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Mineola council OKs water, sewer rate hikes

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The Mineola City Council approved increased water and sewer rates Monday that will significantly raise minimum bills and increase the additional charges for 143 customers outside the city limits.

The fee increases were recommended by a util-

ity rate study the city commissioned earlier in the year aimed at making sure the utilities pay their own way and put back reserve funds for emergencies and future capital expenditures.

The \$20 minimum residential water bill is an increase from the current \$14.36 but does include the first 1,000 gallons of water, unlike the current

minimum.

The minimum residential water bill outside the city will go from \$15.18 to \$30, or 1.5 times the rate for those inside the city limits.

The minimum residential sewer bill will go from \$20.14 to \$27 inside the city and from \$23.07 to \$40.50 outside the city.

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Bevill civil rights trial underway

More than five years after former Quitman Police Capt. Terry Bevill filed a federal civil rights lawsuit over his dismissal, the trial is under way in federal district court in Sherman.

A jury was seated on Monday, Sept. 9. Opening statements were made Sept. 10, and Bevill was called as the first witness.

Bevill sued the city of Quitman, then-Mayor David Dobbs, the police department, county officials at the time Sheriff Tom Castloo and District Judge Jeff Fletcher, former District Attorney Jim Wheeler and Wood County.

The suit stems from an affidavit Bevill signed in 2017 stating that former sheriff's department employee David Mc-

Gee, who faced charges of aiding an inmate to escape from the county jail and tampering with government records, could not receive a fair trial, citing the close relationship of Castloo, Wheeler and Fletcher.

After McGee was denied a change of venue, he was tried and convicted, and Fletcher immediately moved to charge Bevill with aggravated perjury.

Bevill's suit for First Amendment free speech civil rights violations stems from his eventual dismissal from his position with the city of Quitman and the alleged role of the three county officials in that dismissal.

Bevill's testimony continued on Wednesday, Sept. 11, followed by

Sheriff Kelly Cole, who was Quitman police chief at the time, then attorney Scott Cornuaud and Dobbs.

Dobbs continued his testimony Sept. 12 followed by DA's investigator Jerry Hirsch and Wheeler.

Current DA Angela Albers, who was an assistant DA at the time, testified on Friday, Sept. 13 along with former County Judge Bryan Jeanes, attorney Lance Wyatt and former Quitman City Secretary Greg Hollen.

Hollen returned to the stand on Monday the 16th, followed by Fletcher.

Testimony was expected to wrap up Tuesday or Wednesday, and the charge made to the jury possibly Wednesday.

Planned RV park on 154 concerns neighbors

By PHIL MAJOR
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Neighbors of a planned RV park near Yantis expressed several concerns during a public hearing before Wood County commissioners Tuesday morning.

The Bass RV Park is being developed on the east side of Hwy. 154 just south of Yantis, at the site of a former car wash, which has been razed.

The residents live behind the park to the east,

on County Road 1895.

The county has received the required approvals to meet its RV regulations, such as the septic system, water and electric utilities and driveway permit, but commissioners postponed a decision until a later meeting.

Among the concerns expressed were drainage, security, light pollution and sewage, and whether there was rear access to the property.

Park representative

Jeff Johnson met with the citizens during a break in the meeting and again afterward.

He explained that two large retention ponds will be installed to address drainage, and some type of security fencing will be around the perimeter of the property, as well as controlled access and no rear access. There will be on-site management, and Johnson said it is planned to be the nicest RV park in the area.

Throughout the day and a cooking demonstration.

The following have signed up to participate:

Hawkins Hometown Dental, Dawn Healthcare, T/Spine Chiropractic, University of Texas at Tyler School of Medicine-Hypertension Program, Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA), UT Tyler Center for Community & Rural Health Education, Cruise Planners Worldwide Travel, Maximus (Texas Health contractor), Clover Educational Consulting Group, 7 Acre Home-

stead, 2-1-1 East Texas Region Area Information Center (United Way of Smith County), NET Health Immunization, Andrews Center Behavioral Health, Kona Ice, Walmart-Mineola Vision Clinic, Rockin S & S Grill, NET Health Resources, James Heart Candles, New Era Therapeutic Counseling, Quitman-Lake Fork Kiwanis Club, UT-Health East Texas Preventive Healthcare Services, Texas Veterans Commission, Wood County Veteran Service Officer and Veteran Affairs - Shreveport.

Jennifer Henson has been named the new marketing director for the city of Mineola.

She replaces Owen Tiner, who left in July, and begins her duties Oct. 7.

She and her husband, Kirk, operate Endless Summer Tan and Glam in Mineola, as well as coordinate numerous antique car shows throughout the area that benefit several non-profits, such as Caring and Sharing and Mineola service clubs.

She is a graduate of Mineola High School and holds an associates degree from Tyler Junior College in business administration, with studies in marketing.

The marketing director oversees the city's marketing and tourism board and the parks and open spaces advisory board, as well as the city's website and social media.

"She comes to us with a strong work experience and work ethic that we feel will benefit the



city of Mineola," City Manager Mercy Rushing said. "We are excited to welcome Jennifer as the newest member of our city team."

Mineola welcomes new marketing director

AN EVENT FOR ALL WOOD COUNTY RESIDENTS

LOCATION:

Governor Jim Hogg City Park & Civic Center

Date:

Saturday, September 21st

9 a.m. - Noon



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Mineola opens district volleyball
defeating Quitman



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Alba-Golden and Quitman High Schools celebrate homecomings Friday

The Alba-Golden homecoming court, at left, includes, back from left, duchesses, freshman Isabella Bongiorno and junior Kenzie Hartsell; queen nominees Lainey Wright, Landrie Boyd, Olivia Morrison and Alexis Wilmut; sophomore duchess Mya Smith; and king nominees, front, Ayden Blalock, Cameran Lennon, Hector Delgadillo and Wyatt Sutton. The Panthers face James Bowie at 7 p.m. The parade and downtown pep rally are Friday at 10 a.m. (Monitor photo by Sam Major)

Peoples fiber-optic project progressing

Fiber-optic projects by Peoples Telephone to make Quitman and Mineola into gigabit cities are in full swing and starting to make some great progress.

Construction crews can be seen around both cities laying the orange fiber-optic cables.

Peoples Chief Business Development Officer Jason Slagle said the first two phases of the projects are underway in both cities and gave the following updates last week.

Quitman Phase 1 (north side), we are 100% complete with the conduit placement and fiber, and by end of the week we are looking at having all of the splicing completed. We should be able to move into the customer installs within the next two weeks for this phase.

Both projects received funding support from the respective cities and their economic development arms.

Details of the construction phases can be found here:

<https://www.peoplescom.net/fiber-construction/>

As construction continues, be mindful of the following advice from Peoples:

"If you're in an area where Peoples is actively building, you've probably noticed utility flags or paint on the roads and grass. These markings identify underground utilities like water, electricity, gas and telecom services. It's important to leave these flags in place; crews will remove them once the project is complete."



Winning hay producer Greg Walker, left, with his first place plaque. Winning bidder was J&H Septic, represented by Jerry Gaskill Jr., and Jerry Gaskill. Ashley Ventura with the Mineola FFA displays the buyer's plaque.

Seth's Lake Fork Creek, \$800, Seth's Lake Fork Creek restaurant, \$800 (United Ag and Turf).

Other auction items (donor listed last):

Consuela tote and wallet, Loretta Huff, \$1,300 (Young Oil Co.).

Hog hunt and steak dinner, Monica Cook State Farm, \$2,100 (Trey and Buddy Huff).

Crappie fishing trip, J.T. Arney and Sammy Young, \$700 (Grey Beard Fishing).

One ton of fertilizer, Kevin Merritt, \$1,000 (Big Country Fertilizer).

Kids picnic table, Circle E Farms, \$550 (Glen Dossett).

Stihl battery pruner,

\$800, Seth's Lake Fork Creek restaurant, \$800 (United Ag and Turf).

The following donated merchandise that was part of the bid packages: Mineola Ag Dept., Uncle Bubba's restaurant, Yellow Jacket Welding, Mineola Packing, Alba Tractor, Ace Hardware, Parker and Son Service, Red River Chemicals, Ricky Laprade, Midwest Land Group, John's Tire, Buddy and Loretta Huff.

