



Jole Ray, principal at Mineola Primary, helps a student find their classroom on the first day of school Thursday morning. (Monitor photo by Sam Major)

Superintendents react to schools' state report cards

For the second year, Texas school districts have received A through F letter grades from the Texas Education Agency.

Scores for the 2018-19 school year in Mineola, Alba-Golden, Quitman and Yantis were all B letter grades and each school district saw an increase in the previous year's overall scores.

Mineola ISD earned an 85, Alba-Golden ISD earned an 87, Quitman ISD earned an 89 and Yantis ISD earned an 85.

TEA says these grades are the combination of student performance on standardized tests, how well students are prepared for college or military and how well districts close the performance gaps between various groups.

According to txschools.org, student achievement means how well the students did on their STAAR tests, graduation rates and preparation for life after high school. School prog-

ress shows how students perform over time and in comparison to other districts. Closing the gaps means how different populations, such as ethnicities, economically disadvantaged, English learners and those in special education, in the district are performing.

The score is calculated as 70 percent for the student achievement and school progress categories. The state only counts the better score of the two categories. Closing the gap is the remaining 30%.

School districts and their campuses can also earn distinctions for areas with the school performed exceptionally well. The categories are academic achievement in science, math, English/language arts or social studies, top 25% comparative academic growth, post-secondary readiness and top 25% comparative closing the gaps.

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Change in state law brings an end to Mineola plans for annexations

By HANK MURPHY

The city of Mineola's plan to annex a number of properties in the Minwood and Hamilton additions along the city's northern end has been shelved due to a change in state law.

Earlier this summer, the council signaled willingness to move ahead with annexation proceedings for an enclave of properties along Minwood Street as well as several in the Hamilton Addition.

City Manager Mercy Rushing had told the coun-

cil in June that the Minwood properties were enjoying the benefits of city services while not having to pay city taxes. In mid-July, the council had put the annexation matter on its regular meeting agenda. However, after learning about the recently passed state law, proceedings were set aside.

Earlier this summer, Texas Gov. Greg Abbott signed House Bill 347, which deals with forced annexation by cities.

"Forced annexation is when cities annex proper-

ty without the approval of the people and businesses that are affected," the governor said at the time. "This means that cities can impose new regulations and higher taxes on Texans who purposefully choose to live outside of city limits."

The bill was authored by Rep. Phil King, a Weatherford Republican.

The annexation issue in Mineola could be revisited in two years if the Legislature agrees to consider a fix for unique situations such as the one in Mineola.

Mineola council holds tax hearing

By LARRY TUCKER

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A public hearing concerning the City of Mineola tax rate for 2019 was held Monday evening. The proposed tax rate is at \$0.569. Last year's rate was \$0.56241.

"This is the proposed rate. You can go lower than that, but you cannot go higher,"

Mayor Kevin White said.

One local resident, Sherry Murray, spoke during the hearing. "Pure and simple I encourage you not to increase the tax rate simply because this is primarily a retirement community. The city tax rate is not frozen. You can freeze the tax rate for senior citizens," Murray said. "If the appraisal

goes up so does the tax. You could freeze the rate until the property turns over and it will keep people in their homes longer."

Council member Sue Jones commented on the tax rate. "We encourage all of our citizens that we live here too and it affects us just like it

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Quitman proposes 2020 property tax rate

By ZAK WELLERMAN

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Quitman city council proposed an overall higher property tax rate for the city's 2020 fiscal budget at last week's meeting.

The tax rate will be a total of 59.15 cents per \$100 valuation compared to 42.77 cents.

This year, a debt service rate was proposed as 17.77 cents, while 41.38 cents was chosen as the maintenance

and operations (M&O) rate. Last year, the whole rate of 42.77 cents was dedicated to M&O.

For the first time in recent years, the city will include debt service within its total tax rate, City Administrator/Secretary Rodney Kieke said.

The debt service rate will be added due to last year's approval of a \$2.2 million bond for a water transmission line and sewer line improvements, Kieke ex-

plained.

With property values up, the M&O rate was able to go down slightly, he added.

Two public hearings are required before approving the tax rate.

Dates for these hearings have not been set by the council.

Additionally, Republic Services presented the council with a \$1,000 donation for the Quitman Police Department and Quitman Volunteer Fire Department.

Mineola board considers superintendent release

The future of Mineola ISD Superintendent Kim Tunnell will be discussed at an executive session Thursday night at 7 p.m.

The school board will dis-

cuss the possible separation and release between the district and the superintendent.

Tunnell has been the superintendent in Mineola since July 1, 2015, as she en-

ters her fifth year at the district.

The board will open back in public after the session and express the board's decision.

Widespread power outage impacts county

By LARRY TUCKER

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Over 85,000 SWEPCO and Wood County Electric Co-op customers faced total outages while others had reduced power Sunday evening.

Residents throughout East Texas reported power going off and on and the dimming of lights as well as some total

loss of power.

Just before 5 p.m. Sunday, the reports started coming in at SWEPCO. At that time SWEPCO advised residents across the area to turn off air conditioners and appliances. Union Hill ISD near Gilmer had to cancel classes Monday for lack of power.

In Wood County, there were 3,369 power outag-

es and several instances of power going of and on. Gregg County was hit with 32,750 power outages.

Hughes Appliance in Mineola reported a record number of calls Sunday and Monday. "Oh my, we had a record of calls yesterday (Monday) and we are

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Kneeling in front of the Baker Street bus stop is Gerald Russell. The sheltered bus stop also serves as a site that recognizes the contributions to south Mineola by three former residents — Jewell Mayfield, Willie Ann Adams and Vaughn Wooten Jr. Behind Russell, from left, are Alderman Mitchell Tuck, Sabria Dean, Jamya Martin, Lyrica Martin, D'vante Martin, Teagan Martin and Eddie Wooten. (Monitor photo by Hank Murphy)

Bus stop serves to memorialize contributions by south side trio

By HANK MURPHY

The Baker Street school bus project spearheaded last year by Gerald Russell now serves a purpose beyond giving shelter to school kids.

The bus stop — originally conceived as a way to give youngsters shelter from the elements as they waited for the bus — also pays tribute to three deceased people who contributed to south Mineola. Russell wants them and their good deeds recognized now and for years to come.

Along with citing those who helped the bus stop become a reality, a marker cites the contributions made to

Mineola by Willie Ann "Big Mama" Adams, Jewell Mayfield and Vaughn Wooten Jr. Adams, who was born in 1898 and died in 1980, was a midwife, a community babysitter and is considered the mother of Sidney's Temple Church.

Mayfield was born in 1926 and died in 2011. She dedicated her life to caring for children at Southside Community Daycare.

Wooten was born in 1946 and died in 1993. He was a U.S. Marine who served in Vietnam and he served as mentor for many south side kids. Wooten developed and

coached youth football and helped shape the lives of young men in Mineola.

"I just want the community to know about people who have done things on the south side," said Russell, who remembers Willie Adams taking care of him when he was just a child.

Mineola Alderman Mitchell Tuck has fond memories of Vaughn Wooten, who coached the Sand Flat Stompers.

"He was always coaching kids, and you had to tackle," said Tuck. "That was before (pee-wee) football ever got started. He was big on kids."

QDC refinances loan to add gas line in business park

By ZAK WELLERMAN
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Quitman City Council last week approved refinancing the Quitman Development Corp. (QDC) existing loan to fund gas line construction costs for the Quitman Business Park.

Before businesses came to the park, the QDC board was told all utilities were available, but when the park was constructed a gas line was not built, QDC Executive Director Denea Hudman said.

The lack of a gas line came to light when Stitchin' Heaven, which is building its new location in the park, needed gas for its heater. The quilting company is set to open

in October.

After attempting to find grant funding early in the year, the QDC refinanced the loan to build the gas line for the entire park, Hudman explained.

The gas line costs will add \$100,000 to the original loan. The newly refinanced loan with Wood County National Bank is about \$1.107 million with a 3.5% interest rate, Hudman said.

The refinancing will allow the QDC to pay the loan over a 20-year period; however, Hudman said quarterly payments of \$23,813.50 will continue to be made on a 15 year schedule.

She explained the QDC will be saving money in the long run by making larger

payments.

Installation of the gas line should be complete within 5-6 weeks, Hudman added.

Hudman noted that the gas line will be accessible to all current and future businesses in the park. Those in need of gas will have to pay for their business to have access to the gas line.

Also, aldermen voted to table QDC's 2020 fiscal budget to discuss it during a workshop.

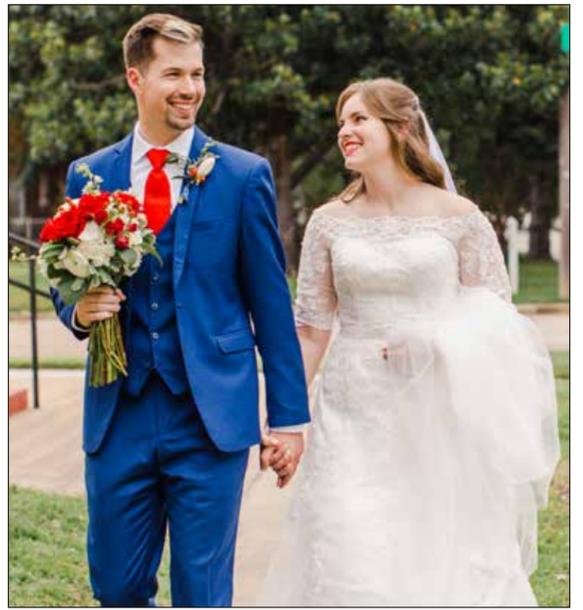
QDC revenue is budgeted to increase by about 11.76 percent compared to last year. Funds are up to \$258,000 compared to \$238,000 last year, according to the proposed budget.

