Roy Knight Jr. as a hero. His son, Roy III, was 10



The late Roy A. Knight Jr. is moved to the gravesite at Holders Chapel Cemetery Aug. 10 in Cool, Texas. (Monitor photo by John Arbter)

when his father was lost. As Roy III explained, "The perspective of a 10-year-old boy will forever dominate my thoughts of my father. He will always be the greatest human being a man should ever know and the epitome of what a man should be," he explained.

Now 63, Roy III acknowledges that insights gained through the years have never dampened his opinion of his father. "Even after learning about him over

my whole life, he remains a great man."

In the course of his short life, Roy Jr. embodied the traits of grit and compassion, according to his brother, Bill, a longtime Mineola resident. "He was the consummate big brother," Bill said. Three years Roy's junior, Bill related closely to his brother. "Dogged," Bill continued, "above all else he was dogged and determined. If he set out to get something done, he did it."

Family and the challenges of growing up in rural Parker County shaped Roy's personality. "He was an amazing father and a loving man," Bill explained. Proof of his parenting skill and compassionate nature is evident in the success enjoyed by his children. Each is a leader in their chosen field.

The effort to bring Knight home from the battlefield was a saga unto itself. Fol-

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Col. Roy Knight Jr., United States Air Force

City Hall packed again as Boyd, White address large audience

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The Mineola City Council met before a full house Monday as Pastor Demethrius Boyd again sought to address concerns in the wake of the Jason Walters trial verdict.

Mayor Kevin White also spoke to the more than 100 people assembled at City Hall, stating that Mineola's city government will "always look for ways to improve itself."

On July 17, a jury found Walters not guilty in the June 15, 2014, shooting death of 18-year-old Christopher Griffin. The verdict was a bitter pill to swallow for many in Mineola, testing their trust and faith in "the system."

Boyd said his remarks before the City Council on July 23 were misconstrued by some as criticism of the Min-

neola Police Department's handling of the case, as if its actions resulted in the trial's outcome. "That is absolutely false," he said.

"They did a fabulous job in preparing the case; they did a fabulous job investigating the case," Boyd said. However, several matters arose from the trial and earlier proceedings that "left a bad perception" with some in the community, he indicated.

Specifically, he noted that Walters' defense team attacked the way police handled the crime scene, suggesting it took too long to secure the scene. Another bad perception arose when the defense threatened to seek a mistrial because police witnesses spoke to one another during trial proceedings, a breach of trial protocol.

"When those things hit the public, it gave the percep-

tion that more training was necessary," he said.

Additionally, he noted how during a pre-trial proceeding, police Capt. Joyce Box's reputation was sullied by DPS patrolman Stephen Nichols, whose testimony suggested Box was in league with drug dealers.

"I stand here to tell you that those allegations are totally false and totally unfounded, and her credibility should be restored," Boyd said.

He and several members of the Ministerial Alliance met with White and several other city officials to discuss community perceptions of the police department, he said. The idea was to try to "alleviate" the bad perceptions so they wouldn't fester. He said he and the ministers wanted to express a mindset of working together and re-

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Allie Neagle of Mineola relaxes at the library's area for teenage readers. The watermelon beanbag chair behind her is one of the many new additions to the library. (Monitor photo by Hank Murphy)

Mineola Memorial Library unveils upgrades

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The Mineola Memorial Library last week underwent significant improvements through the financial help of the Tocker and Meredith foundations and the muscle power of members of the

community.

Established in 1960 through the generosity of Harry Meredith, the Mineola Memorial Library was updated last week with new shelving, furniture for adults, teens and youngsters, new computer stations, a spacious new front

desk, new chairs for staff, and clean carpets from wall to wall.

Starting Aug. 5, community members last week boxed and moved nearly 27,000 books, disassembled shelving, installed new

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Wood County commissioners propose lower property tax rate but will raise more dollars

Wood County commissioners proposed a lower property tax rate for fiscal year 2019-20 and set public hearing dates during a special session on Aug. 8.

Commissioners voted in favor of a tax rate of 55.5 cents per \$100 valuation for 2020 compared with 57.99 cents in fiscal 2018-19.

Carol Taylor, Wood County tax assessor-collector, said the rate will go down because taxable values are

up throughout the county. Higher county property values allowed commissioners to reduce the tax rate.

The county will gain more tax dollars compared to last year since this year's rate will be higher than the effective rate. The effective rate is 51.68 cents, which is the rate that would be set to raise the same amount of tax revenue on the same properties as the previous year.

County Auditor Terri Sellers explained that the proposed rate could be changed before the commissioners make final decisions on the county budget.

Public hearings are required before giving final approval on this year's tax rate. Aug. 28 and Sept. 10 were chosen as the dates for the hearings. Both are scheduled at 9 a.m. in the commissioner's courtroom.

This Week in Your Neighborhood

Classes resume Thursday for students in the Mineola ISD.

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Quitman ISD will host meet the teacher night on Aug. 15 for all campuses. Elementary meet the teacher night will be from 5 to 6:30 p.m. and the junior high and high school events will be from 6 to 7:30 p.m.

Bread of Life Ministries will hold its monthly fundraising breakfast Saturday,

Aug. 17 from 7-9:30 a.m. at the First United Methodist Church in Mineola.

Meet the Bulldogs will be held Aug. 19 at 7:30 to 9 p.m. at Bud Moody Stadium in Quitman to celebrate the beginning of the fall sports season. In the event of rain, the location will be moved to Delbert Ballard Memorial Gym.

Quitman ISD campuses will begin classes on Aug. 21 at 7:50 a.m.



Wood County Sheriff's Deputy Trent Welborn, Sgt. Jeremy Ragsdale and Sgt. Darren Lubbe were honored for their life-saving work. Pictured in front from left, Welborn, Ragsdale and Sheriff Tom Castloo. Back from left are Precinct 1 Commissioner Virgil Holland, Precinct 2 Commissioner Jerry Gaskill, Wood County Judge Lucy Hebron, Precinct 3 Commissioner Mike Simmons and Precinct 4 Commissioner Russell Acker. Lubbe was not able to appear in the photo. (Monitor photo by Zak Wellerman)

Wood County sheriff's deputies honored for life-saving efforts

By ZAK WELLERMAN
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Three Wood County Sheriff deputies were honored for their life-saving actions at last Friday's Wood County commissioners meeting.

Wood County and the Sheriff's Department recognized Sgt. Jeremy Ragsdale, Sgt. Darren Lubbe and Deputy Trent Welborn for "their outstanding efforts and for saving lives while on duty for the department," accord-

ing by a proclamation read by County Judge Lucy Hebron.

The Sheriff's Office presented the life-saving award to two of the officers for their actions in the line of duty.

Lubbe was away at training.

Ragsdale helped a person who was bleeding severely at County Road 3281 in Quitman on Nov. 2.

He used tourniquets on the bleeding wounds to restrict the victim's blood flow.

On July 18, Lubbe and Welborn responded to a three-vehicle accident on Highway 154 near County Road 3120.

They assisted a male subject, who was in fiery vehicle and severely injured, out of his vehicle.

After getting the individual safely away from the vehicle, Lubbe and Welborn continued with life-saving measures for others involved in the wreck.

Mineola League of the Arts starting beginner sewing class

Mineola League of the Arts is starting a new class on beginner sewing. It will be held Tuesdays from 1-4 p.m. and Fridays from 10 a.m.-1p.m. starting in September.

The class will be taught by quilter Gaye McNett. The cost is \$20 each day.

All the basics of sewing and the sewing machine will

be taught. If interested in taking this class, please visit the League and sign up.

For other classes, check out the website at mlota.org. Sampler Days are going on. Take a class for only \$5-\$10 to see if you enjoy the class.

Stop by and get acquainted with Mineola League of the Arts. For more information, call the League 903-569-8877.

Letter to the Editor

Dear Editor:
Years ago I wrote about the way so many quickly blame any and all violence on guns. This past week has been an emotional roller-coaster for the poor victims of the latest shootings, and we pray for them daily.

The result was a nationwide knee jerk reaction that tried to put the cause entirely on the gun. However,

what can we expect when we raise our kids entertaining themselves with violent, shoot-'em-up video games and movies? We must look to the underlying causes, which surely include the psychotropic drugs that most of these perpetrators are found to be taking. Our evening news is plastered with drug commercials that always end with the legal

caveat, a litany of all the possible side-effects.

We have over 40,000 automobile deaths each year, but we do not blame the car as we know most accidents could be prevented for various reasons. Each accident is wisely investigated for underlying causes and responsibilities. Was anyone guilty of reckless behavior, any drugs or alcohol in-

involved? We should proceed with the same wisdom regarding gun violence. The media and some politicians seem to capitalize on every shooting. Have we become a reactive society lacking in judgment and sound reasoning on this subject?

Thanks for listening,

Ken Masat
Alba

Corner Column

It's the most wonderful time of the year. Well, at least if you are a tax and numbers nerd.

Political entities like school districts, cities, the county and others are going through the process of approving budgets, which includes how they will pay for the services provided to citizens.

Whether it's educating students, repairing streets, making sure the toilet flushes or running the massive enterprise that includes law enforcement, prosecution and incarceration, we pay a lot of money to keep those entities in business.

It is the price we pay for living in our society. We as a collective people have decided that we want these things and are willing to pay for them.

To what degree we pay for them is always a subject for debate, and that debate bubbles to the top around this time every year.

Want more streets fixed? Here's what it will cost. Want better facilities for children? The price tag is this much. Do public servants get a pay hike? This is the financial impact.

The very large majority of you will not attend the



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various workshops and hearings at which these things are being discussed and decided.

I get that; it's time you probably don't have (though surely not lack of interest). But that's OK. We can take care of that for you, by attending and then giving you a synopsis.

The entities themselves also share some information with you.

Many post things such as check registers and budgets online.

And for certain steps in the process, public notices are required, which are appearing now in the pages of this, and many other newspapers.

And some of them are difficult to understand, at least if you don't deal with this stuff on a regular basis.

Maybe that's on purpose, or maybe it just takes that much information to "inform" the taxpayers.

And those notices are going to be somewhat different next year, as a new state law goes into effect that tells entities how much they can raise revenues before we the people get to go to the polls and approve.

That ability exists now, but through a much more cum-

bersome process.

Those notices include the current tax rate, the proposed tax rate, how much that will cost an owner of an average-value home, and what the entity could have charged without crossing the election threshold. They also let you know what rate would be needed to collect the same amount of money this year as was collected last year on the same properties.

When tax values go up, tax rates can be lowered to collect the same amount of money. When new additions are made to the tax rolls, the same thing applies. And when both happen (higher values and new properties), entities typically can get by with the same or a lower rate while still making some improvements.

We elected the people who are making these decisions, and we have a right as well as a responsibility to let them know how we feel about the proposals. Public hearings are being scheduled that allow you that opportunity.

So if you do indeed care about how your money is being spent, and how much of it, this is the time of year when you can make your voice heard.

WOOD COUNTY COMMUNITY CALENDAR

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.
ALBALADIES 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 BINGO every Thursday, 7 p.m., doors open 5:30, 2015 E. Hwy. 80, Mineola, snack bar, 903-569-5965
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, Elizabeth English enton chapter - first Saturday except June, July, August and December, 11 a.m. Harvest Acres Baptist Church, 1062 W Loop 564, Mineola. 903-857-2461.
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.
LAKE COUNTRY RV TRAVELERS - of Good Sam Int'l. Monthly, RV parks w/in 150 m. radius. 903-569-3677 or 3069.
LAKE COUNTRY SYMPHONIC BAND - rehearsals Thursdays at Mineola Middle School Band Room. 7 p.m. 903-569-2300.
LAKE FORK ROTARY CLUB - Wednesday, noon, at the Lake Fork Baptist Church on State Highway 515
LAKE HOLBROOK ASSOCIATION - first Saturday, February, May, August and November, Harold Simmons Community Center, 5:30 p.m. directors, 6 p.m. all members and guests welcome. 903-569-0223.
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, Stitichin' 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. Q U I T M A N

SCHOOL BOARD - third Monday, 6 p.m. Administration 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 Cafe 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 gvt@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.
YANTIS/LAKE FORK LIONS CLUB - second Thursday, 6 p.m., Yantis Community Center.

