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Courthouse security a concern

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Wood County Commissioners will address bringing the Wood County courthouse security concerns into the 21st century with the upcoming budget process.

In the recent years, attacks at courthouses, on law enforcement officers, and elected officials have raised safety concerns at every level of government, even in small counties.

County Judge Bryan Jeanes said security concerns have been discussed and the county commissioners are ready to take action. "It has been brought to our attention in budget workshops this year and

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SPLASH DOWN

John J. and Rheba Myers water park opens with a flourish

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There was a tent shading the dignitaries in attendance, a plaque unveiling and a ribboncutting, but the real action began as soon as the controls were on and water spouted from the features in the John J. and Rheba Myers Splash Park at the Mineola Civic Center Saturday morning.

Rheba Myers sat front row and almost center accompanied by two rows of family members as speeches lauding her generosity were made. Mrs. Myers donated the entire amount of money needed to build the splash park. Community

Boys and girls and babies found countless ways to entertain themselves in what could only be described as pure fun during Saturday's splash park grand opening. (Monitor photos by Doris Newman)

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Crew convoys clear Mineola storm damage

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One Mineola home was destroyed, another in very bad shape and at least two other structures damaged during a thunderstorm that left almost as quickly as it came in Wednesday evening.

The storm swept through around 7:30 p.m. last Wednesday and one resident referred to it as "microbursts." Others viewing the damage and twisted trees believed it was a tornado.

Two residential streets were blocked by felled trees and utility poles were toppled ripping many power lines to the ground. Branches and limbs littered roads and yards. Signs are various locations were bent and broken although the de-

structive forces missed much of town and areas surrounding it. One arcing power line caught a tree on fire, fell to the ground and ignited a gas line in an alley on McDonald Street. Fortunately there were no injuries reported.

A large cleanup began Wednesday night and continued through the next days as convoys of tree service crews and utility companies worked around town.

Dianne Tennyson's home at 319 McWhorter Street was demolished by a large tree that fell on it. She had just moved in the previous weekend to the home owned by family. The previous night she had stayed up late "straightening out" her new home.

It was only luck that



Dianne Tennyson is helped by her nephew Andrew McCalla in retrieving what few belongings can be reached through windows and doors of the home she had just moved in to. Jamarcus Kennedy is in the foreground. (Monitor photos by Doris Newman)

she wasn't home at the time. Wednesday when she went to work as a CNA at Mineola Health-

care Residence she had locked her keys inside her house and her brother took another set

of keys to her at work. She had intended to go

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OLD SETTLERS REUNION



Gospel singer Keith Irwin

Quitman event has rich history

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Carnival rides, entertainment, and great food await the crowds heading to the 114th Old Settlers Reunion at Jim Hogg City Park in Quitman this week.

Entertainment and Bingo kick off the event today (Wednesday). The Quitman-Lake Fork Kiwanis will again be set up at the entrance to the park grounds to entice Bingo players to try their hand at winning some great prizes donated by area businesses and individuals. Visitors will

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Jack and Pat Neel fill their plates at Friday's Forever Young Activity Center luncheon. Monitor photo by Larry Tucker

Activity center creates bonds across county

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In 2009 there was a growing concern for the need to provide a place for Wood County's rapidly increasing older population, a place seniors could go for fellowship, education on health and senior citizen issues, and to participate in fun and games.

Forever Young Activity Center became a reality in 2009 with a mission statement stating "To provide a place for Wood County's senior citizens

to gather for fellowship and provide programs to enrich their lives."

In the beginning, the center was located in the tight spaces of Quitman Nutrition Center in Dawson Park, sharing the facility with the Meals on Wheels program. Almost immediately the group realized they needed a larger meeting space to serve Wood County senior citizens. The group went to work to create a steady source of income

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Amens, applause offered for community solidarity

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The community gathering to demonstrate solidarity and unity attracted many people to St. Paul Baptist Church as the president of the Mineola Ministerial Alliance spoke of the urgency of togetherness and humility.

Pastor David Bethel told those present, "This show of solidarity here tonight is for real," as he looked toward the police department seated to his left. "We are behind you," as audience members could be heard agreeing. "How many of you have ever had to call these guys," he asked and some in the audience con-

Ministerial Alliance Community Prayer Vigil well attended

firmed with amens or claps they had.

Bethel recalled his own firsthand experience a few years ago when his wife and children were involved in a wreck on Highway 69. He was thankful for the police when he got the call when that happened.

"Those should not just be words. That really should be heartfelt as to how we feel about our first responders. I think we have the best." He spoke of a chapter from Jeremiah in which he was making a prayer for peace in the city. He said it was practical advice, though hard to

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Gwen Stirman, Claudene Sublett, Brenda Beedles and Kathy Boyd reflect on the reason for the Community Prayer Vigil Sunday evening at St. Paul Baptist Church. Kathy Elmore is seated behind them and her face also shows the solemnity of the occasion. (Monitor photos by Doris Newman)



Guest Column

FROM JOY RAULS, CHILDREN'S ADVOCACY CENTERS OF TEXAS

Tips for staying safe while trying to "catch 'em all"

Technology is improving the world at a rapid pace, but even the most helpful technology can become a problem in the wrong hands. For example, the evolution of the Internet has made it easier to stay in touch through social media and research school projects, while smartphones have made it easy to capture life's special moments with a candid photo. However, this same technology may also be making children more vulnerable.

As an organization committed to securing justice and healing for the child victims of sexual abuse, the Children's Advocacy Cen-

ters of Texas are encouraging parents and guardians to pay closer attention to the digital media that children are consuming.

Not that long ago, the greatest online threat facing children was the overtures they might encounter in an online chatroom, so many parents restricted access to them and even took the wise step of restricting computer use to highly visible areas in the home like the living room. However, smartphones have given young people more unrestricted online access and created new avenues for predators to find them.

According to a recent study, one in 25 youth received an online sexual solicitation where the solicitor tried to make offline, in-person contact. Considering that more than half of American children between the ages of 8-12 have a cellphone, the odds of inappropriate contact are increasing.

The latest smartphone craze is even greater cause for concern. Pokémon Go is an "augmented reality" game created to take advantage of a smartphone's camera, geo-location abilities and easy interface. While enthusiasts praise the game for getting children off the couch and walking outdoors, there are some troubling aspects of the game that parents should consider before turning their children loose to "catch them all."

First, the game can cause a lack of situational awareness, leading players to walk into traffic, wander out of their neighborhood

or even fall off a cliff as two young men did in California.

Second, the game includes "lure modules" which can be bought to attract the digital characters and the players pursuing them to a particular area. Family oriented businesses like ice cream parlors are employing this tactic to draw customers, but so are criminals who have placed those lures in low-traffic areas then robbed and assaulted players drawn to their "bait."

Third, the allure of "catching them all" can cause players to disregard social norms like respect for property, with reports of players caught lurking near police stations and, just this week, one homeowner opened fire on players who were obviously trespassing on his property.

If a child predator were to create optimal opportunities to exploit children, it would likely involve all the behaviors listed above. With that in mind, we are encouraging parents to review the accompanying safety tips and share them with their children to guide their behavior when playing Pokémon Go and other augmented reality games.

At the end of the day, the game is creating fun for children and their families all over the world, but parents and guardians need to be aware of the potential opportunities this gives predators to exploit children.

So be aware, set up some family rules and be sure to seek help if you or someone you know has been inappropriately approached

Corner Column

Getting stronger

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So many of you have commented on the combining of the *Wood County Democrat* and *Mineola Monitor* and asked, "Well, is it going to be for the better, or for the worse?" Our plan is for it to be for the better, with a bigger, fuller paper with more complete coverage of this county we call home. It will serve our advertisers even better who have the potential to be healthier businesses, which will only make our communities stronger.

I will call it a transitional period for myself as much as anyone, for over the years I have been mainly focused on the town of Mineola where I was reared, raised my children and call my home. It is a fantastic place. But for your information, Quitman also has several people very near and dear to my heart.

But times change, communities change and our owners decided this would be a wise choice for the health and quality of our papers. I ask that you bear with me, and provide lots of input and feedback, as I adjust my horizons a little bit.

It would not be possible without my compadre' Larry Tucker, the Wood County news editor. We are really a team and I couldn't think of anyone I'd rather be going into this endeavor with than him. As some say, we go way back. He knew me before my hair was grey and my sons were taller than me. In fact, he knew me when I was my sons' ages. We worked together at KMOO and he was much like a brother to a single mom with two little boys. It seems he is known for that kind of caring.

We also have some very creative minds and talented people backing us up at our home office in Kilgore. So creative, I might add, that sometimes they scare me. Wasn't last week's full page ad about the merger awesome?

After as many years as I've been here, I admit to very initial mixed feelings about the combining of the two historic papers. I expected that would be a concern for our community, and we have had one person express that. I'm like most folks, I don't always relish change.

But in today's world, the idea of some change is not a bad thought. Sometimes there are good reasons for it and it brings a new vitality to the spirit. It seems there is an air of change around us in this county with Quitman's Development Corporation and the Mineola School District moving toward a career and technology center that will benefit far more than just students who attend school in Mineola.

It seems the other most asked question about the combining of the two papers is how it will affect subscriptions. If you were a subscriber to both papers, after one paid subscription period has expired, the other paid subscription will be added on the end of it.

So thank you for being here with us for this momentous occasion in our communities' lives. You can keep contacting your editor, publisher or ad person at either office just like you have been. Our phone numbers are still the same. Our email addresses will change, though, so be sure to note those on our updated by-lines and in our staff box on page 2. Mail sent to the old addresses will continue to be forwarded though. And, if you know of a talented writer who enjoys being involved in the community, send them our way. There's room for more on our team.

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SUMMER TIPS FOR HOMEOWNERS

Looking for any sure-fire ways to save money and stay cool indoors?

Before you reach for the thermostat, try these DIY energy-saving tips to keep your home comfortable and keep you from breaking the bank.

