

Quitman council OKs utility rate increases

By CARLEY TUCKER

Quitman residents will soon see increases on their monthly utility bills after the city council approved adjustments to water, sewer and trash collection rates Tuesday, Sept. 23. After seeking input from

residents at a special workshop the evening before, the council voted unanimously to increase rates on water, sewer and trash collections after explaining that the changes are necessary to keep pace with rising costs, aging infrastructure and state requirements

for public water systems. Prior to the controversial vote on rate increases, an action item to change the hours at City Hall was presented by City Administrator, Allan Gilbert. Gilbert stated that changing City Hall's hours would allow working citizens more

time to interact with city staff. He proposed keeping the normal hours of 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. on Mondays and Tuesdays but altering the hours on Wednesdays and Thursdays, with City Hall being open from 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. On Fridays, City Hall would

open at 7:30 a.m. and close at 3 p.m. The council raised minor concerns about end-of-month payments and Friday closings, but Gilbert assured them that he was committed to

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Mineola keeps ISD boundaries for boards

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City of Mineola boards and commissions will continue to be selected from the Mineola school district boundaries, as they have for several years.

Following a brief workshop Thursday, the city council voted unanimously to leave the boundaries as is.

Council member Polly Jones, who had requested the boundaries be extended to the 75773 postal ZIP code, was not in attendance.

The exceptions to the policy, by law, are the board of adjustments and the board of appeals, which must be made up of city residents.

City Manager Cindy Karch gave the council examples from several other cities and concluded that they each have their own ideas.

Jones had requested expanding the boundary to help fill open seats on boards.

In offering pros and cons, Karch said keeping

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The high school squad for Dance Dimensions performs in front of the downtown gazebo (above) for a packed crowd Friday at the Iron Horse Heritage Festival in Mineola. Pictured are, first row, Gracie Russom, Addy Blackwell, Bree Warren; second row, Jordan Pearson, Stella Straznicki, Addison Miller. The dancers are under the direction of Dance Dimensions owner and lead choreographer Koni Riley and her team. Oscar (center) brought his own cheer squad, with at least a dozen members of the audience chanting his name before his big run at the Weenie Dog Race, the culminating event of the festival. More photos on Page 11A. (Monitor photos by James Taylor)



County sets hearings for 911, airport

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Wood County commissioners set a pair of public hearings on Friday to be held on Oct. 14.

The first would be for considering a change in the 911 emergency addressing standards.

The standard for creation of a private road for addressing standard is three or more residences.

Commissioners will consider increasing that to five or more, in line with most other area counties.

Prec. 4 Commissioner Russell Acker said many of the private roads are for residences of multiple family members who do not wish to have the private road designation.

Having that designation, however, gives more accuracy to locating a residence in an emergency.

Also on the 14th commissioners will consider designating the Wood County Airport as a re-investment zone.

The move would help address long-range plans to create facilities

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Quitman-Lake Fork Kiwanis Club officially dedicated the dog park along Elaine St. last week. It is part of the planned walking trail across the city. See story on Page 12A. (Courtesy photo)

Prec. 2 constable resigns nine months into term

Less than a year into his term, Wood County Precinct Two Constable Bobby Tucker is stepping down.

Tucker turned in his resignation to County Judge Kevin White on Friday, effective on Friday, Oct. 10.

Tucker was elected in 2024 and started his term on Jan. 1.

In the announcement, White said Tucker is stepping down for personal reasons.

He said county commissioners will consider how to address the vacancy at their next meeting on Tuesday, Oct. 14.

Tucker led the Republican primary in March 2024 in a three-way race, advancing to the runoff. Then Joshua Davis, the runner-up, bowed out. Tucker was unopposed in the general election

to replace Kelly Smith, who did not seek reelection.

In his letter, Tucker said he is grateful to the people of Wood County for the opportunity to serve and appreciates the knowledge and experience that he gained.

A couple who was denied permission to rebuild their home on Lake Quitman has filed suit against Wood County.

Bruce and Linda Noblett of Rowlett attended several county commissioners meetings after they halted work on their property.

At issue was whether the land for the footprint of the original home could be raised to bring it above the lake's high-water mark.

Commissioners unanimously declined that request for a variance on March 18, after the project had initially been given a verbal OK from former Prec. 1 Commissioner Virgil Holland the previous summer.

Linda's parents first purchased the property

Lawsuit filed against county over Lake Quitman property

in 1986, which already had structures constructed.

As the Nobletts outlined at commissioners meetings, those structures had flooded on several occasions.

The suit seeks four remedies: to quiet the title to the property so that it can be built upon; a declaratory judgment that the county has no legal authority to claim ownership of the land below the high-water line and to promulgate regulations; inverse condemnation, that the county has taken or damaged the property without formal condemnation proceedings; and violation of public use, failing to meet constitutionally mandated property

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James Meadows celebrating after the first challenge by throwing confetti on fellow contestant (former basketball player) Gabe Lazarre while he is making “Confetti Angels.” The person watching and laughing in the background is actress/opera singer Agnes Nayama. (Courtesy photo)

Mineola ex living game show dream

By BRYNNA WILLIAMSON
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We’ve all thought about it. It comes up in conversation as a fun, silly thing to think about.

If I won a million dollars in a game show, what would I spend it on?

The only difference between us and Mineola native James Meadows, who lives in Houston working in IT security, is that Meadows actually did make it onto a game show, and he actually did have a chance to win a million dollars.

The game show is a brand-new FOX channel show, called “99 To Beat.” Based on a wildly successful European series, the show gathers 100 random people from across the country and has them compete in a series of simple, silly challenges in order to proceed to the next round.

How to win? As the show states frequently, contestants don’t have to finish first – “Just don’t finish last.” The last man standing wins the million dollars.

“A million dollars!” laughed Meadows. “I mean, think about how many people play the lottery each day for the chance of a million dollars. And those things... odds are one in several million that they’ll win. Here, you’re in a situation where the odds are one in 100... how often in your life do you have a one in 100 chance of winning a million dollars?”

Meadows says that he grew up watching game shows. He watched game shows with his son, and now that he’s married to his wife Alice, the two of them enjoy watching them together.

“It’s something that I love, and I’ve always wanted to be on game shows,” he said.

So, he applied. And applied. And applied. Not only to “99 To Beat,” but to Wheel of Fortune, Are You Smarter Than a Fifth Grader, Deal or No Deal and more. So, to him, after “decades” of applying to various game shows across the country, actually making it onto one was a big, big deal.

“It was just one of those bucket list items,” he said. “And so, did I know what I was getting into? Not really, not necessarily. But it was something I couldn’t resist...after all these years of trying to get on a game show, this is my chance.”

One thing that Meadows noticed was different about the filming of “99 To Beat” is that its contestants and feel stood out from the reality-TV that many channels display.

“It’s not one of those reality game shows where there’s backstabbing and you can try and manipulate (people) and stuff like that,” he said. “There was a real sense of family that was not only present during the show, but has kept up since then.”

While filming for the show wrapped up in June (according to the Internet), Meadows says that, even still, all contestants have a big group chat for joking, chatting and keeping in touch.

So, the big question: is

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AGISD forms facility study committee

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Alba-Golden superintendent Shelby Davidson reported on the formation of the Panther Legacy Vision Team at the Monday, Sept. 22 school board meeting. The 36-member Vision Team has been charged to provide the board with recommendations for new construction capital projects.

Davidson advised that the team will meet once a month over the next four months with the intention of providing recommendations to the board early in the new year. The team is composed of community members, district employees and students.

Also before the board Monday was the approval of a resolution regarding Senate Bill 12, which delineates state-mandated parental rights. The resolution adopting the bill passed

by a vote of 4-2. Board members Kristopher Quintana and Mike Ragsdale voted against the resolution.

The lack of unanimous support for the resolution indicates that while the parental rights have been mandated by the state, exactly how each of the 25 measures will be operationalized has not yet been determined.

The board did unanimously approve the construction of a caliche road on the newly-purchased property just to the north of the campus. SWEPCO will be replacing a switch-pole on that property and has requested approval for the caliche road be cut to the new pole. SWEPCO paid the district \$5,500 for the easement to the switch-pole.

Toliver Ford took advantage of the recommendation of the scholastic year to present Alba-Golden softball hurler Adielyn Smith

the Player of the Month award for the month of May. Smith has been a stand-out pitcher in East Texas in 2025 and is expected to continue her dominance in the circle this upcoming season.

The board recognized Lonnie Hays as elementary school student of the month. Kayla Andrade and Mason Smith were introduced as the secondary school students of the month. Employees of the month were Laurel Venable and Leah Bales-Sherwood, at the elementary and secondary schools, respectively.

Other actions taken by the board included approvals of a tax collection contract with Rains County, the school board calendar for 2025-26, a review of the investment policy and designation of the superintendent and the finance director as investment officers.