The QDC budget revenue comes from sales tax col-

lected within the city limits. One-third of the total city sales tax goes toward economic development and two-thirds goes to the city's budget.

Hudman also gave her monthly QDC report to the council.

Through a partnership with the school, Quitman FFA horticulture students will help clean up and add plants to the north side of the Wood County Courthouse. There will be a clean-up and planting event on Saturday at 7:30-9 a.m. in the parking lot behind Tony B's Texas Kitchen with the horticulture students and community members. The QDC will supply plants. Volunteers bring their own tools.



Hurley, Thompson wed

Sarah Elizabeth Hurley wed Lukas Andrew Thompson on Saturday, July 13, 2019, at First United Methodist Church of Mineola.

Sarah is the daughter of Jeff D. and Mary Hurley. She is a 2012 graduate of Mineola High School and a 2015 graduate of Southern Methodist University.

Lukas is the son of Randy and Pam Thompson. He is a 2012 graduate of Plano West Senior High School and a 2016 graduate of Southern Methodist University.

After a honeymoon to Scotland, the couple resides in the Dallas area where Sarah teaches and Lukas works in digital marketing.

Quitman ISD school board approves \$13.4 million budget

By ZAK WELLERMAN
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Quitman ISD trustees adopted the district's 2019-20 budget and property tax rate at Monday's meeting after a brief public hearing.

General fund revenue will increase from \$11,472,134 in the 2018-19 budget to \$13,452,700 in the new budget. The food service fund revenue also increased from \$590,461 to \$704,919.

In appropriations, the instruction section rose the most, up \$1,029,687 compared to last year.

Superintendent Rhonda Turner explained that salary increases for teachers and staff, added positions and supplies contributed to the higher instruction costs.

The passage of House Bill 3 allowed the district to raise

staff salaries this year. HB 3 provides \$6.5 billion for raises and improvements to public education as well as \$5.1 billion to lower school property taxes.

There is also \$200,000 built into the budget for retention stipends in August and December, Turner noted.

Student transportation was raised by \$219,407 mainly due to the addition of two new school buses, Turner said.

The health services appropriation increased by \$14,311 to purchase four new defibrillators for the nurse's office.

Co-curricular and extra-curricular appropriations were also increased by \$128,123 for salaries, student travel and student meals, according to Turner.

She added that plant main-

tenance in the general fund was raised \$251,242 for improvements to the elementary playground, vehicles for the district and salaries.

Trustees also adopted the 2019-20 proposed tax rate at \$1.294 per \$100 of property valuation, a drop from last year's rate of \$1.4296.

Also at the meeting, trustees approved a roughly \$1.3 million bid from Jackson Construction for the tennis courts and building renovation projects.

With this project, the district will be adding two new courts to the current four and LED lighting to all six.

The district's purchase of 500 Google Chromebook covers at a cost of \$11,665 from SHI Government Solutions was approved as well. QISD Director of Technology Scott Turner said the

covers will help protect the students' Chromebooks that the school provides.

Improvement plans for the three campuses and the district were approved by the board after presentations by the principals and assistant superintendent.

Trustees approved inter-local services agreement between the Region VII Education Service Center and Quitman ISD for \$92,641. The agreement runs from Sept. 1, 2019 to Aug. 31, 2020.

Trustees approved the FFA show team students' out-of-state travel to participate in The Four States Fair Livestock Show in Texarkana, Ark.

Terrie Haskett, QISD accounts payable specialist, was recognized for the training she completed with TASB.

Mineola church hosting evangelist and outdoor gospel concert

Lake Country Bible Church in Mineola hosts Friendship Weekend 2019 featuring Freddie Coile,

president of Focus Evangelistic Ministries, and The Erwins, famous southern gospel quartet, Friday and

Saturday, Aug. 23-24 at 7 p.m. This will be an outdoor event in front of the church on Highway 37, 1402 N. Pa-

cific. Please bring your own seating. Bottled water will be provided.

Letter to the Editor

Dear Editor:

Thank you for the excellent story about my brothers last week. John Arbter wrote the most comprehensive and remarkably accurate article of any of the dozens I've read through the years on the subject. That includes the Fort Worth

and Dallas newspapers. His driving 175 miles to the funeral service is commendable and unexpected. Thank you, John.

The Monitor deserves credit for expert journalism.

Bill Knight
Mineola

You're invited

Doug and Kathy Whatley Richey will celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary on Saturday, August 24, 2-4 p.m., come and go. The celebration will be at The Cottage in Cartwright, 895 FM 1643, Quitman. Their children and grandchildren wish to invite all friends and relatives of the couple to attend. No gifts please.

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 Lake, 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 LINE DANCE GUILD - Tuesday and Friday, 8 to 9 a.m. beginners, intermediate 9 a.m. to noon
MLOTA FIBER/CRAFT ART GUILD - third Wednesday at 1 p.m. and first and third Thursday at 10 a.m.
MLOTA QUILT GUILD - first Thursday at 10 a.m.
MLOTA PAINTERS GUILD - Wednesday, 10 a.m.; business meeting fourth Monday.
MLOTA RUG HOOKING GROUP - first Thursday, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Beginners are welcome.
MLOTA PHOTOGRAPHY GUILD - fourth Thursday, 6:30 p.m. All levels welcome
MLOTA SCULPTURE GUILD - first and third Tuesday, 1 p.m. Business meeting second Monday at 10:30 a.m.
PARENTS ANONYMOUS GROUP - Saturday, 2-3:30 p.m., First Baptist Church, Quitman. Children's program provided. 903-629-2114
PILOT CLUB OF MINEOLA - second Tuesday, 6 p.m. Mineola Civic Center. President Loraine Epps.
Quilts of Valor group, Stitchin' Angels, meet the last Wednesday of the month at 10:30 a.m., 1118 N. Pacific St., Mineola, to make quilts for service members and veterans.
QUITMAN GARDEN CLUB - second Tuesday (except when on field trips), 2 p.m., Quitman library. quitmangardenclub@gmail.com. All are welcome.
QUITMAN/LAKE FORK KIWANIS - Wednesday, noon, Faith Student Center, 403 S. Main St., Quitman.
QUITMAN LIONS CLUB - For meeting time and place call 903-763-4126.
QUITMAN PILOT CLUB - third Tuesday, 1:30 p.m., UT Health Quitman board room. 903-383-5075.
QUITMAN ROTARY CLUB, Thursday, noon, UT Health Quitman Community Room, N. Hwy. 37.
QUITMAN CITY COUNCIL - third Thursday, 5:30 p.m.; city hall. 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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Attaway honored for 50 years practicing as a Texas attorney

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A local attorney was honored for his 50 year milestone of practicing law in Texas at last week's Quitman City Council meeting.

Mayor Randy Dunn and the council declared Aug. 15 James A. Attaway, Jr. Day in recognition of Jim Attaway's years of service.

He served in the U.S. Army as a paratrooper in the 82nd Airborne Division and was also deployed to Okinawa, Japan with the 503rd Infantry Regiment.

Attaway became a practicing attorney in April 1969. He attended Arlington State University (now UT Arlington) and Baylor Law School. Attaway and his family moved to Quitman in 1981.

Attaway expressed gratitude to his friends, family, paralegals and fellow church members.

"I'm impressed folks. If you look back over this time of half a century and you appreciate certain folks that got you from that point to this point," he said.

He also recognized the time he spent away from his wife, Sally, and family as a



Quitman Mayor Randy Dunn (right) reads the proclamation honoring Jim Attaway for 50 years as a attorney in Texas and declaring Aug. 15 as James A. Attaway, Jr. Day at last week's Quitman City Council meeting.

lawyer. "I also remember at times like this: family. Being a trial lawyer takes a lot of time and a lot of time away from home," he said. "My Sally is an amazing woman. Can you imagine being married to a lawyer for 50 years?"

He served as a Judge Advocate General's Corps (JAG) officer in the Texas National Guard and was appointed as a military judge.

Attaway served on the Mesquite City Council for multiple terms and served

one term as an alderman in Quitman.

"In my work, I dealt with government at all levels, local, state and national. Here in the city council chambers, we're the city government of this city and what you do is very important here. It impacts citizens in this city more so than state or federal regulations," Attaway said. "It has a direct impact."

He was a three-term president of the Wood County Bar Association.

for all the calls."

Shelley McCollum of Ray Roberts Service in Quitman said they were still busy Tuesday. "We got a plethora of calls, mostly air conditioning. We did eight calls Sunday evening, at least 25 Monday and are still making calls on it today," McCollum said "We had seven pages of calls from our answering service with four or five on each page, but we are getting to everybody as soon as we can. It was all pretty

unreal."

Fouke Water supply in eastern Wood County reported no problems with its water systems. In Upshur County, Pritchett Water Supply Corp. customers were asked to conserve water and be patient as some of their wells were affected.

As of Tuesday, it was uncertain what exactly caused the outages, with the focus on a substation in the area of the Eastman Chemical Co. in Longview.

are working to set our tax rate at the lowest that we can. But if you would also like to tell us what services you would like to cut that you enjoy now. We are really doing our very best to keep

our rate at the lowest we can keep it and have Mineola a great place to live."

The tax rate is set for adoption at a meeting Aug. 26 when the 2019-20 budget is adopted.

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:

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| 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.

Alba-Golden ISD scores a "B" grade

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Alba-Golden ISD received its state accountability rating from the Texas Education Agency Aug. 15.

This year, the agency used a new rating system for districts, using an A-F system. Alba-Golden received an overall score of 87 and an overall rating of "B."