- 1. Raise the A/C Temperature — Yes, Really**
It's better to keep the air conditioning down, but if you want to keep it on, raise the thermostat to a comfortable temperature. The trick is to find the temperature that's comfortable, not too cold or too hot. This is crucial if you're selling your home during the summer. No buyer wants to step inside and still be sweating during a showing!
- 2. Wash Dishes and Do Laundry at Night**
You'll want to avoid using as many heat-generating appliances or lights as you can during the summer. Use your dishwasher, dryer, or oven only during the coolest parts of the day, either in the early morning or evening. You can even air-dry your dishes and use the stove or microwave instead of the oven.
- 3. Unplug Electronics When You're Not Using Them**
Did you know your appliances still use power when plugged in, even if they're turned off? One way to reduce your energy bill during the summer is by unplugging anything that you're not using.
- 4. Close the Blinds During the Day**
A little bit of sun can make a huge difference in your home's indoor temperature. Cut down on the sunlight streaming in through your windows (east- and west-facing windows in particular) by closing the blinds and curtains and replacing heavier curtains with sheer ones. During summer home showings, however, you still want to let in a little natural light to brighten up your home.
- 5. Turn the Fans On**
If your home has ceiling fans, use them. According to the US Department of Energy, using a ceiling fan will let you raise the thermostat by 4 degrees Fahrenheit without changing how comfortable your home feels indoors.
- 6. Replace Your Incandescent Light Bulbs**
Incandescent bulbs give off a lot of heat compared with compact fluorescent lights and LED bulbs. A small but effective way to keep your home comfortable (and save some money in the process) is to replace any incandescent bulbs with more energy-efficient ones.

"Summarize" Your Home for Showings

When you're selling your home during the summer, remember that home showings are all about brightening your home and making it look and feel comfortable. You don't have to crank up the A/C for home buyers during a showing. You can use these energy-saving tips to make it cooler indoors without having to pay those higher energy bills.

We have plenty of other tips to help you sell your home. Call us and let's talk.

This Week in Your Neighborhood

- U.S. Congressman Jeb Hensarling will host a town hall meeting in Mineola Thursday at 9:45 a.m. at Mineola City Hall.
- Jason Henderson is holding a grand opening at his new location Thursday from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at 1819 North Pacific Street in Mineola.
- Child Protective Services will host a meeting for anyone interested in learning about becoming a foster or adoptive parent tomorrow (Thursday) at 5:30 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall at

- Emory Baptist Church.
- The Texas sales tax holiday is scheduled this week beginning Friday and running through Sunday.
- A ribbon cutting for East Texas Pressure, East Texas Installers and Fuller's Transport is Friday, 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. on South Main Street in Quitman.
- The Quitman Pee Wee Association car wash is Saturday from 8 a.m. to noon at CNB in Quitman. Barbecue sandwiches are available for purchase.
- New Hope Baptist

- Church will hold an anniversary service Sunday. Rev. James Schafer will be the guest speaker for their Sunday morning service.
- Residents of Hawkins, Holly Lake Ranch, Brookhaven and nearby communities are invited to GriefShare, a support group for those grieving the death of a family member or friend. The first meeting is scheduled for 3 p.m., Monday, in the Family Life Center at Holly Brook Baptist Church.

Letters to the Editor

To the editor,

I would like to thank the person, or persons, for turning in my debit card from BTH Bank on Saturday morning, July 23. I am much obliged. I will pass this good deed along. Oh yea, I left it in the Mineola BTH ATM, "new transaction protocol." Man-o- man.

Concerning the presidential election, these are the choices we have for president?

There was a movie about 30 years ago called "Brewster's Millions." Richard Pryor's character ran a "None of the above" campaign. Sounds like a good idea.

David Castleberry

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To the editor,

We would like to tell everyone about the exciting live play still running this weekend in the Mineola Theater Friday and Saturday night and Sunday afternoon.

It's a very lively musical titled "Suds" and the awesome talent makes this equal to a Broadway production at a Mineola price of only \$15.

You will see fast action singing and dancing to 28 songs from the 50s and 60s. We had to see it twice this past weekend. Don't miss it!

Ken and Margo Masat, Alba

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Letters to the editor are opinions expressed by the writers and in no way reflect opinions or policies of this paper. Publication of a letter does not necessarily mean the facts have been confirmed.

Letters must be signed, accompanied with a telephone number for verification and be no more than eight inches long. One letter per topic will be accepted per writer. Letters written by people under 18 years of age must be accompanied with written permission from a legal guardian.

The Monitor does not accept letters of endorsement for or against political candidates. Letters of a political nature will not be accepted for the last edition prior to the election as well.

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Council amends soliciting ordinance

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The Mineola City Council voted unanimously to amend the Solicitor Permit Ordinance during their regular July meeting last Monday at Mineola City Hall.

The meeting was conducted by Mayor Pro-Tem Kevin White in the absence of Mayor Rodney Watkins. All councilmembers were present.

The council had previously discussed the changes during their workshop that precedes the regular meeting on Thursday. In that meeting City Administrator Mercy Rushing had explained that, with the amended version, the city would continue to require professional door-to-door sales people to fill out an application, and now there will be a \$100 fee. The applications would be made to Police Chief Chuck Bittner and if he is not there, to the city administrator. Previously the applications had been made to the city secretary, but had in the past been a responsibility of the police chief.

Rushing explained that the fee would be waived for nonprofit organizations. And any "out-of-the-ordinary or above and beyond" fundraisers for the school would be asked to fill out applications. She pointed out sometimes professional business people tell people they are from the school and the city does want to know about those type sales people.

She had also noted in the workshop that this did not pertain to sales people who are suppliers of local business people.

Those paying fees would pay them to the staff members who work on the administration side of city hall. The amended ordinance was approved on a motion by Sue Jones and seconded by Mitchell Tuck.

Also in the meeting, the council approved resolutions for the sale of three tax struck-off properties. Those properties had been presented during the previous month's workshop and council meeting but were tabled. The bids were placed by Michael Anderson and were for \$755, \$255 and \$250 for lots on Hart and at Landers and Revelle Streets.

Tax Attorney David Hudson said the lots, which included one with \$11,190 in unpaid taxes, had been offered for sale on the courthouse steps with no takers.

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From left, Micah Brooks, Brandi Bridges, Micah Graham and Lanette Garza in a scene from *Suds! The Rocking 60s Musical Soap Opera*, at Lake Country Playhouse in Mineola.

"Suds!" runs one last weekend in Mineola

There are only three more chances to see "Suds! The Rocking 60s Musical Soap Opera," at Mineola's Lake Country Playhouse: Aug. 5, 6 and 7.

The show, created and written by Melinda Gilb, Steve Gunderson and Bryan Scott, features over 40 of the greatest doo-wop hits of the 1960s, all performed at the Suds Laundromat. The musical is presented by arrangement with Brent Peek Productions in New York.

Directed by Kay Lamb, with music director Jeannette Peel and choreographer MarCordrie Collins, the show revolves around Cindy, who works at Suds but has no luck in life and love. It's her birthday, and with the arrival

of the postman things just go from bad to worse. Deciding to end it all, she is stopped by Dee Dee and Marge, two larger than life characters that are more than meets the eye.

It's a family friendly musical romp through some of the greatest songs of the 60s, set among the backdrop of washers and dryers.

Tickets are \$15 for adults and \$7 for students. Discounts are available for groups of 10 or more. Friday and Saturday performances are 7:30 p.m. with Sunday matinees starting at 2 p.m. The box office and doors will open one hour before showtime.

For reservations, contact the box office at 903-569-2300.

Election judge seeks return to paper ballots

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A return to paper ballots in elections is being sought by Terrell Aronspeer, Pct. 4-4 election judge. Aronspeer appeared before Wood County Commissioners Court Friday morning voicing his concerns during the public comments allowed at the beginning of the meeting.

Aronspeer believes voters would be better served by paper ballots. "As an election judge, I can tell you paper ballots are a little more work for us, but they also provide several advantages. During heavy voter turnout years, the main cause of long lines is insufficient eSlates," Aronspeer claimed. "The pressure of long lines causes errors to be made in other aspects of the voting process as well. The cost of each additional eSlate is around \$3,200. The voting booth for a paper ballot is a tri-fold piece of cardboard, a dollar or two at most."

Aronspeer questioned the validity of electronic voting in a recount. "As elected officials, you understand the trauma of close elections. The truth is, with electronic voting, there is no such thing as a recount. There is nothing, no physical ballot to be recounted," Aronspeer explained. "All the EA (election administrator) can do is add

up the same numbers the machine gave us the last time. For a candidate who suspects there is something wrong in the election, there is little comfort in this."

Aronspeer added what he felt was the biggest issue at stake. "Electronic voting is subject to the most clandestine form of vote fraud. This can be accomplished without conspiracy, without hacking and with only the remotest chance of detection," Aronspeer continued. "A single software engineer from a software provider can write a piece of software which will produce a desired election result."

"Even testing the system the day before and the day after an election gives us no assurance this has not been done. It only takes one person with whatever personal motive to accomplish this. Having a hand-recountable hard copy is the only assurance we have that an election is truly verifiable."

Mineola Pct. 2 election judge Liz Smith agreed with Aronspeer. She added, "I just wanted to say that this (paper ballots) could speed up the voting. I have had people in there on the electronic ones for about 20 minutes trying to figure out how to use the electronic ones. That would not happen if we had the paper ballots."

Pct. 2 Commissioner

Jerry Gaskill commented on the subject. "I would like to say I do agree if we didn't go voting centers to have a paper ballot also to speed it up. I did see the lines during election time really backed up."

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ETCOG reps discuss mobility in East Texas

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An open public forum was held by representatives of East Texas Council of Government to discuss transportation concerns for people in Wood County July 22 at Quitman Public Library. Jim Moore and Kathy Chambers represented Moore and Associates, consultants to ETCOG, while Melissa Cure was on hand to answer questions about the GoBus program.

ETCOG has been seeking residents in their 14-county service area to participate in a short-term project to improve mobility throughout the region. The project is an update of the regionally coordinated transportation completed in 2011 and funded by a TxDOT grant obtained through the East Texas Connects committee and ETCOG.

Moore explained the premise of the project. "About every five years, ETCOG undertakes an update to the original coordinated transportation plan. This is the second update to a plan that was originally crafted about 10 years ago. The purpose of the plan is to identify and quantify mobility needs in the 14-county region covered by ETCOG," Moore said. "We going out to the 14 counties and holding meetings similar to this open to the public to really give folks the opportunity to talk about their needs and priorities. We have heard through a combination of surveys, online comments, attendance at meetings, and have probably now heard from 220 to 225 folks."

Moore talked about information gained through their efforts. "We take all this information in terms of priorities and needs and see which ones fit in the existing framework. For instance we go to some meetings and they are not even aware the GoBus exists, who it's for or where it goes," Moore explained. "It does give us the opportunity to promote the program as well as the services that exist. We have heard from all kinds of folks of various ages and various needs."