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Community service honored

Inez Benda, who passed away recently, was honored in a brick-dedication ceremony at Gov. Jim Hogg City Park in Quitman on Aug. 8. The ceremony recognized her years of volunteering at the Wood County Child Welfare and Protection Boards. Her daughter, Ann Connally (wearing a white scarf) said her mother was a joy and she loves and misses her. Pictured with Connally are members of the welfare and protection boards. (Monitor photo by Zak Wellerman)

Donations needed for Arboretum's fall yard sale

By JACQUE HILBURN-SIMMONS

Another hot Texas summer may be winding down but fall activities at the Wood County Arboretum and Botanical Gardens are just heating up, starting with ongoing efforts to collect items for the annual September yard sale.

Oodles of good buys for the value-minded consumer are expected to appear in the popular event, set Sept. 28 at in the historic 1869 Stinson House that serves as the cornerstone of the arboretum, 175 Governor Hogg Pkwy.

"We're accepting donations now," said Deanna Caldwell, president of Friends of the Arboretum, which oversees the grounds. "We hope the community

will support us by donating to our sale. Proceeds help support the arboretum."

An array of merchandise is being stockpiled for the sale, but Caldwell said more is needed to help make the beloved sale a success.

It's a great opportunity to purge for a good cause.

Household items, outdoor furnishings, art, sporting equipment, garden supplies, outdoor items, children's toys, furniture, linens, tools, electronics (except console televisions), jewelry, collectibles and similar goods are bargain hunter favorites, organizers said.

As a side note, the organization is unable to accept clothing and shoes.

Donors are welcome to

drop off their goods at the arboretum from 8-11 a.m. every Wednesday or leave on the front porch of the Stinson House. Tax receipts are available.

It's also home to a new grant-funded Monarch garden, supported by the Native Plant Society of Texas, as part of its Bring Back the Monarchs to Texas project, said Lin Grado, garden manager. The new garden features native plant species that the butterflies find attractive, she added.

For more information about supporting the arboretum, visit www.woodcountyarbo.org, call 430-235-5461 or email woodcountyarbo@gmail.com.

Southern Gospel Quartet 'Grounded' coming to Faith Baptist Church in Quitman Aug. 17

Quitman's Faith Baptist Church has invited the Southern Gospel Quartet "Grounded" to present a concert at 6 p.m. on Saturday, Aug. 17.

The concert will be held in the newly opened Worship Center at 405 S. Hart in Quitman.

A love offering will be received during the concert to support a Gospel ministry.

"Grounded" is a group of four men, Caleb Cooley, Austin Creel, Kyle Keeling, and Ricky Thompson, who

have full-time jobs during the day but love to sing together about their faith in Jesus Christ when the opportunity arises," said Faith Baptist pastor Mike Midkiff. "I have heard Grounded sing before and I believe anyone who attends the free concert will be encouraged and blessed."

"Grounded" is based in Mount Enterprise, and the singers are active with local churches. The group's website explains the meaning behind the quartet's name.

"Rooted in the Truth, the Word of God, and in Southern Gospel Music. That indeed, makes this group Grounded."

Faith Baptist also invites the community to a Salsa and Taco Dinner prior to the concert at 5 p.m. in the Multi-Purpose Area adjacent to Fellowship Hall.

For information call 903-492-3535. More about "Grounded" can be found at www.groundedquartet.com.

Awana resumes for Holly Brook Baptist youth

With a curriculum aimed at teaching the gospel to youngsters ages 3 through 18, Awana resumes on Aug. 24 from 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. at Holly Brook Baptist Church in Hawkins.

Kickoff day will feature Wacky Water Games, which will include a blow-up water slide, water games, water balloons, watery competitions, and more. No

drop-offs are allowed. Parents or guardians must stay with their child or children until dismissed. Events are free and open to area children.

Activities will begin with lunch from 11 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. Youngsters can register for Awana Clubs, which begin meeting on Sept. 4 at 5:30 p.m. for dinner. Clubs start at 6 p.m.

The Awana curriculum is designed to equip volunteers in churches around the world with Biblical evangelism and discipleship solutions so that children may become Christian leaders in every aspect of society and culture.

Call the church office for more information: 903-769-2091. The church is located at 3219 S. FM 2869 in Hawkins.

Commissioners OK grant submission to purchase generator for courthouse

By ZAK WELLERMAN

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Wood County commissioners last week authorized the submission of a grant request through the Hazard Mitigation Program (HMGP) to help fund a generator for the county courthouse.

Wood County Emergency Manager and Fire Marshal Tully Davidson said the grant would pay for 75% of the project cost, while the county would pay 25%.

HMGP is a program of the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA).

Hazard mitigation measures are meant to reduce long-term risk for people and property in case of disasters, according to the FEMA website.

Davidson said a generator for the courthouse would cost about \$60,000. The IT department already has a generator strictly for that department. The generator funded by the grant would be used for the rest of the courthouse.

In other action, Brinson Benefits presented recommendations for the county healthcare plan, which were approved by commission-

ers.

Commissioners approved an agreement with East Texas Council of Governments (ETCOG) for database management for 911 services. The services will cost the county \$4,212 for a two-year period of Sept. 1, 2019 to Aug. 31, 2021.

Wood County received a certificate of distinction from the Government Treasurers' Organization of Texas for its investment policy.

A Xerox contract for the Wood County Industrial Commission was approved by commissioners.

Memory Café resumes with guest speaker

After a July break, Memory Café will resume weekly meetings at Holly Brook Baptist Church, Hawkins, Aug. 22 at 1 p.m. in Room 101 of the Family Life Center.

Dr. Kiona Coleman from Christ Trinity Healthcare clinic, Hawkins, will discuss medications and biomarkers.

Meetings are free. The weekly program includes a

meal, games, light exercise, and information on relevant subjects, such as home safety for patients. The international program was created to reach out to those with some form of cognitive impairment and their caregivers.

Memory cafés are not a form of respite care; instead, they offer a place where both caregiver and care recipi-

ent can socialize and connect with others in similar situations. Memory Café is group socialization through moderate exercise, art, and music. Mental exercises also provide memory stimulation. Activities change from week to week.

Call the church office for more information: 903-769-2091.



S'more Trails grand opening

Cheyenne Gage and Justin Gribbin cut the ceremonial ribbon on Aug. 10 for the grand opening of S'more Trails, an outdoor adventure-themed apparel boutique in Quitman. Gage is the owner of the shop at 104 Bermuda St. in Quitman. City officials, Quitman Chamber of Commerce directors and community members joined to celebrate the shop's grand opening. The shop hours are from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday. (Monitor Photo by Zak Wellerman)

Quitman Library Connections

BY LIBRARIAN DELENE ALLEN

Quitman Public Library joins libraries across the country to remind parents that the most important school supply of all is a library card. Patron cards are available for those residents who can provide proof of residence in Wood County and photo identification. A guardian must sign for children ages 5 - 17.



The 2nd Friday Acoustical Jam is Friday, Sep. 13. Musicians of all ages and musical levels are invited to join in from 6 - 9 p.m. in the library's community room. There will be an open mic set-up for those who wish to perform. Listeners are always welcome. For more information, call 903-975-5745.

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

ADULT SERVICES

Online GED test preparatory registration and course assistance is available on Thursdays (language arts) and Fridays (mathematics) from 10 a.m. - 6 p.m.

Notary service is available at the library during regular business hours, but to guarantee an appointment, call 903-763-4191.

Jim Kinsel from Workforce Solutions of East Texas will be at the library on the first Friday of each month from 10 a.m. - 1 p.m. to assist job-seekers. No appointment is necessary.

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

CHILDREN'S SERVICES

QPL Story Time begins Sep. 25. A "Welcome Back" party is scheduled. Cool science experiments are planned as we celebrate Science Day. Upcoming themes: Oct. 2 "It's Fall" painting our own leaves; Oct. 9 "It's Football" painting our own jerseys; Oct. 16 "Eating Healthy" making our own snack mix.

Special thanks to Peoples Telephone for sponsoring QPL Story Time crafts and activities. For more information, contact Terri Bennett at 903-763-4191.

FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY

The Friends of the Quitman Public Library will have a kick-off party for the 2020 season. Friends will meet on Tuesday, Sep. 10.

You may sign up for the monthly Friends of the Quitman Public Library Newsletter or obtain more information about becoming a member by contacting Rebekah Yeager at 903-763-4191. Friends is an active group of volunteers dedicated to the growth and improvement of the library.

GENEALOGY

The Wood County TX Genealogical Society will resume meeting on Monday, Sep. 16 at 7 p.m. Contact WCTGS President David Gilbreath or other society members by calling the library or through the society's Facebook page at <http://www.facebook.com/groups/woocotx>.

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Mineola takes wait-and-see approach to dues for WCIC

Quitman native trains Navy sailors

By HANK MURPHY
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The Mineola City Council will wait until it is presented with the next interlocal agreement before deciding whether to kick in \$7,089 in annual dues to the Wood County Industrial Commission (WCIC).

The matter was discussed Monday evening during a council budget workshop.

Several council members seemed unenthused to the idea of contributing to an organization that, they believe, is geared primarily toward promoting fishing and tourism at Lake Fork.

They indicated the money could better serve Mineola by directing it toward the city's own economic development efforts.

Recently, directors of the WCIC voted to make several changes to the body, including membership, term limits and a new name.

The proposed changes – all of which must be approved by county commissioners – came after the board reviewed recommen-

dations from a blue ribbon task force created earlier this year by Wood County Judge Lucy Hebron. A number of the task force's proposals, such as the size and composition of WCIC's board, were not incorporated.

Several WCIC board directors agreed that representation from a city would depend on whether it contributed its population-based fee to the commission.

As it stands, cities in Wood County pay a fee based on population. For fiscal year 2018-19, Alba paid in \$1,000; Hawkins, \$2,006; Quitman, \$3,187; Winnsboro, \$5,391; Yantis, \$609; and Mineola, \$7,089.

Like Mineola, Winnsboro, too, has signaled it may not pay dues to WCIC for fiscal 2019-20.

Hebron, who was in attendance Monday evening, told the council that municipal contributions toward WCIC are meant to benefit economic development throughout Wood County. Any actual return on invest-

ment by individual cities is "just icing on the cake."

She urged the Mineola council to see "the big picture" of countywide economic development, saying expectations for a direct return on investment in Mineola "is misplaced."

Alderwoman Sue Jones, however, said it appears the main thrust of WCIC's efforts has been at Lake Fork. "They get a huge return from their contribution," she noted.

Alderman Greg Hollen said it appears to him that WCIC's main effort has been to promote tourism. He said he believes that many recommendations set forth by the blue ribbon task force have been "blown off" by the WCIC board.

In another matter involving city funds for use outside Mineola, Mercy Rushing, Mineola's city manager and economic development director, informed the council that Wood County Airport/Collins Field wants a \$30,000 contribution from Mineola EDC for hiring a full-time airport manager.

GREAT LAKES, Ill. – Sailors are some of the most highly-trained people on the planet, according to Navy officials, and this training requires highly dedicated instructors.

At Naval Education and Training Command, this obligation falls upon hard-charging Navy professionals who train and mentor the Navy's future war fighters.

Petty Officer 1st Class Sean Carroll, a Quitman native, is an instructor at NETC, providing the fleet with sailors who possess the basic technical knowledge and skills necessary for naval service.

"I enjoy giving sailors knowledge for what they need to excel in their naval career," Carroll said. "I wish I had the same resources they have when I came here because I would be better off."

Instructors are experts in the subject matter they teach, and they provide cutting-edge technical training that transforms civilians into mission-ready sailors.