Trustee Brad Lennon was the sole absentee.

Voter registration deadline Monday for Nov. 4

Monday, Oct. 6 is the last day to register to vote in the Nov. 4 election. In addition to 17 amendments to the state constitution on the ballot, voters in the Hawkins school district will also decide the fate of a tax ratification election.

The vote will determine whether the district can increase the property tax rate.

The ballot language is as follows:

“This is a property tax increase. Ratifying the ad valorem tax rate for

maintenance and operations of \$0.6992 per \$100 taxable assessed valuation in Hawkins Independent School District for the current year, a rate that will result in an increase of 24.88 percent in maintenance and operations tax revenue for the district for the current year as compared to the preceding year, which is an additional \$1,097,426.60.”

Early voting will be held only at the county elections office in Quitman for the school dis-

trict and the constitutional amendments.

Early voting dates and times are as follows:

Monday, Oct. 20-Friday, Oct. 24, 8 a.m.-5 p.m.

Monday, Oct. 27 to Wednesday, Oct. 29, 8 a.m.-5 p.m.

Thursday, Oct. 30-Friday, Oct. 31, 7 a.m.-7 p.m.

A sample ballot for the amendments may be found at the county elections department web page on the mywoodcounty.com website.



The annual Wood County Health Fair was held Saturday at Jim Hogg City Park in Quitman. Among the vendors was UT Health Care which provided one of its ambulances for participants to check out. (Monitor photo by Ben Barnett)

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MINEOLA REBEKAH LODGE – every other Saturday, 11 a.m., 106 S. Line St. All Rebekahs welcome, 769-4024.

MINEOLA ROTARY CLUB - Monday noon, Mineola Civic Center.

MINEOLA SENIOR CITIZEN CENTER - 308 University, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Tuesday and Thursday. 903-497-1298; Dominoes and other games.

MINEOLA LEAGUE OF THE ARTS LINE DANCE GUILD – Tuesday and Friday, 10 a.m.

MLOTA FIBER ARTS GUILD – Rug Hooking first Thursday, third Wednesday at 10 a.m.; Crochet/Knit 2nd/4th Thursday 10 a.m.; Fiber Friends Mondays 10 a.m., Spinning 1st/3rd Tuesday 10 a.m., Weaving 2nd/4th Tuesday 10 a.m.

MLOTA MOSAIC GROUP – first/third Tuesdays, 1:30 p.m.

MLOTA QUILTERS GUILD - Tuesdays/Thursdays, 10 a.m.

MLOTA PAINTERS GUILD - Wednesday, 10 a.m.

MLOTA SCULPTURE GUILD - first and third Thursday at 1 p.m.

MLOTA WOOD CARVING GUILD – Mondays at 10 a.m.

PARENTS ANONYMOUS GROUP - Saturday, 2-3:30 p.m., First Baptist Church, Quitman. Children's program provided. 903-629-2114

PILOT CLUB OF MINEOLA - second Tuesday, 6 p.m. Mineola Civic Center. President Joyce Curry.

QUITMAN CITY COUNCIL – third Thursday, 6:00 p.m.; city hall.

QUITMAN FARMERS MARKET, second Saturday, 8 a.m.-Noon, Jim Hogg City Park, April-October. Info: Quitman Chamber, 903-763-4411, QuitmanChamber@QuitmanCoC.com

QUITMAN/LAKE FORK KIWANIS - Wednesday, noon, Faith Student Center, 403 S. Main St., Quitman.

QUITMAN PILOT CLUB - third Tuesday, 5:30 p.m., Quitman Library. 903-383-5075.

QUITMAN ROTARY CLUB, Thursday, noon, Red Dome.

QUITMAN SCHOOL BOARD – third Monday, 6 p.m. Administration Building.

REPUBLICAN WOMEN OF WOOD COUNTY - for information call/text 903-841-2808.

ROSE HILL FOOD PANTRY – 2nd Wednesday, 10 a.m. till out, regular pickup and Senior Box Day, 3rd Saturday 10 a.m., regular pickup, 110 PR 6882 (Hwy. 80 West), Mineola. No qualification.

SINGING AT THE FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH OF HAWKINS - fourth Sunday, 2-4 p.m.

SCOTTISH RITE - Wood County Scottish Rite Club meets third Friday of odd month, 6:30 p.m., Richie's Café in Winnsboro. 903-253-3635.

SEX ADDICTS ANONYMOUS (SAA) meets at noon on Thursdays. For location and local contact info, visit saa-recovery.org and click on Find A Meeting. Enter Mineola and select Thursday.

TOPS GROUP - Thursday, 8-11 a.m., Harvest Acres Baptist Church, NW Loop 564, 569-1240, 569-0385-Beverly.

UPPER SABINE VALLEY SOLID WASTE DISTRICT - meetings are held quarterly, 5:30 p.m. on a Thursday to be determined at the Wood County Airport board room.

UT HEALTH QUITMAN - needs volunteers. Great opportunity to meet people while helping your community. Contact Beverly Haynes, 713-447-6903.

VFW AUXILIARY #7523 - third Sunday, 1 p.m., Recruiting new members. 569-2228.

VFW POST #7523 - third Wednesday, 6 p.m., Karaoke every Friday and Saturday, 8 p.m. 569-2228.

WHYTE DOVE WRITER'S GROUP - Second Tuesday, 6 p.m., Quitman Public Library. 903.967.7488, e-mail kayoung.wdp2001@gmail.com

WOOD COUNTY AGGIE MOMS - 1st Monday, 6 p.m. at Red Dome in Quitman (except January, June, July, August), 903-539-7049 or Wood County Aggie Moms Facebook page.

WOOD COUNTY APPRAISAL DISTRICT - Quarterly, 3rd Thursday, 8 a.m., district office, Quitman. Open to public.

WOOD COUNTY ARBORETUM & BOTANICAL GARDENS – garden workday each Wednesday 9 a.m. to noon, all levels of experience welcome. Come at 8:45 a.m. in the

kitchen of the Stinson House for coffee. 175 Gov Hogg Pkwy, Quitman – the two-story white house behind the pavilion at Hogg Park.

WOOD COUNTY BEEKEEPERS – 1st Thursday, 7 p.m., American Legion Post, 201 W. Broadway, Winnsboro. Beekeeping 101, 1st Thursday, 6 p.m., Jan., April, Aug., American Legion Post, woodcountybeekeepers@gmail.com for more info.

WOOD COUNTY CENTRAL HOSPITAL DISTRICT - third Monday, 5:30 p.m. in the UT Health Quitman hospital board room (every three months).

WOOD COUNTY COMMISSIONERS COURT - every other Tuesday, Courthouse, Quitman, 10 a.m. 903-763-2716.

WOOD COUNTY CRIME STOPPERS - every other month, third Monday, 6 p.m., depending exceptions. Wood County Justice Center courtroom. Public invited. 903-569-3711

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WOOD COUNTY TX GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY - third Monday, January through May and September through November, 7 p.m., Quitman Public Library, Shamburger Community Room. For 903-763-4191 or 967-2458.

WOOD COUNTY RETIRED SCHOOL PERSONNEL ASSOC. - third Monday, Sept.-Dec. and Feb.-April, 2 p.m. and in May at 5 p.m., Forever Young Activity Center, 402 S. Main St., Quitman. All retired school personnel are invited.

YANTIS CITY COUNCIL – second Tuesday, 6 p.m., city hall.

YANTIS SCHOOL BOARD – second Monday, 6 p.m., school cafeteria.

YANTIS/LAKE FORK LIONS CLUB - second Thursday, 6 p.m., Yantis Community Center.

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Kid from Mineola named to Texas Gospel Music Hall of Fame

By JOHN ARBTER
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Ben Pegues used to play football in the middle of N. Pacific Street in Mineola.

“You had an odd car pass-by every now and then, but it wasn’t a big deal,” he stated. The family home was at 1025 N. Pacific.

The family consisted of father Ben ‘Big Ben or Bennie,’ mother Audrey, ‘Little Ben’ and brother Steve.

“Growing up in Mineola at that time, the late ‘50s and early ‘60s, was a great experience.”

Pegues remembers leaving elementary school, in the middle of the day, and walking a block and a half to take his piano lesson from Eva Vandiver. Upon completion he would walk back and rejoin his class at school. It was a different time.

Piano wasn’t his only interest growing up. He was active in school sports and also took voice lessons from vocalist Philip Point of Tyler.

It was in his high school years when he attended his first gospel music concert. It changed his life.

“It was the power behind the music, it’s what drew me to it,” Pegues explained. He continued, “from a spiritual perspective, it was a major game-changer for me.”

The 1966 Mineola graduate began his adult life immersed in gospel music. His commitment

to the art form was recognized on Feb. 22 when he was inducted into the Texas Gospel Music Hall of Fame.