Superintendent Dwayne Ellis states, "Although the grading system for districts across the state is not always fair in terms of how it rates districts, we have the best and most qualified teachers who care, first and foremost, about the value of each individual child as well as their education. Our district will continue to work together

to not only improve our test scores, but also to improve the life of every student who comes through our doors."

The secondary campus received distinctions in "Post Secondary Readiness" and in "Academic Achievement in Science."

The secondary campuses received an overall "B" rating with a "B" in student achievement, "A" in academic growth (student progress) and a "B" in closing the gap.

The elementary campus recorded an overall "D" score with a "C" in student achievement, "D" academic growth and "F" in closing the gap.

In reviewing the elementary results, Principal Kevin Wright said, "The state has set the bar high. We see the

areas that we need to grow in and as a campus we look forward to meeting those challenges and reaching our goals this year. We have terrific kids, great support from parents and some of the most caring and hard-working teachers you'll find anywhere."

Secondary principals, Michael Mize in high school and Brandon Bohannon in junior high, were pleased with the results on the secondary campus but want to continue to strive for improvement throughout this next year. The secondary knows the areas which need to improve and are confident the teachers and staff are up for the challenge to get to an "A."

MISD achieves B rating; elementary rated as "F"

By HANK MURPHY

Overall, the Mineola Independent School District saw gains in the Texas Education Agency (TEA) report card accountability ratings, scoring a B for the district as a whole. The district's overall score of 85 is up from the 83 it posted the previous year.

Since 2017, the district's overall rating has improved 16 points.

In terms of the category "student achievement," MISD posted a B with a score of 86, up from last year's 77. In "academic growth," the district achieved a B grade. It earned a C in the final category, which includes "closing achievement gaps" as well "college, career and military readiness." Last year's 69 (or D) in the latter category improved to 76.

A new wrinkle in this year's district report card is the grading of each campus within the MISD. The high school achieved a B and a score of 85 for overall perfor-

mance. High school grades are based on STAAR testing as well as college, career and military readiness.

The middle school also scored a B with an 82 for overall performance. The elementary/primary school posted an F, with a score of 58. That score is derived exclusively from STAAR.

STAAR is an acronym for State of Texas Assessments of Academic Readiness. The TEA has set a goal for school districts to achieve "30/60/90" by 2030. The objective is to have 90 percent of the students approach the grade level, 60 percent meet grade level and 30 percent master the grade level for each of the STAAR tests. In reading and math, Mineola Elementary School students trailed state averages in approaching grade level, meeting grade level and mastering grade level.

Mineola Supt. Kim Tunnell said the district has slowly been shifting staffing

and resources away from remediation at the secondary level and toward early intervention at the primary and elementary school. For instance, the district now has two English-as-a-second-language teachers assigned to early grades.

"The F is not a reflection of our kids," Tunnell said. "We don't have F students, we don't have F teachers and we don't have an F district. This is related to one day's testing for these kids. It is only one piece of student achievement."

MISD recognizes that district and campus report cards based largely on STAAR testing is the system the Legislature created, Tunnell stated. Still, it is only "one measure of student achievement, and these labels in no way reflect the quality of our students, teachers and staff. The success of our students, our staff and our district is measured on more than one test score."

Quitman ISD just misses an "A" state rating

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QISD received 89 out of 100 and a grade of B this year. The district increased by six points from last year.

In student achievement, QISD scored 89 for a B. In school progress, the district earned a 90 for an A. In the closing the gaps section, Quitman received an 87 for a B.

Superintendent Rhonda Turner attributes the report card improvements to bettering the instructional process and educating students individually.

"I am pleased with the progress that the district made in each of the three domains resulting in our score

of 89. Quitman ISD has had two main initiatives driving our direction; however, neither of them are a focus on testing. First, a greater emphasis on coaching the instructional process in the classroom, and second, reaching every student at every opportunity every single day," Turner said. "Our mission, 'Educating Every Child...Every Chance...Every Day,' has really become our battle cry."

In order to teach each student effectively, the district has chosen to utilize educational opportunities within the Quitman community, such as local medical facilities, Turner added.

"For example, we do not have a Health Science build-

ing, but we have a remarkable program. Our students are receiving quality instruction in the classroom and participating in rotations, and real life experiences at UT (Health Quitman) Hospital, local clinics, pharmacies, and our local veterinarian clinic," she said. "We will continue to focus on quality instruction in the classroom and meeting the needs of our students as we enter into 2019-2020."

For campus scores, Quitman Elementary and Junior High both received an 80 and a B grade. Quitman High School received an 87 for a B grade.

QES earned a distinction

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Education motivational speaker Hal Bowman presents his workshop, "Teach Like A Rock Star," to Quitman ISD employees during the annual convocation on Aug. 13 in the QHS auditorium. Bowman has over 20 years of experience in the classroom and has spent the last 10 years presenting workshops to schools throughout the country. (Monitor photo by Zak Wellerman)

QISD educators get inspired for new year

By ZAK WELLERMAN
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Quitman ISD enlisted the help of a motivational speaker for its annual convocation to give administration and staff fresh teaching strategies this school year.

Hal Bowman presented his "Teach Like a Rock Star" workshop to QISD staff Aug. 13 in the high school auditorium. Bowman has over 20 years experience in the classroom and has spent the last 10 years presenting workshops to schools across the nation. He is the president and founder of Hal Bowman Inc. from Houston.

"Teach Like a Rock Star"

is a research-based, results-driven professional development event to give educators strategies and resources to create an extraordinary learning environment for students, according to Bowman's website.

Superintendent Rhonda Turner believes Bowman's presentation greatly benefited the Quitman educators.

"Hal has a unique ability to tell stories that resonate with teachers and thus impacts the approach a teacher takes in the classroom," Turner said. "Connecting with students is a constant theme in his full day training and one of the strategies

that he emphasizes must exist for an extraordinary classroom experience to occur."

In his presentation, Bowman inspired educators to have an impact on their students' lives and help kids improve both their academic and personal achievements.

Some of the predicted results of this particular workshop include raising test scores throughout diverse populations, finding the underlying motivation of a student, building strong connections with all students and uncovering the rock star teacher that lies within, according to his website.

UT Health East Texas AIR 1 relocates to Quitman

A UT Health East Texas AIR 1 emergency helicopter has a new home base: UT Health Quitman.

The helicopter based at UT Health Quitman will serve the communities of Northeast Texas. The relocation of the air base to Quitman comes after months of analyzing the critical care needs in the area.

"By moving the helicopter to a more centralized area of the region, we are able to make sure patients in critical emergency situations arrive at UT Health Tyler's Level I trauma center within the 'golden hour,' significantly improving their chances for recovery," said John Smith, CEO of UT Health East Texas EMS and AIR 1. "By moving the helicopter to UT Health Quitman, we save several minutes of flight time, which can make a big difference in critical situations. This is just another example of how we work continuously to improve and provide the best critical care to the residents of East Texas."

Having a helicopter stationed in Quitman will provide additional benefits for patients, said UT Health Quitman CEO Patrick Swindle. "Its presence on campus will allow for faster transfers



from our emergency department," Swindle said. "Additionally, we will be able to access the expertise of the flight crew in the hospital during trauma situations, and we'll have even better integration of air transport with the hospital's Level IV trauma center and Level III stroke center."

UT Health East Texas AIR 1 was the first emergency air program in Texas to be accredited by the Commission on Accreditation of Air Medical Transport Services. UT Health East Texas partners with Metro Aviation Inc., a pioneer and leader in the air ambulance industry to provide emergency helicopter service. In 2015, AIR 1 celebrated 30 years of service to

East Texas. The fleet is composed of three helicopters that are staffed 24/7 with a pilot, nurse and paramedic. Two other emergency helicopters are based in Henderson and Athens, which allows UT Health to provide high quality care and rapid transport to residents across East Texas.

"We are excited to base in Quitman," said Michael Lawyer, program director and chief flight nurse for UT Health East Texas AIR 1. "Locating one of our aircraft at UT Health Quitman, will put us in the best operational position to support our EMS resources in Wood County and better serve the entire UT Health East Texas system."

Yantis ISD earns large increase in state score

YISD received 85 out of 100 and a grade of B this year. The district increased by 16 points from last year.

Superintendent and Elementary Principal Tracey

Helfferich noted that the district worked hard to improve from last year's score.

"We did make a huge increase from last year to this year and we couldn't be happier. Our entire staff had a part in our successes. We weren't satisfied with our rating last year therefore we knew we must make changes. As a district we rolled up our cuffs and went to work. Our teachers didn't hesitate, they gave it all they had and I must say it paid off," Helfferich said. "Our motto at our district is soaring to success, accepting nothing,

We have an amazing school and the best teachers."

In student achievement, Yantis scored 85 for a B. In school progress, the district earned an 88 for a B. In the closing the gap section, Yantis received a 78 for a C.

For campus scores, Yantis Elementary (Pre-K to fifth grade) received an 82 for a B, while Yantis secondary (sixth to 12th grade) received a 79 for a C grade.

Yantis Elementary earned distinctions in academic achievement in math and English/language arts and post-secondary readiness.

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for post-secondary readiness. QJH earned a distinction in academic achieve-

ment in science. QHS earned distinctions in academic achievement for science, math and English/language arts and the top 25 % comparative closing the gaps achievement.

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Mineola Police Report

AUGUST 1

2:28 a.m. A resident on North Newsom came to the police department and reported she had been assaulted by her boyfriend at the residence and was finally able to get away. The incident was investigated and a warrant was issued for assault bodily injury family violence with a prior conviction. Dallis Ray Pippin, 28, of Mineola, turned himself in at 6:30 a.m. on Aug. 5.

12:10 p.m. Brookshire's reported a theft involving a female who walked out with a small basket of merchandise that was not bagged.

