

Judge makes sweeping changes to commission

Hebron removes executive director, board members

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In a sweeping move, County Judge Lucy Hebron has begun the reorganization of the Wood County Economic Development Commission (WCEDC).

Kiki Bettis was removed from her position as executive director of the WCEDC, formerly the Wood County Industrial Commission (WCIC) by Hebron Sept. 30. In a brief meeting, Hebron thanked Bettis for her service and told her that her service was no longer needed. Hebron told Bettis the commission was going in a new direction.

Bettis said, "I went in for what I thought was a meeting. I sat down and was there about 45 seconds. I was totally shocked."

Bettis, who was in her fifth year as executive director,

was caught off guard by the action. "I just don't understand...I don't know what I did wrong. I have never been written up or reprimanded. I loved my job and working for the people of Wood County. I appreciate the board members, past and present, for all of their support."

Hebron is looking to move the commission forward in a "new" direction. "As you know, I ran for public office with the goal of improving Wood County's quality of life. Economic development has been one of my top priorities since taking office because one of the duties of the county judge is to promote economic development. That is why in my second month as county judge, I appointed a Blue Ribbon Task Force to research and review the Wood County Industrial Commission and tasked it with reviewing the entity and researching whether any changes or improvements might be in order, and if so, what changes might be in order," Hebron

explained.

"The recommendations the group formulated were detailed, specific recommendations on how to improve and make better the single, and most important, economic development entity in Wood County," she said. "One of the recommendations was to reduce the size of the board (an idea that the board itself had discussed in years past) and another recommendation was that the entity adhere to and follow the statutory framework established in the Local Government Code. I wish to ensure the continued viability of this crucial entity by following the statutory guidelines and by making recommended and much needed improvements."

"The restructuring of the board is one of those recommendations we are now in the process of implementing. We are heading in a new direction. But, regardless of the composition

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Sandy Bennett and Sam Curry wheel pumpkins from a truck at the First United Methodist Church in Mineola Monday in preparation for the church's annual pumpkin patch, which raises money for various children's ministries. (Monitor photo by Sam Major)

Special prosecutor seeks pay for cases of former officials

By LARRY TUCKER
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Dallas attorney Joe Shearin addressed Wood County commissioners during the public forum segment of Friday's meeting. Shearin was brought in by 402nd District Court Judge Jeff Fletcher to prosecute former Wood County Sheriff Jim Brown and former Chief Deputy Miles Tucker.

Shearin claimed Wood County has not paid him for work in prosecuting Brown and Tucker. The Brown and Tucker cases date to November 2015 over an oil lease on Brown's land.

An oilman in conflict with Brown, John Winston Forrester, and his father, John Phillip Forrester, were shot by Jerry Boone, a neighbor of Brown. The Forresters survived the shooting and Boone was arrested and convicted of aggravated assault with a deadly weapon.

In 2017 Brown and Tucker were indicted by a Wood County grand jury in connection with the lease dispute. Brown was charged with abuse of official capacity, a state jail felony. Tucker faced felony charges of aggravated perjury, abuse of official capacity, tampering with evidence, as well as misdemeanor charges of

official oppression.

Shearin has not been paid since July 2018.

Between May 2017 and August 2018, Shearin submitted charges of \$265,769 which included \$131,681 in charges by Specialized Investigations, Inc. of Dallas which billed at \$150 per hour. Shearin submitted he was owed \$275 per hour. Although payments to special prosecutors are based on fee schedules, judges are permitted to approve higher payments in special circumstances.

The public forum is open to anyone who wants to

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Elizabeth Robinson from Brookshire's records James Spurgon's blood sugar and cholesterol levels after testing his blood at the health expo at Forever Young in Quitman on Thursday. (Monitor photo by Sam Major)

Fundraiser has goal to make improvements to Mineola Senior Citizen Center facilities

By AMANDA DUNCAN
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The Mineola Senior Citizen Center, on the corner of McDonald and University Dr., is having a fundraiser on Friday, Oct. 18, from 11-3 to raise money for building repairs and updates. A lunch of pulled pork sandwiches, baked beans, chips and a drink, and delicious cakes and pies will be available for purchase by donation.

Several area businesses and individuals have partnered with the senior center

by donating items for the silent auction. A beautiful hand-made quilt from the Mineola League of the Arts, gift certificates, a massage, gift baskets and more will be up for grabs.

The services the Senior Center provides are priceless, but their needs are not. Consistent financial support and community involvement is needed to keep the facility safe and comfortable for those who depend on the center.

The building was donated as a gift from the Meredith Foundation in 1999, but

they have gotten no government funding. Occasionally, they receive gifts from donors including an anonymous \$85 a month.

With the money from the fundraiser, they hope to get signage for the building, a phone system, and new lighting. The air conditioning unit has gone out twice this year and needs to be replaced.

The floor is ripped up by the door and poses a health hazard to many of the seniors. The walls have wa-

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Ella Mae Clifton, (from left) Jeanette Treadaway, Sonja Vaughn and Linda Morgan meet at the Mineola Senior Citizen Center almost daily to play cards together. The center offers them fellowship and a place to connect. (Monitor photo by Amanda Duncan)

PUMPKINS ARE HERE!

See more details on Fall at the Pumpkin Patch on page 12A.



The Fannie Marchman Garden Club has selected Vicki and Jeff Sandifer of Mineola as the Yard of the Month for October 2019 at the corner of Pamela and Newsom Street. This yard speaks volumes as to how one can have beautiful landscape without a lot of color. The large trees set the tone for the entire yard with shrubs that say "I love it here." If you have a chance to drive by, and if you happen to see Vicki or Jeff outside working in the yard, stop and ask them for a tour of the backyard, as it is just as beautiful. (Courtesy photo)

Commissioners switching meeting days to Tuesdays

By LARRY TUCKER
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Wood County Commissioners held their final Friday meeting Oct. 4. Meetings will now be held on Tuesday's at 10 a.m. with the next scheduled for Oct. 22. Commissioners approved the Tuesday dates for the next year.

Commissioners acknowledged and accepted an award of \$172,183 from the North East Texas Regional Mobility Authority (NET RMA). The monies are for the City of Mineola for gap financing of necessary infrastructure in connection with the Sanderson Farms Project. The development of water, sewer and natural gas infrastructure in support of the Northeast Texas Poultry Complex (Sanderson Farms) will help spur the development of a project predicted to generate thousands of new jobs in East Texas as well as bring commercial freight traffic on roads and rail.

The NET RMA was intrigued by this project as it is the largest agricultural and food processing project currently pending in the entire state. The NET RMA is an independent government agency created to accelerate

the development of transportation projects in Northeast Texas.

Judge Alfonso Charles of the 124th District Court was assigned to the 402nd District Court case of Brian A. Smale vs. Glen Thurman a/k/a Glen Thurman Builder, Inc. a/k/a Rose Hill Springs Development, LLC, Defendant and Wood County commissioner's court.

Commissioners approved an inter-local cooperation agreement with Henderson County to accept inmates from Wood County at \$40 per day per inmate.

The agreement calls for housing, care, meals and routine medical services for such inmates on the same basis it provides for its own inmates.

Wood County is responsible for transportation of its inmates to the Henderson County Jail in Athens. The term of the agreement is for one year. At last count there were 141 inmates at the jail facility with 115 males and 26 females.

In personnel moves, Pamela "Kiki" Bettis was discharged from her duties as executive director of the Wood County Industrial Commission which is now the Wood County Economic Development Commission

(see related story).

In another matter, commissioners approved the RAMP (Routine Airport Maintenance Program) grant from the state acting through the Texas Department of Transportation. The project is the continued routine maintenance project at Wood County Airport-Colins Field.

Commissioners approved the Wood County policy for the disposition of deceased paupers. The county uses Beatty Funeral Home in Winnsboro for cremation of deceased paupers.

Precinct 2 Constable Kelly Smith received approval to apply for a K9 vest donation for his dog Juma from Vest-Interest in K9s.

The mission of the organization is to raise awareness and funds to donate bullet and stab protective vests to canines in law enforcement and related agencies throughout the U.S. Canines must be a minimum of 20 months, and the awards are given first come, first served basis.

Commissioners declared a proclamation honoring National 4-H Week Oct. 6-12 for 112 years of providing experience-based education to youngsters throughout the Lone Star State.

Garden Club lays out plans for coming year

Fannie Marchman Garden Club of Mineola opened its 84th year at its September meeting, and members enjoyed a bulb exchange.

Programs through December will be a field trip to the Rose Gardens in Tyler, followed by lunch, Oct. 16. Carpooling will start from the Civic Center at 9 a.m.

The next meeting will be on Nov. 20. The program will be on table settings to include floral arrangements, decorations and napkin folding.

Dec. 18 will conclude the 2019 meeting dates with a Christmas luncheon, as yet

to be determined.

In 2020, the Jan. 15 meeting program will be milk jug planting.

The Feb. 19 meeting is a field trip to NE Texas Community College, Mt. Pleasant, for a tour of their agricultural department, followed by lunch.

The March 18 meeting will be on keyhole and square foot gardening.

A field trip to Hughes Plant Farm, near Bullard, is scheduled April 15.

Saturday, May 16 the club will be hosting a member's Tour of Gardens, and further information will be

published in 2020.

The conclusion of the club's year will be May 20, with installation of new officers and salad luncheon.

Future fund raising event is the spring geranium sale, to provide a scholarship to a Mineola High School senior. The club also contributes to community needs from its fundraising efforts.

The garden club welcomes guests to any of the programs. Unless otherwise stated, the meetings are held on the third Wednesday of every month in the Pecan Room of the Mineola Civic Center.

Community offered opportunity to speak on new superintendent characteristics

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The Mineola ISD board of trustees approved a general timeline for the new superintendent search last Tuesday.

Interim Superintendent Randy Hancock asked the board to begin the process of developing a profile of characteristics they would like to see in the next superintendent at the regular MISD board meeting Oct. 21.

Hancock will also be gathering information from school staff and community members on their desired superintendent characteristics and their thoughts at a meeting the community will be invited to attend. The public meeting will be held Tuesday, Oct. 22 at the administration building from 4:30-6:30 p.m.

The superintendent vacancy has been posted on Texas ISD and Mineola ISD websites, with the deadline for

applications Nov. 13.

The MISD board will meet to review applications and select the candidates they wish to interview on Nov. 18 or 19. Thirty to forty applications are expected.

The first round of interviews, usually of 5-6 candidates, will be during the week of Dec 2-6. The second round of interviews of the top 2-3 candidates chosen will be held the week of Dec 9-13. The lone finalist will be named on the last night of interviews.

The superintendent process is a closed process by law. To protect their anonymity in their current district, candidates names can not be released to the public by anyone associated with the school.

After announcing the lone finalist, a 21-day period begins where anyone can do research on the finalist before they're hired.

"It's a time to check references and get into, is this

person really who they say they are," said Hancock.

After 21 days, a vote to hire and approve the contract of the new superintendent will be taken by the board.

"You lose the right to know all along who they're thinking about, but when it comes down to the end, you've got three weeks to see if they are who they say they are," said Hancock, speaking to the group of parents at the meeting.

Before approving the timeline, Hancock urged the board to check their calendars for conflicting dates.

"On interview nights, it is critical that you all be here every interview night because if you miss one, you really need to miss them all. That's the plain honest truth. You can't possibly compare candidates if you haven't heard them all."

The vote to hire will be Jan. 3. Start date of the new superintendent will be on or before Feb 3.

Quitman twins sign up for armed forces

A pair of Quitman brothers have each decided to serve their country through the armed forces, twins Brayden and Branden Sessions, 2019 Quitman High School graduates.

Brayden is in the Air Force and shipped out July 9. He graduated basic training Sept. 5 at Lackland Air Force Base in San Antonio.

His job title is aircraft electrical and environmental systems. He is stationed at Sheppard Air Force Base in Wichita Falls where he is attending technical school.



Brayden (left) and Branden Sessions of Quitman

Branden joined the United States Army and shipped out Sept. 19. His graduation is set for Nov. 25 at Fort Sill, Okla., Army Base north of

Lawton, Okla.

Branden's job title is air defense battle management system operator.

Wood County Arboretum plans fall plant sale

By JACQUE-HILBURN-SIMMONS

Plant lovers celebrating autumn can harvest a bounty of blooms next week when the Wood County Arboretum and Botanical Gardens kicks off its annual fall plant sale.

Cooler temperatures are expected to provide a comforting backdrop for the popular event, set for Oct. 19 at the historic 1869 Stinson House that serves as the cornerstone of the arboretum, 175 Governor Hogg Pkwy.

"We are really looking forward to this year's sale," said Garden Manager Lin Grado. "We are offering a wide selection of wonderful plants that people will enjoy adding to their landscaping."

The occasion kicks off with a members-only pre-sale opportunity planned for 4-6 p.m. Oct. 18, fol-

lowed by the actual sale, set for 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. the following day.

"Stock will be replenished for the Saturday sale," Grado said. "The pre-sale is a new perk for members, as a thank-you for helping support the arboretum."

"Annual memberships start at \$25, and people can join Friday evening, then shop at the pre-sale. Members also get a discount on their plant purchases."

Proceeds from the event support the care and upkeep of the arboretum and its activities.

Shoppers this year can select from a diverse collection of specimens to enjoy, from seasonal favorites such as pansies and snapdragons to ornamental kale and cabbages.

"We are getting some unique shrubs this year," Grado said. "And we'll have some nice natives that are

drought tolerant. We'll also have blueberries."

"Plant stock is starting to arrive from the growers, and we feel certain our shoppers will be impressed with the quality and selections," said Deanna Caldwell, president of Friends of the Arboretum, which oversees the grounds.

The annual fall plant sale is only one of many projects offered throughout the year at the arboretum, a 23-acre garden venue that also features a walking trail, theme gardens, tribute plantings and new Monarch way station. The next public event is a holiday open house planned for Dec. 19.

For more information about supporting the arboretum, visit www.woodcountyarbo.org. Information is also available by phone at 430-235-5461 or email, woodcountyarbo@gmail.com.

MEALS ON WHEELS
THIS WEEK'S MENUS:
Friday, Oct. 4 - BBQ Pork Rib Patty, Baked Beans, Hot Applesauce with Cherries, Hamburger Bun, Milk
Monday, Oct. 7 - Mushroom Swiss Burger, Oven Roasted Potatoes, Green Peas, Hamburger Bun, Gingerbread Cookie, Milk, Ketchup
Tuesday, Oct. 8 - Oven Fried Chicken, Whipped Potatoes, Medley Cabbage, Wheat Bread, Fresh Banana, Milk
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Mineola Sound of the Swarm members during a recent halftime performance. (Monitor photo by Sam Major)

Mineola band hosting marching festival

Mineola Sound of the Swarm, the only band in Texas to hold the State Marching title and the Honor Band title, is gearing up for a very busy October dubbed "Bandtober" by participants.

Mineola will be hosting a marching band festival for the fourth year on Oct. 14. Beginning at 8 a.m. 25 bands will be competing in the preliminary round. Tyler Junior College's Apache Band will have an exhibition performance at 5 p.m. before the eight finalists are announced.

Sound of the Swarm will not be competing but will have an exhibition performance at 9 p.m. before announcing the final results of the competition.

The public is welcome and encouraged to attend. Entry fee is \$5, and children 3 and

under are free. Concessions will be available all day, including Chick-fil-A sandwiches and the Kona Ice snow cone truck.

The festival is the band's biggest fundraiser. Money generated is used to offset the costs of the many competitions, performances and invitationals in which they participate. Invitationals such as the one they competed in at Little Elm High School Classic on the Lake Marching Contest on Saturday, Sept. 28 allow bands to develop their shows through performance and judge feedback.

Out of 19 marching bands, most being 5A and 6A status, competing at the Little Elm invitational, the Swarm was the only small school in the top 10 of the finals. They took home the Outstanding in Class Award.

Mineola competed at the 2019 Sounds of Fall Marching Classic in Princeton on Saturday, Oct. 5. In the preliminary competition, they received all possible awards in the 3A category: 1st Place Overall, Best Music, Best Marching, Best Drum Line and Best Auxiliary. They were the only 3A band to advance to finals and finished third out of ten bands.

The band will compete at the regional UIL level on Oct. 22 before advancing to area UIL on Oct. 26. They have full confidence in progressing to the State UIL Marching Competition at the Alamodome in San Antonio on Nov. 6.