Pegues was honored for his many roles in the gospel music world as a singer – Pegues sang bass – as a quartet founder, as a manager, as a historian, an advisor to other artists and as a long-time member of the Texas Gospel Hall of Fame board. In short, from the time he attended that first gospel concert to today, Pegues has been a part of the gospel music scene.

Family and his musical career have brought him back to the area on many occasions. He has performed at First Baptist Church (FBC) Mineola, Sand Springs Baptist, Lake Country Bible Church, FBC Hawkins, FBC Quitman and churches in Lindale and Hainesville and others.

Those local churches were only a sampling of the thousands of venues where Pegues has performed. It all had to start somewhere, and for Pegues, it began in earnest when, as a college underclassman, he started a gospel music quartet, The Ambassadors.

At the time Pegues was majoring in Bible studies with a minor in music. It was a time in the gospel music world which was quite controversial.

“It was called worship wars,” Pegues explained. The new gospel quartets that were forming were often deemed to be too flashy, too secular, too worldly. The rift could even cause congregations to split.

Pegues saw no conflict with the gospel quartets of the day. He related, “Gospel music took me spiritually to places I’d never been before.... I became a real believer in the message.”

The Ambassadors were only the first step. Among the more memorable groups Pegues was involved in were the Masters Four which had a long run including gigs at Branson, Mo., The Patriots and a mixed group Thorns and Roses.

Thorns and Roses had a 20-year run and produced a number of recordings. Pegues was involved in some 25 recording projects over the years, from 33 1/3 vinyl to 8-tracks to CDs and video.

It was the live performances, however, which Pegues treasures most – from his performances with Anne Criswell in the early ‘70s to weekend ‘singings’ (on Friday and Saturday nights at small churches throughout Texas) to singing with Ethel Waters at the Dallas Convention Center in front of 12,000 people.

One venue was historically noteworthy. For 45 years (1950-1995) the Will Rogers Auditorium in Fort Worth was the major gospel music venue. It was the equivalent of Nashville for country music.

A gospel singing was hosted at the Rogers Auditorium each month. Pegues spoke of those

experiences with great reverence.

The bass singer and gospel enthusiast had finished his degree at Dallas Baptist University in 1970 and graduated from the Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary in 1973. He served on the staffs of five churches, most in the Dallas area, with exception of a three-year stint in Hawaii. He also completed 30 years of service on the staff of a Bible college in the Metroplex and taught voice at the Stamps School of Music.

All the while he was involved in gospel music. Pegues recognizes the contributions of the gospel quartets of yesteryear. The Blackwood Brothers, The Imperials and The Weatherfords are among those that he specifically acknowledged.

Like all musicians, Pegues has his favorite songs. “Do You know my Jesus” a Vep Ellis song as performed by The Plainsmen, “How about your Heart” by the Blackwood Brothers and “Sinners Plea” by The Prophets Quartet are among his favorites.

The Texas Gospel Music Hall of Fame began in 1985 through the efforts of native sons Calvin Willis, Tom Ellis and James Fudge. The objective was to recognize Texans who made significant contributions to Christian music and who represented the values of that music. Notable members are Les Beasley, Larry Ford, John Hall, Lou Hildreth,

the selection,” Pegues acknowledged, “I feel so fortunate to get to know the legends of gospel music.”

While reflecting on the value of gospel music, Pegues related a story of a woman who had called him out of the blue. She had attended a singing some 30 years ago and had just lost the CD which she had purchased that evening.

She advised Pegues that one specific song on that CD had great personal meaning to her. Pegues gladly sent her a replacement.

“Gospel music can change your life,” he said.

Pegues is still at work in the music world. Most recently he is collaborating with Rudy Gatlin, once of the Gatlin Brothers band, on a variety of projects.



Texas Gospel Music Hall of Fame inductee Ben Pegues. (photo courtesy of Star Cravin Photography)

SUIT

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cedures.

The suit seeks the quiet title, rightful ownership, to declare the county has no lawful interest, and damages and attorney’s fees and court costs.

Historical commission holding contest for county students

The Wood County Historical Commission is having a contest to celebrate the 175th anniversary of the county.

The contest is a community history research project for K-12 students. Students may pick up information at their school districts or home school students may pick up information at their local libraries.

The competition and program will be Tuesday, Oct. 28 at the Carroll Green Civic Center in Quitman.

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Tues. Oct. 7 - Ham & Pintos, Whole Kernel Corn, Dinner Roll, Hot Peaches, Milk

Wed. Oct. 8 - Meatloaf with Brown Gravy, Whipped Potatoes, Spring Vegetables, Dinner Roll, Diced Pears, Milk

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Annual meeting set at New Hope

The New Hope Cemetery will have its annual memorial at 11 a.m. Sunday, Oct. 5 at the tabernacle on the cemetery grounds.

After a business meeting, sisters Libby DeLeon and Christy Fajerson will speak and lead the singing. A potluck dinner will follow.

RATES

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monitoring the situation and readjusting the hours if necessary. The action item was approved unanimously, and the new hours will begin Oct. 6.

In an effort to address potential concerns from citizens about the increases, aldermen went into great detail to summarize the workshop the night before, highlighting the increased costs associated with maintaining the utility services and the rise of water costs from the Sabine River Authority.

“The last thing we want is for people to turn on the faucet and have no water,” Mayor Randy Dunn said. “We’ve got to make sure we can maintain our system before we end up in an emergency where repairs cost even more.”

Further discussion ensued when citizen Katlyn Neighbors asked why the council waited so long to raise rates if rising costs had been an issue for years.

Mayor Pro Tem Brad Medlin explained that in 2013, the council raised rates significantly to accommodate construction and repairs at Lake Fork to maintain the system at that time. In the following years, previous council members were very hesitant to raise rates any further and chose to absorb the water rate hikes the city paid to the Sabine River Authority in 2018, 2021 and 2023.

Other council members and the city administrator were quick to add that while Quitman’s water rates remain comparable to neighboring cities, the system faces higher costs this year for treatment chemicals, water purchased from the Sabine River Authority and ongoing repairs to aging lines.

At the conclusion of discussions, the council voted unanimously to increase the water rate by 12%, adding about \$3.15 per month for the average household, or roughly \$37 per year.

Sewer rates will also rise by 12% for city residents, adding about \$2.70 per month. For customers outside the city limits on flat-rate sewer service, the monthly charge will increase from \$45 to \$75

Leaders said the increase reflects the high cost of treating excess water that seeps into the city’s old clay pipes and manholes, as well as the need to meet strict Texas Commission on Environmental Quality standards. Failure to comply could bring fines of up to \$25,000 per day.

Trash collection fees will rise by 4.8 percent, or about 65 cents per household per month, under a contract adjustment with the city’s waste provider.

Altogether, the typical Quitman household can expect their monthly bill to increase by about \$6.50. The new rates were set to take effect Oct. 1.

In other business, the council approved continuing its annual \$53,663 agreement with Wood County for fire protection services. The fire department, which covers much of the county, is staffed by volunteers but rates so highly, it provides Quitman with insurance ratings comparable to larger cities with large, full-time fire departments.

The council asked Fire Chief Colton Otto to start tracking the amount of fires the QVFD works in the county to see if an adjustment needs to be made on the annual agreement in upcoming years.

Council members also voted to add Martin Luther King Jr. Day and Presidents’ Day to the city employee holiday schedule, bringing Quitman in line with state holidays and other nearby municipalities.

WOOD COUNTY CHURCH DIRECTORY

Love God and Your Neighbor

In the Gospel of Mark, we are told that the "Great Commandment" to love God and your neighbor is more important than offering sacrifices to God. And although there are many ways in which we can make sacrifices to God, these are all secondary to this "Great Commandment." Furthermore, if we do not possess a love of God and our neighbor, our sacrifices are ultimately in vain and self-serving. Supporting your place of worship, helping the unfortunate, fasting, and prayer are all worthwhile sacrifices that are indeed beneficial in building our relationship with our Heavenly Father. However, we are told that before we offer our gifts to God's altar, we should make peace with those with whom we have issues (Matthew 5:24). Surely, it is not always easy to love everyone, and it is virtually impossible to make everyone love us; still, we gain more grace and mercy when we try to love those who are most unlovable. We should never let another person's unpleasant character or actions affect our sentiments. Simply stated, we can disapprove of a person's actions or words, but we should not hate the person. Nothing is impossible with God, and loving Him and our neighbor is always possible because God is love and He is always extending this great gift to us.

But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, long-suffering, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control.

Against such there is no law.