Carroll, a 2006 graduate of Quitman High School, credits his success as an instructor to many of the lessons learned growing up in Quitman.

"I learned a good work ethic from being in a rank structure in Boy Scouts; this helped with my leadership skills," Carroll said. "I joined the Navy at 22 years old. I was more mature than others and this helped me take on more responsibilities."

NETC educates and trains those who serve our nation, taking them from street to fleet by transforming civilians into highly skilled, operational, and combat-ready war fighters, while providing the tools and opportunities for continuous learning and development.

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to serve at sea, providing apprentice and specialized skills training to 7,500 sailors a year.

A key element of the Navy the nation needs is tied to the fact that America is a maritime nation and that the nation's prosperity is tied to the ability to operate freely on the world's oceans. More than 70 percent of the Earth's surface is covered by water, 80 percent of the world's population lives close to a coast, and 90 percent of all global trade – by volume – travels by sea.

Carroll plays an important role in America's focus on rebuilding military readiness, strengthening alliances and reforming business practices in support of National Defense Strategy.

"Our priorities center on people, capabilities and processes, and will be achieved by our focus on speed, value, results and partnerships," said Secretary of the Navy Richard V. Spencer. "Readiness, lethality and modernization are the requirements driving these priorities."

Though there are many ways for sailors to earn distinction in their command, community and career, Car-

roll is most proud of getting his qualification to wear the Enlisted Surface Warfare Pin.

"I was transferred to another ship and I kept the qualifications that I earned there and additionally, I passed the petty officer first class and chief petty officer oral board that requires in obtaining your ESWS pin," Carroll said.

Serving in the Navy is a continuing tradition of service for Carroll, who has military ties with family members who have served. Carroll is honored to carry on the family tradition.

"I have one grandfather, uncle and cousin who all served in the Navy, and my other grandfather served both in the Navy and Air Force," Carroll said. "It is an honor to carry the family torch and the first one to make it a career. My goal is to achieve my goal of making chief petty officer."

As a member of one of the U.S. Navy's most relied-upon assets, Carroll and other instructors know they are part of a legacy that will last beyond their lifetimes providing the Navy the nation needs.

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CASA for Kids-ET to begin advocate training in Lindale

CASA for Kids of East Texas provides trained, volunteer advocates for children who are in foster care. CASA is bringing its New Advocate Training to Lindale on Aug. 12, 15, 19, and 22 from 5 p.m. to 9:30 p.m.

If interested in becoming an advocate, go to the website at www.casaforkidsofettexas.org and click on "Become a CASA" to complete an application or call 903-597-7725.

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Mineola Police Report

JULY 25
7:44 a.m. Anthony Lee Blavier, 38, of Mineola, was arrested for a warrant out of Cass County for assault with bodily injury. Blavier was a passenger in a vehicle that was stopped on South Pacific for a traffic violation.

12:09 p.m. A verbal disturbance was reported at a business on East Broad Street when a woman came in yelled at the clerk. The woman was criminally trespassed.

8:14 p.m. A man reported his niece was staying with him and his wife, and family members came to pick up the child. The wife reported that the niece's grandmother and others in the vehicle left with the child without a car seat and they were possibly intoxicated. An officer stopped the vehicle in the 100 block of North Pacific Street and wrote a ticket for the child not restrained in a car seat.

Telia Louise Burrell, 48, of Dallas, was arrested for alleged possession of a controlled substance under 1 gram. Officers found a suspected meth pipe in her possession. Child Protective Services was contacted.

JULY 26
8:32 a.m. A man reported a vehicle burglary on North Johnson Street. The man reported that his vehicle was parked in front of the church and his wallet was stolen. No forced entry in the vehicle was noted. Later the same morning, the wallet was found on Sycamore Street by a resident while mowing. A small amount of cash was taken, but everything else was still in the wallet.

11:59 a.m. A man reported that his bank statement showed three withdrawals from a local ATM, but he did not make the withdrawals. The officer determined that the man was still in possession of his debit card.

3:59 p.m. A man called and reported that he was homeless and needed to find a homeless shelter. An officer picked the man up on Patten Street. The man was accepted in Longview at Hwy. 80 rescue and was transported by an off-duty officer.

4:24 p.m. A hit-and-run was reported in the parking lot on North Pacific Street. A customer at one of the businesses wrote down a license plate number. The suspect was located and turned over insurance information. The suspect reported that they did not know they hit the vehicle. No charges were filed.

8:45 p.m. A parent of a 13-year-old runaway out of Van Zandt County reported that someone saw her son at Walmart and wanted police to look for her son. Officers searched the area stores and restaurants but did not find the runaway.

9:23 p.m. An employee at Goodwill reported observing on surveillance cameras a female with a child going through do-

nation bins. Officers located two females on the property and issued criminal trespass warnings. Jessica Deelaine Moore, 37, Mineola, was arrested for a local no driver's license warrant.

JULY 27
7:01 a.m. A woman reported her boyfriend's sister locked her out of the residence on Edwards Street. An officer responded and tried to assist the two in working out the problem, but both refused to cooperate or leave. It was determined to be a civil matter.

5:13 p.m. A man reported fraudulent charges on his credit card.

5:41 p.m. A woman reported she had attempted to visit a friend at the Motor Lodge Motel and was told she could not be on the property. She requested an officer to assist to find out what is going on. An officer checked into the matter and gave the woman the information she needed.

6:06 p.m. An assault was reported in Walmart. An officer responded and determined the elderly wife had hit her husband while he was in a motorized cart. An officer responded and spoke with the wife and found the man was suffering from a medical condition. Adult Protective Services was contacted, and no charges were filed.

JULY 28
1:22 p.m. A theft was reported at Walmart. A man had left his wallet in a motorized cart and got on another cart when the battery became low. A male and female came behind the man later and the male took the wallet. The male was identified and a warrant has been issued for theft over \$100 and under \$750.

6:25 p.m. A resident on Baker Street reported his wallet was stolen from his residence by a known person.

6:56 p.m. A reckless driver of an 18-wheeler driver was reported coming in on Hwy. 80 West. The truck was unable to maintain a single lane of traffic. Officers were able to get the 18-wheeler stopped. Everything was fine; the driver said he was tired.

JULY 29
12:32 p.m. A welfare concern was reported for a man on McWhorter Street who was last seen four days prior by family members. An officer responded and spoke with the family. The officer was able to find out that the man was in a Tyler hospital and had been there since July 26.

1:27 p.m. A resident on University Street reported a known man who walked up to her door with a big stick and stood at the door. When the resident confronted the man, he said he thought he heard something coming from the residence. The resident requested the man be criminally trespassed from her property. An officer responded and located the man. He was trespassed.

6:40 p.m. A burn violation was reported at a residence on South Pacific Street. An officer responded to the complaint and had the resident put the fire out.

7:13 p.m. EMS reported a possible disturbance on a medical call at a residence on Landers Street. Officers responded to the residence and assisted EMS, but the family members would not cooperate with the officer in reference to a disturbance.

8:14 p.m. Floyd Dwayne Hughey, 39, Mineola, was arrested for having no driver's license when an officer observed him driving and knew he did not have a valid license.

JULY 30
6:55 a.m. A woman stopped at a business on West Broad Street and used the phone to report that her boyfriend's brother would not get out of her vehicle. An officer responded and spoke with the caller and the passengers. They worked out their differences.

4:26 p.m. A resident on Wigley Street reported she wanted her ex-boyfriend trespassed from her residence. The trespass warning was issued.

5:12 p.m. Bryan Curtiss Goggans, 54, of Alba was arrested for allegedly driving while license suspended, no proof of financial responsibility, possession of drug paraphernalia and operating an unregistered vehicle. Goggans was stopped for expired registration on West Broad Street.

JULY 31
1:13 a.m. A disturbance was reported at a residence on McWhorter Street. Those who were involved did not wish to pursue charges and signed a waiver of non-prosecution when it was reported they had gotten in an argument and was hitting each other. A family violence report was completed.

8:11 a.m. A business on North Pacific reported they tried to get a male to leave their establishment and he refused. An officer responded, spoke with the man and he left.

3:20 p.m. A man reported that his mother was pushed down inside a store on East Broad Street by a male. An officer responded and spoke with all parties. No charges were filed and nothing was found to be intentional.

7:55 p.m. A reckless driver was reportedly driving really fast at Goodson and Phillips Street. An officer responded and found the suspect vehicle at a residence. The officer spoke with the resident and he explained that a family member cut themselves and had to go to the emergency room.

9:01 p.m. A disturbance was reported at a residence on West Blair Street. Mark Edward Johnson, 34, of Mineola, was arrested for alleged assault by contact for striking a family member with a stick.

Wood County Sheriff's Report

JULY 31
Deputies were dispatched to Village Trail near Hawkins at 8:21 a.m. in reference to theft. Someone stole several items from the area.

Deputies spoke with the reporting party at 2:05 p.m. in reference to criminal trespass on FM 852 near Winnsboro.

Deputies were dispatched to CR 4430 near Winnsboro at 8:28 p.m. in reference to an assault.

AUGUST 1
Deputies spoke with the reporting party at 12:11 p.m. in reference to dumping on CR 1236 near Quitman.

Deputies were dispatched to CR 4990 near Quitman at 2:09 p.m. in reference to an inquest. A male, 70, was found deceased at his residence. The Justice of the Peace was notified and no autopsy was ordered.

Deputies were dispatched to Hwy 37 near Winnsboro at 5:25 p.m. in reference to a reckless driver. Deputies located the vehicle.

Deputies were dispatched to FM 852 near Winnsboro at 9:18 p.m. in reference to suspicious circumstances. Deputies located the suspicious activity and cleared the incident.

AUGUST 2
Deputies responded to a suspicious person on Hwy 80 near Mineola at 5:37 a.m. Deputies located the individual and provided a courtesy transport.

Deputies were dispatched to Hwy 154 near Quitman at 7:53 a.m. in reference to theft. Someone damaged the reporting party's feeder and stole the light and motor from it.

Deputies spoke with the reporting party at 12:35 p.m. in reference to harassment on CR 4358 near Winnsboro.

Deputies were dispatched to FM 69 near Mineola at 5:53 p.m. in reference to a reckless driver. Deputies located the vehicle and cleared the incident.

Deputies were dispatched to CR 2130 near Quitman at 5:59 p.m. in reference to an assault. This case has been forwarded to investigators.

AUGUST 3
Deputies were dispatched to CR 2210 near Mineola at 10:20 a.m. in reference to a disturbance. Deputies spoke with all parties involved and cleared the incident.

Deputies were dispatched to CR 4896 near Quitman at 12:31 p.m. in reference to a dispute. Deputies spoke with all parties involved and cleared the incident.

Deputies were dispatched to CR 4141 near Quitman at 1:29

p.m. in reference to suspicious circumstances. Deputies advised the reporting party that extra patrol would be provided.

Deputies were dispatched to CR 3880 near Hawkins at 2:53 p.m. in reference to a disturbance. Parties were separated for the day.

Deputies spoke with the reporting party at 6:52 p.m. in reference to a noise complaint on CR 3269 near Mineola

Deputies were dispatched to CR 2245 near Mineola at 8:27 p.m. in reference to criminal mischief. Someone damaged a mailbox.

Deputies spoke to a reporting party at 9:15 p.m. in reference to an assault near Lake Winnsboro.

Deputies were dispatched to CR 1858 near Yantis at 11:09 p.m. in reference to a dispute.

AUGUST 4
Deputies were dispatched to Geronimo near Quitman at 2:48 p.m. in reference to criminal mischief. Someone damaged the gates at Holiday Villages.

Deputies were dispatched to HWY 154 near Quitman at 3:29 p.m. in reference to a dispute. Parties were separated for the day.

AUGUST 5
Deputies were dispatched to CR 3163 near Quitman at 12:18 a.m. in reference to an assault.