In February, they will return to San Antonio to perform as the State 3A Honor Band at the Texas Music Educators Association annual convention and clinic.

Quitman council seeking monthly reports from QDC

By LARRY TUCKER
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In a special meeting Oct. 1, the Quitman City Council approved the \$258,205 Quitman Development Corporation (QDC) budget on a 3-2 vote.

The budget approval was tabled at the Sept. 26 city council meeting in order to have a workshop before taking a vote over concerns with the overages in last year's \$230,205 budget.

After the workshop and moving into a special meeting, Aldermen Susan Resnik, Brad Medlin and David Dobbs voted in favor while J.R. Evans and Jack Robinson voted against the budget.

The concern about the overages was discussed by QDC Executive Director Deena Hudman. "As y'all know we had a big year last year. We had parking lot expenses, we had sidewalk expenses, Bass Masters and Honey Hole advertising, Bass Masters and Honey Hole were \$16,000," Hudman said.

Evans had concerns if all the overages had been brought to the board. "Did everybody get to comment on these things?" Evans

queried. "Sometimes on the city council there are overages, but the council has to approve it and I was wondering if that's what we are doing here. I don't remember the council being privy to some of these costs. Hopefully the board was all in on this. No where have we been given how you are going to clarify this budget."

Evans continued, "I would like to see, before we give approval, for the next year's budget I would like to see if there are changes in leadership, changes in procedures and direction in how to manage this budget so the council sitting next year doesn't have a \$55,000 deficit in the budget. This is an agency that is supposed to be fostering businesses. How does that look? We are going to help you with your business, but we run a deficit budget."

Mayor Randy Dunn addressed the overages. "Your point is well taken. A lot of the overages came from the unexpected, like the bass tournament. We need to have better communication more promptly and efficiently to where we all know what is happening," Dunn said.

The board make-up was also discussed. Reappointed were Kevan Burroughs, Randy Dunn, Glenn Hanner and Martha Scroggins who along with Steve Strazniki, Dr. Randy Bennett and David Dobbs make up the current board. Evans thought it would be a good idea to add Alderman Brad Medlin and assistant city secretary Cheryl Laudenslager. Medlin said he had a business to run and could not see being on the board because sometimes he had to be out of town working.

The major change in the budget moved over \$9,000 from business and expansion, making it \$5,000, to downtown renovation which raised it from \$20,902 to \$30,752.

Council member Resnik suggested a report from QDC. "I would like to see a report from QDC with information that can be shared so that instead of waiting six or seven months to find out what's going on, we hear every month," Resnik said.

The council decided they wanted a report ahead of city council meetings so they could go over it if there was need for any discussion or action.

Alba plans fall festival Oct. 12

Fall back in time at Alba's first Fall Festival Saturday, Oct. 12. Enjoy a full day of free fun for the entire family. Contests, live music, kids' activities, dancing and more are planned.

Starting at 9:30 a.m., watch the parade roll through downtown. Cash prizes will be awarded for the best themed float, fall decorated float and antique ride.

Drop off canned and baked goods for the contest at the

Alba Library & Museum. Judging will begin at 11 and winners will be announced at noon. After judging, items will be auctioned as a fundraiser benefiting the library.

Cash prizes for first and second place in both categories of baking and canning will be awarded.

DJ David Cormican will keep the vibe up and beat going with music and announcements on the stage from 10-1.

Cheer on your favorite racer at an exhibition race by the Barstool Racers from Ben Wheeler at 11.

Grab a snack from one of the food vendors and sit back to enjoy the music. On the stage, Swoapes Music

will be playing from 1-3 and Dakota Ritter Band from 3-6.

Craft vendors will be selling wares all day, and the Alba Ladies Club will hold a silent auction.

A bungee jump and bounce house will be available for the kids.

Give a donation and have a fish dinner from 4-6 at the Fire Department Fish Fry, to benefit the department.

Close out the festival while listening to the Todd Brewer Band at the street dance.

The Carter Blood Bank bloodmobile will be on hand for a blood drive from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

For more information, contact Pam at 903-497-1311.

NOTICE OF SHERIFF'S SALE

THE STATE OF TEXAS
COUNTY OF WOOD

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By virtue of Orders of Sale issued out of the Honorable 402ND JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT of WOOD County in the following cases on the 1st day of October, 2019, and to me, as Sheriff, directed and delivered, I will proceed to sell at 10:00 AM on the 5th day of November, 2019, which is the first Tuesday of said month, at the Official Door of the Courthouse of said WOOD County, in the City of QUITMAN, Texas, the following described property, to wit:

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- Cause No: T-4183 MINEOLA INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT vs. CHEQUITA DENISE CARTER
TRACT 51, A-533, JOHN SPARKS, 40.48 ACRES - 000021551
- Cause No: T-4178 CITY OF HAWKINS vs. DANIEL SADLER
LOT 2, BLOCK 4, BETTY WELLS ADDITION, A-451, WILLIS PARKER, 0.3478 ACRES - R41732
- Cause No: T-3441 MINEOLA INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT vs. FRED L. AND YVONNE C. PYSE
LOT 5A, 6B, BLOCK 312, MINEOLA TOWNSITES, A-286, A HAMILTON, 2.5 ACRES - 000036775
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LOT 1B, 2D 4B, BLOCK B, A-612, LANDERS AND REVELLE ADDITION, A-612 J E WHITE, 0.1776 ACRES - 000040324

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SHERIFF, Wood County, Texas

BY Bonnie Sepulveda
Deputy

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Prize winner

Shirley Barnett won gift certificates worth over \$200 to local restaurants and eateries in Mineola in a drawing at the Iron Horse Festival by Grace Community Healthcare Ministry, presented by Director Jerry Brooks. Citizens also stopped by the booth to make donations to the ministry. Donating gift certificates were Bryan's Cheesecakes, Cowburners BBQ, Dairy Queen, East Texas Burger Company, Jalapeno Tree, Kelly B's (at the Country Club), Kitchens, and Uncle Bubba's. With over 15 years of service to the community, Grace Community Healthcare Ministry continues to offer medical services at reduced rates. It is a faith based non-profit ministry supported by donations and staffed by caring volunteers.

ATTENTION VOTERS:

The elections office will be moving to our new annex building across from the courthouse, on the corner of Bermuda and Stephens Street.

We will be open to the public on October 14, 2019. Our new address will be 200 W. Bermuda St., Quitman, Tx 75783.

Early voting will be held at this address for all future elections. Make sure to come by and have a look around.



David Raines unloads pumpkins on Monday afternoon at the First United Methodist Church in Mineola, in preparation for the church's annual fundraiser. (Monitor photo by Sam Major)



Cilla Wichmann, with UT Health EMS, demonstrates one of the Stop the Bleed methods for Elaine Douglas during the annual health fair last Thursday at the Forever Young senior center in Quitman. (Monitor photo by Sam Major)

Mineola Memorial Library Notes

BY LIBRARIAN MARY HURLEY



It is October! We have finished with our updates. We have new flooring in the entrance. We have our shelves arranged how we want them. We can locate things again. We really hope you like all the changes.

The A-frame unit has been relocated (for the last time this year) to the right side as you enter the library. It now has end pieces for display as well as holding new library additions for our adult patrons.

October will have the library hosting two book clubs. The library book club will meet on Thursday, Oct. 17 at 6 p.m. to discuss *The Library Book* by Susan Orle-

ans. This is a true retelling of the fire in the Los Angeles Public Library and how the cause remains a mystery. Join us for a lively discussion.

The East Texas Library Friends (ETLF) will meet on Saturday, Oct. 12 at 2 p.m. to discuss *The Dry* by Jane Harper. This is a murder mystery and a look at small town secrets. ETLF will also be selecting future books to read. ETLF rotates its meetings every 6 weeks so take the opportunity to join us for this meeting and find out what is next.

Just a reminder. The library does accept book donations if they are in good shape. The library does not take old encyclopedias. If an item can be used on the shelf as either a new addition or to replace a well-worn item, it will be. If it cannot be used on the shelf, it will be used as an item for fundraising or a promotion or program. Donated items become the property of the library for use at its discretion.

The Mineola Memorial Library has received a donation from Tim and Celia Boswell and a memorial donation for Sophie Crowson from Lynda Rauscher.

Hawkins Elementary named Blue Ribbon School

Hawkins Elementary School (HES) is among 300 schools in the nation to receive the Blue Ribbon School designation.

Founded in 1982, the National Blue Ribbon Schools Program recognizes public and private elementary, middle, and high schools where students perform at very high levels or where significant improvements are being made in students' academic achievement. A National Blue Ribbon Schools flag overhead has become a mark of excellence in education recognized by everyone from parents to policy-makers in thousands of communities.

The U.S. Department of Education is responsible for administering the Blue Ribbon Schools Program. To be considered for Blue Ribbon School Recognition by the U.S. Department of Education, a Texas public school must be nominated by the

commissioner of education. Nominated campuses are elected through analysis of student assessment and student demographic data.

HES received this award for their hard work and effort as an "Exemplary Achievement Gap Closing School."

This designation means Hawkins Elementary School is among the state's highest performing schools in closing achievement gaps and consistently produces outstanding results for all students. Representatives from Hawkins ISD will be traveling to Washington D.C. in November to receive the award.

Principal Stephanie McConnell says, "It is truly an honor to have our school selected among the best in the nation. This prestigious award speaks to the amazing work and dedication of our teachers, school staff, students, and parents. Our commitment has always

been to put students first and to work individually with students on a daily basis. The biggest reward is the recognition of students and staff for their hard work and high performance needed to attain this award."

Superintendent Morris Lyon said, "We are so excited for Mrs. McConnell, her staff and students at Hawkins Elementary School for their designation as a 2019 National Blue Ribbon School. The teachers, parents and students have been working hard to achieve personal growth for all. This recognition, through closing the achievement gaps, is a great way to celebrate the hard work of our students and teachers. The vision, to be the model of a learner-centered school, set forth by our district has been exemplified by our elementary school through this award. We are so proud of our school family."

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Notice of Requirement to Comply With the Subdivision and Service Extension Policy of Jones Water Supply Corporation

Pursuant to Chapter 13.2502 of the Texas Water Code, Jones Water Supply Corporation hereby gives notice that any person who subdivides land by dividing any lot, tract, or parcel of land within the service area of Jones Water Supply Corporation, Certificate of Convenience and Necessity No. 10475, in Wood and Hopkins Counties, into two or more lots or sites for the purpose of sale or development, whether immediate or future, including a re-subdivision of land for which a plat has been filed and recorded or requests more than two water or sewer service connections on a single contiguous tract of land must comply with the Non-Standard Service Contract contained in Jones Water Supply Corporation's tariff policy.

Jones Water Supply Corporation is not required to extend retail water utility service to a service applicant in a subdivision where the developer of the subdivision has failed to comply with the Subdivision Policy.

Applicable elements of the Subdivision includes:

Evaluation by Jones Water Supply Corporation of the impact a proposed subdivision service extension will make on Jones Water Supply Corporation's water supply system and payment of the cost for this evaluation;

Payment of reasonable costs or fees by the developer for providing water service capacity;

Payment of fees for reserving water supply capacity;

Forfeiture of reserved water supply service capacity for failure to pay applicable fees;

Payment costs for any improvements to Jones Water Supply Corporation's system that is necessary to provide the water service;

Construction shall be according to the design approval by Jones Water Supply Corporation and dedication by the developer of water facilities within the subdivision following inspection.

Jones Water Supply Corporation's tariff and a map showing Jones Water Supply Corporation's service area may be reviewed at Jones Water Supply Corporation's Offices at 1650 N State Hwy 37, Quitman, Texas 75783-5187. The tariff/policy and service area map also are filed of record at the Public Utility Commission of Texas, 1701 N. Congress Ave., PO Box 13326, Austin, TX 78711-3326, Email: web@puc.texas.gov.

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Mineola Police Report

SEPT. 26
7:51 a.m. A wallet was found at Walmart and returned to the owner.
8:58 a.m. A fraudulent check was reportedly passed at a bank on North Pacific Street. This is under investigation.
10:05 a.m. A phone was reported stolen from a restroom of a restaurant on North Pacific Street.
10:46 a.m. Officers assisted a stranded motorist on North Pacific Street. The officers picked the female and her infant up and assisted in refueling the vehicle.
10:55 a.m. Methamphetamine was found inside a used cigarette package at a convenience store on South Pacific Street. An officer took possession of the substance.
11:17 a.m. Officers arrested Cedric Wayne Mosley, 50, of Cedar Hill for possession of drug paraphernalia and resisting arrest. The arrest stemmed from the truck driver not following prescribed routes around Mineola. The trucking company had the loaded truck picked up by a wrecker company.
4:16 p.m. A runaway from Van Zandt County was located at Walmart. Officers released the juvenile to the parents.
7:40 p.m. Vandalism of a glass door was reported by a business on Greenville Avenue.
8:23 p.m. Following a Sept. 26 shooting incident on Karen Lane, Brian Lee Barnett, 42, of Alba, was arrested on Oct. 1 for aggravated assault with a deadly weapon and possession of a controlled substance (methamphetamine).
SEPT. 27
3:52 a.m. A resident on North Johnson Street reported an ex-roommate was banging on the window. An officer responded and spoke to both parties advising them this was a civil matter.
8:06 a.m. A resident on Greenville Avenue requested to speak with an officer regarding threats he had received. Patrol frequency was modified as a result.
8:52 a.m. A criminal trespass complaint was received regarding an incident at a restaurant on West Broad.
9:01 a.m. A clerk at a convenience store on East Broad Street reported a man came in and made an alarming comment. An officer responded and spoke with the clerk; the subject was not located.
10:24 a.m. Gunshots were reported on University Street. It was determined that a science teacher was shooting bottle rockets for a class.
12:57 p.m. A ring was reported stolen from a resident by a private sitter at Autumn Winds Assisted Living. Charges are pending.
2:34 p.m. A resident on North Johnson Street reported harassment by a neighbor.
8:13 p.m. Officers responded to

a verbal altercation between family members at Autumn Winds Assisted Living.
9:01 p.m. An officer checked on a motorist parked on the side of the roadway on South Pacific Street. The driver had a medical issue and pulled over for a few minutes. Moments later, an officer assisted a stranded motorist by helping push a vehicle to a gas station on North Pacific Street.
11:57 p.m. An officer observed two young males chasing another young male at Elliott and South Street. The two males stated they were chasing the other male because he stole money from them. Officers went to the accused's residence and confronted him about the money he stole. The male denied stealing money from them and the other two decided not to pursue charges.
SEPT. 28
12:53 a.m. An officer assisted a father in locating his son at a residence on North Newsom Street.
11:06 a.m. Jan Ellen Aron, 33, of Tyler, was arrested for possession of a controlled substance and endangering a child, when she was stopped on a traffic violation on West Broad Street. Courtney D'Ann Young, 24, of Tyler, was also arrested for possession of a controlled substance.
5:49 p.m. Julius Clay Francis, 19, of Lone Star, was arrested for consumption of alcohol by a minor in the vicinity of North Pacific and Cage streets.
9:22 p.m. Loud music was reported at a residence on Ivey Street. An officer responded and spoke with the resident. The music was turned down.
SEPT. 29
8:11 a.m. Fernando Lagunas, 26, of Mineola, was arrested for no insurance, expired vehicle registration and failure to change an out of state driver's license over 90 days. Lagunas was stopped for a traffic violation on North Pacific Street.
6:20 p.m. A pair of prescription sunglasses was found at the Civic Center. The glasses remain at the police department.
7:42 p.m. Officers responded to a welfare concern of an elderly resident on Pat Drive. An officer responded and ensured that the resident was not left alone.
SEPT. 30
11:37 a.m. A skimmer device was recovered from a gas pump at a convenience store on South Pacific Street. This is under investigation with the assistance of a Smith County task force.
11:46 a.m. Two individuals were issued criminal trespass warnings at the Autumn Winds Assisted Living Center.
2:48 p.m. An officer met with a family that felt threatened by the actions of an estranged husband.

