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## Mineola school board, superintendent part ways

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Mineola ISD school board members voted 5-1 to accept the resignation of Superintendent Kim Tunnell at a special called meeting Thursday night.

Board member Jill Quiambao cast the dissenting vote against accepting the resignation while Glenn Dossett, Daniel Louderman, Jay McGough and Jackie Rodeck voted in favor. Dr. Kyle Gully was absent from the meeting. In her letter, Tunnell stated her

resignation would be effective Jan. 31, 2020, or upon her receiving a position at another school district. Tunnell was not present at the meeting.

Tunnell's letter of resignation read: "This letter is to inform you that I hereby submit my resignation as an employee and superintendent of the Mineola Independent School District, to be effective the earlier of the date upon which I become employed in another school district or at 11:59 p.m. January 31, 2020. "My resignation as the superin-

tendent and employee of the Mineola Independent School District is tendered, subject to the parties' of execution of, and in accordance with the terms, conditions and provisions of that certain Full and Final Resignation and Separation Agreement between the Mineola Independent School District and me effective the 22nd day of August, 2019."

The separation agreement calls for Tunnell to receive a severance pay of \$117,771 and the outgoing administrator will be employed by the district until her resigna-

tion date as the Special Assistant to the Interim or Acting Superintendent.

There was no public forum and community members asked questions out loud during the meeting, but board President Dr. John Abbott and other board members did not respond.

Tunnell sent this email statement to the Wood County Monitor Monday. "I am proud of the many accomplishments our team has made. MISD has experienced growth and success over the past four and one-half years and has

accomplished many of the tasks set forth by the 80-plus staff, community members, and students involved in the Strategic Planning process in April 2016," Tunnell said. "This plan focused on innovation and preparing students to be well-rounded and successful in life. The adoption of the plan by the school board at that time set the course for the District and has laid a strong foundation for the continued growth of our students

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## County proposes environmental officer in budget

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Four full-time county positions are being proposed for this year's budget. Among these positions is an environmental officer/ litter abatement officer to enforce state health and safety codes to keep Wood County environmentally clean.

This position is being jointly added through the county and Upper Sabine Valley Solid Waste Management District (USVSWMD). The position holder would be overseen by the county's department of emergency management.

The other three full-time employee additions in the proposed budget include an assistant district attorney, a courthouse security officer and a dispatcher.

USVSWMD Executive Director Jerry Motley suggested adding the environmental officer at a commissioner's court workshop session a few months ago to better enforce state laws.

"A litter abatement officer, better known today as an environmental officer, would patrol the county enforcing the Texas Health and Safety Codes," Motley said. "(The officer) basically helps keep Wood County clean and stop illegal dumping of trash, chemicals, tires, other wastes, and to clean up public nuisance sites."

Motley explained that this officer enforces the law and writes citations to violators as a licensed peace officer under either the sheriff's office or emergency management.

Neighboring counties currently have these types of officers. Smith County Sheriff's Office has an environmental division within its department. Hopkins County has an environmental services employee, according to the respective websites.

While a formal job description has not been created, commissioners suggested during an Aug. 20 workshop the officer would help Fire Marshal and Emergency Manager Tully Davidson during times of an emergency.

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Sprucing up Quitman

Jessica King, left, and daughter Jocelyn King are hard at work planting shrubbery in downtown Quitman Saturday morning, where folks were planting about 200 shrubs and bushes, part of a Quitman Development Corp., city of Quitman and community effort to beautify the area. Quitman FFA horticulture students pitched in to finish the project and will help maintain it. (Monitor photo by Sam Major)

## Alba-Golden ISD property owners to see savings

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Alba-Golden ISD school board members voted unanimously to lower the district's tax rate from last year's rate Monday night. The tax rate for the upcoming 2019-2020 school year was set at \$1.1276 which is lower than last year's rate of \$1.23.

The full board of trustees, including Jason Stovall, Johnny Teel, Jackie Staley, Joe Carr, Mike Ragsdale, Chad Daily and Dwayne Thompson, were in attendance for the vote.

The budget for the upcoming year was approved at \$9,856,000 with \$5,733,269, representing 58 per cent of the budget, going to instruction and instruction related services. This includes a pay raise for every employee in the district. Plant maintenance and operations for the budget came in at \$1,247,658 or 13 percent of the budget. Last year's budget was \$8,410,000.

According to Business Manager Brenda Kelley the tax rate was able to be lower and money for the pay raises were brought about by House Bill 3. "That's part

of the new house bill," Kelley noted. "We had to lower it (the tax rate) because of House Bill 3. We are at the maximum compressed rate according to the state. They provided more state aid."

Superintendent Dwayne Ellis was happy about being able to give employees a raise. "The district was able to give all employees of the district a pay raise. I am really happy we were able to give each employee of the Alba-Golden ISD a pay raise this year. We have a great staff. Giving those raises would be the highlight of this year's budget," Ellis

said. "We were able to give every employee, not just teachers, a pay raise."

Kelley said the pay raises amounted to almost \$1,000,000.

Texas House Bill 3, is an \$11.6 billion school finance measure which included \$6.5 billion in new public education spending, plus an additional \$5.1 billion devoted to lowering property tax bills in the state. The measure passed the Texas House by a vote of 139-0 and in the Texas Senate 30-0 earlier this year. The bill includes mon-

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Bill and Louise Elston

## Marking a milestone

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C.W. "Bill" Elston and the former Louise Dawson were married Aug. 24, 1944 at the First Methodist Church of Canton, Ill. Soon after exchanging vows, the young newlyweds were separated for nearly two years while Bill served during World War II in the United States Army.

After 15 years of marriage, the couple moved to Texas in 1959. Bill is a retired accountant who ran an income tax and bookkeeping service for many years. He also worked for the Internal Revenue Ser-

vice as an auditor.

The Elstons, who are each in their 90s, have made their home in Mineola since 1996 and enjoy being active at First United Methodist Church of Mineola. The Elstons are proud of their family which includes children Betsy, Richard and Robin, along with seven grandchildren and 13 great-grandchildren.

The Texas Senate recognized the Elstons in a resolution which was adopted March 18. The resolution recognized the Elstons' "eloquent affirmation of the

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## Mineola city property tax rate stays same for fourth year

By PHIL MAJOR  
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Mineola city property taxes will retain the same rate for a fourth straight year.

After proposing a small tax increase during its budget planning, the Mineola City Council voted unanimously on Monday to leave the rate at 56.241 cents per \$100 valuation.

The city will collect about \$17,000 additional tax dollars thanks to higher proper-

ty values.

The council held its final public hearing before adopting the tax rate and the 2019-2020 spending plan that it will help fund Monday.

That budget includes pay raises for city employees.

Mayor Kevin White noted that by leaving the tax rate as is, Mineola has the lowest property tax rate of any city in Wood County.

The council voted to move ahead with the sale of some city-owned lots near the wa-

ter tower on South Street. The matter had been discussed previously but no action taken.

Among those expressing interest in the property is Southwestern Electric Power Co. (SWEPCO), which has announced plans to upgrade the city's electrical substation.

That substation has some older equipment that is "historically failing" at other locations with similar equipment.

SWEPCO spokesman Mark Robinson said the upgraded equipment would include the ability to reset breakers remotely rather than having to wait on a technician to travel to the site. He reiterated that having to move the substation in order to upgrade it would be extremely expensive.

City Manager Mercy Rushing said the property has limited uses, for exam-

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First day of school

Quitman Elementary students along with their guardians walk toward the QES school entrance during the first day of school on Aug. 21. (Monitor photo by Zak Wellerman)

## Tunnell, school board execute detailed separation agreement

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The full and final resignation and separation agreement between Mineola Superintendent Dr. Kim Tunnell and the Mineola ISD was made public last Friday morning by the district.

The agreement stated the district and Tunnell "voluntarily execute this Full and Final Resignation and Separation Agreement with the express intention of settling and extinguishing all obligations, demands, claims, causes of action, and liability of whatever nature arising from the Superintendent's employment with, resignation, and separation from MISD. This Agreement is entered into on behalf of MISD,

its trustees, officers, employees, agents, attorneys, heirs, and successors, and Tunnell, her agents, attorneys, affiliates, heirs and successors."

The agreement stated "it is strictly the voluntary act of Tunnell to voluntarily resign her employment as superintendent of the district because Tunnell believes it will be in her best interest and that of the district to voluntarily resign her position as superintendent of the district effective on the resignation date (Jan. 31, 2020)."

There were 18 different sections to the agreement ranging from the resignation, severance payment, to the non-disparagement portion.

Tunnell will receive \$117,771 in severance pay

which represents 10 month's salary and full contractual benefits. All appropriate federal and employer withholding shall be deducted from Tunnell's monthly paychecks and from the settlement payment. The parties further agreed that no TRS contribution will be deducted from the settlement payment.

In the non-disparagement portion, all parties involved agreed not to make disparaging remarks about the other party, their agents, representatives or attorneys. They also agreed to make a joint statement. The parties further agreed that no party shall ever make statements or references that they

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## Mineola Iron Horse Festival on the horizon

It's time to make your plans now to attend and be a part of the 29th Mineola Iron Horse Heritage Festival set for Sept. 27-28. The annual festival honors the heritage of the railroad and its influence and importance to the city has become a staple of popular East Texas events featuring everything from live entertainment and baking contest to the crowd favorite weenie dog race.

The Iron Horse Heritage Festival was started in 1990 as part of the Mineola Main Street program and the local chamber took control of the event in 2001. It has grown into one of Mineola's largest social gatherings.

The event will kick-off Friday with the Landmark Commission doing their Hobo Stew fundraising dinner. There will be time to grab a bowl of stew and still get over to Meredith Stadium for the Mineola Yellow-jacket District 8-3A Division II game against West Rusk.

Saturday will be a fun-filled day including the Creature Teacher, pie-baking contest, Dance Dimensions, East Texas Twisters, watermelon-eating contest, a western show, a hamster

wheel snow cone maker and more.

