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SUPER SPECIAL SATURDAY IN YANTIS

Dominic Ayala Memorial Jamboree successful

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The initial Dominic Ayala Memorial Jamboree held at the Yantis school grounds proved to be an exciting and worthwhile endeavor Saturday evening.

Event Coordinator Nathan Crist

was pleased with the effort. "You can always wish there were more people at events like these, but for a first time, we did really good," Crist affirmed. "At the end of the evening we were able to give the Texas Hunt for the Cure folks a check for \$8,900 and we still have a few more checks promised we haven't received."

The event was done in memory of young Dominic, a Yantis youth

who bravely fought through cancer for four years before passing away May 21. Just months before he passed away, Dominic was able to fulfill one of his dreams of going on a special fishing trip at Lake Tawakoni made possible by Texas Hunt for the Cure. His parents, Juan and Tammy Ayala, were thrilled the

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Marcille Graham of Yantis, enjoyed spending time with Captain America at the Dominic Ayala Memorial Jamboree in Yantis Saturday evening. (Photo by Larry Tucker)



CITY OF ALBA Council withdraws employee warning

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On most occasions when local governing bodies go into executive sessions, there is no action taken relating to that closed session when they return to open session.

Such was not the case in Alba on last Monday, Oct. 3, when the Alba City Council held its regular monthly meeting after an exchange of words that involved Alba Water and Wastewater Superintendent Paul Kelbe receiving a letter of "warning" in his personnel file. Apparently Kelbe took exception to this action and thus an executive session was scheduled for "action review of performance, duties and discipline of W & WW Superintendent."

Since the discussion was held behind closed doors, what was said in that meeting is not known, but when the city council returned to open session it voted to remove the "letter of warning" from Kelbe's personnel file.

That was not the only hot topic on the agenda as the council considered

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Reconstruction begins in downtown Quitman

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It's finally happening in downtown Quitman. Last Monday as workers from Hans Hanson's crew began peeling back layers of history from the old Wood County Democrat and Ramsey's buildings bits of information began to surface.

Once the blue aluminum fronts of the buildings were down, memories from long ago resurfaced. Above the doors to the old Democrat building the Western Auto Store sign owned by Hoyt and Marie Camp became visible.

ABOVE: Members of the Quitman Development Corporation and Quitman city council members survey the area which formerly housed the Wood County Democrat last week as the reconstruction of downtown Quitman began. (Monitor photo by Larry Tucker)

Above what was the former Office Outfitters, the Wood County Democrat could be read although faded by the years. The Ramsey's building clearly showed where the Donut House used to be.

Quitman Development Corporation and the city of Quitman have been working on downtown restoration for over a year and finally some of the hard work could actually be seen.

The inside of the old buildings has been gutted and work will continue on the reconstruction of the long-awaited project.

QDC Executive Director Denea Hudman was on hand daily conducting business from the site.

"This is just a beginning of the great things to come. We are so excited about the possibilities

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Mineola PD OK'd for body camera grant

The governor's office notified the Mineola Police Department last week that an application for a grant for body cameras had been approved.

Police Chief Chuck Bittner said, "I think it will be a great tool to add to our program. It will have greater capabilities than those cameras in the car." The chief said that the grant doesn't cover

100 percent of the purchase, but requires a 25 percent match. The match can be met with in-kind or monetary contributions.

While the chief said that even though the body cameras won't capture 100 percent of what officers see because when an officer turns his head to look at something his body doesn't always move that way, "a lot of what an officer sees will be part of the view and perspective."

The application for the grant was submitted in June and the funds will go toward the purchase of 10 body cameras. Mineola police equipment already includes in-car video cameras.

The cameras could be purchased as early as November but are expected to be in Mineola by the first of the New Year at the latest.

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The Mineola Marching Festival kicked off Monday at Meredith Memorial Stadium. There were 24 bands from all across East Texas participating with the Tyler Junior College Marching Apache Band and the Mineola "Sound of the Swarm" Marching Band providing exhibition performances. Pictured is the Bullard Panther Marching Band. (Photo by Evan Dudley)

Grand Saline teenager learns clowning, school threats are no fun

Last Tuesday morning was turned upside down for local school districts and a Grand Saline teenager was arrested and charged with a third degree felony in connection with the incident that sent ripples through neighboring communities.

Grand Saline Police Department arrested a 14-year-old boy and charged him with third degree felony terroristic threat. The teenager was taken to the Van Zandt County Juvenile Detention Center.

Grand Saline School District Superintendent Micah Lewis sent out a phone alert last Tuesday morning to parents notifying them of the situation which also included a reference made to Mineola. The threat ac-

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Corner Column

“Dadgum sweetgums” and social media

As sure as the magic lilies are popping up in odd places across the countryside and the pumpkins and mums are providing punches of color on porches, fall has arrived. The school year, sports seasons and fall festivals are in full swing as the pace of life picks up.



DORIS NEWMAN

I've often said there's no excuse for being bored, unless you just want to be. Ask my boys, that was never really a good thing for them to say around the house because the few times they did, I'd send them out in the yard to pick up sweetgum balls and put them in buckets. "Dadgum sweetgums," I believe was their quote, and that's how they describe the trees to this day.

I actually came across this ingenious boredom buster during a historical marker dedication I covered years ago at the Lott home. The speaker, I don't remember which one anymore, recalled that's what Vivian Lott did with her son David when he didn't have anything else to do. She would send him out in the yard to do work. And it looks like he did all right in life.

Good enough for the Lotts, it was good enough for our boys too.

So it seems some people are having a bit too much time on their hands and consequently they are doing things that aren't productive in theirs or anyone else's lives. In fact, the recent clown incident in Grand Saline was an example of that. With only the basic facts of the situation, to me this sounds like a young person's prank gone wrong. But, anytime the words gun or shooting occur in the same sentence with a school it instantly becomes something that has to be taken very seriously.

I see from our police report that Grand Saline Police Chief Justin Collins' department notified our local police at 2 a.m. last Tuesday morning of the threat. And that's when the craziness up-ended many peoples' days.

I confess I've really paid little attention to the clown craze. It's just the way I am. In the little Dewey Decimal system in my brain, I categorize things like that under the stupid category and pretty much dismiss them. There are too many needful things, worthy of honor and praise and attention going on in our world. Also, many dog obedience books you read, and even theories on child rearing, point out that bad behavior is a cry

for attention. Giving those actions attention rewards and perpetuates that behavior. We have a lot of that in today's world.

I give props to the law enforcement and school district officials who acted swiftly and decisively in resolving this particular incident. There was another unfortunate incident occurring around the same time when a local young man posted a video in which he scared his sister at the nature preserve. It seems some people go to great lengths to orchestrate things that they consider fun to post on social media.

Again, in this case, there was absolutely nothing to this but a boy doing one of the silly, yet ill-fated, things boys do. He owned up to and apologized for what he had done.

So last Tuesday, the furor over the clown incidents demanded attention. Unfortunately, we cannot make like ostriches and stick our heads in the sand until the wave of stupidity passes. So our newspaper did what we do, we contacted the school and law enforcement officials to dissect the fact from fiction.

The take-away from this is one, just because something is on social media does not mean it is true. We need to be careful, very careful, of how much store we put in what we see and read on social media. Even, I've found, how much valuable time we spend on social media. Two, and forgive me for this because it is a tee shirt slogan, but one with some relevance, remain calm and carry on. And three, seems to me that some young folks who have a little too much time on their hands need someone with oversight of them to introduce them to some "dadgum sweetgums."

So it seems some people are having a bit too much time on their hands and consequently they are doing things that aren't productive in theirs or anyone else's lives.

Letter to the editor

Dear editor,
Democrats stand for hope, equal opportunity and fair play. These are the values Texans share in our personal lives and the values we expect to define our economic and social policy. Texas Democrats are building a better state and a stronger nation where those who work hard and play by the

rules can achieve their American Dream.

We believe: In equal opportunity for all citizens; in rewarding honest hard work with living wages and in a tax system that is fair; in family values that are more than a political slogan; in quality education that gives all citizens the opportunity to reach their potential;

in freedom from government interference in our private lives and personal decisions; that individual strengths in our diverse population are a benefit; in security in our homes and safety on our streets; criminals should face swift and certain punishment; in separation of church and state to preserve the freedom to pursue our

beliefs; in a strong United States - morally, economically and militarily; and in common sense reforms giving us cleaner and safer air and water.

Maudie Peters
Morris County Democratic Party Chair
On behalf of Dr. Judy Traylor
Wood County Democrat Club

This Week in Your Neighborhood

- Quitman Youth Foundation is having Little Dribbler basketball sign-ups each remaining Wednesday in October. Sign-ups will be from 6 to 8 p.m. at the nutrition center site in Dawson Park.
- Winnsboro Autumn Trails events continue with the Trail Ride Weekend Friday and Saturday. The trail ride parade is Friday at 4 p.m. and trail rides begin at 9 a.m. Saturday and

- In Wood County football this week Mineola plays host to Mount Vernon, Alba-Golden travels to Winona, Hawkins travels to Cayuga, Quitman welcomes Farmersville and Winnsboro hosts Grand Saline.
- The Taste of Winnsboro Pie Contest is Saturday at the Winnsboro City Park. All contestants will furnish two pies for each category, one pie for judging and one to be

- The Franklin County Arts Alliance is hosting a culinary scavenger hunt and dinner Saturday from 3-5 p.m. at the Cultural Arts Center in Mount Vernon.
- Lake Country Bible Church in Mineola is hosting a special guest seminar Saturday and Sunday. Dr. Chris Nogueira will speak about how the international community can be more effective evangelists.

- The First United Methodist Church will host a gospel concert Sunday at 6 p.m. at the church sanctuary on Johnson Street in Mineola. Members of the East Texas Harmony group, as well as others, will perform in the fundraiser for the Bread of Life Food Pantry.
- On Sunday evening at 6 p.m. Freedom Baptist Church, on the loop in Mineola behind the

Pecan House, is hosting Casey Rivers with music for all ages and the public is invited.

- American Legion Post 340, Winnsboro, is having their monthly black-eyed pea and cornbread meal Monday from 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. A donation of \$6 is asked with the funds going to local scouts, youth and veterans programs. The location is on Highway 11 just west of downtown.

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AVOIDING FORECLOSURE WITH A SHORT SALE

Foreclosure is the process of losing your home due to the payments not being made. This is an extreme measure taken by the lender to attempt and stem or recover their lost investment. It can, not only be extremely costly to the lender, but, in some cases the costs of the process are also passed on to the homeowner. A foreclosure can destroy your credit score as well. Add to those factors the emotional toll that it can take on you and your family and it's pretty clear that you'll want to do whatever you can to avoid losing your home to foreclosure.

Financial hardships happen. They're simply a part of life, unfortunately. When they occur and you fall behind on your mortgage, you need to know your options.

Many have unfortunately heard of a foreclosure but aren't sure of the exact process. A Foreclosure is a legal process that lenders trigger to gain title to a home that was used as collateral for the mortgage loan that is now in default. It terminates all the homeowner's rights covered by a mortgage and makes the lender the absolute owner.

The lender may also file a Lis Pendes, which is a notice that begins the process. If this is filed, the homeowner is required to appear in court to answer the charges. The homeowner may ask for an extension, which may or may not be granted. If there is not an extension granted the last phase of the foreclosure process starts: the Auction phase.

The foreclosing trustee records and prepares the notice of foreclosure. The notice details the legal description of the property being foreclosed upon and gives the place, time, and date of the pending trustee sale. The entire foreclosure process may take 120+ days from the first missed payment until the completion of the foreclosure. Acting quickly is the best remedy against this drastic legal remedy. One powerful way to avoid a foreclosure is a "short sale."

Before the foreclosure process begins, you have the option of looking into a short sale of the home. Owing more money on the property than it's currently worth, you'll be able to negotiate a short sale with the lender. Typically, the property is required to be placed on the market and you must have a documented financial hardship to qualify. The legal definition of a "hardship" is a tangible change in the stability of your finances from the date of the initial loan to present. Examples are job loss, divorce, excessive debt, etc.

Documentation will need to be provided to prove hardship and that mortgage payments can no longer be made. Once this has been reviewed and approved by the lender, they can agree to move forward with the short sale process.

The property must be listed for sale in the MLS. A line of communication will begin between all involved parties (lender, agent, homeowner). Offers are received and given to the homeowner for review and signing and then submitted to the lender.

If the offer is accepted, it is signed by the lender and a contract begins. After the lender accepts that offer and all documentation is complete and verified, they will inform the buyer that closing can begin. The title company will schedule the closing and the buyer can make final inspections on the home. The homeowner must now vacate the property and completely remove all belongings. Both buyer and homeowner will meet at the title company for the signing of the final paperwork and turning in of keys and remotes.

The title is then transferred and the new owner takes ownership. The lender will issue a mortgage satisfaction document which is then recorded in public records. Keep in mind that if the lender ultimately declines the offer, the lender can either submit a counter offer to the potential buyer or outright require the home remain listed for sale. The process will continue from there.

Never go through a foreclosure or short sale alone! Seek experienced and reputable representation to ensure your rights are always protected. We at Leslie Cain Realty are always here to help you navigate such a challenging process.

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Ray Yager, a local martial arts teacher, speaks to a group about self-defense principles at Peterson Park Saturday during the Chicks in the Sticks event in downtown Mineola. (Photo by Evan Dudley)

WINNSBORO

Head-on collision claims 3 lives Oct. 1

Three people were pronounced dead at the scene of a head-on collision Saturday, Oct. 1 at 1:30 p.m. in Winnsboro.

Franklin County Justice of the Peace Jim Alford responded to the scene and pronounced Sherry St.-Miklossy, 51, Otha Ward, 84, and Elizabeth Ward, 79, all of Winnsboro dead at the scene. The Wards' daughter, Karen Ward, 52, of Winnsboro was the sole survivor and was taken by emergency helicopter to Christus Mother Frances in Tyler where she is in stable condition. While the obituary for St.-Miklossy lists her as Morrow, the police said they used the name that was on her driver's license.

The accident occurred in the 600 block of West Broadway in Winnsboro. There were no witnesses noted on investigator Winnsboro Officer Scotty Sewell's report.

Sewell reported that Ms. St.-Miklossy was driving a grey 2008 Dodge Durango and Karen Ward was driving a white 2009 Dodge Ram 1500. The officer's report states that St.-Miklossy was westbound and Ward was eastbound when the Durango crossed over into the oncoming lane for an unknown reason and struck Ward's truck.

Both vehicles were towed from the scene.

The accident is still under investigation and Ms. St.-Miklossy's body was sent for an autopsy. Monday the police said they had not received a report back on the autopsy.

Electric cooperative holds 78th annual meeting

Over 650 members attended the 78th Annual Meeting of Wood County Electric Cooperative, Inc., held Friday at Governor Jim Hogg City Park in Quitman. Prior to the meeting a free concert, featuring singer/songwriters Adler & Hearne, was a crowd pleaser. This concert was supported, in part, by the Texas Commission on the Arts.

Debbie Robinson, CEO/general manager of WCEC, briefed members about new and future cooperative challenges that have emerged over the last five to 10 years. Those included cyber security, replacing the metering system, and the impact of the Clean Power Plan on power supply planning and future sources of generation.

WCEC Board President and District One Director Pat Lindley also welcomed the crowd and announced the results of the board of director's election, which was conducted by mail and tabulated by accounting firm Knuckols, Duvall, Hallum & Co. He reported the reelection of Cathy Roberts for District 5 and Jane Roberson for District 6, both for three-year terms.

Lindley also announced that the board of directors voted to retire capital credits, saying, "We will retire \$1 million in capital credits which is 24 percent of 2015



Mary Deuson of Alba won a 55-inch flat screen smart television Friday at the Wood County Electric Cooperative meeting. (Courtesy photo)

margins. As is our tradition, checks will be mailed in December. In total, over the last 27 years over \$23 million dollars has

been returned to our members. We appreciate you supporting our electric co-op and in turn our ability to return capital credits to you."

Once the business meeting closed, the prize drawing was conducted by Director of Operations Rusty Mask. Prizes included a wooden rocker and many gift certificates. These prizes were made possible through the donations of WCEC's vendors.

Prior to the annual meeting, four lucky members were awarded \$250 in credit to their electric bills. These names were drawn from returned election ballots. Those winners were Ruth Johnson, Alba; Darin Lindsey, Hawkins; Carla Jackson, Silver Lake and Verline Griffin, Quitman. The winner of the annual meeting grand prize, a 55-inch flat screen smart TV, was Mary Deuson, Alba.

Lynne Adler and Lindy Hearne performed original tunes at the annual Wood County Electric Cooperative meeting Friday afternoon at Jim Hogg City Park in Quitman. (Monitor photo by Larry Tucker)



Hawkins School Board votes for the light

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The Hawkins School District Board voted to brighten up all of their school buildings at a cost of \$369,000 when they met in their regular monthly session on Monday, Oct. 3.

A tour of classrooms with a sample of lighting retrofit at the high school and the data on installing LED lighting all over the district were enough to prompt trustees to opt for the expense of installing new lighting in about 95 percent of the district's facilities.