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ETCOG representatives in Quitman for the forum were, from left, Jim Moore, Kathy Chambers, and Melissa Cure. (Photo by Larry Tucker)

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CPS, CASA join forces in county

Child Protective Services and Court Appointed Special Advocates held a joint meeting Tuesday, July 25, at the First Baptist Church in Mineola.

Laci Alexander, foster & adoption home developer for CPS, and Kathy Clark, community outreach coordinator for CASA, each gave a presentation detailing their work with their respective organizations.

A question and answer session was held following the presentations. Those in attendance also received help from Alexander and Clark regarding applications and other paper work associated with services offered and provided by CPS and CASA.

Child Protective Services investigates reports of abuse and neglect of children, provides ser-

VICES to children and families in their own homes, places children in foster care, provides services to help youth in foster care successfully transition to adulthood and helps children get adopted.

CASA provides valuable volunteer advocacy for abused children in the community. CASA volunteers serve as the "eyes and ears" for the judge in child welfare cases. This includes researching each child's situation and making objective recommendations to help them reclaim their childhoods from abuse and neglect. CASA volunteers are frequently the only stable presence in these children's lives as they navigate the foster care system.

CASA volunteers are screened and highly trained and then ap-

pointed by judges to represent and advocate for a child's best interests in the child protection system. Each volunteer is assigned to help one child or set of siblings at a time, so they can focus on giving that child or sibling group the individualized advocacy and attention they need. CASA volunteers save taxpayers' money and children's futures by helping children find a safe, permanent home as soon as possible.

For more information regarding CPS services, contact Laci Alexander at 903-439-9269 or visit dfps.state.tx.us.

For information on CASA services, contact Kathy Clark at 903-597-7725 or visit casaforkidsofeasttexas.texascasa.org.

Mineola woman gets new type of scam call

A Mineola woman received a suspicious telephone call Monday morning that she didn't fall for, but it was cunning enough that she came close.

The woman said that the caller told her they were updating her insurance and needed information. They had her name and address and telephone number. However, when they asked for her mother's maiden name, she asked what insurance company they were with. They argued with her and then the caller hung up. However, a few hours later she received the same call, showing from the same originating number on her caller ID. That number was 214-716-5004. This time the caller was a female and she began questioning again. She didn't get as far though when the woman asked her what insurance group she was with.

She said she was with "Medi Clinic" and the woman knew she did not have any insurance with anyone like that and she hung up on the caller.


"I just hope someone doesn't get it," she said, and give out critical information.

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WCIC seeks economic development project proposals

The Wood County Industrial Commission is asking for project proposals that support development of business, industry and commerce in the county to consider for funding allocation for the 2016-2017 fiscal year.

Qualified projects will compete for a share of the Unclaimed Capital Credit funds to be allocated as recommended by the WCIC and approved by the Wood County Commissioners Court.

Projects must meet the following scoring criteria: directly enhances economic development in Wood County; stimulates, encourages and develops business location and commercial activity in Wood County; small or disadvantaged business development projects that promote or advertise the county and its vicinity or conduct a solicitation pro-

gram to attract conventions, visitors and businesses; projects that improve the extent to which women and minority businesses are awarded county contracts; projects that support comprehensive literacy programs for the benefit of Wood County residents and projects for the encouragement, promotion, improvement and application of arts.

"This is the second year that the WCIC has set aside and earmarked monies specifically for the development of business and industry for the county. Funding requests for the encouragement, promotion, improvement and application of the arts should include a breakdown of how expenditures of funds will be utilized. Otherwise, a business plan must be submitted with application and/or at the time of presentation to the Economic Development Com-

mittee," said Kiki Bettis, executive director of WCIC.

"Also, upon approval of the funding request, the organization will need to provide an ongoing report on the status of the project as well as any other information that can be useful in determining the impact of WCIC funding."

The deadline for submitting applications has been set for Aug. 31.

Funding requests will be presented to the WCIC promotions committee in September to review and forward recommendations for consideration and budget approval to the WCIC board of directors in the regularly scheduled monthly meeting. Projects will be awarded and announced on October 15. For information, contact Kiki Bettis at 903-768-2402 or by email at woodcic@peoplescom.net.

The Wood County Monitor is seeking people with writing ability looking for a rewarding way to spend a few hours a month. If you would like to have a front-row seat to local government events and then communicate those to the community, you are our person.

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Contact Doris Newman at the Wood County Monitor at 569-2442.

Kiwanis Club sets Back-to-School Bash this Saturday

The Mineola Kiwanis Club is hosting a back-to-school bash this Saturday from 9-11 a.m. at the Mineola Methodist Ministries Center. Pre-kindergarten through fifth grade students attending Mineola and Alba-Golden schools are invited to the event.

Hot dogs and school supplies will be available along with eye exams, dental checks and nursing visits.



From left, freshman Anjel Garcia and senior drum captain Hannah Valek focus on early morning warm-ups during percussion camp last week at the Mineola High School Band Hall. The percussion line, color guard and leadership team held their own camps before full band camp that began this week on Monday. (Monitor photo by Evan Dudley)

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For information leading to the arrest of peron(s) responsible for the theft of a 30 ft. Cambridge Camo RV. Stolen from property located 2 and half miles north of Quitman. Last seen Wednesday July 27th at 12:30. Primarily white in color with Lic #243X5B. Call Quitman Police Department at 903-763-4410.



Sales tax holiday this weekend

Texas Comptroller Glenn Hegar wants to remind consumers that the annual sales tax holiday weekend is scheduled this week beginning on Friday and running through Sunday.

The law exempts most clothing, footwear, school supplies

and backpacks priced under \$100 including items sold online, by telephone or mail. This could save shoppers about \$8 on every \$100 they spend during the weekend. Shoppers can use layaway plans to take advantage of the sales tax holiday.

Lists of apparel and

school supplies that may be purchased tax-free can be found on the Comptroller's website at TexasTaxHoliday.org.

This year, shoppers will save an estimated \$87 million in state and local sales taxes during the sales tax holiday, which has been an annual event since 1999.

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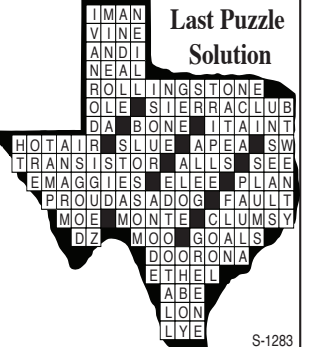
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Evening event for law enforcement and first responders Aug. 18

A group of citizens recently got together and decided they wanted to do something for law enforcement officers, first responders and their families. They decided to have an evening event at Jim Hogg City Park in Quitman, Thursday, Aug. 18, from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. The officers, responders, and their families are invited to go enjoy a meal and the evening with their families.

One of the organizers, Janae Holland, said the group wanted to honor those

who put their lives on the line daily. "We decided we wanted to do something for all the men and women in law enforcement and all first responders. Most people have no idea the hardships some of these folks go through. Not only can the job be tough, but it's hard on the families sometimes too, with their loved ones being in dangerous situations sometimes," Holland said. "We want everyone to be here, it's a come-and-go type of thing. We

have plenty of food for everyone. We also have some entertainment lined up. Make sure you bring the swimsuits for the young ones so they can have fun at the Splash Pad."

One of the groups entertaining is Riding for the Son, a Christian music group. Former police officer Andre Thompson is a part of the group.

Holland said Jim Hogg City Park is a good location for the event. "Jim Hogg Park is in the county seat, in the middle

of the county. We want all of our city and county officers, and first responders, to be able to come by. It's an event for the entire county's law enforcement and first responders," Holland said. "It's just a simple way of saying thank you to all of these folks and their families."

Holland added anyone is welcome to come by to visit with the officers and responders to show support and tell them thank you for a job well done.

Mineola Police Report

Mineola Police reports for the past week included:

July 27 – A man reported a bicycle stolen from his property on Padgett Street.

Police arrested David Fredrick, 43, of Quitman on two Mineola traffic warrants and for possession of a controlled substance. He was arrested on West Broad Street.

July 26 – Police arrested George Averett, 29, of Mineola for several failure to appear Mineola warrants. Averett was riding a bicycle on South Pacific Street when officers stopped him.

A Padgett Street resident reported a theft of a weedeater.

Police arrested Levin Lynn Moss, 28, of Mineola at his residence on Kevin Street for a Mineola failure to appear warrant.

Officers arrested Joshua Allen Landrum, 31, of Mineola for driving with a suspended license after he was pulled over on South Pacific Street for a traffic violation.

An officer issued a ticket to a truck

driver for an unsecured load after hay bales spilled at the intersection of Highways 80 and 69.

July 25 – An officer arrested Brandon Holland, 22, of Mineola for possession of marijuana after he was pulled over on North Pacific Street for speeding.

Police arrested Christopher Michael Duncan Hale, 18, of Mineola at 4:03 p.m. on a city of Mineola warrant for failure to appear. He was a passenger in a vehicle stopped for speeding on Goodson Street.

An officer arrested Michelle Annette Morris, 36, of Quitman at 7:08 p.m. for possession of drug paraphernalia, possession of marijuana and possession of a controlled substance. She was a passenger in a car that was pulled over on Padgett Street for a defective brake light.

Police arrested Robert Harold Williams, Sr., 67 of Mineola on a Mineola assault warrant at his home on North Johnson Street.

July 23 – Officers responded to an ordinance violation at 12:07 a.m. for

loud music on Bromberg Street. Officers talked with the residents who were playing video games and told them to turn it down.

Officers arrested Hunter Branam, 21, of Livingston on a Polk County bond forfeiture warrant. Branam and another man were walking on West Kilpatrick Street at 2:14 a.m. when officers approached them and found he was wanted on a warrant.

A Walmart employee was written a ticket for theft when the store's management reported the employee had stolen two food items valued at \$9.25.

A man reported a woman took his Lone Star Card and used it several times in Mineola for charges of about \$224. The matter is under investigation.

July 22 – A man on Molly Lane reported a woman stole some pills and broke his tablet, but he didn't want to file charges.

An officer responded to a call of a welfare concern for an elderly woman walking around in Brookshire's at 8:32 a.m. He gave her a ride to the human

resources office.