5:15 p.m. A resident on Dubose Street reported a family member had stolen her medication from the residence.

5:59 p.m. Officers assisted Wood County S.O. when an anonymous caller reported a male and female fighting on the side of the roadway on Hwy. 80 West. An officer responded and identified the two individuals and turned the situation over to Wood County.

11:35 p.m. Tammy Lynn Pickle, 50, Mineola was arrested for alleged possession of a controlled substance under one gram.

AUGUST 2

6:34 p.m. A resident on Molly Lane reported money and a car title taken from his residence but decided he did not wish to pursue charges.

AUGUST 3

9:31 a.m. Gerri Rachelle Butler, 44, of Mineola, was arrested after she was stopped on West Broad Street for an expired registration. Butler had a warrant for driving while license suspended and she was charged on site for driving while license suspended and expired registration.

4:33 p.m. Kenneth Loyd Mings, 30, of Grand Saline, was arrested for possession of a controlled substance under one gram when the vehicle he was a passenger in was stopped by an officer on North Pacific Street for a defective stop lamp.

AUGUST 5

3:12 a.m. An officer checked on a vehicle that was parked in the Walmart parking lot with an animal inside. Once the officer saw that a person and a cat was in the vehicle asleep, the officer did not wake them.

9:41 a.m. A man reported that a vehicle almost hit him while he was walking on Dubose Street and he asked that the officer speak with the driver. An officer spoke with the driver of the vehicle.

1:20 p.m. A theft was reported at a residence on Stone Street.

4:48 p.m. Walmart reported a theft that was found by video surveillance from July 27.

6:59 p.m. A convenience store on East Broad Street reported a man got out of his vehicle in his underwear. An officer responded, but the man was gone upon the officers arrival.

9:04 p.m. A welfare concern was reported for a man living on Rainbow Lane. The family member reported that a neighbor was harassing the man. An officer responded and spoke with both parties.

AUGUST 6

12:50 p.m. Loud music was reported at Read and Baker Street. An officer responded and had the tenant turn the music down.

4:54 p.m. A business on South Pacific Street reported receiving threatening text messages. An officer contacted the person making the threats and warned him. The man was also given a trespass warning from the property.

7:49 p.m. Two women were reportedly walking door to door to sell insurance on North Johnson Street. The two were told they had to have a permit and to cease the door-to-door-sales until they have been approved.

8:29 p.m. A citizen brought their 13-year-old son to the police department and requested an officer speak with him because he keeps getting in trouble. An officer

talked with the teenager.

11 p.m. A resident on Dubose Street reported two men walked up on his porch and tried to steal his cat. When the resident confronted the men they left in a vehicle. An officer found the vehicle. The men said they were trying to find their cat and thought the cat was theirs.

AUGUST 7

9:40 a.m. Suspicious people were reported when a woman reported two men messing with a gas meter at a residence on West Broad Street. An officer responded and determined the men to be landscapers.

11:45 a.m. An 18-wheeler reckless driver was reportedly failing to maintain a single lane of traffic coming into the city from West Broad Street. An officer got the truck stopped on East Broad Street. The driver was fine but was cited for failing to use the truck route.

3:16 p.m. The crisis center reported that a woman whose vehicle ran out of gas was stranded on the side of the road. She was attempting to get to the Andrews Center. The woman made some threats before hanging up on the crisis center hotline. The dispatcher called the woman from the number provided by the reporting party and found that she was in Hawkins. The call was forwarded to Hawkins police and the Wood County Sheriff's Office

5:48 p.m. A possible sexual assault of a child was reported.

8:55 p.m. A welfare concern was reported for a driver who was on going 28 mph on Hwy. 37 coming into the city. An officer got the vehicle stopped on North Pacific and found no signs of intoxication. The woman said she was tired and had driven from South Texas.

AUGUST 8

9:16 a.m. A business on East Broad Street requested a man trespassed from their business for making inappropriate comments to the staff. The business was advised to call the police department when the customer returns.

1:13 p.m. The Post Office turned over several pieces of mail that had been turned in with wrong addresses. The department is attempting to locate some of the owners of the property that was important pieces of mail.

AUGUST 9

9:32 a.m. Autumn Winds Assisted Living reported an attempted burglary of a medication closet. Entry was not made into the room and no medications were taken.

1:22 p.m. A resident reported money taken from her purse when she went to the hospital in Tyler. The resident did not know when the money was taken or where it was taken.

1:55 p.m. A reckless driver was reported coming from Lindale and into the city. The caller followed the driver to EZ Mart. It was determined the driver had a medical issue and EMS was contacted. The driver was transported to the hospital.

9:27 p.m. Two were arrested when their vehicle missed the turn into Walmart parking lot and went into the ditch. Deanna Nation, 57, of Livingston was arrested for alleged DWI second offense and Randy Jackson Gilbreath, 56, of Mineola was arrested for alleged public intoxication.

AUGUST 10

5:28 p.m. A resident on McWhorter Street requested a family member to be trespassed from her residence. The family member was issued a trespass warning.

6:10 p.m. A man reported he was being harassed on his personal email from a person he does not know. The officer advised the man it was a scam and he needed to change his password.

8:34 p.m. A welfare concern was reported for a resident on Pat Street who did not respond to the

door. Officers, along with EMS and the Fire Department made entry into the home and found an 85-year-old female deceased. JP Pct. 1 Tony Gilbreath responded to the scene and pronounced the resident deceased. No autopsy was ordered.

11:07 p.m. A disturbance was reported at a residence on Sycamore Street. Several people were in the front yard upon the officer's arrival. It was determined that two females were fighting. The victim did not wish to file charges and wanted the other female trespass. The officer did trespass the suspect.

AUGUST 11

8 a.m. A suspicious vehicle was reported at the Nature Preserve that was driving around and looking at the vehicles. The caller reported the incident after the suspicious vehicle left. An officer attempted to locate the vehicle but was unable to find the described vehicle.

4:45 p.m. Multiple 911 calls were coming from a residence on Krause Street. The calls were determined to be kids playing with the phone. An officer responded and spoke with the parents. The phone was taken away from the kids.

AUGUST 12

3:28 p.m. A vehicle burglary was reported that occurred the night before on East Good Street. A purse was reportedly taken from the vehicle. The vehicle was left unlocked.

5:13 p.m. A resident on Harris Street reported her debit card was taken from her purse while having visitors at her residence.

7:21 p.m. A hit-and-run accident was reported in the parking lot of Mineola Community Center. The person who left called back and gave insurance information.

8:57 p.m. An officer assisted motorist when it was reported that something in the roadway caused two tires on the vehicle to be damaged on Stone Street. An officer determined it to possibly be an area that Union Pacific was working on.

9:07 p.m. Richard Delwin Gregory, 55, of Mineola, was arrested for possession of a controlled substance (PG3 Xanax) when he was detained on a bicycle.

11:31 p.m. Suspicious persons were reported when a resident at the Arbors Apartments observed two people shining a light in the new construction at the apartments. Officers and a Wood County deputy checked the new construction throughout, but did not locate anyone.

AUGUST 13

1:45 p.m. A welfare concern was reported in the area of Hart Street when a caller reported someone spraying a chemical in the area, which was causing breathing problems. An officer responded and spoke with the resident. The officer did not observe or smell anything.

AUGUST 14

2:54 a.m. Officers checked on two teenagers that were walking on North Pacific at Patten Street. The two juveniles were transported to their residence and the parent was advised the two were given warnings of the curfew violation.

10:48 a.m. A business on East Broad Street reported they had a customer that was upset because his vehicle was being repossessed. An officer responded and spoke with the individuals. The parties separated without an altercation.

12:42 p.m. An officer assisted EMS and the Fire Department at Best Western when a medical emergency was reported. The subject was transported to the hospital.

1:57 p.m. A resident on Stone Street reported a theft of money from his residence, stating the suspect was a family member.

9:13 p.m. John Thomas Stevenson, 37, of Mineola was arrested for local failure to appear and traffic warrants.

Wood County Sheriff's Report

AUGUST 7

Deputies were dispatched to Bermuda St. in Quitman at 9:03 a.m. in reference to an incident. Benjamin Williams, 42, of Quitman was arrested for an outstanding warrant and allegedly having a false drug test device.

Deputies were dispatched to CR 3875 near Mineola at 12:40 p.m., in reference to theft. A known actor stole the reporting party's bank card. This case is active.

Deputies were dispatched to FM 2869 near Hawkins at 1:13 p.m. in reference to criminal trespass. Jessica Lee, 32, of Tyler, was arrested for alleged criminal mischief and assault causing bodily injury and family violence.

Deputies were dispatched to FM 778 near Quitman at 1:31 p.m. in reference to burglary. Someone stole several items from the reporting party's storage unit.

Deputies spoke with someone at 3:40 p.m. in reference to fraud on CR 2696 near Hawkins.

Deputies were dispatched to CR 1681 near Alba at 7:38 p.m. in reference to a dispute. Deputies spoke with all parties involved and cleared the incident.

Deputies spoke with the reporting party at 9:39 p.m. in reference to shots fired on HWY 154 near Yantis.

AUGUST 8

Deputies were dispatched to HWY 80 near Mineola at a 5:41 a.m. in reference to shots fired. This case has been forwarded to investigators.

Deputies spoke with the reporting party at 11:15 a.m. in reference to terroristic threat on Greenbriar Trail near Hawkins. Deputies gave the reporting party advice and cleared the incident.

Deputies spoke with the reporting party at 3:17 p.m. in reference to a scam on CR 2220 near Mineola.

Deputies were dispatched to CR 1616 near Alba at a 6:06 p.m. in reference to a disturbance. Parties were separated for the night.