New K.J.V Galatians 5: 22,23

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4578 N. FM 17, Alba
903-765-9981

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4537 FM 2794, Alba
903-638-1170 • Pastor Andrew Grills

Enon Baptist Church

7133 TX-182, Alba
903-765-2014 • Pastor Reggie Day

First Baptist Church of Alba

219 E. Holly, Alba
903-765-2471 • Dr. Kelly Burton

Lake Fork Baptist

9483 W. FM 515, Alba
903-473-9523 • Dr. Zachary Tunnell

Alba Church of Christ

105 W. Holley St., Alba
214-893-7585 • Algia Allen

Alba Methodist Church

170 W. Holley St., Alba
903-474-5952 • John Epps

Amazing Grace Fellowship Church

7405 US Hwy 69 E, Alba
Pastor Byron George

Open Door Church

633 CR 1560, Alba
903-765-3587 • Randy Bohannon

Golden

Cottonwood Assembly of God

8481 FM 779, Golden
903-765-2675 • Pastor Otis Lee

Golden First Baptist Church

CR 2940, Golden
903-768-2258 • Dr. Mark Neeley

Pilgrim Rest #2 Baptist Church

205 CR 2376, Golden
903-768-2653 • Pastor David Hendricks

Golden Bible Church

CR 2290, Golden
903-768-2700

Golden Church of Christ

FM 779, Golden
903-768-2725 • James Stringer

Golden Methodist Church

658 FM 1799, Golden
903-768-2268 • Pastor Jim Pickens

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First Assembly of God

102 Harris St., Hawkins
903-769-3835 • Pastor Bryan Peck

Liberty Baptist

288 CR 3650, Hawkins
903-769-2250 • Pastor Bob Sexton

Trinity Lutheran Church

3718 FM 2869 • Hawkins
903-769-4065 • Kyle Kirk

Pine Mills Pentecostal Church

Hwy 14, Hawkins
903-857-2527 • Pastor M.D. Thornhill

Open Altar Church

PO Box 1511, Hawkins TX
903-569-7603

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Holy Spirit Catholic Church

1612 S. 2869, Holly Lake
903-769-3235 • Rev. Michael T. Snyder

Holly Tree Bible Church

1620 FM 2869, Holly Lake Ranch
903-769-3501 • Pastor Tim Mink, PhD

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1917 N US Hwy 69, Mineola
903-569-9882 • Pastor Jerry Williams

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511 N. Second, Mineola
903-569-5537

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2803 FM 779, Mineola
903-768-3213 • Pastor Donald Masters

Central Baptist Church

602 N. Line St., Mineola
903-569-3203

First Baptist Church

204 N. Johnson St., Mineola
903-569-3873 • Pastor Phillip Casper

Freedom Baptist Church

155 CR 2201, Mineola
903-638-8555 • Pastor Don Smith

Hainesville Baptist Church

3368 FM 49, Mineola
903-569-3212 • Pastor Russell Kirkland

Harvest Acres Baptist Church

1062 W. State Loop 564, Mineola
903-569-5351 • Pastor Brad Hindman

Hubbard Chapel Baptist Church

Hwy 778, Mineola
Interim Pastor John Tanner

Legacy Baptist Fellowship

415 W. McDonald, Mineola
903-316-0552

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1555 CR 3875, Mineola
903-769-5618 • Pastor Thomas Ricks

Mt. Enterprise Baptist Church

3331 S. State Hwy 37, Mineola
903-569-2124 • Jonathan Allen

Mt. Pisgah Baptist

4995 FM 49, Mineola

New Hope Baptist Church

3855 FM 1801, Mineola
Pastor Michael Mize

Rose Hill Baptist Church

1420 CR 2460, Mineola
903-569-5746 • Pastor Ben Graves

Sand Springs Baptist Church

3208 CR 2330, Mineola
903-569-9350 • Pastor Brandon Gray

Silver Lake Baptist Church

150 E Hwy. 80, Mineola
903-638-1209 • Pastor Mike Sullivan

St. Paul Missionary Baptist Church

304 S. Stone St., Mineola
903-376-2086 • Pr. Demethruis T. Boyd

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1402 N. Pacific St, Mineola
903-569-5730

St. Peter the Apostle Catholic Church

203 Meadowbrook, Mineola
903-569-3665 • Pastor Nelson Munoz

First Christian Church

Independent
209 N. Pacific, Mineola
903-569-2537 • Pastor Allen Knox

Broad St. Church of Christ

440 W. Broad, Mineola
903-569-2046

North Loop Church of Christ

326 W. FM 564, Mineola
903-569-3117 • Clark Dugger

Jamestown Church of Christ

22022 FM1253, Mineola
903-569-0516

Mineola Church of Christ

1621 N. Pacific, Mineola
903- 569-5571

Southside Church of Christ

527 Read St., Mineola
903-569-6812 • Malcolm Duncan

St. Dunstan's Episcopal

800 N. Johnson, Mineola
903-569-2478 • Right Rev. F. Lawton

Jehovah's Witnesses

Hwy 69 S., Mineola
903-569-6370

East Chapel CME Church

723 South Pacific, Mineola
Pastor Randy Harrison

First Methodist Church

612 N. Newsom St., Mineola
903-569-5426 • Rev. John Thomas

Smith Chapel Methodist

670 FM 1804, Mineola
903-569-9187 • Pastor Jim Pickens

Johnson Chapel Methodist

224 Elliott, Mineola
Pastor Tabitha Rankin

First Church of the Nazarene

503 N. Line, Mineola
903-569-3057 • Rev. Randy Larpenteur

Bethel Worship Center

2973 State Hwy 80 E., Mineola
903-569-8708

Church of the Lakes

at Enchanted Lakes
22410 CR 455, Mineola
903-569-5101

Holy Ghost Central Church

Hwy 69-10 N of Mineola
903-768-2262 • Pastor Rick Childers

Mineola Christian Fellowship

2207 W. US Hwy 80, Mineola

Northside Church

1718 N. Pacific, Mineola
903-569-3872 • Steve Prestridge, Pr.

Spur on Ministries

2670 S. State Hwy 37, Mineola
863-697-0469 • Pastor Mike Fletcher

New Life Pentecostal

201 W. FM 564, Mineola
903-569-5750 • Pastor David Bethel

Seventh Day Adventist

1904 Old Tylor Hwy., Mineola
903-569-6930 • Pastor Richard Rose

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903-763-2901 • Pastor Ken Ottwell

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FM 69, Quitman
Pr. Mark Thompson

Ebenezer Baptist

FM 14, Quitman
903-967-2848 • Pastor Richard Goodwin

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903-492-3535 • Pastor Mike Midkiff

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301 W. Lane, Quitman
903-763-4142 • Rev. Joel McMullen

Forest Hill Baptist Church

1880 TX-37, Quitman
903-967-3420 • Pastor Danny Hailey

Muddy Creek Baptist

FM 69, Quitman
903-967-3384 • Jerry Williams

Myrtle Springs Baptist

2185 FM 2225, Quitman
903-878-2504 • David Cook

New Life Baptist Fellowship

7365 Main St., Quitman
903-763-1405 • Charles Brewster

Rock Hill Baptist

3543 FM 2966, Quitman
903-878-2762 • Ken Goodson

Horizon Church ETX

155 S. FM 14, Quitman
Pastor Garry O'Dell Phillips

Church of Christ

111 Winnsboro, Quitman
903-763-5544 • Jordan Blair

Mt. Calvary Church of God in Christ

209 Bookman St., Quitman
903-780-0979 • Pr. Bobby H. Jones

Bethel Temple Fellowship

680 CR 2150, Quitman
940-206-5830 • Rabbi Linda Gutierrez

Church of Jesus Christ

of Latter-day Saints
1128 E. Goode St, Quitman

214-929-1889 • Bishop Grady Taylor

Brocks Chapel United Methodist

207 Clark St., Quitman
903-763-4062 • Tabitha Rankin

First United Methodist

406 E. Lane St., Quitman
903-763-4127 • Rev. Thomas Harper

Liberty Methodist

E. Goode St./Hwy. 154, Quitman
903-967-7691 • Rev. David Hicks

Church on the Rock

302 S. Main St., Quitman
903-763-4588 • David Jackson

Country Fellowship of Wood County

709 Oakwood Dr, Quitman
Andrew McQueen

Living Water Fellowship

2574 FM 2088, Quitman
903-967-2000 • David Hartley

Wood County Cowboy Church

3435 FM 2088, Quitman
903-535-9155 • Chase Pope

Victory Fellowship

United Pentecostal Church
1600 N. State Hwy 37, Quitman

903-967-2628 • Pastor Keith Clark

Winnsboro

Cartwright Baptist

267 CR 4896, Winnsboro
903-967-2818 • Pastor: Cody Mize

Crossroads Baptist

1314 CR 4870, Winnsboro
Pastor Jeremy Pierce

East Point Baptist

5029 FM 2088, Winnsboro
Bro. James Scott

Little Hope Baptist Church

CR 3990 & CR 3984, Winnsboro
430-502-5855 • Pr. James Young Jr.