At 9:12 a.m. an elderly woman with a walker was reported walking on West Broad Street and was in the middle of the road. An officer talked with her and told her not to walk in the road.

A woman reported that a man was sexually assaulted. The matter is under investigation.

Officers received a theft report from South Pacific Street when a hydraulic jack was removed from underneath a gooseneck trailer.

July 21 – An officer arrested Charles Bell, 19, of Quitman for driving with an invalid license. Bell was pulled over at Blair and Second Streets for failing to signal turn within the required distance and an expired registration.

Police arrested David Allen Jackson, 20, Mineola for driving while license invalid and drug paraphernalia. Jackson's passenger Joseph Williams, 18, was also arrested for permitting an unlicensed person to drive. The care they were in was pulled over at Line and Second Streets.

Sheriff's Report

July 26 - Sergeant Austin Cryer took a report from a Yantis woman who stated someone had used her identity to open a bank account with SunTrust Bank. An incident report was completed for documentation purposes.

Sergeant Cryer was dispatched to the area of Farm-to-Market Road 2088 and FM 312 in response to a report that a man was unconscious under a tree beside the roadway. Cryer arrived and located the man who was still unconscious and held an unopened beer in his hand. Sgt. Cryer was able to wake the man up and get his identity. The man stated he had ridden a tricycle to his current location. Claston Wayne Beardon, 44, of Winnsboro was arrested for public intoxication. He was transported to jail without incident.

Deputy Joshua Davis conducted a traffic stop on a vehicle on Highway 154 near Holiday Villages after determining the van's registration expired in 2014. The driver was unable to provide a driver's license or proof of insurance. The passenger, Matthew John Johnson, 29, of Quitman was arrested after he was found to be in possession of a controlled substance. He was transported to jail where he was booked on a charge of possession of a controlled substance.

July 25 - Sergeant Cryer took a report from a Mineola man who stated he had discovered fraudulent charges on his Valero credit card totaling over \$700. The charges were made in the Miami, Florida area. The complainant was still in possession of his card; only the card number had been stolen. An incident report was completed for documentation purposes and the case was closed.

July 24 - Deputy Melissa Pollard was dispatched to County Road 1912 on a report of criminal mischief. A man reported that two tires on his son's truck had been cut sometime after 6:30 the previous evening. The damage estimate is \$200. An incident report was completed for documentation purposes.

Lieutenant Robert Holland and Deputy Dustin Fenlaw were dispatched to a residence on CR 3909 in reference to a disturbance. A woman reported that she and her ex-husband, with whom she still resides, had gotten into an argument over his drinking. The woman stated she had poured out some of the man's alcohol which led to an argument during which the man pulled her hair, causing her pain. The woman wanted

to pursue charges in the matter therefore the man was taken into custody. Robert Lee Sharp, 69, of Hawkins was transported to jail without incident. He is charged with assault, family violence.

Sergeant Donivan South was dispatched to the area of Private Road 6956 on a report of suspicious activity. South was advised that a man, who did not have a valid driver's license, was driving around the area in a beige Chevy S-10 Blazer. The reporting party stated she was afraid of the man and believed he was attempting to intimidate her. Sergeant South was able to locate the vehicle and initiated a traffic stop. The driver advised that he does not currently have a driver's license. Billy Ray White, 36, of Wills Point, was arrested for driving while license invalid and was transported to jail. At his request, the vehicle was released to his mother-in-law.

July 23 – Deputy Melissa Pollard was dispatched to CR 4859 at the boat ramp for a burglary of a vehicle. The complainant stated he had returned from fishing to find the passenger side front window busted out on his pickup. Although it was evident that items inside the truck had been tampered with, nothing was deemed to be missing. The man also advised that three other vehicles at that location had been broken into as well. One item of evidence was collected at the scene. The case has been turned over to CID for additional investigation.

Deputy Aaron Warren took a report of fraud from a woman on CR 3230. The woman stated she had allowed remote access of her computer to have it repaired after a pop-up screen stated her computer was infected with a virus. After paying for the repair, the woman was later contacted by the repair company who stated she was due a refund. The woman was told to check her account, which she did, and discovered too much money had been credited to her account. She was advised to send the overage, via Western Union, back to the company. She was later contacted again by the company who stated they had accidentally deposited in her account again. She was asked to send the \$1,700 via Western Union just as before. The woman again complied. She later discovered the "deposits" into her account were actually transfers from her own savings account. This case has been forwarded and

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Mineola Fire Report

Mineola Fire Department calls for the past week were:

July 27 – At 2:46 p.m. the department was dispatched to Farm-to-Market Road 1253 but was cancelled en route. At 7:43 p.m. the department was dispatched to North Johnson, at 7:55 to West McDonald, at 8:05 to CR 2600, at 8:31 to Landers, at 9:36 to Hart and at 10:46 to North Line for wind storm assessment. At 10:30 p.m. the department was dispatched to Second Street for a power line down and at 10:47 to West McDonald for an outside gas or vapor combustion explosion.

July 25 – At 4:01 p.m. the department was dispatched to CR 4107 for a forest, woods or wildland fire.

July 23 – At 1:14 p.m. the department was dispatched to CR 2460 to assist EMS. At 2:04 p.m. the department was dispatched to Van Zandt CR 1714 for a grass fire. At 4:51 p.m. the department was dispatched to CR 323 for a forest, woods or wildland fire. At 5:26 p.m. the department was dispatched to CR 2290 to assist EMS and at 8:47 p.m. to CR 448 for a building fire.

July 22 – At 5:07 p.m. the department was dispatched to CR 459 to assist EMS.

July 21 – At 12:12 p.m. the department was dispatched to CR 2433 and at 2:38 p.m. to CR 2245 to assist EMS.

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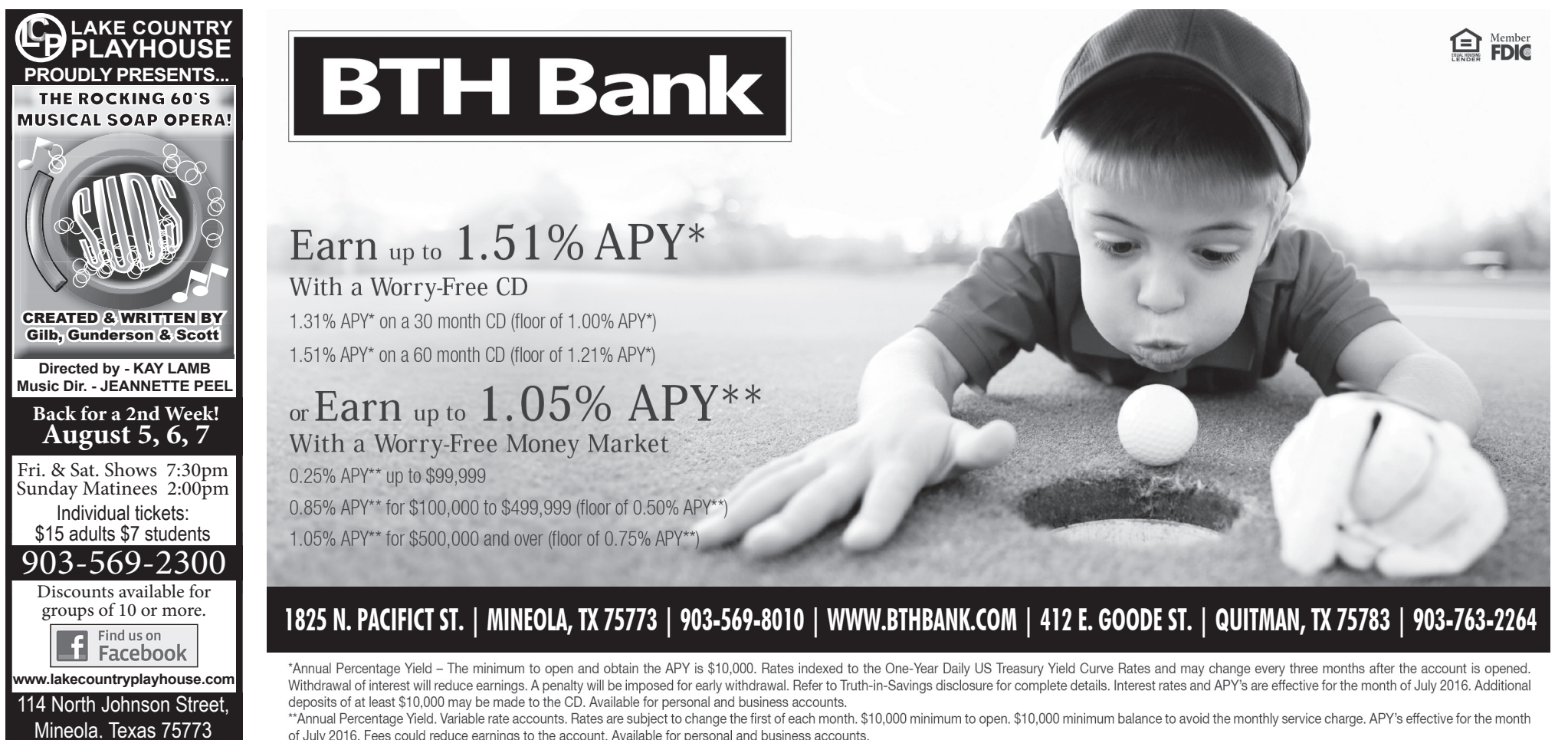
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Hawkins ISD to host Meet the Teacher Night

The Hawkins School District will welcome students back to school Monday, Aug. 22, for the annual Meet the Teacher night. The elementary school will begin at 5:30 p.m. with the middle school and high school beginning at 6 p.m.

Parents and students will get their first glimpse of the new school year as they meet their teachers, visit their classrooms and follow their schedules. Hot dogs will be served in the cafeteria prior to the start of the Meet the Hawks Pep Rally.

Area businesses are invited to introduce themselves to families as well. The businesses will need to set up a table for the period between classroom visits and the start of the pep rally in the cafeteria and foyer area.

Businesses are advised to contact Debi Crawford or Tracy Thomas at 903-769-2181 to secure a table for the event.

FEMA seeks to hire Texans for flood recovery work

The Federal Emergency Management Agency is looking to hire Texas residents as temporary employees to help with the state's recovery from the past year's storms and flooding.

FEMA is hoping to hire as many as 14 people – mostly in Austin and Houston but with a few positions in Denton and Bon Wier – to fill a variety of temporary positions working on disaster recovery.