3:30 p.m. A complaint of criminal mischief in the parking lot between Walmart and Whataburger was investigated. The incident is under investigation.
6:32 p.m. A disturbance was reported on West Patten St. An ex-girlfriend was in front of the ex-boyfriend's residence and threatening to shoot him. Officers spoke with both parties. No weapon was found at the scene.
6:49 p.m. Loud music was reported at a carwash on East Broad Street. An officer responded to the location and had the person in the vehicle turn the music down.
7:02 p.m. Officers responded to a verbal altercation at a convenience store on North Pacific St.
OCT. 1
3:23 a.m. A reckless driver was reported on South Pacific Street. An officer identified the vehicle and did not observe a violation.
4:14 p.m. Children were playing in the street on West McDonald Street. An officer responded and instructed the children not to play in the street.
7:15 p.m. A family member reported her daughter was being harassed because of a snapchat photo another female posted. An officer responded and spoke with the female who posted the photograph and asked her to take it down.
9:40 p.m. A family member contacted the officer and advised the female that was asked to take down the photo did take down the photo, but posted a picture of the patrol unit at her residence and posted the name of the complainant's daughter. The officer responded back to the residence and spoke with the female again.
OCT. 2
10:02 a.m. A resident on Goodson Circle reported that a known person was using her debit card without permission. This is under investigation.
11:54 a.m. Officers responded to a disturbance on West Blair Street and recorded a family violence report.
4:04 p.m. Tarin Archibald Nguyen, 39, of Mineola, was arrested for no insurance, operating a vehicle without a license plate and expired registration, after she was stopped on North Pacific Street for a traffic violation.
4:06 p.m. A helicopter has been landing on some property on South Pacific Street without permission from the land owners. An officer visited with the pilot at Best Western and advised him that he could not land on the property.
7:17 p.m. An officer intervened in a dispute between two female shoppers.
7:43 p.m. Spotlighting from the County Road into the Nature Preserve was reported. A search for the suspects was unsuccessful.

Wood County Sheriff's Report

SEPT. 25
8:30 a.m. - Deputies responded to CR 3859 near Hawkins for the theft of an animal trap. The case is being investigated.
9:36 a.m. - Harassment was reported on FM 1801 near Mineola. Deputies advised the reporting party.
12:53 p.m. - Several items were reported stolen from a property on FM 49 near Mineola. The case is under investigation.
1:11 p.m. - Deputies separated parties at Holley Trail near Hawkins due to a dispute.
1:26 p.m. - A domicile on PR 7822 near Hawkins was burglarized of several items by a known perpetrator. The case is under investigation.
3:07 p.m. - Deputies were dispatched to FM 2869 near Hawkins regarding a bank robbery. This case is under investigation.
5:06 p.m. - Deputies issued a criminal trespass warning to an offender at PR 6645 near Mineola.
SEPT. 26
6:51 p.m. - Investigation into a case of harassment at Brookshires in Winnsboro was opened.
7:13 p.m. - Deputies cleared a call for suspicious activity at Highway 154 near Quitman after resolving the activity.
8:21 p.m. - After locating an abandoned vehicle on FM 2869 near Hawkins, deputies determined no illicit activity was underway.
SEPT. 27
1:16 p.m. - A suspicious activity call to FM 49 near Mineola was cleared without incident.
1:42 p.m. - Several items were stolen from a property on Highway 154 near Quitman. The case is active.
7:20 p.m. - Deputies were dis-

patched to Main St. in Yantis for a reckless driver. Deputies located the vehicle and cleared the incident.
8:24 p.m. - A suspicious vehicle call to CR 2400 near Winnsboro was cleared.
SEPT. 28
6:46 a.m. - Deputies issued a criminal trespass warning to an individual on Front Street in Hawkins.
7:27 a.m. - Deputies cleared a suspicious vehicle call on PR 7908 near Hawkins.
12:52 p.m. Deputies intervened to quell a disturbance between parties at Holiday Village Clubhouse.
2:40 p.m. - A resident reported vandalism to his vehicle at CR 1602 near Alba.
SEPT. 29
2:08 a.m. - Parties at FM 515 near Yantis were separated by deputies after a disturbance call.
9:12 a.m. - Another dispute, at CR 4494 near Winnsboro, was resolved with deputy intervention.
9:29 a.m. - An abandoned vehicle was located on CR 4470 near Leesburg. The call was cleared by deputies.
9:42 a.m. - A call regarding a possible theft at FM 1647 near Winnsboro resulted in increased patrolling in the area.
12:21 p.m. - A suspicious vehicle incident was cleared on CR 1630 near Alba.
SEPT. 30
1:46 a.m. - Angelica Coffman, 25, of Malakoff, was arrested for driving while intoxicated after a reckless driver complaint at FM 515 near Yantis.
3:18 a.m. - Deputies separated disputing parties at CR 4660 near Winnsboro.
4:32 p.m. - Fraudulent credit

card use was reported by a resident on Highway 37 near Mineola. This case has been forwarded to investigators.
6:15 p.m. - A case of theft was opened at CR 2920 near Alba after a known actor stole several items from the reporting party's property.
8:03 p.m. - Deputies found a female, 77, deceased in her residence on PR 5936 near Yantis. The Justice of the Peace was notified and no autopsy was ordered.
OCT. 1
12:06 a.m. - Deputies resolved a dispute at CR 4560 near Winnsboro.
1:18 a.m. - A reckless driver call was cleared at FM 14 near Hawkins.
5:26 a.m. - Deputies located a suspicious vehicle at FM 17 near Alba. The call was cleared.
1:42 p.m. - Deputies issued a criminal trespass warning to an individual on CR 3495 near Hawkins.
1:57 p.m. - An incident of terroristic threats at CR 1616 near Alba was cleared after deputies advised the reporting party.
8:01 p.m. - Deputies were dispatched to FM 14 near Hawkins for an abandoned vehicle. Deputies located the vehicle and cleared the incident.
9:09 p.m. - A suspicious vehicle call was cleared by deputies after the vehicle was found on FM 2225 near Quitman.
9:36 p.m. - Deputies investigated an abandoned vehicle on FM 14 near Hawkins, and cleared the incident.
10:12 p.m. - Deputies were dispatched to CR 3590 near Winnsboro for a dispute. The parties separated prior to the deputies' arrival.

Quitman Library Connections

BY LIBRARIAN DELENE ALLEN



The 2nd Friday Acoustical Jam is this Friday. Musicians of all ages and musical levels are invited to join in from 6-9 p.m. in the library's community room. There will be an open mic set-up for those who wish to perform. Listeners are always welcome. For more information, call 903-975-5745.
National Family History Month is observed in October. The Quitman Public Library along with the Wood County TX Genealogical Society invite family researchers, historians and storytellers, to commemorate their family's rich and deep history this month by allowing us to assist with beginning your genealogical tree. The society will meet on Monday, October 21, at 7 p.m. in the library's Shamburger Community Room. For more information, contact David Gilbreath at 972-977-7988 and visit the society's Facebook page at <http://www.facebook.com/groups/woocotx>.
Hours are Tuesday through Friday from 10 a.m. until 6 p.m. Visit our pages at www.quitmanlibrary.org and www.facebook.com/quitmanpubliclibrary. Wi-Fi is available 24/7. Notary

service is available at the library during regular business hours, but to guarantee an appointment, call 903-763-4191.
Jim Kinsel from Workforce Solutions of East Texas will be at the library on first Fridays of each month from 10 a.m. - 1 p.m. to assist job seekers. No appointment is necessary.
Online GED test preparatory registration and course assistance is available on Tuesdays (language arts) and Fridays (mathematics) from 10 a.m.-6 p.m.
Knitting and crochet instruction class meets each Thursday 2-4 p.m. in the library's main gallery. Students of all ages and skill levels may bring their own supplies and join the group for this free instruction.
QPL Story Time is every Wednesday at 2 p.m. Upcoming themes: Oct. 16 "Eating Healthy" making our own snack mix; Oct. 23 "Pumpkins!"; Oct. 30 "Halloween Party!" with games, snacks, music, and a costume contest. For more information, contact Terri Ben-

nett at 903-763-4191.
The Friends of the Quitman Public Library will meet on Tuesday, November 12, 2019. Special guest will be a book sculptor who creates art from the pages of books.
You may sign up for the monthly Friends of the Quitman Public Library Newsletter or obtain more information about becoming a member by contacting Rebekah Yeager at 903-763-4191. Friends is an active group of volunteers dedicated to the growth and improvement of the library.
In the lobby display is a collection of mementos on loan from the Gladys Zapata and the Peralta Family in commemoration of Hispanic Heritage Month. If you have a collection for the monthly display, contact Beverly Chamberlin at the library.
Visit the library's online catalog at <http://quitman.biblionix.com/catalog> to see all the latest books, audiobooks, and DVDs ready to be checked out. Also, download the OverDrive® app to connect to our library's newest additions of eBooks, audiobooks and streaming video.

Quitman Police Report

SEPT. 24
Lt. Investigator John Farmer received a report from School Resource Officer Jim Rapp regarding a student who was claiming to be a pimp, a gang member, and a drug dealer. He also claimed to carry a gun off-campus for protection. The student was found to be in possession of a knife, cigarettes and a lighter. Lt. Farmer was unable to substantiate any of the student's claims due to a lack of evidence.
SEPT. 25
Lt. Mike Chilson overheard radio traffic regarding a runaway who was last seen in Quitman. Chilson responded to the location in Quitman where he was familiar with the occupants. A female at the location stated she had last seen the runaway earlier in the day walking down the street with two other girls. Later in the evening, while at the QHS bonfire, Chilson was approached by a teenage female who stated she wished to turn herself in. Questioning the female, Chilson learned she was the runaway everyone had been searching for. Chilson took the girl into custody and later turned her over to county deputies.

SEPT. 27
Cpl. Austin Milbourn was contacted by a man who stated his wife was threatening him. The man advised that two days prior, while his wife was manic and possibly high on methamphetamines, she made a statement that she "had people watching him with guns." He also advised his wife was seeing "gremlins" in the yard. He wanted the incident documented and believed his wife would be home soon. Milbourn advised the man to call if there were any problems once his wife returned.
SEPT. 29
Officer Corbin Hanner took a report of a gas drive off from Super Stop Exxon. The clerk advised a man had pumped \$43.47 in gas before driving off. The man had left a fleet card with the clerk in order to have to pump turned on but drove off without coming back inside. Hanner was able to locate a phone number on the card but was unable to make contact. This case was forwarded to Lt. Farmer for investigation.
SEPT. 30
Lt. Chilson was dispatched to the parking lot at Family Dollar for a minor accident. The complainant advised his vehicle was

struck when a newer model SUV attempted to back out of the stall next to him. The man also advised he spoke briefly with the female driver of the SUV and they were going to exchange information. Instead, the woman drove away. This case was forwarded for continued investigation.
OCT. 2
Officer Hanner and Cpl. Milbourn responded to First Baptist Church in response to a report of an assault. It was determined that the assault was a result of an incident which had occurred earlier at school. This case has been forwarded for investigation.
OCT. 3
Lt. Chilson became aware of a situation in which two juvenile males, 14 and 16, were living without adult supervision. According to witnesses, the mother has been seen only dropping off food at the residence a few times in the last three months. Witnesses also stated there have been several kids hanging out at the apartment, smoking cigarettes, vaping and possibly smoking marijuana. The boys were also seen breaking in to a vacant apartment and are often home during school hours. This case has been forwarded to CPS.

UT Health East Texas enrolling EMS memberships

Enrollment for UT Health East Texas EMS membership is open. Annual membership is \$60 and covers all qualified household members.
"The average cost of an ambulance transport is \$750 and most insurance, including Medicare, will not cover the full amount of an ambulance bill," said Jimmy Zednick, UT Health East Texas EMS director of operations.
For those with insurance, UT Health East Texas EMS membership includes full coverage of billed emergency transport charges and medically necessary non-emergency transportation to or from a hospital or nursing home, including co-insurance and deductibles.

"Participating in the program protects insured members from costly out-of-pocket expenses because it prepays any portion of the ambulance charges not covered by insurance or Medicare, as long as it is deemed medically necessary by their insurance," said Zednick.
UT Health East Texas EMS membership for those without insurance provides 50 percent coverage of billed emergency transport charges.
"Membership coverage is for all qualified members of a household, which means you, your spouse and your

dependent children living in your residence who are younger than 21, or 25 if in college," said Zednick.
UT Health East Texas EMS covers most of Smith and Cherokee counties, all of Henderson County and portions of Wood County and the City of Henderson. UT Health East Texas EMS membership includes only ground transports in the UT Health East Texas EMS service area.
For more information or to enroll, call 1-800-642-JOIN (5646), or visit online at uthealtheasttexas.com/EMS-membership.

One airlifted from scene of traffic crash

Rafael Amaya rammed his pickup into the side of Victoria Sanders' 1990 Ford Ranger pickup about 8:30 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 2.
Amaya was driving a 2012 GMC when he ran through

the stop sign at the intersection of Hwy. 69 and County Road 2260.
Amaya was taken by ambulance to UT Health in Tyler with possible injuries. He received a citation for

failure to yield right of way at a stop sign.
Sanders was flown by helicopter to UT Health Tyler with severe injuries.
No fatalities have been reported.



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Obituaries

LISA GAYLE CULP ARRINGTON 1968-2019



Services for Lisa Gayle Culp Arrington, 50, of Alba, were held at 3 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 6, 2019 at First Baptist Church of Alba, with Dr. Kelly Burton officiating under the direction of Wilson Bartley Funeral Home.

Interment was in Pleasant Ridge Cemetery.

Lisa passed away Oct. 2, 2019 in Tyler. She was born Nov. 21, 1968 in Dallas to Hubert Grady and Linda Gayle Gaddis Culp. Lisa moved from Dallas to Alba in 1981 and was a member of First Baptist Alba. She loved animals, gardening, crafts and people. Lisa was a registered nurse and enjoyed helping folks under hospice care. She especially loved her family and the Texas Rangers.

Lisa is preceded in death by her brother, Kelby Grant Culp; and grandparents, Roy and Evelyne Gaddis and Hubert and J'Nell Culp.

Survivors include her parents, Bo and Linda Culp of Alba; one son, Dustin Howle of Alba; two daughters, Macie Arrington and wife Stacy of Lindale and Reygan Arrington and fiancé Cody Frazier of Alba; one uncle, Rick Gaddis and wife Kathy of Emory; three aunts, LaWanda Ferguson of Mesquite, Be Grant of Rockwall, and Dottie Corder and husband George of Rockwall; one sister, Crystal Laird of Red Oak; one sister-in-law, Clara Gilliam of Alba; one grandson on the way; and numerous other family members and friends.

The family received friends from 6-8 p.m. Saturday at the church.

EVELYN JOYCE FRY 1937-2019



Evelyn Joyce Fry, 82, entered into life Sept. 22, 1937, as the only child of Roy and Bessie Watson Hanna, in Grapevine.

Evelyn was raised in the Grapevine area. While picnicking with friends at Bear Creek she was introduced to Oran Herschel Fry from Smithfield. He became the love of her life. After a couple of years the two were wed Jan. 29, 1955.

Evelyn and Herschel remained happily married for 64 years, and she entered into rest Oct. 2, 2019.

Evelyn was preceded in death by her parents.

She is survived by her husband; Oran Herschel Fry; daughter, Bessie Marie Romick and husband Keith of Columbus, Kan.; sons, Troy Fry of Quitman and David Fry

and wife Rose of Longmont, Colo.; four grandchildren; six great-grandchildren; and numerous nieces and nephews and a host of other relatives and friends.

Graveside services were held at 2 p.m. Monday, Oct. 7, 2019 at Smithfield Cemetery, 6704 Smithfield Rd, North Richland Hills under the direction of Lucas Funeral Home, Hurst.

VIRGINIA LEE O'QUINN 1937-2019



Funeral services for Virginia Lee O'Quinn, 82, of Lindale, formerly of Golden, were held at 4 p.m. Monday, Oct. 7, 2019 at the Golden United Methodist Church with Pastor Michael Mize and Pastor Jim Pickens officiating. Interment followed in the Sand Springs Cemetery with services under the direction of Caudle-Rutledge-Daugherty Funeral Home in Lindale.

Virginia passed away Friday, Oct. 4, 2019 in a Lindale nursing center. She was born in Wood County to the late William Matthew and Vina Mae (Ballard) Fletcher and was a longtime resident of Lindale. She was a homemaker and was preceded in death by her husband, Eugene G. O'Quinn in 1986.

Virginia is survived by her daughter and son-in-law, Cynthia & Richard Bellar of Lindale; son & daughter-in-law, Graham and Sylvia O'Quinn of Golden; brother and sister-in-law, Richard and Mamie Fletcher of Tyler; sisters-in-law, Kathy Fletcher, Carolyn Fletcher and Wanda Fletcher; seven grandchildren; and numerous nieces and nephews.