Historic Preservation Officer Doris Newman is excited about the downtown playground. "We're excited to have the playground addition finished. We are very grateful for the Meredith Foundation's help. This was added to help occupy children while waiting on our mini-train," Newman said. "The Landmark Commission is including elements acknowledging all of the railroads that have served Mineola. The slogan for Iron Horse Square is 'Where history and education meet'."

Vendors will be on site Saturday only and the festival opens at 9 a.m. closing down at 6 p.m. The booths are 10' by 12' and are \$50 for arts and crafts; \$100 for food vendors; and \$25 for non-profit arts and crafts with no sales. There is an additional charge of \$25 if electricity is needed and vendors are asked to bring long extension cords to reach from the middle of the street to the alley or sidewalk. In order to assure variety, there will be limited duplication of vendors.

The Bean Cook-off is open to all and there is a \$15 reg-

istration fee. Beans may be pre-cooked from dry pinto beans only and only one 16 oz. container of beans can be turned in. Prizes will be awarded to the top three entries as decided by the judges and there will also be a prize for a people's choice winner.

The weenie dog race is for certified dachshunds. This does not mean the canines have to be AKC registered, but must have specific breed characteristics as stated by AKC. The Mineola Chamber has the right to disqualify any dog if there is a question of the breed or size which may give an unfair advantage.

All dogs must have current shots, rabies in particular. Qualifying races will be determined by heats and that will be determined by the number of entries. There will be two brackets, championship and consolation.

Vendors and contest entries are encouraged to go online at [www.mineolachamber.org](http://www.mineolachamber.org) or pick up their applications from the Mineola Chamber of Commerce at 101 East Broad Street.

### Letter to the Editor

Dear editor:

Given the important role the Mineola Independent School District plays in the life of almost every single child and family in our city, I expect to see very diligent reporting by the Wood County Monitor when covering education. I'm sure most of the town expects the same.

Sadly, the paper has not been diligent enough as of last week.

The MISD school board's plan to discuss the firing of Superintendent Kim Tunnell was announced on the Monitor's website the day it was up for a vote, leaving only a few hours for citizens

who were out-of-the-loop to prepare. The agenda for that meeting must have been available long before the Monitor released their short and undetailed coverage over it.

Then once the board had decided to accept Tunnell's resignation, other local news publishers like the Tyler Morning Telegraph and KLTV covered the story very quickly. Not the Monitor.

As a recent graduate of Mineola High School and a lifelong citizen of Mineola, I believe our newspaper has let down the community and may need to assess the timeliness of its reporting.

Ideally, our local paper should have the resources and ability to cover breaking news more efficiently so the people of Mineola and Wood County receive the best information possible at the right time.

Maybe there is something I'm missing about this. Maybe the paper is short-staffed or struggling with funding, or maybe another problem we wouldn't expect is at play here. I can't say for sure and I won't point fingers at certain people.

Regardless of who or what is at fault, we deserve better.

Carter Mize  
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# 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 Thursday, 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 DANCE GUILD - Tuesday and Friday, 8 to 9 a.m. beginners, intermediate 9 a.m. to noon  
MLOTA FIBER/CRAFT ART GUILD - third Wednesday at 1 p.m. and first and third Thursday at 10 a.m.  
MLOTA QUILT GUILD - first Thursday at 10 a.m.  
MLOTA PAINTERS GUILD - Wednesday, 10 a.m.; business meeting fourth Monday.  
MLOTA RUG HOOKING GROUP - first Thursday, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Beginners are welcome.  
MLOTA PHOTOGRAPHY GUILD - fourth Thursday, 6:30 p.m. All levels welcome  
MLOTA SCULPTURE GUILD - first and third Tuesday, 1 p.m. Business meeting second Monday at 10:30 a.m.  
PARENTS ANONYMOUS GROUP - Saturday, 2-3:30 p.m., First Baptist Church, Quitman. Children's program provided. 903-629-2114  
PILOT CLUB OF MINEOLA - second Tuesday, 6 p.m. Mineola Civic Center. President Loraine Epps.  
Quilts of Valor group, Stitchin' Angels, meet the last Wednesday of the month at 10:30 a.m., 1118 N. Pacific St., Mineola, to make quilts for service members and veterans.  
QUITMAN GARDEN CLUB - second Tuesday (except when on field trips), 2 p.m., Quitman library. quitmangardenclub@gmail.com. All are welcome.  
QUITMAN/LAKE FORK KIWANIS - Wednesday, noon, Faith Student Center, 403 S. Main St., Quitman.  
QUITMAN LIONS CLUB - For meeting time and place call 903-763-4126.  
QUITMAN PILOT CLUB - third Tuesday, 1:30 p.m., UT Health Quitman board room. 903-383-5075.  
QUITMAN ROTARY CLUB, Thursday, noon, UT Health Quitman Community Room, N. Hwy. 37.  
QUITMAN CITY COUNCIL - third Thursday, 5:30 p.m.; city hall. 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 gvtm@mercyships.org.  
TOPS GROUP - Thursday, 8-11 a.m., Harvest Acres Baptist Church, NW Loop 564, 569-1240, 569-2415.  
UPPER SABINE VALLEY SOLID WASTE DISTRICT - meetings are held quarterly, 5:30 p.m. on a Thursday to be determined at the Wood County Airport board room.  
VFW AUXILIARY #7523 - third Sunday, 1 p.m., Recruiting new members. 569-2228.  
VFW POST #7523 - third Wednesday, 6 p.m., Karaoke every Friday and Saturday, 8 p.m. 569-2228.  
WHYTE DOVE WRITER'S GROUP - Second Tuesday, 6 p.m., Quitman Public Library. 903.967.7488, e-mail kayoung.wdp2001@gmail.com  
WOOD COUNTY 4-H HORSE CLUB - Business meeting, Monday, 2 p.m., Wood County Extension Office.  
Wood County Aggie Moms - 1st Monday, 6 p.m. at Speakeasy in Quitman (except in January, June, July and August), 903-539-7049 or Wood County Aggie Moms Facebook page.  
WOOD COUNTY APPRAISAL DISTRICT - Quarterly, third Thursday, 8 a.m., appraisal district office. Open to the public.  
WOOD COUNTY ARBORETUM & BOTANICAL GARDENS - garden workday each Wednesday 9 a.m. to noon, all levels of experience welcome. Come at 8:45 a.m. in the kitchen of the Stinson House for coffee. 175 Gov Hogg Pkwy, Quitman - the two-story white house behind the pavilion at Hogg Park.  
WOOD COUNTY CENTRAL HOSPITAL DISTRICT - third Monday, 5:30 p.m. in the UT Health Quitman hospital board room (every three months).  
WOOD COUNTY COMMISSIONERS COURT - every other Friday, Commissioners Court, Quitman, 10 a.m. 903-763-2716.  
WOOD COUNTY CRIME STOPPERS - every other month, third Monday, 6 p.m., depending exceptions. Wood County Justice Center courtroom. The public is invited. 903-569-3711  
WOOD COUNTY DEMOCRAT CLUB - fourth Thursday, Quitman Public Library, at 6:15 p.m. www.woodcountydem.org 936-635-4656  
WOOD COUNTY TX GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY - third Monday, January through May and September through November, 7 p.m., Quitman Public Library, Shamburger Community Room. For 903-763-4191 or 967-2458.  
Wood County Pct. 2 Constable Explorers - first Thursday, 6:30 p.m., Armed Texans Training Facility, 369 CR 2784, Mineola.  
WOOD COUNTY RETIRED SCHOOL PERSONNEL ASSOCIATION - third Monday, September-December, and February-April, 2 p.m. and in May at 5 p.m., Forever Young Activity Center, 402 S. Main St., Quitman. All retired school personnel are invited.  
YANTIS CITY COUNCIL - second Tuesday, 6 p.m., city hall.  
YANTIS SCHOOL BOARD - second Monday, 6 p.m., school cafeteria.  
YANTIS/LAKE FORK LIONS CLUB - second Thursday, 6 p.m., Yantis Community Center.

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20th Annual Taste of East Texas

Brad Cobern, owner of Uncle Bubba's Grillhouse in Mineola, serves food to guests at the 20th Annual Taste of East Texas event on Saturday night at the Mineola Civic Center. The event was put on by the Republican Women of Wood County. Attendees voted in the categories of best overall, best main dish, best dessert, best appetizer, best side dish and best decorations. The following came out on top: Hidden Lakes Hunting Lodge in Yantis (Best Overall), Brisket Love Barbecue and Ice House in Lindale (Best Main Dish), Sugarbakers in Mineola (Best Dessert), Kitchen's Hardware and Deli (Best Appetizer), Seth's Lake Fork Creek in Quitman (Best Side Dish) and Speakeasy Coffeehouse in Quitman (Best Decorations). (Monitor photo by Zak Wellerman)

## Mineola All School Reunion planned

The Second Mineola All-School Reunion is approaching and is set for Homecoming 2019 weekend.

Several events will culminate on Saturday night Sept. 14 at Mineola Civic Center with a reunion dinner, alumni awards and dance in the Live Oak Room of Meredith Hall.

The dance will feature the Gary Patrick Band, which includes Mineola graduates Bob Scott (1982) and Bill Scott (1976), who will perform live music for the event. Patrick is also a

Wood County native graduating from Alba-Golden High School. The Dogwood Room in Meredith Hall will be open after dinner and the alumni awards to visit and reminisce.

The weekend of fun kicks off Friday with the downtown homecoming parade at 3 p.m. Former students will gather at 6 p.m. on the parking lot of Meredith Stadium for a tailgate party featuring hot dogs and the fixings prior to the 7 p.m. Homecoming Court presentation and crowning of the 2019 Home-

coming Queen. That will be followed by the kick-off of the football game against Class 4A Farmersville.