To find out more about the positions available and to apply, visit the Texas Workforce Commission's website at workintexas.com.

For more information on the Texas recovery, visit the FEMA website at fema.gov/disaster/4272 or visit the Texas Division of Emergency Management website at txdps.state.tx.us/dem.

Sheriff

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remains under investigation.

Deputy Tucker George arrested Ronald Smauley, 48, of Hawkins following a traffic stop initiated when Deputy George observed Smauley driving a pickup truck whose registration expired in 2012. Smauley was taken into custody after he was found to have an outstanding blue warrant. Smauley's passenger, Jennifer Darlene Barnes, 31, of Big Sandy, was arrested after admitting ownership of suspected methamphetamine found in the pickup. Both were transported to jail without further incident. A wrecker service was summoned for the unregistered pickup.

July 22 - Deputy Warren took a report of burglary of a building from Mineola Pipe and Steel on Highway 69. The owner reported that someone had entered the shop building sometime after 6:30 p.m. the previous evening. Several items were discovered to be missing including two chop saws, an angle grinder and a floor jack. Entry is believed to have been made through the sliding side door. The value of the missing property is approximately \$500. Information was recorded concerning two suspects. Deputy Pollard was dispatched to CR 1558 for a theft report. The

On-site & warrant arrests

Dustin Howard Brown, 43, Quitman, release of surety, unlawful possession of a firearm; failure to maintain financial responsibility; operating an unregistered vehicle;

David Doyle McCarmack, 34, Alba, theft under \$50 /shoplifting; violation of written promise to appear;

Clyde Dee Threlkeld, 67, Mineola, assault causing bodily injury;

Brian Kenneth Little, 29, Hurst, out of county warrant, assault causing bodily injury, family violence, impeding breath; out of county warrant, assault of family/household member, impeding breath or circulation;

Rogelio Mata, 30, Mount Pleasant, driving while license invalid with prior conviction(s); driving while intoxicated with alcohol concentration of .15 percent or more; release of surety, driving while license invalid with prior conviction(s); release of surety, driving while intoxicated with open container; bail jumping and failure to appear (X2);

Ryan Aubrey Owens-Moss, 21, Terrell, bench warrant, motion to adjudicate guilt, evading arrest or detention with a vehicle;

Geral Dee Willingham, 44, Quitman, aggravated assault with deadly weapon;

George Albert Nusser, Jr., 41, Quitman, violation of protective order;

Scott Wade Lumpkin, 46, Hawkins, motion to adjudicate guilt, theft of property \$50 or more but less than \$500;

Hunter Gordon Branam, 21, Livingston, out of county warrant, bond forfeiture, failure to ID fugitive;

Ricky Wayne White, 47, Quitman, blue warrant;

Ronald Smauley, 48, Hawkins, blue warrant;

Jennifer Darlene Barnes, 31, Big Sandy, possession of a controlled sub-

stance, less than 1 gram;

Billy Ray White, 36, Wills Point, driving while license invalid with prior conviction(s);

Robert Lee Sharp, 69, Hawkins, assault family violence;

Brandon Cole Holland, 22, Quitman, possession of marijuana 2 ounces or less;

Chase Preston Bassett, 24, Winnsboro, out of county warrant, unauthorized absence from a correctional facility; out of county warrant, motion to revoke, possession of marijuana 2 ounces or less;

Joel Steven Rickman, 36, Mineola, out of county warrant, release of surety, criminal trespass; out of county warrant, release of surety, theft of property, less than \$2,500 with two or more previous convictions;

Christopher Alan Kay, 50, Hawkins, motion to revoke, duty on striking unattended vehicle;

Lindsey Renee Bamberg, 33, Mineola, criminal mischief \$100 or more but less than \$750;

Robert Harold Williams, Sr., 67, Mineola, assault causing bodily injury, family;

Timothy Dwayne Emmons, 54, Tyler, driving while intoxicated with open container;

Michelle Annette Morris, 36, Quitman, possession of a controlled substance, less than 1 gram; possession of marijuana 2 ounces or less;

Claston Wayne Beardon, 44, Winnsboro, public intoxication;

Casey Allen Curry, 33, Quitman, out of county warrant, non-payment of child support;

Joshua Allen Landrum, 31, Mineola, driving while license suspended and

Matthew John Johnson, 29, Quitman, possession of a controlled substance, possession of a controlled substance, penalty group 1, less than 1 gram.

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ACROSS

- old cow-hand from the Rio Grande
- Grape, TX
- 1st film for TX-born Carlos Rivas: "The King"
- this Patricia was in TX-filmed "Hud"
- this gathers no moss (2 wds.)
- "Grand Opy"
- this environmental organization has a "Lone Star Chapter"
- Henry Wade was this when Jack Ruby was prosecuted (abbr.)
- TXism: "up on" (study)
- TXism: "if true, there ain't a cow in Texas"
- Plano has an annual balloon festival
- TX "Pecos Bill's sweetheart was"
- TXism: "fits like in a pod"
- dir. to Mineola from Mount Pleasant portable radio of the 1960s and 1970s
- "fair in love and war"
- TX Johnny Nash hit: "I Can Clearly Now"
- A&M yell: "Gig"
- Gen. Robert
- "of attack"

DOWN

- this catcher "Pudge" started his career with the Texas Rangers
- in Wood Co. on 69
- this TX-based restaurant is planning a comeback: "Steak"
- Jennifer O' was in "Rio Lobo"
- SFA in 1835: "War"
- only resource"
- TXism: "with two tails"
- bad tennis serve
- Larry, Curly & Alto, TX
- TXism: "tangle-footed"
- this Zanuck produced film "The Longest Day" with TX Steve Forrest
- cow sound
- scores by the Dallas Stars
- TXism: "useless as a submarine"
- Lucy's sidekick
- "Honest"
- TX historian, Tinkle
- sodium hydroxide
- with 20-down a bomber owned by TX-based CAF
- TX Janis sang "Me and Bobby Mc"
- George W.'s dad
- better than a double by an Astro
- this Warren was in 1983 film "Tough Enough" with TX Randy Quaid
- A&M is a Division One school in this assoc.
- UT grad, Wallach
- opens up
- first part of bomber in 10-down
- in Lamar Co. on 82
- TX country singer Hank (init.)
- City, TX
- pack down
- TXism: "costs and a leg"
- TXism: "what's good for the goose for the gander"
- King Ranch founder was a boat captain
- TXism: "shake" (hurry up)
- this Fort Worth Bass is a billionaire
- vera
- squalid areas in big TX cities
- ex-Cowboy DE star: "He & She" Jones
- TX actress Prentiss who won an Emmy for "He & She"
- electrode
- pastry with a sweet filling
- TXism: "your heels" (calm down)
- the last "Supreme," TX-born Susaye
- TX Buddy Holly 1957 hit

complainant advised that multiple items of fishing equipment were missing from his boat which had been docked at the marina overnight. The missing items include several rod and reel combos, a life jacket, three totes with miscellaneous fishing tackle and a dip net. Information was recorded about suspicious persons seen in the area of the boat the previous night.

Deputy Fenlaw took a report of theft from an Odessa man who stated multiple items were missing from a house he owned on CR 4798. The missing items include a washer and dryer, side by side refrigerator, a window air conditioner, water heater, propane heater and a wood burning stove. The value of the missing property is \$3,350. Information was recorded regarding a woman who had previously lived at the residence and who is considered a suspect in the theft.

Deputy Pollard arrested George Albert Nusser, Jr., 41, of Quitman for violation of a protective order that made it unlawful for him to be within 500 yards of his estranged wife. Mr. Nusser was found to be at a residence on CR 3147 a mere 150 yards from the protected residence.

July 21 - Sgt. Cryer, along with several other deputies, responded to a 911 call reporting shots fired at a residence at Holiday Villages. A wrecker driver reported that a man fired three times at him and his partner as they were attempting to repossess a vehicle. The wrecker driver was able to produce paperwork authorizing him to take possession of the vehicle. A woman had fled the scene in the vehicle before the deputies' arrival. After a brief investigation at the scene, GERAL DEE WILLINGHAM, 44, of Quitman was taken into custody and transported to jail. He is charged with aggravated assault with a deadly weapon.

July 20 - Deputy Jeremy Ragsdale was dispatched to Highway 69 in the Alba area for a burglary of a building. The complainant stated he had discovered someone entered his building and took a large amount of miscellaneous tools. The tools are described as being both metric and standard with different combinations of sockets and wrenches. Also taken was approximately \$1,200 worth of Freon.

Deputy Davis was dispatched to a residence on FM 14 in the Hawkins

area. A woman complainant stated that the property belongs to her father who is currently out of state. The woman advised she had arrived to find a back window broken and open. Nothing was deemed to be missing from inside the residence.

Deputy Ragsdale took a report of debit card abuse from a Winnsboro man who stated his wife had discovered fraudulent charges on their account, all of the charges were made in the Dallas area. The man also advised that his wife is still in possession of her card. The fraudulent charges totaled just under \$65. This case is closed.

Deputy Ragsdale took a theft report from a Quitman man who stated a five-ton air conditioning unit and a propane tank were missing from his rental property on CR 1460. The missing property is valued at \$4,100. The man also advised his tenant had recently moved out of the property leaving damage to one of the interior walls. Information was recorded regarding the tenant and has been passed on to investigators who will attempt to locate the man for questioning.

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Saturday, August 27
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Sabado 27 de agosto
 7:00a -7:00p



There was still lightning and rain but the Johnson Street resident of this house and her watchdog were found safe.



The tree removal crew worked quickly and with the branches removed, the severe damage to the roof on this Johnson Street house could be seen.

Storm

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home to make sure they worked, but she had been too busy with her patients that evening. Otherwise, "I would have probably been in there."

Thursday afternoon family members helped her retrieve a few belongings through windows and doorways of her crumpled house. Her nephew, Andrew McCalla, said he was intending to set up a GoFundMe account for her. There was no insurance. Tennyson is a 1983 graduate of Mine-

ola High School, has two daughters and recently moved back to Mineola from Dallas.

"That was the perfect little house for me," Tennyson said. "Not too big, not too small."

The home of Sheilah Pepper on North Johnson Street took a heavy blow from a portion of a gigantic oak that fell Wednesday night. Then Friday morning a section that caught in the remaining tree came loose and caused further damage to the roof. Not long after the Jagged Edge Tree crew was on site with heavy equipment extricating tree limbs from

structures.