The family received friends from 3:30-5:30 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 6, 2019 at the Caudle-Rutledge-Daugherty Funeral Home in Lindale. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to the First Kids Day School, c/o First United Methodist Church Lindale, P.O. Box 367, Lindale, Texas 75771.

GANELLE MOORE 1940-2019



Ganelle Moore, 79, of Quitman passed away Oct. 4, 2019, in Garland. Services were held Monday, Oct. 7, 2019, at Forest Hill Baptist Church, with visitation at 10 a.m. and funeral service at 11. Burial followed at Quitman City Cemetery.

Gay was born in Quitman on Jan. 27, 1940, to Artemus and Haskie (Sutton) Rushing. She was a lifelong member of Forest Hill Baptist Church. Gay began her 50-year career as a telephone operator for GTE in Quitman and retired from People's Telephone in 2006.

Gay was preceded in death by her husband, Kenneth, in 2001; parents; brother, Curtis Rushing; and sisters Jackie Melvin and Barbara Clark.

Survivors include her brother, Billy and wife Shirley

Rushing of Quitman; sister, Glenda and husband Wayne McElyea of Garland; and numerous nieces and nephews, family and friends.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Forest Hill Baptist Church, 1880 N. State Highway 37, Quitman, TX 75783.

REESE WADE WHITMAN 1973-2019



Reese Wade Whitman, April 3, 1973 – October 2, 2019. It is with much pain and sorrow; we announce that Reese Wade Whitman, age 46, our most beloved son, brother and family member passed away suddenly on Wednesday, October 2, 2019 at home in Tyler, Texas. A celebration of Reese's life, for family, friends and other's whose lives Reese touched will be announced at a later date.

Most importantly, Reese was a child of our Lord God, he was baptized at church camp when he was 12. Reese loved so many and was loved by so many more. He had an energy, that with even one encounter with him, you would remember him for life.

He had an immeasurable goodness about him, it enabled his capacity to bring happiness to others. He had a heart for people who suffered and helped so many. Those who knew Reese, even just a little, lost a shining light in their lives, may his example of kindness and compassion for others carry on in your heart through deeds and actions towards others.

Reese began riding a dirt bike at age 8 and so began his love for motocross. He would travel miles to ride and everyone at the track were instantly drawn to his infectious laugh and sense of humor which made him so very special for this sport. He also had a passion for fishing, Reese was always looking for that perfect fishing hole.

He was preceded in death by his father, Billy Whitman and his sister, Susan Johns.

Reese, we will miss you, and treasure the memories of time spent with you, Your Loving Family, his parents, Rita and Jimmy Johns; sister Kami Whitman Fuchs and Family; brother, Kyle Johns and Family; aunt, Wanda Whitman Flusche and Family; aunt, Pauletta Lapsley and Family, and the host of friends you leave behind to honor your memory.

In lieu of flowers, donations made are asked to be made in Memory of Reese Wade Whitman to CS Pantry, P.O. Box 1116, Quitman, Texas 75783.

The world is a lesser place without him. We love you Reese, forever and ever.

Mineola veterans parade Nov. 9

The Veteran's Day parade will have the theme "Thank you for our freedom" and steps off in Mineola on Saturday, Nov. 9 at 11:11 a.m. on East Broad Street and travels west on Hwy. 80 through the downtown area.

The parade entries will be announced at the corner of

Broad and Johnson Streets.

Participants are asked to line up at 10:30 at the Methodist Church fellowship center on Newsom St.

Entry forms can be found on the chamber of commerce website mineolachamber.org (and linked from the Facebook page).

TWO Divide & Conquer Estate Sales – Same Dates
Sale #1 - Cleta "Cece" (Mrs. Bob) Haley Estate
Thurs., Oct. 10 ~ 7:00 - 5:30 Fri., Oct. 11 ~ 8:00 - 5:30
Sat., Oct. 12 ~ 8:00 - 2:00
603 Paloma ~ Tyler TX, 75703

Outside S Loop 323 & off S. Broadway, turn west on Rice Rd by Brookshire's. Cross Old Bullard Rd. and turn left onto Eastgate and right onto Paloma.

This 2491 sq. ft. garden home, offered by Brad Newberry, is for sale; contents and consignments must go: din. table & chairs; china cab.; china; crystal; sofa; occas. chairs & match. ottoman; consigned full length mink; Waterford plates & bowl; Baccarat vase; red glassware; many nice clothes; purses; shoes; stacked tables; floor lamps; other lamps; cost. jewelry; music boxes; rugs; Hammels; hand painted plates; Ken Wyatt bluebonnet pict.; other framed art; vintg. stereo; records; CD's; books; cookware; breakf. table & chairs; knick knacks; red Keurig; quilts; holiday items; bk cases; display shelves; king bed, dresser, nightstands, chest; sew. mach.; cedar chest; vintg. cameras; 2 refrigerators; washer & dryer; freezer; vintg. toys; yard tools; yard art; vintg. lighters; pocketknives; military patches; sooooo much more!! Pictures:DivideAndConquerOfEastTexas.com

Sale #2 - Duane & Sandra Stephens Estate
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Quitman, 2646 TX 154, 5 miles toward Sulphur Springs, next to Holiday Village. Fri.-Sat., Oct. 11-12, 8a.m.-5p.m. Huge Sale: furniture, tools, collectibles, antiques, appliances. Lots of stuff. Storage room cleanouts. 903-850-3134.

Miscellaneous

Two cemetery plots for sale, Rose-lawn Memorial Gardens. Call 214-306-1451.

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Employment

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Rentals

Apartments

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Notice of Public Sale

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located at 1122 E. Goode St., Quitman, will be holding an auction Saturday, Oct. 19 at 1 p.m. for the contents of Nathan William Coleman, Unit # 21 and Lindsay Lane Norris, Units # 185 and 186.

Notice is hereby given that application is being made with the Texas Alcoholic Beverage Commission for a Private Club Registration Permit & Food & Beverage Certificate by Neon Moon Social Club, Inc. doing business as, Neon Moon, to be located at 4672 HWY 154 West, Yantis, Wood County, Texas. Officers of Corporation are: Christopher Bevill; President, Brandie Bevill; Secretary.

PUBLIC NOTICE

City of Mineola

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 44-76 OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF MINEOLA, TEXAS, PROVIDING FOR RATES TO BE CHARGED FOR SERVICES FURNISHED BY THE SEWER SYSTEM OWNED AND OPERATED BY THE CITY OF MINEOLA, TEXAS.

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 44-29 OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF MINEOLA, TEXAS, PROVIDING FOR RATES TO BE CHARGED FOR SERVICES FURNISHED BY THE WATERWORKS OWNED AND OPERATED BY THE CITY OF MINEOLA, TEXAS.

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 44 OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF MINEOLA, TEXAS, PROVIDING FOR RATES TO BE CHARGED FOR FIXED MINIMUM MONTHLY BASIC OR DEMAND FEE FOR MULTI-FAMILY APARTMENT COMPLEXES AND OTHER MULTI-INHABITED INSTITUTIONAL FACILITIES AND, PROVIDING A REPEALER AND SEVERABILITY CLAUSE.

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SOLID WASTE FEES SECTION 34-22 OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF MINEOLA, TEXAS,

A full and complete copy of these ordinances can be obtained from the Office of the City Secretary, 300 Greenville Ave., Mineola, Tx. 75773.

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NO. 13,547

ESTATE OF § IN THE COUNTY COURT
DREW H. BEAMS, § § OF
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NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Notice is hereby given that original Letters Testamentary for the Estate of DREW H. BEAMS, Deceased, were issued on September 30, 2019, in No. 13,547, pending in the County Court of Wood County, Texas to MARY JANE BEAMS.

The residence of the Independent Executor is in Wood County, Texas. The post office address of the Independent Executor is c/o Richard E. Roberts, P.O. Box 70, Quitman, Wood County, Texas 75783.

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

DATED this 30th day of September, 2019.

Richard E. Roberts
RICHARD E. ROBERTS, Attorney for
MARY JANE BEAMS, Independent Executor

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Notice is hereby given that original Letters of Administration for the Estate of BOBBY RAY TURBEVILLE, Deceased, were issued on September 30, 2019, in Cause No. 13,531, pending in the County Court of Wood County, Texas, to: JAMES HOWARD TURBEVILLE, as Independent Administrator.

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

c/o: J. Brad McCampbell
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NOTICE OF SALE

STATE OF TEXAS X BY VIRTUE OF TAX WARRANTS ISSUED
Jan. 22, Feb. 21, May 11 & 15, September 7
& October 2, 2018 & January 22, 2019

WOOD COUNTY X DATED OCTOBER 3, 2019

and issued pursuant to Tax Warrant(s) issued by the District Court of Wood County, Texas, by the Clerk of said Court on said date, in the hereinafter numbered and styled tax warrant suits and to me directed and delivered as Sheriff of said County, I have on October 3, 2019, seized, levied upon, and will, on the first Tuesday in November, 2019, the same being the 5th day of said month, at the East Door of the Courthouse of said County, in the City of Quitman, Texas, between the hours of 10 o'clock a.m. and 4 o'clock p.m. on said day, beginning at 1:30 p.m., proceed to sell to the highest bidder all the right, title, and interest of the defendants in such tax warrant(s) in and to the following described real estate levied upon as the property of said defendants, the same lying and being situated in the County of Wood and the State of Texas, to-wit:

SUIT NO.	STYLE OF SUIT AND PROPERTY DESCRIPTION
T-4138	Wood County, et al vs. Donald L. Whitely, et al (Tax Warrant issued January 22, 2018) Lot 434, Holly Lake Ranch Subdivision, Part V, Section IV, a subdivision in Wood County, Texas, according to the map or plat thereof, recorded in Volume 6, Page 15, Plat Records of Wood County, Texas (R29689)
T-4142	Wood County, et al vs. Dwight F. Berry, et al (Tax Warrant issued February 21, 2018) Lot 140, Holly Lake Ranch Subdivision, Part 2, Section IV, a subdivision in Wood County, Texas, according to the map or plat thereof, recorded in Volume 5, Page 32, Plat Records of Wood County, Texas. (R29395)
T-4163	Wood County, et al vs. Daryl W. Holder, a/k/a Daryl Wayne Holder, et al (Tax Warrant issued May 11, 2018) Lot 280, Holly Lake Ranch, Part IV, a subdivision in Wood County, Texas, according to the map or plat thereof, recorded in Volume 5, Page 48, Plat Records of Wood County, Texas (R29535)
T-4166	Wood County, et al vs. Sharon Lewis Hall, a/k/a Sharon Ann Williams, et al (Tax Warrant issued May 15, 2018) Lot 40, Holly Lake Ranch, Part I, Section II, a subdivision of Wood County, Texas, according to the map or plat thereof recorded in Volume 4, Page 40, Plat Records of Wood County, Texas (R28534)
T-4185	City of Winnsboro, et al vs. Rosie A. Roberson (Tax Warrant issued September 7, 2018) Lot 4, Block 1, Cain Addition, an addition to the City of Winnsboro, Wood County, Texas, described in Volume 1451, Page 194, Real Property Records of Wood County, Texas (R37807)
T-4196	Wood County, et al vs. Betty Love, a/k/a Betty Jean Love, et al (Tax Warrant issued October 2, 2018) Lot 269, Holy Lake Ranch, Part I I, Section VII I I, an addition to Wood County Texas, according to the map or plat thereof recorded in Volume 8, Page 4, Plat Records of Wood County, Texas (R30851)
T-4211	Wood County, et al vs. Gabriel Trejo, et al (Tax Warrant issued January 22, 2019) Tract 1 0.305 acre, more or less, situated in the Charles Pierce Survey, Abstract 673, Wood County, Texas, described as Tract 2, in deed dated July 1, 1997, from Roger B. Hart, et ux to Gabriel Trejo, in Volume 1561, Page 745, Real Property Records of Wood County, Texas (R24394) Tract 2 0.3546 acre, more or less, situated in the A.J. Gilbreath Survey, Abstract 259, Wood County, Texas, described as Tract 1 in deed dated July 1, 1997, from Roger B. Hart, et ux to Gabriel Trejo, in Volume 1561, Page 745, Real Property Records of Wood County, Texas (R15968)

(any volume and page references, unless otherwise indicated, being to the Deed Records, Wood County, Texas, to which instruments reference may be made for a more complete description of each respective tract.)

any property sold shall be subject to the right of redemption of the defendants or any person having an interest therein, to redeem the said property, or their interest therein, within the time and in the manner provided by law, and shall be subject to any other and further rights to which the defendants or anyone interested therein may be entitled, under the provisions of law. Said sale to be made by me to satisfy taxes, penalties, interest, attorney's fee, and municipal claims subject to the tax warrant(s) issued in the above styled and numbered cause(s) together with costs of suit(s), and the proceeds of said sales to be applied to the satisfaction thereof, and the remainder, if any, to be applied as the law directs.

Dated at Quitman, Texas, 3rd day of October, 2019.

Tom Castloo
Sheriff Tom Castloo - Wood County, Texas

Bonnie Sepulvado
By: Deputy Bonnie Sepulvado

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1 DART is Dallas' _____ transit

5 TX singer _____ Mae Morse

6 landmark TX case: "_____ Wade"

7 TXism: "_____ slapper" (funny)

8 extra perceptive (abbr.)

9 never looking old

16 cut of pork, e.g. _____

18 TXism: "best I ever _____ lips around" (tasty)

21 TXism: "he ain't _____ spring chicken" (old)

22 archaic "therefore"

23 TX Blue Bell _____ cream

24 molten materials that become igneous rocks

30 in Houston County on U.S. 287

34 state of Rangers & Astros foe, Angels (abbr.)

35 oldest mission in TX

36 TX Kenny Rogers sang "If I Knew _____" with Gladys Knight

37 TX independence was won 183 _____ ago

39 occupation of TX Willie's dad (2 wds.)

43 TX Peri Gilpin 2013 TBS sitcom "_____ Work"

44 TX Dabney's 1982 comedy film

45 TX continent (abbr.)

TEXAS CROSSWORD

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46 normal stroke numbers on golf holes

47 TX Willie sang a rendition of "Young _____"

49 gospel song: "He _____ Name"

52 TXism: "_____ two-steps to his own beat"

53 nope

54 'tween two and four

55 TX Sheridan 1939 film: "They _____ Criminal"

11 ex-Oiler Campbell

12 TX "Babe" helped start this golf assn.

13 a TX county named after a person, e.g.

14 dir. from Plainview to Merkel

15 Reagan's "Star Wars" defense program (init.)

17 TX-based Burlington

19 TX-born "Tex" who popularized the TV & radio talk show genre

20 bread dough raisers

24 TXism: "that chaps _____ hide" (irritated)

25 TXism: "drunk _____ skunk"

26 excessive amount

27 TXism: "suits _____ fare-thee-well"

28 molar, e.g. (2 wds.)

29 TX Samudio: "_____ Sham"

31 Dale Evans wrote "_____ San Antone"

32 TX Vikki Carr sang "With _____ in Hand"

33 _____ fishing

38 near Boerne: "Cave Without _____"

40 dir. from Azle to Van

41 U.S. spy agcy. that TX George H.W. Bush once headed

42 TX Freddie Fender sang a rendition of "Then You _____ Goodbye"

48 large book

50 "_____ Darling, Clementine"

51 small songbird

56 prevent a bad thing

57 TX Tom who was U.S. House Majority Leader (2003-05) and then was on "Dancing With the Stars" in 2009

CASE

From page 1

Speak at a commissioners meeting with their concerns. The commissioners and judge are not able to comment on statements made at that time. Concerns can be discussed if an item is placed on the official agenda.

Shearin wants to be paid. "In October 2016, I was hired by the then elected District Attorney Jim Wheeler as a special prosecutor that evolved into an appointment as attorney pro-tem regarding the investigation for the offenses against John Winston Forrest-

er and John Phillip Forrester. In March 15 of this year, April 17 and then Aug. 2 of this year I sent emails with attachments to both Robert Davis out of Tyler, as well as directly to you Judge Hebron and the commissioners. I just want to make sure y'all did get those things."

Judge Hebron did respond to Shearin saying, "Anything that we receive we forward that on to our council. Yes, we did receive."