"This program is made available through a cooperative bid program provided by the Texas Association of School Boards," Hawkins Superintendent

Morris Lyon commented. He said that this lighting retrofit will save the district an estimated \$65,000 per year in electric bills and coupled with a projected \$38,000 rebate the new lighting system should pay for itself in five years.

"These lights, including the bulbs, are guaranteed for 10 years, so we should not encounter any expense for upkeep for the first 10 years. The system should pay for itself in five years leaving us with five years of saving \$65,000 per year on electricity," Lyon observed. If those figures hold up the district will profit \$325,000 over the guarantee period of 10 years, almost as much as the original outlay for the retrofit program.

Lyon said the retrofit work should be completed by Nov. 30.

At the end of the agenda the board went into executive session to consider a challenge to a Level II grievance decision by a district administrator. After hearing that challenge, the board came back to open session and voted to uphold the administrator's decision on the grievance.

The plate was full for the trustees in their October meeting and in other action they:

Voted to change current board policy limiting the superintendent to pay bills only up to \$10,000. With the district electric bill running \$20,000 a month, he couldn't

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PUBLIC NOTICE City of Yantis TEXAS COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT PROGRAM

The City of Yantis will hold a public hearing at 5:15 p.m. on Monday, October 17, 2016, at City Hall located at 103 City Circle, Yantis, Texas, in regard to the close-out of TxCDBG Contract #7214499 with the Office of Rural Affairs within the Texas Department of Agriculture. The purpose of this meeting is to allow citizens an opportunity to discuss final project accomplishments, citizens served, project completion report, and final project expenditures. The County encourages citizens to make their views known at this public hearing. Citizens unable to attend this meeting may submit their views to the County. Persons with disabilities that wish to attend this meeting should contact the City to arrange for assistance. Individuals who require auxiliary aids or services for this meeting should contact the County at least two days before the meeting so that appropriate arrangements can be made. For further information, contact Tonya Norris, City Secretary, at (903) 383-2610.

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County commissioners proclaim National 4-H Week

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Commissioners proclaimed last week as 2016 National 4-H Week in Wood County during their meeting Friday. The proclamation acknowledged the 4-H Youth Development Program of the Texas A&M Agrilife Extension Service for 108 years providing experience-based education to youngsters throughout the Lone Star State.

The proclamation further stated the 4-H program "has developed positive role models for countless Texans through its innovative and inspiring programs, continuing to instill the values that have made our state strong and great."

In another matter commissioners approved a seven-year tax abatement for Sam Harle in Mineola for property where Rancho Restaurant used to be prior to the fire which destroyed the building. Harle is building a strip shopping center which will house three major businesses. These businesses will create substantial new sales tax for the city and county.

The building will be approximately 15,755 square feet and

represent approximately \$1.1 million in new development. Harle is guaranteeing a minimum of 10 full-time employees within the three major shops with employees hired from within Wood County.

Commissioners approved an additional tax abatement for another Mineola businessman, Brian Steck of Steck Properties, LLC, for 10 years. Steck purchased the property located in the industrial park from Mineola Development Corporation. The new building will house Steck's main office with new warehousing and manufacturing. There will be 15 new employees hired for the business.

Commissioners approved an interlocal agreement with the city of Mineola for animal euthanasia. The city will euthanize up to five animals per week at the rate of \$35 per animal for the county. The city will only hold animals from the county if space is available.

"We have had this contract for years," Pct. 2 Commissioner Jerry Gaskill explained. "The difference is it used to be \$20 per dog or animal and now it has gone up to \$35. None of us want to see an animal euthanized but there are certain

situations and there is no way around it."

Other actions taken by the commissioners were:

- Approved an interlocal agreement with the Andrews Center for 2017;
- Approved Miste Davis' appointment to the Wood County Industrial Commission Board of Directors representing Alba;

- Approved two donations to the Wood County Sheriff's Department totaling \$1,030; \$1,000 from Cartwright Baptist Church and \$30 from First United Methodist Church Hawkins;
- Approved road permits in Pcts. 2 and 4;
- Approved an easement

- agreement with Wood County Electric Cooperative in Pct. 1;
- Approved payroll of \$314,916; claims; four personnel actions; line item transfers and
- After a public hearing approved the revision of lots 292, 293, and 294, Section 4, Holly Lake Ranch.



Wood County Commissioners are pictured here with several members of Wood County 4-H after the court proclaimed Oct. 2 - 8 as 2016 National 4 - H Week. (Monitor photo by Larry Tucker)

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WCIC doles out project funding

By **LARRY TUCKER**
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Wood County Industrial Commission board members approved funding totaling \$50,000 in Unclaimed Capital Credit grants to various entities throughout Wood County at their meeting Thursday in Winnsboro. The proposed grants still must be approved by the Wood County Commissioners Court.

Grant applications from 25 different entities asking a total of \$283,037 were originally presented to the committee which took the proposals to the WCIC board. The largest amount given to any one project was \$5,000 which was awarded to four proposed projects.

Those receiving \$5,000 were LaserLine Automotive for an electronic monitoring system, Double H Package Store for building expansion, Hawkins Chamber of Commerce for Phase 1 of the Small Business Incubator Project and Mineola Economic Development for a Railroad Park project.

After originally being awarded a \$5,000 grant, East Texas Aquaponics was turned down because the business, although having a Mineola mailing address, is located in Smith County.

Other grant proposals awarded were to Your Appetites for restaurant equip-

ment and promotions, \$3,500. They also included \$3,000 each to Dayna Sadler The Venues (new business in Mineola), E.C. Smith Holdings to install RV slots at Trophy Lodge at Lake Fork, R&S Total Solutions for facility improvement and MAR Pressure and Transport for tow truck.

The grants also included \$2,500 to Sassafras Station for removal of underground storage tanks, \$2,000 Friends of Alba Library for roof repair to library and museum, \$1,500 Lake Country Trails for trails on I&GN railroad Corridors, \$1,000 each to Wood County Retired Teachers for Book Project and Winnsboro ISD for Winnsboro Elementary School Literacy Project, \$900 to Winnsboro Center for the Arts for Sunday Classical Series and \$600 Alba Friends of the Library for the Little Library Project.

In other business, the board voted to be a sponsor for \$1,200 of the Winnsboro Art and Wine Festival which will be held Nov. 11 and 12. The festival is in its seventh year and it supports area arts and sponsors local high school arts scholarships. The festival draws over 1,000 people to the Winnsboro event.

The next meeting will be in Alba Nov. 3 and it will be the final meeting of the year before convening again Jan. 5, 2017 in the Hawkins area.

PUBLIC NOTICE

Wood County

TEXAS COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT PROGRAM

Wood County will hold a public hearing at 5:15 p.m. on October 17, 2016, at Sharon WSC located at 6175 N. Highway 37, Winnsboro, Texas, in regard to the close-out of TxCDBG Contract #7214491 with the Office of Rural Affairs within the Texas Department of Agriculture. The purpose of this meeting is to allow citizens an opportunity to discuss final project accomplishments, citizens served, project completion report, and final project expenditures. The County encourages citizens to make their views known at this public hearing. Citizens unable to attend this meeting may submit their views to the County. Persons with disabilities that wish to attend this meeting should contact Sharon WSC at (903) 342-3525 to arrange for assistance. Individuals who require auxiliary aids or services for this meeting should contact the County at least two days before the meeting so that appropriate arrangements can be made. For further information, contact Vanessa Stone at Sharon WSC at (903) 342-3525.

Alba

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and adopted an ordinance which increased water rates for Alba customers, both inside and outside the city limits.

Only the base rates were increased. Alba charges a base rate, plus \$4.25 per 1,000 gallons of water used. The per gallon rate did not change. Residential base rates inside the city limits went from \$17.58 to \$23, and outside the city limits went from \$36.39 to \$40.

Commercial customers saw their rates change from \$17.58 to \$23.

Alba does not serve any sewer customers outside the city limits so there were no other rate changes for the out of town customers, but city users of the sewer system got a rate hike also. Residential sewer rates went from \$25.75 to \$18, and commercial sewer rates went

from \$16.80 to \$18.

In other action Monday night, the Alba City Council:

Got a report from the city attorney on the adopting of a city personnel policy. He presented a three-part packet constructed by one of the municipal government groups and advised the council to appoint a two-man committee to go over them, selecting the parts they felt would work for Alba, then reporting back with a proposed policy to the full council. Mayor Ted Levitt appointed Preston Hass and Gib Maynard to serve on that committee.

Approved a zoning variance request for 500 E. Greenville Street for Joe and Rhonda Arrington. There has been a home on that property for more than 50 years but less than 20 years ago zoning was put into effect and the property was deemed commercial. The Arringtons plan to construct a second residence on the

property and had to get the variance before they could do so.

Awarded the bid for striping the Alba Square to A+ Worley Striping Inc. at a cost of \$2,553. That was the middle bid of three bids submitted, but included more linear feet of striping that either of the other two.

Heard, and reacted positively to, a report and a request for starting up a monthly trade days around the square in Alba on the third Saturday of each month starting in January.

Was informed that the Williams Creek Crappie Club will hold a First Responders Appreciation BBQ on June 10, 2017.

Was informed that the Wood County Industrial Commission will meet at the Alba Family Life Center on Nov. 3, with Connie's to cater the event.

Approve naming Miste Davis and Marcella Smith to the Wood County Industrial Commission.

Hawkins

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pay that utility bill. They changed the board policy to allow him to pay bills up to \$25,000;

Opted to continue looking at the implementation of the daycare as part of their employee benefit program. A daycare in Hawkins shut down,

leaving many of teachers with no place to keep their children. The district is looking at setting this up on a break-even basis for their employees only;

Worked the idea of opening on an agreement with the chamber of commerce utilizing an old church building on school property as a site for an incubator project;

Took a look at a redesign of the district's logo

and agreed to let the staff continue working on that new logo;

Was informed that Lyon was one of 13 superintendents from regions 7 and 8 selected to participate in a network of leadership collaboration to help increase professional performance of the district's schools. The program is being provided by the SMU Institute for Leadership Impact.

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ACROSS

- TXism: "a sight for eyes"
- TXism: "active as in a hen house"
- TX "Big Boppers" "Chantilly"
- Lake State Park (Burnet Co.)
- TX Kenny Rogers early group: "Christy Minstrels"
- Aikman after 1993 Super Bowl: "to Disney World"
- TXism: "salt some (save)"
- TXism: "don't chickens until they hatch"
- "Yo Digo Creek"
- TX Cynthia Ann was kidnapped in a Comanche
- org. of TX newspapers (abbr.)
- impostors
- in Hardin County off highway 69
- "America's Dairyland" (abbr.)
- ____ Springs, TX
- horse pace
- TX Roddenberry line: "where has gone before"
- "George H.W. Bush Pacific War" in Fredericksburg
- TX among the states
- TXism for "skunk"
- TXism: "fit a fiddle"
- how TXns drink tea
- made of clay, hardened by heat
- TXism: "close but"
- SMU RB, Kyle (init.)
- GTT meant "Gone Texas"
- "don't your luck"
- video: "Nolan Ryan: Feel"
- TX-born Evelyn Keyes book: "Scarlet O' Younger Sister"
- droop
- univer. in San Marcos, formerly SWTU
- "si" south of the border
- drought-resistant TX crop of the pea family
- TXism: "chew awhile" (think)
- Cowboys "got" "in 1971, 1977, 1992, 1993, & 1995"
- home of the hated Giants & Yankees (abbr.)
- TXism: "half a mind to"
- TX Roy Orbison's last hit
- cowboys use a hat to scoop among other things
- TXism: "mad as a -on rooster"
- "Cowtown" (abbr.)
- TX no longer produces this mineral
- TX Clint Black recording label
- Gilmer hosts the "East Texas boree"
- the gullet
- Miss America of 1975 from TX: Shirley ran
- pool hall sticks
- autobiography of TX-born director King Vidor: "A Tree - Tree"
- hurried
- rub out

Service dog still missing

The service dog that came up missing from a backyard in Mineola on Sept. 28 still has not been located.

The service dog belonging to veteran Harley Thompson who lives on North Newsom Street has been the subject of a great deal of attention and Mineola police said they have received sev-

eral calls from all over the state about German shepherds. However, none of the calls have been about the highly trained service dog that belongs to the veteran.

Mineola police said that there is no evidence of the dog attempting to get out of the backyard, and Thompson said he never had done so before. The dog was not

neutered. Police also said there is no evidence indicating that the dog was stolen.

At least a \$1,000 reward is being offered for the return of the dog. Anyone who may have located the dog or who has information about it where it may be is asked to call Mineola police immediately at 903-569-6294.

Wood County Sheriff's Report

Wood County Sheriff's Department activities for the past week included:

Oct. 4 - Deputy Jeremy Ragsdale was dispatched to Holiday Villages after a man reported that two juveniles had broken into the club house and taken \$150. The man stated he did not want to pursue charges against the boys. After Ragsdale began speaking with the boys, one of them became irate and knocked his iPod off the table. When the boy's grandfather picked up the iPod, the juvenile shoved the man out of his chair. Ragsdale contacted Juvenile Probation about the incident and later placed the young man in their custody. The boy's grandfather later stated he did not want to pursue charges in the matter.

Oct. 3 - Deputy Brandie Cunningham took a report of fraudulent bank charges from an Alba man who advised he had attempted to purchase car parts online using his PayPal account and each time he attempted the transaction, he received a message stating the transaction had failed. The man stated he was unaware that each time he attempted to pay his bank account was debited in the amount of the order, \$347.26. An incident report was completed for documentation purposes. The case is closed.

Deputy Josh Davis initiated a traffic stop in the area of Farm-to-Market Road 17 and FM 515 after witnessing a car with an expired

ARRESTS

Amanda Shay Baldwin, 33, Kemp, forgery;

David James Longgrie, 73, Yantis, harassment of hunters/trappers/fishermen; reckless or excessive speed of watercraft;

David Michael Roche, 46, Yantis, intoxication manslaughter with vehicle;

Stacey Dean Swiney, 39, Ben Wheeler, driving while intoxicated, second;

Eddie Earl Harris, 50, Macon, MS, driving while intoxicated with open container;

Shaquan Azone Bell, 22, Quitman, possession of a controlled substance; assault by contact, family violence;

Leon Ray Worley, Jr., 27, Ben Wheeler, assault causes bodily injury;

Debbie Sue Baldwin, 58, Kaufman, public intoxication;

William Joseph Jarvis, 26, Kemp, possession of a controlled substance;

Kenneth Warrington, 40, Quinlan, driving while license invalid, first offense; possession of a controlled substance;

Sheletia Yulonda Martin, 55, Winnsboro, operating a vehicle with expired driver's license;

Jade Lynell Rogers, 32, Hawkins, possession of marijuana two ounces or less;

Seth Lloyd Hartline, 21, Mineola, fail to maintain financial responsibility;

Kelley Kim Courtney, 54, Yantis, possession of a controlled substance;

Allen Drew Bass, 67, Quitman, public intoxication.

registration. The driver stated she was aware that the registration was out on the vehicle. Due to the woman's nervous behavior, she was questioned about illegal substances in the car and admitted to having a meth pipe as well as methamphetamine. Kelley Kim Courtney, 54, of Yantis was arrested and transported to jail. She is charged with possession of a controlled substance. Bond was set at \$7,500.

Oct. 2 - Sergeant Donivan South and Deputy Tucker George were dispatched to a residence in Alba after a complainant reported that a woman had shown up

at her house a few days ago and was now refusing to leave. Jade Lynell Rogers, 32, of Hawkins, was eventually arrested and transported to jail without incident after she was found to be in possession of marijuana. She was booked on one count of possession of marijuana. The complainant did not want to pursue charges for criminal trespass but did request the woman be issued a criminal trespass warning for the property.

Oct. 1 - Sergeant South took a report of theft from a Big Sandy man who stated his cooler and hammock had been stolen during

the overnight hours. The man wanted only to report the theft. The case is closed.

Lieutenant Robert Holland and Deputy George were dispatched to County Road for a disturbance. A pregnant woman called 911 to report she had been assaulted and the suspect was causing damage to a vehicle at the scene. Upon arrival, deputies detained the suspect and interviewed the victim and a witness. The woman advised she had been head-butted by the man, with whom she has a child, and said the man had caused damage to a vehicle belonging to her mother and step-father. Leon Ray Worley, Jr., 27, of Ben Wheeler was arrested and transported to jail. He is charged with assault causes bodily injury. Criminal mischief charges will be pursued once the owner of the vehicle provides a damage estimate.

Sept. 29 - Deputy Davis was dispatched to CR 2690 in response to a report of a structure fire. Davis spoke with the homeowner who advised that he and his wife were outside in the front yard when they heard a loud popping noise and a window break in the back of the residence. Entering the home to investigate the sounds, the man found the house filled with smoke. Davis spoke with fire department personnel who stated they believed the fire originated in back of the residence near the breaker box. The case has been forwarded to the county's fire marshal.

Mineola Fire Report

Mineola Fire Department calls for the past two weeks were:

Oct. 5 - At 1:38 p.m. the department was dispatched to County Road 452 for a brush and grass mixture fire.

Oct. 3 - At 1:54 p.m. the department was dispatched to Private Road 6270 for a grass fire caused by a burning brush pile. At 4:33

p.m. the department was dispatched to McDonald Street for a motor vehicle accident with no injuries.