Pepper was in the back of the house when the tree fell but she and her watchdog were uninjured.

Part of the oak fell on the south neighbor's carport, that of Harold and Sissy Phillips. The crumpled carport lay atop a truck and van. Harold Phillips feared the truck was totaled under the carport. Members of the Phillips family said when the hunks of the oak tree fell down it sounded like an explosion.

One block south of McWhorter Street, a tree was across Landers Street and downed lines were loose

in many places. A trampoline blew from one yard and lay mangled across the street. Another tree was downed across West McDonald Street in the block between Sycamore and University streets, again dragging utilities with it.

Jo McCarty said she saw the clouds rolling in the sky as she was driving home from Tyler Wednesday night and she headed straight to her mother, Delores Wright's house on Landers. Jackie Blackwell said the trampoline that came to rest on the edge of Landers Street had been in her backyard. Rob

Chaffin, who was clearing limbs on Buchanan Street Thursday morning, said he was at church at the Nazarene Church Wednesday evening when they heard a loud noise. They found that the electric plug to the church microwave was burned and he was worried there may be more damage. He said he also

heard what sounded like a freight train.

The fire department storm spotters had not been called out before the storm hit but numerous firefighters and police officers were out at the scenes that evening. One firefighter said he had seen on radar the storm cells approaching and surrounding Mineola.

FYAC

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for FYAC to support such a facility and its programs.

Daisy Bennett is the secretary of center, a position she has held since 2010. Bennett traced back the roots of the center. "Mary Phipps moved to the area and was surprised there was no place with senior citizen services in the county. She put together a meeting at First Baptist Church followed by another meeting at First United Methodist Church and over 100 people came to each meeting," Bennett pointed out. "That got everything started, and Ben Kerr helped them file all the papers for the secretary of state to get the tax exempt status."

In 2013, Bob and Yvonne Cain decided to retire from their business, Sports Shack and Radio Shack dealer. The Cains put their building on South Main Street up for sale. The size and visibility of the location were major deciding factors in the center's commitment to buy the property. In mid-2014 the center purchased the vacant home adjacent to them on the north side to secure an additional parking area. The organization also owns nine acres of land just north of Jim Hogg

City Park, where future plans are to build a larger center.

Currently, the center is open Wednesdays and Fridays from 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. with organized activities for seniors including educational programs, entertainment, health screening, fitness activities, arts and crafts, group games, and volunteer assistance opportunities.

The services aspect includes monthly health screening and an annual Health Fair. Presentations and briefings have been provided concerning insurance and Medicare options, legal advice, financial planning, identity theft, crimes against seniors, emergency survival planning, reverse mortgages, and more. "There is also a low cost Friday lunch program and the monthly Saturday Supper Club has been well-received," Bennett added.

The center serves 266 active "associates" from throughout Wood County and many of those are "regulars." One of the most popular activities is Bingo Night which started May 3, 2013 after Forever Young received permission from the Texas Bingo Commission and the city of Quitman.

Bingo players come from surrounding towns every Tuesday and Friday evening. "Since this

is the only bingo facility between Mt. Vernon, Sulphur Springs, Tyler, and Longview we draw clientele from all surrounding communities," Bennett offered. "We feel like our Bingo has a positive impact on the local economy."

Forever Young is completely self-sustaining with operating funds generated by short-term fundraising activities including garage sales, bake sales and a Christmas themed "Tour of Homes," a country store, a baked potato sale, and other organized events. Forever Young also receives disbursements from charitable bingo. They do not charge their "associates" for the many services, but do appreciate volunteers and require participants in arts and crafts to purchase their own supplies.

Forever Young is a healthy place to be, according to Bennett. "There have been many studies on the positive effects that social interaction among seniors can ward off depression, dementia, and other health issues," Bennett claimed. "If it has done nothing else, FYAC has provided a firm basis for positive interaction among its numerous associates."

Forever Young is a member of Quitman, Mineola, Winnsboro, Rains County, and Lake

Fork Chambers of Commerce with associates active in each of those organizations.

After this week's Old Settlers Reunion 42 Tournament, the net big fundraiser will be a huge garage sale Sept. 22 and 23. The annual FYAC Community Health Fair will be Thursday, Oct. 6, followed by the Baked Potato Luncheon Friday, Oct. 21.

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Reunion

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be treated to a nostalgic musical journey with Dale "The C" Cummings belting out rock n' roll hits from the past under the pavilion beginning at 7 p.m.

The Old Settlers Reunion is one of the longest running festivals in Texas. It began as a simple idea in 1898 and James L. Ray is believed to be the one with the original thought of gathering Old Settlers together. Ray saw his idea become a reality Aug. 2, 1899 when a meeting was held in the district courtroom to organize the event.

The *Quitman News* carried a story about the gathering by Editor R.M. Smith in the Aug. 11, 1899 edition. Attendance at the meeting surpassed all expectations with many people traveling from throughout Wood County with provisions to camp for two to three days. Inadequate water supply and the hot summer heat forced the gathering to end after just one day. It culminated with a dinner made from baskets and boxes of food brought by the visitors.

During the time of the first meeting a committee was selected to canvass those in attendance to see how many wanted to become members of the Old Settlers Association. A number of people made short reports to the group while waiting on a report

from the committee.

It was decided the oldest living person in Wood County would be the first president of the association. That honor fell to Golden resident J. F. Dowell. Ray was named vice president and W.A. Moody secretary.

The officers were instructed to appoint a program and arrangement committee choosing two people from each of the justice's precincts. By unanimous vote, it was decided to hold the next annual meeting the first Thursday in August, 1900, to celebrate the 50th anniversary of Wood County.

During the next year prior to the reunion, Dowell died and Ray became the president of the Old Settlers Association. The reunion has been held each year since that time except for two years during World War II when the decision was made to suspend the event. Voting for officers, board members, and association business was always held Saturday evenings just before the fiddle contest began.

In 1927, there were nine concessions at the three-day event that year with the top money-makers being the S.R. and E.R. Horton ice cream stand and Taylor Greer was the bottled drinks vendor. Radney & McElroy, Winnsboro, sold hamburgers while J.H. Gleaton, also from Winnsboro, sold sandwiches and operated the cook house. A Mr. Morrow from Princeton

sold tub drinks while C.R. Ross, Sulphur Springs, had cigarette sales, candy, and milkshakes. S.R. Horton, Quitman, sold peanuts and popcorn while J.P. Bivens took pictures and a Mr. Spencer had a root beer barrel.

There will be plenty of food options to choose from this year at the reunion. Quitman Band Boosters are bringing back the grilled hamburger tradition which has been missed the past few years. Quitman Rotary Club has passed their usual cold drink stand over to the Boy Scouts. The Rotarians will be serving Chick-Fil-A sandwiches this year. Some of the best barbecue in East Texas will be served by Quitman 4B Riding Club.

In 1957, the reunion began at 10 a.m. on Wednesday, August 7, with music from Columbia Recording artists Bob Luman and Worley Fairburn. The Louisiana Hayride supplied the entertainment in the evening. Country music stars Johnny Horton ("Battle of New Orleans"), Tillman Franks ("Honky-Tonk Man") and a young and upcoming star, Johnny Mathis ("Chances Are"), entertained on Wednesday and Friday nights. Thursday night was Gospel Night with The Plainsmen. The Old Fiddlers contest started at 6 p.m. Saturday evening and you could hear the fiddles into the late night hours. Congressman Jim Wright was the keynote speaker on Thursday night. It was estimated the 1957 reunion drew 40,000 people to the four-day affair.

A talent show was added and an array of talent has graced the stage over the years. Some of those who have been in the talent competition in the past have been Sissy Spacek, Clint Williams (Nick of Time and Perfect Stranger), and former RCA recording artist Shea Seeger (Smith).

Starting in 2015, talent night became a Karaoke competition. Randy Lindsey will direct the "Karaoke Night" Thursday beginning at 7 p.m. Anyone interested is encouraged to be there early to sign up.

Gospel singer Keith Irwin, Lindale, and his band, Prodigal, will take over the stage Friday night beginning at 7 p.m. "Gospel Night" has been

a tradition at the reunion each year since the event's beginnings. In the past, big name groups such as Gold City Quartet, the Stamps Quartet, and the Florida Boys have all performed on the pavilion stage.

Country music acts have been tradition at the reunion since the 1930s. The Texas Prison Band from Huntsville were regulars in the 1950s. The famed Louisiana Hayride rolled through in the late 1950s and early 1960s. Country music night is now a Saturday night feature after years being Friday's. Since the Old Fiddler's contest was dropped a few years ago, country night moved to Saturday. The Texas Playboys, Lightcrust Doughboys, and Country Music Hall of Famer Tony Douglas and the Shrimpers have all played the Old Settlers. Award-winning bluegrass band Hickory Hill has played at the reunion on two different occasions.

Saturday night "Midnite Drive," a band from the Alba and Golden area will entertain the crowd at 7 p.m. They feature the vocals of Amanda Pruitt, who has just released a solo gospel album, and who can also belt out an old country tune or a current hit. Singer-songwriter Michael Booth adds his years of experience to the group playing the guitar and singing. Rounding out the band are Tyler Joiner, Joe Harrison and Aaron Warren.

All entertainment activities are under the 500-seat pavilion which was erected in 1906. The original center pole is still holding steady some 110 years after being installed.

The midway is still the big attraction for the younger set and the "young at heart." There will be the thrills of the rides, and the competition to win prizes at the game. Shafer Shows brought the rides for many years followed by Crabtree Amusements. Triple T Amusements from the Dallas area will be setting up the midway again this year.

The Quitman Fire Department will be hard at work getting people parked and the Quitman Police Department will again be a visible presence each night at the reunion.

Courthouse

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requested by our incoming district judge (Jeff Fletcher), who has been talking to other people about it. We have had people here at the courthouse looking around at the situation," Jeanes explained. "It's a variety of things such as locking the doors with limited access to the extent of adding metal detectors and putting on additional security people. The package we are looking at now is between \$200,000 and \$300,000."

Fletcher, the 402nd district court judge-elect, said there have been concerns. "I want to make sure the employees at the courthouse are safe. We want those ladies who are in the county clerk's office, the district clerk's office, and the other offices throughout the building to be safe," Fletcher said. "The county commissioners deserve a lot of credit for talking about this, studying the situation and doing something about it in their budget planning process. I certainly appreciate the commissioners for their concern and for taking positive steps."