Tickets for the reunion are \$25 per person. Registration deadline is Sept. 6 and wristbands will be given at the tailgate party Friday or the dinner Saturday, whichever event you initially attend.

Registration can be done online at [www.mineola-civiccenterandrvpark.com](http://www.mineola-civiccenterandrvpark.com) or by calling Mineola Civic Center offices at 903-569-6115.

## Wood County budget hearing set for Sept. 16

Wood County commissioners will host a public hearing to discuss the proposed budget for 2020 fiscal year Sept. 16 at 9 a.m.

This year's budget proposes a five percent cost-of-living adjustment in salaries for county employees,

including elected officials. These employees will receive \$80 incremental longevity pay for an additional year of service.

According to a notice from the Wood County auditor's office, the budget will raise more property taxes by

\$1,076,992 or 7.6 percent compared to the previous year. Of that amount, \$259,257 is tax revenue from new property added to the tax roll this year.

The public can attend and participate in the hearing on the proposed budget.

### PUBLIC NOTICE

On July 15, 2019, Southwestern Electric Power Company (SWEPCO) filed a petition with the Public Utility Commission of Texas (Commission) requesting Certificate of Convenience and Necessity (CCN) authorization to acquire an interest in three wind generation facilities (the Selected Wind Facilities) located in Oklahoma. The docket number and style of the case are PUC Docket No. 49737, *Application of Southwestern Electric Power Company for Certificate of Convenience and Necessity Authorization and Related Relief for the Acquisition of Wind Generation Facilities*. SWEPCO has approximately 184,000 Texas retail customers, all of whom are affected by this Application. SWEPCO has filed separate applications for certification of the Selected Wind Facilities with the Arkansas Public Service Commission and the Louisiana Public Service Commission. PSO has filed for approval of rate recovery for the Selected Wind Facilities from the Oklahoma Corporation Commission.

Through a Request for Proposals (RFP) process, SWEPCO and its sister company Public Service Company of Oklahoma (PSO) have contracted to acquire the project companies owning the following three Selected Wind Facilities, subject to receipt of regulatory approvals and satisfaction of other conditions:

Traverse	999 MW
Maverick	287 MW
Sundance	199 MW
Total	1485 MW

Each of the Selected Wind Facilities is owned by an affiliate of Invenergy LLC. SWEPCO has contracted to acquire 54.5% of each Facility, for a total of 810 MW, and PSO will acquire the remaining 45.5% (675 MW) share. In the event that approval is not received from all state regulatory commissions, SWEPCO requests approval in this application to acquire a larger share of the Selected Wind Facilities for the benefit of Texas customers.

The total price for the Selected Wind Facilities including all interconnection and upgrade costs, payable at closing, is \$1.86 billion (\$1,253/kW), of which SWEPCO's 54.5% share is \$1.01 billion. Total project costs including PSA price adjustments and owner's costs are expected to be approximately \$1.996 billion, of which SWEPCO's 54.5% share is approximately \$1.09 billion. Closing is subject to regulatory approvals and other conditions, and there are no pre-closing progress or other payments.

Persons with questions about this Project should contact SWEPCO at 428 Travis Street, Shreveport, Louisiana 71101 or call toll-free at (888) 216-3523 during normal business hours. Persons who wish to intervene in the proceeding or comment upon action sought, should contact the Public Utility Commission, P.O. Box 13326, Austin, Texas 78711-3326, or call the Public Utility Commission at (512) 936-7120 or (888) 782-8477. Hearing- and speech-impaired individuals with text telephones (TTY) may contact the commission at (512) 936-7136. The deadline for intervention in the proceeding is September 30, 2019 and you must send a letter requesting intervention to the Commission which is received by that date.

A copy of SWEPCO's petition may be viewed on the Commission's webpage at <https://www.puc.texas.gov>. The Commission maintains an electronic copy of all filings on the "Filings/Filings Search" section of its webpage. The control number for this proceeding is 49737.

# Pay raise, pavilion repairs in proposed Quitman budget

By PHIL MAJOR  
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An employee pay raise and the start of repairs to the historic pavilion in Gov. Jim Hogg City Park are among items proposed for the 2019-2020 Quitman city budget.

The city council held a budget workshop last Thursday, facing a shortfall of about \$57,000. By the end of the session the council was able to pencil in a balanced budget.

City Administrator Rodney Kieke said the budget depends on the proposed property tax rate of 59.15 cents per \$100 valuation. The council plans two public hearings on the matter Sept. 5 and 12.

Property taxes contribute to an overall general revenue of \$1.7 million.

The city has added a debt service amount to the property tax to retire bonds for a

water transmission line and a sewer line.

Kieke said the budget includes a wish list, and the council needed to make some decisions to make it balance.

He has proposed \$20,000 for a new strategic plan to help the city prioritize its needs. The council decided to delay that for a year.

In reviewing the street budget, the council discussed the need for major repairs to Tommy Street.

The council trimmed \$15,000 from a proposed \$40,000 to aid the fire department with its truck payment.

Turning to the pavilion, the historic structure needs major repairs to its roof and structure, estimated at \$90,000. The budget includes \$20,000 to help get that project started.

The council discussed requesting money from the Quitman Development

Corp. to assist in the project, as the park and pavilion bring a lot of folks to Quitman.

The Old Settlers Reunion board has also discussed pitching in for the project, as well as soliciting private donations. The reunion is held in the park and pavilion.

The council agreed the project needs to be started, beginning with a firm plan for the needed repairs.

Kieke said the budget includes a three percent pay raise across-the-board for city employees.

The civic center budget was increased \$1,000 for maintenance and upgrades, including a new sound board.

The council also discussed upcoming appointments to city boards. There is one opening on the Planning and Zoning Commission, and three spots on the QDC board are coming up.

## Commissioners approve small Golden subdivision

By ZAK WELLERMAN  
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Wood County commissioners last week approved a new one-lot subdivision near the Golden area called Bass Acres.

Kari Perkins, the subdivision coordinator and office manager for the county commissioners, said the development will be located directly off County Road 2950 in Precinct 1.

Commissioners also approved the revision of lots 115 and 116 in section 8 of Holly Lake Ranch subdivision. These two lots became lot 116-8R after a public hearing.

An agreement with On-

solve, formerly called CodeRED, was approved by court as well. County Judge Lucy Hebron noted that the county has already paid for the services, and this agreement is being done because of the provider's name change.

Wood County sheriff and constables fees for fiscal year 2020 were approved. These fees include subpoenas, summons, writs, small claims and justice court citations and other notices and service fees.

The fee amounts remained the same from 2019 to 2020.

Commissioners acknowledged orders of assignment for the 402nd District Court.

Bobby Lockhart, 102nd District Court senior judge, was assigned to the 402nd District Court for one criminal case and a civil case.

After the regular commissioner's meeting, a workshop was held to discuss the county lake rules. Wood County District Attorney Angela Albers reviewed the current lake rules to make possible revisions.

The commissioners and Hebron then went over the proposals and the old rules to voice concerns before making any final approvals.

The county lakes of Wood County are Lake Quitman, Lake Holbrook, Lake Hawkins and Lake Winnsboro.

## Annual county hay show draws 90 entries

Tickets are on sale for the 53rd Annual Mineola Hay Show which will be held beginning at 6 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 10 at Mineola Civic Center featuring entertainment by Charles Petty. Tickets can be purchased at Mineola Civic Center for \$10.

Petty is a professional motivation speaker and a member of the National Speaker Hall of Fame which includes such notables as Zig Ziglar, Art Linkletter and Norman Vincent Peale. He was reared in farming communities in England and Stuttgart, Ark. and has spoken to over 3,200 clients

in 50 states and 14 countries. His speaking philosophy is simple, describing it as, "My job as a speaker is to put a smile on faces, information in minds, motivation in hearts and make the program planner look good."

This year's show has 90 entries. Clint Perkins judged the hay on physical characteristics and the Texas A&M Forage Lab will test each sample for protein content. The two scores will be combined and the top growers will be honored at the Hay Show. The top 30 growers hay will be auctioned at the

beginning of the program.

Proceeds from the sale of the hay are used to sponsor scholarships and promote other youth agricultural activities including the local livestock show in the spring.

All are invited to attend the show and enjoy the meal prepared by Seth's Lake Fork Creek Steak and Seafood as well as the speaker and the auction.

For additional information, contact Glen Dossett at 903-850-4462 or one of the Ag Science teachers at Mineola High School at 903-569-3000.



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Animal Adoption Event

Animal Preservation of East Texas- Society for the Prevention of Cruelty (APET-SPCA) was on site at Tractor Supply in Mineola for an adoption event on Aug. 24 as a part of the annual "Out Here with Animals" celebration. In this photo, APET-SPCA volunteers wait for visitors to come to discuss the organization and animal adoption. (Monitor photo by Zak Wellerman)

## Monitor sets early deadlines for Labor Day

The Wood County Monitor will observe early deadlines for the week of Labor Day.

All news items and advertising, including classi-

fieds, for the Sept. 5 edition should be turned in no later than 3 p.m. Friday, Aug. 30.

The Sept. 5 edition will go to press and be distributed on its normal schedule,

but the Monitor offices in Mineola and Quitman will be closed Monday, Sept. 2 for the holiday, reopening Tuesday, Sept. 3.

## MISD

From page 1

and programs. It has been an honor to serve in Mineola ISD."

The agenda for the special meeting was posted Monday night. The mood of the more than 70 people in attendance was heavily in favor of Tunnell and did not support accepting the resignation. Residents questioned who called the meeting and why, but their inquiries were met with silence. Many in attendance were visibly upset by how the situation was handled.

As a tearful Quiambao raised her hand to vote in opposition to accepting the resignation, people in the overflow crowd gave her a standing ovation showing their support for her vote. After the meeting, many of those in attendance lingered outside still seeking answers and questioning what they had just witnessed.