Oct. 2 - At 7:32 p.m. the department was dispatched to Sycamore and University Streets for a smoke scare.

Oct. 1 - At 9:10 a.m. the department was dispatched to North

Pacific Street to assist EMS.

Sept. 30 - At 7:32 p.m. the department was dispatched to Highway 37 and Loop 564 for a motor vehicle accident with no injuries.

Sept. 29 - At 3:03 p.m. the department was dispatched to Highway 49 for a grass fire caused by a downed power pole.

Mineola Police Report

Mineola Police reports for the past week included:

Oct. 5 - At 12:21 a.m. a suspicious person was reported on North Newsom Street, possibly looking in windows. The caller thought they knew who it was. Officers were unable to locate anyone. They were told to call the police station if this happened again.

A welfare concern was reported when a male was wondering away from his home around Welch and Wigley Streets. The family was called and responded to pick him up.

Oct. 4 - In addition to being notified by the Grand Saline Police about the social media threat to Grand Saline, Van and Mineola schools, the department began receiving calls from parents at 8 a.m. about seeing a video on Twitter with a person in a clown mask chasing someone at the preserve with a knife. Later in the morning the young man responsible for the post called and apologized and said he and his friend were just pulling a prank on his sister. Officers were sent to the schools and officers went to the preserve and stayed with Alba-Golden students as three buses of students came at different times.

A welfare concern was reported when a Walmart employee thought he witnessed an elderly man being abusive to the elderly female with him. An officer spoke to them and the woman said he was upset and only raising his voice, but everything was okay.

Police arrested Emily Lee Strickland, 23, Mineola for driving with an invalid license. Police noted Strickland was pulled over on South Pacific Street when an officer recognized her and knew she didn't have a valid license.

Oct. 3 - Best Western reported a theft of service when a man left an outstanding bill at the hotel. Officers contacted him and the company with which he worked and he said he would be back to pay. Charges won't be filed if the bill is paid.

Police arrested Rodney Paul Toups, 38, Mineola, at work south of Mineola for a parole violation warrant.

At 11:07 p.m. a man reported that he was made to take a man to Tyler when he was threatened. The complainant said he gave the man a ride to the VFW, but they were closed. The man stated the person was drunk when he picked him up. At some point the rider mentioned a gun, so the complainant drove him to Tyler and when he got out of the car, the complainant took off and came back to town and reported it. Police determined that no offense had occurred because the complainant willingly picked the man up. Even though the rider mentioned a gun, he did not make a direct threat with it.

Oct. 2 - Police arrested Kenneth Franklin Warrington, 40, Quinlan, for possession of a controlled substance. At 7:30 a.m. officers responded to a call at Cross Country Foods on South Pacific Street about a man who was found slumped over in his ve-

hicle. Police noted he was found to be in possession of methamphetamine.

At 11:53 a.m. police were called about a man and woman arguing on Stone Street but they were gone when police arrived.

At 3:48 p.m. a Walmart employee reported the back window of his truck was stolen while parked in the parking lot. This is under investigation.

Child Protective Services was contacted about an incident involving a three-year-old child on Blair Street. A neighbor saw the child sitting on a curb alone. The neighbor knocked on the door but there was no answer. When officers arrived the child was with his father. They discovered the mother and siblings were inside asleep and the father had run to the store when the three year old unlocked the door and went outside. The mother thought the child had gone with his father to the store as he always does on Sundays.

A woman reported that a man on McDonald Street was harassing her and accusing her of taking his cellphone. Officers talked to them both.

Oct. 1 - At 12:55 a.m. officers responded to a noise complaint on Miller Street and the residents turned their music down.

An argument was reported at a child's soccer game at the civic center between two men. One of the men was asked to leave.

Sept. 30 - At 1:58 a.m. officers were called to Giles Street when a woman reported hearing her back bedroom window break. Officers responded and found the window was not broken or any other suspicious activity.

An officer checked on a vehicle that was parked diagonally on Newsom Street. They found it was a mechanical issue and the car was not blocking the road. It was moved a short time later.

Sept. 29 - A pickup was stolen from Z Grocery on West Broad Street when the driver left her keys inside and ran into the store. The pickup was located Oct. 2 in the Enchanted Lakes area by Smith County Deputies. This is under investigation.

A Meadowbrook Street man reported arriving home and finding the front door to his house open. Nothing was missing from the residence. It was believed that he didn't shut the door completely.

Police arrested James Derrick Adams, Jr. 25, Mineola for driving with no license and his passenger, Melissa Nicole Boaz, 36, Mineola, was arrested for possession of drug paraphernalia. They were pulled over for a defective tail lamp on East Broad Street.

Arrest

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panied a clown picture on Facebook and Instagram.

"There were some threatening comments made on social media against people in the Grand Saline school system," he said. "Your children's safety is our primary concern."

Lewis said that the district worked with the Grand Saline Police Department, Van Zandt County Sheriff's Department, Texas Department of Public Safety and the Texas Rangers. A source in the school administration building said that while the doors at the school district are kept locked, the district was not on "lockdown" as has been rumored.

"In coordination of efforts with law enforcement and High

School Principal Ricky Laprade, the person responsible for the threats is in custody. It was a Grand Saline High School student," the superintendent wrote.

Grand Saline Police Chief Justin Collins said that the matter is still under investigation but a 14-year-old boy was taken into custody. He said that he was "pretty positive" the boy had acted alone, and any other incidents were not associated with him. The boy confessed to the post. "The male subject did not have a weapon and had no means to carry the threat out and assured law enforcement that this was a 'gag' he was playing on friends."

Mineola Superintendent Kim Tunnell said the threat also involved the words "...psyche I'm really going to Mineola."

Tunnell said that all Mineola campuses had

been made aware and there was a police presence on the campus. The district was also not "locked down." The Mineola superintendent said that all such threats have to be taken seriously though. All entrances to buildings are already secured by locked doors through which visitors have to be admitted. She said there are also different procedures, depending on whether the threat is from the inside or the outside. If the threat is from the outside, the district goes into what is called "lock out. If the threat is inside, that is a whole different scenario."

Mineola Police were alerted by the Grand Saline PD at 2:50 a.m. that the department had information about Instagram and Facebook posts "talking about shooting up the Grand Saline School, then Van. Mineola was

also mentioned in the post."

Mineola also calmed some fears about a post about a clown incident at the Mineola Nature Preserve that was not true. It turned out to be a prank in which a brother scared his sister, then posted a video of it on social media. However, Alba-Golden classes had a field trip scheduled there and a police officer accompanied each class on their trip.

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Police, EMS present information at Mineola community meeting

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A community meeting was held at Mineola City Hall last Tuesday with the police chief and an EMS captain presenting information to those present.

Novada Bigham, Ward 3 councilperson, explained that she is a member of the Mayor's 20/40 Advisory Council, which is a long-range planning group. She said community policing came up in one of the group's meetings and that was the first thing being taken care of.

In addition to Bigham the meeting was attended by four other city council people and due to the possibility of a quorum being present it had been posted as a potential public city council meeting. It was also attended by city department heads, members of the 20/40 group, other city employees and residents.

Prior to the start of the meeting Police Chief Chuck Bittner and Captain Jack Newman handed documents to everyone entitled "Tips for working with Police if you are stopped," and "Tips on Traffic Stop While Carrying Concealed."

Bigham said she was glad that the chief had passed out the information because what a person is supposed to do if stopped on traffic was one of the questions that had been asked in the meeting.

As the police chief stood before the group he said, "Our job is a very dangerous job. Safety is an issue with the officers, on every traffic stop they make." After having put the information together, he said that he hoped everyone who received copies would take them home and read them.

He said the information shares some of the concerns they have "so you'll un-

derstand why we deal with some of the things the way we deal with them. It's got everything in there for the person being stopped and everything that we're going to do. Is there someone out there with questions about what to do?"

Cassandra Sampson, a member of the committee, asked if the police department is getting body cameras. "Yes ma'am," the chief said. The department had applied for a grant earlier this year and had just learned last week that it had been approved. He noted that the department has in-car cameras already.

In the absence of more questions, the chief discussed some of the main points which include when someone is stopped to keep their hands on the steering wheel. His handout stated that keeping hands on the steering wheel makes the officer able to see them. And that if a driver reaches for something, to inform the officer of what they are retrieving, where they are retrieving it from and what he might expect to see in this location. Don't make any sudden threatening movements while retrieving these items. "Reaching for something suddenly or reaching into an unusual location, for example under the seat, will cause the officer concern that you might be reaching for a weapon."

If it is a nighttime stop, light up the vehicle interior so the officer can see inside.

"If you have a complaint about your traffic stop, the side of the street is not where to argue it. Sign your ticket, then when you go to court or come see a supervisor," Bittner said.

A woman in the audience said she has a CHL license but never carries a gun with her in the car. She asked, even though she doesn't carry her weapon, if

she was supposed to take the concealed handgun license out if stopped on traffic. "If you're not carrying it it's not going to be a concern to the officers," the chief said and referred her to the information in the hand-out.

Following the police presentation, Bigham asked Shane Reynolds from East Texas Emergency Medical Services to provide information about EMS services that are provided by the city. She asked him to "let people know what they need to know when they call EMS." Reynolds is the EMS captain who works a 24-hour shift from Quitman.

Reynolds explained the process when someone dials 911. "They don't automatically know your name." The call could be run through the dispatcher at the Mineola Police Station, he said. The caller may be asked some of the same questions twice, he said, and that is because the local dispatcher needs to determine if the caller needs a police officer, an ambulance or a fire department, "or if you need all of them."

Then the call is routed to the ETMC dispatcher and they ask numerous questions to determine many things, including how many units are needed and how they need to respond. If a person is having a possible heart attack, the medical responders have to react accordingly to coordinate transport and treatment.

"When you dial 911, once it hits our dispatch center, our goal is to have a unit dispatched within 30 seconds," he said. He said when the emergency responders have a call in the middle of the night, the lights and sirens help to wake them up. The ambulances have onboard navigation systems which "works most of the time" but private roads are "a little

difficult to get to."

"When we ask for directions, a lot of times we're going to depend on the directions you give us. A lot of times we're going to ask for the nearest cross street, nearest highway, a road name."

Reynolds said that if a person is able or someone else is there, to turn on the hazard lights on a vehicle sitting in a driveway.

He advised those present "to make your house look different from your neighbors. One of the things we do is we answer calls when folks can't answer questions or it's 2 in the morning and there's seven brick homes." Additionally, Steve Finley, Mineola Fire Department public information officer, noted that visible 911 house numbers on mailboxes are extremely important. Reynolds said "we really love big numbers on mailboxes."

Bigham said that one question that has been asked is if all patients have to be transported to the hospital in Quitman. "No ma'am," Reynolds replied. "We try to take you to the facility you want to go to, within reason." However, they most likely won't transport someone all the way to the veterans hospital in Dallas. And the patient's need may also determine the hospital to which they are transported. Also, hospitals may be on a "divert" status, which means they can no longer take certain types of patients such as those needing psychiatric services.

"The goal is to take you to the closest facility so they can stabilize you transport you to the next facility." But he said the ambulance service doesn't get paid by the hospitals to which they take patients.

TIPS FOR WORKING WITH POLICE IF YOU ARE STOPPED

(The following information was provided by Mineola Police at the community meeting last Tuesday.)

The Mineola Police Department would like to offer these tips if you are stopped and/or questioned by a police officer. They are to give you an understanding of officers' concerns and practices to avoid unnecessary confrontations and misunderstandings.

If you are stopped by the police while in your car:

- Upon seeing police emergency lights, pull your vehicle as far over to the right as you can and stop as soon as it is safe to do so.
- Remain in your vehicle while the officer approaches unless you are instructed to exit the vehicle. Exiting your vehicle might be perceived as a threat to the officer's safety and cause an unneeded safety concern.
- If stopped at night, turn on the interior lights in the vehicle. This will increase the visibility inside your vehicle, so the officer will be able to see better and be less stressed over anything that you might be reaching for he can't see. It is also a good idea to roll your windows down, especially if you have dark tinted windows.
- Keep your hands visible, preferably on the steering wheel so the approaching officer can see them. If you do reach for something, inform the officer of what you are retrieving, where you are getting it from, what he or she might expect to see in this location. Don't make any sudden or threatening movements while retrieving these items.
- When asked for your driver's license and insurance, retrieve them in a timely manner, and the officer will then inform you of the reason you are being stopped. Please do not ask why you are being stopped before you retrieve these items. This is to avoid debating the reason for the stop prior to acquiring the necessary information.
- Always answer the officer's questions honestly and do not be argumentative, disorderly, or abusive even if you feel you are being treated unfairly. The side of the road where the officer is exposed to oncoming traffic is not the place for an argument. Your best alternative is to dispute the ticket in court.
- If you are asked to exit the vehicle, do so slowly and without any movements that could be perceived as a threat to the officer's safety. Do not return to your vehicle unless instructed to do so.
- Never touch, threaten, or act in a disorderly manner toward an officer because it could result in additional

charges being filed against you.

- Always give the officer his personal space. The recommended amount of space is not less than two and a half to three feet. This is the officer's safety zone. If the officer asks you to stay where you are or takes a step back from you, do not continue to get closer to him. He will likely perceive this as threatening.

Don't be offended

Most citizens understand that law enforcement is a difficult and dangerous profession. Hundreds of officers are killed each year, and thousands more are injured or assaulted in the line of duty. For these reasons police officers tend to be extremely cautious. Officers place a great deal of emphasis on safety and are trained in specific safety procedures early in their careers. Although these procedures maximize safety for the officers, citizens might perceive them as the officer being standoffish, impolite or offensive, but that is not the intention. Even though you have no intention of harming the officer, the officer might maintain a defensive posture until he/she feels that there is no risk of harm or injury. As far as police officers are concerned, no traffic stop is "routine;" the potential for danger is always there.

What not to do if you see a police officer conducting a traffic stop

If an officer is conducting a traffic stop and you are not in the vehicle, do not make contact with the officer in any way. A traffic stop already is dangerous for the officer and he/she needs to be able to focus on those in the vehicle. Distracting the officer only adds concerns for another person's safety into what already may be a tense situation.

- Do not approach the officer's car. This is for the officer's safety as well as yours. The officer could perceive you walking toward his vehicle as a threat to his/her safety which might cause an unneeded confrontation. If you need an officer's assistance, you may call dispatch at 903-569-6294 and they will assign another officer to assist you.
 - Do not approach the violator's vehicle. If you need something from the person in the car, you can contact him or her once the stop is concluded and the officer has left the scene.
 - Do not walk between the police car and the vehicle being stopped. This presents a dangerous situation for you that could result in serious injury or an unneeded confrontation.
- If you are parked in a space that is being blocked by the traffic stop, please be patient. The officer will either notice

you and move the police car or move the police car as soon as the stop is concluded.

If the police approach you on the street

Innocent individuals are often offended, angered, or both, because an officer stops them for questioning. The delay might be an inconvenience for you, but an officer will not stop you without the belief that there is reasonable suspicion to stop and question you. Most of these stops are not officer initiated, they are the result of an individual letting police know of an incident that occurred, or the officers are responding to a dispatch call. Some common reasons and officer might stop and question you are below.

- A crime might have recently occurred in the vicinity and you are the only person visible in that area.
- You might be wearing similar clothing or fit the description of a suspect in a crime.
- Someone might have called the police to report your presence, most likely reporting that you looked "suspicious."
- Someone might have pointed you out to the officer.
- The officer might consider your actions suspicious or you might act more suspicious realizing the officer is observing you.

TIPS ON TRAFFIC STOP WHILE CARRYING CONCEALED

What to do — and what not to do — during a traffic stop while you are carrying concealed.

The first is to place your hands on the steering wheel and have your dome light on.

The second tip is to advise the officer that you have your firearm on your person. By doing this, you are being up front with them and this tends to portray you in a positive light. The reaction will vary from officer to officer, but research shows that the majority of them are very welcoming of this information. The following phrase is commonly recommended: "Officer, I want to let you know that I have a concealed carry permit in this state and I currently have one on my person. How would you like me to proceed?" This is very important, as the last thing you want is another officer coming up on the other side of your vehicle and the first thing he

hears is "gun." Asking the officer how he would like you to proceed offers them comfort and control over the situation.

Display identification, move slowly — You will probably, at some point, need to give the officer your drivers license. The recommendation here is to provide your CHL at the same time. This verifies to the officer that you do have your permit, and will more than likely make the process much smoother. Before reaching for your DL and permit, advise the officer of the location of your firearm. If you are like most people, you're carrying the weapon in the same general location as your wallet. Again, let the officer advise you if they choose to do so. If they don't seem that concerned, make slow movements to retrieve your documents.

You are not being treated like a criminal. The number one issue officers hear is "why should I have to tell the officer I'm carrying. I am not a criminal!" Remember this, the officer has no idea who you are and just wants to get back to his family at the end of the day. With the nature of the job, there are inherent risks associated with it. It's better to be safe than sorry and because of this, we feel the above information is relevant and important. There are, of course, rare cases when an officer would go above and beyond the necessary steps and if your rights end up being violated, the process to rectify that should come after and not during the traffic stop itself.

As with anything else firearm related, get familiar with your state laws.