Deputies went out on an arrest/warrant service to FM 312 near Winnsboro at 9:58 p.m. Deputies searched the area but were unable to make contact with the individual.

AUGUST 9

Deputies were dispatched to CR 3420 near Hawkins at 8:37 a.m. in reference to criminal trespass. Deputies issued criminal trespass warnings and cleared the incident.

Deputies were dispatched to

CR 4560 near Winnsboro at 9 a.m. in reference to a disturbance where an assault occurred. This case has been forwarded to investigators.

Deputies spoke with the reporting party at 10:24 a.m. in reference to terroristic threat on CR 2281 near Mineola. Deputies went out on an arrest/warrant service to Morris Ave. in Quitman; at approximately 11:06 a.m. Rocky Hoffman, 32, of Quitman, was arrested for outstanding warrants.

Deputies were dispatched to CR 3590 near Hawkins at 3:12 p.m. in reference to theft. A known person stole several items from the reporting party's property.

Deputies spoke with a reporting party at 5:38 p.m. in reference to a possible road rage incident on HWY 154 near the Upshur County line. This case has been forwarded to investigators.

Deputies spoke with the reporting party at 9:23 p.m. in reference to an assault on HWY 154 near Yantis.

AUGUST 10

Deputies were dispatched to Kickapoo near Quitman at 12:34 p.m. in reference to terroristic threat. This case has been forwarded to investigators.

Deputies were dispatched to Lake Hawkins Point at 7:23 p.m. in reference to an assault.

Deputies were dispatched to HWY 154 near Quitman at 11:31 p.m. in reference to a reckless driver. Deputies located the vehicle and cleared the incident.

AUGUST 11

Deputies spoke with the reporting party at 6:39 a.m. in reference to harassment on FM 17 near Alba. This case has been forwarded to investigators.

Deputies spoke with the reporting party at approximately 1:29 p.m. in reference to harassment on CR 3220 near Quitman. Deputies gave the reporting party advice and cleared the incident.

Deputies conducted a traffic stop on CR 3419 near Hawkins at approximately 3:47 p.m. David Shaw, 34, of Hawkins, was arrested for an outstanding warrant.

Deputies responded to a suspicious person on FM 2088 near Winnsboro at 4:24 p.m. Coleman Sistrunk, 23, of Winnsboro, was arrested for unlawfully carrying a weapon.

Deputies were dispatched to Indian Gap near Quitman at 6:39 p.m. in reference to theft. A known person stole several items from the reporting party's property.

Deputies were dispatched to CR 3144 near Quitman at 10:06

p.m. in reference to theft. Someone stole several items from the reporting party's property. This case has been forwarded to investigators.

AUGUST 12

Deputies spoke with the reporting party at 8:08 a.m. in reference to criminal mischief on CR 2140 near Quitman.

Deputies spoke with the reporting party at 10:36 a.m. in reference to terroristic threat on FM 2225 near Quitman. This case has been forwarded to investigators.

Deputies spoke with someone at 2:32 p.m. about a scam on CR 2460 near Mineola.

Deputies spoke with someone at 3:34 p.m. about credit/debit card abuse on Pine Tree near Hawkins. Someone used the reporting party's credit/debit card without authorization.

Deputies were dispatched to FM 49 near Mineola at 4:09 p.m. in reference to a welfare check. The individual was transported to the hospital by EMS.

Deputies were dispatched to Holley Street in Alba at 9:58 p.m. in reference to a burglary. Someone stole several items from the reporting party's residence.

AUGUST 13

Deputies spoke with the reporting party at 8:56 a.m. in reference to an unauthorized use of a motor vehicle on HWY 154 near Quitman. Someone used the reporting party's vehicle without authorization and stole several items inside the vehicle.

Deputies were dispatched to CR 4530 near Winnsboro at 6:26 p.m. in reference to damage to property. Someone damaged the reporting party's property. This case is active.

Deputies were dispatched to HWY 80 near Mineola at 8:50 p.m. in reference to an inquest. A male, 51, was found deceased in his residence. The justice of the peace arrived and no autopsy was ordered.

Between the dates of August 7 and August 13, Wood County Sheriff's Deputies responded to multiple agency assists that included the following: Emergency Medical Services, Quitman Police Department, Mineola Police Department and Upshur County Sheriff's Office.

Between the dates of August 7 and August 13, Wood County Sheriff's Investigators obtained three arrest warrants and arrested the individuals and filed five cases with the District Attorney.

Poaching arrests made in Wood, Smith County

A total of 604 charges were determined to have occurred from a Texas Parks and Wildlife investigation into poaching in Wood and Smith Counties.

Some 28 charges were brought forward in Wood County. Eight subjects are facing multiple charges and restitution separately which include three state jail felonies and 25 Class A misdemeanors. The remaining subjects will be charged with 16 Class C misdemeanors along with restitution.

Seven subjects have been arrested in this case which include Jacob Thomas Blair, Dustin James Hartley, Kaleb Lee Brown, Aspen Lynn

Umphries, Dalton Jeronimo Robles, Hilario Lynch Garcia and Windell Scott Estoll all of Mineola. Chance Avery Briggs of Van has fled to Oregon and has one state jail felony and three Class A misdemeanor warrants for his arrest. Briggs is also wanted for a probation violation in Wood County.

Texas game wardens began their investigation with information about a deer which had been shot off a county road at night. The subsequent investigation started in February and uncovered an extensive amount of illegal poaching in Wood and Smith Counties.

According to Capt. Quint Balkcom of Texas Parks and Wildlife, game wardens conducted several protracted interviews and secured a stockpile of evidence. From these interviews, the wardens were able to detail the killing of about 28 white-tailed deer and over 50 pigs by 12 individuals.

"All the deer and pigs had been killed at night, from public roads with the aid of a spotlight during the last two years," Balkcom said. "Most of the animals were killed on private property along with several of the deer being left in the field to waste."

Autopsy ordered in death of Mineola infant

An autopsy was ordered into the death of a 3-month-old infant who emergency personnel tried to revive on Aug. 7, according to Mineola police.

At 6:50 a.m., police offi-

cers, EMS and Fire Department first-responders went to a residence on Krause Street in Mineola in regard to a baby who was not breathing.

Efforts to revive the child

were not successful.

Justice of the Peace Janae Holland was contacted, and she ordered an autopsy, according to police.

Police determine man's stab wound to be self-inflicted

A man went to UT Health in Quitman the morning of Aug. 10 with a stab wound to the upper chest and cuts on his hands, according to Mineola police. The man was transferred to a Tyler hospital.

He told the hospital staff that he was stabbed at Walmart in Mineola the night before and other people also had been stabbed. Investigators checked with Walmart surveillance and found no evidence of this occurring, according to po-

lice.

An investigator met with the man and, after a lengthy interview, he found that the man gave several different stories of what could have happened. The investigator, however, determined the man did not get stabbed in Mineola and he lived in Wood County, according to police.

The case was turned over to the Wood County Sheriff's Office, which determined the stabbing to be self-inflicted.

Mineola resident held on immigration detainer

A woman from Mineola was held on an ICE (Immigration and Customs Enforcement) detainer on Aug. 2 after being arrested for allegedly possessing fraudulent documents, according to Mineola police.

Ana Maria Rivas-Zuniga, 48, of Mineola was arrested for driving without a valid driver's license, two felony counts of tampering with government records and one misdemeanor count of tampering with government records, according to police.

Rivas was stopped on South Pacific Street at about 8:30 a.m. when an officer observed her driving although he knew she did not have a valid driver's license. During her arrest it was determined that she allegedly held a counterfeit passport, permanent resident card and Social Security card, all of which came back to others names, according to police. ICE placed a detainer on Rivas after assisting Mineola police with her identity.

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JAMES HOWARD REED 1935-2019



James (Jim) Howard "Peanut" Reed of Golden, passed away on Saturday, Aug. 17, 2019, at age 84 in Tyler. He was a 1953 graduate of Quitman High School. Jim retired in 1977 after a 23-year career in the United States Air Force, and retired again in 1998 following a 20-year career with Precinct 1, Wood County.

He loved working with young people; he served many years as Boy Scout leader, church youth director, and hosted several exchange students and young men from the Air Force in his home. Jim was a member at Pilgrim Rest #2 Baptist Church where he was a deacon and taught the men's Sunday School class. After retiring from the Air Force, Jim resided in Alba until moving to a memory care center in Tyler in mid-2018. Jim was preceded in death by his wife of 63 years, Stella Sue Patrick Reed; and his parents, Clifton Reed and Alta of Quitman.

Jim is survived by son, James Patrick Reed of Seagoville; daughter and son-in-law, Joy Reed Parker and Roy of Alba; four grandchildren; brother, Glynn Reed of Mineola; sister, Margaret Reed Glosup of Quitman; sister-in-law, Sandy Patrick Collins of Golden; and many nieces and nephews.

The family received visitors at Beaty Funeral Home on Monday, Aug. 19, 2019, from 6-8 p.m., with funeral service held at Pilgrim Rest #2 Baptist Church, Alba on Tuesday, Aug. 20, 2019.

Donations may be made to Hospice of East Texas Foundation, 4111 University Blvd., Tyler, TX 75701, or Solaris Hospice, 1428 W SW Loop 323, Suite 200, Tyler, TX 75701.

BOBBY JOE SHORT 1938-2019

Bobby Joe Short, 80, of Golden, passed away Friday, Aug. 16, 2019, in Tyler.

He was born Oct. 25, 1938, in Covington, Tenn. to the late Malcolm Robert and Myrtle Agnes West Short. He served

in the U.S. Army, and married Linda Butler Sept. 2, 1965, in Dallas. He was a manager of several restaurants. They have lived in the Golden area for the last 39 years.