Shearin continued, "The first item regards my filing and I've got a file marked July 17 of this year. My request for payment of expenses, I submitted to Judge

Clayton who is the presiding judge in the matter I have already mentioned and I did that on the form Wood County requires. Judge Clayton signed an order on trial court written findings on court appointed attorneys request for expenses, not fees, not my attorney's fees, but for my expenses," Shearin explained. "That was signed that the court finds pursuant to Article 26.05 in the Texas Court Code of Criminal Procedure that the amount shall be paid to the attorney, that's me, for reasonable and necessary expenses and the court approves payment in such

amount. Article 25.05 deals with compensation of court appointed counsel, which includes attorneys pro tem, and payment of bills and expenses."

Shearin said the payments included investigation services. "A counsel in a non-capital case appointed to represent a defendant, but it does apply to attorneys pro tem, shall be reimbursed for reasonable and necessary expenses including expenses for investigation. All payments made under this article should be paid from the general fund of the county in which the prosecution was instituted. A counsel

may incur expenses without prior approval from the court although I did have it from Judge (Jeff) Fletcher as well as Judge Clayton.

"Judge Clayton ordered, he has deemed that the amount I had submitted shall be paid to me for reasonable and necessary expenses and the court approves payment in such amount. It is my understanding that the payment for my expenses, you held that up besides my attorneys fees, now you have held my expenses and you are in violation of the law. Clear and simple, you are in violation of the law."

Shearin was informed by

Judge Hebron his time was up. Shearin continued seeking his second concern. "I've got motions to dismiss from both Jim Brown's attorney and Miles Tucker. What do you want me to do? How should I respond to those motions to dismiss? Tell me what I should do for the good people of Wood County. Could I get an answer on how I should respond to the motions to dismiss?"

Judge Hebron moved on to the next item.

The county has requested an opinion from the Texas Attorney General concerning the validity of Shearin's fees, expected by December.

NOTICE OF SALE

STATE OF TEXAS
WOOD COUNTY

§ BY VIRTUE OF AN ORDER OF SALE
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and issued pursuant to judgment decree(s) of the District Court of Wood County, Texas, by the Clerk of said Court on said date, in the hereinafter numbered and styled suit(s) and to me directed and delivered as Sheriff or Constable of said County, I have on October 3, 2019, seized, levied upon, and will, on the first Tuesday in November, 2019, the same being the 5th day of said month, at the East Door, Wood County Courthouse of the Courthouse of the said County, in the City of Quitman, Texas, between the hours of 10 o'clock a.m. and 4 o'clock p.m. on said day, beginning at 01:30 PM, proceed to sell for cash to the highest bidder all the right, title, and interest of the defendants in such suit(s) in and to the following described real estate levied upon as the property of said defendants, the same lying and being situated in the County of Wood and the State of Texas, to-wit:

Sale #	Cause # Judgment Date	Acct # Order Issue Date	Style of Case	Legal Description	Adjudged Value
1	T-4054 05/01/19	R12557 OCTOBER 03, 2019	WOOD COUNTY, ET AL VS. HELEN M. JONES, AND ANY UNKNOWN HEIRS OF HELEN M. JONES, ET AL	All that certain tract of land situated in the Wm. Clark Survey, Abstract 99, Wood County, Texas, described as 10.00 acres, more or less, in deed dated March 21, 1960, from Armer Jewell Scott, et vir to Harry Hall, et ux, in Volume 465, Page 145, Deed Records of Wood County, Texas; SAVE & EXCEPT however, that certain 0.341 acre tract described in Volume 538, Page 241, Deed Records of Wood County, Texas, leaving herein a residue of 9.659 acres, more or less. (#R12557)	\$55,000.00
2	T-4071 05/01/19	R17315 OCTOBER 03, 2019	WOOD COUNTY, ET AL VS. JOHNNY H. ELMORE, ET AL	0.639 acres, more or less, in the B. Lee Survey, Abstract 376, Wood County, Texas, being further described in Warranty Deed dated October 21, 2005 from M.M. Elmore, et ux, to Johnny H. Elmore, et ux, filed in Volume 2119, Page 555, Real Property Records of Wood County. (#R17315)	\$56,060.00
3	T-4092 05/01/19	R65927 OCTOBER 03, 2019	WOOD COUNTY, ET AL VS. MAURICE MCGILL, ET AL	3.263 acres, more or less, situated in the J. G. Heard Survey, Abstract 299, Wood County, Texas, described in deed dated November 3, 1992, from Gloria Butler, et al to Maurice McGill, in Volume 1325, Page 22, Real Property Records of Wood County, Texas (#R65927 & R65937)	\$16,050.00
4	T-4116 10/03/18	R23976 OCTOBER 03, 2019	WOOD COUNTY, ET AL VS. GARY H RUTHERFORD	All that certain tract of land containing 3.00 acres, more or less, situated in the H. E. Watson Survey, Abstract 645, Wood County, Texas, described as follows: (a) that certain 1.00 acre, more or less, described in deed dated October 27, 1983, from Melvin Rutherford, et ux to Gary H. Rutherford, in Volume 895, Page 658, Real Property Records of Wood County, Texas; and (b) that certain 2.00 acres, more or less, described in deed dated June 28, 1984 from Hugh Rutherford, et ux to Gary H. Rutherford, in Volume 926, Page 495, Real Property Records of Wood County, Texas (#R23976)	\$66,850.00
5	T-4147 05/01/19	R28513 OCTOBER 03, 2019	WOOD COUNTY, ET AL VS. MIKE JOHNSON, AKA MICHAEL DAVID JOHNSON, ET AL	Lot 19, Holly Lake Ranch, Part 1, Section II, a subdivision of Wood County, Texas, according to the map or plat thereof, recorded in Volume 4, Page 40, Plat Records of Woods County, Texas (#R28513)	\$10,000.00
6	T-4159 05/01/19	R16926 OCTOBER 03, 2019	WOOD COUNTY, ET AL VS. JODY LYNN WHITWORTH, ET AL	All that certain tract of land situated in the A. A. Johnson Survey, Abstract 337 & the David Rose Survey, Abstract 486 Wood County, Texas, described as 7.14 acres, more or less, as First and Second Tracts in deed dated July 21, 1992, from C. M. Whitworth, et ux to Jody Lynn Whitworth, et al, in Volume 1293, Page 855, Real Property Records of Wood County, Texas; SAVE & EXCEPT however, the following:(a). 0.645 acre described in Volume 1716, Page 800, Real Property Records of Wood County, Texas; and (b). 3.592 acres described in Volume 1775, Page 826, Real Property Records of Wood County, Texas; leaving herein a residue of 2.903 acres, more or less. (#R16926)	\$20,060.00
7	T-4160 05/01/19	R40146 OCTOBER 03, 2019	WOOD COUNTY, ET AL VS. SANDRA JEAN WHITE	234.00 feet by 156.00 feet, containing 0.838 acre, more or less, situated in the G. B. King Survey, Wood County, Texas, described in deed dated November 1, 1985, from Allie Mae Dory to Sandra Jean White, in Volume 998, Page 397, Real Property Records of Wood County, Texas (#R40146)	\$5,180.00
8	T-4161 05/01/19	N20092007 OCTOBER 03, 2019	WOOD COUNTY, ET AL VS. STANLEY E RUTHERFORD	Tract 1 0.000067 Royalty Interest in the Hawkins Gas Unit, 5-1 XTO, Lease #0050800, Abstract Number 645, Watson Survey, XTO Energy, being assessed on the Tax Rolls of Wood County Tax Office, Wood County, Texas under Acct #N20092007	\$130.00
9	T-4161 05/01/19	N20092008 OCTOBER 03, 2019	WOOD COUNTY, ET AL VS. STANLEY E RUTHERFORD	Tract 2 0.001919 Royalty Interest in the Ivey Rutherford Lease, Lease # 0301730, Hawkins Field Unit, Tract B4-19, Abstract 645, Watson Survey, XTO Energy, being assessed on the Tax Rolls of Wood County Tax Office, Wood County, Texas under Acct #N20092008	\$7,970.00
10	T-4161 05/01/19	N20092009 OCTOBER 03, 2019	WOOD COUNTY, ET AL VS. STANLEY E RUTHERFORD	Tract 3 0.001044 Royalty Interest in the Ivey Rutherford Lease, Lease #0301750, Hawkins Field Unit, Tract B4-21, Abstract 645, Watson Survey, XTO Energy, being assessed on the Tax Rolls of Wood County Tax Office, Wood County, Texas under Acct #N20092009	\$8,710.00
11	T-4161 05/01/19	N20092010 OCTOBER 03, 2019	WOOD COUNTY, ET AL VS. STANLEY E RUTHERFORD	Tract 4 0.000425 Royalty Interest in the Ivey Rutherford Lease, Lease #0310810, Hawkins Field Unit, Tract B4-27, Abstract 645, Watson Survey, XTO Energy, being assessed on the Tax Rolls of Wood County Tax Office, Wood County, Texas under Acct #N20092010	\$2,790.00

Sale #	Cause # Judgment Date	Acct # Order Issue Date	Style of Case	Legal Description	Adjudged Value
12	T-4161 05/01/19	N20092011 OCTOBER 03, 2019	WOOD COUNTY, ET AL VS. STANLEY E RUTHERFORD	Tract 5 0.000213 Royalty Interest in the Ivey Rutherford Lease, Lease #0301830, Hawkins Field Unit, Tract B4-29, Abstract 299, Heard Survey, XTO Energy, being assessed on the Tax Rolls of Wood County Tax Office, Wood County, Texas under Acct #N20092011	\$2,120.00
13	T-3350 06/06/12	R29097 OCTOBER 03, 2019	THE FOLLOWING PROPERTIES HAVE BEEN STRUCK-OFF AT PREVIOUS TAX SALES AND ARE NOW BEING OFFERED FOR RE-SALE WOOD COUNTY, ET AL VS. EVERGREEN PARTNERSHIP, ET AL (TAX SALE HELD DECEMBER 4, 2012)	Tract 13 Lot 191, Holly Lake Ranch, Part II, Section III, an addition to Wood County, Texas, according to the map or plat thereof recorded in Volume 4, Page 66, Map Records of Wood County, Texas (#R29065)	\$1,000.00
14	T-3205 04/14/10	R22133 OCTOBER 03, 2019	QUITMAN INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT, ET AL VS. TOM PARKER, ET AL (TAX SALE HELD OCTOBER 5, 2010)	Being 2 acres, Tract 39, previously Tract 12 pt, in the John Sanders Survey, Abstract 564, described in Warranty Deed recorded in Volume 392, Page 133, on instrument filed December 22, 1953, Wood County, Texas and being further identified on the tax rolls & records of Wood County #R22133)	\$9,440.00
15	T-3342 10/05/11	R22135 OCTOBER 03, 2019	QUITMAN INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT, ET AL VS. JOHNNIE ELLIS, ET AL (TAX SALE HELD MAY 1, 2012)	1.00 acre, more or less, situated in the John Sanders Survey, Abstract 564, Wood County, Texas, as described in deed dated February 9, 1983, from Johnny Hornsby, et ux to Johnny Ellis, in Volume 871, Page 51, Deed Records of Wood County, Texas (#R22135)	\$11,300.00
16	T-3453 04/04/12	R29093 OCTOBER 03, 2019	WOOD COUNTY, ET AL VS. ANNETTE HALL, A/K/A ANNETTE CONNER HALL, ET AL (TAX SALE HELD DECEMBER 4, 2012)	(TRACTS 1 & 2 ARE BEING SOLD TOGETHER - ONE COMBINED BID) Tract 1 Lot 219, Holly Lake Ranch Subdivision, Part 2, Section 3, Wood County, Texas, according to the map or plat thereof, recorded in Volume 4, Page 66, Plat Records of Wood County, Texas (#R29093)	\$1,000.00
17	T-3453 04/04/12	R83842 OCTOBER 03, 2019	WOOD COUNTY, ET AL VS. ANNETTE HALL, A/K/A ANNETTE CONNER HALL, ET AL (TAX SALE HELD DECEMBER 4, 2012)	Tract 2 Personal Property consisting of a 1972 Mobile Home, #S0349 1430, 1,062 Sq. ft., located on Lot 219, Holly Lake Ranch, Section 3, at 3219 Bent Bow Street, assessed in the name of Annette Hall on the tax rolls of Wood County, Texas (#R83842)	\$6,130.00
18	T-2792 06/15/04	R30143 OCTOBER 03, 2019	THE FOLLOWING PROPERTIES HAVE BEEN STRUCK-OFF AT PREVIOUS TAX SALES AND ARE NOW BEING OFFERED FOR RE-SALE WOOD COUNTY, ET AL VS. HOLLY LAKE DEVELOPMENT CO., ET AL (TAX SALE HELD APRIL 5, 2005)	Lot 21, Holly Lake Ranch Subdivision, Section 6, Wood County, Texas, according to the map or plat thereof, recorded in Volume 5, Page 59, Plat Records of Wood County, Texas (#R30143)	\$3,000.00
19	T-3482 01/17/11	R34077 OCTOBER 03, 2019	WOOD COUNTY, ET AL VS. DORA DENSON, A/K/A DERA DENSON (TAX WARRANT SALE HELD DECEMBER 6, 2011)	Lot 3, Malone Subdivision, a subdivision in Wood County, Texas, according to the map or plat thereof, recorded in Volume 4, Page 22, Plat Records of Wood County, Texas (#R34077)	\$1,750.00
20	T-3503 03/31/11	R65824 OCTOBER 03, 2019	WOOD COUNTY, ET AL VS. ENNIS MARIE POWERS (TAX WARRANT SALE HELD DECEMBER 6, 2011)	2.234 acres, more or less, situated in the John Sanders Survey, Abstract 564, Wood County, Texas, as described in Judgment dated April 7, 1992, styled Avis Newsom, et al vs. Ricky Ingram, in Cause #90-512, District Court Records of Wood County, Texas (#R65824)	\$11,450.00
21	T-3605 05/07/12	R28512 OCTOBER 03, 2019	WOOD COUNTY, ET AL VS. LEONARD F. OWEN, SR., A/K/A LEONARD FRANKLIN OWEN, SR., ET AL (TAX WARRANT SALE HELD DECEMBER 4, 2012)	Lot 18, Holly Lake Ranch Subdivision, Part I, Section II, a subdivision in Wood County, Texas, according to the map or plat thereof, recorded in Volume 4, Page 40, Plat Records of Wood County, Texas (#R28512)	\$10,000.00
22	T-3922 04/29/16	R31250 OCTOBER 03, 2019	WOOD COUNTY, ET AL VS. JOE M. COKER, ET AL (TAX WARRANT SALE HELD MAY 3, 2016)	Lot 30, Holly Lake Ranch Subdivision, Part 1, Section 9, a subdivision in Wood County, Texas, according to the map or plat thereof, recorded in Volume 8, Page 16, Plat Records of Wood County, Texas (#R31250)	\$8,500.00
23	T-3935 04/13/17	R28998 OCTOBER 03, 2019	WOOD COUNTY, ET AL VS. JIM MORELAND, ET AL (TAX WARRANT SALE HELD NOVEMBER 7, 2017)	Lot 124, Holly Lake Ranch, Section 3, Part 2, a subdivision in Wood County, Texas, according to the map or plat thereof, recorded in Volume 4, Page 88, Plat Records of Wood County, Texas, including a Mobile Home, 840 Sq Ft, Label #TXS0587210, Serial #1171448S2784, titled to Shannon Love with TDHCA, listed on tax rolls of Wood County in the name of Jim Moreland, located at 3124 Firelight Lane (#R28998)	\$5,870.00
24	T-3966 02/21/18	R40105 OCTOBER 03, 2019	CITY OF WINNSBORO, ET AL VS. BILLY RAY HENSON, ET AL (TAX WARRANT SALE HELD NOVEMBER 6, 2018)	0.776 acre, more or less, out of Lot 7, Block S-1, City of Winnsboro, Wood County, Texas, described as Tract 1 & Tract 2, in deed dated August 24, 1979, from Jimmy F. Shirley, et ux to Billy Ray Henson, et ux, in Volume 785, Page 645, Deed Records, Wood County, Texas (#R40105 & R40106)	\$3,580.00
25	T-4129 03/15/18	R35337 OCTOBER 03, 2019	CITY OF ALBA, ET AL VS. LILLIAN L. ORSBORN, AND ANY UNKNOWN HEIRS, ET AL (TAX WARRANT SALE HELD NOVEMBER 6, 2018)	Lots 12 & 13, Block 17, Alba Townsites, an addition to the City of Alba, Wood County, Texas, described as Tract "V", in Volume 1005, Page 885, Real Property Records, Wood County, Texas (R35337)	\$5,000.00

(any volume and page references, unless otherwise indicated, being to the Deed Records, Wood County, Texas, to which instruments reference may be made for a more complete description of each respective tract.) or, upon the written request of said defendants or their attorney, a sufficient portion of the property described above shall be sold to satisfy said judgment(s), interest, penalties, and cost; and any property sold shall be subject to the right of redemption of the defendants or any person having an interest therein, to redeem the said property, or their interest therein, within the time and in the manner provided by law, and shall be subject to any other and further rights to which the defendants or anyone interested therein may be entitled, under the provisions of law. Said sale to be made by me to satisfy the judgment(s) rendered in the above styled and numbered cause(s), together with interest, penalties, and costs of suit, and the proceeds of said sales to be applied to the satisfaction thereof, and the remainder, if any, to be applied as the law directs.