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The 15 graduates of East Texas Police Academy – Quitman Campus were sworn in by academy director and Quitman Police Chief Kelly Cole at graduation ceremonies Friday night at Carroll Green Civic Center in Quitman. (Monitor photo by Larry Tucker)

East Texas Police Academy graduates 15 new officers

By **LARRY TUCKER**
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The fifth graduating class of East Texas Police Academy - Quitman campus graduated Saturday night before over 300 family members, friends and fellow law enforcement officers.

Quitman Chief of Police Kelly Cole directs the academy and was the master of ceremonies for the event. Cole's wife, Toni, was called upon by the class to offer her words of wisdom. Toni Cole related some of the things she has learned in her 16 years of marriage to Chief Cole.

"Law enforcement officers are human. They have families, they make mistakes, they hurt and sometimes they are even happy. They are not super human like I had always figured they were," Toni said. "Law enforcement officers see things no one should have to see. They come home at night and they close their eyes, and they don't think about how the

grass should have been cut but wasn't, they re-see everything they saw that day or night. Not only do they have to see things no one should have to see, immediately thereafter, they have to get in their cars and go to the next call while trying to not let the last call affect them."

Class officers were Presi-

dent Caitlin Roberson, Vice President Brooke Wedgeworth, Treasurer Chris Stampport and Chaplain A.G. Sessions III. Roberson addressed the gathering on behalf of the class. "As we gather to our achievement, we realize we could not have done this without each and every one of you. In the last seven

months our instructors and fellow classmates have all missed out on many hours of family time including children's birthdays, anniversaries and much more, 720 hours to be exact." Roberson explained, "We never thought this day would come. We prayed for it, crossed days off our calendars, counted hours, minutes and seconds. And now that it is here I am sorry. We are leaving friends who are inspiring, instructors who are mentors and so many people who have changed my life forever."

Chief Cole further addressed the crowd and the graduates. "This is just the first step in this path they have chosen, a path of law enforcement which is a long path, it is a tough path for those who choose it. It is ever changing," Chief Cole acknowledged. "Anybody that looks at anything happening today as far as in the news, you can see it's tough and there's a whole lot of people out there who say 'I don't want to be a

cop' and I understand that. But you have 15 people up here on this stage tonight who have said I want to be a cop, I want to step forward and do the right thing, I want to help my fellow man even if my fellow man doesn't always want to be helped.

The 15 graduates included two sponsored by Quitman Police Department, Corbin Hanner and Ashleigh Brooke Wedgeworth and six sponsored by Wood County Sheriff's Office who were A.G. Session III, Louis Dahlman, Billy Hill, Austin Milbourn, Jonathan Rose and Chris Stampport.

Graduates sponsored by the Van Zandt County Sheriff's Office were Clayton Canady and Damon Williams. Sponsored by Van Zandt County Constable Pct. 1 were Tammie Pollard and T.J. Foster. Smith County Fire Marshal sponsored Caitlin Roberson and Meghan Burger while Upshur County Constable Pct. 1 sponsored Ronald Crutsinger.



Quitman Chief of Police Kelly Cole was the master of ceremonies at the graduation ceremonies for 15 new law enforcement officers Friday night at Carroll Green Civic Center, Quitman. (Monitor photo by Larry Tucker)



ABOVE: The Winnsboro High School Art Club was hosting a fundraiser during the Autumn Trails Saturday and children could scratch off designs to make their own masks.

RIGHT: Children in downtown Winnsboro enjoy a little cotton candy as they make their own freestyle fun during the Arts & Crafts weekend of the Autumn Trails Festival. It is the 58th year for the event that includes activities every weekend throughout October including a Trail Ride and old car parade.

TOP RIGHT: From front to back, Winnsboro Mayor Randy Parrish, Wood County Extension Angie Monk and David Hightower are about to conclude their very serious duty of judging the chili cookoff Saturday. The contest was hosted by the Gus Garrison Masonic Lodge and included 10 entries this year. The contest offered \$500 for first place, \$250 for second and \$100 for third place winners. (Monitor photos by Doris Newman)



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Marty Gould utilizes this Beech Bonanza in his aerial aviation business. It's been 21 years since the Goulds sold their belongings in Houston and moved to Mineola. (Photo by Tommy Anderson)

It took a lot of moxie to quit a good job, sell everything you own, invest all the cash you could raise and start off on a new adventure in life with a wife and four kids counting on you to keep beans on the table.

But, with a spouse willing to pitch in and work alongside her mate, Marty and Janette Gould liquidated in Houston and headed to Mineola back in 1995 equipped with a one-ton truck, a big RV trailer, two used Cessna 172 single-engine airplanes, and a contract to fly 1,000 miles of pipeline two times every week for Citco.

"Mr. Henry Wisener and his family with their East Texas generosity were instrumental to starting up our company, Beacon Aviation, Inc. He let me keep my airplanes at his airport, let us live on the airport property in our RV and considered us as 'night time security' for his place," Marty recalls.

But that was 21 years, and thousands of hours of flight time ago. The little company that started out flying one pipeline twice a week changed directions quickly. In 1996 Marty and his staff did aerial mapping of that pipeline with a newly acquired digital camera and the world of the Gould family was forever changed. By 1997 Beacon Aviation Inc. was doing nothing but digital aerial mapping and by striving to keep state-of-the-art equipment as their key element of business has become tremendously successful.

The Goulds have recently completed a new hangar at the Wood County Airport. They built it to airport specifications, and paid for it, but it belongs to the Wood County Airport and Beacon Aviation Inc. has a 99-year lease on it. It is a beautiful, modern hangar in appearance, but what it houses is even more impressive. Inside there are three aircraft. One

Flying the friendly skies leads to booming business for Beacon Aviation

By Tommy Anderson

is a Cessna 172 "on steroids" along with a souped up Beech Bonanza 36A, and an eye-catching little Thorp 18 that is Marty's own little dish of airplane candy.

While the first two aircraft are for work, the Thorp is strictly for recreation. The spunky low-wing air dart cruises at just under 200 miles per hour, is fully IFR (Instrument Flight Rules) equipped, and is capable of pulling 9+ Gs and doing limited aerobatics. Though the cockpit is small, Marty has taken the little rad streak on jaunts to Washington, DC, Florida, and San Francisco.

And while the Thorp and all its fun times are a joy for Marty, what is the real center of his world, and that of his family, is the fascinating world of digital aerial mapping. That is where the other two aircraft come into play.

The Cessna 172 has been specially equipped with all type of extras for such things a short takeoffs and landings (STOL), vortex tabs which allow the aircraft to fly very slowly without stalling out, a variable pitch prop and an overpowered engine which are not normally found on Cessna 172s.

The Bonanza, on the other hand is a very high speed aircraft. It is not uncommon to do digital mapping flights at

speeds of 200 knots in that big bird. Neither of these aircraft have pressurized cabins so when they need to fly above 14,000 feet for a mapping job, oxygen is required and both are so equipped.

There is one more piece of equipment in that hangar that also plays a big part in the business for the Gould clan and that is a large motor home that they utilize as a mobile showroom to display and demonstrate their wares.

This all sounds like it is getting to be a high dollar business all of a sudden and it is, but you might be surprised at what the real high dollar items are.

Probably the biggest single investment Beacon Aviation Inc. has made is in its digital camera, which came from Israel and which Marty says, "cost more than my house." There are other high priced electrical components to the digital mapping equipment package to make things accurate and superior in quality, but the software that drives the company's bank of super computers took a big bite out of the bankroll also, to the tune of over \$100,000.

The Goulds aren't saying just how much they have invested in their digital aerial mapping operation, but will admit it is well over \$1 million.

All this forms a little company that has been sitting right in Mineola's backyard for the last 20 years and very few people even knew it existed. And there is good reason for that. For most of the time Marty and crew have been in the aerial mapping business they have been servicing coal mines in Texas, Oklahoma, Louisiana and Arkansas. That has been a good business and will continue to be a large chunk of Beacon's trade. However, the price of lignite coal and the falling price of natural gas have combined to create tough times for some of the smaller mining operations and their business is slowing down. So, some of the mapping will slow down, but Marty and company will not.

Nothing like a bird's eye view to grasp the enormity of the work being done for the segment of Toll Road 49 that will meet Highway 69 between Lindale and Mineola. (Photo courtesy Beacon Aviation)

The Gould business is a family business in every way. At one time Beacon Aviation had a number of employees which were not family members. However, as technology advanced and the two youngest Gould children grew up, it has become a four-family-member business with Marty's wife Janette serving as president of the company and running the business end of things. Marty holds the title of vice president, and chief cook and bottle washer, as well as the only pilot in the clan. Taylor, their 24-year-old son, is the technology whiz of the group, lording over the computer systems that turn out the finished product and serving as project manager. Youngest son Jesse, at the ripe old age of 21, gets to do a little of just about everything, but mostly he spends his time in front of computers working with Taylor.

So, when the mine mapping showed a bit of drop in demand, the Goulds started looking for other mapping projects they could delve into and sure enough, they are out there if you can get the right certifications and produce a product that will satisfy the needs of the customer.

Beacon Aviation works with state-of-the-art airborne equipment which affords it the ability to capture, process and deliver quality products, all with in-house resources. The system integration of cutting-edge hardware and software allows for rapid acquisition and delivery of a client's area of interest that are both accurate and aesthetically pleasing.

With this high tech equipment Beacon can target and map anything from a city's airport to an entire county, producing orthographic, topographic, and planimetric products that are second to none.

Recently Beacon became DBE (Disadvantage Business Enterprise) certified by the Texas Department of Transportation and on Wednesday, Sept. 29 mapped the Toll Road 49 6.7-mile extension, segment 4 of the project. Beacon finished flying the imagery and surface data capture mission around 3 p.m. utilizing Direct Georeferencing Technology, which required no ground-based survey control panels. The finished product was shared with the customer on the next day, Sept. 30.

A turn around time of less than 24 hours is virtually unheard of - many mapping companies require between two and three weeks to accomplish the same service.

It is amazing that a quite little company has grown so large in a very high tech industry in the midst of the quiet and friendly setting of rural East Texas. With new ventures coming to Beacon Aviation virtually every day one has to wonder just where the home grown industry might wind up in the future.



Arrival of fall sees crickets converging on artificially lit surfaces

If you've been out at night during the past few weeks, you may have noticed something strange.

From a late-night burger run to a gas fill-up, swarms of crickets are blanketing every possible surface that is bathed in artificial light.

According to Dr. Michael Merchant, an AgriLife Extension urban entomologist in Dallas, cricket outbreaks are one of the most predictable pest events of the year in Texas. Late summer and fall are when adult crickets become abundant around homes and commercial buildings. Although the cricket species associated with outbreaks in Texas have not been well-studied, they are collectively referred to as black field crickets, or field crickets.

Female crickets, or nymphs, require approximately three months to complete their development and become

adults. Once the cricket reaches the adult stage it is capable of flight and mating. Cricket outbreaks occur when large numbers of nymphs complete their development and embark on nighttime mating flights.

Fall cricket flights can be a cost for small businesses as they may lose customers and must pay for cleanup and disposal.

The largest cricket outbreaks seem to occur during years of dry springs and summers. Although crickets can be locally abundant in any year, numbers appear to be highest in August and September when a summer drought is broken by rainfall and cooler weather.

Field crickets are primarily outdoor insects, and as such are only accidental indoor invaders. Nevertheless, they can become a considerable household nuisance when abundant. Unlike

house crickets, field crickets do not breed indoors or establish permanent indoor infestations.

During severe outbreaks crickets can create an aesthetically unacceptable situation around places of business. Dead crickets quickly pile up, causing odors; and many people are repelled by the sight of large numbers of crickets on walls and sidewalks around offices and stores.

Outdoor lighting is the most important single cause of severe cricket infestations around homes and commercial buildings. Buildings that are brightly lit at night are most likely to attract the largest numbers of crickets during the fall mating season. Reducing outdoor lights is the first, and most important, step in a cricket control program.

During cricket swarming season, outdoor lights should be turned off

as early in the evening as practical, or should be replaced with lamps that are less attractive to insects. Low-pressure sodium vapor lamps and yellow incandescent "bug lights" are less attractive than standard incandescent, fluorescent, mercury vapor or halogen lights. Floodlights that illuminate homes or buildings, and which are not necessary for security purposes, should be turned off; or the lighting schedule should be restricted to a few hours each night.

When crickets are drawn to lighted buildings at night, they will continue to cause problems, regardless of the amounts of insecticides used. The heaviest cricket mating flights usually last one or two weeks, although crickets will continue to remain active for many weeks, until cold weather arrives.

Obituaries

BILL LUSCOMB 1945-2016

YANTIS-Graveside services for Bill "Pops" Luscomb, 70, Yantis, were held Wednesday, October 12 at Lake Fork Memorial Cemetery with Rev. Dennis Chambers officiating.

Mr. Luscomb died October 8, 2016, in Emory. He was born October 15, 1945, in Dallas to William and Audrey Luscomb. He was a U.S. Air Force Veteran.

He was preceded in death by his parents and a son, Bryan Luscomb.

Survivors include his wife of 50 years, JoAnn Luscomb, Yantis; three sons, Winfred Earl Luscomb, Star City, AR, James Luscomb, Carrollton and Jody Luscomb, Yantis; daughter, Barbara Wiley, Lindale; 11 grandchildren and 13 great-grandchildren.



SHERRI MORROW 1965-2016

WINNSBORO-Funeral services for Sherri Morrow, 51, Winnsboro, were held October 12 at Beaty Funeral Home-Winnsboro with Rev. Henry Suche officiating.

Burial followed at Restland Cemetery in Dallas with Dr. Don Benton officiating.

Mrs. Morrow died Saturday, October 1, 2016, in Winnsboro. She was born August 9, 1965, in Dallas to the late Robert and Roberta St. Miklossy. She was a flight attendant, member of First United Methodist Church of Richardson and was involved with Boy Scouts and other activities.

She was preceded in death by her mother, Roberta St. Miklossy.

Survivors include a son, Grant Morrow; daughter, Brook Lynn Morrow; brothers, Bob St. Miklossy, Michael St. Miklossy and other relative

WOODFORD MCLEAN PURSLEY 1930-2016

MINEOLA-Funeral services for Woodford McLean Pursley, 86, Mineola, were held Saturday, October 8 at Beaty Funeral Home in Mineola with Rev. Craig Lacy officiating.

Burial followed at Roselawn Memorial Gardens in Mineola.

Mr. Pursley was born May 5, 1930, in Sevier County, Arkansas to the late Clarence and Edna Pursley, was a retired truck driver and member of Lake Country Bible Church in Mineola.

Survivors include his wife, Anita Pursley, Mineola; daughter, Teresa Derstein, GA; stepson, Tony Severs, Carrollton; brother, Norman Pursley, Houston; grandchildren and other relatives.

In lieu of flowers donations may be made to Lake Country Bible Church or Hospice of East Texas.

Quitman

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which are on the horizon for downtown Quitman," Hudman said. "We still have a lot of debris to dig out of there to be sure it will be usable space. We have found lots of things. At the old Ramsey's site there are still jeans and boots in there. Nothing in there can be salvaged."

There was a steady stream of traffic and people stopping by to see what was happening downtown.

"It won't be long and we will be ready to go. I am aggressively looking for interested parties to submit a proposal about what they want to put in that building," Hudman noted. "This is such a great opportunity for new businesses or someone wanting to relocate here. We are looking for solid new retail opportunities for Quitman. We want places which have something for everybody. We want it to be a destination. People need to call and tell me what they want to do."

New city administrator Greg Hollen is excited about the future of downtown Quitman. "The opportunity to be involved in the downtown Quitman redevelopment is one of the hallmarks of a vibrant community," Hollen stated. "Our city commitment to business friendly environment positively impacts everyone as we expand to provide more goods, services and tax revenue. I am pleased that the citizens have shared the vision of a revitalized and thriving downtown and look forward to enjoying the fruits of that collaboration and growth!"

Hudman said parking will be a key. "We will have parking just to the north and people will be able to walk through



As crews peeled back the front of the Old Democrat and Ramsey buildings a part of Quitman history was revealed. In front of the former Western Auto site are, from left, Western Auto owner Hoyt Camp, Quitman Development Corporation Executive Director Denea Hudman and Quitman City Secretary/Administrator Greg Hollen. (Courtesy photo)

downtown and not be far at all from any place of business downtown," Hudman added.

Hudman is looking forward to the near future and is thrilled to be a part of it. "I get choked up thinking about it. I have been here for two years in November (as QDC executive director), but long before I came here, there are people who had this vision," she admitted. "I'm just getting to be a part of it. Every day when I come to work there are some people who still don't understand why we are doing this, but we have so many who are excited and supportive. I come to work every day excited about what we are doing."

Former Western Auto owner Hoyt Camp came by and shared memories with Hudman. "People like Hoyt Camp and Ulna McWhorter who have been around here for a long time are positive

about the future," Hudman said. "Mr. Camp was happy to come down and get his picture made in front of the old building. Mrs. McWhorter has also been very positive."

The vision is for retail businesses and a walk-through passage between the parking area and the courthouse. Investors

were in town last week to look at the progress and see possibilities about spending money in Quitman.

Hudman can be reached at 903-268-9054 for information concerning downtown as well as other areas of Quitman for business opportunities.