Sharon Baptist

176 CR 4890, Winnsboro
903-629-7202 • Perry Shirley

St. Ann's Catholic

1010 W. FM 515, Winnsboro
903-629-7884 • Mani Mathai

Central Christian Church

110 Sage St., Winnsboro
903-342-5883 • F. Kevin Hollowell

Perryville Methodist Church

FM 852, Perryville, 8 miles SE of
Winnsboro • Glenda Mendoza

First Presbyterian

302 S Chestnut St, Winnsboro
903-342-3011 • Dr. Jerry Carpenter

Yantis

Sweet Fellowship

6050 FM 2966, Yantis
903-473-2673 • Pastor Perry Crisp

Covenant Reformed Baptist

FM 515 & 852, Yantis
Pastor Tony Jackson

First Baptist, Yantis

100 Church St., Yantis
903-383-2393 • Pastor Danny Parker

White Oak Fellowship Yantis

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Mineola Police Report

SEPTEMBER 20
4:13 a.m., suspicious vehicle, E. Broad, unoccupied.
5:39 a.m., welfare concern, W. Kilpatrick, subject yelling, everything OK.
9:22 a.m., public assist, 300 Greenville, question for officer.
10:58 a.m., reckless driver, N. Pacific at city limits, unable to maintain lane, subject not intoxicated.
4:51 p.m., assault, W. Kilpatrick, victim does not wish to pursue charges.
4:55 p.m., unknown offense, Graham, possible fire, no visible smoke or odor.
8:35 p.m., assist other agency, N. Pacific, reckless driver, no violations observed.
10:09 p.m., welfare concern, FM 1801 at Loop 564, driver needed directions.
10:33 p.m., suspicious vehicle, CR 2724, note left on vehicles, no one located, gate locked.
11:38 p.m., information, W. Loop 564, possible drunken driver.

SEPTEMBER 21
12:29 a.m., city ordinance violation, 1200 Bromberg, neighbors above making a lot of noise, no noise heard.
10:44 a.m., assist other agency, Goodson at Wren, subject not located.
1:29 p.m., suspicious persons, Stone, subjects left area.
1:55 p.m., assist other agency, N. Pacific at NE Loop 564, road rage incident, vehicle left city.
2:57 p.m., suspicious vehicle, 100 blk N. Pacific, vehicle pulled over with flashers on and hood up, subject went with EMS.
3:15 p.m., theft, NE Loop 564, subject took basket full of items, two females detained, one uncooperative, case to be filed.
3:34 p.m., disturbance, Kevin, loud music, unable to locate.
5:29 p.m., city ordinance violation, Lowe, loud music, subjects turning it down.
8:12 p.m., city ordinance violation, Lowe, loud music, music is not loud.
10:37 p.m., public assist, 1600 blk W. Broad, debris in roadway, removed.

SEPTEMBER 22
2:37 a.m., suspicious vehicle, N. Newsom, individual leaving

and criminal trespass issued.
9:22 a.m., found property, 300 Greenville, planner left in lobby, owner contacted.
1:59 p.m., welfare concern, W. Patten at N. Johnson, subject seen leaving school, located.
2:52 p.m., trespassing, Baker at Bromberg, subjects criminal-ly trespassed.
3:28 p.m., reckless driver, S. Pacific at Loop 564, unable to maintain lane, not located.
5:54 a.m., assist other agency, 300 Greenville, EMS call.
10:13 p.m., theft, NE Loop 564, male concealed items in store, subject detained, criminal trespass issued.

SEPTEMBER 23
3:02 a.m., suspicious vehicle, E. Loop 564, employee working on tower.
6:25 a.m., reckless driver, N. Hwy. 37, unable to locate.
6:46 a.m., suspicious vehicle, Clara, vehicle left.
1:07 p.m., public assist, 300 Greenville, fingerprinting.
3:29 p.m., public assist, 300 Greenville, fingerprinting.
5:48 p.m., motor vehicle accident, Loop 564 at FM 1801, two vehicles with injuries, all occupants transferred to Tyler by EMS.
6:56 p.m., public assist, 100 blk W. Loop 564, bale of hay in roadway, cleared.
6:59 p.m., welfare concern, N. Newsom, alert from vehicle possibly broken down, not located.
7:59 p.m., information, S. Pacific, parking lot lights not working, patrol requested.
9:39 p.m., suspicious person, University, subject has permission to be on property.
11:35 p.m., vehicle stop/arrest, Elaine Carson arrested for driving while intoxicated third or more, possession of dangerous drugs.

SEPTEMBER 24
8:34 a.m., harassment, Wren, subject has been warned to leave neighbor alone.
2:02 p.m., public assist, 300 Greenville, officer advised subject on legal matter.
3:14 p.m., reckless driver, 1400 blk S. Pacific, unable to maintain lane, unable to locate.
4:57 p.m., suspicious person, E. Broad, subject out for a walk, no offense.
7:40 p.m., motorist assist,

N. Pacific, vehicle back on the road.
7:46 p.m., welfare concern, Autumn Wind, subject knocking on doors, appears confused, subject back in facility.
9:02 p.m., suspicious vehicle, S. Pacific at city limits, driver just sleepy.
10:28 p.m., suspicious vehicle, N. Johnson, no vehicle matching description.
11:25 p.m., disturbance, Isabella, ex-girlfriend ringing door bell, left before officer arrival.

SEPTEMBER 25
5:28 a.m., suspicious person, E. McDonald, man pacing in front of house, everything OK.
6:46 a.m., public assist, 300 blk E. Broad, blocking traffic for water main repair.
7:21 a.m., welfare concern, E. McDonald, open 911 call, accidental.
7:59 a.m., public assist, 200 blk N. Pacific, screwdriver in roadway, cleared.
9:57 a.m., information, NW Loop 564, daughter being harassed, referred to MISD police.
10:08 a.m., warrant service, FM 1801, Alberto Joshua Hernandez arrested (see below).
11:10 a.m., fraud, W. Broad, checks taken from bank customer.
11:23 a.m., suspicious person, 2200 blk N. Pacific, subject trying to get ride, subject refused to completely ID for officer, said waiting on his mother.
3:27 p.m., motorist assist, 1200 blk N. Pacific, 18 wheeler in roadway, not a traffic hazard.
4:37 p.m., public assist, 300 blk E. Broad, pick up speed trailer.
5:12 p.m., public assist, 300 Greenville, fingerprinting.
5:31 p.m., welfare concern, NE Loop 564, child left in vehicle, parent advised not legal.

SEPTEMBER 26
2:10 a.m., unsecured area, E. Broad, unlocked door, advised to pull door closed.
9:00 a.m., drug offenses, FM 1801, Alberto Joshua Hernandez arrested for aggravated robbery, aggravated kidnapping, delivery of marijuana more than four ounces but less than five pounds, manufacture or delivery of controlled substance-five counts, possession of a controlled substance, possession of dangerous drugs.
11:33 a.m., city ordinance violation, NE Loop 564, two men selling bread in parking lot, will be coming to get permit.
3:37 p.m., fraud, W. Broad, checks taken from bank customer.
6:26 p.m., theft, S. Pacific, large tote left at location, someone put it in their vehicle.
6:48 p.m., welfare concern, W. Patton at N. Johnson, two toddlers in roadway, children got out of house without mother's knowledge and she was looking for them.
7:11 p.m., assist other agency, N. Johnson, potential overdose.
10:43 p.m., city ordinance violation, Kevin, loud music, unable to hear any music.
Officers also made 26 traffic stops and answered 26 animal control calls and two alarms.

SEPTEMBER 17
Deputy Hammond, scam, CR 2950; victim purchased vehicle online, after sending seller money, he stopped communications, vehicle is supposed to be en route to him, will call back if he does not receive it.
Deputy Knox, disturbance, Yantis; caller's ex came to residence where kids were being babysat, forced herself into residence, took children with her, determined to be civil issue due to being no court orders.
Deputy Haney, assault, CR 3540; victim assaulted by ex-boyfriend when she returned to residence to retrieve property, case forwarded to investigations.
Sgt. Skinner, Deputy Williams, intoxicated person, Hwy. 37; subject located. Matthew Axford arrested for public intoxication.
Deputy Tustin, assault, CR 4400; victim assaulted by neighbor. Bryce Arnold arrested on active warrant.

SEPTEMBER 18
Deputy Knox, missing firearm; victim had not seen firearm in several days, firearm details provided, entered as stolen.
Deputy Haley, Deputy Hammond, unwanted person, FM 2869; property owner advised subject in one of her campers not allowed to be there, subject was advised he did not have permission to be in residence.
Lt. Milbourn, Sgt. Cox, Deputy Hammond, stolen vehicle, Private Road 7131; deputies located stolen vehicle which was towed. Hayden Fort arrested on active warrant.

SEPTEMBER 19
Deputy Smith, Deputy Vanatta, wanted person, Hawkins; CPS working case, they believe one of residents had warrant, deputies confirmed warrant. Amanda Brown arrested on active warrant.