Deputies responded to a suspicious person on CR 3840 near Hawkins; at 2:30 a.m. Deputies searched the area but were unable to locate the individual.

Deputies were dispatched to Hwy 14 near Hawkins at 5:02 a.m. in reference to a disturbance. The actors fled the scene in their vehicle which led to a pursuit. Deputies were able to safely conduct a stop on FM 2015 near Hawkins and make contact with the suspects. Nathan Yacyszyn, 33, of Lindale was arrested for an outstanding warrant and manufacture and delivery of a controlled substance. Amanda Allen, 36, of Hawkins was arrested for an outstanding warrant and manufacture and delivery of a controlled substance.

Deputies responded to a suspicious vehicle on Hwy 154 near Quitman at 10:52 a.m. Deputies located the vehicle and cleared the incident.

Deputies were dispatched to Kiowa near Quitman at 5:32 p.m. in reference to an assault. Aaron Mason, 38, of Quitman was arrested for allegedly making a terroristic threat and assault of family/household member by impeding breathing and/or circulation.

Deputies were dispatched to CR 2312 near Mineola at 7:57

p.m. in reference to a reckless driver. Deputies located the vehicle.

AUGUST 6
Deputies responded to a suspicious person on CR 4700 near Winnsboro at 12:22 a.m. Prior to the deputies' arrival the individual left the scene.

Deputies were dispatched to FM 1804 near Mineola at 7:56 a.m. in reference to a burglary of a vehicle. Someone stole several items from the reporting party's vehicle.

Deputies spoke with the reporting party at 1 p.m. in reference to fraud on Holly Trail near Hawkins.

Deputies were dispatched to CR 4870 near Winnsboro at 3:19 p.m. in reference to credit/debit card abuse. Someone used the reporting party's credit/debit card without authorization.

Deputies spoke with the reporting party at 6:14 p.m. in reference to criminal mischief on PR 8470 near Winnsboro.

Deputies were dispatched to Lake Winnsboro at 7:16 p.m. in reference to disorderly conduct.

Deputies were dispatched to FM 2225 near Quitman at 7:56 p.m. in reference to a disturbance. Mason Clanton, 19, of Quitman was arrested for alleged assault causing bodily injury and family violence.

Deputies went out on an arrest/warrant service to Glazner Street in Hawkins at 8:24 p.m. Rhonda Finney, 57, of Hawkins was arrested for alleged manufacture and delivery of a controlled substance. Stacy Wood, 51, of Hawkins was arrested for alleged manufacture and delivery of a controlled substance. Larry Stuckey, 43, of Hawkins was arrested for an outstanding warrant.

Deputies were dispatched to CR 4700 near Winnsboro at 11:14 p.m. in reference to suspicious circumstances. Deputies located the suspicious activity.

Deputies were dispatched to Cactus Cove near Hawkins at 11:29 p.m. in reference to an assault. Michael Goode, 25, of Hawkins was arrested for alleged assault causing bodily injury of family/household member.

Between the dates of July 31 and Aug. 6, Wood County Sheriff's deputies responded to multiple agency assists that included the following: Emergency Medical Services, Mineola Police Department and Child Protective Services. Between the dates of July 31 and Aug. 6, Wood County Sheriff's investigators filed two cases with the criminal district attorney.

Four arrested in Mineola on drug charges

Four people were arrested in Mineola on Aug. 1 on drug charges, according to the Wood County Sheriff's Department.

Over the last several weeks, the sheriff's narcotics division and Mineola police conducted an investigation in connection with the alleged sale and distribution of methamphetamine, according to the

Sheriff's Department.

On Aug. 1, sheriff's deputies and Mineola police executed a search warrant at 218 Harris St. in Mineola, according to the Sheriff's Department.

Carl McDonald and Shanna Jones were taken into custody on suspicion of manufacturing and delivering a controlled substance greater than four grams but

less than 200 in a drug free zone.

Other individuals inside the residence, Jacqueline Britton Bradley, Johnson Robert Swanner and Timothy Swanner, were also taken into custody for alleged possession of a controlled substance of less than one gram in a drug free zone, according to the Sheriff's Department.

CrimeStoppers activity in Wood County continues to increase

Wood County Crime Stoppers activity has continued to increase.

The following tips were turned in, through the P3Tips application, from

Jan. 1 to Aug. 7:

3 Inhouse Tips: tips that are called in by phone and entered by staff to P3tips

1 Web Browser tip received

9 Mobile Web Browser tips

received and entered

4 Mobile App tips received

3 Call Center tips received and entered

Over \$1,000 was paid out for tips: (not all tips resulted

in arrest)

The next board meeting is Aug. 19 at 6 p.m. at the Justice Center in Quitman and will have a guest speaker on human trafficking.



Mineola Fire Report

Medical Assistance: Aug. 6, 3:02 p.m., 212 Bowdoin St., Mineola; Aug. 6, 6:04 p.m., 234 Molly Ln., Mineola; Aug. 7, 6:54 a.m., 213 Krause St., Mineola; Aug. 7, 11:08 369 p.m., CR 2774, Mineola.

Motor vehicle accident with injuries: Aug. 6, 5:15 p.m., E. Hwy 80, Mineola.

Aircraft standby: Aug. 3, 10:45 a.m., 1150 N Newsom St., Mineola.

Dispatched & canceled en route: Aug. 4, 2:49 p.m., 272 CR 2749, Mineola.

Smoke scare, odor of smoke: Aug. 5, 6 p.m., 1249 FM 1799, Mineola.

Sprinkler activation, no fire - unintentional: Aug. 3, 2:41 a.m., 322 Freeman St., Mineola.

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Obituaries

SANDRA LOU BASHAM 1951-2019



Sandra Lou Basham passed away July 25, 2019 at home in Yantis, formerly of Alba. The family will have a private memorial in Alba.

She was born April 14, 1951 in Dallas to James Andrew and Madie Lou Parker Burns. She lived most of her life in the Alba area. She was a Baptist, homemaker, and loved animals especially her puppies.

Survivors are daughter, Tammy and husband Howard Baldwin of Yantis; sons, Timothy Hooker of Plano, Robert and wife Laura Terry Jr. of Golden, Rodney and wife Janet Terry of Toledo, Ore. and Russell Terry of Alba; brother, James and wife Maxine Burns of Balch Springs; sister, Barbara and husband Ricky Carter of Haltom City; eight grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by both parents and husbands Don Basham and Ronnie West.

JILL ELLEN WILLIAMS 1951-2019

Jill Ellen Williams, 68, Mineola, passed away July 29, 2019, at Christus Mother Frances Hospital in Tyler following a lengthy illness.

She was the youngest of three children, born Jan. 12, 1951, to Roy McCarty Williams and Hazel Louise Morland Williams, Ennis.

She was a hairstylist for over 40 years, much of that time in Mineola. She will be missed by her family, friends and many clients.

She was preceded in death by her sister Glenda Abbott.

She is survived by her son, U.S. Navy Chief Petty Officer Jarrod Ingram; her sister, Roynelle Sayles; and nieces and nephews.

JOHN HAROLD CRAWFORD 1928-2019

John Harold Crawford, 91, a former owner of the Wood County Democrat, died Friday, July 28, 2019, at Chandler Way Skilled Nursing Facility in Dallas.

He was born and raised near Trenton, the son of the late Clarence and Lilly Crawford. In his early years, John helped his father on the farm. Part of his work included raising hogs. After graduating from Trenton High School, he enlisted in the U.S. Army, where he attained the rank of sergeant and was trained as a photographer stationed in Spokane, Wash. He then attended East Texas State Teachers College (now Texas A&M-Commerce) on the GI Bill, graduating with a bachelor's degree in agriculture.

On Nov. 18, 1950, he married his wife of 69 years, Mary Ellen Roach. Other survivors include a sister, Mary Ann St. Clair of Campbell; a daughter, Susan Wheeler of Dallas; a son, Billy Crawford of Oregon; three granddaughters; and two great-grandchildren.

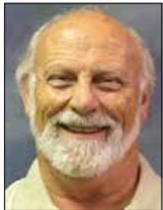
After a brief stint at the newspaper in Vernon, John accepted a reporter/photographer position at the Denison Herald, where he eventually became editor. After about 30 years, he and Mary purchased the Wood County Democrat in Quitman and soon decided to establish the Pottsboro Press in Pottsboro. They also operated the Whitewright Sun for a period of time. After running weekly newspapers for a period, he decided to enter politics and was elected as county judge for Grayson County. Upon retiring from politics, he and Mary ran a print shop in Denison and he sold advertising for the Denison Herald.

A consummate fan of the English language and its misuse, he took particular joy in a good pun, a double entendre, or typographical error. He was active in the Lions Club, Rotary Club, Grayson County Frontier Village and Texas Press Association, where he served as president in 1983-1984. He received the distinguished Sam C. Holloway award from the North & East Texas Press Association 1981.

Crawford also taught a beginning journalism course as an adjunct professor at Austin College in Sherman in 1981. He was a member of the First Presbyterian Church and was an elder at Hyde Park Presbyterian Church in Denison. He embodied the 12 points of Boy Scouting: Trustworthy, Loyal, Helpful, Friendly, Courteous, Kind, Obedient, Cheerful, Thrifty, Brave, Clean, and Reverent.

Memorials may be sent to Hyde Park Presbyterian Church, 1708 S. Hyde Park Ave., Denison, TX 75020.

BAKER DALE LINDSEY 1942-2019



A graveside service for Baker Dale Lindsey, 76, of Tyler was Friday, Aug. 9 at Roselawn Memorial Gardens Cemetery in Mineola.

Mr. Lindsey died at his home Aug. 4, 2019.

He was born Sept. 29, 1942, in Grand Saline to the late Coy and Nanilou Fite Lindsey.

He was a veteran of the United States Air Force and retired from Trane Inc. He was also an avid bowler who served as a member, past president and Hall of Famer with the Greater Tyler United States Bowling Congress.

He was preceded in death by his parents.

He is survived by his son, Dalen; a grandson; and numerous nieces and nephews.

CHERYL CABAÑEROS BETTS 1977-2019



Funeral services for Cheryl Cabañeros Betts, 41, of Mineola were Saturday, Aug. 10 at Beatty Funeral Home in Mineola with Pastor Charles Brewster officiating. Burial was at Roselawn Memorial Gardens in Mineola.

She passed away peacefully surrounded by her loving family.

Cheryl was born Sept. 11, 1977, in the Philippines to Rogelio Saylen Cabañeros and Roberta Jamis Tan.

Cheryl was a loving daughter and wife who loved singing karaoke, spending time with her family and pets, Bo and Tippy. Cheryl enjoyed life and adored her family. She appreciated all the time she got to spend with them. She was happiest with her family by her side. She will be sorely missed by all who were blessed to know her.

Cheryl was preceded in death by her father, Rogelio Cabañeros; and father-in-law, Charles Betts.

She is survived by her loving husband, John Betts; mother, Roberta Tan; brothers, Rodiel Tan Cabañeros and Gilbert Tan Cabañeros; her mother-in-law; and numerous nieces and nephews.

HAROLD LYN WALLER 1940-2019



Memorial services for Harold Lyn Waller, 79, of Mineola will be 2 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 15 in the chapel of Lloyd James Funeral Home in Tyler.

Mr. Waller passed away Aug. 3, 2019, in Tyler.

He was born on July 7, 1940, at Gregg Memorial Hospital in Longview to the late Alton Cleo Waller and Bonnie Rose Waller.

After serving his country from 1959-1963 in the U.S. Air Force, he went to college and received his bachelor's degree from the University of Texas at Arlington. He had a career that took him around the world beginning with Braniff, Tandy and the Army-Air Force Exchange Service (AAFES). He ended his long career in 1993 when he retired as the deputy director of information systems.

He is survived by his devoted bride of 59 years, Bettie Pickle Waller; his two daughters Carol Waller and Carla Harper; his granddaughter; and his sister, Laura Sue Williams.