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Betty Jeanne Cooper
 1927 - 2016

Betty Jeanne Cooper, 89, of Mineola, passed away Monday, October 3, 2016 in Mineola, TX. She was born on Wednesday, May 11, 1927 in Cushing, Ok to the late Elmer and Beatrice Jones. She was a member of First Baptist Church, Mineola, member of PEO and the Wood County Retired Educators.

Ms. Cooper is preceded in death by her husband, Harden F. Cooper Jr.; two brothers, Charles Clifton Jones and Robert Jones; sister, Mary Jane Riddle. She is survived by three sons, Michael H. Cooper and wife Monte of Plano, TX, Craig L. Cooper and wife Dianne of Mineola, TX, and Blake W. Cooper and wife Tammy of Commerce, TX; daughter, Melinda Mcgee and husband Louis of Stilwell, OK; ten grandchildren; seven great grandchildren, one great-great granddaughter and several nieces and nephews.

Service was held Friday, October 7, 2016 at First Baptist Church, Mineola with Dr. Mark Neeley officiating. Interment followed at Roselawn Memorial Gardens, Mineola.

In lieu of flowers, family has requested donations to be made to South Texas Children's Home Ministries, P O Box 759, Beeville TX 78104 or Friends Of Texas Public Schools, 700 Lavaca Ste#1400, Austin TX 78701.

Jamboree

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young fisherman was able to see a dream come true.

Crist, who is Dominic's uncle, was able to go on the fishing trip and praised the efforts of Texas Hunt for the Cure.

"The organization was formed to help young people like Dominic who have terminal illness and want to go hunting or fishing. We felt like we wanted to give something back for all they have done for others and we wanted people to remember Dominic," Crist explained. "We wanted to honor the memory of Dominic by helping others who are suffering and in need. We hope to make



Winzer Thompson has a great time on the inflatable slide at the Dominic Ayala Memorial Jamboree with his grandmother Liz Thompson Saturday evening at the Yantis school campus. (Monitor photos by Larry Tucker)

this memorial jamboree even bigger and better next year. We might do a barbecue cook-off and we want to have a car show too."

Heroes, Cops and Kids organization provided Superheroes to visit with the

young ones in attendance as well as the young at heart. Batman, the Incredible Hulk, Captain America and Spider Man, are in real life active Dallas police officers while Wonder Woman and Storm are portrayed by two civilian

women. Award-winning entertainer Don Woods volunteered his time and put on a great night of country music.

Texas Hunt for the Cure was founded in 2012 to help fulfill final wishes if a child or young person who dreams of a memorable trophy hunt or unforgettable fishing trip.

"We can't wait to start planning next year's event. We want to thank everyone who was a part of this first jamboree and hope next year to be even bigger and better," Crist said. "If anyone wants to still make a donation for this year or if you would like to volunteer to help us next time, do not hesitate to get in touch with me."

Crist can be contacted at 903-440-3623.

MINEOLA ANIMAL SHELTER

"Two of the best big dogs" describes this week's featured pets. They are both adult and both described as extremely intelligent, sweet and trainable. One is believed to be a Catahoula, Australian shepherd mix and appears to be house trained. The black dog is believed to be a shepherd, lab mix and is a sensitive fellow. He may also be housebroken. Last week's black puppy and the three-legged dog featured a couple weeks ago have both been adopted.

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Freddie M. Hayden

A private family memorial service will be held for Freddie Hayden. Freddie Marshall Hayden was born January 10, 1943 in Shreveport, Louisiana to the late Aubrey Montgomery Hayden and Edith Janette Bynum Hayden. He passed away at the age of 73 on September 30, 2016 at his home and walked straight through the gates of Heaven to meet his Lord Jesus.

He had been a resident of Elmo for 8 years, formerly living in Quitman. After graduating from Irving High School, he attended The University of Texas in Austin and then served in the U.S. Air Force. He owned L & H Manufacturing for many years. He was a member of First Assembly of Terrell and he loved his family and loved getting together to hear what was going on with each one. He loved bird watching, fishing and Texas Longhorn football.

He is survived by his wife, Sheila Hayden of Elmo; three children, Scott Hayden of Tyler, Shelley Gray of Quitman, and Steven Hayden of Waskom; two brothers, Alan Hayden of Mansfield and Richard Hayden of Forney; and two grandchildren, Trenton Scott Hayden of Las Vegas and Henley Kane Hayden of Waskom.

In lieu of flowers please make donations to the North Texas Food Bank or Hospice Plus.

Mineola grabs crucial win after 4-game skid

By EVAN DUDLEY
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The Mineola Lady Jackets started district play 3-1 but a four-game skid gave the Lady Jackets a 3-5 record and needing a win to keep their playoff hopes alive. After dropping a tough match in five sets to Eustace Tuesday, Mineola rebounded Friday with a sweep of Kemp on the road.

Kemp kept it close in the first game but Mineola managed to keep the Lady Jackets at bay and took the first game 28-26. Mineola controlled the last two games and dominated Kemp 25-16 and 25-14.

In the win, Lauren Almuete led the Lady Jackets with 15 kills, four digs and an ace. Lanie Kelly continued her strong play with 49 assists, four digs and an ace.

Jadi Lopez had three kills and two digs, Kiley Banks added eight digs and an ace and Jessiah Riley had four digs and an ace. Sabria Dean had seven kills and a dig along with Jaycee Whitehead and her three kills.

The win gave Mineola a 4-5 district record.

The Lady Jackets were defeated by Eustace at home Tuesday by scores of 20-25, 25-18, 22-25, 25-23 and 13-15. Mineola dropped their earlier match with the Lady Bulldogs 3-1.

Statistics for Mineola in the loss were: Almuete 16

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SHUTOUT!



Curtis London side-steps a defender before taking another would-be tackler. (Photos courtesy of Gene's photography)

Yellowjacket defense smothers Farmersville, scores at will

By EVAN DUDLEY
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Jeremiah Crawford was tired. With his team up 41 points near the end of the third quarter, the senior quarterback took a shotgun snap in the end zone and outran the entire defense 98 yards for a score. His body was exhausted and his breathing was heavy but Crawford had his sights set on one thing following his longest play of the year.

The bench. The Mineola Yellowjackets would have ample time to ride the pine while shutting out the previously unbeaten Farmersville Farmers Friday night 54-0. Similar to their district opener against Quitman, the Yellowjackets dominated all three phases of the game and were on the receiving end of two odd ball-bounces in their favor.

"Our defense has been playing great lately and that's put us in position to have easy scores," said Head Coach Joe Drennon. "Offensively, Jeremiah and Curtis have been running well but our offensive line has done an outstanding job."

"Our receivers on the edge have been blocking well, we're throwing and catching the ball well and a great team performance. The thing we did tonight better than anything was we out-physiced them."

Crawford's run was the exclamation point in the Yellowjackets' victory but the offense was in at-

tack mode all evening accounting for more than 500 yards of offense. Crawford himself ran for 239 yards and was 5-of-9 passing for 78 yards with a 51-yard touchdown pass to Seth Hudgins, who finished with 59 rushing yards and 56 receiving yards.

Mineola started the game like they have all season, taking only two plays to score on the opening possession. Curtis London was

stopped for no gain on the first play but Crawford followed it by running 56 yards to the goal line. Crawford fumbled before crossing the plain but Frankie Meason was able to recover the ball in the end zone for the touchdown.

The ball continued to bounce in Mineola's favor for the duration of the contest.

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Jeremiah Crawford slices up the Farmersville defense. Crawford finished with more than 300 yards of offense and three touchdowns.



Quitman's Rebekah Corrier sends a hard-serve to Edgewood in last Friday's Quitman victory. (Photos by Larry Tucker)

Quitman rebounds from first loss, beats Edgewood

By LARRY TUCKER
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After suffering their first district loss to Scurry Rosser Tuesday, the Quitman Lady Bulldogs roared back Friday afternoon to shut down Edgewood with a 3-0 sweep by the scores of 25-19, 25-22, 25-19.

Game one against Edgewood was a back-and-forth affair when Quitman's Kaci Raley, on an assist from Cammie Hicks, blasted a kill which rocketed to the floor to give Quitman a 13-11 lead. Quitman would dominate the rest of the game. The Lady Bulldogs would extend their lead to as much as seven points at 21-14 before Brittany Walls nailed the coffin shut

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COACHES CORNER



Mineola Head Football Coach
JOE DRENNON

"Our defense has been playing great lately and that's put us in position to have easy scores. Offensively, Jeremiah and Curtis have been running well but our offensive line has done an outstanding job. Our receivers on the edge have been blocking well, we're throwing and catching the ball well and we had a great team performance."

Mineola Head Volleyball Coach
KERRY VAN CLEAVE

"Our week started out hard but we ended on a positive. We have to keep learning from mistakes, pushing through the hard stuff and being better than we were the last time we stepped on the court."



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Panthers shut out by Lone Oak

By TOMMY ANDERSON
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An old sage was once heard to say, "I feel like I've been sent for and couldn't come."

Well that just might have been the feeling among the Alba-Golden Panther football players Friday night when they opened District 8-3A Division II play at Lone Oak. The Panthers had worked hard to be ready for that contest and no one could fault the effort they put out in the contest, but it seemed the harder they tried, the worse things got until they wound up on the short end of the stick by a 39-0 count.

Panther Head Coach Ron Callahan is an eternal optimist, but even he was scratching his head a little after that game. "We've got kids trying so hard to get everything perfect that they are pressing, overthinking things sometimes, and it just seems to come all unwound," Callahan lamented.

One prime example of that could be deep snaps on punts. The punt snaps aren't too much farther than the regular deep set on most of their offensive sets, yet for the last three games the Panthers have had the ball go over the kicker's head several times and bounce before it got to the kicker on several other occasions. That happened three times in the Lone Oak game.

Another example could be the Panther passing game. Against the Buffaloes Friday, the Panthers lofted the pigskin 18 times and that performance brought to mind a quote made by the

late, great University of Texas coach Darrell Royal back in the 1960s when he was asked why his Longhorns didn't pass more. Royal cracked his wry smile and said, "Well, when you put the ball in the air only three things can happen, and two of them are bad." The one good thing he included was a completion, but the two bad things were an incompleteness which cost a down and didn't gain you any yards and an interception, which was strictly taboo as far as he was concerned.

Against the Buffaloes two of the Panther tosses were intercepted, 12 fell incomplete and of the 4 that were completed, one came on a bad punt snap when kicker Jacoby Harle picked up the ball and tossed it 25 yards downfield to Cody Frazier.

"Lone Oak put a lot of pressure on our passing game for one thing. We got the ball where it was supposed to go sometimes, but the receiver didn't get there. We got our receivers open sometimes, but didn't get the ball to them. It was a bad night for our passing game," Callahan commented.

In addition to all that, the Panthers are still banged up a little from their tough nonconference campaign. Ace running back and hard-hitting safety Frazier still isn't back up to 100 percent after receiving bad rib cage bruises in the fourth game of the season, but he is getting stronger each week.

Running back David Pennington went to the sidelines in the fifth game of the campaign with what was originally thought to be a minor injury that turned out

to be a concussion and he still has not been cleared to return to duty. Callahan is hopeful that things will be a little better this week when Alba-Golden takes to the road again, visiting Winona in another conference game.

Winona defeated Como-Pickton in its district opener Friday by a score of 41-21. However, Como-Pickton is 0-6 on the season and to have scored 21 points against Winona could cause folks to take pause about how just how lightly the Eagles can be taken. The win moved Winona's Wildcats up to 3-3 for the season and puts them in the favorite's role when Alba-Golden comes visiting Friday at 7:30 p.m.

The third district game Friday night saw Harmony (4-2, 0-1) get upset by the Edgewood Bulldogs, 44-34. The win jumped Edgewood up to 5-1 on the year and 1-0 in district and made the Bulldogs the team to beat in conference competition. This week Edgewood hosts Lone Oak in the conference headliner while Como-Pickton just might not find all things harmonizing when it visits Harmony in the third conference battle of the weekend.

In Lone Oak Friday senior Stephen Singh was the man in the spotlight for the Buffaloes he scored touchdowns on runs of 4, 5 and 69 yards, while Damion Rogers, also a senior, got a pair of TDs with a 28-yard run and his 36-yard interception return. Travis Ramm, only a sophomore, scored the remaining Lone Oak touchdown on a five-yard reception from Quaid Williams.

Lady Panthers split two, chasing playoff spot

By EVAN DUDLEY
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The Alba-Golden Lady Panthers extended their winning streak to four matches Tuesday against Edgewood in three sets but were unable to sweep the week falling to Scurry-Rosser 3-2 Friday.

The Lady Panthers got their fifth win in district play by sweeping Edgewood 25-11, 25-17 and 25-21. Alba-Golden dominated as it had the three previous matches as they swept every opponent during that stretch.

Alba-Golden was led by Gracie Pendergrass who had 14 kills, six digs and one block. Bethany Carson spread it around as well with seven kills, three blocks and an ace. Ginny Carson had two kills and three blocks with Kenzie Chadwick adding two kills.

Breezy Weissert led the Lady Panthers with 14 assists, two kills and an ace. Aspen Howard had five digs with Lindsey Roberts adding an ace and Macie Pendergrass a kill and a dig.

The Lady Panthers fell to Scurry-Rosser in a back-and-forth affair that lasted five sets, 14-25, 25-22, 19-25, 25-19 and 11-15.

Alba-Golden heads into the back stretch of the regular season with a 5-4 record in district play and it does not get any easier.

The Lady Panthers were to host 12th-ranked Quitman Tuesday after Monitor presstime. The Lady Bulldogs are 8-1 in district play and swept the Lady Panthers earlier this season. Alba-Golden travels to Eustace Friday to avenge a 3-1 loss from early in the district season.

Hawks falter in district opener against Kerens

By KATIE MOORE

For football teams, the bye week is an opportunity for rest and focus – rest from the weekly battering and focus on how to improve in their individual positions before heading back onto the field. The Hawkins Hawks had an open week before they began district play Oct. 7 against the Kerens Bobcats. However, it didn't seem to provide much of an advantage, as they lost 39-22.

"After an open week we feel great about the start of district," Coach Bryan Price said before the game. "We are finally healthy and at full strength. We have had the best practices of the year and are prepared for a win to open district."

The Hawks put the first points on the board – two points on a safety. Soon the Hawks scored again, but didn't convert. Kerens also took their turn putting points up, and the score was 15-12 Hawkins at the half.

After halftime, the Hawks again struck first, putting the score at 22-12. Penalties burned the Hawks twice – once costing them a touchdown. Kerens quickly pulled ahead with two breakaway runs, making the score 22-27 by the middle of the third quarter. By the middle of the fourth, Kerens had added 12 more points. The Hawks are now 1-5 (0-1 in district play) headed into their matchup at Cayuga Oct. 15. They will play their Homecoming game against Crossroads Oct. 21.

Lady Hawks win back-to-back away games

By KATIE MOORE

After an up-and-down start to district play, the Lady Hawks put up two wins this week.

"I'm really proud of the way we played Tuesday and Friday," senior Hannah Langford said. "Linden-Kildare beat us in the first round of district and Union Grove was undefeated before Friday. We could have let intimidation get in our heads, but we didn't. We just did our best and focused on one point at a time."

In Tuesday's game against Linden-Kildare, the Lady Hawks lost the first set 23-25 but were able to win the last three 25-14, 25-6 and 25-13. Senior hitters Hannah Langford, Sydnee Miller, and Natalie Smith led a balanced hitting

attack by putting down six kills each. Junior Emily Hodges added four kills. Natalie Smith had three solo blocks and Miller had two. Haleigh Dollins put up 12 assists and Raeli Smith added five.

Defensively, Madison Staruska led Hawkins in digs with 13. Raeli Smith also picked up 10 digs and Destiny Chapman picked up nine.

"We had a rough start in district, but we've been improving a lot in practice and now we know what we need to fix," Langford said. "As far as playoffs, we're guaranteed a spot, but going in first place would give us the best advantage, so that's what we're striving for."

Friday's game ended in another win for the Lady Hawks. Natalie Smith led with nine kills and three

blocks. Emily Hodges added six kills and Sydnee Miller put down five kills. Langford added four. Dollins and Raeli Smith combined for 19 assists, and Langford picked up 13 digs followed by Madison Staruska with 12.

The girls are proud of the way they've played and how the season is shaping up. "We definitely came together and played as a team against Linden-Kildare and Union Grove," Miller said. "I expect to pull out another win Tuesday when we play Big Sandy at their place. We have a good shot at getting first in district if we keep playing like we have been."

The Lady Hawks' district record is 3-2 heading into this week's away game at Big Sandy.



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Lady Owls drop match to North Hopkins

By LARRY TUCKER
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The Yantis lady Owls lost a tough five game match to rival North Hopkins last week by scores of 25-22, 16-25, 12-25, 25-14, 13-15.

Head Coach Jamie Garcia was proud of the Lady Owls fighting hard. "I seriously felt like we were going to go all the way with this game! We played very well the first two sets. In the third set we let them get 10 serves in on us and just gave up. The fourth set we started to come back but never made it all the way. In the fifth set we were neck-and-neck the entire time and the score was 13-14, North Hopkins up, Burnett serving and Coach Lewis called a timeout. The fans were getting the girls pumped and I was giving them a speech about wanting a win," Garcia said.