Dated at Quitman, Texas, October 3, 2019


Sheriff Tom Castloo - Wood County, Texas

By: Deputy Bonnie Sepulvado

Notes: The Minimum Bid is the lesser of the amount awarded in the judgment plus interest and costs or the adjudged value. However, the Minimum Bid for a person owning an interest in the property or for a person who is a party to the suit (other than a taxing unit), is the aggregate amount of the judgments against the property plus all costs of suit and sale. ALL SALES SUBJECT TO CANCELLATION WITHOUT PRIOR NOTICE. THERE MAY BE ADDITIONAL TAXES DUE ON THE PROPERTY WHICH HAVE BEEN ASSESSED SINCE THE DATE OF THE JUDGMENT. For more information, contact your attorney or LINEBARGER GOGGAN BLAIR & SAMPSON, LLP, attorney for plaintiffs, at (903) 597-2897.

In East Texas Gardens

By Lin Grado

Gardeners are happiest when their plants are blooming. They invite you to see their gardens, post pictures on Facebook, and even have photo books printed of their gardens of blooms. If you happen to visit their gardens when the blooms start fading, they'll say, 'You should have been here last week.' Blooms are fleeting – a gardener must also look for the beauty after the flowers fade.

Some plants produce edible fruit that follows the flowers, and those fruit can provide continuing beauty. (Please do not eat the fruit of any plant unless you are certain that it's not poisonous.) Edible doesn't always mean tasty, and there's no correlation between beauty and taste. For example, I have a hardy citrus tree that blooms each spring – fragrant white orange-blossoms – and bears large fruit later in the year. Unfortunately the fruit tastes like a not-very-good grapefruit, so I leave it on the tree all winter. The result is stunning: a ten-foot tree with deep green leaves that provide an evergreen backdrop to large yellow orbs scattered throughout.

A more familiar example of a plant with showy edible fruits is American beautyberry (*Callicarpa americana*) – its bright purple berries are ripening now



The purple berries make beautyberry a standout in the fall.

along our roadsides. The fruit isn't really palatable – it has a medicinal taste to me, and can cause stomach upset – but it makes a great jelly. The beautyberry shrub is somewhat unruly, and not very attractive most of the year, so it looks best in the back of a border, along a fence, or in a naturalized area.

One of my favorite garden snacks appears each fall on the native Turk's cap (*Malvaviscus arboreus*). The flowers, in red, pink, or white, produce a fruit that looks like a shiny red apple in miniature. I munch on those as I walk in the garden and spit out the seeds

– and I think every seed has sprouted, resulting in a line of Turk's cap along my garden path. Turk's cap performs well in full sun to shade, and can be a part of a dry garden that receives no supplemental water.

Other plants produce colorful fruits and seeds that are not edible. One of my favorites is a shrub called harlequin glorybower (*Clerodendrum trichotomum*), sporting clusters of white blooms in June. But that's not enough for this easy-to-grow shrub: in August, blooms that were pollinated become metallic-blue berries surrounded by hot-pink calyxes. Harlequin

glorybower does like to spread by the roots, so you may have to pull out ones that pop up in neighboring beds. I have some plants to share with the first three gardeners who email me at txgardengal@gmail.com.

One plant that I grow is pretty nondescript, almost invisible, until its fruit ripens – in fact I often forget that I have a strawberry bush (*Euonymus americanus*) in my shade garden. The small blooms are yellow-green and not very noticeable. But when the pods split open, it's a showstopper! Another common name for this plant is 'hearts-a-burstin' and that's pretty descriptive of the purplish-pinkish husks that split open to reveal bright orange seeds.

Finally, some plants have seeds whose form alone provides interest in the garden. My absolute favorite seedheads are those on clematis vines, such as our native leatherflower (*Clematis carrizoensis*) – they form a tangle of filaments that will ripen into a fuzzy ball – exotic and beautiful! Most clematis will form interesting seedheads, so plant the vines where you can see the seeds ripen, and don't deadhead this vine or you'll miss half of its beauty.

This fall, as the flowers are fading, take the time to notice the fruits and seeds in your east Texas garden.

About the author: Lin is the garden manager for the Wood County Arboretum & Botanical Gardens in Quitman, and



The seed pods on this native shrub earned its name 'hearts-a-burstin'."



Seedheads rival the beauty of these bell-shaped clematis blooms.

is there each Wednesday from 8 till 12 during the summer – stop by and she'll show you some of the interesting fruits and seeds

in the botanical gardens. Email your gardening questions to her at txgardengal@gmail.com

COUNTY

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of the board and this new direction, the mission of the entity remains the same and is in fact, mandated by the state statute, and that is to promote the prosperous development of business, industry and commerce in the county," Hebron added. "We thank those past directors, chairpersons and executive directors that have given of their time over the years to promote economic development in our county. I am excited about the future direction of the Wood County Economic Development Commission and look forward to working with the board and the new interim chair, Neal Duncan, who has held that position in the past. Mr. Duncan has also graciously agreed to serve as an interim executive director. I encourage all Wood County citizens to assist us in the effort to improve Wood County's quality of life for all residents and we appreciate their support in this new direction."

Several board members received a form letter thanking them for their service and noting their terms had expired. The terms of Gerald and Lowe Ann Elliott of

Winnsboro were not up, but they resigned their positions on the board leaving two open spots.

Bettis said she had been trying to get recommendations by the board on the commissioner's meeting agenda since August. On Aug. 14, Bettis submitted to the judge's office agenda items concerning reduction in the size of the board, the name change, board member term limits along with mission and vision statements. The name change was the only one eventually acted upon.

Duncan did receive a letter informing him his term was up. Hebron asked him to serve as interim chair and interim executive director. He agreed and volunteered to do both positions. He is not receiving any compensation for the interim executive director's position. Duncan did receive a letter Oct. 3 from Hebron thanking him for agreeing to stay on the board and for agreeing to serve as interim chairperson and interim executive director.

Duncan explained his involvement. "As far as I knew my term was ending. I got the same letter everybody did. Judge Hebron asked me to serve because I have done that before. I have been the

chairman and I served as interim executive director before we hired Kiki (Bettis). It is an interim deal. I'm not being compensated and I told the judge I would like to make it as brief a period of time as possible because I do have my businesses to run. She asked me to do it so I agreed," Duncan said. "The judge's instructions to me were business as usual. I was asked to do a job and that is what I am doing. The people on the board now happen to be those whose terms are not up. I think everyone should be patient and see who are in those seats when there is no interim in front of anybody's title. We all want the same thing, economic development for Wood County."

The current board is Misty Davis, Alba; Joanne Wisdom, Quitman; Allene Dogget and Duncan, Mineola; and Cynthia Stansell and Gwen Winters, of Jarvis College.

Hebron also added Greg Hollen and Vic Savelli, both of Mineola, to the commission board.

Some of the cities involved in the organization have recently appointed people to the board. Byron George, Alba, was just appointed to the board, yet he got a letter. Longtime members Sam and Martha Scroggins, who rep-

resent Quitman, got letters that their terms had expired and thanking them for their service. Both of them were appointed to the board by Mayor Randy Dunn at the Sept. 26 Quitman city council meeting. Dana Donahue was just named chairman of the commission board, yet she received a letter also.

Outgoing board member and past chairman Sam Scroggins expressed concerns. "One of my concerns is that part of the reason the initial recommendations of the task force were not agreeable to many on the board was because the task force was made up of almost all Mineola residents. I felt the other communities didn't have any say in those recommendations. Now we are seeing as the new economic development commission is being set up it also appears to be a lopsided Mineola presence," Scroggins said. "The new people are good people, they are knowledgeable and talented, but it still seems unbalanced for the rest of the county. Neal's term had expired so it looks like it's being stacked with Mineola presence. I've worked with all of those people and they are very bright and capable, but it's still not balanced and not healthy for the county."

Scroggins was further concerned about the dispersion of Hotel Occupancy Tax (HOT) funds. "One other concern is they don't seem to be paying attention to the HOT funds and the fact that the distribution of those HOT funds is extremely important to the county, especially to the fishing tournaments and the merchants around Lake Fork who bring in the dominant share of those HOT funds. I don't think they are paying enough attention to the importance of those funds and the assurance those funds are going to be distributed where the revenue is being generated."

Ken Donahue is a former Ochiltree county judge who owns Lake Fork Marina and has served on the board for years. "It was quite a shock to learn the county judge was dissolving the industrial commission through an impersonal letter without an explanation at all to any of us. We don't know what is to come of all of this. The business owners who are paying the HOT tax are now without representation on the board that receives their tax money," Donahue said. "I understand that the judge is now forming a new board, but the businesses around the lake have no representa-

tion on this new board."

Donahue feels the WCEDC board did a good job in the past. "I thought the industrial commission did a good job spreading the money around to all the communities in Wood County. Each and every one of them got an amount of money that exceeded what they contributed. I'm not real sure what our judge's problem was with that," Donahue noted. "The commission certainly adhered to the state law that governs the disbursement of this hotel tax money. I don't know how you improve on that. We were very conscientious of what was required by law."

Yantis board representative J.R. Simpson got one of the letters. "I don't know what is going on. They have accused us in the past about giving too much money to the Lake Fork area. Well, Lake Fork and those fishing tournaments brought in about 80 percent of the money going to the WCIC," Simpson said. "With me gone, Yantis has no representation at all. Myself and several others were removed from the board. I just don't understand what is going on, it's confusing to me. What did we do wrong? Neal Duncan's term was up, did he get a letter?"

CENTER

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ter damage and need to be repainted, and the yearly \$1,000 insurance premium is due. Additionally, they'd like to have the funds in reserve to pay someone to clean the building twice a month and to mow the lawn.

The center provides a place for seniors to pursue mutual interests, receive services, and take part in activities that enhance their quality of life, support their independence and encourage their involvement in the community. The fellowship is invaluable to the participants that spend their time there. Connection with others keep them busy and active.

Linda Morgan, the social chairman and a regular at the center, enjoys organizing and planning the center's monthly themed parties. Her parties include

birthday parties for the other regulars and holiday festivities. She comes to the center to socialize and to be part of a community.

"We are family here," says Morgan, who comes to play card games with her friends. She encourages the younger generations to visit them at the center and learn to play card games with them, too.

Linda Ray, the "baby senior" as she calls herself, has been coming to the center for 14 years. In 2005, she was searching for a worthy cause to be involved with and found her place at the Senior Citizen Center. She is now the president.

Marie Kerry is 92 years old and has been coming to the center since it was opened. From 1982-84, she was the manager of Mineola Meals on Wheels and remained active in the program for as long as she could. Now, she gets her lunch at the senior center four days a week. She says the center provides a social outlet that she

wouldn't have otherwise. You can usually find her at a table playing Rummikube with her friend, Ms. Jan.

The center relies heavily on volunteer support. Carol Cassity, treasurer of the senior citizen center, knows the importance of the center from the impact it made on her. When she retired in 2008, she began volunteering there. After losing her husband and son, she found comfort and a support system with the senior citizens. She said that it was hard for her younger friends to understand her loss, but her elderly friends had experienced much of the same.

"They're so loving and kind. Their community has gotten small because they've lost so many," says Cassity.

Margaret McBride, another dependable volunteer has spent many hours working at the center and gathering donations for the upcoming fundraiser.

"We learn so much from



With money raised from the Oct. 18 fundraiser, the Mineola Senior Citizen Center hopes to get a new and bigger sign making the building more visible and obvious. They welcome visitors to participate in their many activities. (Monitor photo by Amanda Duncan)

the elderly and they do so much for all of us growing up that generation. I just really enjoy spending time with them," says McBride.

Bert Cox, the center's board secretary, also delivers meals for the Meals on Wheels program that operates out of the building.

The Meals on Wheels satellite location uses part of the building and pays the utilities.

Angie Malone, manager of the Mineola Meals on Wheels, says that in addition to needing volunteers for the senior center, volunteers are always needed to deliver meals. They have

25 volunteers servicing five routes and providing about 40 plates a day to the elderly in Mineola.

Volunteers and community support is absolutely necessary to keep the senior center available to the seniors who come to feel needed, wanted and con-



Alba-Golden's Jon Chadwick turns the corner in action against Winona last Friday. (Monitor photo by John Arbter)

Mineola returns from bye for battle with Bears

By JOHN ARBTER
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The very first comments from Mineola Athletic Director Luke Blackwell when sitting down during a football bye-week interview were about the state eighth-ranked girls cross-country team. "They have simply worked very hard, and continuously, to get where they are today," he stated. He credited the program run by Coach David Smith and the willingness of the squad to want to improve as rationale for their success.

From cross country to the contributions of freshman in varsity sports, Blackwell remarked just how special freshmen athletes are who compete at the varsity level. "They must have physical readiness certainly, but they also must be mentally ready for the pressures of varsity competition," Blackwell explained.

Mineola is benefitting from some mature freshman in their varsity teams this fall. Mylee Fischer is recording a huge number of

assists with the Lady Jackets volleyball team. On the gridiron, Dawson Pendergrass has made key plays in each of the Jackets' games this fall, while quarterback T.J. Moreland has contributed as well. "They are special athletes," added Blackwell.

Turning to the football team, Blackwell expressed how proud he was of the team, especially how they continue to perform after some very close losses. In the narrow, last-minute loss to West Rusk, Blackwell cited "the impressive effort and execution the team showed throughout the game."

"Naturally, the kids are disappointed and hurt after a loss like that, but as coaches we must lead them to build on the many, many positives within the football game," said Blackwell. He described his team as a fun group of athletes who want to do everything well, and are extremely coachable. Blackwell admitted, "If you want to compete and win, you have to be coachable."

After an opening loss to 4A Wills Point and a close loss

at Canton, the Yellowjackets defeated Farmersville and Big Sandy, before dropping the West Rusk game. The Gladewater Bears loom on the horizon this Friday.

Using the past week as both a mid-season review as well as preparation for the trip to Gladewater, Blackwell laughed at a discussion of trends in the district. "Our district is trending to be really, really tough competition," he exclaimed. District 8-3A certainly holds some powerhouses this year. In addition to Gladewater and West Rusk, Tatum, Sabine and Winnsboro all have talented teams.

There was no doubt just how Mineola views preparation for the next five weeks of district play. "You have got to want to go to work on Monday if you want to win on Friday," Blackwell summarized.

The Jackets, as healthy as they have been in weeks and with a sense of renewed purpose, will travel to Gladewater Friday. It could be another East Texas gridiron classic.

Hobbled Panthers fall to Winona after close half

By JOHN ARBTER
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One couldn't help but notice the line of young men in white Panther jerseys collected on the sideline before the start of Alba-Golden's game against Winona. There were six of them.

A variety of crutches, braces and slings was obvious among them. The players were joined by two more who came out of the locker room with the team. The Panthers took to the field without #1 Matt Rogers, #2 Ethan Ferrer, #4 Kason Trimble, #12 Thai Peterson, #33 Boedy Baker, #51 Ryan Jackson, #62 Ethan Thorn and #65 Matt Crowell.

The rash of injuries is simply an unfortunate consequence of high school football. It is a game, and should never debilitate the young athletes who play it. Unfortunately, on occasion it does.

The impact of losing one quarter of your roster to injury can be significant. The Alba-Golden Panthers had to deal with that adversity in Winona last Friday. The Wildcats shut the Panthers out, 42-0, in a game of two halves.

The Panthers certainly had the mental edge as they took the field. The first half was in most respects a draw. Both defenses determined the manner to handle the opposing offenses was to attack. Alba-Golden gained 65 yards from scrimmage in the

first half, while the Wildcats mustered only 80. Blitzes and gap defense dominated the first half.