In addition to his parents, Mr. Waller was preceded in death by his brothers, Alton Cleo Waller and William Alford Waller; and his sister, Gertrude Lively.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Alzheimer's Alliance of Smith County, 211 Winchester Drive, Tyler, TX 75701 or to the charity of your choice.

JAKE KELLY HAGGERTY 1996-2019



Funeral services for Jake Kelly Haggerty, 22, of Alba were Sunday, Aug. 11 at Beatty Funeral Home in Mineola with Bro. Robert Stovall and Rev. Ken Goodson conducting.

Mr. Haggerty died Wednesday, Aug. 7, 2019, in Alba.

He was born Dec. 17, 1996, in Sulphur Springs to Jesse Haggerty and Kristi Harvey.

He was a graduate of Alba-Golden High School, a warehouse tech for MAPH in Winfield and member of Lake Fork Baptist Church.

He is survived by his mother and step-father, Kristi and Michael Shaw of Winnsboro; father and step-mother, Jesse and Sabrina Haggerty of Coke; grandparents, Les and Vicki Taylor of Alba, Judith Haggerty of Coke, and granddaddy O White and grandmommy O White of Tira; brothers, Colby Davis of Canton and Taylor Davis of Sulphur Springs; sisters, Madelyn Haggerty of Winnsboro, Madison Haggerty of Coke and Sara Davis of Mineola; and three nephews, Beaux Davis.

JIMMIE ROY DOZIER 1941-2019

Funeral services for Jimmie Roy Dozier were Aug. 13 at Faith Baptist Church in Quitman.

Mr. Dozier died Aug. 9, 2019, at his home.

He was born Feb. 4, 1941, the first of three children to Abner "Cap" Dozier and Elizabeth Hamilton Dozier on a cotton farm outside of Forney. He graduated from Forney High



School in 1959 and enlisted in the Navy that summer. He served on the U.S.S. Sperry, a submarine tender. He separated from the service on May 10, 1963, with rank and grade of ET2 E-5.

Upon returning home to Forney, he enrolled at U.T.-Arlington. There he met Faye Rhea Hollowell, and they became engaged in 1964 and married Jan. 22, 1965. He graduated from U.T.-Arlington

in 1968 with a BSEE. He worked at E-systems Garland, and began work on a master's degree in electrical engineering.

In 1971, he joined Wood County Electric Co-op and moved to Quitman. Jimmie and Faye's only child, Douglas Roy Dozier, was born in 1971.

In 1972, Mr. Dozier purchased property and built a house for his small family. Exchanging a tie for blue jeans after work, he began developing a cattle farm that was home for the rest of his life.

He retired from WCEC in 2003 as assistant co-op manager and head of the engineering department after 31 years.

He also built an active church life and served his community in many ways. Among other things, he was board member and board president for Quitman ISD. He served on Wood Co. Farmers Co-op's board, and most recently was on the board for Texas Farm Bureau in Quitman.

He loved the Lord, his family, his community and his farm. He enjoyed running, competing in 5 and 10K runs, two marathons and a half-marathon. He loved travel with his family, enjoying many winter trips skiing while summer trips were often camping. He loved having family gatherings at the farm.

He was preceded in death by his parents, "Cap" Dozier and Elizabeth Dozier Brooks; brother, David John Dozier; and sister, Margaret Alice Dozier.

He is survived by his wife of 54 years, Faye Rhea Hollowell Dozier; son, Douglas Roy Dozier; a granddaughter; and many relatives and friends.

PAULA (STEIN) REECE 1939-2019



Paula (Stein) Reece of Mineola passed away suddenly on the morning of Aug. 7, 2019.

She was a woman of faith, and she was an avid reader and a highly accomplished cook. She was a gardener from whom many people benefited. She was a lover of competitive sports; especially Cubs baseball. We will miss her fiery spirit, her unwavering loyalty, her sharp

wit, and her attention to detail – especially with the recipes she relished to share with others.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Robert and Marian Stein of Akron, Ohio; and brothers, Daniel Stein and Bradley Stein, also of Akron.

She is survived by her loving husband of 38 years, Donald Reece; her brother, Robert G. Stein; daughters, Carla (David) and Cynthia (James); sons, John (Rhonda), and Carl; two granddaughters; and many nieces and nephews.

A small family service has taken place. If you would like to honor her memory, she would have appreciated a donation to your local food bank in her name.

HOMER CONRAD TURNER, JR. 1939-2019



The family of Homer Conrad Turner, Jr., of Holly Lake Ranch, will receive friends at 10 a.m. Aug. 17, 2019, followed by a memorial service at 11 a.m. at First Baptist Church in Quitman.

Homer Turner was born on Nov. 8, 1939 in Wood County to Mabel and Homer C. Turner, Sr. Homer spent most of his school years in Quitman ISD and was valedictorian of the Class of 1957. Homer

played college football at Tyler Junior College and completed his bachelor's degree civil engineering at the University of Texas, Arlington, and a master's degree from SMU in engineering mechanics. Homer married Rose Marie Wilcox in 1962 at First Baptist Church in Quitman. Homer served as a deacon in the same church. Over the next several years Homer and Rose welcomed a baby girl Tammie and a son Scott completing their family. In 1975 Homer and Rose returned to Quitman to raise their children following his years with the Department of Transportation. After several years working for the Sabine River Authority, Homer opened his own surveying company, Turner and Associates, which he owned and managed for over 33 years. Homer spent his retirement years with his wife Rose at their home in Holly Lake Ranch. Homer was an avid golfer and reader. He loved his family fiercely, and nothing brought him more joy than each and ever new baby that entered the family.

Homer passed away on Aug. 10 at his home surrounded

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NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Notice is hereby given that original Letters Testamentary for the Estate of Richard Hazen Haggard, Deceased, were issued on July 29, 2019, under Cause No. 13,507, pending in the County Court of Wood County, Texas, to Darren Michael Harvey, Independent Executor.

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

Darren Michael Harvey, Executor
Estate of Richard Hazen Haggard, 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 August 5, 2019.

Brad Wilson
Brad Wilson
Attorney for Executor

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solving things quietly. They were looking for acknowledgement of the community's perceptions and an action plan to address them and acknowledgement that "something tragic happened."

He said he left the meeting feeling as though they failed to get through to the city officials.

Boyd also indicated that too much in the matter has been made of race: "I'm tired of everybody trying to make it a racial thing when it's a right thing."

Looking out at the large roomful of people, White said it was refreshing to see concerned citizens take an opportunity to express their feelings.

He acknowledged meeting with Boyd, the ministers and other city officials. He called the conversations productive.

The city, he said, is always looking for ways to improve communication with citizens. He also addressed the

police department.

"As a council, we have confidence in our police department and more importantly our man leading the department, Chuck Bittner."

Bittner, White said, was involved in discussions with community leaders and joins the council in "continuing to look for ways to improve police services."

White noted that Mineola police require state certification and undergo extensive training and continuing education annually to improve their skills.

"My promise to you as mayor of this community of citizens is that this city will always look for ways to improve itself," he said. "I understand city government works for you the citizens. And we will meet with any concerned citizen on any issue of importance. One life lost in our city is one life too many. We join the Griffin family and anyone who's lost a loved one in expressing our deepest sympathy. I hope my words have expressed our desire to always be a better city every day for our citizens."

REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

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It is the policy of Quitman Independent School District not to discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex or handicap in its vocational programs, services or activities as required by Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, as amended; Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972; and Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, as amended.

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Quitman Independent School District will take steps to assure that lack of English language skills will not be a barrier to admission and participation in all educational and vocational programs.

For information about your rights or grievance procedures, contact the Title IX Coordinator, Chris Mason at 1201 E. Goode Street, Quitman, TX, 903.763.5000 and/or the 504 Coordinator, Chris Mason at 1201 E. Goode Street, Quitman, TX, 903.763.5000.

Notificación Pública de No Discriminación en Programas de Educación Técnica y Vocacional

Quitman Independent School District ofrece programas de educación técnica y vocacional en Agricultura, alimentos y recursos naturales; Arquitectura y construcción; Gestión y administración; Educación y la formación; Ciencias de la salud; Ciencia, tecnología, ingeniería y matemáticas; y desarrollo de la carrera. La admisión a estos programas se basa en matrícula abierta.

Es norma de Quitman Independent School District no discriminar en sus programas, servicios o actividades vocacionales por motivos de raza, color, origen nacional, sexo o impedimento, tal como lo requieren el Título VI de la Ley de Derechos Civiles de 1964, según enmienda; Título IX de las Enmiendas en la Educación de 1972, y la Sección 504 de la Ley de Rehabilitación de 1973, según enmienda.

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Quitman Independent School District tomará las medidas necesarias para asegurar que la falta de habilidad en el uso del inglés no sea un obstáculo para la admisión y participación en todos los programas educativos y vocacionales.

Para información sobre sus derechos o procedimientos de quejas, comuníquese con el Coordinador del Título IX, Chris Mason en 1201 E. Goode Street, Quitman, TX, 903.763.5000, y/o el Coordinador de la Sección 504, Chris Mason, en 1201 E. Goode Street, Quitman, TX, 903.763.5000.

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1 sensitivity

5 TXism: "fun as feeding monkeys in ___"

6 Google ___

7 Europe mountains

8 noted TX actor: Tommy ___ Jones

9 TXism: "take a ___ (check out)"

16 TXism: "plain as the ___ on a mule"

18 TXism: "he's got the morals ___ ___ cat"

21 Austin band: "Asleep ___ the Wheel"

22 most TXns have ___ about their state

23 this Whitman was in 1998 film "Hope Floats" with TX born Cameron Finley

24 the 3rd through 7th generations of this Chevy were assembled in Arlington, TX

30 TXism: "___ the saddle"

34 TX-born singing cowboy Autry (init.)

35 TXism: "___ a church mouse"

36 film ___, as in TX Tierney's "Laura"

37 TXism: "___ as a judge in court"

39 4-term U.S. Senator from TX

43 grieve for

44 "Diez ___ septiembre"

45 "I'll ___ it if you will"

46 nothing, none

47 make a mistake

48 oil or gas additive

50 looked back ___ (regretted)

53 ___ Edward's University in Austin noted TX historian: ___ Fehrenbach

54 ___ Fehrenbach Paul of "The Burning Bed" with TX Farrah

56 TX Paula Prentiss film: "The World ___ Orient"

59 male social clubs at a univ.

60 this Arthur won 1975 WCT final

61 TXism: "call ___ day" (quit)

62 "that's funny" in a text

DOWN

1 TX-Mex food in a husk

2 flower shrub that blooms in spring

3 ___ Cove, TX

4 football game start: coin ___

9 "Yo ___ Digo Creek"

10 cowboy ballad: "Streets ___"

11 ___ "Bum" Phillips

12 Brady AM station

13 deliberate cruelty

14 ___ Campo, TX

15 ___ Mott, TX

17 seat of Hutchinson County

19 enthusiastically long for

24 internet address (abbr.)

25 actress Gretchen in "3:10 to Yuma" with TX Dallas Roberts

26 TX Wesleyan was founded in 1891 as ___ technic College

27 "___ by any other name would smell as sweet"

28 hens, e.g.

31 young child ___ "the season"

33 in Smith County on highway 155

38 Cotton Bowl expansion was "The House that Doak ___"

40 noted Dallas sportswriter, Sherrod (init.)

41 the company that TX Perot started

42 federal agents shot ___ gas into Koresch compound in 1993

49 UT Ph.D., informally

51 TXism: "he ain't got a lick of ___" (dumb)

52 corporation before American Airlines Group, Inc.

57 weak and feeble

58 TXism: "she ___ sneak up on a mirror to fix her hair" (homely)

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KNIGHT

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lowing the end of American involvement in the Vietnam War, Laos adopted communist rule. Relations between the United States and Laos deteriorated. For 25 years, no efforts to recover U.S. service personnel were possible. Full diplomatic relations were not restored until 1992.