Local resident Angie Ruffin, who has children in school in Mineola, spoke out during the meeting and was asked to leave. Ruffin complied, but still wanted to express her feelings after the

meeting. "I actually think it is a shame. A lot of our teachers didn't even know the special session was happening. I interrupted the meeting and that is why I was thrown out. I interrupted the meeting to ask who called this special session and no one answered that," Ruffin noted. "A lot of teachers will be heartbroken and I absolutely think it's a shame. I think they (the board) were waiting to see what the STAAR test scores were. The elementary scores were not so good and I think it gave them an excuse to let her go."

"What I love about Dr. Tunnell is she really embodied relationships with the students, the staff and the parents. It's about relationships. Ask any parent and they will say they could care less about those scores. Those are not measurable standards from one year to the next. Parents like me want the kids to be taught the subject, not the test."

Warren Brown is the president of the Mineola Foundation and has worked closely with Tunnell to expand the local Career and Technology Education (CTE) program in the district. Brown mentioned he wished the board would see the public reaction and reconsider the action.

Brown also said he felt apathy among the parents in the district led to the resignation and the vote by the board. "I am disappointed that parents do not get more involved in the voting pro-

cess for school board. This is the result when parents do not get involved in the schools and the process of electing school board representatives and you get people elected who have agendas," Brown said. "It's time for the parents in this community to wake up and start to get involved in our schools and with their kids. I hope we are able to keep going forward with the CTE program."

According to a joint statement by the board and Dr. Tunnell, she has had many successes as head of the district, including test scores in the past three years in the state's A-F accountability system going from 69 to 85 in overall performance and from 74 to 86 in student achievement.

The CTE program has grown and created new pathways in health and science, welding, industrial maintenance, education, and information technology. She sought and was awarded over \$1.7 million in grant funding over the last four years in grant funding from TEA (Texas Education Agency) and other state agencies, including a \$267,000 award for welding from the Texas Workforce Commission.

Community engagement grew with a Literacy Partner program and the creation of the Mineola ISD Education Foundation. The MISD Police Department was created and the district has two officers.

Tunnell has been employed at the district since 2015.

## Bereaved parents support group

First United Methodist Church of Mineola will host a bereaved parents' support group Saturday. The meeting starts at 5 p.m. Aug. 31

at 612 N. Newsom Street in Mineola. For more info, call or text Kristi Hunter at 903.204.0305 or email jameshunter2017@gmail.com.

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## Mineola Police Report

### AUGUST 15

3:37 a.m. A resident on Graham Street reported someone had been in their residence. An officer responded to the residence and determined no one was in the residence. A directed patrol was issued for that residence and area.

11:01 a.m. A resident reported they had moved from a residence and the landlord is intentionally running the electricity up.

3:20 p.m. An officer assisted EMS and First Responders on a medical call at a business on Greenville Avenue. The man was transported by EMS.

5:29 p.m. A man approached an officer at a convenience store on East Broad Street and stated his wallet was missing or lost after two other people rode with him.

6:36 p.m. A disturbance was reported at a residence on South Street. Officers responded and determined it to be verbal over the reporting party's child.

10:46 p.m. A disturbance was reported at a residence on McDaniel Street. Officers responded and spoke with the couple that was arguing. An assault by contact was reported, but the complainant did not wish to file charges. A waiver of non-prosecution was signed and a family violence report was completed.

### AUGUST 16

2:26 a.m. Walmart reported juveniles in the store, riding the scooters and knocking merchandise off the shelves. An officer responded but the juveniles were gone upon the officer's arrival.

2:15 p.m. EMS requested assistance at a residence on Krause Street. Officers responded and assisted EMS with getting a female to go to the hospital for medical treatment.

5:35 p.m. Derrick Griffin, 24, of Mineola was arrested for a local warrant, no valid driver's license and no proof of financial responsibility.

7:58 p.m. A family member reported a welfare concern for a resident on West Patten Street. An officer responded and spoke with the resident. He said he was fine and reported family issues that are civil.

10:05 p.m. A resident on Emily Street reported he thought he heard gunshots on a street behind him. Officers responded and checked the surrounding streets. Officers spoke with multiple residents that were outside, but no one else heard anything.

### AUGUST 17

## Wood County Grand Jury indictments

Wood County Grand Jury Indictments issued July 31, 2019:

Macie Jerrilyn Johnson, Mineola, injury to a child, elderly person, disabled with bodily injury, third degree felony.

Tommy James Joyce, Tyler, possession controlled substance penalty group one, under one gram in a Drug Free Zone, third degree felony.

Amanda Faye King, Mineola, manufacturing and delivery penalty group one, more than four grams and less than 200 grams, first degree felony.

Richard Wayne Walters, Kilgore, unauthorized use of vehicle, state jail felony.

Jordan Ryan Williams, Alba, aggravated robbery, first degree felony.

Brian Thomas Rogers,

12:05 a.m. A disturbance was reported at a residence on Landers Street. A man reported his girlfriend would not give him his car keys so he could leave. Officers responded and determined physical contact was made by one of the residents. A waiver of non-prosecution was signed and the two separated for the night. A family violence report was completed.

1:04 a.m. An officer checked on a suspicious vehicle in the Brookshire's parking lot. The man said he was trying to find a place to urinate. The officer advised him to find a public restroom.

1:23 a.m. Zarrag Alexander, 45, of Richardson was arrested for Public Intoxication. An officer checked on the subject walking away from a parked vehicle on South Pacific Street.

1:50 a.m. A subject reported his ex-girlfriend was threatening to take the vehicle that he just purchased, but he has not put the title in his name yet. The officer advised him this is a civil issue.

3:15 a.m. An officer reported three juvenile males walking behind the shopping center complex on NW Loop 564 and detained them. All three subjects were transported to one of the juvenile's parent. A citation was issued for violation of curfew.

5:54 p.m. A caller reported a possible intoxicated female with children in the vehicle at the gas pumps, at a business on North Pacific Street. Officers responded to the location and spoke with the suspected individual. The officers asked for permission to search the vehicle and was granted. Officers located meth and marijuana in the vehicle. When the female was transported to Wood County Detention Facility, she had additional meth on her person. Ashley Nicole Wilson, 34, of Greenville was arrested for possession of a controlled substance, possession of Marijuana, possession of a controlled substance in a correctional facility, and two counts of child endangerment. Wilson came to Mineola for a child custody exchange.

9:37 p.m. Jerry Lee Tucker, 49, of Golden was arrested for a Dallas County warrant for Theft after he was stopped by an officer on Greenville Avenue.

### AUGUST 18

11:05 a.m. Jewelia Leanne Munoz, 18, of Como, was arrested for No Driver's License, No financial responsibility, and expired registration when she was stopped on West Broad Street for the expired registration.

Pittsburg, possession of controlled substance penalty group one, more than one gram and less than four grams in a Drug Free Zone, second degree felony.

Carrie Vance, Mineola, possession of controlled substance, penalty group one, less than one gram, state jail felony.

Mitchell Cole Beall, Hawkins, unlawful possession of fire arm, third degree felony.

Dustin Cole Burge, Mineola, possession of controlled substance penalty group one, less than one gram, state jail felony.

Kevin Ray Larson, Winnsboro, continuing sexual abuse of a young child, first degree felony.

Jyatt Lipscomb, Mineola, aggravated robbery, first degree felony.

### AUGUST 19

12:18 a.m. A reckless driver was reported by a citizen on West Broad, headed eastbound. The caller reported the driver was moving back and forth in the lanes. An officer located the vehicle and determined it to be a paper carrier.

2:59 p.m. A man reported he had bought some water from a local store and one bottle of the water appeared to taste different. An investigator called the manufacturer and made arrangements to get the water tested.

5:02 p.m. A disturbance was reported at a residence on McWhorter Street between a male and female. The female took the keys from her boyfriend and the two were arguing over the keys. An officer responded and determined the problem to be civil. The two separated for the evening.

6:59 p.m. Brandon Kihapiilani Chai, 47 of Mineola, was arrested by officers at his residence for a felony warrant out of Wood County for Possession of a controlled substance.

7:16 p.m. Lora Russell Peavler, 56, of Mineola was arrested by officers at her residence for a Wood County warrant for Release of Surety bond on Possession of a controlled substance.

8:23 p.m. An assault was reported that occurred at a business on South Pacific Street. A female reported that another female hit her when they got into an argument. The alleged victim was not injured.

8:35 p.m. A disturbance was reported at a residence on Francis Street. Officers responded and spoke with the teenager that reported he got into an argument with his father. The teenager went to another relative's residence.

### AUGUST 20

3:04 p.m. A verbal disturbance was reported at a residence on Church Street. Officers responded and the male subject was requested to leave the property by the resident. An officer gave the male subject a ride to South Pacific Street.

5:54 p.m. A resident on West Patten Street reported a theft when a contractor took his deposit for a job, but could not get to it. The contractor agreed to refund his money, but has not.

9:18 p.m. A reckless driver was reportedly coming into the city that was failing to maintain a single lane of traffic. The vehicle was stopped by an officer and a warning was issued.

Jesse Lee Hasten, Mineola, burglary of a habitation and assault, second degree felony and assault with bodily injury family violence, third degree felony.

Brian Thomas Rogers, Pittsburg, possession of controlled substance penalty group one, under one gram in Drug Free Zone, third degree felony.

James Roy-Glenn Massey, Winnsboro, driving while intoxicated third or more, third degree felony.

Tracy Lynn Meadows, Winnsboro, possession of controlled substance penalty group one under one gram in Drug Free Zone, third degree felony.

Amanda Leann Dejiacomo, Hawkins, possession of controlled substance penalty group two, less than one gram, state jail felony.

## Wood County Sheriff's Report

### AUGUST 14

Deputies were dispatched to Holiday Village Dr. near Quitman, at approximately 9:33 a.m., in reference to a theft. Actors, or actors unknown, stole several items from the reporting party's property. This case has been forwarded to investigators.