Wood County Sheriff's Report

Sgt. Morrison, Deputy Whisenhunt, CID, child in roadway; deputies located child, transported to receive treatment for minor injuries, contact made with father who advised he was asleep, child crawled through window. David Ivy arrested for abandon/endanger child, CPS contacted.
Sgt. Williams, Cpl. Rich, assault, Hawkins; victim had been assaulted by granddaughter. Hannah Sweet arrested for assault family violence.

SEPTEMBER 20
Deputy Smith, Deputy Vanatta, welfare concern, CR 1660; deputies searched residence, discovered it was unlivable, APS contacted.
Sgt. Morrison, Deputy Smith, Deputy Vanatta, pursuit, Hwy. 80; DPS advised in a pursuit, driver eventually stopped, taken into custody.
Deputy Gloar, disturbance, CR 4568; resident in neighborhood tried to fight caller over HOA dues, no offense occurred.

SEPTEMBER 21
Sgt. Morrison, Deputy Smith, Deputy Vanatta, warrant service, CR 2842. Roy Cagle arrested on active warrant.
Deputy Whisenhunt, harassment, Hawkins; victim's daughter's ex-boyfriend has continued to text him after being told to stop, offense report for terroristic threat completed.
Deputy Smith, Deputy Vanatta, disturbance, CR 2810; caller's cousin who lives on property refusing to leave, made unwanted contact with caller. Clayton Horton arrested for assault by contact.
Sgt. Williams, Deputy Beck, disturbance, CR 4537. Joshua Vaughan arrested for assaulting his wife.
Cpl. Rich, damage to property, Hwy. 154; male subject damaged his wife's vehicle windshield, offense report completed.

Cpl. Rich, Deputy Beck, agency assist, Quitman ER. Quitman PD advised male subject causing disturbance at ER. Edward Drummond arrested for public intoxication.
Deputy Gloar, disturbance, CR 2140. Amy Stephens arrested for assault family violence after assaulting her daughter.

SEPTEMBER 22
Deputy Haley, suspicious circumstance, CR 2667; caller's daughter had been in relationship with older male, when she told male she was younger, he threatened to harm her over text. Offense report completed.
Deputy Hammond, theft, CR 3811; property owner advised items missing, CID contacted after possible suspect given, search warrant conducted, stolen items recovered, offense report completed.
Sgt. Cox, assault, Jarvis College; student sent victim text to come to his room, when she did, he assaulted her, offense report completed.
Deputies performed warrant service, CR 3265. Clayton Pasteka arrested on active warrant.

SEPTEMBER 23
Sgt. Cox, Deputy Haley, death investigation, CR 2920; caller located her son lying on floor in bedroom, subject pronounced deceased, autopsy ordered.
Deputy Hammond, follow up, CR 3811; caller advised more items had been stolen, information will be added to original report.
Sgt. Cox, Deputy Hammond, criminal trespass, FM 2869; Kenneth Odum arrested, interviewed by CID, taken to jail for aggravated assault with deadly weapon. While deputies were at original address, they located Jacob Wilson, who had bond conditions prohibiting him from being on property, arrested for violation of bond conditions.

Quitman Police Report

The Quitman Police Department answered 419 calls for service between Sept. 1-29, issued 104 traffic citations, gave 284 traffic warnings, took 17 reports and made two on-site arrests and four warrant arrests.

SEPTEMBER 7
Officer Mythigel Al-Flaih arrested Joseph Coventry for assault against elderly or disabled individual family violence.

SEPTEMBER 14
Sgt. John Cooper arrested Tony Quinn for injury to child/elderly/disabled with intent of bodily injury family violence.

SEPTEMBER 20
Cpl. Joseph Gatewood arrested Amanda Sullivan for two outstanding warrants for burglary of habitation and tampering with evidence.
Cpl. Gatewood arrested Christopher Winkle for two outstanding warrants for parole violations.

Mineola Fire Department Report

Dispatched and canceled en route: Sept. 20, 6:50 p.m., CR 1515; Sept. 20, 7:28 p.m., Dogwood.
Medical assist, assist EMS crew: Sept. 21, 12:49 a.m., CR 2298; Sept. 22, 7:09 p.m., Meredith.
Aircraft standby: Sept. 21, 1:18 a.m., Bromberg.
Grass fire: Sept. 22, 10:32 p.m., CR 2668.

and can't say whether he was, indeed, the one single person who won the million-dollar prize. All he can say is that, like us all, of course he's thought about what he would do if he won a million dollars on a game show...and that,

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Obituaries

BETTY FAYE BROTHERTON
1934-2025



Betty Faye Brotherton was born on July 26, 1934 and was called home to be with the Lord on Sept. 16, 2025. Betty graduated from Tyler High School and attended Tyler Junior College as a student and performed as an Apache Bell. Betty married Billy Joe Brotherton and they welcomed two sons, Joe Mark Brotherton and Michael Wayne Brotherton. She had six grandchildren and numerous great-grandchildren. Betty worked for several years at First National Bank in Mineola. Prior to 2020, Betty attended Green Acres Baptist Church. In her free

time, she enjoyed spending time with friends, especially at the senior dances. She loved getaways with friends, she enjoyed spending all the holidays with family and going on cruises with family and friends. Betty is survived by her beloved son, Michael Brotherton. She was preceded in death by her loving parents, Lester and Opal Lee Blackmon; her husband, Billy Joe Brotherton; and son, Joe Mark Brotherton. Betty will be deeply missed by so many, but her spirit will live on in the hearts of all those who loved her. In lieu of flowers donations can be made to East Texas Alzheimer’s Alliance PO Box 4223 Longview, Texas 75606 1-903-230-8001



Mineola Caring & Sharing made a \$2,000 donation to Mineola schools – \$500 for each campus – for emergency needs of students during the year. School board president Rodney Watkins, left, and Superintendent Cody Mize, right, accept from Beth Shockey, Joyce Curry and Roy Shockey. (Monitor photo)

Mineola Library Notes

BY LIBRARIAN MARY HURLEY

September is almost over. Here comes October. Do you need some ideas for crafts, decorations or tasty treats for Halloween? Stop by the library and see what we have to offer. Our new programs are up and running. Toddler 2x2 was well received and will happen again on Oct. 11 at 2 p.m. YAC had an incredible attendance and will happen again on Oct. 7 at 4 p.m. Not sure what these programs are? Stop by the library or call us and ask. We’d love to talk with you about them and other programs. A note about physi-

cal donations of books. Please, do not leave them for us to find outside. They will go directly into the trash as we don’t know how long they have sat outside or what else has investigated them. Up to three boxes (12”x12”x24”) per household may be dropped off during library operating hours. Need help getting them inside? Let us know and we will meet you in the alley and unload them. I just returned from the Association for Rural and Small Libraries conference. It is a great



chance to recharge and get excited about library work. People employed by libraries from all over the United States meet to talk shop and everything else. Thanks to my staff for being able to carry the load and allow me this opportunity. Mineola Memorial Library has received a donation in memory of Don Rhodes by Mary Peppard. Mineola Memorial Library is a 501(c)3, non-profit and your donations may be tax deductible.



Dance Dimensions made a \$500 donation to the Mineola Nature Preserve Saturday as part of the proceeds from its annual Iron Horse Rhythm Run at the preserve that morning, from left, Alison Utley, Jennifer Henson, Davis Householder and Mandi Kirk. (Courtesy photo)



Tracy Lamb opens up The Honeymoon Cottage Museum in Quitman on Thursday, Sept. 25. Lamb serves as tour guide at the historic cottage where James Hogg, the first native governor of Texas, and wife Sallie Stinson Hogg stayed after their marriage in April 1874. Governor Jim Hogg City Park will host the annual Wood County Old Settlers Reunion Oct. 29 to Nov. 1. For more information, visit www.oldsettlersreunion.org. (Monitor photo by James Taylor)

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HEARING
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ties to host schools for several aviation-related businesses such as flight training and aviation mechanics, as well as other opportunities for airport business development. The airport project to extend the runway to 5,000 feet to accommodate business jets is nearing completion. Commissioners also approved a plan that would extend accidental death and dismemberment benefits to employees who suffer such losses while in the line of duty, at no additional cost to the county.

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NO. 15,048

ESTATE OF § IN THE COUNTY COURT

SUSAN KAY §

BLALOCK, § OF

DECEASED § WOOD COUNTY, TEXAS

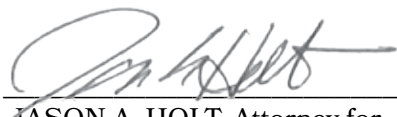
NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Notice is hereby given that original Letters Testamentary for the Estate of SUSAN KAY BLALOCK, Deceased, were issued on September 29, 2025, in Cause No. 15,048, pending in the County Court of Wood County, Texas to DAVID BYRON BLALOCK.

The residence of the Independent Administrator is in Wood County, Texas. The post office address of the Independent Administrator 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 29th day of September, 2025.