Bookending the first half of quality defense were two Winona scores. The first was the return of a punt after the Panthers' first series of the game. Winona stand-out Quin Johnson opened the scoring by sprinting directly to the right sideline and taking the return for a score.

The second score came with only seconds left in the half after Winona's only drive of the first half. They went 69 yards to score aided by a third-down horse collar penalty. Johnson took the ball in from the 2-yard line after a 27-yard quarterback scramble.

The Panthers moved the ball thrice in the first half. On their second possession they advanced to the Wildcat 12-yard line, behind a 47-yard scamper around right end by Jon Chadwick. The scoring opportunity was squandered however with a holding penalty, two negative running plays and a failed fourth down conversion.

Alba-Golden picked up three first downs in the ensuing drive thanks to some hard running up the middle by Austin Hartley. The drive stalled just inside Wildcat territory.

After forcing a Wildcat punt, Alba-Golden was again on the move powered by the running of Hartley.

They turned the ball over on downs at the Wildcat 31-yard line by mere inches. It was a turning point of the game.

With the late touchdown, Winona went into the break leading 14-0, but were only able to scratch out five first downs against the Panthers defense in the half. For the Panthers, defensive stand-outs included: Tim Mitchell, Jacob Dailey, Michael Gaskill, Shawn Gaskill, Jon Chadwick, and Hunter Wright.

Once the second half commenced, the field position flipped to Winona's favor and stayed there for the duration of the game. Winona kept the Panthers hemmed up in their own territory most of the second half. Two Wildcat touchdowns on very short fields (one following a fumble at the 4-yard line, and one after having scored a safety) extended the Wildcat lead.

Winona added two scores in the fourth quarter as fatigue set in. Team speed and quickness benefitted the home side in the closing minutes.

No doubt, the season has not yet unfolded as the Panthers and their fans had anticipated. The early season scrimmages which saw a team march up and down the field seems a long time ago. There can, however, be no doubt about the heart of this team. This season is far from done.

District Football Standings

District 8-3A Division I

Team	Record	Upcoming
Gladewater	2-0	vs Mineola
Sabine	1-0	vs W'boro
Tatum	1-1	bye
West Rusk	1-1	@ Wh. Oak
Winnsboro	1-1	@ Sabine
Mineola	0-1	@ G'water
White Oak	0-2	vs W. Rusk

District 10-3A Division II

Team	Record	Upcoming
Arp	2-0	@ A-Gold
Grand Saline	2-0	@ Fr'ston
Harmony	2-0	vs Winona
Frankston	1-1	vs G.Saline
Winona	1-1	@ Harmony
Alba-Golden	0-2	vs Arp
Quitman	0-2	vs Troup
Troup	0-2	@ Quitman

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Quitman Head Football Coach
Bryan Oakes

We just have to lick our wounds and get back to work. Troup is going to be hungry for a win since they are 0-2 in district. All we know to do is to continue to work hard in practice and correct our mistakes.

Quitman Head Volleyball Coach
Ashlee Lingo

We are excited to start the second round of district this week with Lone Oak. We are working to continue to work together to reach our goal for the playoffs.

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COACHES' CORNER

Mineola Head Football Coach
LUKE BLACKWELL

Coming off a bye last week gave us a chance to work on some things and rest a few injuries. We will be excited to get back into action this Friday as we travel to Gladewater.

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Mineola Head Volleyball Coach
TASHARA EVERETT

Now that the second half of the season is upon us, we must breathe in the moment, believe we can rise above anything and achieve our goals. Finally, we have to battle, we have to be prepared to go as long and hard as it takes.

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Bryan Morris gets some encouragement from Quitman coach Ryan Tierney. (Monitor photo by Sam Major)



Ben Burroughs, 7, of Quitman addresses his teammates after Friday's loss. (Monitor photo by Sam Major)

Grand Saline too much for 'Dogs who remain winless for season

By LARRY TUCKER
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What began in the hot August days with hopes of a successful season for the Quitman Bulldogs has turned into a season of darkness and loss. The latest contest was a 62-6 beat down by the Grand Saline Indians.

On a night of homecoming for the Indians, the Bulldogs could not stop the Indian offense which piled up the yardage and the points. Grand Saline's big and talented line, offensive and defensive, dominated the line of scrimmage.

With the exception of Trey Berry running in escape mode, the Bulldog ground game suffered. Quitman was tackled behind the line of scrimmage on 16 plays. Berry managed 91 yards on 18 carries with one score.

Grand Saline took a first quarter 7-0 lead on a 38-yard run by Jake Humphrey. Quitman fought back and on a third and 11 play, Berry flew 54 yard lines for a score. The PAT kick was no good but the score stood 7-6. Grand Saline came back to score on a 40-yard run making it 14-6

after one quarter.

The second quarter proved to be a disaster for Quitman as the Indians scored 34 points to take an insurmountable 48-6 lead into the half. Playing with a running clock in the second half, the Indians added 14 more points in the 62-6 debacle.

Late in the first half, a Quitman drive ended on a Grand Saline interception return for a touchdown which made it a 42-6 game. The Indians' Eric Jiminez scored on a one-yard plunge to end the scoring for the half at the 1:28 mark making it 48-6.

The Indians offense ran up over 400 yards on offense while holding the Bulldogs to just over 100 yards of offense.

Coach Bryan Oakes was not happy with the outcome.

"We do have some kids that play with a lot of heart, but they can't do it alone. Unfortunately we have some who just don't want to put up the effort it takes every week," Oakes said. "We are trying to build a program and we have to improve not only on the field, but mentally. We have

a tough task coming against Troup. They are 0-2 and ready to beat somebody so we have to be prepared."

The bright spot of the week was the Quitman JV winning their third game with a 12-8 win over Grand Saline. The Bulldog JV is 3-3 on the year.

The Bulldogs will be at home this Friday against a Troup team which is also 0-2 in district play with a close loss to Grand Saline and falling to Harmony last Friday.

Quitman faces a team smarting from a 29-26 district opener to Grand Saline and a 44-30 defeat Friday to Harmony.

Troup wide receiver Jaden Lewis is an offensive presence after an 800-yard year last season. He is the Tiger go-to man when they pass. Another wide receiver, Desmon Deason, is also a threat to break the long pass play. Linebacker Max Hale leads the Tiger defense and gets help from defensive lineman J.J. Gossett.

The loss drops the Bulldogs to 0-5 on the season and 0-2 in district while Grand Saline moves to 4-1 on the year and 2-0 in district play.



Trey Berry takes off for yardage for Quitman as Christian James throws a block. (Monitor photo by Sam Major)

District Play Volleyball Results

AS OF MONDAY OCT. 7

Alba-Golden (1-5)

Oct. 1 loss at Grand Saline (20-25, 16-25, 17-25)
Oct. 4 loss at Rains (15-25, 15-25, 19-25)

Mineola (2-4)

Oct. 1 loss at Quitman (13-25, 20-25, 21-25)
Oct. 4 loss at Edgewood (8-25, 20-25, 16-25)

Quitman (4-2)

Oct. 1 win vs Mineola (25-13, 25-20, 25-21)

Mineola Country Club senior scramble

Thursday Oct. 3

Tie determined by putt off. 1st - Robert Linker, Larry Jackson, David Cartwright, LC Jones -14
2nd - Steve Raley, Rickey Stone, Stoney Burke, Larry Leach, Jim Albritton
Closest to the pin
#5 Loy Frazier
#9 Jerry Keosoff
#18 Jack Smith

Alba City Council mulls retirement benefits

By PHIL MAJOR
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The Alba City Council took a detailed look at the city's employee retirement system, with plans to see how it can be improved.

Anthony Mills with the Texas Municipal Retirement System laid out the plan the city adopted in 2003 along with ways it can be improved and the associated costs.

The city council set aside \$17,000 in the budget. The plan now costs about \$5,000 based on a one-to-one match of five percent of salaries.

The council could increase the city's match to 1.5 or 2 to one and could also pick up past service credits, which would benefit longtime employees.

The cost of a two-to-one match plus service credits of \$24,000 per year would leave the council looking for another \$7,000. The council plans to consider the matter at its December meeting, with a target of Dec. 31 for the plan to go into effect Jan. 1.



Mineola Country Club held its Ladies Championship Golf Tournament recently. Pictured is Ladies Champion Sandy Carter with club manager Allen Brock. Senior Champion is Rexanne Harless, Super Senior Champion is Deb Casburn and Low Net Champion is Lisa Drake. (Courtesy photo)



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Brooklyn Marcee and Lucy Brannon look on as Shelby Hayes dives for the save for Quitman (Monitor photo by Sam Major)

Volleyball district play enters critical second half

By JOHN ARBTER
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With the first round of district volleyball games complete, the hunt for playoff spots in District 12-3A commences in earnest. Each team has seen all the district competition and knows that a playoff spot can be determined by a narrow margin.

Four teams will advance to bidistrict brackets in early November. Alba-Golden, Mineola and Quitman have their eyes set on one of those four places.

The Edgewood Lady Bulldogs dominated through the first half of the district schedule and sit atop the district with a perfect record. Rains follows with a single loss through six games.

The remainder of the district is battling for the right to continue playing in November. Quitman stands at

4-2, Mineola at 2-4 and Alba-Golden 1-5.

Each team has demonstrated flourishes of truly top-caliber volleyball. The greatest challenge for the Wood County schools appears to be consistency. They will be focused on bringing high-quality volleyball to the court each match, with in each match, and literally from point-to-point.

As Alba-Golden coach Jamie Webster remarked, "We have to play to our potential for not just one set, but for however many it takes."

The Lady Bulldogs of Quitman will host Rains Oct. 15 and Edgewood Oct. 22. Those two Tuesday nights at Delbert Ballard Gymnasium should feature excellent matches and will certainly impact playoff possibilities.

Lady Bulldog Head Coach Ashlee Lingo summarized, "I am pleased with our first

round of district. We took tough losses against Rains and Edgewood, but we have had some big wins too."

The Mineola Lady Jackets will be out to avenge close losses to Rains and Grand Saline and could very well be the sleeper in the playoff race. At times, Coach TaShara Everett's squad has performed flawlessly, with plenty of fluidity and energy.

The Alba-Golden Lady Panthers are one baby step away from being a playoff-contending team. Coach Webster commented, "I love these girls, and they have grown so much from day one; they will not give up."

For anyone seeking to be enthused by the spirit and dedication of local high school athletes, come to a local gym and catch some District 12-3A volleyball. The intensity, teamwork and skill are something to behold.



Maddy Whitehurst, 12, of Quitman blocks Valerie Garcia, 7, of Mineola in last week's matchup. (Monitor photo by Sam Major)

Quitman knocks off Mineola, 3-0

By JOHN ARBTER
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The Quitman Lady Bulldogs dispatched the Mineola Lady Jackets in a three game sweep in Quitman last Tuesday.

The match should have been one of best of the year, but rather it was marred by many unforced errors on both sides.

In the end, the Lady Bulldogs brought more of their game to the court and stymied the Lady Jackets all night.

The first five points of the match told most of the story. Mineola committed four unforced errors to start the game. Quitman added a fifth point with a nicely-placed drop shot. Three offensive scores by the Lady Bulldogs were then followed by two more Mineola miscues.

Quitman's Ava Burroughs paced the Lady Bulldogs. She had three kills, one drop shot, one block and two aces in game one.

Game two should not

have been close, as the Lady Jackets generated only four offensive points in the game: two kills by Tahjae Black and one kill apiece from Kaitlyn Burrell and Valerie Garcia.

Quitman committed 16 unforced errors in game two. The fact that they won this game, despite the errors, indicated that almost all the activity was being generated by the Lady Bulldogs.

Jentri Jackson played a great game, scoring with five kills and a drop shot. The 25-20 game two win saw Quitman making great use of short sets at the net.

The final game was the most evenly-played of the match. Both teams limited their mistakes and began to groove with their offenses. Mineola pushed out to an early lead behind some nice play by Sabria Dean and Meghan Brewington, but the Lady Bulldogs fought back to tie the game at 14.

The Lady Jackets opened a four-point advantage 20-16, but could not close.

Quitman scored four offensive points and benefitted from five Mineola errors to record the win. Lucy Brannon, Julia Simpkins and Maddy Whitehurst excelled in the closing minutes.

The Lady Bulldogs were surely smarting from their recent defeat at Edgewood, and they played relaxed with great movement and anticipation.

The Lady Jackets seemed handcuffed most of the night, in a performance which was out of character for them.

For Quitman Jentri Jackson had 13 digs and 13 kills; Ava Burroughs had 12 kills and 2 aces; Shelby Hayes had 31 assists and 12 digs; Julia Simpkins had seven digs and four aces; Lucy Brannon had seven digs, four kills and a pair of aces; Maddy Whitehurst had five digs and three kills; Brooklyn Marcee and Alexis O'Neal four digs each.

Quitman had a bye Friday and returned to action Tuesday at home against Lone Oak.

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Author plans book signing Saturday

By AMANDA DUNCAN
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Join Missy Armstrong at Freedom Baptist Church in Mineola as she introduces and signs her newly published book on Saturday, Oct. 12, at 10 a.m.

In "Battle Scars to Beauty Marks," Armstrong takes her readers on a journey of healing through an 18-week Bible study on dealing with life's scars and making them beautiful.

Like a humble warrior bearing her wounds to inspire others, Armstrong opens up about her struggle with an abusive ex-husband, poor self-esteem and giving birth to her son as a single mom.

She was born and raised in Mineola and grew up in a family deeply rooted in Christian ministry. Her grandfather, Arlis Banks, was a well-known and respected preacher in the area. Her father, James Banks, was a youth minister and had a Christian band.

Even with the knowledge of Christ, she never felt good enough or strong enough, leading her to years of people pleasing and poor choices. As a young adult, Armstrong left home searching for something she says wasn't out there for her to find.

"I was trying to figure out who I was when I left. I spent years trying to please everyone else, not really knowing who I was but making everyone else happy. But I wasn't trying to please God," says Armstrong.

After ten years, she came home pregnant and single in 2010. She went back to church, and her relationship with God gave her a new peace.

Armstrong has been writing Bible studies for seven years, in addition to Easter and Christmas plays, five vacation Bible school programs and her personal blog.

While working on a study for another group, she read 2 Corinthians 12:9, "But He said to me, My grace is sufficient for you, for My power is made perfect in weakness. Therefore I will boast all the more gladly about my weak-



Missy Armstrong with her new book, "Battle Scars to Beauty Marks." (Monitor photo by Amanda Duncan)

nesses, so that Christ's power may rest on me."

The scripture resonated with her. For months, she read it over and over again, as it sank deeper into her soul. She realized that she had not been truthful with anyone, not even her husband of ten years, about what had really happened in her past. Based on that scripture, she began a 2-year journey of healing and writing.

"Battle Scars to Beauty Marks" is a testimony of what God took her through to find peace from her past. She wants to use what may look ugly to help further God's kingdom. The book is written from a woman's point of view, but needs to be in the hands of anyone hurting.

"There's a lot of people out there hurting. People sitting in church are hurting. People not in church are hurting. People are afraid to come to church because they're hurting," says Armstrong with tears in her eyes.

"A lot of things that cause us scars is not things that we did, but things that happened to us."

Armstrong knows that healing doesn't happen in a day or overnight.

"You can't pray to be better and wake up the next day healed. Just like an addict, you have to daily make the decision to be better," she says.

Armstrong made many mistakes, but when she changed her focus, doors started opening to her. She still has hard times, but feels happier and more joyful than ever. She believes this book will change the reader's focus and help them navigate the hard times also. It can be purchased on Amazon or at Barnes & Noble bookstores.

Armstrong isn't taking a break from writing. In her next book, she will take readers through an in-depth study of Biblical characters from an adult's point of view.

"Like Disney movies, we water things down for children and skip over things. That's good for kids because it introduces them to the Bible and stories, but there's a lot of instructions that we could use for our lives," says Armstrong.

Follow Missy Armstrong on her journey of writing, teaching and joyfully helping others at missyarmstrongauthor.wordpress.com.

Congressman announces re-election bid

First-term Congressman Lance Gooden, Republican of Terrell, announced his re-election campaign highlighting President Trump's many accomplishments and the need to take back the US House:

"Representing East Texas in Washington has been a true honor," said Gooden. "Since taking office, I've fought to secure the border, protect life, pursue sound economic policy, and protect America's standing in the world. In doing so I proudly and unapologetically stand with President Donald J. Trump. Never before have

we seen a president deliver on his promises like he has.