Deputies were dispatched to CR 4620 near Winnsboro, at approximately 12:17 p.m., in reference to theft. Actors, or actors unknown, stole several firearms from the reporting party's property. This case has been forwarded to investigators.

Deputies spoke with the reporting party, at approximately 12:36 p.m., in reference to a scam on CR 2130 near Quitman. Deputies gave the reporting party advice and cleared the incident.

Deputies spoke with the reporting party, at approximately 12:37 p.m., in reference to criminal trespass on Choctaw near Quitman. Deputies gave the reporting party advice and cleared the incident.

Deputies conducted an arrest/warrant service at the Sheriff's Office; at approximately 2:05 p.m. James Bussell, 27, of Quitman, was arrested for an outstanding warrant.

### AUGUST 15

Deputies were dispatched to Little River Bend near Quitman, at approximately 7:36 a.m., in reference to drugs/narcotics. David Dial, 70, of Quitman, was arrested for Manufacture Delivery of Controlled Substance. Barbara Dial, 67, of Quitman, was arrested for Possession of a Controlled Substance. Christopher Dalton, 46, of Quitman, was arrested for Possession of Marijuana.

Deputies were dispatched to PR 7533 near Hawkins, at approximately 8:12 a.m., in reference to a burglary. Actors, or actors unknown, stole several items from the reporting party's residence. This case has been forwarded to investigators.

Deputies were dispatched to Broken Bow Lane near Quitman, at approximately 8:46 a.m., in reference to a welfare check. Deputies located the individual and everything was OK.

Deputies were dispatched to CR 3847 near Hawkins, at approximately 1:37 p.m., in reference to a burglary. A known actor stole an air compressor from the reporting party's property. This case has been forwarded to investigators.

Deputies were dispatched to CR 3480 near Hawkins, at approximately 3:18 p.m., in reference to a welfare check. Deputies located the individual and everything was OK.

Deputies spoke with the reporting party, at approximately 3:44 p.m., in reference to harassment on CR 1977 near Yantis. Deputies gave the reporting party advice and cleared the incident.

Deputies spoke with the reporting party, at approximately 4:16 p.m., in reference to criminal mischief on FM 182 near Alba. Deputies gave the reporting party advice and cleared the incident.

Deputies were dispatched to CR 3840 near Hawkins, at approximately 6:35 p.m., in reference to a reckless driver. Deputies searched the area, but were unable to locate the vehicle.

Deputies were dispatched to FM 14 near Hawkins, at approximately 8:15 p.m., in reference to shots fired. Deputies searched the area, but were unable to locate any activity.

Deputies were dispatched to Holiday Village Dr. near Quitman, at approximately 10:04 p.m., in reference to suspicious circumstances. Deputies searched the area, but were unable to locate any suspicious activity.

Deputies spoke with the reporting party, at approximately 11:39 a.m., in reference to a scam on CR 1858 near Yantis. Deputies gave the reporting party advice and cleared the incident.

Deputies were dispatched to FM 514 near Yantis, at approximately 2:30 p.m., in reference to criminal trespass. Deputies issued a Criminal Trespass Warning and cleared the incident.

Deputies spoke with the reporting party, at approximately 4:46 p.m., in reference to harassment on Choctaw near Quitman. Deputies gave the reporting party advice and cleared the incident.

Deputies were dispatched to HWY 80 near Mineola, at approximately 7:25 p.m., in reference to an assault that occurred. This case has been forwarded to investigators.

Deputies were dispatched to CR 3859 near Hawkins, at approximately 8:46 p.m., in reference to criminal trespass. Deputies spoke with the actors and cleared the incident.

Deputies responded to a suspicious person on HWY 37 near Quitman; at approximately 8:44 a.m. The individual left the scene, prior to the deputies' arrival.

Deputies were dispatched to PR 5675 near Alba, at approximately 11:31 a.m., in reference to a disturbance. Parties were separated for the day.

Deputies were dispatched to CR 1516 near Alba, at approximately 2:40 p.m., in reference to a welfare check. Deputies searched the area, but were unable to locate the individual.

Deputies responded to a suspicious vehicle on CR 1681 near Alba; at approximately 6:45 p.m., in reference to harassment. Deputies spoke with all parties and determined there was no offense. Kimberly Woodlee, 51, of Yantis, was arrested for an outstanding warrant.

Deputies were dispatched to CR 2782 near Mineola, at approximately 8:17 p.m., in reference to a disturbance. Dakota Boone, 19, of Quitman, was arrested for assault causes bodily injury family violence.

Deputies responded to a suspicious vehicle on CR 1681 near Alba; at approximately 8:32 p.m. Deputies searched the area, but were unable to locate the vehicle.

Deputies spoke with the reporting party, at approximately 10:18 p.m., in reference to terroristic threat on FM 17 near Alba. This case has been forwarded to investigators.

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Total Jail Count—126 inmates—105 males and 21 females.

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Deputies were dispatched to Holiday Village Dr. near Quitman, at approximately 10:04 p.m., in reference to suspicious circumstances. Deputies searched the area, but were unable to locate any suspicious activity.

Deputies were dispatched to CR 1835 near Yantis, at approximately 7:43 a.m., in reference to an inquest. A male, 59, was found deceased in his residence. The Justice of the Peace arrived and no autopsy was ordered.

Deputies spoke with the reporting party, at approximately 11:39 a.m., in reference to a scam on CR 3250 near Quitman. Deputies gave the reporting party advice and cleared the incident.

Deputies spoke with the reporting party, at approximately 12:54 p.m., in reference to a scam on FM 14 near Mineola. Deputies gave the reporting party advice and cleared the incident.

Deputies spoke with the reporting party, at approximately 1:27 p.m., in reference to a scam on CR 1858 near Yantis. Deputies gave the reporting party advice and cleared the incident.

Deputies were dispatched to FM 514 near Yantis, at approximately 2:30 p.m., in reference to criminal trespass. Deputies issued a Criminal Trespass Warning and cleared the incident.

Deputies spoke with the reporting party, at approximately 4:46 p.m., in reference to harassment on Choctaw near Quitman. Deputies gave the reporting party advice and cleared the incident.

Deputies were dispatched to HWY 80 near Mineola, at approximately 7:25 p.m., in reference to an assault that occurred. This case has been forwarded to investigators.

Deputies were dispatched to CR 3859 near Hawkins, at approximately 8:46 p.m., in reference to criminal trespass. Deputies spoke with the actors and cleared the incident.

Deputies responded to a suspicious person on HWY 37 near Quitman; at approximately 8:44 a.m. The individual left the scene, prior to the deputies' arrival.

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Deputies were dispatched to HWY 37 near Winnsboro, at approximately 3:33 a.m., in reference to a reckless driver. Deputies searched the area, but were unable to locate the vehicle.

Deputies were dispatched to CR 1792 near Yantis, at approximately 8:18 a.m., in reference to a dispute. Parties were separated for the day.

Deputies were dispatched to CR 3811 near Hawkins, at approximately 12:09 p.m., in reference to a welfare check. Deputies searched the area, but were unable to locate the individual.

Deputies were dispatched to CR 3984 near Winnsboro, at approximately 10:44 p.m., in reference to suspicious circum-

stances. Deputies located the suspicious activity and cleared the incident.

### AUGUST 19

Deputies were dispatched to CR 3440 near Hawkins, at approximately 9:12 a.m., in reference to a welfare check. Deputies located the individual and everything was OK.

Deputies were dispatched to Loop 564 near Mineola, at approximately 11:42 a.m., in reference to a reckless driver. Deputies searched the area, but were unable to locate the vehicle.

Deputies were dispatched to HWY 154 near Yantis, at approximately 6:19 p.m., in reference to criminal mischief. Actors, or actors unknown, damaged the reporting party's property. This case has been forwarded to investigators.

Deputies were dispatched to CR 3203 near Quitman, at approximately 10:44 p.m., in reference to a burglary. Actors, or actors unknown, stole several items from the reporting party's storage unit. This case has been forwarded to investigators.

Deputies were dispatched to FM 515 near Yantis, at approximately 1:22 a.m., in reference to suspicious circumstances. Deputies searched the area but were unable to locate any suspicious activity.

Deputies were dispatched to Willow Branch near Hawkins, at approximately 7:57 a.m., in reference to theft. A known actor stole water from a utility company. This case has been forwarded to investigators.

Deputies were dispatched to Village Circle near Yantis, at approximately 6:45 p.m., in reference to harassment. Deputies spoke with all parties and determined there was no offense.

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## OFFICER

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Wood County Judge Lucy Hebron mentioned having a workshop session dedicated to discussing a job description and guidelines for the environmental officer

with Davidson.

Hebron noted that job descriptions and guidelines would help to set clear expectations for the position.

County Auditor Terri Sellars said during the workshop the US\$WMD has given \$30,000 to go toward this officer.

Motley has also offered of-

space, a computer and all office supplies for the position, he stated.

Discussions with the waste district board on giving the county one of its old trucks are still ongoing and require approval from the waste district board, Motley said.



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## Obituaries

### JAMES DWIGHT HATHAWAY 1946-2019

James Dwight Hathaway, 72, of Quitman passed away on Friday, Aug. 23, 2019 at Hospice of East Texas in Tyler. Graveside services will be held at 10 a.m. Wednesday, Aug. 28, 2019 at Palava Cemetery in Fisher County with Chase Pope officiating. Burial will follow. Arrangements are under the direction of Cate-Spencer & Trent Funeral Home.

A memorial service will be held at 10:30 a.m. Friday, Aug. 30 at Wood County Cowboy Church, 3435 FM 2088, Quitman with Chase Pope officiating.

Dwight was born Dec. 1, 1946 in Pampa to James Morgan and Lavine Hathaway. He married Lana Dee McWilliams on Aug. 15, 1975 at the Calvary Baptist Church in Canyon. He was a member of Wood County Cowboy Church. He owned and operated Hathaway Drywall, working for Amicus Corporation as a sheetrock building contractor.