Pct. 2 Commissioner Jerry Gaskill emphasized the safety of employees. "We have been working on security and we want our employees to know they are safe. We want the public to feel safe when they come here to do business," Gaskill added.

County Clerk Kelly Price said her office gets a lot of foot traffic. "Being on the main floor, we catch a lot of people looking for the district clerk's office or the district court's office. We are easy access to the back entrance where they come in and we deal with people who are unhappy, some with stuff that is out of our hands," Price noted. "We probably deal with more public than any office in here. I have talked to the girls in my office and they know what to do in case of a problem. In the times we are living in now, safety is a major concern everywhere. Our bailiffs, Officer Rapp (Andrew) and Officer Cooper (Bill) are in our office a lot. They are super great guys and watch out for us."

"Such as today's society more security is always a good thing. When the courthouse is open we bring our lunch and we eat here, so there is always someone here," Cooper said.

Incoming Wood County Sheriff Tommy Castloo is looking forward to working with commissioners and others to make the courthouse a safe place. "We are working on assessments with commissioner's court and the new district judge (Fletcher) to make sure we bring the courthouse security up to the standards of the 21st century. Threats have changed with the mannerisms and type of people dealt with. Their thought processes have changed over the years," Castloo claimed. "We have got to make the courthouse secure for not only the people coming in here to do business, but for all the people working here. There is a lot of anger out there and people wear their feelings on their sleeve. It seems like they get madder quicker and they take it out by yelling and screaming and some want to take action. We want to stop that from happening or at the very least you want to minimize so you have a chance to stop things before they happen."

Fletcher added, "When this building was built 150 or so years ago, they weren't worried about security. Like a lot of old courthouses, it isn't designed with security in mind. Some of these offices have three doors while others have two doors and one office only has the one door in and one door out," Fletcher said. The commissioner's court is working hard and has been coming up with a plan to secure the building.

"The commissioners are in a tough spot because they are the stewards of the county money. They have to be careful to do the most expedient thing in the least expensive way. They have to watch out for the tax dollars and have to constantly weigh everything. It's easy for me to say I need security, but I am not the one who has to pay for it," Fletcher concluded.

Pct. 1 Commissioner Virgil Holland Jr. is on board. "I am totally for an upgrade in our courthouse security. It's something which has been needed for quite a while. We are still in the planning stages, but there are many things we need to get done," Holland said. "We must make sure our employees and the public are safe every day at the courthouse. And we have some high profile trials coming up this next year and need to have more security in place. We do not want to be vulnerable to any threats. We are living in times where the need for more security is a priority."

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Obituaries

ROCKY COYD CLAPP 1953-2016

RUSK-Funeral services for Rocky Coyd Clapp, 66, Rusk, relative of Mineola residents, were held July 25, 2016, at Wallace-Thompson Funeral Home Chapel in Rusk with Rev. Tim Wade officiating.



Burial followed in Clapp Family Cemetery in Rusk.

Mr. Clapp died July 22, 2016 in Rusk. He was born June 12, 1953 to Bobbie Humphreys of Mineola and Delta Clapp, Rusk.

He was preceded in death by his stepmother, Gladys Clapp and stepfather, George Humphreys.

Survivors include his mother, Bobbie Humphreys, Mineola; father, Delta Clapp, Rusk; wife, Beverly Clapp, Athens; son, Rocky Coyd Clapp, II, Arlington; daughter, Shana Clark, Arlington; sisters, Charlotte Rose, Mineola, Odessa Carter, Rusk, Nora Humphreys, Mineola, Debra Dorman, Brownfield and Dixie Ellis, Rusk; brothers, Estes Clapp, Rusk and Jay Bowers, College Station and two grandchildren.

ADDIE CARROLL PROVOW 1923-2016

MINEOLA-Addie Carroll Provow, Mineola, died on July 26, 2016, just days before her 92nd birthday. She was born on August 11, 1923 to the late to Ernest and Fatha Carroll.

After finishing school she moved to Shreveport, La. where she met Ernest Henry Provow at the USO. They were married in 1942 at Barksdale Air Force Base.

She was preceded in death by husband of 64 years, Ernie; her parents and a brother, Ernest Paul Carroll.

Survivors include a niece, Shannon Routh; great nephew, Dakota Carroll and cousin Ann Westbrook, Quitman and "adopted" children, Peggy Futch

of Avinger, Linda Maguire, Lexington, SC and Kenneth McAlister of Dallas and Duane Henson, Avinger.

Funeral services were officiated by Rev. Mark Neeley, First Baptist Church, Mineola.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to First Baptist Church Fund or a favorite charity.

LEON COKER 1931-2016

WINNSBORO-A memorial service for Leon Coker, 85, Winnsboro, was held Sunday, July 31, at Beaty Funeral Home in Winnsboro with Carey Ponder officiating.

Mr. Coker died July 23, 2016, in a nursing home in Grand Saline. He was born April 25, 1931, in Ennis to the late Eddie and Helen Coker. He was a veteran of the U.S. Army and a Baptist.

He was preceded in death by his parents, a brother, Freddy Coker; sister, Rosalee Hamon; stepson, Cecil Mays, Jr., and great-grandson, Randy Lane.

Survivors include his wife of 43 years, Mildred Coker, Winnsboro; daughter, Sandy Self, Winnsboro; brother, Alan Coker, Mesquite and one grandson.

MY THI TRAN 1928-2016



Services for My Thi Tran, 88, of Quitman, were held Thursday, July 28 at Roselawn Crematory in Winnsboro at 2 p.m.

Ms. Tran died July 26, 2016 in Quitman. She was born January 2, 1928 in South Vietnam to Truong Van Luom and Lam Thi Tau.

She lived here for 36 years, coming from Vietnam. She was a Buddhist nun at the Linh Son Amida Center in Quitman.

Survivors include one son, Truong Van Hung of Garland; one daughter, Truong Thi Thanh of Sacramento, California; eight grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

NELLIE JEAN SNIDER 1941-2016

HAWKINS-Funeral services for Nellie Jean Snider, 75, Hawkins, are planned for Thursday, August 4, at 11 a.m. at Beaty Funeral Home Chapel, Mineola.

The family will receive friends one hour before services and burial will follow the service at Chilton Cemetery in Big Sandy.

Mrs. Snider died July 31, 2016, in Quitman. She was born May 15, 1941, to the late Frank and Lizzie Whitlock, was a former member of Liberty Baptist Church in Hawkins and retired from Tyler Pipe.

She was preceded in death by her parents; four brothers, Coleman, Halley, Elmer and William Whitlock and a granddaughter, Kimberly Choate.

Survivors include sons, Jerry Wayne Choate, Woodworth, La., Duffie Sinclair, Jr., Quitman; daughter, Donna Duwe, Hawkins; four brothers, Alton and Lonnie Whitlock, both of Big Sandy, Billy Whitlock, Bullard and Tony Whitlock, New Diana; two sisters, Mae Brown, Big Sandy and Liz McClendon, Camden, AR; six grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.



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Vigil

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put into practice. "It has never been easy to pray for one's enemies."

He said it's not easy for those who put their lives on the line to keep the public safe. "But if we would follow the words of Jeremiah, if we will pray for the welfare of our city, if we will prayer for the safety of our homes," he said, "pray for the good of our world and our nation it will not only benefit us individually but it will benefit everybody."

He also referred to II Chronicles 7:14 in which the words, "if my people... which are called by my name shall humble themselves, that's a big if." He referred to another phrase "and now," saying those in attendance need to set out in making things better that very night. And he spoke of the peace that comes with repentance.

As he concluded he prayed for "a hedge or protection" around the first responders and their families and he beseeched God to "make us one in our community."

The program began with beautiful music by the St. Paul Missionary Baptist Church and a rousing welcome by host Pastor Demethrius Boyd. "Today is a good day. It speaks volumes not only in our county but in our country that we refuse to let the foolishness of some dictate the heart of the masses," Boyd said to applause and amens.

"If we don't take proactive measures, binding together to prevent some of the things that are happening on the outside, it will affect us on the inside," the pastor said.

Mayor Rodney Watkins thanked the Ministerial Alliance for sponsoring the event and St. Paul for hosting it. "Let me assure you, Rev. Boyd and I have talked about it many times, we're unified in our position I think, within the community that we



After the Community Prayer Vigil, Lavada Jenkins gives Mineola Detective Dusty Cooke a hug.

serve together, we work together, we promote Mineola together and we live together everyday." He asked the police officers and firefighters who were present to stand to be recognized and thanked them for their service.

The mayor spoke of what seems to be a time of division, the recent events in Dallas and Baton Rouge as well as many other times of sorrow across the nation saying, "We pray for comfort for all these families affected by these recent events... Everybody needs prayer, all lives matter and all these families should be comforted and uplifted."

"The events in Dallas and Baton Rouge have brought to mind that our most valuable asset in the city of Mineola are our first responders."

As he introduced Police Chief Chuck Bittner, Boyd repeated what Watkins said that "all lives matter." He said there would be some community forums in the future to express concerns, communicate and educate "between brothers and sisters in Christ" to take the bad things that have happened and make something good from them.

"I want to thank the community of Mineola on behalf of the police department for the tremendous outpouring of support," the chief said fervently,

after the tragedies and events that have occurred across the nation. "The encouragement, the delicious baked treats, heartfelt handshakes and warm hugs we have received are truly priceless. Equally heartening are the many times citizens take time from their busy day to stop an officer and say thank you."

The chief also thanked the public "for any prayers offered up for our officers and the community."

"I have a vested interest in the city of Mineola," he said, continuing "I tell you this so you realize the seriousness with which I am ready to address any concerns, problems or issues that are brought to my attention." He has spent exactly half of his life as an officer and 100 percent of his career in enforcement in Mineola. He began as a reserve officer and completed his degree in criminal justice, then went to the Kilgore Police Academy and completed his studies there. He began as a patrol officer and has served as chief for the past 10 years.

"Although public speaking is not my wheelhouse, policing, the police officers and this community are. My experience as a patrol officer on these very streets gives me insight to hold these officers to the high standards and at the same time not ask them to do something I would not do or have not done."

"When I say officers, please remember they are men and women with basic needs, concerns, hopes and dreams. It's important to see a blue uniform, but to see beyond it as well. To go that extra mile to cultivate an attitude of respect of officers in your own homes."