Survivors include wife of 54 years, Linda Short of Golden; sons, Todd Short of Golden and Joel Short of Golden; sister, Linn Short-Hawkins of Golden; and four grandchildren.

SANDRA BARRY 1956-2019



Memorial services for Sandra Gail Barry, 62, of Quitman were Saturday, Aug. 17 at Lowe Funeral Home with Larry Tucker officiating.

Sandra died Monday afternoon, Aug. 12, 2019, in Quitman.

She was born Sept. 6, 1956 in Garland to Bill and Jean Cummons. She was the manager of Wood County Carpet in Quitman for many years, a member of the Old Settler's Club, and a member of Hubbard Chapel Baptist Church.

She is preceded in death by her parents; one brother, Gary; and husband, David.

Survivors include her daughter, Amy Posch of Quitman; brother, Terry Cummons of Quitman; and two grandchildren.

MAXINE LEATHERWOOD 1934-2019

Services for Maxine Leatherwood, 84, of Grand Saline were held Wednesday, August 21, at Bartley Funeral Home with Pastor Jonathan Smith officiating.

Interment was at Creagleville Cemetery.

She passed away August 17, 2019 in Quitman. She was born August 31, 1934, in Grand Saline, to John & Ruby Hudson Combs.

She spent many years in the Dallas area before moving to East Texas about 15 years ago. She was a member of Judson Community Church in Longview and a proud member

of the Choctaw Indian Nation. She was an accomplished professional seamstress, loved raising chickens, horses and her dogs. Maxine was preceded in death by her parents; three brothers; sister; and granddaughter, Tracie Faye Land.

Survivors include her two sons, Mike Humphreys of Grand Saline and Tim Humphreys of Diana; two daughters, Karen Harris of Mineola and Charlotte Paasch of Mineola; sister, Ruthie Joe Henderson of Tyler; eleven grandchildren; nineteen great-grandchildren; and numerous other relatives and friends.

ALFRED JUNIOR AKERS 1945-2019



Funeral services for Alfred Junior Akers, 74, of Murchison, formerly of Alba, were held August 19, 2019, in the Wilson-Bartley Funeral Home chapel, Alba, with Bro. Chris Horton officiating.

Burial was in Pleasant Ridge Cemetery, Alba, under the direction of Wilson-Bartley Funeral Home, Alba.

Mr. Akers passed away Thursday, August 15, 2019, at his residence.

He was born June 7, 1945, in Wichita, Kansas, to the late Harmon Otto and Mary Ruth Owens Akers. He was a truck driver, and a member of KJV Lighthouse Baptist Church of Alba. He lived in Alba for 15 years. He married Toyua Sue Russell on May 27, 2006, in Mineola. They lived in Tyler for 9 years before moving to Murchison 3 years ago.

Survivors include wife of 13 years, Toyua Akers of Murchison; son Brian Akers of Electra; daughters Tonya Akers of Canton; Susan and Johnnie Carsten of Palestine; sisters, Leona Southern of Lafayette, Georgia, Nadine Leitzel of Wichita, Kansas; and numerous grandchildren and great grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents; wife Patsy Sipes Akers; son, Carl Blackmon; daughter, Linda Hudgins; and granddaughter Mandie Oberlender.

Lake Country Playhouse to hold auditions for Christmas play

Lake Country Playhouse, Mineola's community theatre, will be holding open auditions for its holiday production of "Christmas Belles." Auditions will be held Aug. 26 and 27, 6:30 p.m., at the Mineola Memorial Library, 301 N. Pacific Street. The director will be Randy Parrish. Roles are available for seven women between the ages of 25-65, and four men 25-55. The audition will consist of cold readings from the script.

The play, written by the comedy team of Jones,

Hope and Wooten, will run Nov. 29, 30, and Dec. 1, and Dec. 6, 7 and 8.

The show follows the continued misadventures of the Futrelle sisters in the small East Texas town of Fayro, where things are not going well with the upcoming Christmas program at The Tabernacle of the Lamb. This hilarious holiday journey is guaranteed to bring joy to your world.

For additional information, contact Lake Country Playhouse at 903-569-2300.

Tractor Supply to host animal adoption Aug. 24

Mineola Tractor Supply Company will host animal adoptions, a pet supplies drive and more during the annual Out Here with Animals celebration Saturday, Aug. 24, - a month-long event that recognizes pets, animals and the people who care for them.

As part of the pet-centric happenings, animal lovers will have the opportunity to engage with team members about pet and animal care while supporting local rescue groups that are looking to find a safe home for animals in need.

"Tractor Supply cele-

brates pets and animals of all shapes and sizes year-round, and with our annual Out Here with Animals event, we get to spotlight our customers, their pets and the local rescue groups that play an integral role in the Mineola community," said Becky Seay, manager of the Mineola Tractor Supply.

On Aug. 24 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., the Mineola community is invited to support local pet adoption groups by helping find a great home for animals in need. APET-SPCA will be on site.

Customers can also sup-

port the local animal shelter community by participating in Tractor Supply's pet supplies drive. Happening all month long as part of Out Here with Animals, Tractor Supply is accepting new sealed food, toys, cleaning supplies and other essential pet accessories such as beds, scratching posts, leashes and bowls to be donated to Mineola rescues and shelters.

Contact the store at 903-569-9658 for more information or details about participating in the Aug. 24 pet adoption.

Ebenezer Cemetery to hold service

Wood County Ebenezer Cemetery annual memorial day will be Saturday, Aug. 24 at Ebenezer Baptist Church, 1430 N. FM 14 in Quitman.

Service begins at 10 a.m. with business meeting. Gospel group Kelly Moore Music will perform. The speaker will be Bro. Fred Morrow. A covered dish meal will be held at noon. All are welcome.

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Notice is hereby given that original Letters of Independent Administration for the Estate of James Donald Burks, Deceased, were issued on August 12, 2019, in Cause No. 13,513, pending in the County Court of Wood County, Texas, to: JAMES EDWIN BURKS.

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

c/o: **Kyle G. Waggoner**
Attorney at Law
PO Box 1152
Mineola, TX 75773

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NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Notice is hereby given that Letters Testamentary for the Estate of Tommie Sue Turner, Deceased were issued on August 12, 2019, Docket No. 13,532 in the County Court of Wood County, Texas, to Susie Turner Witt. Claims may be presented in care of the attorney for the Estate addressed as follows:

Susie Witt, Exec.
c/o Law Offices of Terry A. Stallings
1901 Central Dr., Suite 503
Bedford, TX 76021

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

Mineola ISD board receives district accountability grades

By **LARRY TUCKER**
editor@woodcountymonitor.com

The Mineola school board received the state's new accountability ratings scores for each district campus. Although the district received an overall B grade, the elementary school was given an F.

At Monday night's board meeting Superintendent Kim Tunnell presented the grades given to the district by Texas Education Association (TEA). The district's overall accountability rating was 85, a B, which is up from the previous grade of 83. The middle school also had a B rating with a score of 82, however, the elementary/primary school posted an F with an overall score of 58.

The campus report cards are based largely on the STAAR test. STAAR is the acronym for State of Texas Assessments and Academic Readiness.

"The F is not a reflection of our students and teachers. We don't have F students or F teachers," Tunnell said. "This is related to one day's testing for the kids and it is only one piece of student achievement. The success of our students and our staff is measured on more than one test score."

Tunnell explained the grading system. High school grading is based on STAAR testing as well as college, career and military readiness while the elementary scores are based on STAAR testing exclusively.

"Where we had difficulty and fell short was at our elementary campus. Student achievement was a 65 and student growth at 63. Because of domain three, the closing the gap score, not meeting those targets for individual subgroups had a score of 43 which made the overall score a 58," Tunnell noted. "The Primary School is Pre-K through second grade and no testing is done for STAAR. If there is no STAAR testing they have to be paired with another campus and ours is paired with the elementary school."

"Because of the performance of the elementary school and that overall grade an improvement process is required by the Texas Education Agency. It applies to both the elementary and primary schools where they both will have improvement plans. We have to know the kids and know where their weaknesses are. We have to raise expectations in the classroom starting in the primary school as they prepare to go into the third grade."

Tunnell reported on the first few days of school. "Things have gone really well for the first week of school. The traffic flow has been good and it helped make a smooth start to school," Tunnell reported. Opening day numbers found 1,578 students which had already grown to 1,612 this week. "We will see some more kids come in after Labor Day, but it should level out," Tunnell added.

Director of Special Programs Mark Parkerson gave an update on the Career and Technical Education (CTE) program and the new facility. "We are excited about what is going on with our CTE program. In another week or two we want to get it opened up so you guys can see it," Parkerson explained. "We have started purchasing our equipment. Our kids are really excited about moving in." The Mineola CTE program is available to students from other schools in the area.

The public forum was next and Warren Brown from the Mineola Foundation read a statement from Wood County Judge Lucy Hebron about the CTE effort in the district. "The students have the opportunity to not only develop their academic knowledge, but they can also gain technical experience all while working on the career of their choice. It's an absolute win-win situation for both the students and parents," Hebron stated. "I believe the CTE program is a very worthwhile investment in the education and training of our children. In addition to classroom instruction, the student is able to learn skills to advance him/her in their career of choice and to prepare them for the job market."

In another matter, the board awarded the 2019-20 waste disposal bid to Republic Services which will be a total of \$931 per month.

Tunnell reported on summer maintenance projects. There were 40 projects for the summer with 33 completed, three in progress and four to be done this fall. Tunnell also said air conditioners were replaced at the annex, in the drama department and at the field house training room.

In another matter, the board accepted the resignation of trainer Jason Thomas and approved hiring an additional fifth grade teacher. Fifth grade numbers were the highest of all the grades at 142 students on the first day.