Scholarship recipients for 2024:

Fernel Ventura, Texas A&M, engineering, \$2,000

Hunter Wernecke,

Texas Tech, ag business, \$2,000

Macy Fischer, Texas A&M, sports management, \$1,500

Autumn Grosskopf, Tarleton State, animal science and horticulture, \$1,500

Paul Stanley, UT Tyler, finance, \$1,000

Ella Layne, UT Tyler, Nursing, \$1,000

Jasmine Short, A&M Commerce, animal science pre-vet, \$1,000

Mario Bautista, Tarleton State, financial business, \$1,000

Estefi DeLaGarza, A&M Commerce, \$500

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\$500

13. Tuf Arney, Miller Hay Sales, \$1,150

14. Jimmie Smith, Potts Feed-Emory, \$1,000

15. Hunter Wright, First Global Methodist Men, \$700

16. John Mays, Winnsboro Livestock Auction, \$800

17. Jody and Martha Holmes, Young Oil, \$700

18. Sammy Young, Dwain Henry, \$1,050

19. Teresa Arney, Wood County Electric, \$400

20. Doug Taylor, Potts Feed-Quitman, \$800

21. Levi Goforth, Young Oil, \$950

22. Rusty Goforth, Texas Heritage Bank, \$950

23. ME Headwaters Ranch, Origin Bank, \$800

24. Tom West, Jason Ray-Edward Jones, \$650

25. Layne Saldana, Jerry and Brenda Huff, \$550

26. Lisa Miller, W6 Farms, \$1,100

27. Jim Hooton, Justin and Alex Powell, \$600

28. Ally Saldana, Jerry and Brenda Huff, \$900

29. Tyler English, Parker and Son, \$650

30. Jeremy Elliott,

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WOOD COUNTY COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Listings alternated on a weekly basis

ALBA CITY COUNCIL - first Monday, 6:30 p.m., City Hall.
 ALBA LADIES CLUB - fourth Tuesday, 6:30 p.m., Alba Community Center, 765-2956
 ALBA LIBRARY/MUSEUM BOARD - third Monday every other month, 4 p.m., library building. Everyone welcome.
 ALBA-GOLDEN SCHOOL BOARD - second Monday, 7 p.m., high school library, 768-2472.
 ALBA-GOLDEN YOUTH FOUNDATION - second Tuesday, elementary gym, 7 p.m. All welcome.
 ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS Mineola-United Methodist Church (enter in-between buildings off McDonald, first door on right) Noon meetings - Monday is women's meeting, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday men and women. Evening meetings - Saturday, Tuesday, Thursday 7 p.m., men and women; Senior Center, 308 University, (corner of University and McDonald), Evening meetings, Sunday, Monday 7 p.m., Friday 8 p.m.
 ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS - Wednesday and Saturday, 7:30 p.m., 406 E. Lane Street, Quitman.
 ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS - Gateway Group, Tues. & Sat. 7 p.m., Wed. noon, Methodist Church, 319 N. Pacific. Mona B. 903-569-6670.
 ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS - Hawkins Love and Miracles Group, UMC Wesley House, Pine St., Wed., 6 p.m., Saturday, 10 a.m., speaker meeting each last Wednesday.
 AL-ANON MINEOLA - Senior Center, 308 University, Thursday, 7:30 p.m., in-person or Zoom (ID 505-537-4690 PW 201220).
 AL-ATEEN MINEOLA - Senior Center, 308 University, Thurs. 7:30 p.m., age 13-18, Questions-mineola-teen@outlook.com.
 AMERICAN LEGION POST 296 and Auxiliary - fourth Tuesday, 7 p.m., Highway 80, three miles east of Mineola. 903-569-6481. All are invited.
 AMERICAN LEGION POST OF WINNSBORO - first Tuesday, 5:30 p.m., 201 West Broadway, in Winnsboro, 214-502-4496.
 APET (Animal Preservation of East Texas) Thrift Store - Dog Gone Good Stuff, 915 S. Pacific Street, Mineola, Wednesday-Saturday 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. 903-569-1250
 AUTUMN TRAILS MODEL A CLUB - second Sunday, 1 p.m., various locations in Wood County. See https://autumntrailsmodelaforclub.com for latest info.
 BOY SCOUT TROOP 385 Mineola - Tuesdays 7 p.m., Mineola Methodist Education Bldg. third floor. New boys/ alums welcome! Chris Jennings 903-569-3531
 BREAD OF LIFE MINISTRY FOOD PANTRY - Humble Baptist, first & third Tuesday 1-4 p.m.
 CELEBRATE RECOVERY - a support group for those with various hurts, habits or hang-ups, every Monday, 6:30-9 p.m., Church on the Rock annex building at 302 S. Stephens. 903-497-6149
 DAUGHTERS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION, Elizabeth Denton English chapter - first Saturday except June-August and December, 11 a.m. Harvest Acres Baptist Church, 1062 W Loop 564, Mineola. 409-466-8321, DAR.Regent.EDE@gmail.com
 DAUGHTERS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION, John Hogg, Sr. Chapter, 3rd Monday except June, July, August & December, 1 P.M. Holly Hall, Holly Lake Ranch. 903-520-8697
 EASTERN STAR - Quitman Chapter 695, 3rd Tues., dinner 6:00 p.m., meeting 7:00. Flora Masonic Lodge in Quitman. EAST TEXAS FOOD BANK - third Wednesday, Bud Moody Stadium, Quitman; fourth Thursday, Meredith Stadium, Mineola, 10 a.m.-noon, free fresh food, no qualification.
 EAST TEXAS WORKFORCE SOLUTIONS - first Friday at 10 a.m. at Quitman Public Library
 FANNIE MARCHMAN GARDEN CLUB - third Wednesday, September - May, Mineola Civic Center, 10 a.m. Visitors welcome. Kim Hughes, president, 903-312-2455.
 FLORA MASONIC LODGE #119 - first Tuesday at the lodge hall, Highway 37, Quitman. Covered dish - 6:30 p.m., meeting 7:30 p.m. Study nights for members each Thursday, 7 p.m. at the hall.
 FOREVER YOUNG ACTIVITIES CENTER - Wednesday and Friday, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Fitness exercises, educational programs, entertainment, fellowship, Bingo and card games. 903-763-8201
 FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY - second Tuesday at noon, Quitman.
 FRIENDS OF THE MINEOLA MEMORIAL LIBRARY - first Thursday, 1 p.m., Mineola Library, 569-2767.
 GED TEST SUPPORT - each Thursday 4 - 6 p.m. concurrent with QISD calendar. Quitman Public Library, 202 E. Goode St., Quitman 903-975-5745
 GIRLS SCOUTS MINEOLA TROOP 3 - 2nd & 4th Monday, 5:30-7 p.m., Broad Street Church of Christ Annex, Mineola. All Wood County girls kindergarten-12th grade welcome. Crystal Arcand 903-705-2459
 HAINESVILLE VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPT. - second and fourth Thursday, 7 p.m., Firehouse downtown Hainesville.
 HOLLY LAKE FIRE DEPARTMENT - first and third Tuesday at the fire station at Holly Lake Ranch.
 KIWANIS CLUB-Mineola - noon Tuesday, Mineola Civic Center Dogwood Room.
 KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS SAINT PETER'S THE APOSTLE COUNCIL #11933 - second Thursday, 7 p.m., at the church, 203 Meadowbrook Drive, Mineola. 903-569-3662.
 LAKE COUNTRY CLASSIC CAR CLUB - third Monday, 6:30 p.m. 903-850-3858.
 LAKE COUNTRY REPUBLICANS - fourth Tuesday, 6 p.m., Ancona Restaurant, Quitman.
 LAKE COUNTRY RV TRAVELERS - of Good Sam Int'l. Monthly, RV parks w/in 150 m. radius. 903-569-3677 or 3069.
 LAKE COUNTRY SYMPHONIC BAND - rehearsals Thursdays at Mineola Middle School Band Room. 7 p.m. 903-569-2300.
 LAKE HOLBROOK ASSOCIATION - first Saturday, February, May, August and November, Harold Simmons Community Center, 5:30 p.m. directors, 6 p.m. all members and guests welcome. 903-569-0223.
 LAKE FORK SPORTSMAN'S ASSOCIATION - Second Tuesday, 6:30 p.m., Lovell's Restaurant, Lake Fork Marina. Public invited.
 MINEOLA BAND BOOSTERS - first Tuesday, 6 p.m., middle school band hall. All middle and high school band parents invited.
 MINEOLA LIONS CLUB - for information on meetings call 903-638-1596.
 MINEOLA MARINE CORPS LEAGUE Det. #1278, 3rd Tuesday, 6 p.m. meal, 7 p.m. meeting. American Legion Building, 2015 E. Hwy. 80, Mineola, 903-497-3030.
 MINEOLA SCHOOL BOARD - third Monday, Admin. Bldg., Loop 564, 7 p.m. dependent on schedule changes.
 MINEOLA CITY COUNCIL - fourth Monday, 5:30 p.m., City Hall. Public welcome. Call City Hall for changes in November and December because of holidays.
 MINEOLA HIGH SCHOOL ATHLETIC BOOSTER CLUB - third Monday

Skunk brings excitement to school bus stop

By JOHN ARBTER
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Sometimes one can jump right into a story and tell it – with all the twists and turns having immediate impact. At other times, it is best to set the stage. This is one of those cases.