"The president promised to appoint conservative justices to the Supreme Court where Justices Gorsuch and Kavanaugh now preside. He promised to be pro-Israel and moved the US embassy to Jerusalem. He promised a strong economy and delivered major tax cuts along with record lows in unemployment for veterans and minorities.

"Since Democrats took over in Congress, we've seen nothing but obstructionism, impeachment witch hunts, and a dangerous, unpre-

cedented push toward socialism. Radical and unrealistic policies like the Green New Deal and open borders threaten our American way of life.

"2020 will be a fight for our children's future. We must retake the House and continue to deliver on President Trump's agenda. No one can afford two more years of Democrat dysfunction.

"I promise you I'll continue to represent the values that make Texas great – economic freedom, personal liberty, low taxes and small government."

Quitman project finalist for state award

The Quitman Development Corporation (QDC) and Colonial Construction have been named as finalists as "Economic Game Changer" for their project at the "Shops at 107" building.

Finalists for the 2019 Texas Downtown Association President's Awards Program were recently announced in Austin.

"Recognition for such an award is a testament to the vision Dr. Randal Bennett and the QDC board of Kevan Burroughs, Randy Dunn, David Dobbs and Martha Scroggins had at the time the initial conversation began," QDC Executive director Denea Hudman said.

"To be considered among 119 other communities is certainly an honor and we are proud of the Quitman community," she said. "This would not be possible without the tireless effort and dedication of Heather Boisclair and

the vendors at The Shops at 107. We are thankful each one of them chose to invest in downtown Quitman."

The QDC and Colonial joined forces for a total revitalization of an abandoned downtown building scheduled for demolition. The vision from this public/private partnership not only started the downtown revitalization in Quitman, but also became a small retail business incubator that currently has 15 vendors and more on the way.

Winners will be announced Oct. 30 at the awards gala held in conjunction with the 2019 Texas Downtown Conference in Georgetown. For more information about the President's Awards or other programs of the Texas Downtown Association, please visit www.texasdowntown.org.

"We could not be more pleased as a board for Quit-

man to be recognized as an Economic Development Game Changer with the Texas Downtown Association," said Dr. Randal Bennett, board president. "The public/private partnership between the Quitman Development Corporation and Colonial Construction not only helped to start the revitalization of our downtown, but also paved the way for our small retail business incubator located in the "Shops at 107" project. This would not be possible without our community and those who visit spending their hard earned money in Quitman."

One hundred nineteen entries were submitted in 11 categories from communities across the state. Due to the number of entries, they were divided into two categories – design and achievement – with separate judging panels for each group.

MISD board continues CTE talks

By AMANDA DUNCAN
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Conversation focused on Career and Technical Education (CTE) continued at the MISD school board meeting Tuesday, Oct. 1 when community speaker Shane Elmore addressed the board with praise and questions.

"When it comes to CTE, I want to thank you for having the workshop," said Elmore.

"It was good for me to gain clarity and understanding. It is clear to me that CTE and a regional hub has kind of been grouped together. I think there are two separate questions that you need to address and answer. Is a regional hub only possible if we build a big new building? Is that the only way we can do a regional hub?"

"When I think about the school board and what's been asked of you, you're being asked to do something that's not been done before. I'm excited about a regional hub. You were

elected to think about the students of Mineola first and foremost. I was in the theater for many years, and I was embarrassed of the multi-purpose building that we had to perform in.

"My concern is, a big new building off campus is fancy and nice and expensive, but at the same time, taxpayers have spoken on a big bond. We also can not neglect those other students. It's not just CTE being considered. I heard the band director asking questions about things that are going to happen. I think that we can't ignore the fact that it's eventually going to be rolled into another bond and that's going to have to be addressed."

Interim Superintendent Randy Hancock reiterated what had been said at the workshop on Sept. 24. MISD is looking at CTE and the regional hub as two separate things. To proceed with CTE, temporary arrangements for the next two years are needed, regardless of what is done about the hub.

"The programs we have now, the equipment that's coming, all of those things... we're going to need temporary facilities. We have to have solutions starting next year," said Hancock.

If a regional hub is built, the temporary facilities will no longer be needed. If the hub is not built, the facilities would become more permanent. Over the next few weeks, more information on existing buildings and building costs will be gathered.

"By November, we will be prepared to bring a recommendation and information on the cost of changing and how to go about achieving the temporary – maybe permanent facility," said Hancock.

Mark Parkerson, Director of Special Programs, reminded the board that 6,000 sq. ft. is the minimum needed for CTE for the next two years. A lab for health sciences and two shop areas for HVAC and industrial maintenance must be established by next school year.

Quitman council approves agreement for 9-1-1 data base with East Texas council

By LARRY TUCKER
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The Quitman City Council approved the East Texas Council of Governments (ETCOG) 9-1-1 database maintenance agreement renewal for 2020 on Sept. 26. The annual agreement renewal is a slight decrease from last year and is \$1,010. The contract includes providing mapping services and maintenance of the 9-1-1 database. Also in Wood County, Mineola's cost is \$3,023, Winnsboro \$2,943, Hawkins \$629 and Alba \$81.

The council approved the appointment of Sam and Martha Scroggins to the Wood County Economic Development Commission (WCEDC), formerly the Wood County Industrial Commission. Board member Joanne Wisdom's term carries through to September 2020. (See related story on board members who received letters that they would not be reappointed.)

A recommendation was made to downsize the number of representatives on the WCEDC board by a task force appointed by Coun-

ty Judge Lucy Hebron, but nothing official has been determined. "The understanding we have is the judge (Hebron) did not like the recommendation and there has been no decision whatsoever," Sam Scroggins said. "She is still pondering the recommendation. We are all confused."

Dunn nominated Carley Tucker to the planning and zoning commission pending her acceptance. The council approved the nomination of Dr. John Johnson to the Wood County Appraisal District Board of Directors.

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MLOTA quilt show Oct. 11-12 Co-op annual meeting Friday

Mineola League of the Arts (MLOTA) will be hosting its annual quilt show, a fundraiser for the quilting guild, on Oct. 11-12. The theme this year is "My Favorite Holiday."

Judging will take place Thursday, Oct. 10, with ribbons being awarded for 1st, 2nd and 3rd place in each division. Special awards include Meredith Foundation, Mayor's Choice, Fiber Arts Award, MLOTA Memorial and Judge's Choice.

Friday and Saturday, 77 quilts will be on display. Everyone is invited to view

the quilts and see who won. MLOTA will also be selling raffle tickets to win one of the quilts, a handmade work of art. Winner need not be present to win.

The League Gift Shop will be open with MLOTA members handiwork, craft items and fine art work for sale. A portion of the sales will be donated to MLOTA to help fund their many programs throughout the year.

Go to www.mlota.org to learn more about the league's guilds, upcoming events and programs.

Wood County Electric Cooperatives' 81st Annual Meeting will take place on Friday, Oct. 11 at Governor Jim Hogg City Park in Quitman.

Prior to the meeting, the public is invited to attend a concert by the fun and entertaining family band, The Swoapes. The performance will begin at 12:30.

Keelyn, Kaylee and Kelly Swoape hail from Golden and are known for their tight sibling harmonies. Individually and as a group,

they've written hundreds of songs. Influences include gospel, blues, bluegrass, classic country, soft and alternative rock, folk and Americana. They'll perform some of those originals, as well as cover a range of popular songs.

The business meeting for members will begin at 2 p.m. Debbie Robinson, CEO and general manager, will introduce featured speaker District 5 State Rep. Cole Hefner, who will give brief remarks.

A native East Texan, Hefner lives in Mount Pleasant where he is a former county commissioner for Upshur County. Robinson will update members on matters regarding the cooperative.

Following the meeting there will be door prize drawings for members. As always, there will be many special prizes donated by WCEC's generous vendors as well as the grand prize of a \$500 gift card.

Members should have received, via mail, their bal-

lots for the election for directors for WCEC Districts 5 and 6. They should detach and mail the postage-paid ballot to arrive by the deadline of Oct. 9.

Members who do this will be entered into a drawing and ten will be randomly selected to receive a \$100 credit toward their electricity bill.

Bring the retained portion of the ballot letter to the meeting. This will be used for participation in door prize drawings.

Corner Column

This week's column is borrowed from Texas Press Association President Laurie Ezzell Brown, who has carried on the family tradition of putting out a top-notch community newspaper in Canadian, in the northern reaches of the Texas Panhandle.

She captures in graphic terms the long-term cost to the nation of the decline of newspapers. Please share it with someone who thinks social media can somehow replace real journalism in your community.



PHIL MAJOR

and circulation has been in steady decline for a decade now, plummeting from 62.7 million in 1998 to only about 31 million in combined print and digital circulation a year ago.

The free-fall of newspaper readership was precipitated by the emergence of online news and social media and the subsequent crash in advertising revenue. The loss of critical revenue led to budget cuts and staff layoffs. As content was slashed, readership declined further.

The demographic changed. A generation of loyal newspaper readers disappeared. A new generation demanded free news and 24-hour updates. While the sheer volume of news grew, the vital connection between reader and reporter, the trusted relationship between news and the community it served, eroded.

As newspapers became increasingly vulnerable, corporations and venture capitalists pounced, acquiring local news outlets to reap short-term profits. They slashed operating costs, decimated newsrooms and abandoned the pick-over carcasses.

Newspapers began to disappear in increasingly alarming numbers. That much is now obvious.

Not yet quite so obvious has been the slow but relentless disruption of community, and of the delicate and critical balance of power that a well-informed and engaged public can exert over its increasingly unaccountable and unresponsive government.

In February 2019, The Atlantic published an article by John Temple, the editor of the Rocky Mountain News when it folded in 2009. "The worst is still to come," he wrote. "A decade later, I'm concerned that more local journalism will suffer the same fate."

Temple's greatest concern, though, was for the health of our communities. He cited studies that have measured the cost of corruption when a local newspaper dies, and the direct correlation of declining news coverage to lower voter turnout.

"People need independent, reliable, fact-based reporting

to help them make good decisions," he wrote. "Democracy can't function without it."

In a similar vein, Dan Kennedy, an associate professor of journalism at Boston's Northeastern University, wrote, "There's no doubt that government officials - especially those who are corrupt - fear the scrutiny of tough, independent journalism."

In constructing a government of checks and balances, it was no accident that our founding fathers added 10 amendments to the Constitution - the first of those intended to ensure a free press. And it is no accident, nor is it historically unprecedented, that a government challenged by that free press will proclaim it fake news, and will attack and encourage attacks on both journalists and the institutions that sustain journalism.

In this slow-moving ecological disaster - as newspapers die and this country's news deserts grow - it is the relationship of one organism to another, and to our physical surroundings, that is eroding. Local community newspapers are the keystone species - the best way, on the most intimate and immediate scale, to make democracy work.

Decades after the wolf disappeared from Yellowstone, when the full impact of its absence became apparent, the wolf was reintroduced back into its native range. Other wildlife gradually returned, as did the willow and wetlands. Overgrazed grasses grew again, and the prairie flourished.

"To keep every cog and wheel is the first rule of intelligent tinkering," wrote conservationist and philosopher Aldo Leopold. The return of wolves to the Yellowstone ecosystem restored a missing cog, integral to its landscape.

Newspapers are worth fighting for, worth saving, and well worth sustaining and investing in. We need not wait decades to know what their demise will do to our landscape, to our communities, and to our democracy. We can see it now.

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
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Matthew 25:6

Lake Fork Fishing Report

It was a warm week here at beautiful Lake Fork. The water temperatures fell to the upper 80s, and water clarity remained stained. The bass fishing is fair; however, it did pick up a little this week.

Green pumpkin magic was the go-to color this week no matter what rig you were throwing. The Texas rig worked the best this week. We used the Zoom green pumpkin magic Mag II on both the Texas rig and the Carolina rig and dyed the tails chartreuse.

We also caught a few good fish shallow by using a Zoom green pumpkin magic trick worm rigged wacky style. It is noted that we were fishing heavy grass and we put a nail in the head of the wacky worm and dyed the tail chartreuse. Likewise, we also used a drop shot rig and used a Zoom green pumpkin magic Trick Worm with a dyed tail in 8 to 12 feet of water. Worked great!

The crappie fishing was good again this week. They were being taken in 18 feet of water with Bubba's Bait white and orange tail crappie jig. The pure minnow rig was also working on those

crappies in 20 to 22 feet of water over brush piles.

The white bass fishing cooled off this week. We had to use a crappie jig tipped with a minnow to catch them. They are still at 18 to 20 feet.

The catfish fishing was good this week. They are in 22 to 24 feet of water around old baited trees. Punch bait was at the top of their menu.

On our equipment list this week was our Ranger Z520c powered by a Mercury 250 Pro XS from Nichols Marine in Longview, Duckett rods, Lew's reels, Stren line, Eagle Claw hooks, Buddy's Custom Baits from here at Lake Fork, Bubba's Bait crappie jigs, Zoom soft plastic's and Strike King hard baits.

Here at J & M Guide Service we are busy getting folks read for the Berkley Bass Tournament. We have three openings left for guided Bass trips to help you get ready for the big tournament. We will use Berkley baits to help you get ready. Give us a call at 903-413-6919 or e-mail us at bassmr@geusnet.com. Have a great fishing week.

Caring and Sharing volunteer meeting

First Baptist Church in Mineola will host the second volunteer meeting for Mineola Caring & Sharing Monday, Oct. 14 at 6 p.m., and each committee chair will update the group on progress for preparing for distribution day.

Letters have been mailed to the elderly within the MISD. If you were missed and need the extra help at Christmas, call Beverly Spike at 903-569-6206.

Another event starting in October is the Brookshire's fundraiser. Volunteers are needed to sell tickets at Brookshires starting on Saturday, Oct. 26 and going through Dec. 7.

Tickets for \$200 gift cards from Brookshires will start the last week of October and run through Dec. 4. Tickets are \$1 each or \$5 for six. Three lucky winners will receive a \$200 gift card from Brookshires.

Peoples Telephone hosting blood drive

Carter BloodCare has scheduled a blood drive in Quitman.

Peoples Telephone Cooperative is hosting a blood drive from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 15 at 102 N. Stephens St. in the parking lot on the Carter BloodCare bus. For more information or to schedule an appointment time, contact Hurst at 903-763-2214.

Standard eligibility requirements are a minimum weight of 110 pounds, the

donor feels well that day, and they present a government-issued photo ID at each donation. Potential blood donors may volunteer at age 16 with parental consent, 17-year-olds may give independently, and there is no upper age limit for donating blood.

For more information on donor eligibility and to make an appointment, call 1-800-366-2834 or visit carterbloodcare.org.



Dance Dimensions team members at the finish line on race day at the Mineola Nature Preserve. (Courtesy photo)

Dance Dimensions hosts seventh annual fun run at nature preserve

The 7th annual Iron Horse Rhythm Run benefiting the rhythm teams of Dance Dimensions had over 150 runners Saturday, Sept. 28 during the Mineola Iron Horse Festival.

It was held at the Mineola Nature Preserve with a 1K kids run for 10 and under and a 5K walk/run for all ages.

Each winner received a gift card ranging from \$10-\$50 plus drawings for other prizes and goody bags packed full of things from

the sponsors.

Dance Dimensions made a \$500 donation to the Nature Preserve and plans others for the Mineola Education Foundation and the Quitman Elementary PE program.

KIDS RUN WINNERS

- Girls and Boys 3-5*
 1 Paizley Russom
 2 Jason Bazil
 3 Kemper Calhoun
Boys 1K Run 6-10
 1 Kylar Leonard
 2 Lance Johnson
 3 Sebastian Klodnicki

Girls 1K Run 6-10

- 1 Isabella Crockett
 2 Jasmin Duran
 3 Addison Miller

5K (3.1 MILES) RUN WINNERS

- Girls 12 and under*
 1 Carolina Arreguin
 2 Raylie Peebles
 3 Lilly Moreland
Boys 12 and under
 1 Kylar Leonard
 2 Wesley Rivers
 3 Jacob Groth
Ladies 13-29
 1 Kapri Riley
 2 Abbie Dobbs
 3 Hanna Davlin

Guys 13-29

- 1 Chris Johnson
 2 Joe Bazil
 3 Collin Christian

Women 30-49

- 1 Julie Steck
 2 Kristelyn Kalchthaler
 3 Nikki Groth

Men 30-49

- 1 JP Fugler
 2 Josh Groth
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Men and Women 50 and up

- 1 Rick Reynolds
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