Finance director William Bjork reported 97% in tax collections and 99% in delinquent collections.

Church hosting benefit rummage sale

St. Peter's Catholic Church in Mineola will hold a rummage sale Friday and Saturday, Aug. 23-24 from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the church, corner of Meadowbrook and Newsom. There's something for everyone.

Notice of Application for [Commercial] Oil & Gas Waste Disposal Well Permit

Pure Oilfield Waste MGMT, Inc., P.O. Box 1752, Cedar Park, TX 78630-1752, is applying to the Railroad Commission of Texas for three permits to dispose of produced salt water or other oil and gas waste by well injection into a porous formation not productive of oil or gas.

The applicant proposes to dispose of oil and gas waste into the Hainesville Salt Dome Formation, Hainesville Terminal Lease, Well Numbers 4, 5 and 6. The three proposed disposal wells are located 1.66 miles S/E of Hainesville, in the Hainesville Dome (Woodbine) Field, Wood County, TX.

LEGAL AUTHORITY: Chapter 27 of the Texas Water Code, as amended, Title 3 of the Texas Natural Resources Code, as amended, and the Statewide Rules of the Oil and Gas Division of the Railroad Commission of Texas.

Requests for a public hearing from persons who can show they are adversely affected or requests for further information concerning any aspect of the application should be submitted in writing, within fifteen days of publication, to Technical Permitting, Oil and Gas Division, Railroad Commission of Texas, P.O. Box 12967, Austin, Texas 78711 (Telephone 512-463-6792).

REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

City of Mineola is accepting proposals for **RFP 10-19 Fully Insured options.**

Specifications may be obtained from Brinson Benefits. **Proposals will be accepted until 10 A.M. local time, August 22, 2019, at 4851 LBJ Freeway, Suite 900 Dallas, Texas 75244, at which time they will be publicly opened.** All proposals received will be presented to the Insurance Committee, at which time the City reserves the right to accept, negotiate, amend, accept and/or reject any or all bids.

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Monitor sets early deadlines

The Wood County Monitor will observe early deadlines for the week of Labor Day. All news items and advertising, including classifieds, 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.

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ACROSS

- site of Fort Bliss: La Noria
- TXism: "dance to that tune" (agree)
- TX Kristofferson sang "Why me _____"
- TX-made film: "Daddy's Who's Got the Will?"
- TX-made V-22 Osprey is a tilt-
- D/FW arrival abbr.
- TX Pilgrim's Pride "won't sell _____ chicken"
- TXism: "couldn't beat a _____" (loser)
- Nolan had no trade _____ in his final Rangers contract
- TX-born Steve Martin early comedy cake layer
- TXism: "gave his pall bearers the _____" (recovered)
- TX Trini (init.)
- early TX female astronaut
- TXism: "red as a _____"
- this Farley began TX Boy's Ranch
- Astros foe Los Angeles
- TXism: "stay on your _____" (alert)
- green gemstone
- TXism for "toilet" (2 wds.)
- some "new" cars
- TXism: "play possum"
- TX McMurtry's "The _____ Picture Show"
- _____ on (takes a job)
- dir. to Dublin from Comanche
- a Moore County town was named for the _____ Company
- former name of a Dallas area named after Gen. Robert E. (2 wds.)
- TXism: "hotter than _____bellied stove"
- once an Atlanta, TX AM radio
- TX h.s. sports org.
- a Star, a Cowboy, or an Astro
- winter illness
- fried tortillas with beans, meat, etc.
- noted actor/director Orson _____
- engines in Denton's Peterbilt trucks
- LBJ's opening line: "_____ fella Murkins"
- TXism: "bend _____ elbow" (drink)
- less common
- TXism: "_____ piece" (far)
- TX Lyle Lovett's "Here _____"
- TX actor Rip (init.)
- Harley sells motor- _____ all over TX
- started a fire again
- TXism: "tame as _____ dog"
- _____ on a mirror to fix her hair" (homely)
- Dallas mayor who supported D/FW: _____ Johnson
- common name south of the border
- Christian _____
- JFK spent his last night at the _____ Regency in Fort Worth
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- TX-born Joan Crawford won an Oscar for this film
- Looney Tunes character: _____
- Kenedy County seat
- TXism: "he's all beer _____ foam"
- less common
- TXism: "_____ piece" (far)
- _____ hunt with an empty gun"
- X-mas tree grown in TX: _____ pine
- Davy's advice: "Be sure you're right, _____ go ahead"
- "it just don't _____ right"
- TXism: "one-armed bandit" (_____ machine)
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Alba-Golden comeback falls just short

By JOHN ARBTER
woodctystringer@gmail.com

There is a reason that high school volleyball matches are best of five games. It was proven yet again, last Tuesday, as the Alba-Golden Lady Panthers staged a ferocious comeback, but fell to the Eustace Lady Bulldogs three games to two.

The Lady Panthers came out with great energy and jumped out to a 4-0 start in game one. Eustace absorbed the initial onslaught and tied the score at 7-7. With the game tied 12-12, an excellent run of services from Kayli Covey gave the home side a brief lead.

The relentless offensive machine of Eustace began to grind down the Lady Panthers. The Lady Bulldogs took the lead at 15-14 and claimed game one 25-23.

Eustace demonstrated its two greatest team talents, blocking and rotation,



"Libero Hope Wiley makes a near impossible return for Alba-Golden in their Aug. 13 match against Eustace. (Monitor photo by John Arbter)

by winning game one and dominating game two. Their blocking game was excellently timed and executed. The talented Alba-Golden strikers had a tough time getting their shots past the blockers at the net. Secondly, the Eustace rotation on the floor was in automatic. Multiple players feigned to the net with each set, and no gaps were left uncovered in the backcourt.

The Lady Panthers looked soundly beaten as they dropped game two 25-8.

The Eustace dominance continued in the early stages of game three. The Lady Bulldogs raced out to an 8-1 lead with a relentless offensive attack, but Alba-Golden was not done yet. Maybe it was the emotional leadership of Bralee Littlejohn, or the backcourt which would simply refuse to give up on a volley, but the Lady Panthers came back.

Coach Webster's charges clawed back to tie game three at 15 points. The game was tied again at 17 and 19,

21 and 22 points. Neither side could be broken, but the momentum was clearly with Alba-Golden. A great dig by Hope Wiley and overhead smash by Kaylee Anglin put the hosts up by a point. The Lady Panthers secured the win 25-23.

Game four mimicked the ebb and flow of game three. Eustace built an early lead and Alba-Golden fought back, tying the game at 21. The final points saw amazing action, long volleys, and very physical play at the net. The Lady Panthers prevailed 26-24 and evened the match at two games apiece.

The tiebreaking game five was scrappy as fatigue began to bear on both sides. The teams battled with all they had to secure each point. The game stood 9-7 Eustace when the Lady Bulldogs managed a final rally to take the game 15-7.

One thing was certain last Tuesday in Alba-Golden: never count the Lady Panthers out.

Lady Bulldogs drop final games in Wills Point

By JOHN ARBTER
woodctystringer@gmail.com

Tournament volleyball play challenges scholastic teams in a multitude of ways, and remains an excellent method to prepare for the season. The Wills Point Tourney, completed last weekend, demonstrates why tourney play remains so popular.

Over the course of two days, 12 teams participated in the double elimination contest. The Quitman Lady Bulldogs, for instance, played three matches on Thursday and two matches on Saturday.

Drawing teams from across East Texas guarantees quality volleyball. Teams from Texarkana to Cross Roads and from Tatum to Rains featured last weekend.

The Wills Point tourney's format of three-game matches, vs. the normal high school five-game matches, kept the pace of the tourney moving and allowed for more efficient scheduling.

A high number of opponents over a short period of time forces teams to focus on their own individual and team skills. Opportunities for playmaking are plenty, while the adversity of the scheduling forges teamwork. Physical conditioning and mental acuity remain prerequisites to tourney play.

The Lady Bulldogs got off to a fast start in Wills Point securing their place in the championship bracket. An early Saturday morning loss to the host Wills Point Lady Tigers took them out of the running for the championship.

Quitman faced Texas High in the consolation bracket. Game one saw excellent physical play at the net and remained close in the initial minutes. A thunderous block by Quitman at the net



Lady Bulldog Ava Burroughs generates tremendous force on a kill shot at the Wills Point Tourney.

made the score 16-12, Texas High. At that juncture, the Lady Tigers of Texas High dominated the net play and opened an insurmountable lead. The Lady Bulldogs fell in game one 25-15.

Game two saw six tied scores in a competitive classic. The Lady Bulldogs countered the Texas High net presence with several well-placed drop shots, and rallied to tie the score at 16. Texas High opened a slight margin largely due to the accuracy of their kill shots.

Quitman rallied behind the excellent service of Julia Simpkins to tie the score again at 21 points apiece. The Lady Bulldogs just had no answer for the relentless offensive firepower of Texas High, and fell in game two 25-22.

No doubt, the experience of tournament play will set up the Lady Bulldogs for success in their 2019 campaign. Alba-Golden, Mineola and Quitman will all be participating this weekend at the Tyler ISD Invitational.



Lady Panthers Ann Marie Pendergrass (24) and Crimson Bryant (12) rise up to block in action against Eustace." (Monitor photo by John Arbter)

NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING TO DISCUSS BUDGET AND PROPOSED TAX RATE

The Yantis ISD will hold a public meeting at 6:00 PM, August 26, 2019 in Yantis ISD Cafeteria, Yantis, Tx 75497. The purpose of this meeting is to discuss the school district's budget that will determine the tax rate that will be adopted. Public participation in the discussion is invited.