"We went back out to serve and it went in the net giving North Hopkins their final point and the game. In the locker room the girls were obviously upset. I explained to them to not be mad and down about the way they played. We overcame something and that was getting back in the game after being put down a set. We have never done that before! Now the girls know what it feels like to be on top and now they know they can and they have the potential to win. We just have to learn to run with it when we're at the end."

Statistics for the North Hopkins match were: Bailey Bush one kill, four aces, 14 digs, one block, two tips; Ashton Burnett six aces, 12 assists, 11 digs, two tips; Sarah Wilkey four kills, one ace, 13 digs, two tips; Maggie Hooker three kills, one ace, four digs, two blocks, four tips; Montana Wetzel one kill, two aces, 10 digs, four blocks, four tips; Gracie Beech six digs; Jackie Lopez nine digs and Maddie Hooker three kills, four aces, seven digs, three tips.

The Lady Owls are at home for two games this week, with on Boles Tuesday (after Monitor presstime) and Frutivale Friday.

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Texas ranks 38th in the country for potential deer collisions, which is one spot higher than last year. In 2016 there will be more than 200,000 newly licensed vehicles in the state and a potential for more than 2,400 additional deer collisions.

Nationally, drivers are three percent more likely to collide with a deer, elk, or moose in the coming year compared to last year. Odds are 1 in 164 with October, November and December being the most likely months to experience a collision.

Motorists should use extra caution and slow down in known deer zones, scan the road and avoid swerving when you see a

deer and always wear a seatbelt. Do not rely on devices such as deer whistles, deer fences and reflectors to deter deer; these devices are not proven effective.

Following a crash, motorist should move the vehicle to a safe place and, if possible, pull over to the side of the road and turn on the hazard lights.

Deer are most active at dusk and dawn—times when you or your vehicle may be less visible to other motorists.

Alert law enforcement if the deer is blocking traffic and creating a threat for other drivers.

Drivers should also stay away from the animal. A frightened, wounded deer could use its powerful legs and sharp hooves to inflict harm.

Mize and Phillips in winners circle

Jerry Mize was able to pick all but four of the games correctly in some high scoring, one-sided games Friday night, and in doing so he will receive \$20 in Football Bucks.

In second place we welcome Marie Phillips back to the winner's circle. Marie has been playing the game from its beginning and always seems to be enjoying pitting her foot-

ball knowledge against the guys. She came in ahead of several entrants and will take home \$10 for only missing five picks.

As always, entries must be brought into the Mineola or Quitman offices before 5 p.m. on game night. If entries are mailed, the postmark must be no later than Friday in the week the game is played.

Mineola Country Club SENIOR GOLF REPORT

The team of Terry Schoof, Loy Frazier, Gary Milam and Loy Valentine won first in the Senior Golf Scramble at Mineola Country Club Thursday. They shot (17 under) 54.

The second place team of Elroy Doggett, Jake Koeppel, Jim Albritton and Bill Mince shot (13 under) 58.

Closest to the pin on hole #5 was Doggett. F.G. Hardy drove closest on hole #9.

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Across the nation in the post-Civil War era, agriculture was pegged as the industry that would strengthen and prosper the United States. Having a consistent, abundant food and fiber supply was vital. In fact, the U.S. Congress passed the Morrill Act in 1862, granting land in every state for the establishment of a college where agriculture and mechanics could be researched and taught.

Texas made good on the act 140 years ago by opening the Agricultural & Mechanical College of Texas in 1876. That same year, about 125 miles away, a boy named Edwin Jackson Kyle was born.

The son of a Texas legislator and landholder, Kyle took an early liking to agriculture and after graduating from Texas A&M in 1899, set out for Cornell University in Ithaca, New York, to complete his graduate degrees. His na-

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five state reclaimed Kyle when Texas A&M hired him as a horticulture instructor in 1902, and he advanced to head the horticulture department by 1905.

Researching, teaching and overseeing horticultural efforts at Texas A&M might have been Kyle's claim to fame had it not been for his second interest in athletics.

Kyle was wearing a second hat as General Athletics Association director and his push to develop a field for sporting activities, historic documents

indicate, was not supported by Texas A&M officials. So, Kyle decided to sacrifice a piece of land on campus that previously was designated for horticulture experiments. With his own money, \$650, Kyle built and arranged bleachers for people to view events.

Students dubbed the area Kyle field by 1908, and in 1956 the Texas A&M board officially adopted the name, which continues in the same location for the noted football stadium.

Kyle, meanwhile, was chosen as the first dean of the College of Agricul-

ture when it was officially created in 1911. He stepped down from his other position with athletics and continued to lead the agriculture college for 33 years, making Kyle the longest-serving dean to date. After his retirement from Texas A&M in 1944 he went on to serve as the American Ambassador to Guatemala. After his service as ambassador, Kyle returned to Texas and retired to his home in Bryan.

Today, the College of Agriculture and Life Sciences has 7,786 students majoring in more than 100 undergraduate and graduate programs. Texas A&M AgriLife Research ranks No. 1 in agricultural sciences expenditures with more than \$176.4 million, and the Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service spans the state with 900 professional educators providing programs accessible by every resident in every Texas county.

Just as his efforts in athletics led the way for the university's major role in the sporting sector, so did Kyle's tenure in agriculture firmly secure Texas A&M's role as a land grant university now and for the future.

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kills, two aces, six digs; Riley two digs, two kills and one assist; Dean five kills, one dig; Lopez two digs and a kill; Whitehead one kill and Banks 14 digs; Kelley three digs and 47 assists.

The Lady Jackets hosted Grand Saline Tuesday after Monitor presstime before hitting the road to face Edgewood this Friday. Mineola defeated both squads earlier in the season.

A TWIST ON TRADITION



During Mineola's homecoming weekend the high spirits and activities weren't just limited to scheduled functions. A few alumni got together on Saturday night, Oct. 1, and left their mark, once again, on school hill (Patten Street). At least one graduate said she had had a great deal of fun that weekend, and "felt like an 18 year old again." Painting the school hill is a MHS senior class tradition. (Courtesy photo)

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DAVID WALLACE, applicant, in the above numbered and entitled case, filed on the 6th day of September, 2016, an

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APPLICATION TO DETERMINE HEIRSHIP of the said estate and requests the said Court determine who are the heirs and only heirs of Decedent and their respective shares and interests in this Estate and that a necessity exists for an administration of Decedent's Estate.

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.

All 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 of its issuance, it shall be returned

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GIVEN UNDER MY HAND AND SEAL OF SAID COURT at office in Quitman, Texas, this the 29th day of September, 2016.

KELLEY PRICE, County Clerk Wood County, Texas
By: Dachele Haggerty Deputy.

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DAVID WALLACE, applicant, in the above numbered and entitled case, filed on the 24th day of August, 2016, an APPLICATION FOR INDEPENDENT ADMINISTRATION AND LETTERS OF ADMINISTRATION PURSUANT TO SECTION 401.003 OF THE

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TEXAS ESTATES CODE of the said estate and requests the said Court appoint David Earl Wallace to serve as Administrator under the provisions of Section 401.003 of the Texas Estates Code; that Letters of Administration be issued to David Earl Wallace; that all other Orders be entered as the Court may deem proper.

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Notice of Public Sale of property to satisfy a landlord's lien. Sale to be held at Home-town Storage at 640 FM 778 Quitman, TX 75783 on October 15, 2016 at 9 AM. Seller reserves the right to withdraw property at any time before the sale. Unit items sold for cash to highest bidder. Property includes misc. household items of tenants: Ruby Burge, Ashley Slayton.

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Public Notice

Texas 75765
DATED the 26th day of September, 2016.
PEGGY S. GARMON,
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Sale #	Cause # Judgment Date	Acct # Order Issue Date	Style of Case	Legal Description	Adjudged Value
1	T-3492 03/02/16	R62855 SEPTEMBER 29, 2016	WOOD COUNTY, ET AL VS. LINDA HALLMAN, ET AL	0.78 acre, more or less, in the M. Ward Survey, Abstract 603, and being further described in a deed filed June 22, 1982, from Roy Joe Hallman et ux, to Charles David Hallman and Linda Hallman in a Warranty Deed recorded in Volume 851, Page 624, Deed Records of Wood County, Texas (#R62855)	\$5,860.00
2	T-3625 01/14/15	N35851 SEPTEMBER 29, 2016	QUITMAN INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT, ET AL VS. BLACK DIAMOND OPERATING CO LLC, ET AL	Tract 1 0.833335 Interest in the White Denton Lease #154550, Abstract 588, the D Townsend Survey, being assessed on the tax rolls of Wood County in the name of Black Diamond Operating Co. (#N35851) (#N357528)	\$940,910.00
3	T-3625 01/14/15	N310883 SEPTEMBER 29, 2016	QUITMAN INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT, ET AL VS. BLACK DIAMOND OPERATING CO LLC, ET AL	Tract 2 0.875 Working Interest in the Iffobinson Lease #133400, Abstract 588, the D Townsend Survey, being assessed on the tax rolls of Wood County in the name of Black Diamond Operating Company, Inc. (#N310883) (#N357525)	\$326,360.00
4	T-3659 03/02/16	R37821 SEPTEMBER 29, 2016	WOOD COUNTY, ET AL VS. REGIONS BANK, ET AL	Tract 1 50.00 feet by 150.00 feet, containing 0.1722 acre, more or less, situated in the Gray B. King Survey, Wood County, Texas, as described, as First Tract, in deed dated April 5, 1994, from James Charles White, et ux, by Substitute Trustee to Mt. Pleasant Savings & Loan, in Volume 1380, Page 826, Deed Records of Wood County, Texas (#R37821)	\$40,210.00
5	T-3659 03/02/16	R37822 SEPTEMBER 29, 2016	WOOD COUNTY, ET AL VS. REGIONS BANK, ET AL	Tract 2 All that tract or parcel of land, being 50 feet by 150 feet, in the Gray B. King Survey, Wood County, Texas, as described, as First Tract, in deed dated December 22, 2003, from James C. White, to Janet C. White, et ux, in Volume 1971, Page 712, Official Public Records of Wood County, Texas (#R37822)	\$500.00
6	T-3747 03/04/15	M68082 SEPTEMBER 29, 2016	WOOD COUNTY, ET AL VS. SUSAN MCCOY	1993 Palm Harbor Mobile Home, Label #'s TEX0483224 & TEX0483225, Serial #'s PH059449A & PH059449B, 28 X 58 Feet, titled to Susan McCoy, located in Wood County as 3944 State Highway 11 E, Winnsboro, Texas (#M68082)	\$39,400.00
7	T-3766 03/02/16	R34157 SEPTEMBER 29, 2016	WOOD COUNTY, ET AL VS. CARLA D. SEWELL, N/K/A CARLA D. MARETT, ET AL	Tract 1 Lots 6 & 7, Block 6, Mineola Woodlake Estates on Lake Holbrook, Unit 1, an addition in Wood County, Texas, according to the map or plat thereof, recorded in Volume 3, Page 31, Plat Records of Wood County, Texas (#R34157)	\$67,000.00
8	T-3766 03/02/16	R33910 SEPTEMBER 29, 2016	WOOD COUNTY, ET AL VS. CARLA D. SEWELL, N/K/A CARLA D. MARETT, ET AL	Tract 2 1995 Premier Mobile Home, Label Numbers TRAO243054 & TRAO243055, Serial Numbers MS09528252WSN18173 & MS09528252WSN18173, 26 Feet by 48 Feet, titled to Eddie E. Doshon, assessed on the tax rolls of Wood County to Carla and William Marett, located at 1852 County Road 2270, Mineola, Wood County, Texas (#R33910)	\$23,780.00
9	T-3768 03/02/16	R80345 SEPTEMBER 29, 2016	WOOD COUNTY, ET AL VS. DRAPER, ET AL	Personal property consisting of a mobile home Label # TEX045610203; Serial # 12316664A/B, Wood County, Texas, assessed in the name of Draper on the tax rolls in Alba-Golden Independent School District, Wood County, Texas (#R80345)	\$27,450.00
10	T-3827 03/02/16	R23647 SEPTEMBER 29, 2016	WOOD COUNTY, ET AL VS. RICKY LYNN WHITE, A/K/A RICKY WHITE, ET AL	All that tract, parcel or lot known as 3.5 acres, more or less, lying in Wood County, Texas and being out of a 10.75 acre tract in the A.J. Ward Survey, recorded in Deed in Volume 198, Page 947, Deed Records of Camp County, Texas (#R23647)	\$5,000.00
11	T-3850 03/02/16	R39405 SEPTEMBER 29, 2016	WOOD COUNTY, ET AL VS. RAUL BELES, A/K/A RAUL OLVERA BELES, ET AL	Lots 17, 18, 19 and a portion of Lot 20, Block 21, City of Winnsboro, Wood County, Texas, as described in Clerk's File #2011-00005707, Real Records of Wood County, Texas (#R39405)	\$98,370.00
12	T-3912 03/16/16	R69968 SEPTEMBER 29, 2016	WOOD COUNTY, ET AL VS. R. P. MILLER, A/K/A ROSSER PRESTON MILLER, A/K/A ROSS MILLER, ET AL	Tract 1 0.356 acre, more or less, situated in the William Dobson Survey, Abstract 170, Wood County, Texas, as described in deed dated October 30, 1996, from John Oran Bailey, et ux to R. P. Miller, et ux in Volume 1516, Page 118, Real Property Records of Wood County, Texas (#R69968)	\$95,800.00
13	T-3912 03/16/16	R62019 SEPTEMBER 29, 2016	WOOD COUNTY, ET AL VS. R. P. MILLER, A/K/A ROSSER PRESTON MILLER, A/K/A ROSS MILLER, ET AL	Tract 2 All that certain tract of land containing 2.201 acres, more or less, William Dobson Survey, Abstract 170, Wood County, Texas, described as follows: (a), that certain 1.024 acre tract as described in deed dated July 20, 1985, from Gene S. Holwick, et ux to R. P. Miller, et ux, in Volume 582, Page 19, Real Property Records of Wood County, Texas; and (b), that certain 1.177 acre tract as described in deed dated June 15, 1989, from Leonard F. Owen, Sr., et ux to R. P. Miller, et ux in Volume 1166, Page 297, Real Property Records of Wood County, Texas; and being that same property identified on Plaintiffs' tax rolls as (Acct #R62019)	\$56,370.00
14	T-1978 04/25/01	R64318 SEPTEMBER 29, 2016	THE FOLLOWING PROPERTIES HAVE BEEN STRUCK-OFF AT PREVIOUS TAX SALES AND ARE NOW BEING OFFERED FOR RE-SALE MINIOLEA INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT, ET AL VS. COY ROBERTS, ET AL (TAX SALE HELD DECEMBER 7, 2004)	Being Lots 9 & 10, Block A, Hill Estates III Addition, as described in deed recorded in Volume 1254, Page 85, on Instrument Filed 08/20/91, Wood County Texas (Acct #R64318)	\$12,680.00
15	T-3423 10/05/11	R10912 SEPTEMBER 29, 2016	WOOD COUNTY, ET AL VS. BENNY J. GRIFFIN, A/K/A BENNIE JOE GRIFFIN, ET AL (TAX SALE HELD MAY 1, 2012)	2.60 acres, more or less, situated in the Hazard Anderson Survey, Abstract 10, Wood County, Texas, as described in deed dated March 1, 1997, from Cliff Cain to Benny J. Griffin, et ux, in Volume 1541, Page 178, Real Property Records of Wood County, Texas (#R10912)	\$42,060.00

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

Dated at Quitman, Texas, September 29, 2016


 Jim Brown, Sheriff
 Wood County, Texas

 By: Deputy

Notes:

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

NOTICE OF SALE

STATE OF TEXAS X BY VIRTUE OF A TAX WARRANTS ISSUED
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JUNE 24, JULY 18 & 19, 2016

WOOD COUNTY X DATED SEPTEMBER 29, 2016

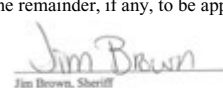

and issued pursuant to Tax Warrant(s) issued by the District Court of Wood County, Texas, by the Clerk of said Court on said date November 10, 12, 13, 18 & 19, 2015, February 2, 2016, May 5, 2016, June 24, July 18 & 19, 2016, in the hereinafter numbered and styled tax warrant suits and to me directed and delivered as Sheriff of said County, I have on September 29, 2016, seized, levied upon, and will, on the first Tuesday in November, 2016, the same being the 1st day of said month, at the East Door of the Courthouse of said County, in the City of Quitman, Texas, between the hours of 10 o'clock a.m. and 4 o'clock p.m. on said day, beginning at 1:30 p.m., proceed to sell to the highest bidder all the right, title, and interest of the defendants in such tax warrant(s) in and to the following described real estate levied upon as the property of said defendants, the same lying and being situated in the County of Wood and the State of Texas, to-wit:

SUIT NO.	STYLE OF SUIT AND PROPERTY DESCRIPTION
T-3454	Wood County, et al vs. Beulah Simmons, a/k/a Beulah Wright, et al (Tax Warrant issued November 19, 2015) All that certain tract of land situated in the M. A. Esparcia Survey, Wood County, Texas, described as 4.72 acres, more or less, in deed dated November 7, 1951, from Beulah Simmons to B. E. Russell, in Volume 367, Page 296, Deed Records of Wood County, Texas; SAVE & EXCEPT however, that certain 1.00 acre tract described in Volume 600, Page 491, Deed Records of Wood County, Texas, leaving herein a residue of 3.72 acres, more or less (#R14430)
T-3931	City of Hawkins vs. Linda Sue Maberry, n/k/a Linda Sue Maberry Ellison, et al (Tax Warrant issued November 10, 2015) 0.367 acre, more or less, situated in the Willis Parker Survey, Abstract 451, Wood County, Texas, as described in Deed of Trust dated October 21, 2005, from Linda S. Ellison et vir to Long Beach Mortgage Company, in Volume 2117, Page 808, Real Property Records of Wood County, Texas (#R37642)
T-3932	Wood County, et vs. Gordon R. Folmer, et al (Tax Warrant issued November 13, 2015) Lot 245, Tract 2, Big Wood Addition, Section 3, an addition to Wood County, Texas, according to the map or plat thereof, recorded in Volume 5, Page 53, Plat Records of Wood County, Texas (#R25367)
T-3934	Wood County, et al vs. John Valentino, et al (Tax Warrant issued November 12, 2015) Lot 254, Part I, Section 8, Holly Lake Ranch, an addition Lot 254, Part I, Section 8, Holly Lake Ranch, an addition in Wood County, Texas, according to the map or plat thereof, recorded in Volume 7, Page 10, Plat Records of Wood County, Texas (#R30836) (Subject to 2015 Taxes)
T-3935	Wood County, et al vs. Jim Moreland, et al (Tax Warrant issued November 18, 2015) Lot 124, Holly Lake Ranch, Section 2, Part 3, a subdivision in Wood County, Texas, according to the map or plat thereof, recorded in Volume 4, Page 88, Plat Records of Wood County, Texas (#R28998)
T-3937	Wood County, et al vs. Robert Curot, et al (Tax Warrant issued February 2, 2016) Lot 437, Tract 2, Big Woods Springs Addition, Section 1, a subdivision in Wood County, Texas, according to the map or plat thereof, recorded in Volume 5, Page 41, Plat Records of Wood County, Texas (#R25533)
T-3983	Wood County, et al vs. Joseph Elsas Stallings, et al (Tax Warrant issued June 24, 2016) Lot 438, Tract 3, Section 1, Big Woods Springs Addition, an addition to Wood County, Texas, according to the map or plat thereof, recorded in Volume 6, Page 6, Plat Records of Wood County, Texas (#R25534)
T-3984	City of Winnsboro vs. Rolando Esquivel, et al (Tax Warrant issued June 24, 2016) 0.269 acre, more or less, situated in the Gray B. King Survey, Abstract 3, City of Winnsboro Wood County, Texas, as described in deed dated August 26, 1976, from G. L. Elledge, et ux to M. B. Wetzel, et ux in Volume 727, Page 146, Deed Records of Wood County, Texas (#R40058)
T-3997	Wood County, et al vs. Associates First Capital Corporation, et al (Tax Warrant issued July 18, 2016) Lots 1-18 and 1-19, Lake Holbrook Estates, an addition in Wood County, Texas, according to the map or plat thereof, recorded in Volume 6, Page 1, Deed Records of Wood County, Texas (#R76387)
T-3998	Wood County, et al vs. Millie Hollins (Tax Warrant issued July 18, 2016) Lot 17, Lake Holbrook Estates, Unit "J", an addition in Wood County, Texas, according to the map or plat thereof, recorded in Volume 6, Page 1, Plat Records of Wood County, Texas (#R28216)
T-3999	Wood County, et al vs. Travis Sharper, et al (Tax Warrant issued July 18, 2016) 1.047 acres, more or less, being all of that 3.00 acres in the John Gragg Survey, Abstract 226, described in a deed dated October 23, 1964, from Walter Fletcher, et al to Travis Sharper, et ux, filed in Volume 553, Page 17, Deed Records of Wood County, Less & Except, a 0.916 acre tract of land described in a deed dated May 23, 1968, from Travis Sharper, et ux to the State of Texas, filed in Volume 594, Page 311, Deed Records of Wood County, Less & Except, that 1.037 acres described in a deed dated April 18, 1985 from Travis Sharper, et ux to Melvin G. Duffey, et ux, filed in Volume 967, Page 532, also being called 1.547 acres, Save & Except 0.51 acres retained, all of the Real Property Records of Wood County, Texas (#R15456)
T-4000	City of Winnsboro vs. Clara Bell Scott, et al (Tax Warrant issued July 19, 2016) 0.112 acre, more or less, out of Lot 6, Block Q-1, City of Winnsboro, Wood County, Texas, described in deed dated September 18, 1986, from Landers Realty, Inc. to Clara Bell Scott, in Volume 1040, Page 385, Real Property Records of Wood County, Texas (#R55193)

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

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

Dated at Quitman, Texas, the 29th day of September, 2016.


 Jim Brown, Sheriff
 Wood County, Texas

 By: Deputy

RIGHT: Kaci Raley (12) goes high to block a shot in the Lady Bulldogs' district win over Edgewood.

FAR RIGHT: Macy Wilson takes aim at Edgewood as she scores with a shot to the corner in Quitman's win over Edgewood.

(Photos by Larry Tucker)



Lady Bulldogs

From page 1B

with a kill to end it at 25-19.

The second game was quite the barn-burner and ended with a Quitman 25-22 victory. Edgewood took an early lead but the Lady Bulldogs tied things up at 10-10 on a Molly Tanner kill. With the score tied at 17-17 a long volley full of determination and hustle by the entire Quitman team, Quitman got a block at the net from Raley leading to a score and the Lady Dogs taking an 18-17 advantage.

Edgewood tied the game up again at 19-19 and Tanner took over at the net with back-to-back kills on assists from

Hicks. The second of those kills by Tanner making the score 21-19 was such a bullet, it completely knocked over the Edgewood defender. Quitman would finish off the game with a 25-22 final.

In game three, Edgewood continued to fight keeping pace with the Lady Bulldogs, but it was to no avail as Quitman's Raley and Madalyn Spears blasted kills to put Quitman ahead 16-15. Spears had a phenomenal day hustling after 14 digs. From that point it was all Quitman with Macy Wilson adding a dominant kill to put the game at 22-19 and take the wind out of Edgewood. Quitman finished with three more points on dominate net play from Raley, Wilson and Hicks to end the game and the match 25-22.

Statistics for Quitman in the win

were: Raley 11 digs, 11 kills, two aces, three blocks; Tanner six digs, 11 kills, one ace and one block; Spears 14 digs, five kills, one block; Hicks 9 digs, one kill, one ace and 34 assists

The win gave Quitman an 8-1 district record and 24-8 season total.

The junior varsity beat Edgewood JV 25-19 and 28-26 in a thrilling match. The JV Lady Bulldogs are 8-0 in district.

The Lady Bulldogs were swept by Scurry-Rosser on the road Tuesday by

scores of 18-25, 19-25, 23-25. Quitman had swept the Lady Wildcats earlier in the district season.

Stats for the Scurry-Rosser loss were: Spears 16 digs, three kills two aces; Raley 11 digs, 10 kills, one ace, two blocks; Tanner nine kills, six digs; and Hicks had four digs, 27 assists, one block.

The Lady Bulldogs are at Alba-Golden Tuesday before returning home to face Kemp this Friday at 4:30 p.m. before the Quitman versus Farmersville football game at 7:30 p.m.



Kourland Sinches looks for an opening during one of his two carries on the night. Sinches finished with 19 yards on the two jet sweep plays and five tackles and a sack from his defensive end position. (Photo courtesy of Gene's photography)

Jackets

From page 1B

London – filling in for senior Chantz Perkins for a second straight game – finished the night with 110 yards on 13 attempts with two touchdowns in the first half.

The Yellowjackets were on cruise control, leading 34-0 following Crawford's pass to Hudgins, when the ball took another bounce Mineola's way. On the ensuing kick-off, a Farmersville player touched the ball but mistakenly let it roll into the end zone where Jacob Ford recovered the ball for a score with under a minute left in the first half.

By the time Crawford ran the field in the third quarter, the second team was ready to get their reps. JaMichael Brown finished the scoring for Mineola in the fourth quarter on an 11-yard run. He finished the night with two attempts for 19 yards and the score.

"Our offense is rolling along and we're doing pretty well right now," said Crawford. "It's all about encouragement and bringing the team up when they're down."

The defense recorded their first shutout of the season against the Farmers in dominating fashion. The Yellowjackets held Farmersville to 103 total yards on the night. Farmer quarterback Chase Hacker finished the night 5-of-13 with 34 yards and a pick. His backfield mate, Cade Twyford, made the most of his 24 rushing attempts but finished with only 65 yards rushing.

After allowing 41 points to Van and Kaufman, both losses, to start the season, the Yellowjacket defense is now averaging 7.7 points per game with the offense netting 54 ppg.

"We're starting to click as a team," said Noah Sneed, who recorded eight tackles and an interception on defense while logging one catch for 14 yards. "We got our offense working, defense working and were creating turnovers."

Mineola welcomes the Mount Vernon Tigers (4-2, 3-0) Friday night in a tilt that may well decide the 3A-District 7 crown. The Yellowjackets have improved in every game this season and – following their game with Mount Vernon – will face three teams with a combined 2-6 district record.

GAME STATS

Mineola 54, Farmersville 0				
Mineola	14	27	6	7 — 54
Farmersville	0	0	0	0 — 0
Total Yards	Mineola	520	Farm.	103
Rushing Yards	442	69		
Passing Yards	78	34		
Comp-Att-Int	5-9-0	5-13-1		
Turnovers	1	2		
T.O.P.	24:45	23:15		

Scoring Summary

First Quarter	
Mineola	— Frankie Meason 1-yard fumble recovery, Sorenson kick, 11:02
Mineola	— Curtis London 18-yard run, Sorenson kick, 3:26
Second Quarter	
Mineola	— Jeremiah Crawford 8-yard run, Sorenson kick, 9:32
Mineola	— Curtis London 6-yard run, Conversion failed, 2:03
Mineola	— Jeremiah Crawford to Seth Hudgins 51-yard pass, Sorenson kick, 0:44
Mineola	— Jacob Ford 1-yard fumble recovery, Sorenson kick, 0:42
Third Quarter	
Mineola	— Jeremiah Crawford 98-yard run, Sorenson kick failed, 2:00
Fourth Quarter	
Mineola	— JaMichael Brown 11-yard run, Sorenson kick, 2:25

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Mineola Memorial Library Notes

BY LIBRARIAN DELENE ALLEN

Football season is well underway and our Mineola Yellowjackets are making us proud. And, have you heard the sound of the Swarm? That Mineola High School Marching Band is doing quite well, too. (Kind of want to brag on them as 3 members of our staff are active members of the band and one doubles as a cheerleader!)



We also have a very active National Society Daughters of the American Revolution; Elizabeth Denton English chapter. They generously donated a collection of books in

honor of Leticia Teague Puckett. These items will be placed in the genealogy room for use during research of family ancestry. They are currently being cataloged. They will be appearing on the shelves very soon. We do thank NSDAR - Elizabeth Denton English chapter for thinking of us with this donation. We hope our patrons find them very helpful in their search of their family trees.

Writing of the NSDAR, the Friends of the Mineola Memorial Library's October program was presented by Kathy Dunlap. She shared information about the NSDAR; who they are, what they do, and how to become a part of this wonderful organization. Dunlap also went into detail about some local activities in which this organization participates.

Thank you for your comments on our display during Banned Books Week.

We placed books on display that have been challenged or banned in many places. Some were challenged due to language, subject matter or art work. Many of the books prompted emotional comments on the value of the items or the fond memories associated with them. The idea of Banned Book Week

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Volunteers with the Bread of Life Ministry help unload goods at the food pantry located off Highway 49. (Photo by Evan Dudley)

Methodist Church hosts concert to benefit Bread of Life Ministry

By EVAN DUDLEY
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Ministry is service to others. And on Sunday, residents will have an opportunity to help serve while enjoying some good old fashioned gospel music.

The First United Methodist Church of Mineola is hosting a gospel concert Sunday at 6 p.m. with proceeds and donations benefiting the Bread of Life Ministries of Mineola.

This year's concert is held in the sanctuary at McDonald and Johnson Streets and will include the men's quartet, the church choir and invited guests of the community. The High Demand quartet of the East Texas Men in Harmony will perform along with other guests that include Nancy Lindley Murphy and Reverend Kenneth Teo. Sue Wisdom will present a chalk talk while the music is performed.

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Inside and Outside the Picket Fence

BY JAN WHITLOCK

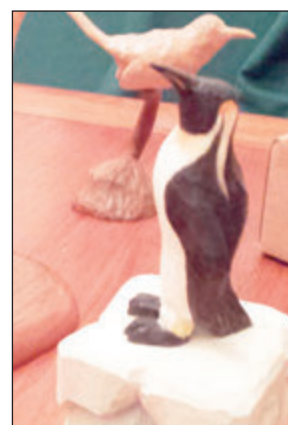


Quitman Arboretum and Botanical Gardens

The little white gate attached to the picket fence at the arboretum has been working overtime in the past few weeks. Guests have come and gone for catered lunches and guided tours, plants have been arriving for the annual Fall Plant Sale to be held this weekend (Oct. 8), volunteers have been sweeping up and cleaning out after the yard sale in September, and our witches and goblins are getting ready for the Haunting of Hogg Park on Halloween.

I am always trying to imagine about life inside the Stinson House as the seasons progress. As a "transplant-

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Ray North, a resident of Mineola who was featured in an article in a past edition of the newspaper for his woodcarving avocation, recently took part in another Louisiana Wildfowl Carvers competition. He received a second place ranking in interpretive with a yellow crowned night heron with a crawfish at its feet. He also received third place in miniatures with this penguin work. (Courtesy photo)

Lucy the big poodle is a therapy canine and is pictured here with Sharon Brown, left, and Galinda Guerin of Traditions Health Corporation, Tyler. They were at the Forever Young Activity Center as part of the annual community health fair.



FAR RIGHT: D'Lena Overstreet from ETMC Quitman checks the blood pressure for Steve Majors, Tyler, during the community health fair at Forever Young Activity Center Thursday. (Monitor photos by Larry Tucker)



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Mineola alumni continues to give back to community

Jerry Puckett, 1959 graduate of Mineola High School and grandson and son of Exa and Grady Puckett, left Mineola many years ago but along with his wife, Letitia "Tish" Teague Puckett, they never forgot Jerry's hometown.

An avid genealogist and researcher and already a DAR member, in 1990 to honor Jerry's lineage, Letitia organized the Elizabeth Denton English Chapter of the National Society Daughters of the American Revolution. As the years passed, Tish and Jerry made frequent trips to Mineola armed with her enthusiasm, knowledge of

the society, a bouquet of flowers and monetary donations for chapter activities.

After a long battle with cancer, Tish passed away in January, two months after she wrote chapter officers of her wishes for her memorial services. Facing the loss of his wife as well as health issues, a memorial service was finally scheduled for Nov. 19 (Tish's birthday) at Sand Springs Cemetery where she will be remembered in a joint service between the DAR and the Colonel Cole Diggs Chapter of the Colonial Dames XVII Century. Just recently and con-

tinuing their life-long dedication to Mineola, Jerry donated Tish's library of genealogy and heraldry books to the chapter. After sorting and recording all the books, on Oct. 4, chapter officers donated them to the Mineola Memorial Library and the Wood County Genealogy Society which were accepted by Quitman Librarian Delene Allen and Mineola Librarian Mary Hurley.

"We were given 110 books as the first group

from Tish's personal library," said Chapter Regent Susan Few. "There are lineage research books, heraldry books, numerous genealogy society books and various indexes that can be of help to other genealogy researchers. We feel Tish would be very pleased to know they will be of use. Our chapter can continue her legacy through these personal books and fulfill a great debt of appreciation to Tish and Jerry Puckett," she concluded.

Quitman Librarian Delene Allen and Mineola Librarian Mary Hurley accepted the book donation from Susan Few and Mary Sockwell. (Courtesy photo)



LUNCH AT THE FIREHOUSE



Kindergarten students at Mineola Primary School enjoy their lunch during a Fire Prevention Week Tour of the Mineola Fire Department. (Photo by Evan Dudley)

WEDDING ANNOUNCEMENT



The approaching marriage of Lynsey Myers of Alba and Billy Tucker of Grand Prairie on Saturday, Oct. 15 is announced. The bride-to-be is the daughter of Rolene Myers of Alba, and the late Greg Myers. The groom-to-be is the son of Albert Tucker. The wedding will take place at the Neidholt House in Alba. The couple plan to reside in Alba. (Courtesy photo)

FCAA culinary scavenger hunt, dinner Saturday

The Franklin County Arts Alliance is hosting a culinary scavenger hunt and dinner Saturday from 3-5 p.m. at the Cultural Arts Center in Mount Vernon. Chef Donna Copeland is the special guest. She was classically trained at Le Cordon Bleu in Dallas and is a caterer and certified personal fitness chef.

Tickets are on sale through Friday and are \$15 for FCAA members and \$20 for the general public. Contact the FCAA by email at franklincountyarts@gmail.com or by texting 903-204-1459.