JASON A. HOLT, Attorney for
DAVID BYRON BLALOCK,
Independent Executor

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

OF THE ESTATE OF

SANDRA J. PHIFFER, DECEASED:

Notice is given that Letters Testamentary for the Estate of Sandra J. Phiffer, Deceased, were issued on the 9th day of September, 2025, in Cause Number 13,071, pending in the County Court at Law of Wood County, Texas to Judith Diane Lundy, Independent Executor. All persons having claims against this Estate are required to present their claims within the time and in the manner prescribed by law. Claims are to be addressed as follows:

c/o **SUSAN SATTERWHITE**
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PUBLIC NOTICE

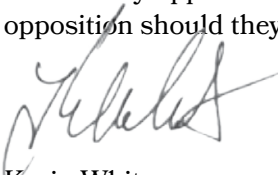
Notice is hereby given that a public hearing has been set by the Wood County Commissioners Court on Friday, September 26, 2025, to update the Current Wood County 911 Addressing Standards with East Texas Council of Governments (ETCOG).

This change would amend the current required standards from 3 or more residences to 5 or more residences sharing the same driveway to have a Private Road established. This update would only affect any NEW residence addresses being created.

This amendment would bring Wood County up to date with surrounding Counties already using this addressing standard with ETCOG and make it easier for Emergency Services to find residences during emergencies.

The public hearing is set for Tuesday, October 14, 2025, at 9:00 A.M. in the Wood County Commissioners Courtroom.

All persons interested in the amended regulations may appear at the public hearing with opposition should they so desire.


Kevin White
Wood County Judge

NO. 15,059

ESTATE OF § IN THE COUNTY COURT

CARL JAMES §

BRINKMEYER, § OF

DECEASED § WOOD COUNTY, TEXAS

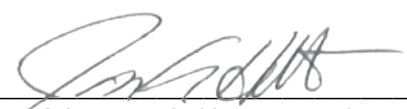
NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Notice is hereby given that original Letters Testamentary for the Estate of CARL JAMES BRINKMEYER, Deceased, were issued on September 29, 2025, in Cause No. 15,059, pending in the County Court of Wood County, Texas to DANNY JOE BRINKMEYER.

The residence of the Independent Executor is in Van Zandt 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 29th day of September, 2025.


JASON A. HOLT, Attorney for
DANNY JOE BRINKMEYER,
Independent Executor

NO. 15,051

ESTATE OF § IN THE COUNTY COURT

DAVID H. §

GLUBKE, § OF

DECEASED § WOOD COUNTY, TEXAS

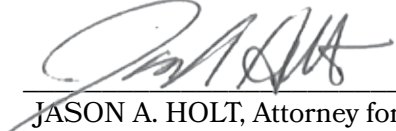
NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Notice is hereby given that original Letters Testamentary for the Estate of DAVID H. GLUBKE, Deceased, were issued on September 29, 2025, in Cause No. 15,051, pending in the County Court of Wood County, Texas to JULIE WALKER.

The residence of the Independent Executor is in Brown 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.

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1 State Fair of Texas

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5 Troy Aikman's

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6 TX Kenny Rogers' "I Don't _____ You"

7 TXism: "scorch the _____ment" (run)

8 LBJ's early education was in this (3 wds.)

18 TX Charley Pride's "You _____ Again"

19 going around without a hat

21 Cruz's workplace: Washington, _____

22 Rockport is "Where the fun never _____"

23 Texas Tech athlete: "Red _____"

24 TX Jack Wrather was a producer of this dog TV series

29 Dallas' "106.1 _____ FM"

30 _____er to the brim"

31 boot width size

32 TXism: "mean as _____ cow"

34 TXism: "_____ in the towel" (give up)

35 this Sonnichsen wrote "I'll Die Before I'll Run," about great Texas feuds (init.)

36 Texas-born Martin film: "_____ Don't Wear Plaid"

37 TXism: "hobble your lip" (_____ up)

38 footballer cushions

39 UT grad, Wallach

40 religious holiday

42 refers to French city, not the Texas one

43 UT has the desk of Edgar Allan _____

44 Texas Republic ship "Austin" was this type of vessel

45 Astro mistakes

46 Bevo's school in Austin (abbr.)

47 a Moore County town bears the name of this Oklahoma petroleum firm: _____ Co. (today Sunoco)

49 secured drilling rights

50 Alpine, TX was named for these Alps

51 "The eyes of Texas _____ upon you . . ."

52 TXism: "_____ out" (left quickly)

53 TX Gary Morris was in Broadway's "_____ Miserables"

DOWN

1 TXism: "mean as a bulldog on a _____"

2 of the sea

3 a football team

4 this Doug was an Astro (1967-75)

9 TXism: "he's perfected the board-ing-house reach"

10 TXism: "feeling his _____" (frisky)

11 TXism: "missus" dir. to Buna from Lufkin

13 Corpus Christi: "Body of _____"

14 cures

15 ex-Oiler coach: "Burn" Phillips

16 TXism: "a horse of a different color"

17 first black golfer in the Masters was this Texan (2 wds.)

20 women's garments

22 Aikman called these at the line

24 Coleman's "Fiesta de _____ Paloma"

25 TXism: "sneaky as _____ egg sucking dog"

26 TXism: "_____ buster" (farmer)

27 TXism: "does a bear _____ in the woods?"

28 in Lubbock County on U.S. 82

29 TXism: "prayer bones"

30 Sinatra film: "_____ for Texas"

33 Texas WWII hero, Audie (init.)

34 MD Anderson Cancer Center fundraiser: "Polo on _____"

35 San Antonio-born comedian, Burnett

37 Aspermont is seat of this county

38 Texas has _____ mutual betting

41 preachers try to save these

42 TXism: "stingin' stick" (cattle _____)

45 TXism: "a sight for sore _____"

48 oil leases

TEXAS CROSSWORD

by Charley & Guy Orbison

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See last week's puzzle solution on Page 6A

CITATION BY PUBLICATION

THE STATE OF TEXAS

COUNTY OF WOOD

TO: ALL THE UNKNOWN HEIRS AND OTHER PERSONS INTERESTED IN THE ESTATE OF CURTIS DWAYNE ELROD, SR, DEC'D Cause No. 15,063 in County Court in and for Wood County, Texas

Karen A. Elrod., Applicant in theabovenumbered and entitled case, filed on the 23rd day of September, 2025 in Wood County, an Application to Determine Heirship. Applicant requests that citation issue to all persons having any interest in Decedent's estate as required by law, that this Court determine who are Decedent's heirs and only heirs and their respective shares and interests in Decedent's estate, that there is a need for administration of Decedent's estate, and that this Court enter al other orders it deems proper.

Said application will be heard at 10:00 a.m. on the first Monday next after the expiration of ten (10) days from the date of publication of this citation, at the County Court in and for Wood County, Texas, Courthouse, One Main Street, Quitman, Texas 75783, Wood County, Texas.

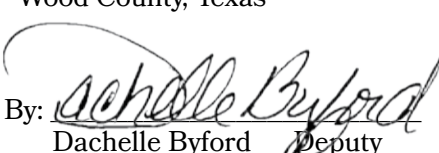
Al persons interested in said estate are hereby cited to appear before said Honorable Court at, said above mentioned time and place by filing, a written answer contesting such application should they desire to do so.

If this citation is not served within 90 days after the date ofits issuance, it shall be returned, unserved.

GIVEN UNDER MY HANDAND SEAL OF SAID COURT at office in Quitman, Texas, this the 23rd day of September, 2025.



KELLEY PRICE, County Clerk
Wood County, Texas

By: 
Dachele Byford Deputy



The Panther defense (from left Layton Williams, Cason Boyd, Mason Smith and Maxx Davis) at work against Como-Pickton. (Monitor photo by John Arbter)

Como-Pickton tops Panthers in offensive duel

By JOHN ARBTER
woodctystringer@gmail.com

The Como-Pickton Eagles continued their winning streak with a 48-30 victory over the Alba-Golden Panthers Friday at Como-Pickton High School. The game was grueling, as the two run-oriented teams battled for the line of scrimmage throughout.

The Panthers amassed 343 yards from scrimmage in 63 plays, while the Eagles tallied 374 yards on 55 snaps. It was timing and momentum which turned the game in favor of the Eagles.

Three distinct passages of play made up the en-

tire 48 minutes. The first half was nearly a draw. The two teams alternated scores. It was knotted at 16-16 with 5:02 to play in the half.

Alba-Golden scores were from a Sam Olson 30-yard quarterback draw and an Olson to Cason Boyd touchdown pass. Brett Sutton registered both 2-point conversions. The first came on a tough catch in the end zone and the second on the ground.

Almost predictably, Como-Pickton scored again three minutes later to take an 8-point lead. The Panthers were intent on evening the score before the half ex-

pired, but an Olson pass over the middle was intercepted.