When our daughter was 8-years-old we obtained a golden retriever puppy so that she could grow up with a companion.

The American Kennel Club may not designate 'stubbornness' as a trait of that particular breed, but it should. A family joke is that 'Lucky' was lucky that I didn't take him to the pound (of course, that would never happen). Let's just say that he tries our patience.

The Big Guy, as we call him, had wormed his way into our hearts and became a family dog. Our six-year-old cowdog, 'Bella,' wasn't too pleased but came to tolerate him and practice her blue-heeler skills on him.

Routines are very important in our family.

We have routines for just about everything, including walking out to the bus stop in the morning. We live off the road so it's about a 300-yard walk to catch the school bus.

The walk usually includes some type of word game or playing catch with a softball or my wife and daughter singing a duet. There are also standard phrases: "hugs and kisses" means that the bus is coming around the curve; "be strong and don't let anyone bully you" is another standard line, and finally there is a blessing.

That is how it normally goes. However, Lucky had a bad case of upset tummy the night prior and redeposited his stomach contents three times. He awoke his old self but was acting kind of needy. So when my daughter asked if we could take him down to the bus stop, I relented, against my better judgment.

We had, maybe two or three times, previously taken our cowdog down to the bus stop, but it was a disaster. That 40-pound cow-

dog evidently thought the school bus was eating our daughter and went berserk. It was all I could do to keep her restrained.

Lucky was a different fellow. He was normally happy to sit with us and just be. I had noticed, however, that Bella had been taking him into the pasture, hopefully teaching him how to react to the many creatures in Wood County.

On this particular day, the sky was just lightening and one could begin to make out contrast pretty well. My daughter was sitting on my right boot, and my 70-pound retriever was sitting on my left boot. The bus was about two minutes out.

My daughter was just looking around, as kids do. Then she said in a surprisingly calm tone, "Daddy, I think there is a skunk over there and he is headed this way."

Sure enough. The skunk was behind us, on our starboard quarter coming out of a stand of trees. Of course, when I turned around, Mr. Woo-woo (one of our other names for our retriever)

also turned around.

The skunk was nonchalantly headed directly to join us at the bus stop, but at least for now with his tail down.

Then, our 70-pound ball of orange fur decided to back out of his collar and go play with that small thing clearing the trees.

Lucky bounced around back and forth, side-to-side as he does when playing with the cows in the pasture next door. The skunk was not inclined to play. The re-

sult was predictable.

After fake-charging a couple of times, our little black and white neighbor took aim and used chemical warfare on Lucky.

The cloud enveloped the bus stop. We retreated – no, that is too orderly, we fled – south down the county road.

Lucky had had enough. Foaming at the mouth and slinging it all over the show, he naturally returned to me. Thankfully, just then the bus arrived and picked

up our daughter from our fallback position.

The skunk had vanished, likely into the culvert under our drive. We carefully withdrew to the garden where we spent 30 minutes hosing down the dog. He thought it was great fun. Our own sanitization protocol followed for my wife and I.

Ah, country living. Who in East Texas doesn't have a good skunk story? We added this one to our family lore.

Quitman students demonstrate flight

By BRYNNA WILLIAMSON
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In order to demonstrate what was being taught and learned in the QISD science classrooms, 5th grade science teacher Hannah Farmer brought three of her students in for the school board meeting student showcase Monday.

Students Cooper Adams, Kristopher Menter and Bladyn Farmer discussed the investigations they had done, which included constellations and the engineering/testing of different paper airplane methods. However, the most fun part of the evening came when the collective audience, board included, decided to change the plan and have the kids test their paper airplanes at the front of the room.

All three of the kids' airplanes flew to roughly 15 or more feet away.

"Is it fun in science class?" she asked the boys.

"Yeah!" said Adams.

"But it can be a lot of work.... I don't like a lot of work," dryly added Menter, which comment was accompanied by much laughter from all

watching.

Farmer also thanked the board for having purchased the digital and print versions of the science textbooks. She said that having both at her disposal gives kids, many of whom have rarely if ever had normal, print textbooks, an opportunity to experience things like learning how to use a glossary.

The Top Dog Award went to QISD's custodial and maintenance staff, and especially to their lead custodians. Bradley Gann, Brian Harbin and Stacy Bradshaw were the three representatives to take the award.

"The pride starts with y'all; and we realize that. We recognize that, and we thank you for it," said board member James Hicks.

Junior High students Lillian McWhorter and Harvey Whited gave the pledges.

Superintendent Chris Mason said that they now have 1,212 students. He also said that they currently have a "very healthy" fund balance. However, Mason said that only 89% of QISD teachers are teaching certified, which he pointed out is a growing happenstance/struggle among Texas schools. He expects that that number will reach 100% within this school year.

After a presentation by Director of Technology Colby Bridges, the board voted to purchase 20 smart televisions for the school. The 20 TVs, said Bridges, will go to

"fill in the last section of classrooms...that don't already have a TV." The purchase of the televisions for the pre-k

The board also voted to purchase a new cattle trailer for the Agricultural Department. According to Brant Lee, the CTE ag teacher who presented the request, the department has two trailers. However, one of them is not usable due to newly-passed DOT requirements.

Instead of updating the trailer to make it usable, the board decided to sell it and purchase a new one. It will be purchased from Longhorn Trailer Sales. It is 6 feet longer than the old one and has folding ramps, which the old one did not have. The \$35,109 that the trailer will cost was also a budgeted expense, according to Mason.

The board voted to purchase a new fleet vehicle from Toliver Ford in the amount of \$61,744.

"And again, that's a budget item, too," said Mason.

Mason noted the board would be holding advocacy meetings with the community this semester and next semester.

Music acts headlining Iron Horse Heritage Festival

Mineola music mainstays Todd Brewer and Cody Norman headline live entertainment at the Iron Horse Heritage Festival Saturday, Sept. 28 in historic downtown Mineola from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Norman plays the East Texas circuit, sharing a classic rock mix. He's scheduled to kick-off the day's live entertainment at 10 a.m. Brewer is a local boy and will keep the festival rolling with a mix of country and rock starting at 12:30 p.m. Music will be performed at the community gazebo at Johnson and Commerce Streets.

The Mineola Pilot Club is also hosting a variety of pet contests. Rules are simple - house pets only, all pets must be leashed or secured and cleanup is required. The contest categories include Best Iron Horse themed costume, Best Photo - pet must be present, Best stage presence, Best owner/pet look-alike and Cutest Pet.

Judges will also choose an overall champ. A \$10 fee is requested,



Members of the Elizabeth Denton English Chapter Constitution Week Committee delivered Constitution booklets and posters to the Quitman Library. Deliveries were also made to the Mineola, Lindale and Winnsboro libraries. In front of the chapter's Constitution Week display are, from left, Susan Nelson, Shelly Shaw, Vera Spencer - committee chair and Susan Few. (Courtesy photo)



Mineola Ward 3 kicked off its Adopt A Street Program Saturday at 8 a.m. with great success. People from different wards participated including youth to stamp out litter one street at a time. To adopt a street or become a volunteer, contact the City of Mineola at 903-569-6183 and leave name and number. Councilwoman Cassandra Sampson will follow up. (Courtesy photo)



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School, Coalition host program about bullying

Mineola Middle School and the Flint & Steel Coalition will host Romero Brown, the CEO of Tyler clothing brand and store, Weird and Different, at the school in October.

Romero will speak out against bullying and will challenge students to accept others no matter their differences.