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

| | |
|--------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------|
| Maintenance Tax | \$0.9700/\$100 (proposed rate for maintenance and operations) |
| School Debt Service Tax | \$0.0703/\$100 (proposed rate to pay bonded indebtedness) |
| Approved by Local Voters | |

Comparison of Proposed Budget with Last Year's Budget

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

| | |
|----------------------------|-----------------|
| Maintenance and operations | 6.84 % increase |
| Debt Service | 0.56 % increase |
| Total expenditures | 6.57 % increase |

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

| | Preceding Tax Year | Current Tax Year |
|------------------------------------------|--------------------|------------------|
| Total appraised value* of all property | \$404,374,579 | \$426,147,135 |
| Total appraised value* of new property** | \$4,592,830 | \$7,640,650 |
| Total taxable value*** of all property | \$220,131,114 | \$243,634,541 |
| Total taxable value*** of new property** | \$4,451,160 | \$7,469,897 |

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

Bonded Indebtedness

Total amount of outstanding and unpaid bonded indebtedness* \$490,000

*Outstanding principal.

Comparison of Proposed Rates with Last Year's Rates

| | Maintenance & Operations | Interest & Sinking Fund* | Total | Local Revenue Per Student | State Revenue Per Student |
|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|----------|---------------------------|---------------------------|
| Last Year's Rate | \$1.0400 | \$0.0782* | \$1.1182 | \$9,774 | \$1,251 |
| Rate to Maintain Same Level of Maintenance & Operations Revenue & Pay Debt Service | \$1.3697 | \$0.0703* | \$1.4400 | \$9,928 | \$594 |
| Proposed Rate | \$0.9700 | \$0.0703* | \$1.0403 | \$10,309 | \$2,489 |

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

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

| | Last Year | This Year |
|-------------------------------------------------------|------------|------------|
| Average Market Value of Residences | \$184,982 | \$200,474 |
| Average Taxable Value of Residences | \$159,421 | \$170,218 |
| Last Year's Rate Versus Proposed Rate per \$100 Value | \$1.1182 | \$1.0403 |
| Taxes Due on Average Residence | \$1,782.65 | \$1,770.78 |
| Increase (Decrease) in Taxes | | -\$11.87 |

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

Notice of Voter-Approval Rate: The highest tax rate the district can adopt before requiring voter approval at an election is \$1.0403. This election will be automatically held if the district adopts a rate in excess of the voter-approval rate of \$1.0403.

Fund Balances

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

| | |
|--------------------------------------------|-------------|
| Maintenance and Operations Fund Balance(s) | \$1,694,894 |
| Interest & Sinking Fund Balance(s) | \$826,272 |

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

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

A tax rate of \$0.9797 per \$100 valuation has been proposed by the governing body of City of Alba.

| | |
|---------------------------|--------------------|
| PROPOSED TAX RATE | \$0.9797 per \$100 |
| PRECEDING YEAR'S TAX RATE | \$1.0269 per \$100 |
| EFFECTIVE TAX RATE | \$0.9797 per \$100 |

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

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

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

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

Carol Taylor
Wood County Tax Office
301 E. Goode St.
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903-763-2261
ctaylor@mywoodcounty.com



Garrett McCalla and his record-breaking catch from Lake Holbrook. Another lucky fisherman could reel her in again as she was released back into the lake west of Mineola. (Courtesy photo)

Big bass sets record for Lake Holbrook

Garrett McCalla and his fishing team partner, Darin Longoria, of Mineola were just hoping to improve on their five bass weighing a combined 12 pounds when they landed a lunker that outweighed the entire stringer.

McCalla, a 2014 graduate of Mineola High School, has been fishing with Longoria in weekly tournaments at Lake Holbrook, west of Mineola.

In the working man's tournament Tuesday, Aug. 13, the pair had found fish around 7 p.m., with three

in the two-pound range and two others a little smaller.

They moved to another favorite spot in about 15 feet of water, hoping to upgrade, when McCalla cast a Berkley Powerbait 10-inch plum-colored worm and only about half of it came back. He threw out the next one and the big female took it around five feet deep.

"I knew it was a good one," he said

McCalla said he yelled at Longoria to grab the net, and the fish practically filled it.

McCalla said they contacted the game warden who

advised them to head to Lake Fork to have the fish weighed on certified scales. It eclipsed 13 pounds (officially 13.125) and beat the Lake Holbrook largemouth bass record by more than a pound and a half. It was 26 inches long, and some other lucky fisherman could land it again as McCalla released it.

The previous record was caught in February 2000 by Kyle Hudnell and weighed 11.6 pounds.

McCalla said he has fished Holbrook all his life, and the largest he had reeled in was around eight pounds.



Quitman linebacker Elisio Turcois (23) stops a Hawkins running back for a short gain in last Thursday's scrimmage at Hawkins. (Monitor photo by Larry Tucker)

Bulldogs shine in scrimmage at Hawkins

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Quitman football fans came away from Thursday's scrimmage at Hawkins with hopes for a successful season after watching the Bulldogs score on big plays offensively.

Wide receiver Rylie Flanagan scored twice on long pass plays after he got behind the secondary.

Flanagan's first score came on a throw from Ty Holland and covered 70 yards during the early part of the scrimmage. Flanagan was also on the receiving end of a pass from Trey Berry covering 40 yards during the timed game situation portion of the workout. Berry also had an exciting 70 yard run nullified by a blocking in the back penalty.

The Bulldog defense kept the Hawkins running game in check as the Hawks were held scoreless and never came near the end zone, rarely crossing into Quitman territory. The Hawks managed to cross mid-field only

once in the scrimmage.

Head Coach Bryan Oakes was pleased with the effort. "We did a pretty good job on both sides of the ball against Hawkins. We know we still have a lot of work to do, but our kids played with a lot of determination and spirit," Oakes noted. "We were pleased with our stable of running backs and the offensive line did a good job opening up the running lanes."

Quarterbacks Berry and Holland each did a good job running the Bulldogs no huddle spread offense. Running backs Brian Morris and Elisio Turcois ground out chunks of yardage behind the offensive line play of seniors Hunter Gilbreath, Hunter Huggins and Luke Pruden, along with juniors Hunter Batchelder and Christian James.

Berry looked sharp throwing the ball and did a good job running the ball and directing the offense. Holland also had a good evening under center and catching the ball on throws from Berry.

The Bulldogs have a stable of seniors who have been with program since Oakes took over three years ago. Quitman has experience with eight starters returning on both sides of the pigskin.

"The seniors were all sophomores when I first came here and they got baptized under fire," Oakes said. It was not what we wanted to do, but we had to at the time. These kids have stuck with it and worked hard."

Oakes knows with the small numbers out for football, staying away from injuries will be a key to success this year.

"Staying healthy is going to be really big for this team and the kids know it," Oakes noted. "These kids have a lot of heart and know it's going to be an uphill battle every Friday night."

The Bulldogs travel to Paris Thursday to take on the Chisum Mustangs in the final scrimmage before opening the season at home against Cumby August 30. The JV will start at 6 p.m. followed by the varsity.

A-G Panthers make strides in first scrimmage

By JOHN ARBTER
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Football scrimmages are all about beginning to form a team identity.

This past Friday night the Alba-Golden Panthers made huge strides forward in shaping that identity.

The Panthers hosted the All Saints Trojans. The Trojans feature a skilled passing attack, spread offense, and a variety of draws, screens, and drop-offs to talented rushers coming out of the backfield.

They are the polar opposite of the run-oriented, line dominant play practiced at Alba-Golden.

As could be expected, the Panthers struggled initially to defend against a wide-open attack.

Of note however was just how quickly the Panther defense was able to adjust and shut down the Trojans' potent offense.

All Saints made big plays, including a 60-yard quarterback scramble for a score and a successful go route down the right sideline for another.

Alba-Golden regrouped and made the adjustments necessary to change the state of play. The first defensive score of the year highlighted the Panthers' turnaround.

Offensively, the Panthers put together a nice initial scoring drive.

They pounded out yardage off tackle and kept the defense honest with high percentage passes. Every team in District 10-3A knows what they will get with the Panthers. A relentless running attack, executed at an up tempo.

The Panthers third score came on a beautifully-executed deep ball.

The 50 yard score came after grinding the defense down with a power running attack.

For Alba-Golden Head Coach Drew Webster, the indicators were all positive. The Panthers looked composed, physically-ready, and engaged.

Alba-Golden travels to Kemp Aug. 23 for its second scrimmage before opening the season Aug. 30 at Hawkins.



The Panthers demonstrated a deep strike capability in scrimmage action against All Saints Aug.16. (Monitor photo by John Arbter)

Lady Jackets off to 5-3 start

The Mineola Lady Jackets are back in full battery this fall and have compiled a 5-3 record through Aug. 19. Head coach TaShara Everett has taken over the Lady Jackets after a highly successful 16-year stint at Alba-Golden.

Everett stresses tempo and conditioning in her program. "I am pleased with my girls," she stated while reflecting on the start of the season. "They are working hard every day," she added.

The Lady Jackets have recorded victories over Arp, Chapel Hill, Gladewater, Jacksonville, and Quinlan Ford while suffering losses at the hands of Paris, Sabine and Van. Tahjae Black, Sabria Dean and Brittany Pickle form the wall at the net, with Mylee Fischer



Lady Jacket Head Coach TaShara Everett is in her first year at Mineola. (Monitor photo by John Arbter)

generating assists. Veterans Meghan Brewington, Cyndi Butler and Tiara Stephens add considerable court presence.

Mineola travelled to Cross Roads Aug. 20, and the Lady Jackets are compet-

ing in the Tyler Invitational Tournament this weekend. Alba-Golden and Quitman will also be participating in the Invitational. District play will begin for the volleyball squads in mid-September.

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