Como-Pickton took the ball and the momentum.

They scored with :28 on the clock after a 58-yard, 10-play drive. Como-Pickton took a two-touchdown lead into halftime after a very evenly-played first half.

A huge opportunity presented itself in the third quarter. Alba-Golden limited Como-Pickton to only 26 yards in the quarter. The entire quarter was played in the Como-Pickton side of the 50.

Alba-Golden took possession at the Eagles' 36-yard line, at the Eagles' 42-yard line and at the Eagles' 30-yard line. They managed only one score in those three possessions – closing the game to 32-24.

The chance to take

control of the game had passed.

The home side woke up in the final quarter and the same even tempo returned to the game. Como-Pickton scored twice in the final quarter and the Panthers once.

With four minutes remaining, Olson found Boogie Trimble on a 41-yard catch and run. Great footwork by Olson escaping pressure and smart headwork by Trimble to find an opening in the secondary made the play.

The Eagles would not be deterred however, pushing in one final score to cement the win.

Alba-Golden will entertain the Rivercrest Rebels on Friday. The Rebels versus Panthers always promises to be an extremely competitive game – one to remember. Kick-off is set for 7 p.m.



Jackalyn Alcorn, 13, returns a serve for Quitman against Winona. (Monitor photo by Samantha Luscomb)

Lady Bulldogs split contests

By SAMANTHA LUSCOMB

The Quitman Lady Bulldogs volleyball team faced a busy week on the court, taking on the Eustace Bulldogs on Tuesday, Sept. 23 and the Winona Wildcats on Friday, Sept. 26. Quitman battled hard in both matches, falling to Eustace in a five-set heartbreaker before bouncing back with a dominant sweep over Winona.

Against Eustace, the Lady Bulldogs started strong but dropped the first two sets 25-22 and 25-17. Refusing to go down quietly, Quitman rallied to take the next two sets 26-24 and 25-16, forcing a deciding fifth set. Despite their comeback effort, Eustace pulled ahead late to

win the final set and the match 15-9.

Erin Vanderschaff earned player of the game for her all-around performance, finishing with 23 digs, 18 assists, 10 kills and 6 aces.

Quitman didn't let the tough loss slow them down. When they hosted the Winona Wildcats later in the week, the Lady Bulldogs came out firing on all cylinders, sweeping Winona in three quick sets, 25-11, 25-2, and 25-9.

Jackalyn Alcorn and Kaylin Sapp were named the offensive players of the game. Alcorn posted 8 kills with an impressive .636 hitting percentage, while Sapp delivered 31 serves with 4 aces, a 96.8% serving rate and 14 assists.



Alba-Golden center Simon Ortega demonstrates the physicality of the game against the Eagles. (Monitor photo by John Arbter)



Francisco Menchaca serves up a mango smoothie at Chill Out in Mineola (118 W. Broad St., 903-638-0604) on Friday afternoon, Sept. 19. Menchaca opened Chill Out with his partner Nicole Campbell in July, serving healthy fare and vegetarian options such as fruit smoothie drinks and bowls. Chill Out is open Tuesday to Friday, 7:30 a.m. to 5 p.m., and Saturday 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. (Monitor photo by James Taylor)

2025-2026 SPORTS SCHEDULE

FOOTBALL

Alba-Golden	vs Rivercrest		Oct. 3, 7PM
Mineola	vs Winnsboro		Oct. 3, 7:30PM
Quitman	@ Edgewood		Oct. 3, 7PM

VOLLEYBALL

Alba-Golden	@ Yantis		Oct. 3, 5PM
	vs North Hopkins		Oct. 7, 5PM
Mineola	vs Malakoff		Oct. 3, 4:30PM
	@ Quitman		Oct. 7, 4:30PM
Quitman	@ Grand Saline		Oct. 3, 4:30PM
	vs Mineola		Oct. 7, 4:30PM

CROSS COUNTRY

Alba-Golden	@ Lindale		Oct. 3, 9AM
Mineola	@ Quitman, DISTRICT		Oct. 8, 8AM
Quitman	HOST District Meet		Oct. 8, 8AM

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RC&D hosts free event for East Texas landowners

Sabine Neches RC&D Council has received grant funding from the USDA-Natural Resources Conservation Service to conduct a free workshop for landowners throughout East Texas.

The workshop will provide information focused on financial assistance programs available from USDA agencies together with topics related to land ownership from Texas A&M AgriLife Extension, Texas Soil and Water Conservation and Natural Resources Conservation Services Resources.

A question-and-answer session will be provided by each present-

er with the ability to discuss further questions during lunch.

Email registration includes the free workshop with lunch sponsored by PR Equipment. Email sabine_nechesrcd@gmail.com with name/s, address, phone, email address and how many lunches to reserve for you and/or your group.

The Sabine-Neches RC&D Council is a voluntary, local, membership-based, nonprofit entity representing eight Texas counties: Smith, Gregg, Harrison, Henderson, Panola, Upshur, Wood, and Van Zandt. The pur-

pose of the council is to advise, plan, implement and develop programs to ensure wise use of funds intended to protect the environment, improve community infrastructure and enhance rural economies while improving county communities.

Further information is available as provided below.

Chuck Holt, council president - drcholt@gmail.com

Treva Buck, program assistant - sabine_nechesrcd@gmail.com

<https://sabine-nechesrcd.org>.

Mineola ISD hands out monthly honors

With the return to classes, Mineola schools began their monthly awards at last Monday's school bard meeting.

Students of the month are as follows:

Primary - third graders Maggie Hood and Abner Gilbreath

Intermediate - fifth graders Hayden Barron

and Ava Arbter

Middle - eighth graders Drake Doggett and Sydney Rhodes

High - seniors Kaleece Palmer and Andres Martinez

Staff members of the month include the following:

Primary - instructional coach Kris Salonen

Intermediate - nurse Christi Singleton

Middle - science teacher Jennifer Nugent

High - Algebra teacher Cameron Stack

The Buzz's Ultimate Effort Award was presented to Ricky Stacy in transportation services, who serves as the district's trainer for bus

drivers.

Superintendent Cody Mize reported it was a great start to the school year, with record enrollment of 1,790.

He said that with the choices parents have, he appreciates them choosing MISD.



Thousands of visitors poured into Mineola for the Iron Horse Heritage Festival Saturday. The crowd along Johnson St. admires the many automobiles of the car show.



Rylann Davis holds her cat, Melvin, after he is crowned the winner of the Cutest Pet Contest, hosted by the Pilot Club of Mineola. Before the festival, Melvin had never seen a dog, and he was equal parts curious and terrified of his new canine companions at the contest.



Blacksmith Ashton White of North Tyler shows off his metalwork at the Iron Horse Heritage Festival in Mineola Saturday, Sept. 27.



Olga Hudgens picks up a few gifts from Henry's Treasure Trove in Mineola (210 W. Broad St., 430-288-3884) during their vendor appreciation day Saturday, Sept. 27. Monica Ayala (left) is the general manager of The Trove, and said thanks to the increased traffic from the Iron Horse Heritage Festival and their advertising in The Wood County Monitor, sales were exceptional at more than 900 transactions for the day. Also pictured are Yelonda Guthrie and Bettye Martin, vendors at The Trove. Hudgens is a massage therapist who will soon offer her services alongside Lynn Sanders at Magic Fingers, located in The Corner Store in Mineola.



The Mineola League of The Arts performs a line dance to hoots, hollers, and applause during a break in the music by the Todd Brewer Band.



At left, parents look on as the kids of the youth division in the watermelon eating contest finish their round. Milan won the youth division, and Kira won the adult division. Above, a mother and son dance to the Todd Brewer Band.

Monitor
photos by
James Taylor



Members of The Historic Select Theater & Lake Country Playhouse stage a train robbery at the caboose. Pictured are, front row from left, John Rupe, Chris Moore, Randy Gilbert, Rebecca Brown, Lane Gregory and Sharon Matthews; and back row, George Jones, Jordan Hall and Greg Souser.

Quitman-Lake Fork Kiwanis Club dedicates dog park

Wood County Economic Development Commission welcomes new director

Dance Dimensions holds annual benefit fun run

Youngest kids to run the kids race was Evie Betts and Jett Cosby at 3 years old.

The oldest person to participate in the race was Maria Johnston at 88 years old.

Elijah Watson was the first man to cross the finish line at 21:29.

Julie Steck was the first woman to cross the finish line at 26:25.

The person that came from farthest away for the 5K was from Dallas.

BOARDS

Karch said that while most of the boards are not required to post their meetings, she said the city would do that to allow more people to be involved.

She also said that the section of the policy that states the council will consider appointments in closed session will be deleted, as state law does not allow that.



THANK YOU

To all the sponsors who donated goods, services, announcements & money to make our 11th annual 5K a big success!

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We look forward to working with you on the next 5K event!

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