WOOD COUNTY COMMUNITY CALENDAR

ALBA CITY COUNCIL - first Monday, 6:30 p.m., City Hall.
ALBA LADIES CLUB - fourth Thursday, 6:30 p.m., Alba Community Center. 765-2573
ALBA LIBRARY/MUSEUM BOARD - third Monday, 4 p.m., library building. Everyone welcome.
ALBA-GOLDEN SCHOOL BOARD - second Monday, 7 p.m., high school library., 768-2472.
ALBA-GOLDEN YOUTH FOUNDATION - second Tuesday, elementary gym, 7 p.m. All welcome.
ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS - Sunday and Monday, 7 p.m., Friday 8 p.m., Women's Group Mon. 11 a.m.; St. Dunstan's Episcopal Church, Mineola.
ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS - Wednesday and Saturday, 7:30 p.m., 404 S. Main Street, Quitman.
AL ANON - Thursday, 7:30 pm; St. Dunstan's Episcopal Church, Mineola.
ALZHEIMER SUPPORT GROUP (sponsored by Pilot Club) first Monday, 11 a.m., Red Dome restaurant in Quitman, 903-569-5237.
AMERICAN LEGION POST 296 and Auxiliary - fourth Monday, 6:30 p.m., Highway 80, three miles east of Mineola. 903-569-0348. All are invited.
AMERICAN LEGION POST OF WINNSBORO - first Tuesday, 6:30 p.m., 102 West Broadway, in Winnsboro. 903-752-0913 or 903-7675338.
APET (Animal Preservation of East Texas) Thrift Store - Dog Gone Good Stuff, 915 S. Pacific Street, Mineola, Thursday-Saturday. 903-569-0505 or 903-563-9542.
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BOY SCOUT TROOP #385 - Tuesdays, 7 p.m., First United Methodist Educational Bldg., Mineola, Scoutmaster Chris Jennings, 903-569-3531.
BREAD OF LIFE MINISTRY FOOD PANTRY - Humble Baptist, first & third Tuesday 1-4 p.m.
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DELPHIAN LITERARY CLUB - first Wednesday, 5:59-6:19 or 5:59-6:19.
DRUG AND ALCOHOL AWARENESS - 7 p.m. Friday, Seventh Day Adventist Church, Ronny Polley 768-2992.
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GED CLASSES, FREE - Sand Spring Baptist Church. Monday and Tuesday, 9 a.m. to noon, or 6-9 p.m. 903-768-3239 or 903-569-9350.
GIRL SCOUT TROOP #3 - Monday, 6 p.m., Broad Street Church of Christ Annex, 903-569-2610. All girls, kindergarten-12th grade welcome.
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HAWKINS LIONS CLUB - second and fourth Tuesday at the depot in Willful Crossing.
HOLLY LAKE FIRE DEPARTMENT - first and third Tuesday at the fire station at Holly Lake Ranch.
IRIS GARDEN CLUB-GOLDEN - first Monday, September-May, Golden United Methodist Church. 903-765-3000.
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THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS OF SAINT PETER'S THE APOSTLE COUNCIL #11933 - second Wednesday, 7 p.m., at the church, 203 Meadowbrook Drive, Mineola. 903-569-3665.
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LAKE COUNTRY REPUBLICANS - fourth Tuesday, 6 p.m., Quitman Library, 202 E. Goode St.
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LAKE COUNTRY SYMPHONIC BAND - will resume rehearsals Aug. 6 at Mineola High School Band Hall. 7 p.m. 903-569-2300.
LAKE FORK ROTARY CLUB - Wednesday, noon, at the Lake Fork Baptist Church on State Highway 515
LAKE HOLBROOK ASSOCIATION - first Saturday, February, May, August and November, Harold Simmons Community Center, 5:30 p.m. directors, 6 p.m. all members and guests welcome. 903-569-0223.
MINEOLA BAND BOOSTERS - second Tuesday, 7 p.m., in high school band hall. All parents invited.
MINEOLA LIONS CLUB - second and fourth Thursday, noon, Mineola Country Club, 903-638-1596; 903-569-3340.
MINEOLA MARINE CORPS LEAGUE (Toys for Tots) - third Tuesday, 7 p.m., American Legion Hall. 903-569-6481, commandant.
MINEOLA SCHOOL BOARD - third Monday, Admin. Bldg., Loop 564, 7 p.m.
MINEOLA CITY COUNCIL - fourth Monday, 6 p.m., City Hall, Council Workshop the previous Thursday 5:30 p.m. Public welcome. Call City Hall for changes in November and December because of holidays.
MINEOLA HIGH SCHOOL ATHLETIC BOOSTER CLUB - last Monday, 6 p.m., high school lobby.
MINEOLA HISTORICAL MUSEUM ADVISORY BOARD - third Tuesday, 4 p.m., city hall. 569-6944, Public invited.
MINEOLA MASONIC LODGE - second Thursday, dinner at 6:30 p.m., meeting at 7:30 p.m. All Masons invited. 569-2608.
MINEOLA REBEKAH LODGE - first and third Tuesday, 11 a.m., 106 S. Line St. All Rebekahs welcome, 569-2776.
MINEOLA ROTARY CLUB - Monday noon, Dogwood Room, Mineola Civic Center.

MINEOLA ROTARY RECYCLING - third Saturday, 9 a.m. to noon, Walmart parking lot. Cardboard, paper and plastic accepted.
MINEOLA SENIOR CITIZEN CENTER - 308 University, 9:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. 903-497-1162; Dominoes & other games.
MLOTA LINE DANCE GUILD - Tuesday, 8:30 a.m., and Friday, 9:30 a.m.
MLOTA FIBER/CRAFT ART GUILD - Wednesday and Thursday, 10 a.m. and 1:30 p.m., business meeting fourth Thursday, 9:30 am.
MLOTA QUILT GUILD - first, second and third Thursday, 9:30 am; business meeting first Thursday.
MLOTA PAINTERS GUILD - Wednesday, 10 a.m.; business meeting fourth Monday.
MLOTA RUG HOOKING GROUP - first Thursday, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Beginners are welcome.
MLOTA PHOTOGRAPHY GUILD - fourth Thursday, 6:30 p.m. All levels welcome., 903-569-8877.
MLOTA SCULPTURE GUILD - Tuesday, 1 p.m. Business meeting first Tuesday.
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OPEN HEART MINISTRY - third Friday, 7 p.m., Mineola Civic Center.
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OVEREATERS ANONYMOUS - Tuesday, 5:30 p.m., St. Dunstan's Episcopal Church. 569-9223, 569-1760.
PARENT ADVISORY COUNCIL OF MINEOLA ELEMENTARY - first Tuesday, 8:15 a.m., elementary library,
PARENTS ANONYMOUS GROUP - Tuesday, 6:30 p.m., First Baptist Church, Quitman. Children's program provided. 903-629-2114
PILOT CLUB OF MINEOLA - second and fourth Tuesday, 6 p.m. Mineola Civic Center. 903-569-5237.
PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY - at First Baptist Church in Quitman. First Tuesday 1-3:30 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. 903-763-8101.
QUITMAN CHILD ADVOCACY GROUP - third Thursday, 10 a.m., 403 Conger in Quitman. The public is welcome.
QUITMAN GARDEN CLUB - second Tuesday (except when on field trips), 2 p.m., Quitman library. quitmangardenclub@gmail.com. All are welcome.
QUITMAN/LAKE FORK KIWANIS - Wednesday, noon, Texas Tea Room, 405 S. Hart Street in Quitman's Dogwood Plaza.
QUITMAN LIONS CLUB - second and fourth Tuesday, 6:30 p.m., Perallo's Restaurant. Contact any Lions Club member to donate your used eyeglasses for recycling to the needy.
QUITMAN PILOT CLUB - third Tuesday, 6:30 p.m., Quitman Public Library. 903-383-5075.
QUITMAN ROTARY CLUB - Thursday, noon, Texas Tea Room, 405 S. Hart Street in Quitman's Dogwood Plaza.
QUITMAN CITY COUNCIL - third Thursday, 5:30 p.m.; city hall.
QUITMAN SCHOOL BOARD - 2nd Monday, 6 p.m. Administration Building.
REPUBLICAN CLUB OF WINNSBORO - fourth Monday, 7 p.m., 903-342-0575.
REPUBLICAN WOMEN OF WOOD COUNTY - third Monday, 11:30 a.m., Texas Tea Room, Quitman, 903 383 2121.

SINGING AT THE FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH OF HAWKINS - fourth Sunday, 2-4 p.m.
SOS. RECOVERY PROGRAM - Thursday, 7 p.m., Family Life Center behind First Baptist Church in Quitman. 903-850-3858.
STROKE SURVIVORS & APHASIA CLUB OF EAST TEXAS - fourth Wednesday, 6-7 p.m., First Baptist Church Quitman, 903-878-2392.
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TOASTMASTERS INTERNATIONAL - Garden Valley chapter, Thursdays on Mercy Ships property, 5:30-6:30 p.m. 903-882-0887.
TOPS GROUP - Thursday, 8-11 a.m., Harvest Acres Baptist Church, NW Loop 564, 569-1240 , 569-2415.
UPPER SABINE VALLEY SOLID WASTE DISTRICT - every three months on third Monday, Wood County Courthouse, 5:30 p.m., 903-763-2123.
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VFW LADIES AUXILIARY #7523 - third Sunday, 1 p.m., Recruiting new members. 569-2228.
VFW POST #7523 - third Wednesday, 6 p.m., Karaoke every Friday, 8 p.m. 569-2228.
WHYTE DOVE WRITER'S GROUP - first Tuesday, 6 p.m., 407 N. Stephens in Quitman. 903-763-1210 or e-mail mkyoung97@peoples.com.net
WOOD COUNTY 4-H HORSE CLUB - Business meeting, Monday, 2 p.m., Wood County Extension Office.
WOOD COUNTY AGGIE MOMS - 1st Tuesday, 6 p.m., 903-539-7049 or Wood County Aggie Moms Facebook page.
WOOD COUNTY APPRAISAL DISTRICT - Quarterly, third Thursday, 8 p.m., appraisal district office. Open to the public.
WOOD COUNTY CENTRAL HOSPITAL DISTRICT - third Monday, 5:30 p.m. (every three months).
WOOD COUNTY COMMISSIONERS COURT - every other Friday, Commissioners Court, Quitman, 10 a.m. 763-2716.
WOOD COUNTY CRIME STOPPERS - every other month, third Monday, 6 p.m., Wood County Justice Center courtroom. The public is invited. 903-763-2201 or 903-56-6294.
WOOD COUNTY DEMOCRAT CLUB - fourth Thursday, covered dish at 6 p.m., meeting at 6:45 p.m. 903-383-7036 or www.woodcountydem.org.
WOOD COUNTY 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 HEALTH DEPT. IMMUNIZATION CLINIC - Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, 9-11 a.m., and 1-3 p.m., third Monday, 1-6 p.m. Public Health Department offices, 213 W. Bermuda, Quitman, 763-5406.
WOOD COUNTY HOSPITAL DISTRICT - second Monday, 7 p.m., hospital conference room in Quitman. Public invited.
WOOD COUNTY RETIRED SCHOOL PERSONNEL ASSOCIATION - third Monday, September-December, and February-April, 2 p.m. and in May at 5 p.m., Forever Young Activity Center, 402 S. Main St., Quitman. All retired school personnel are invited.
WOOD COUNTY TEA PARTY - first Monday, 7 p.m., Quitman Library
YANTIS CITY COUNCIL - second Tuesday, 6 p.m., city hall.
CITY SCHOOL BOARD - second Monday, 6 p.m. (executive session), 7 open meeting, school cafeteria.
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Lake Country Bible Church hosts guest speaker Saturday and Sunday

The Lake Country Bible Church in Mineola is hosting a special guest seminar Saturday and Sunday. Dr. Chris Nogueira, former president of the American Tract Society and International Tract Society and current president of STRIDE Ministries, will speak about how the international community can be more effective evangelists.

There are two sessions Saturday from 9-10:15 a.m. and 10:30-11:45 a.m. Lunch will be provided following both sessions. The topic presented by Dr.

Nogueira is "Preparing for Spiritual Challenges."

Nogueira will speak Sunday during the regular bible study and worship service. The bible study topic will be "My Spiritual Journey." "Living Godly Lives in a Godless Society" is the message for the main service.

The seminar is free and open to LCBC family and friends.

For more information, contact Ray North at 214-236-9164 or rnorthatty@suddenlink.net.

Fence

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ed Yankee" I am learning more and more about life in a house such as this in the late 1800s. I am sure that summer fruit had been harvested along with various garden crops. These would have been "put-up" and stored for the winter months when fresh produce would have been scarce. Firewood would have been split and stacked to fuel the six fireplaces inside the home. Woolen blankets being aired out on the clothesline would have been accompanied any general maintenance on the house and out-buildings.

It is October of 2016, and those of us who volunteer at the house and gardens are already planning for the Christmas decorating projects we will undertake this year.

I guess if Walmart can set out their Christmas decorations before Halloween surely we can plot and plan how we will embellish each of the beautiful rooms inside the house. If this sounds like fun to you - please feel free to join us any Wednesday from 9 a.m. until we quit. No invitation is necessary. Just

come on out, the coffee will be on.

Halloween night will find the George Bridge busy with thrill seekers as they cross the bridge on their way through the Spooky Trails. There will be age appropriate activities for all and even a pet costume contest with prizes being awarded to your "woofers and me-

owers," or whatever pet you happen to bring.

Watch our Facebook page for news on Fruit Trees 101. Seriously, we will be offering a free workshop on the selection, planting and general maintenance of your fruit trees. This workshop will be available in November with the date appearing in an upcoming article.

Ministry

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This is the seventh year of the concert and the third year that it will benefit the ministry.

The idea for the Bread of Life Ministry began almost 20 years ago and more than 2,000 miles away in Vancouver, Canada. Kenneth Teo was on holiday with his family when he said he felt the Lord lead and provide him with the vision for the ministry.

Teo returned to his native Singapore shortly afterward and eventually moved to the United States in June of 2000. He took over as pastor of the Mineola Christian Fellowship in 2001. It was there, he said, that the vision the Lord had given him would start to come to fruition when a mem-

ber of the congregation suggested the idea of a larger food pantry than the one already in operation.

"It was a vision of love and mercy provided to us from the Lord," Teo said. "And the vision was going to be fulfilled here in Mineola."

The food pantry gained traction and officially opened its doors Nov. 16, 2004 after being approved by the East Texas Food Bank as an official agency - the benefit of which is paying a fee for goods rather than purchasing them through secondary sources.

Unfortunately, the first two weeks the food pantry was open, nobody showed up. However, following an article in the Mineola Monitor written by long-time staff writer Gary Edwards, the pantry began to see an increase in participation.



The Mineola League of the Arts hosted their annual quilt show Friday. Pictured is the first place quilt in the medium bed quilt category. The quilt was designed by Bobbie Ashley and quilted by Jacky Ruffing. (Photo by Evan Dudley)

Four years later in January of 2008, Teo stepped down as pastor of the Mineola Christian Fellowship and the pantry no longer had a sponsor but was far from closing its doors. Two months later in March, Teo, along with Steve Ogueri and Fred Vanderploeg, formed the Bread of Life Ministry.

The ministry serves 270-300 families throughout Wood County and

beyond. The pantry serves people from towns such as Mineola, Quitman, Hawkins, Winnsboro, Wills Point and Lindale.

"It's a ministry without boundaries," Teo said.

The ministry is funded by donations from area churches and individuals along with other fundraising events. A breakfast fundraiser is held once a month from January through November which raises \$550-\$1,100.

The ministry is 100 percent volunteer based with Karen McGee and Johnny Miller, along with Teo and Ogueri, acting as directors overseeing the ministry.

"It's all about passion to serve," said Teo. "Without passion, you're standing still in ministry."

The Bread of Life ministry is hosting their 10th annual Thanksgiving lunch next month which

Library

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is to remind ourselves that we are free to read whatever interests us. We need to remember that while we may not care for a certain book, someone else may think it is the greatest thing on

earth to read. We should celebrate the fact that we do have a choice in our reading material and not forget how lucky we are to have choices.

We are a demonstration site for the Talking Books program. This is a program through the state for the visually impaired. It looks like a cassette player but it has modern technology in a user friendly format. Persons in this program may borrow audio books to listen to at no charge. Our library can show you how this device works and give you the paperwork to apply for the program.

You will notice Mrs. Pam and Ms. Mary will be out of the office more than usual over

the next six weeks. We have the opportunity to attend some training sessions and they are out of town. One is about the Next Chapter Book Club and after we learn about it, we will share the information with you. Our big learning adventure will happen in November when we travel to New York City to learn how to implement a Family Place Library which will be a week long training event by the time we figure in travel there and back.

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Monday, Oct. 17 - Turkey Rice Casserole, Green Beans with Peppers, Brussels Sprouts, Wheat Bread, Oatmeal Cream Cookie, Milk

Tuesday, Oct. 18 - Hamburger Patty, Lettuce and Tomato, Ranch Beans, Hamburger Bun, Hot Cinnamon Applesauce, Milk, Mustard/Ketchup

Wednesday, Oct. 19 - Tuna Salad, Pasta Salad, Strawberry Swirl Pudding, Saltine Crackers, Milk

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