Romero was bullied growing up because he was born deaf in his right ear. His peers would tease him and call him names like mush mouth, the character from the popular show, "Fat Albert."

He embraced his uniqueness and launched himself into entrepreneurship after studying business at Tyler Junior College.

He created a brand that represents the reinvention of those hurtful words in a way that embraces the oddness in all individuals.

Flint & Steel would like to provide wristbands branded with the Weird and Different logo as their anti-bullying pledge this year. Each wristband costs roughly \$1, and the coalition is ordering 400 bands.

Those willing and able to donate \$10, \$20 or whatever to this cause please contact Susan Witt, 903-316-3324. Any amount helps reach the goal.

"Romero's message and mission to stop bullying fits right in with our coalition, and I'm excited to be a part of helping him fight against meanness," Witt said.

RATES

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The new rates also are tiered so that the more water used, the higher the rate.

The top level, 30,000 gallons and above, will be charged at \$11.50 per 1,000 gallons while the sewer charge will be \$10.50 per 1,000. All outside city rates are 50% more than inside city rates.

The lowest level, from 1,000 gallons to 5,000 gallons, will be charged at \$8.27 per 1,000 in the city, increasing to \$8.50 per 1,000 for 5,000 to 10,000 gallons. Most residential customers fall in those two ranges.

Public Works Director Kyle McCoy said the new rates shift the burden to higher usage customers. He also noted that with high rainfall this year, the city is projecting a \$200,000 shortfall in water revenues. The new rates would help alleviate that.

City Secretary Cindy Karch said the new rates still put Mineola in line with most area cities of similar size.

Also approved was an increase in the administrative fee for water cut offs from \$30 to \$50. She said the city has procedures in place to work with customers who may be having trouble paying their utility bills, such as extensions and payment plans.

The city averages 30 to 60 customers per month whose water is cut off for non-payment.

The council also approved the 2024-25 city budget and the property tax rate of 53-cents per \$100 valuation.

A bid was awarded for the joint project with Wood County to install a septic receiving station at the Mineola sewer plant.

The county is using \$1.2 million from its American Rescue Plan Act funds to pay for the station, which the city of Mineola will operate and collect fees.

McCoy noted that it will be available for use only when it is staffed by the city. It will be restricted to Wood County initially until the city can see how much volume can be handled.

The bid for \$1,057,070 was awarded to local firm 7-H Construction Co. It is expected to be operational for manual use around the first of the year and fully operational next summer.

The council approved a resolution authorizing filing an application with the Texas Water Development Board for a \$5.5 million loan, of which 90% can be forgiven, for water system infrastructure improvements.

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Mineola Police Report

SEPTEMBER 7

1:21 a.m., vehicle stop/arrest, N. Pacific, Miranda Annette Guthrie, Mineola arrested for DWI second offense.

3:16 a.m., assist other agency, CR 2840, unable to locate anyone at residence.

7:04 a.m., assist other agency, Second, possible overdose.

8:01 a.m., reckless driver, S. Pacific at city limits, unable to maintain lane, no signs of intoxication.

11:18 a.m., public assist, 300 Greenville, advised will make call sheet for prior vehicle damage.

2:51 p.m., public assist, FM 1254, located radio subject left behind and returned it.

3:23 p.m., disturbances N. Newsom, no offense.

3:44 p.m., motor vehicle accident, 1000 blk N. Loop 564, two vehicles.

7:04 p.m., reckless driver, W. Loop 564 at city limits, unable to maintain lane, unable to locate.

10:52 p.m., vehicle stop/arrest, 400 Greenville, Justin Allen Meade, Tyler arrested for DWI-second offense.

SEPTEMBER 8

12:16 a.m., city ordinance violation, W. Kilpatrick, neighbors doing construction, officer observed no noise.

1:44 a.m., city ordinance violation, W. Kilpatrick, same location, officer parked across street and observed no noise.

10:53 a.m., welfare concern, N. Line at E. McDonald, gun shot heard, determined to be blown transformer.

2:09 p.m., suspicious person, NE Loop 564, subject approached by suspect in store, strange behavior but no crime occurred.

3:15 p.m., reckless driver, 1300 blk S. Pacific, kids hanging out windows, vehicle stopped, citation issued.

5:41 p.m., public assist, 300 Greenville, traffic question.

SEPTEMBER 9

5:44 a.m., assist other agency, N. Pacific at Pat, line hanging down, moved by utility company.

3:19 p.m., assault, S. Johnson, subject assaulted by brother, parties separated, no physical assault, does not want to press charges.

4:04 p.m., public assist, Green, items reported stolen tracked to locate, subject has permission to possess them.

4:06 p.m., public assist, 300 Greenville, fingerprinting.

5:21 p.m., public assist, 300 Greenville, questions about neighbors.

6:17 p.m., subject stopped, NE Loop 564, riding bicycle on wrong side of road, ran red light, warning issued.

6:53 p.m., public assist, 300 Greenville, items recovered from prior call.

7:50 p.m., suspicious person, E. Broad, subject in parking lot talking to customers, given courtesy transport.

9:00 p.m., assist other agency, assistance locating possible stolen vehicle, unable to locate.

9:57 p.m., theft, N. Pacific, bicycle stolen, located on N. Newsom and returned.

SEPTEMBER 10

11:01 a.m., city ordinance violation, Turman, someone burning, homeowner will be putting out fire and getting permit.

4:27 p.m., public assist, 300 Greenville, fingerprinting.

5:51 p.m., assist other agency, S. Johnson, request to locate subject, building is abandoned.

7:54 p.m., welfare concern, Wigley, son making threats, went voluntarily with EMS.

9:04 p.m., welfare concern, 900 blk W. Patten, truck in roadway with no lights, subject ran out of gas.

10:52 p.m., suspicious vehicle, N. Pacific, subject just napping while waiting for fuel.

10:59 p.m., suspicious vehicle, Sycamore, vehicle in roadway, will be moved.

11:30 p.m., suspicious vehicle, Inwood, left prior to officer arrival.

SEPTEMBER 11

10:11 a.m., assist other agency, N. Hwy. 69 at Loop 564, DPS pursuit from Hwy. 69 North, box truck, spike strips set north of Loop, vehicle exited Wood County to south.

11:07 a.m., assault, Sycamore, stepson showed subject, unable to locate suspect.

2:14 p.m., assist other agency, 100 blk NE Loop 564, vehicle fire, overheated, no fire.

3:05 p.m., information, 300 Greenville, fingerprinting.

4:12 p.m., public assist, 300 Greenville, subvert requested to speak to officer.

9:12 p.m., public assist, S. Pacific, gate locked with subject's vehicle inside, employee opened gate.

10:16 p.m., city ordinance

violation, Rainbow at Meadowbrook, three gun shots heard, unable to locate.

11:17 p.m., suspicious vehicle, CR 2724, everything OK.

SEPTEMBER 12

12:52 a.m., welfare concern, McDaniel, 911 hang up, accidental.

6:49 a.m., assist other agency, N. Pacific, tree limb in roadway.

9:10 a.m., assist other agency, Pacific at E. Front, railroad crossing arm broken.

10:28 a.m., welfare concern, E. Broad, subject OK and driving self to hospital.

3:52 p.m., motorist assist, N. Newsom at W. Buchanan, debris in roadway.

4:17 p.m., unsecured area, Sycamore, open garage door, directed patrol issued.

9:43 p.m., motorist assist, S. Pacific at city limits.

SEPTEMBER 13

10:01 a.m., city ordinance violation, N. Pacific, no violation found.

10:04 a.m., fraud, Sophia, debit card purchased and numbers given to scammers.

10:13 a.m., city ordinance violation, W. Broad, pipes located.

10:32 a.m., assist other agency, W. Hwy. 80, located traffic crash, stand by for trooper.

10:34 a.m., city ordinance violation, S. Pacific, no violation.

10:39 a.m., city ordinance violation, S. Pacific, no violation.

10:45 a.m., escort, 2100 blk N. Pacific, funeral.

11:11 a.m., city ordinance violation, S. Pacific, violation found.

11:14 a.m., city ordinance violation, N. Pacific, no violation.

11:21 a.m., city ordinance violation, N. Pacific, no violation.

11:21 a.m., disorderly conduct, S. Pacific, calling using 911 to talk to investigators, told previously not to use 911 unless an emergency.