Given the nature of Knight's mission in May 1967, the United States military was confident in the approximate location of his fatal shoot-down. Executing a recovery, however, would be a herculean task.

With the opening of diplomatic relations following the end of the Cold War, recovery of missing U.S. servicemen became a key compo-

nent of the bilateral U.S.-Laos relationship. Within the U.S. military, recovery became the responsibility of what is now the Defense POW/MIA Accounting Agency (DPAA).

The work of the DPAA should make every American proud. The agency, manned by both Department of Defense civilians and active duty servicemen from all services, literally goes to the ends of the earth to return fallen soldiers. They do this work in hostile conditions, from the mountain heights to the depths of the oceans, and in every climate and condition in between.

Their work involves investigative teams who can be found in refugee camps conducting interviews in former war zones, researching caches of foreign documents, or conducting forensic research.

Their work may be tedious and seemingly impossible, yet they piece together facts that may lead to a recovery. Survey teams set out to determine the scope of a pending recovery team mission.

After years of putting together minute clues, a recovery team will be dispatched if the mission priority warrants, funding allows, and the host nation agrees. The teams often spend 30 days excavating a site, always mindful of unexploded ordnance, local health threats and security concerns.

As Roy III observed: "I am amazed at just how miraculous it was that they found my father." He paused before continuing. "The one issue I get most emotional about with respect to my father's return is the work of the recovery teams who brought him home. The team never knew my father, but they did every possible thing to bring him home." It was an 18-man recovery team that found his father and confronted the challenges of bringing his remains home.

Two investigative missions had been conducted into Knight's case in the early 1990s. Then in late 2018, a survey team visited the site but failed to locate Knight. Roy III, continued, "There was one recovery specialist, one member of the team, who stood up and said, 'We need to come back; I think we are close.' Due to that one man's courage, the next visit in 2019 located my father."

The DPAA remains the premier recovery agency in the world. It operates state-of-the-art forensic laboratories and exploits the best technology possible. The key to the agency's success, however, is the personnel who man the teams and work tirelessly to return fallen comrades.

Last Saturday that work was completed.

Holders Chapel Cemetery is tucked into the bend of a narrow road just north of the busy Highway 180 connector between Weatherford and

Mineral Wells. A few older homes and more than a few old barns stand on either side of the road. Laid neatly under a canopy of a dozen large oaks is the cemetery.

Nearly 300 people witnessed the funeral for Roy Knight Jr. It was an amazing ceremony. Friends and family were joined by people who just appeared to support or give witness. One gentleman walked up the road with an American flag on a staff over his shoulder.

Fittingly, the funeral service and interment were augmented by a significant Air Force presence, including an honor guard, color guard, chaplain and fly-by. As important as those functions were to rendering a proper burial for Col. Knight, perhaps the greatest relief was having him home, under an oak tree at a bend in the road at Holders Chapel.

One could not understand the service of Roy Knight Jr., without some appreciation of the Knight family's sacrifices in defense of our nation. The eight children of Roy and Martha Knight, seven sons and one daughter, each answered the call to arms in the tumultuous 20th Century.

The three eldest boys, Jack, Curtis and Loyd, entered service with the 124th Cavalry Regiment of the Texas National Guard. Jack and Curtis served together in the MARS Task Force and participated in the Burma campaign during World War II. Loyd was active in the Central Pacific, most notably on the island of Peleliu.

Curtis was gravely wounded, and the family's eldest son, Jack, was killed in action against entrenched Japanese positions on Feb. 2, 1945. The assault occurred on Loi Kang Ridge as the Americans pursued the Japanese in an effort to clear the Burma Road. Jack personally led the attack and so distinguished himself with bravery and leadership that he was awarded the Medal of Honor.

Five years after he was



A U.S. Air Force honor platoon rendered honors upon Knight's interment. (Monitor photo by John Arbter)

slain, Jack was repatriated from a small battlefield cemetery to Holders Chapel.

Middle sons Herschel and R.C. also served. Herschel, a signalman aboard the battleship U.S.S. Maryland (BB 46), saw action in some of World War II's most violent naval battles in the Pacific. He escaped several near misses while assigned to the battleship. R.C. was just entering service as the war ended, and saw his enlistment curtailed.

Roy Jr. became the second of the Knight boys to give his life for his nation. In unknown places on the other side of the world, the sons of Roy and Martha Knight sacrificed themselves.

Youngest son Bill and daughter June also served: Bill a stint in the Army, while June spent a career as an Air Force civilian employee.

Dr. Bill Knight, a retired Mineola school administrator, has kept the remarkable family story alive by authoring two books: "Knight's Hill," the story of Jack's service and the battle that took his life, and "My Brother Jack," a story of his family and how Jack's example shaped his siblings and extended family.

A visit to Bill's Mineola home will include an introduction to the family as Bill walks one through a wall full

of old photographs and service award citations. "When Daddy passed on, I received the shoe box full of letters," he noted, "and those letters became the books I've written about the family."

Settling into a corner chair, Bill explained that it was the upbringing of his parents, the influences of his brothers as well as the attention of his mentor, Professor Vaughn Huffstutler, that led him to document his family.

After many enjoyable stories about growing up in rural Parker County and the hard yet fruitful lives of tenant farmers in Texas before the war, Bill spoke about his brothers.

"No one is more patriotic than Jack," he stated, "but men do not go into battle out of patriotism, they do it out of love." A better epilogue to the remarkable story of the Knight family, and Roy Jr.'s return could not be written. The thought Bill uses when dedicating a copy of his book sums it up: "Live life with love, courage and purpose."

The Vietnam Veterans Memorial Fund maintains a website on which readers may leave a thought in remembrance. On the page dedicated to Roy Knight Jr. stands a simple message, "From small towns come great heroes."

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The governing body of Wood County proposes to use revenue attributable to the tax rate increase for the purpose of improving the county's infrastructure, enhancing public safety by increasing personnel and equipment, as well as improving and enhancing cyber security in an effort to prevent cyber attacks.

PROPOSED TAX RATE	\$0.5550 per \$100
PRECEDING YEAR'S TAX RATE	\$0.5799 per \$100
EFFECTIVE TAX RATE	\$0.5168 per \$100
ROLLBACK TAX RATE	\$0.5594 per \$100

The effective tax rate is the total tax rate needed to raise the same amount of property tax revenue for Wood County from the same properties in both the 2018 tax year and the 2019 tax year.

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

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

First Hearing: August 28, 2019 at 9:00 AM at Wood County Courthouse, 2nd Floor, Commissioners' Courtroom, Quitman, Texas.

Second Hearing: September 10, 2019 at 9:00 AM at Wood County Courthouse, 2nd Floor, Commissioners' Courtroom, Quitman, Texas.

NOTICE OF 2019 TAX YEAR PROPOSED PROPERTY TAX RATE FOR CITY OF MINEOLA

A tax rate of \$0.569000 per \$100 valuation has been proposed for adoption by the governing body of City of Mineola. This rate exceeds the lower of the effective or rollback tax rate, and state law requires that two public hearings be held by the governing body before adopting the proposed tax rate.

The governing body of City of Mineola proposes to use revenue attributable to the tax rate increase for the purpose of Operating expenses.

PROPOSED TAX RATE	\$0.569000 per \$100
PRECEDING YEAR'S TAX RATE	\$0.562410 per \$100
EFFECTIVE TAX RATE	\$0.531243 per \$100
ROLLBACK TAX RATE	\$0.569709 per \$100

The effective tax rate is the total tax rate needed to raise the same amount of property tax revenue for City of Mineola from the same properties in both the 2018 tax year and the 2019 tax year.

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

YOUR TAXES OWED UNDER ANY OF THE ABOVE RATES CAN BE CALCULATED AS FOLLOWS:

property tax amount = (rate) x (taxable value of your property)/100

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

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Wood County Tax-Assessor Collector
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You are urged to attend and express your views at the following public hearings on the proposed tax rate:

First Hearing: August 12, 2019 at 5:30 PM at Mineola City Hall, 300 Greenville Ave., Mineola, TX 75773.

Second Hearing: August 19, 2019 at 5:30 PM at Mineola City Hall, 300 Greenville Ave., Mineola, TX 75773.

MISD teachers urged to invest time, energy into each student

By HANK MURPHY
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An array of orange hardhats was arranged before a lectern to symbolize the hard work that lies in store as teachers and staff in Mineola assembled for convocation at First Baptist Church on Aug. 8.

Students return to the classrooms in Mineola on Thursday, and teachers will work to fulfill MISD's mission of providing each student a quality education.

During an often humorous, upbeat and at times sobering presentation, Mineola educators heard an analysis of public education and the challenges it faces — chiefly from the crushing effects of poverty.

Teachers were praised for their pursuit of a noble profession and the difference they make in the lives of children. They also were informed of a pay increase, which Supt. Kim Tunnell said was in "recognition for the value you have in the lives of students."

Starting teachers and those with up to four years

experience will see a minimum \$3,000 per year increase, and those with five or more years experience will see a minimum \$3,600 per year increase.

School board President John Abbott said that with the teacher shortage in Texas, every teacher in Mineola had an opportunity to sign a contract with another district. He acknowledged their commitment to Mineola and noted the serious challenges ahead, including doing what's best for each and every student.

During last week's convocation, John Draper, a longtime educator and nationwide public education consultant for the National School Public Relations Association, delivered a multi-faceted look at public education. A constant theme during his talk was poverty and how public schools must adapt to the challenges it presents.

Poverty is a common factor among low achieving students, Draper noted, and school districts across the nation struggle with closing achievement gaps

among kids who come from impoverished homes and those from minority populations.

"If you have a higher poverty population, you're going to struggle with testing," Draper said.

Even though public schools don't deserve blame for poverty-driven achievement gaps, it is their challenge to narrow them, Draper said. To an extent, public schools make headway during the school year at closing gaps, but those gaps reopen during the summer, according to Draper.

"During the summer, the gap rips back open. Children from poorer families do not learn during the summer," he said.

"The accumulative effect of 12 years of summer forces the gap to get larger," Draper stated.

The answer to the problem, he noted, lies with educators and in placing kids early with programs such as Head Start.

"A lot of our kids are coming in behind," Draper said. "The quicker we can



Dr. John Draper makes a point during MISD's 2019 convocation Aug. 8 at First Baptist Church in Mineola. (Monitor photo by Hank Murphy)

catch them up, the research shows the better off we are."

Another common thread in Draper's presentation is that perceptions of public education often differ from reality. Many people believe American high schools are "drop out factories." They bemoan the United States' middle-of-the-pack status in international standardized test scores. They equate standardized test scores with a student's overall intelligence and ability to succeed.

Those "myths" drive elected bodies to believe they need to "fix us," Draper said.

For instance, the "drop out factory" myth is perpetuated even though today's high school graduation rate — 84% — is at the highest point in the nation's history.

"It's hard work. It takes dedicated people working together as a team in a culture that says we don't let any child drop out of here.

...We don't quit on kids. That type of mentality can make the difference," Draper

remarked.

Another myth: American kids' test scores are mediocre compared with those in other advanced countries, which must mean public schools are failing.

The truth is other countries, many of which are Asian, sort out students before they complete middle school, according to Draper. They move those who demonstrate scholastic promise along an academic path and funnel other students into trades. Their test scores reflect a greater concentration of high academic performers trained to excel at test taking.

The United States, however, strives to provide each student — regardless of their socio-economic status or scholastic abilities — a well-rounded education. Public schools also encourage creativity and promote achievement in multiple arenas — music and band, fine arts, athletics, FFA, trades and technology, and more, Draper said.

"Our kids are more than

a test score," Draper said, noting that nations with high-performing test-takers lag far behind the United States in measures of success such as Nobel Prizes, scientific achievement, copyrights and patents.

Each student, he explained, has variable intelligences. Although they may struggle with some subjects, they can excel in others, such as math, science, language, mechanics, art, music and athletics.