He is survived by his wife, Lana Dee McWilliams Hathaway of Quitman; sons, Grady Hathaway and wife Charity of Quitman and Roddy Hathaway of Eugene, Ore.; three grandchildren; Hunter, Luchesse, and Fisher; brother-in-law, Lance McWilliams and wife Terry of Roby, Texas; brother-in-law, Mike McWilliams and wife Jolene of Odesa, Texas and sister-in-law- Teresa Meysing and husband Mike of Hudson, Colo.; special friends, Brent, Wendy and Laramie Chadwick; and numerous nieces and nephews.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Wood County Cowboy Church, 3435 FM 2088, Quitman, Texas

75783, or Cal Farley's Boys Ranch, 800 SW 11th Ave., Am- arillo, Texas 79101.

### BILLIE ELIZABETH HOLCOMBE 1935-2019

Billie Elizabeth Holcombe, 83, of Wheeler, passed from this life on Monday, Aug. 19, 2019, in Wheeler.

Graveside services were held at 10 a.m. on Saturday, Aug. 24, 2019 at the Wheeler Cemetery with Lori DeBose, officiating.

Visitation was held from 6-7 p.m. Friday at the funeral home.

Arrangements were by Robertson Funeral Directors of Wheeler.

Billie was born on Sept. 15, 1935, to Clyde Hannon Worley and Bessie Ernest Worley. She had been a full-time resident of Wheeler since 2002, coming from Brownfield. While living in Brownfield she was a babysitter for many years. Throughout her life Billie enjoyed sewing and watching sports, gardening and canning the fruits of her labor, and Tops Club. She loved her nephews as deeply as if they were her own sons.

She was preceded in death by her parents, her husband, two brothers and five sisters.

Survivors include her sister, Audrey Gould of Mineola, and many nieces, nephews, and great nieces and nephews.

The family suggests that in lieu of flowers donations be sent to Alzheimer's Association. Donate online at [www.alz.org](http://www.alz.org).



Wartime wedding-1944 of C.W. "Bill" Elston and the former Louise Dawson.

## ELSTONS

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meaning of love and commitment, and their enduring union is an inspiration to all

who know them."

The resolution congratulated the Elstons on their 75th wedding anniversary and extended to them their sincere wishes for continued happiness.

## TUNNELL

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"won," "prevailed" or "were prevailing parties" or any similar statement.

The district and the board, individually and collectively, agree to refrain from making negative comments regarding Tunnell to others, including potential employers. Tunnell agrees to refrain from making negative comments regarding the district and its administration.

In another section of the agreement, Tunnell and the district agree and acknowledge that nothing contained in the agreement constitutes any wrongdoing by either party.

Section 13 of the agreement explained the agreement contains the entire understanding between Tunnell and the district. This agreement supersedes any prior written agreement or oral agreements. It states "this agreement shall not be modified, amended, or

terminated unless such modification, amendment, or termination is executed in writing by Tunnell and the district.

The agreement in Section 14 further says Tunnell represents and certifies she has carefully read all of the agreement; understands its provisions; has not been influenced to sign this agreement by any statement or representation by the district that is not contained in this agreement; has had an opportunity to consult with her attorney prior to the execution of this agreement; and enters into this agreement knowingly and voluntarily.

Included in the agreement was Tunnell's letter of resignation, an MISD joint statement of the board of trustees and Tunnell and a letter of recommendation from MISD Board President Dr. John Abbott.

In the joint statement, the district listed several of the numerous accomplishments and achievements made by the district while Tunnell has been superintendent.

In the joint statement, Tunnell thanked the present and

past Board of Trustees for providing her with the opportunity to serve the MISD. Tunnell further expressed her heartfelt appreciation to the staff and community for their support of the district's programs and services during her term as superintendent. Also in the joint statement, the board extended its "best wishes" to Tunnell in her future endeavors.

The letter from Abbott was a glowing recommendation of Tunnell. In the first paragraph it said, "Dr. Tunnell has exhibited commitment and dedication to the Mineola ISD vision and goals. She is a collaborative servant leader and has created a fresh new approach to team management and leadership. She is an accomplished educator and highly supportive of rigorous student learning and quality teacher development."

The letter further went on to say, "During her tenure in the school district, Dr. Tunnell has admirably provided her leadership to the district under increasingly difficult economic circumstances while

maintaining qualified staff and quality instructional programs and initiatives."

Abbott went on further to write, "She handles school district matters with poise and diplomacy. Dr. Tunnell leads by example and believes strongly in preserving the respect and dignity of every individual."

Abbott's final words in the letter state, "I highly recommend Dr. Tunnell for any position of responsibility, most especially as school superintendent. In conclusion, I know you will come to admire her dedication to children and learning as I do."

At press time, the board was set to meet Tuesday for discussion on a procedure for hiring an interim superintendent. The agenda calls for an executive session immediately following the invocation, pledges and introductions. The board will reconvene from the executive session and consider information and action on items discussed in the session.

There is no agenda item for public input or open forum.

## No refusal weekend planned by law enforcement agencies

The Wood County Criminal District Attorney's Office, local law enforcement agencies and UT Health Quitman and Christus Mother Frances Winnsboro are sponsoring a "No Refusal Weekend" Aug. 30-Sept. 2, designed to crack down on intoxicated drivers.

During that weekend all suspected intoxicated drivers who refuse breath testing will be subject to blood testing for alcohol and/or drugs.

"The No Refusal Weekend is a collaborative effort between our office, law enforcement and our local hospitals, designed to shed light on the epidemic of driving while intoxicated. If we are able to remove another intoxicated driver from Wood County roads, the community will be safer," said Wood County Criminal District Attorney Angela Albers.

The DA's office will work with police to assist in preparing search warrants to obtain blood from suspected intoxicated drivers who refuse to submit to taking of a breath specimen. Nursing staff will be available to draw blood from suspects taken to the facilities in Quitman and Winnsboro.

"It is our hope that Wood County citizens enjoy their Labor Day Weekend and that they use good judgment by not driving while intoxicated," said Albers.

Additional patrols from the DPS, police in Mineola, Quitman, Hawkins, Alba and Winnsboro, Wood County constables and sheriff's deputies will be out Labor Day Weekend working to keep Wood County citizens safe on the roads.

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The proposed tax rate would increase total taxes in City of Yantis by 7.92%.

## PUBLIC NOTICE

The Wood County Commissioner's Court will conduct a public hearing to consider a plan for the District Clerk's Technology Fund, Government Code 51.305, to fund the preservation and restoration of the District Clerk's records. The meeting will be held on Monday, September 16, 2019 at 8:50 a.m. in the Commissioner's Courtroom of the Wood County Courthouse, Quitman, Texas.

## Custodial Workers Wanted

**Mineola ISD is looking for Custodial Workers, Part Time & Full Time. For additional information, contact Rickey Browning 903-569-2448 or 903-802-1635.**

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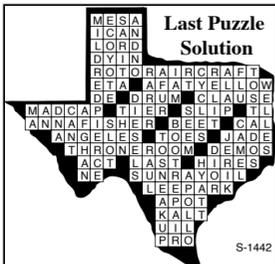
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- another cowboy state (abbr.)
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- TXism: "\_\_\_ Cadillac bumper"
- rodeo event: \_\_\_ roping
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- historic "Mission San Jose y San \_\_\_ de Aguayo"
- TX San Antonio TXism: "lower than \_\_\_ belly"
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- shooter (toy)
- TX Strait's band: "Ace in \_\_\_"
- some lake fishers
- Dublin H.S. class
- TX "Little Joe" song about his dad: "Always \_\_\_"
- TX state grass: side \_\_\_ grama
- .com website about sustainability and health
- 1981 film starring TX rancher Chuck Norris (5 wds.)
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- decorate again
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- TXism: "he's \_\_\_ spring chicken"
- fateful Dallas street for JFK former Ranger and Astro, Incaviglia
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- latch
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- found in East TX: western \_\_\_ rattlesnake
- Ranger radio sportscaster, Eric (init.)

## CLIFFORD EDWIN DODSON 1922-2019



Clifford Edwin Dodson, 97, died peacefully at Longview Regional Hospital on Aug. 26, 2019. Clifford was born on Aug. 4, 1922 in Ivanhoe, Fannin County, as one of eight children to the late Albert D. Dodson, and the late Christine Graves Dodson. Clifford attended Ivanhoe schools and in 1943 joined the U.S. Army participating in World War II in the Pacific Rim. Clifford was honorably discharged in 1946.

In 1952 Clifford moved to Mineola and started Dodson Seat Covers which he owned and operated for almost 40 years. In 1967 Clifford married Kathryn Godwin of Mineola and was married to her at the time of his death.

Clifford was an active participant in community and church activities serving for over 50 years in the Mineola Lions Club, as well as being an active member for 65 years in Masonic Lodge. Clifford faithfully served the Broadway Church of Christ and the Mineola Church of Christ until his death.

Clifford was preceded in death by parents, Albert D. Dodson and Christine Graves Dodson; brothers, Dennis, Vertis, Tobe, Ward, Lloyd and Stanley Dodson; sister, Nadine Hopkins; son in law, Skip Fletcher; stepson, Jim Godwin; grandchild, Rodney Harle Fletcher; and Flo Easley, mother of Clifford's children.

Clifford is survived by wife, Kathryn Dodson; children, Larry Dodson and wife Pam, Glenda Dodson Fletcher, and Chris Dodson Williams and husband Joe; stepsons, Mark Godwin and wife Angie, Phil Godwin and wife Molly, and Roy Godwin; grandchildren, Clint Dodson, Kristen Dodson, Aaron Fletcher, Amber Fletcher, Jason Williams, Ryan Williams and Kacie Williams; nine great grandchildren; one great-great grandchild; and a host of nieces, nephews, and friends.