6:06 p.m., reckless driver, S. Pacific at city limits, unable to maintain lane, almost hit several vehicles, stopped in 1100 blk E. Broad, open container located.

11:21 a.m., city ordinance violation, N. Pacific, no violation.

11:21 a.m., disorderly conduct, S. Pacific, calling using 911 to talk to investigators, told previously not to use 911 unless an emergency.

6:14 p.m., disturbance, E. Broad, argument over cell phone settled prior to officer arrival.

Officers also made 89 traffic stops and answered 26 animal control, calls and four alarms.

Wood County Sheriff's Report

SEPTEMBER 4

Deputy Smith, criminal mischief; caller's ex-girlfriend damaged his RV, was out of town, will complete report when back in area.

Sgt. Mayer, suspicious vehicle, FM 2966; vehicle turned around, started tailgating caller, deputy contacted suspect vehicle who was acting odd, caller did not wish to pursue charges.

Sgt. Cox, Cpl. Rapp, vehicle accident, Hwy. 69; deputies assisted DPS with two-vehicle accident, one occupant flown by helicopter.

SEPTEMBER 5

Cpl. Rapp, Deputy Skinner, disturbance, CR 3147; home health nurse's patient had black eye, husband laying on couch with laceration to head, deputies determined male subject assaulted female, choked her, female struck male in head with hammer to get him to stop choking her.

Avery Hartness arrested for assault family violence, impeding breathing.

Deputy Way, welfare check, CR 3147; caller stated unable to contact mother or go to house to check, deputy contacted subject, advised she was fine. APS contacted due to poor living conditions.

Cpl. Burdick, theft; caller in lease agreement, neighbor removed items from property, neighbor advised owner of property told him to clean up, follow up will be completed to get more information from owner.

SEPTEMBER 6

Deputy Pollard, theft, Holly Lake Ranch; generator stolen from property, deputies located suspect vehicle tracks, offense report completed.

Cpl. Croney, Deputy Whisenhunt, disturbance, FM 779;

Deputy Pollard, unresponsive subject, SRA Park; deputy attempted to contact driver who was asleep, would not respond to commands, finally woke up, advised she had been dropped off there, not making sense, open container of alcohol observed in vehicle, witness advised driver was alone. Amy Willis arrested for public intoxication.

SEPTEMBER 9

Corde William Berry, Mineola, burglary of a habitation, second degree felony, five years community supervision, \$2,500 fine.

Richard Alan Nicholson, Mineola, manufacture or delivery of a controlled substance PG 1 four grams or more but less than four, third degree felony, six years in state prison with 455 days credit for time served; theft of property more than \$100 but less than \$750, Class B

misdemeanor, 90 days in county jail; fraudulent possession of identifying information 10 or more, second degree felony, dismissed.

Alan Wayne Phipps, Quitman, PCS PG1/1-B one gram or more but less than four, third degree felony, six years in state prison with 455 days credit for time served; theft of property more than \$100 but less than \$750, Class B

misdemeanor, 90 days in county jail; fraudulent possession of identifying information 10 or more, second degree felony, dismissed.

Deputy Williams, criminal trespass, CR 1487; caller's ex-boyfriend was at residence without her permission, had no trespassing signs, upon deputy's arrival, subject left, but resident provided video of suspect on property, case forwarded to investigations.

victim struck by mother's boyfriend, suspect admitted striking victim. Todd Monk arrested for assault family violence.

Chief Turner, Sgt. Morrison, warrant service, CR 2261. Kelly Lambert arrested for active warrants.

Deputy Comeaux, Deputy Holland, disturbance, Holly Lake Ranch; victim struck multiple times by roommate, suspect fled prior to deputy's arrival, offense report completed.

Deputy Skinner, traffic stop, FM 852; driver Justin Petrea found to have active warrants from another county, placed in custody.

Deputy Williams, criminal trespass, CR 4750; caller wanted subject trespassed from house.

SEPTEMBER 10

Sgt. Sepulvado, warrant service, Adult Probation. Leslie Alaman arrested for active warrant.

Lt. Kovic, Deputy Smith, Deputy Williams, theft in progress, Hwy. 80; caller observed three males stealing gun safes, holding them until deputies arrived, deputies determined multiple gun safes missing, case forwarded to investigations.

Deputy Smith, criminal trespass, CR 3226; man jumped over locked gate, knocked on door advising him he was there to repo tractor, asked man if he had paperwork for the repo, said no, when caller called 911, the male left in white tow truck that had no license plates or writing on it, deputies searched area, did not locate vehicle.

Deputy Williams, criminal trespass, CR 1487; caller's ex-boyfriend was at residence without her permission, had no trespassing signs, upon deputy's arrival, subject left, but resident provided video of suspect on property, case forwarded to investigations.

Mineola Fire Department Report

Assist EMS: Sept. 5, 5:12 p.m., N. Pacific; Sept. 6, 8:48 p.m., FM 1799; Sept. 7, 7:11

a.m., Second; Sept. 10, 7:35 a.m., Wren; Sept. 11, 6:07 p.m., Peninsula.

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\$1,000 fine.

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misdemeanor, 90 days in county jail; fraudulent possession of identifying information 10 or more, second degree felony, dismissed.

Bobby Joe Lindley, Winnsboro, evading arrest with a motor vehicle, 10 years in state prison with 399 days credit for time served, \$5,000 fine; PSC PG1 less than one gram, state jail felony, dismissed; burglary of a building, state jail felony, two years community supervision with 120 hours of community service.

James Aaron Ellison, Winnsboro, possession of a controlled substance penalty group 1/1-B less than one gram, state jail felony, 20 months in state jail with 389 days credit for time served (two counts); assessments totaling \$6,287.

Sean Michael McC

Obituaries

LINDA GAIL RILEA

1949-2024

Linda Gail Rilea, 75, of Yantis passed away on Aug. 7, 2024. Linda was married to Clyde Rilea, also of Yantis, for 17 years. She was the daughter of Louis and Eunice Collier of New Boston. She was born Feb. 18, 1949 in Alameda, Calif. and moved to Texas in 1985. She was an active member of Lake Fork Baptist Church.

She was preceded in death by her parents; a younger sister, Suzie; and three sons, John Jr., Richard and Andrew.

She is survived by her husband, Clyde. Linda's extended family includes stepdaughter, Anna Rilea and husband Rob Jowett; stepson, Mitchel Rilea and wife Jacquelyn Rilea; two stepsons from a previous marriage, James Holden and Joseph Holden of Louisiana; and numerous grandchildren; great-grandchildren; other relatives and friends.

A celebration of life will be conducted at a later date.

JOYCE FERN GARRETT GRIFFITH

1932-2024

Joyce Fern Garrett Griffith, 91, of Clarksville, Tenn. passed away on Sept. 11, 2024. Joyce was born on Sept. 18, 1932 in Gracemont, Okla. the daughter of William Bartie and Mattie Mae Crawford Garrett. Joyce graduated from Mustang, Okla. High School in 1950. She was the salutatorian of her class and played basketball all four years. After graduation, she went to work for Bell South Telephone Company in Oklahoma City.

Joyce married Lester Dale Griffith on March 25, 1955 in Mustang, with her father officiating. They travelled the world for 22 years while Dale served in the U.S. Air Force. They settled in Mineola and lived there 48 years. She was active in the Pilot Club for years and followed the Mineola sports teams faithfully. They were married 67 years. Joyce lived in Clarksville for the last three years with Terri and Karl.

Joyce had four children: Weldon (Glenda) Griffith of Lohn, Mike (Karen) Griffith of Mineola, Terri (Karl) Saldana of Clarksville and Bob (Nicki) Griffith. She had nine grandchildren: Sara Saldana, Ashley Griffith, Lindsey (Justin) Blair, David (Emily) Saldana, Garrett Griffith, Katy Saldana, Finnegan Griffith, Ella Griffith and Ike Griffith. She had four great-grandchildren: Riley Blair, Ian Saldana, Jaxon Blair and Reece Saldana.

She was preceded in death by her loving husband, Dale Griffith; her son, Bob Griffith; her parents Bartie and Mattie Mae Garrett; her brothers Elmer Garrett and Gene Garrett; and her sisters Beatrice Elliott and Bobbie Jo Myers.

Joyce's memory will be cherished by her family, sister-in-law Betty Garrett, brother-in-law Bill Myers, as well as nieces, nephews and many friends.