Instead of a few large tests, a students' progress is best measured by many small assessments done frequently, he argued.

"We have to have lots of small assessments where we're constantly catching up seeing how we're doing," he said.

Overall, he challenged public schools to do a better job of teaching early, testing often and providing each student the time they need to grasp a subject.

"They don't all learn the same way."



Alison Adkins leads a choir of teachers in an inspiring song at last week's convocation. (Monitor photo by Hank Murphy)

Guest Column

By DEMETHRIUS BOYD

(Editor's note: The following is an open letter to Mineola from Pastor Demethrius Boyd)

Because I will not openly be speaking to the city council on this issue again, I conclude my statements on this issue with this example given by Mark Robinson, a representative from SWEP- CO, who also made a presentation to the city council on Monday.

A concerned citizen addressed the city council and said she believed her home was being underserved by SWEP- CO. Mark did not make it seem as though her perspective had no validity; he didn't offer excuses or make her feel like she was getting the brush off.

He simply looked at the situation in truth, "sympathetically acknowledged" that there was a citizen under-served with a power issue, made sure she understood that she was a valued customer, and assured her that SWEP- CO would do its

part in making it right.

Mark then backed up his words with a "reasonable action plan" based on her concerns. SWEP- CO presented a plan to the city council and the public for consideration.

It now is in the city's hands. If they want to improve the city's power system, they must make some hard decisions. Now, if some hard decisions by the city are not made, citizens who keep experiencing power failures may perceive that the city doesn't really care if all its citizens have equal access to reliable electrical power.

Well, in the same sense, some patrons from the Mineola Ministerial Alliance have expressed to the city council community concerns and public perspectives arising from current events. Some citizens felt they were being under-served. They just wanted acknowledgement of their concerns and a publically stated action plan. You can't have unity without all peo-

ple. You cannot ignore public concerns or excuse them with a business-as-usual attitude.

It was our humble request that the Mineola City Council consider or make some hard decisions with a reasonable action plan that addresses the lack of trust and public perspectives of our legal and law enforcement system. Otherwise, it will confirm to some citizens that our city officials do not care to serve the entire population beyond mere words.

It is my belief that some people will draw lines that we have worked hard to erase and become comfortable with those lines, which in turn gives an additional negative public perception to our city. We need to stop making everything a racial thing when it's just a right thing. As for me, I will no longer be addressing the city with these concerns, but I, as well as the Mineola Ministerial Alliance, am always ready to work for reasonable solutions.

Basic Bible study offered by Hawkins church

Holly Brook Baptist Church, Hawkins, is offering a Sunday morning class in "Bible Basics" is open to everyone.

The 12-week course is designed for those who may be searching for a basic understanding of scripture and

a method for studying the Bible, or for other topics, which include the Church, a Bible history timeline, how to study the Bible, and the message of the Bible.

The class meets Sundays at 9:45 a.m. in Room 208 of the Family Life Center. Par-

ticipants may join the class at any time during the 12-week period. Troy Richardson is the teacher.

Call the church office for more information: 903-769-2091.

Water leak damages MISD band hats and shoes

The Mineola Independent School District this week was assessing damage to student band shoes and

marching band hats after a water heater leaked.

The water heater is located above the uniform

room in the district's band hall, according to Supt. Kim Tunnell. The band uniforms were not damaged, she said.

Correction to Aug. 1 Monitor story

A story in the Aug. 1 Wood County Monitor about developers considering duplexes in the Quitman Business Park incorrectly stated

that the Quitman Development Corp. (QDC) is purchasing the Duke Propane building. Actually, QDC Executive Director Dena

Hudman assisted in negotiation for the sale of the property.

The Monitor regrets this error.

Jarvis appoints VP for institutional advancement and development

Jarvis Christian College will add a new member to its leadership team this year.

Dr. Kenoye K. Eke Sr. has joined Jarvis as its vice president for institutional advancement and development.

Jarvis President Dr. Lester Newman said in a press release that he "expects Dr. Eke to apply his vast experience and talents to lead Jarvis' Institutional Advancement Division in garnering the private and public funds the college needs to continue to fulfill its mission of educating the head, heart and hands of the young people who enroll at this venerable institution."

He most recently served as provost, senior vice president for academic affairs and visiting political science professor at Lincoln University in Pennsylvania.

At Kentucky State University, Eke held roles as vice president for academic affairs, associate vice president for academic affairs and chief academic administrator, and associate vice president for academic affairs and acting dean of the College of Professional

Studies.

He was also the interim assistant vice president for academic programs at California State University Monterey Bay and the dean and full professor of political science at Savannah State University.

Eke completed post-doctoral studies at the University of Wisconsin.

He earned a Ph.D. and Master of Arts in political science from Atlanta University (now Clark Atlanta University). He received his Bachelors of Arts in political science from Alabama A&M University.

Eke earned the Institute for Educational Management Certificate (2000) and the Management Development Program Certificate from Harvard University's Graduate School of Education.

He has served on several fellowship groups, including the American Council on Education (ACE); a Visiting Scholar at the Center for the Study of Postsecondary and Higher Education at the University of Michigan, Ann Arbor; a Pew Faculty Fellow in International Affairs at the Kennedy School of Gov-



DR. KENOYE K. EKE SR.

ernment of Harvard University; and a Research Fellow at the University of Florida's Center for African Studies.

He received the Distinguished Service Award by the National Council of Black Political Scientists (NCOBPS) and the Ja-Flo Davis Teacher of the Year at Bethune-Cookman University.

In non-academic roles, he has also been the interim vice president for institutional advancement at Grambling State University and as director of The Spectrum Initiative at the American Council on Education in Washington, D.C.

Jarvis to host Fulbright teaching assistant from China

A professor from China will educate a class of Jarvis Christian College students on the Chinese culture and language this fall semester.

Yu Bo, a faculty member at the Central China Normal University in Wuhan, China, is a Fulbright Foreign Language Teaching Assistant (FLTA). He will teach students Elementary Chinese I for the 2019-20 school year.

"I am eager to join in Fulbright's FLTA Program,

which in my eyes is a great project in promoting Chinese language teaching and learning and is of much significance in enhancing cross-cultural communication," Bo said in a statement. "Together, I believe we can communicate greater things for a greater number of people since the global village has become more and more integrated and interdependent as a family."

The Fulbright FLTA program was established to

develop Americans' knowledge of foreign cultures and languages through teaching assistantships in more than 30 languages at U.S. institutions of higher education. FLTAs are able to gain first-hand experience of America, its culture and people, according to the Fulbright website.

The program is sponsored by the United States Department of State Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs (ECA).

Wood County, Mineola lose great historian

OBITUARIES

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By ZAK WELLERMAN
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Wood County and Mineola lost a hardworking historian when Lou Mallory passed away Saturday, according to her colleagues and friends.

Mallory most recently served as the chairman of the Wood County Historical Commission since 2000. She was also the founding chairman of the Mineola Landmark Commission in the mid-1990s.

Bill Jones, former chairman of the county Historical Commission, met Mallory in 1982 and they worked on many historical markers and projects together. Mallory took over Jones' position when he retired in 2000.

"She was a delightful person to work with. She's done many positive things. She was an asset to the (Wood County) Historical Commission and Mineola. She was just a tireless worker," Jones said.

Mallory advocated for historical preservation locally through historical markers, fundraising and other projects.

Most recently, the Wood County Historical Commission was honored by the Texas Historical Commission in July with a 2018 Dis-



MALLORY

tinguished Service Award in recognition of its active and well-balanced preservation program.

Mallory was born in Tyler but spent most of her life in Mineola, said Jim Phillips, Mineola Landmark Commission chairman.

Phillips noted Mallory's significant contributions to historical preservation in the area, such as adding historical markers, putting Mineola on the National Register of Historic Places and obtaining funds for the old Mineola post office to become a museum for Mineola history.

"Lou Mallory was a pillar of historic preservation and education. Her shoes cannot be filled; however, we can continue her love of Mineola to praise its people and preserve its charm. It is

important that we continue her legacy of strengthening our hometown's future by preserving its past. We will always be indebted to her," Phillips said. "The countless hours of projects and tireless devotion to our history will be a testament to her love of Mineola. She was a dear friend and the founding chairman of the Landmark Commission. I am proud that my brothers and I grew up with her children and remained family friends."

She also helped start the Tour of Homes in Mineola, which is led by the Landmark Commission.

Wood County Historical Commission board member Sue Hamm of Winnsboro said Mallory was a dear friend and true historian.

"We will never replace Lou Mallory as far as the historical commission goes," Hamm said. "She could recall facts like an encyclopedia. She never quit working."

She also served in bookkeeper/secretary roles at the Mineola ISD administration building from 1974 to 1994 until she retired. She continued working part-time with the district until 1999.

Dr. Bill Knight, former MISD superintendent,

praised her work as a school employee and local historical preservationist.

"She worked hard for the school district. She was another one of our good employees. She was a really good historian," Knight said.

Joyce Williams, who serves on the Landmark Commission, said she met Mallory when they worked at Mineola ISD in the early 1990s. Mallory was instrumental in starting the Junior Historians at Mineola Middle School.

"We lost a great historian for Mineola and Wood County," she said. "She was very tenacious about getting the correct history of Mineola. She really wanted to have everything correct."

Williams added that Mallory was a very generous woman.

She was married to Gene Mallory, who passed in 2014. They had two children, Bill and Mary Mallory. Her son preceded her in death. Lou and Gene were members of St. Dunstan's Episcopal Church in Mineola.

Jones recalled Lou and Gene being active in local preservation efforts and always being together before he died.

by family during his last days.

He is preceded in death by his parents; Mabel Turner and Homer Conrad Turner, Sr. both of Quitman.

Left to cherish his memory is his loving wife of 56 years, Rose Maria Turner of Holly Lake Ranch; daughter, Tammie Barton and husband Wayne of Tyler; son, Scott Turner and wife Rhonda of Quitman; one sister, Betty Poe and husband Ron of Hideaway Lake; six grandchildren, Zachary Barton and wife Heather, Joshua Barton and wife Carley, Bethany Carroll and husband Nathan, Jeremy Turner and wife Kara, and Megan Haugh and husband Hayden; nine great-grandchildren, Kenadi, Ripligh, Holden, Jameson, Maverick, James, Rose, Oliver and Eleanor; and a host of nieces, nephews, extended family members and friends.

The family wishes to extend a special thank you to UT Health East Texas, and to Hospice of East Texas.

GEORGIA WATERS DORROUGH 1927-2019



Funeral services for Georgia Waters Dorrough, 92, of Clarksville were Wednesday, Aug. 14 at Beatty Funeral Home in Mineola with Pastor Don Shovan officiating. Burial was in New Hope Cemetery.

She died Sunday, Aug. 11, 2019, at Focused Care of Clarksville.

She was born April 10, 1927, in Wood County, Texas, to George and Mary Smith Waters. She graduated from Clarksville High school in 1944 and from the University of North Texas in 1948. She earned her Master's of Education in 1950 from Texas A&M at Commerce. She was a member of McKenzie Memorial United Methodist Church in Clarksville. She was a retired nutritionist and worked many years as a home economics teacher at Clarksville High School.

She was married to Lester Scott of Clarksville from 1952 until his death in 1982. In 1986, she married Rudy Dorrough, who preceded her in death in 2011.

Special thanks are extended to dear friends Annette and Tommy Welch for their care and support and to Dr. Deepak Muthappa, CIMA Hospice, and the staff of Focused Care in Clarksville.

SWEPSCO seeks city land for improving substation

By HANK MURPHY
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Concerns about the reliability of electrical service in Mineola and the city's role in a potential solution were addressed at the start of Monday evening's city council meeting.

Facing issues with power reliability in Mineola, Southwestern Electric Power Company (SWEPSCO) wants to make a major upgrade to its substation at Front Street and South Street, according to Mark Robinson, the company's manager of external affairs.