Visitation will be held from 6 to 8 p.m. on Thursday, Aug. 29 at Beaty Funeral Home, Mineola with the funeral service to be Friday, Aug. 30 at Beaty Funeral Home. Interment will be at Rose Lawn Cemetery immediately following the service.

## Zoning change, permit clear way for Mineola duplexes

A zoning change and specific use permit gained approval from the Mineola City Council Monday for the development of duplexes for senior adults.

The area to be developed is 25 acres off Kings Lane and Sycamore.

The first of four phases is planned for four duplexes, or eight units, with additional phases that could include duplexes, triplexes and multi-family housing. Fifteen or more acres

would be left as green space, said T.J. Jones of Rio Sabine Construction, as much of the area is considered wetlands.

Fire marshal David Madson said notices were sent to 12 adjoining property owners about the possible zoning change. Several came to the Planning and Zoning Commission hearing, but none opposed the project.

The duplexes would be rental units managed by the firm.

## A-GISD

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ey for teacher raises, funds free full-day pre-K for eligible four-year-olds and reduced the amount of money wealthy districts must spend to subsidize poor districts through the "Robin Hood" program. It also included money for districts that want to start merit pay programs, giving bonuses of between \$3,000 and \$12,000 to their higher rated teachers and provides money for high needs and rural school districts that need help to give teachers incentives to stay there.

## COUNCIL

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ple it cannot be zoned for commercial or residential use.

The council agreed to a professional services contract with architect Mark Thacker to design offices and an interrogation room

for the police department by converting a vehicle bay.

Chief Chuck Bittner said several officers are doubling up on offices, and the interrogation room is not sound proof.

After a question was raised about whether a drinking fountain at the new basketball court would have chilled water, the council voted formally to have the

water fountain be "room" temperature. The cost of chilled versus non-chilled water will save about \$2,600.

Public Works Director William Crump said he expects to begin pouring concrete for the court in about two weeks.

The outdoor court will be on Wren St. between Front and Walnut Streets.

## NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING 2020 Budget - Wood County, Texas

In accordance with Section 111.0075 of the Texas Local Government Code, the Commissioners Court of Wood County, Texas will hold a Public Hearing on Monday, September 16, 2019 at 9:00 AM in the Commissioners Courtroom, Main Floor, Wood County Courthouse on the Fiscal Year 2020 proposed budget for Wood County.

This budget will raise more total property taxes than last year's budget by \$1,076,992 or a 7.76% increase, and of that amount \$259,257 is tax revenue to be raised from new property added to the tax roll this year.

Any person may attend and may participate in the hearing regarding the proposed budget.

# Wood County teams hit the gridiron Friday

By LARRY TUCKER  
editor@woodcountymonitor.com

It's time for some football and Wood County teams are in action Friday night. Mineola hits the road to Class 4A Wills Point while Quitman hosts the Cumby Trojans and Wood County foes Alba-Golden and Hawkins meet at Hawkins.

Mineola has a tough opener against a Wills Point Tiger team that went 5-5 last year and with seven offensive and six defensive starters returning. The Tigers are expected to challenge Rusk and Bullard for the District 7-4A Division II title.

The Tigers will depend on running back Justin Perez

and tight end Cameron Penney, both all district players last year, to spark an offense that is looking to fill the quarterback slot. The Tigers have to replace signal-caller Demontrae Hill, a first team all district selection in 2018. Two first team defenders return for Wills Point in Savion Kellum and Aaron Hardman.

Quitman hosts a Cumby Trojan team that went 5-6 last season and returns talented quarterback Cameron Scott who was picked as the District 7-2A Most Valuable Player. Quitman broke a 43 game losing streak last season when they won at Cumby 30-6. Cumby and Quitman each have eight

returning starters on both sides of the ball.

Alba-Golden and Hawkins will have a battle for county bragging rights. The Panthers take on a Hawk team that went 2-8 last year and was devastated by injuries. The Hawks hope to stay healthy this season and will depend on the leadership of quarterback Junior Zach Conde, a district MVP in baseball. Running back Jordan McGowan returns from an injury last year and he will be helped by Paeton Smith.

Northern Wood County neighbor Winnsboro starts the Josh Finney era with the new coach taking over for 20-year veteran Steve Pinnell.

# Bulldogs wrap up final scrimmage

By LARRY TUCKER  
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The Quitman Bulldogs finished pre-season workouts with a three-way scrimmage last Thursday night at Paris Chisum. The Bulldogs took on Chisum and Como-Pickton.

Quitman scored on a run by Trey Berry and had another score by Dylan Coe nullified by a penalty.

In the controlled portion of the scrimmage Quitman ran 24 offensive plays and 12 defensive plays. The Bulldog defense did not give up any points throughout the evening and looked in good form.

Coach Bryan Oakes was pleased with the Bulldog's continued improvement. "In the live quarter format we ran one series of offense and two series of defense. We

were able to score in the red zone and gave up no touchdowns. We finished the last drive defensively with a fourth down stop from a first and goal from the five yard line situation against Chisum," Oakes said. "Red zone scoring and defensive stops have been a huge point of emphasis this offseason and the ability to accomplish both going into preseason play is huge."

Oakes said seniors River Chaney, Berry and Coe each looked ready to play. "Chaney ran the ball extremely well and also has stepped up defensively in a huge way. Berry did good on offense where he scored the only TD and made some huge tackles from the free safety position," Oakes noted.

"Coe was physical defensively and had several catch-

es, one of which was for a TD that they ruled incomplete (questionable) when he hit the ground and the ball came out."

Oakes said the Bulldog defense is playing well for this early in the season. "The defense is playing as a unit and understanding their role, best I have seen in three years," Oakes added. "I thought the fact that both teams ran reverses, throwbacks and other things - plays that are to confuse an undisciplined kid - with no avail was a great testament to the kids and where they are."

Quitman kicks off the season at home against Cumby. The Bulldogs broke a 43 game losing streak last year with a 30-6 win over the Trojans. Cumby brings a team picked to make the playoff hunt this year after going 5-6 last season.

## Mineola Country Club senior scramble

Aug. 22	Tie for 2nd	Goth, MaryAnn Robbins,
1st	Robert Linker, Carl-	Bill Mince with a -14 for 57
JD Robbins, Donnie	is Yelverton, Loy Frazier,	Closest to the pin
Drake, Ron Wilkerson, Bill	Wayne Barrett with a -14 for	#5 Wayne Barrett
Stone, Jerry Leosoff with a	57	#9 Jimmy Baughman
-15 for 56	Kent Mullins, Carter	#18 Bill Lochow



The Lady Jacket girls cross country team finished second at the Commerce Invitational Aug. 24

# Lady Jacket runners second at Commerce meet

By JOHN ARBTER  
woodcystriker@gmail.com

Lady Jacket Juliana Stanley recorded a sixth place finish with a time of 12:37 to lead Mineola's girls cross country team to a second place finish at the Commerce Invitational Aug. 24. Mineola and Quitman high schools opened their cross country seasons this past weekend.

Each of the Lady Jacket runners finished with excellent times to capture the trophy. Shylah Kratzmeyer, Hannah Zoch and Alyssa Lankford ran sub-14 minute races, while Kapri Riley, Keilee Riley and Emily Wiley recorded sub-15 minute finishes.

According to University Interscholastic League (UIL) athletic policy, the distance for girls cross country races in classes 1A - 4A is approximately two miles. Boys in all classes and girls in class 5A-6A run approximately three miles.

The Mineola boys team finished 15th and were led

by Carlos Galaz who ran a time of 18:17. David Amador, Dalton Crowson, Cris Alejo, Royer Marques and Omar Galaz round out the boys team.

Coach David Smith spoke enthusiastically about his competitors, "The girls did a super job finishing second overall. We are excited about both groups and the potential they have."

The Lady Bulldogs achieved a seventh place finish at the Union Grove Invitational. Alexa Flores led the squad consisting of Madyson Pence, Joanna Santiago, Citlaly Flores, Bonnie VanderSchaaf and Lizzy Herring.

The Quitman boys cross country team finished in ninth place out of 14 teams at Union Grove. All six Bulldog runners bettered their times over those recorded at Union Grove one year ago. Aiden Corrior led the team of fellow athletes Riley Flanagan, Brandon Jimenez, Diego Osornio, Matthew Smith and Jace Reid.

Quitman Coach Jim Reid was especially pleased with his squad as he described the Union Grove course as "quite possibly the toughest course of the year." The Union Grove course features a little bit of everything with which a runner may have to contend.

According to Union Grove head cross country coach J.B. Littlejohn, footing ranges from pavement to dirt, gravel and grass. The terrain subtleties also challenge the athletes, as the course has two substantial 4 percent grades near the start and finish. Littlejohn stated the grades "teach the runners not to be mentally defeated." Lastly, the course contains both open pasture areas as well as tightly-confined treks through heavy vegetation.

Littlejohn commented that the Union Grove course most closely approximates the course used to conduct the UIL state cross country championships.

# Yantis Lady Owls swept 3-0 by Dodd City

By JOHN ARBTER  
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Lady Owl Macie Rodriguez plays a shot over a Dodd City defender at the net. (Monitor photo by John Arbter)

The visiting Dodd City Lady Hornets put on a display of offensive firepower with a 3-0 game sweep of the Yantis Lady Owls Aug. 20. The relentless offensive pressure of Dodd City never allowed the Owls to collect themselves, and left Yantis scrambling all night.

Leveraging a significant height advantage, the Lady Hornets dominated both play at the net and service play. Fueled by service aces and kill shots, Dodd City built a 16-6 lead in game one. Yantis mustered a short rally late behind the service skill of Lady Owl Yesenia Macias, but fell in game one 25-12.

A different Yantis team seemed to take the floor in game two. Lady Owl Macie Rodriguez made her presence known at the net with both kill and drop shots, while Macias continued her fine service play. An ace by Rodriguez pulled the Lady Owls within a point at 9-8, but it was as close as the home side would get. Two six-point rallies by Dodd City put game two out of reach.