Visitation will be held at 2 p.m. on Saturday, Sept. 21, 2024 at Beatty Funeral Home in Mineola. Funeral will be at 3 p.m. Interment will follow at Roselawn Cemetery.

LOIS ENGLISH

1932-2024

Services for Lois English, 92, of Alba were held at 2 p.m. Monday, Sept. 16, 2024 at First Baptist Church of Alba, with Algia Allen officiating.

Burial was in Salem Cemetery.

Mrs. English passed away Sept. 13, 2024 at her home in Alba. She was born April 6, 1932 in Cloudy, Okla. to Claude and Clara Harper Goheen. Lois was a member of Alba Church of Christ.

She was preceded in death by her parents; husband, J.D. English; daughter, Lana English-McAree; brothers, Bud Goheen, and Louis Goheen; and sisters, Faye Thurman, Mildred Goheen, Dora Self and Lucille Butler.

Survivors include her son, Jay Haggerty of Alba; four granddaughters; five great-grandchildren; nieces and nephews; and numerous other relatives and friends.

The family received friends from 6-8 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 15, 2024 at Wilson-Bartley Funeral Home, Alba.

GLENN SAVAGE

1934-2024

Glenn Savage of Mineola passed away on Sept. 11, 2024 at age 90. He was born on April 8, 1934 to William Eastland "Ethyl" Savage and Goldie Irene Savage. Glenn was born and raised in the Pine Mills community and remained a lifetime resident of Wood County.

Glenn married the love of his life, Betty Skinner Savage, on Dec. 30, 1961 at Humble Baptist Church in Mineola. The pair spent over 60 memorable years together, creating countless memories.

Glenn spent over four decades working as a supervisor for Buddy Schoellkopf, showcasing dedication and commitment in all he did. He found peace in his faith as a long-time member of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints in Quitman. In his spare time, Glenn enjoyed the simple pleasures of life, often found fishing or spending time with his grandkids and great-grandkids. One of his treasured memories was preparing stew on the banks of Sandy Creek surrounded by his family.

His family was the pride and joy of his life, and his greatest accomplishment was creating happy memories and instilling strong values in his loved ones.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Ethyl Savage and Goldie Irene Savage; and three brothers, Hal Savage, Truman Savage and Melvin Savage.

Left to cherish his memory is his wife, Betty Savage of Mineola; two children, Marvin Savage and wife Pam of Mineola, and Roland Savage and wife Kathlene of Pine Mills; sister, Marilyn Huff of Mineola; five grandchildren, Amanda, Lindsey, Steven, Nicole and Lacey; and four great-grandchildren, Levi, Savannah, Carter and Sophia.

Funeral service for Glenn Savage was held at 2 p.m. Monday, Sept. 16, 2024 at Lowe-Gardner Funerals and Cremations. Graveside service followed at Mt. Pisgah Cemetery. The family received friends from 5-7 p.m. Sunday evening, Sept. 15 at the funeral home.

Serving as pallbearers were Andy Savage, Michael Huff, Jerry Peek, Raymond Peek, Tony Peek and Dalton Kratzmeyer.

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Ebenezer Baptist Church will host homecoming activities Sept. 21 to mark 164 years. (Monitor photo)

Church celebrating 164 years

Though the Ebenezer Baptist Church has been a lighthouse to the Quitman community for over 163 years, it will celebrate its first homecoming on Saturday, Sept. 21 to celebrate its 164th anniversary.

Ebenezer (as recorded in the minutes of a sister church Mt. Pisgah Baptist Church) was established in 1860. Over those years, Ebenezer has seen some setbacks. Early church records were destroyed when

the home of church clerk, Lon C rude, was struck by lightning which caused his home to burn. Later, Wood County records of the church were destroyed in a courthouse fire.

The first Ebenezer church building was a small box-like log structure. The second church was a larger two-story structure. Church members met on the first floor, and the Woodmen of the World held meetings on the second floor.

A tornado that passed through Wood County, Oak Grove Community on April 19, 1919 destroyed the church.

The third building was built and it was a larger one-story structure with a hip roof. This building included multiple pane glass windows on all sides. A double door entrance was added in the front, and various other doors were included. The rear part of the building was built with an angle area that projected in the center of the rear section for use by the church choir, piano and pulpit.

The seating in the church was wood-slat pews. There were three rows of pews in the front of the building for the congregation seating. Some shorter pews between the side doors and the back of the building were occupied during services by the "older" women who chose pews on the south, and

memory of Glenn to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital.

EDNA JEAN HAYES

1936-2024

Edna Jean Hayes of Quitman was born March 12, 1936 and died Sept. 6, 2024 at age 88.

Survivors are one brother, three children and several grandchildren and great-grandchildren. No services are scheduled at this time.

ANN A. SEARCY

1943-2024

On Aug. 28, 2024, our dearest mother, grandmother (Nannie), great-grandmother and friend was relieved of all worldly pain and taken home to be with our heavenly Father.

Ann A. Searcy was born Feb. 22, 1943 in Mineola to Thomas Edward Albright and Elizabeth Louise Albright. Ann grew up between Dallas and Mineola, as her father was a superintendent for Texas & Pacific Railway. She graduated from Bryan Adams High School in Dallas. In the fall of 1962, she met the love of her life, Arthur O. Searcy Jr. They married in the spring of 1963. Their life together included many states, a few kids and lots of grandchildren. For as much as they moved in their early marriage, they settled into their true home of the past 30+ years in the Piney Woods of East Texas. The same home where Ann took her last breaths with family by her side on Aug. 28, 2024.

She was preceded in death by her parents and brother, Thomas Edward Albright Jr. She is surely celebrating in heaven with them and many other friends and family.

She is survived by her husband, Arthur O. Searcy Jr.; daughter, Janet Miller; sons, Todd Searcy and wife Laurie and Josh Searcy and wife Krysta; 13 grandchildren; and six great-grandchildren. We celebrate her beautiful life, the joyful memories we all share with her and her strong devotion to family that she instilled in us all.

Memorial services will be scheduled for Saturday, Nov. 23, 2024.

The family would like to thank caregiver Kim Privett and the staff at Christus Good Shepherd - Longview, Buckner Westminster Place and with Chambers Hospice for the loving care that was given to our Nannie.



LOIS ENGLISH

1932-2024

Services for Lois English, 92, of Alba were held at 2 p.m. Monday, Sept. 16, 2024 at First Baptist Church of Alba, with Algia Allen officiating.

Burial was in Salem Cemetery.

Mrs. English passed away Sept. 13, 2024 at her home in Alba. She was born April 6, 1932 in Cloudy, Okla. to Claude and Clara Harper Goheen. Lois was a member of Alba Church of Christ.

She was preceded in death by her parents; husband, J.D. English; daughter, Lana English-McAree; brothers, Bud Goheen, and Louis Goheen; and sisters, Faye Thurman, Mildred Goheen, Dora Self and Lucille Butler.

Survivors include her son, Jay Haggerty of Alba; four granddaughters; five great-grandchildren; nieces and nephews; and numerous other relatives and friends.

"older" men sat on the pews on the north side. This was known as the "Amen" corner.

An elevated area at the back of the church was utilized by the choir, piano and pulpit.

A large wood-burning heater was erected between the pulpit and the pews where the congregation seats were placed. The pastors probably appreciated the heat in the winter.

Sunday school was held every Sunday morning, but church worship was held only one Saturday night, one Sunday morning and one Sunday night per month.

The auditorium area was divided by curtains hung from wires fastened to the ceiling for younger classes. Adults met in the choir area.

The first pastors on record were H.Y. Lively and W.M.D. Wood.

Ebenezer Church was represented in the Harmony Association Meeting at Liberty in 1872.

In those early days, pastors usually had other churches to oversee as well. When the pastor lived a distance away from the church where he was to preach, he would spend Saturday night with different church members and join them for lunch or dinner on Sunday.

Summer revivals usually lasted one or two weeks and included morning and evening

services. Many of those services were filled, thereby prompting people to sit in open windows or stand outside.

Church lighting was powered by a dynamo and a series of auto-like batteries.

Long-winded preachers and church goers would sometimes sit in the dark while someone refueled and re-started the dynamo.

The sanctuary of the present church building is a pier and beam frame structure constructed from lumber of the third building. One carpenter was hired as general contractor. Other labor was donated by men of the church and the community. This third building had three Sunday school rooms in the back which now houses the heating and cooling unit, the baptistry and storage area.