Chris Williams, a Mineola resident of Sycamore Street who spoke to the council Monday, said she and her family have been beset with regular power outages two or more times a month whereby service is interrupted for hours at a time. It recently went out for several hours as temperatures climbed to 103 degrees.

"Something really needs to be done," she told the city council.

Robinson told Williams that SWEPSCO will make every effort to address her problems with electrical reliability. He also told the council that SWEPSCO has a plan in place to make its system more reliable for the entire city, and the company would like the city's help.

SWEPSCO has plenty of capacity to serve Mineola, he said. The problem lies with aging equipment at the substation, which relies on circuit breakers installed in 1965. Those circuit breakers are failing, according to Robinson. SWEPSCO wants to make a major upgrade to the substation, including construction of a new control house.

The company wants the city to put property along South Street and adjacent to the substation up for bid. SWEPSCO wants to acquire

the property for a new control house.

Several weeks ago, the city council failed to take action on a proposal that would have placed that property (partial lot 5A, 5B, 5C block D on South Street) up for bid.

At issue is this: the land sought by SWEPSCO is near Mineola's Iron Horse Square Park, which the city is developing into a prime recreational amenity and site for historical tourism.

Robinson was asked if SWEPSCO could relocate its substation.

"It would be extremely expensive," he replied.

Alderwoman Sue Jones indicated that vacant city property is at a premium, especially near Iron Horse Square.

"Now we're being asked to give up a huge chunk," said Jones. That being said, she added that she does not oppose upgrades by SWEPSCO.

Downtown Quitman shops host back-to-school event

Several downtown Quitman businesses will host a back-to-school shopping event on Saturday, Aug. 17.

Merchants will be open from 8 a.m. to 10 p.m. for a Back-to-School Bash.

Many shops will offer school staff discounts and fun activities for kids. Staff

must show their school ID.

Customers can nominate their favorite Quitman ISD staff member at each store they visit.

A grand prize will be given away with items and gift cards from each shop and restaurant at 8 p.m. at the Speakeasy Coffeehouse.

Participating stores and restaurants will have a sign in the window and three blue balloons.

Heather Little, of Lindale, will play live music at the Speakeasy.

Little writes music for Miranda Lambert.

LIBRARY

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shelving, crushed boxes, and performed an assortment of tasks before the library's grand re-opening on Saturday.

Participating in the endeavor were members of the library board, the Friends of the Library, the local Boy Scouts, the Yellowjackets football team,

the city's public works, and other volunteers.

The upgrades have been several years in the making, according to librarian Mary Hurley and Library Board president Lou Steele. Much of the funding for the project came from a \$50,000 grant from the Tocker Foundation, which is dedicated to the support of small, rural libraries in Texas. Additional funding came from the Meredith Foundation.

Hurley estimates that the

Mineola Memorial Library has 3,500 active patrons.

On Saturday, members of the Meredith Foundation Board of Directors came to tour the updated library, and they were thanked for their support.

"We are so thankful for you guys; with you we can serve the community," said Steele.

As for the old shelving, it will be put to good use by the library in Canton.

2019 Property Tax Rates in Upper Sabine Valley Solid Waste Mgmt Dist.

This notice concerns the 2019 property tax rates for Upper Sabine Valley Solid Waste Mgmt. Dist. It presents information about three tax rates. Last year's tax rate is the actual tax rate the taxing unit used to determine property taxes last year. This year's *effective* tax rate would impose the same total taxes as last year if you compare properties taxed in both years. This year's *rollback* tax rate is the highest tax rate the taxing unit can set before taxpayers start rollback procedures. In each case these rates are found by dividing the total amount of taxes by the tax base (the total value of taxable property) with adjustments as required by state law. The rates are given per \$100 of property value.

Last year's tax rate:

Last year's operating taxes	\$608,203
Last year's debt taxes	\$0
Last year's total taxes	\$608,203
Last year's tax base	\$2,924,052,885
Last year's total tax rate	\$0.0208/\$100

This year's effective tax rate:

Last year's adjusted taxes (after subtracting taxes on lost property)	\$601,334
+ This year's adjusted tax base (after subtracting value of new property)	\$3,230,926,915
= This year's effective tax rate (Maximum rate unless unit publishes notices and holds hearings.)	\$0.0186/\$100

This year's rollback tax rate:

Last year's adjusted operating taxes (after subtracting taxes on lost property and adjusting for any transferred function, tax increment financing, state criminal justice mandate, and/or enhanced indigent healthcare expenditures)	\$601,334
÷ This year's adjusted tax base	\$3,230,926,915
= This year's effective operating rate	\$0.0186/\$100
x 1.08 = this year's maximum operating rate	\$0.0200/\$100
÷ This year's debt rate	\$0/\$100
= This year's total rollback rate	\$0.0200/\$100

Statement of Increase/Decrease

If Upper Sabine Valley Solid Waste Mgmt Dist. adopts a 2019 tax rate equal to the effective tax rate of \$0.0186 per \$100 of value, taxes would increase compared to 2018 taxes by \$6,228.

This notice contains a summary of actual effective and rollback tax rates' calculations. You can inspect a copy of the full calculations at 301 E. Goode St., Quitman, Tx 75783.

Name of person preparing this notice: Carol Taylor

Title: Wood County Tax Office

Date Prepared: 08/07/2019

A notice to the patients of George V. Cathey Jr., MD

Effective Sept. 28, 2019, George V. Cathey Jr., MD, will no longer see patients at UT Health Quitman.

If you were seen by Dr. Cathey, you will receive a letter in the mail providing you with additional information.

Medical records may be obtained from
UT Health Quitman, 117 N. Winnsboro St.



UTHealth
East Texas Physicians

UTHealthEastTexas.com



Lady Bulldog Shelby Hayes sets the ball for teammate Maddy Whitehurst in a win against Tatum on Aug. 6. (Monitor photo by John Arbter)

Lady Bulldogs open season with 3-0 victory over Tatum

By JOHN ARBTER
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The Quitman Lady Bulldogs began their 2019 campaign with a three-game sweep of the Tatum Lady Eagles on Aug. 6 at Delbert Ballard gymnasium. Although far from district form, the Lady Bulldogs fought all night to retain the momentum, never gave up on a ball in play, and secured points from all facets of the game.

After getting down early while ironing out some floor spacing issues, the Lady Bulldogs clawed back into game one. Timely serving by Jentri Jackson gave the Lady Bulldogs a lead at 10-9.

The rafters at Ballard gymnasium were kind to the home side in game one, and Quitman stretched that lead

to a 22-16 advantage. Tatum regrouped and closed the gap to 22-20 before the Lady Bulldogs regained their footing.

After a spirited exchange of volleys, the ball took a slow roll down the top of the net, slipping off onto the floor on the Tatum side and giving Quitman the game one win 25-20.

Both sides came out booming in game two. The Lady Eagles scored on athletic spikes out of the back court and took a 6-5 lead. Quitman never lost their composure. They regained the lead 12-11 on nothing more than heart.

Excellent play by Jackson and Julia Simpkins along with the presence of Ava Burroughs saw the Lady Bulldogs through in game two. They took the win 25-

17 after seemingly breaking the Lady Eagles' will.

Fatigue set in on both sides in game three. Unforced errors dominated play and the game stood tied at 9-9 before Quitman's discipline began to open a gap. With an ace to take the final point, the Lady Bulldogs recorded a game three win 25-16, and a three game match win.

Communications between Lady Bulldogs Lucy Brannon, Ava Burroughs, Shelby Hayes, Jentri Jackson, Julia Simpkins and Maddy Whitehurst was already in mid-season form.

Quitman participated in the Princeton Classic Aug. 8-10, travelled to Cumby on Aug. 13, and will be in the Wills Point Tourney this upcoming weekend.



Midnight Madness for Quitman football

Quitman High School football players practice tackling during the first Midnight Madness event at Bud Moody Stadium in Quitman on Aug. 10. Football coaches and players hosted a practice at midnight for the community to watch the players practice for the upcoming season. Below, Quitman ISD Athletic Director and Head Football Coach Bryan Oakes speaks with Christian James (in blue) and Ty White (73) during the first Midnight Madness event at Bud Moody Stadium in Quitman on Aug. 10. (Monitor photo by Larry Tucker)



Lucy Brannon fields a hard return against Tatum on Aug. 6. (Monitor photo by John Arbter)

East Texas Elite baseball champs raise cancer funds

The East Texas Elite baseball team, with players and coaches from Mineola and elsewhere, won first place in the Strike Out Cancer baseball tournament Aug. 3-4 in Wills Point.

Not only did the 9- and 10-year-olds bring home gold rings, they helped raise money to fight childhood cancer.

The tournament was the first of what will be an annual event in memory of Austin Schultz, 9, an avid baseball fan from Canton who always dreamed of playing. He passed away in June from medullablastoma.

The #AustinStrong non-profit will donate funds from Strike Out Cancer tournaments to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, Camp Quality Texas and Pediatric Brain Tumor Foundation.



Back row, from left: Coach Emanuel Ponce of Arrp, Daniel Garcia, Walker Garcia, and coach Nic Geremonte of Mineola. Front row, from left: James Pierce, Adan Ponce, Jayden Nardoza, Hunter Smith, Ty Phillips, Layton Shelburne, and Alexander Ponce. On ground: Braelyn Geremonte. (Courtesy photo by Crissie Fowler)

NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING TO DISCUSS BUDGET AND PROPOSED TAX RATE

The Mineola ISD will hold a public meeting at 6:30 PM, August 30, 2019 in Board Room of Mineola ISD Admin. Bldg., 1695 W. Loop 564, Mineola, TX 75773. The purpose of this meeting is to discuss the school district's budget that will determine the tax rate that will be adopted. Public participation in the discussion is invited.

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

Maintenance Tax	\$1.06835/\$100 (proposed rate for maintenance and operations)
School Debt Service Tax	\$0.00000/\$100 (proposed rate to pay bonded indebtedness)
Approved by Local Voters	

Comparison of Proposed Budget with Last Year's Budget

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

Maintenance and operations	8.35 % increase
Debt Service	0.00 % increase
Total expenditures	8.35 % increase

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

	Preceding Tax Year	Current Tax Year
Total appraised value* of all property	\$691,262,396	\$805,033,233
Total appraised value* of new property**	\$14,776,640	\$38,764,890
Total taxable value*** of all property	\$451,338,906	\$40,288,935
Total taxable value*** of new property**	\$13,969,315	\$38,490,193

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

Bonded Indebtedness

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

*Outstanding principal.

Comparison of Proposed Rates with Last Year's Rates

	Maintenance & Operations	Interest & Sinking Fund*	Total	Local Revenue Per Student	State Revenue Per Student
Last Year's Rate	\$1.17000	\$0.00000*	\$1.17000	\$3,969	\$5,050
Rate to Maintain Same Level of Maintenance & Operations Revenue & Pay Debt Service	\$1.16030	\$0.00000*	\$1.16030	\$4,125	\$4,894
Proposed Rate	\$1.06835	\$0.00000*	\$1.06835	\$4,278	\$5,655

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

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

	Last Year	This Year
Average Market Value of Residences	\$119,938	\$130,163
Average Taxable Value of Residences	\$94,389	\$101,256
Last Year's Rate Versus Proposed Rate per \$100 Value	\$1.17000	\$1.06835
Taxes Due on Average Residence	\$1,104.35	\$1,081.77
Increase (Decrease) in Taxes		-\$22.58

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

Notice of Voter-Approval Rate: The highest tax rate the district can adopt before requiring voter approval at an election is \$1.06835. This election will be automatically held if the district adopts a rate in excess of the voter-approval rate of \$1.06835.

Fund Balances

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

Maintenance and Operations Fund Balance(s)	\$504,446
Interest & Sinking Fund Balance(s)	\$112,287

A school district may not increase the district's maintenance and operations tax rate to create a surplus in maintenance and operations tax revenue for the purpose of paying the district's debt service.