Yantis appeared snake-bit in game three. At each opportunity to capitalize, a miscue ensued. Once the Lady Hornets gained the momentum, they would not surrender it. The Lady Owls went down in game three 25-7.

After a solid start to the season, including a third place finish at the Detroit Tournament, the Lady Owls were looking for a signature win against a strong Dodd City side.

Following matches against Clarksville and Sulphur Bluff, Yantis travels to Detroit on Aug. 30 and hosts Rivercrest Sep. 6 before beginning district play at North Hopkins on Sep. 13.

The Lady Owls compete in District 18-2A against Como-Pickton, Cumby, Fruitvale, Greenville PTAA, Miller Grove, North Hopkins, and Quinlan Boles.

## NOTICE OF 2019 TAX YEAR PROPOSED PROPERTY TAX RATE FOR CITY OF QUITMAN

A tax rate of \$0.5915 per \$100 valuation has been proposed for adoption by the governing body of City of Quitman. 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 Quitman proposes to use revenue attributable to the tax rate increase for the purpose of Operating expenses and debt service.

PROPOSED TAX RATE	\$0.5915 per \$100
PRECEDING YEAR'S TAX RATE	\$0.4277 per \$100
EFFECTIVE TAX RATE	\$0.3833 per \$100
ROLLBACK TAX RATE	\$0.5916 per \$100

The effective tax rate is the total tax rate needed to raise the same amount of property tax revenue for City of Quitman 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 Quitman 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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For assistance or detailed information about tax calculations, please contact:

Carol Taylor  
Wood County Tax-Assessor Collector  
301 E. Goode St., Quitman, TX 75783  
903-763-2261  
ctaylor@mywoodcounty.com

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

First Hearing: September 5, 2019 at 4:00 PM at City Hall, 401 E. Goode St., Quitman, Tx 75783.

Second Hearing: September 12, 2019 at 4:00 PM at City Hall, 401 E. Goode St., Quitman, Tx 75783.

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# County squads gain experience at Tyler tournament



Lady Panthers Kayli Covey and Ann Marie Pendergrass celebrate winning a hard fought point against Longview.

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Alba-Golden head volleyball coach Jamie Webster summed it up best before her Lady Panthers took the court for their initial match of the Tyler ISD volleyball tournament. "We are here to learn how to compete," she stated earnestly.

Alba-Golden, Mineola and Quitman teams all realized huge benefits from the tourney which featured the absolute best teams from East Texas and beyond. There were no weak teams at the tourney.

The Lady Panthers faced Carthage, Longview and Mesquite Poteet in the initial round. Mineola challenged Henderson, Little Elm and Whitehouse, while Quitman squared off against Tyler Lee, Van and Willis.

Although none of the three Wood County schools advanced into the championship bracket, the experience of facing so many (nine games over three days) talented teams will put each squad in good stead as district play approaches. "This is a tough, tough tourney," stated Quitman head coach Ashlee Lingo. "We will use

this tourney to build on," she added.

The Lady Panthers experienced optimal conditions for their initial contest against 6A Longview. At the initial game of their tourney, in a nearly empty junior varsity gymnasium, the six players from each side battled it out point by point.

Alba-Golden built a 6-2 lead before the Lady Lobos began to methodically exploit defensive gaps with their powerful offensive attack. The Lady Panthers killed Longview's momentum with a quick time out after Longview surged to take a 9-7 lead.

The Lady Panthers' Ann Marie Pendergrass and Crimson Bryant excelled in their blocking game at the net, and Longview gave them plenty of opportunities against quality scorers. The Lady Lobos were adept at glimpsing the court while leaping to make a kill shot and directing their shots to seams in the defense.

Webster's charges could not retain the service advantage and fell in game one 25-17, but the game gave the Lady Panthers a shot of confidence. The effect on the squad was palpable.

Game two was a close affair. Alba-Golden rallied from behind twice to tie the score at 9 and again at 15 points. Pendergrass continued her fine performance adding well-timed drop shots. Madi Bryant and Kayli Covey contributed with their kill and service games.

The surge down the stretch fell short as the Lady Lobos closed the match with a 25-23 win. The fine performance was likely a defining point in the Lady Panthers' season.

The Lady Jackets began the tourney across from the Whitehouse Ladycats. Whitehouse was well warmed-up from their preceding match win over Henderson, and jumped out to a 6-0 lead. A Sabria Dean kill

shot gave Mineola its first point of the tournament.

Game one stalled as neither side could retain momentum. Epic battles ensued at the net between Mineola's Dean, Brittany Pickle, Tahjae Black and Valerie Garcia against Whitehouse's dominating duo of Briana Brown and Ashlee Taylor.

Whitehouse began to open a margin as the game wore on, but the Lady Jackets fought back, closing to 22-20. The Ladycats prevailed 25-22.

Game two featured energetic play by both sides and long volleys. Unfortunately for the Lady Jackets no point came easy. Seemingly every bounce of the ball went to Whitehouse's favor and the Ladycats quickly doubled



Lady Bulldog Lucy Brannon is focused like a laser on digging the ball in action against Van.

up the score on Mineola.

The lasting memory of the game was not the score or scoring, but the constant and composed exhortations of Mineola head coach TaShara Everett as she recognized proper spacing and play. "That's good...that's right," was heard repeatedly as she taught in the moment.

Mineola dropped the match to Whitehouse, but certainly are better for the experience.

It would have been easy for Quitman to have had a let-down in their final match of the tourney's first day. They had just challenged Tyler Lee on Lee's home court and very nearly recorded an upset. There was no let-down from Coach Lingo's squad.

The Quitman-Van match went three games. Van won the first handily 25-13. Quitman took the second game 26-24, and Van secured the match with a 25-15 game three win.

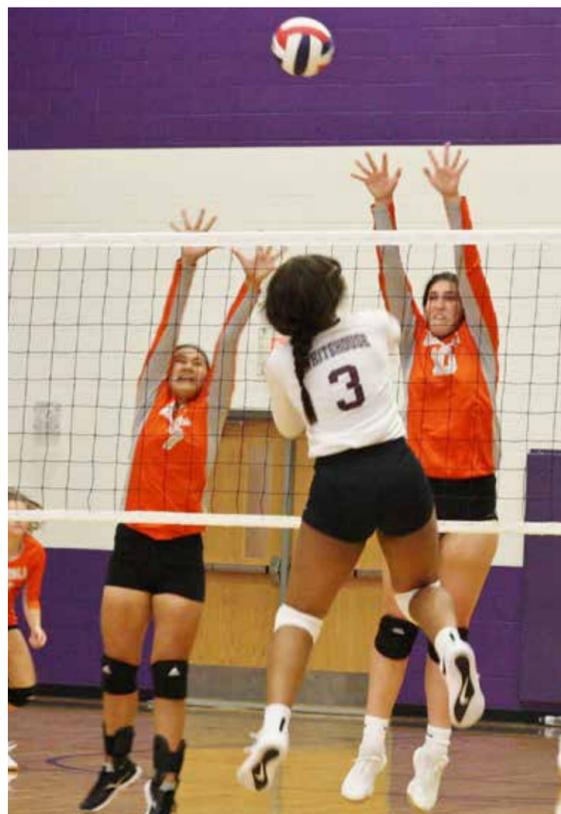
The Lady Vandals used an eight-point rally to open up what had started as a close contest in game one. Despite some timely scor-

ing by Lady Bulldog Julia Simpkins, Quitman succumbed to unforced errors.

There aren't many more closely played volleyball games than game two. Twelve times the score was knotted. Quitman simply refused to yield. Motivated play by Ava Burroughs and Lucy Brannon led the Lady Bulldogs, as Quitman recorded its first win of the tourney.

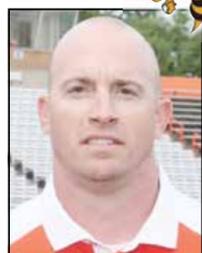
The tie-breaking game was a bit of a disappointment for the Lady Bulldogs, as they could not string enough points together to make a concerted rally. They could not break Van's will. Lady Bulldogs Lexie Wilson and Alexis O'Neal made spirited contributions, although Van prevailed in the match.

The appeal of the Tyler ISD tourney continues to grow. East Texas schools use the tourney as a clinic in the art of volleyball, and to great effect. As Alba-Golden's Coach Webster commented, "We based our tournament success on how well we played as a team. We grew a lot and our expectations are high."



Lady Jackets Valerie Garcia and Brittany Pickle present defend against Whitehouse. (Monitor photos by John Arbter)

## COACHES' CORNER



Mineola Head Football Coach  
**LUKE BLACKWELL**

We are very excited to start our regular season this week at Wills Point. It's always a process grinding through the hot preseason practices, and trying to find ways to get better each and every day as we lead up to the first game. I have been impressed with our attitude and effort, and how much we have improved from day 1. Our kids are looking forward to getting out there and showing what we can do this Friday night!

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Mineola Head Volleyball Coach  
**TASHARA EVERETT**

Our slogans for the year are *The Chase Begins, No More and It's a New Day*. The chase begins means we're chasing greatness. We're chasing being the best team we can be. We're chasing the playoffs. No more means no more Mineola volleyball considered the easy win team. No more saying we will just lose. No More! It's a New Day ties it all in together.



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Quitman Head Football Coach  
**Bryan Oakes**

We fully expect to reach our goal of making the playoffs. Our kids have worked hard and prepared diligently for the upcoming season. This is our third year here and our kids know what we expect. We must do three things this year and they are to execute, commit and have fun. It's taken a while, but we are finally moving from a coach-led team to a player-led team. The seniors have shown solid leadership skills and we hope to turn that into success on the field.



Quitman Head Volleyball Coach  
**Ashlee Lingo**

The past four weeks have been very intense. Varsity has completed all three tournaments. In those tournaments we have seen some great competition. Although we have a lot of things we still need to work on, we have been able to be competitive.



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