The building was bricked later on from the proceeds of an estate willed to the church.

Sometime during the 1980s, the fellowship hall with adjoining Sunday school rooms, restrooms and water fountain was added.

Prior to 1983, new believers were baptized in Bryan Cornelius' pond on Hwy. 14 near the church. The baptistry was installed sometime after 1983.

The north-side edition was added during

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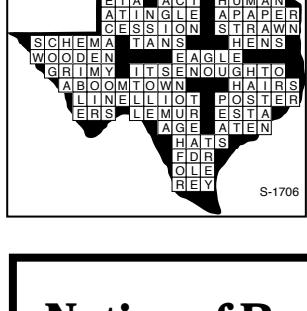
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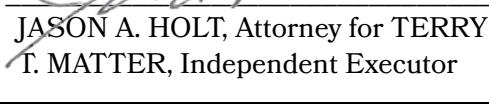
NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Notice is hereby given that original Letters Testamentary for the Estate of VERDELL MATTER, Deceased, were issued on September 16, 2024, in No. 14,762, pending in the County Court of Wood County, Texas to TERRY T. MATTER.

The residence of the Independent Executor is in Wood County, Texas. The post office address of the Independent Executor is c/o Jason A. Holt, P.O. Box 937, 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 16th day of September, 2024.


JASON A. HOLT, Attorney for TERRY T. MATTER, Independent Executor

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. 2500007, in Wood & Hopkins Counties, into two or more lots or sites for the purpose of sale or development, whether immediate or future, including re-subdivision of land for which a plat has been filed and recorded or requests more than two water service connections on a single contiguous tract of land must comply with Section F. Developer, Subdivision and Non-Standard Service Requirements contained in Jones Water Supply Corporation's tariff.

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.

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Panthers win delayed game

By JOHN ARBTER
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The Alba-Golden Panthers dominated the Ore City Rebels, 47-12, in a game rescheduled from Friday night to Saturday late morning due to a lack of available officials. The Panthers took it all in stride. After the opening kick-off, head coach Drew Webster exhorted his team to "Get to work!"

They certainly did just that. The Panthers faced a Rebel team which was man-for-man bigger, and likely faster. The game was played on the opponents' home turf, in hot mid-day temperatures.

Alba-Golden churned out 447 yards of offense, while they gave up a mere 96 yards. The Panthers were better organized, in much better physical condition and more disciplined.

The initial possession of the game netted Ore City one yard and a punt. On successive plays Nikolai Kent, Luke Jones and Brett Sutton made great tackles to set the tone.

The Panther offense promptly went 81 yards in eight plays for the opening score. A 33-yard completion from Sam Olson to Garrett Wright and a 34-yard gallop by Cameron Lennon highlighted the drive.

Lennon took the direct snap and scored easily from the one, fooling the defense.

Contributions came from throughout the roster. Midway through the second quarter, Wyatt Sutton carried around left end for 45 yards inside the Ore City 10.

Alba-Golden scored two plays later on a nicely-designed play that flowed all the play action to the right and receiver Cooper Christian crossing the end zone from the left. Olson lowered his shoulder to score the 2-point conversion and the Panthers were up 14-0.

Just before the half, the Rebels put a drive together. They leveraged their speed with a series of option pitches, quick pitches and reverse options first to one side of the field then to the other, to beat Alba-Golden to the corners.

When the Panthers adjusted and shut down the edges, Ore City scored on a roll-out pass from ten yards. Defensive tackle Jaxen Carver and company crushed the 2-point attempt.

The Panthers had 26 seconds left and took over from their own 35. A deep go-route pass down the right side just missed. On second down, the Panthers split four receivers out to the left and Olson threw a

strike to Lennon on a wide receiver screen.

What followed was one of the best runs of the year. Lennon likely ran 100 yards in scoring his 70-yard touchdown. It sent the Panthers into the locker room up 20-6.

The lead ballooned to 33-6 in the first few plays of the second half. Olson hit Sutton on a fly-route for a 51-yard score.

On Ore City's first snap of the second half, hard contact by the Panther defense jarred the ball loose. Lennon scooped the ball and maneuvered 40 yards for a score.

The Rebels mustered one score in the second half while Alba-Golden scored twice more—with each set-up by excellent kick returns. Christian returned a Rebel kick-off down to the Ore City 37-yard line late in the third quarter.

Two possessions later, Lennon returned a Rebel punt down to the Ore City 20-yard line. Olson carried over the goal-line.

The Ore City game revealed a couple of strengths which will be critical for Alba-Golden in district play. The steady play of the defensive front – seniors Jaxon Carver and Nikolai Kent and junior Layton Williams will have the power to control the line of scrimmage, and



Above, Cooper Christian returns an Ore City kick-off. Below, Ayden Blalock (0) and Cameron Lennon (4) chase down the Rebel quarterback for a big loss. (Monitor photos by John Arbter)

the three could turn the course of any game.

Secondly, the ability of the Panthers to put their talented staple of ball-

carriers and receivers in open space will determine future outcomes.

The Panthers will ride this positive wave

into a home contest Friday against the visiting James Bowie Pirates.



Mineola rebounds to take the Heat

By JOHN ARBTER
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a reactive mode and forced errors.

The fourth set saw a

change of roles, as Tyler stayed on the offensive throughout. Mineola mustered only six offensive scores in that set.

An 8-point run in mid-set assured Tyler's win and took the match to the fifth set.

That tiebreaker was incredibly exciting as both sides left nothing on the court. It featured an outstanding stabbing save by Jackson – her third such save of the match – three kills by Kali Chrietzberg, an ace by Jaycee Maag and consistently active net play by Neighbors, Hughes and Mahayla McMahon.

Mineola appears primed for district action.

They entertain Wimona Tuesday, Sept. 24

and travel to Eustace Friday, Sept. 27.

Watching the first two sets of Mineola's five-set (25-18, 25-19, 24-26, 21-25, 16-14) win over the Tyler Heat last Tuesday was sheer joy. Those two sets, especially the first set, were chockful of quality play. The Lady Jackets committed only six errors resulting in Tyler scores in the first set and only eight in the second.

This disciplined passing and setting allowed the Lady Jackets to time their attacks and vary their attack angles. It was the best volleyball Mineola has played yet this year – hands down.

Mineola's movement and defense were also disciplined and spirited. That aspect of their game kept the Heat in

the lead for most of the match.

Over the years, the church went from holding services one week a month during World War II to two weeks a month and then to full-time services. During those times, services evolved from Saturday night and Sunday to only Wednesday night and Sunday morning and evening services.

The church pastor is

working to revive and update this church.

A Wednesday Bible Study and a Grief Support Class have been added. Plans include prayer breakfasts, fellowship lunches, Fifth Sunday Singings for the Wood County Baptist Association Church members, various special activities and programs and a revival.

Sunday School is at 10 a.m., worship services at 11 a.m. and Wednesday Bible Study at 6 p.m.

Homecoming events will take place from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. on the 21st, including special music, testimonials, worship message, door prizes and potluck lunch at 1430 North FM 14.

Notice of Public Hearing



A public hearing will be held by the Winnsboro Economic Development Corporation Board the 24th day of September 2024, @ 5:30 pm at Winnsboro City Hall to receive public testimony regarding the purchase of real property located at 1100 E FM 852 (Gilmer Rd.), Winnsboro, TX 75494.

Mineola and Quitman opened the district volleyball season Friday with the visiting Lady Jackets taking a three-set win, 25-12, 25-9, 25-17. Above left, Quitman's Allie Berry meets Mineola's Jadelyn Marshall at net. Above right, Tieranny Neighbors of Mineola hits to Quitman's Annabelle Popok and Erin Vander Schaaf. (Monitor photos by Sam Major)

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CHURCH

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the 1990s. Bricks were added to the front of the sanctuary to more closely match the bricks on the fellowship hall which were used on the north-side addition.

On Nov. 5, 2005, and in celebration of the 145th anniversary, a dedication of the new metal roof was held. Speaker of ceremonies was Bro. Fred Morrow, and a covered dish luncheon was provided. Music was provided then by Heart 'N Strings of Canton.

The metal roof was added after several composition shingle roofs had been done, and the church required repair of some roof leaks. The

metal roof was paid for by individual, business donations and sister church donations.

Over the years, the church went from holding services one week a month during World War II to two weeks a month and then to full-time services. During those times, services evolved from Saturday night and Sunday to only Wednesday night and Sunday morning and evening services.

The church pastor is

Brother Richard Goodwin who brings a lot of energy into reviving this wonderful and beautiful church for this Quitman community. Along with his wife, Veta, who has researched the church's history and is authoring this article, they're



Bulldogs Rafael Samaneigo, Corden Wilson, Preston Flores and Ben Boisclair carry a Roughneck ball-carrier backward. (Monitor photo by John Arbter)

"Dogs have rough night at White Oak

By JOHN ARBTER
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It was a tall order for the Quitman Bulldogs. The White Oak Roughnecks had a sense that this could be the year that they return to prominence on the gridiron. The Roughnecks dispatched the Bulldogs, 52-14, with a landslide of first half scores Friday in White Oak.

Much of that scoring came as a result of the arm and legs of Roughneck quarterback Jaxsen Ludlow. The junior signal-caller had the touch on the ball when he threw and the explosiveness and vision when he ran. Under his leadership, White Oak amassed 419 yards.

White Oak almost ran the table in the first half. They found the end zone on six of their seven first-half possessions. Often, the scores would be preceded by a big play, whether that was a kick return or a turnover.

The game got out of hand in the second quarter with a rash of White Oak scores; however, at the end of one quarter it was a 14-8 game.

Following a strong kick return, the Roughnecks produced a 7-play 38-yard scoring drive. They followed that with a 10-play 66-yard scoring drive and made the score 14-0.

Quitman's Dakota Reynolds gave the Bulldogs great starting position after he returned the kick-off for 50 yards. Quitman leveraged the running ability of quarterback Klayton Meadows and two Meadows to Cade Papez completions to put the ball at



Klayton Meadows splits the Roughneck defense as he nears the goal line. (Monitor photo by John Arbter)

the Roughnecks goal line.

A tremendous surge by the offensive line allowed Meadows to tumble forward into the end zone for the Quitman touchdown.

While the hosts were ringing up their first half string of scores, Quitman weathered through two fumbles and a turnover-on-downs before putting a second scoring drive together.

That drive featured junior Jacob Breding. The junior back crashed through the Roughneck defense on two strong runs and hauled in a Meadows pass for an additional 31 yards. Meadows scored from two yards out by following the blocks of center Mason Williams and left guard Francisco Zurita.

At the half, the score stood 42-14.

The Bulldogs never quit, and they came out of the halftime break with renewed vigor. The offensive line came

firing across the line of scrimmage on that first drive of the second half, and the Bulldogs quickly moved to the Roughneck 20-yard line where the drive stalled.

White Oak promptly hit a 75-yard play-action post for a score. It was the last offense by either side. White Oak added a late 43-yard field goal to conclude the scoring.

The Bulldogs had their moments which would make any fan proud. A series of goal-line stops on successive plays in the first half was most notable. Involved in those tackles were Jimmy Mullican, Jacob Powell, Ben Boisclair and Meadows.

The running style of

quarterback Meadows, which challenged tacklers, was also a point of great pride to the Bulldog faithful.

Quitman hosts Eustace

on Friday before beginning district play Sept. 27 at Harmony.

27 at Harmony.

FOOTBALL
Friday, Sept. 20

HOMECOMING Alba-Golden vs James Bowie, 7 p.m.

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Braelyn Geremonte hits hole for a Mineola gain. (Monitor photo by Sam Major)

Arp on top of high-scoring contest

By JOHN ARBTER
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With 84 combined points, one would expect a high school football game to be a wild free-for-all. That just wasn't the case Friday as Mineola traveled to Arp and came up short, 49-35.

The game had exciting moments, but most of the night was spent between the tackles as the teams combined for 800 yards most on the ground.

The first quarter belonged to the Arp offensive line. The Tigers enjoyed a large right side of their line and an athletic left side. They leveraged this to great advantage.

Arp's scheme was straightforward - double team at the point of attack, wall everyone else off and lead into the hole.

A short passing game featuring a variety of wide receiver screens prevented the Yellowjackets from shoring up the box.

After one quarter Arp had scoring drives of 84 yards and 48 yards, while the Jackets had not yet started their engines.

Just before the quarter break, Mineola began to move. In a key play at midfield, quarterback Zane Phillips hit wide receiver Colton McMahon who made an excellent

leap for a first down at the Arp 40.

The catch ignited the offense. They began to hammer the ball downfield four yards a pop. A robust carry by Braelyn Geremonte through the middle put the ball inside the 10. Two plays later Aidan Shepherd carried a direct snap over the goal.

The teams traded scores in their next two possessions, and the score stood 21-14 with 1:45 left in the half.

Arp was moving, but Mineola cornerback Steven Reyes played the quarterback's eyes and stepped in front of an in-route for an interception. Two plays later, Mineola's Phillips came under an intense rush and threw an errant pass which Arp intercepted.

The Tigers moved 47 yards with four consecutive pass completions and took a 29-14 lead into halftime.

The Yellowjackets stormed out to start the second half. They recovered an on-side kick and moved 48 yards in six plays for the score, with Geremonte slicing through the middle from twelve yards out.

Mineola effectively used misdirection in the backfield to great advantage.

Defensively, the Jackets also picked up their intensity. Gabriel Thompson, Blaine Har-

ris and Geremonte combined to register the first play for a loss.

Arp absorbed the defensive aggression and continued marching down field. On a critical fourth-and-8 the Tigers quarterback executed a jump pass while on the move for a 17-yard pickup. The Tigers scored four plays later.

The story of the second half was established, Arp answered each time Mineola scored.

The Jackets next scored on a gorgeous catch in the end zone by McMahon who took an arching pass from Phillips over the left shoulder and just managed to tap his foot in the corner of the end zone.

Arp answered with an 8-play scoring drive and stopped Mineola with their second interception in the Jackets next possession.

Arp scored again after a long run through the heart of the defense.

The Jackets were not done. They scored with 3:11 remaining to close within two scores. Geremonte's run featured three sharp cuts around left end.

The Tigers killed the remaining time to secure the victory.

The Jackets travel to North Lamar High School Friday before beginning district play Sept. 27 when they host Mt. Vernon.



Noah Turner and Jose Silva of Mineola stop the Arp ball carrier. (Monitor photo by Sam Major)

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Katie DeGorostiza of Quitman jumps in front of the pack at Saturday's cross-country meet, hosted by Quitman. She went on to take first place by a comfortable 44 seconds to lead her team to a first-place finish. (Monitor photo by Sam Major)



Raylie Peebles of Mineola runs toward the finish line at Quitman Saturday. (Monitor photo by Sam Major)



Enrique Olvera of Quitman gets off to a quick start. (Monitor photo by Sam Major)

Quitman, Mineola girls lead cross country meet

Quitman and Mineola girls placed first and second at Quitman's cross country meet Saturday, while the Quitman boys were second and Mineola boys fifth among eight teams.

Katie DeGorostiza ran quickly to the front of the pack and posted a winning time of 11:54, some 44 seconds ahead of teammate McKenna Wood.

Wood edged Mineola's Raylie Peebles by two seconds.

Quitman also got a top ten finish from freshman Jadea Comenux, 8th in 13:05.

Christina Plata was 13th in 13:30 and Cooper Marcee 18th in 13:37 to give the Lady Bulldogs 34 points.

Caroline Castleberry was 12th for Mineola in 13:25, Emilee Vega 17th

in 13:37, Brianna Palacios 19th in 13:41 and Yarelia Hernandez 24th in 14:01 as Mineola finished with 58 points to easily secure second.

The Quitman boys were paced by Enrique Olvera in 7th at 16:06.

Kirk Sarazinski came in 11th in 17:14, Saul Flores 18th in 17:40, Jairo Salinas 20th in 17:55 and Anthony Rojas 38th in 18:49.

Quitman had 72 points. Tyler HEAT won with 41 points while White Oak was third with 88.

Mineola's best finish was Preston Haskins in 12th at 17:14 followed by Eddie Lucas in 17th at 17:39, Kalen Silverio in 28th at 18:08, Sebastian Klodnicki in 29th at 18:16 and Ceasr Hernandez in 47th at 19:22.

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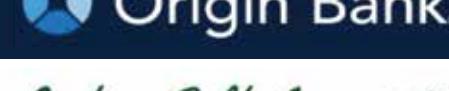
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