He said he preaches to young officers that unlike large cities, they will deal with the same people "over and over again." And they will be people whose children will share a baseball bench with theirs, they will shop Walmart together, or they may be one table over at a restaurant. "It is essential that everybody be treated with dignity and respect,"

Mineola Ministerial Alliance President David Bethel (left) gave a spiritual perspective on the answer to unrest in today's world. FAR LEFT: Mineola Police Chief Chuck Bittner said he was proud of his officers and also welcomed the public, saying his door is always open if someone needs to talk.


which brought some amens.

The chief spoke of the kindnesses his officers have shown to people who are down on their luck. He said the department once even received a call from an elderly woman asking them to go and change a light bulb. A young officer asked him if they do that. "I told him absolutely. We are here to serve. Change her light bulb for her." And he spoke of the community policing the department has practiced for many years and the many programs under that umbrella including Texans Against Crime, DARE, Crimestoppers, Neighborhood Watch, Citizens Police Academy and Explorer programs.

He said it was his honor to introduce the Mineola Police officers. "I am very proud of them and the service they provide."

He concluded by telling those present that his door is always open to anyone who would like to go to speak with him. The audience stood as they applauded.

The program included a spiritual song by Chris Gipson and the lighting of unity candles. Pastor Bobbie Maltas sang the benediction, blessing the food and the program concluded. Many took time to work they way over to the police officers and shake their hands, hug them and tell them thank you.



Bobby C. Otting

Bobby C. Otting of Mineola, TX passed from this life on July 12, 2016 and was laid to rest at East Memorial Gardens in Texarkana.

He was one of ten children born to Boyd Miller Otting & Ruth Nelia Bailey on March 25, 1933 and grew up in Rome GA. He is survived by his wife (sweetheart of 63 years), Kathryn "Kaye" Fitts; sister Syble Vaughn; daughters Jana Kaye Otting, Jill Lumpkin, Alicia Ann Rasbeary & husband Wade, Deborah Ann Havis & husband Charles; grandsons Clayton & Justin Rasbeary; granddaughters Christi & Kelli Lumpkin, Paige Rasbeary, Wendy Crane & husband Roger, Dee Ann Havis; great granddaughters, Kinsey & Kailey Crane and numerous nieces & nephews.

He was a member of Baptist churches in Atlanta GA, Mesquite & Dallas, TX. He honorably served in the United States Air Force at Barksdale AFB, LA from 1953 to 1956. He was a loving husband, father and grandfather and made many friends.

Billy Ray Ramsey

(May 31, 1948 - July 26, 2016)

Funeral services for Billy Ray Ramsey, 68, of Quitman, were held Friday, July 29, 2016 at 2:00PM at Lowe Funeral Home with Brother Fred Morrow officiating. Burial followed at Roselawn Memorial Gardens in Mineola, TX. The Family received friends on Thursday, July 28th at the funeral home.

Billy Ray was born May 31, 1948 in Center, TX to Melvin A. Ramsey and Mildred (Hammers) Ramsey and passed away July 26, 2016 in Tyler. He served in the US Air Force and was an oilfield electrician.

He was preceded in death by his parents; son Jason Ramsey; sister Mary Ann Ramsey and cousin Jerry Hammers.

Survivors include his wife of 37 years, Sherie Ramsey of Quitman; son, Nathan Ramsey of Quitman; three grandchildren, Lucas, Joshua, and Kyndal Grace Ramsey; and numerous nieces, nephews and extended family.

Serving as pallbearers were Ronnie Matheson, Braxton Beggs, Ethan Nance, Stacy Matheson, Caleb Click and Chance Gross.

Lacinda Barber Frazier

Services for Lacinda Barber Frazier were held Friday, July 29th at 11:00 a.m. at Lowe Funeral Home in Quitman, Texas with Reverend Raif Turner and Brother Fred Morrow officiating. Burial followed at Mt. Pisgah Cemetery in Wood County. The family received friends from 6-8 PM Thursday evening at the funeral home. God called Lacinda home on Monday, July 25, 2016. Lacinda was preceded in death by her parents Doug and Sue Barber of Quitman.

Lacinda was born June 27, 1960 in Gilmer and was a member of First Baptist Church in Quitman. She lived in Wood County all of her life. She taught school for 27 years in Quitman I.S.D. and 2 years in Harmony I.S.D. While teaching, she was very active in UIL events, serving as the District Coordinator. Lacinda enjoyed doing water aerobics with her dear classmates at the Trinity Mother Francis Health and Fitness Facility in Lindale. She loved spending time with her husband Mack taking care of their grandsons. Lacinda was an amazing Granny who instilled a love of puzzles, crafts, and hands-on learning with her grandsons Bear and Colt.

Survivors include her loving husband of 28 years, Mack Frazier of Quitman, one son and daughter-in-law, Buck and Julie Frazier of Wylie, one brother and sister-in-law, Stan and Ann Barber of Houston, one sister and brother-in-law, Laura and Billy Henderson of Montgomery, two grandsons, Bear and Colt Frazier of Wylie, one niece, Andrea Henderson of Pflugerville, one nephew, Lathan Henderson of Houston and special friends Gail Cox and Roselyn Brown of Quitman.

Pallbearers were Blane Gibson, Justin Haggerty, Danny Henderson, Lathan Henderson, John David Jackson, Lathan Pilcher, Ronnie Pilcher, and Steve Whitehead. Honorary Pallbearers were Bob Sills and James Paul Wheeler.

Special thanks to Renee Gilbreath and associates at The Hospice of East Texas and the staff of Lincare in Quitman.

In lieu of flowers, memorials can be made to the Class of 1978 Sue Barber Memorial Scholarship Fund at the Mineola Community Bank in memory of Lacinda Frazier or the Mt. Pisgah Cemetery Association, 4995 FM 49, Mineola, Texas 75773.





Jason Henderson presented a civic center plaque of appreciation to Mrs. Myers and asked if she would like to say anything. She happily took the microphone and teased her many family members present. BELOW LEFT: Rheba Myers, backed by many family members as well as Mineola Chamber of Commerce representatives, showed how a ribbon cutting is supposed to be done.



Splash

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officials and others crowded in the shade of the tent.

Nancy Murphy, civic center manager, welcomed the guests as she called it a "grand and glorious day" at the civic center. Murphy noted John Fuller, the chairman of the Splash Park Committee, was there every day and was instrumental in the building of the park. "Dr. John Fuller, the hardest working man in Mineola," Murphy said as she introduced him.

Fuller thanked Murphy but said there were several people involved. "It was a team effort." The splash pad sub-committee met weekly working on the location, the design, selection of vendors "and was with us all along the way." And he noted that George Assaf, not on the splash pad committee, "took on a special task and that was, in the design phase of this, this was designed by the children of Mineola."

Fuller also said the city had been a great partner in the project. "It was a journey. But we are here," he said enthusiastically.

To Mrs. Myers, he said, "This would not have happened had we not had this gift. And because of this gift, I'm one that believes success builds success. We're already planning a pavilion."

He said the pavilion "will

come about" and that the equipment outside the park would be inside the building. Fuller called attention to a sign on the black chain link fence surrounding the facility with splash park rules. He asked that the rules be enforced because "it's for the safety of our children."

The civic center will try to have the facility open each year from April 15 to Sept. 15. The civic center plans to try that season for a year and see how it works. This week it will close at 7 p.m. because that is how the equipment is programmed. They will be open from 9 a.m. to sunset after getting training on the programming from the vendor.

Civic Center Board President Gayle Fuller introduced Jason Henderson, a former civic center president and an Edward D. Jones agent. "He brought it to the floor that we should have for the children of Mineola a splash pad in Mineola," she said. "So it was his dream that came into fruition. It was meant to be."

Henderson asked the Myers family to stand as they were given a hearty round of applause.

He's known the Myers for 11 years. John Myers had one of the most successful Ford dealerships in the entire United States - Myers Courtesy Ford in Garland. "It was on the 'money-saving mile' in Garland, Texas," Henderson said. He said Myers was well known

across the country for starting from the ground and working his way up.

Before Mr. Myers died in October 2014 they set up the John and Rheba Myers scholarship trust fund that serves four counties in East Texas. "It was a really wonderful thing," Henderson said.

But, Henderson said after Mr. Myers passed away he and Rheba were talking one day when she told him that she really regretted that Mr. Myers never got to see a thank you letter from any of the scholarship recipients. "Rheba has received several since that that the scholarship fund has helped," he said. She told Henderson that her husband's focus was the scholarship, but that she thought she would like to leave something from her. He asked what she had in mind and but she didn't know and asked him what was "out there."

Henderson told her there were a lot of worthy projects and organizations around town "that do a lot of good in the community." And he also told her there was an effort to build a splash park for the children at the civic center. "Her eyes lit up. And she said that," Henderson said with emphasis on the last word, "sounds like something that I would like to do."

When she made up her mind, she left him a voicemail one evening. She said she was comforted that her husband would have liked the splash park. And she was thinking about all the

children and mothers who need something to do and a place to take their children. And she was one of those mothers with those little children.

"John was a great, generous man. He was very successful. As Dr. Fuller said a minute ago, success beget success... and John's legacy and Rheba's will continue past John's lifetime with that scholarship fund. Rheba's legacy is what you see here today. Because she said I want to see something now in my lifetime."

Henderson presented Mrs. Myers with a thank plaque from the Mineola Civic Center and children Wood County "for the hours of fun and laughter you have made possible by your contribution."

Mrs. Myers said she was glad to see so many people were there, including some who she hadn't seen in a very long time. "Some I expected would be here and some I hadn't expected because I hadn't heard from them in a very long time but somehow they found out that the pool was going to be open today," she said lightly as the crowd laughed. All in the front row were grandchildren except the couple on the end of whom she said, "he lives in the place where I go and we eat cereals together." The woman with him, she said, "She keeps me straight sometimes. She's worth everything." She continued, delighting those present as she took the opportunity to rib her family members some.

Then she got a little serious. "There's no place like Mineola," she said, then added, "because everybody always knows your business," causing more laughter. "Anyhow, ya'll have fun now."

Ryan James was the speaker who followed Mrs. Myers. He talked to those present about the pavilion project. He is the finance chairman on the civic center board and he apologized as he took emphasis off the Myers family "for just a moment" as he told those present about the fundraising for the pavilion.

"Outside of this tent, it's extremely hot," he noted. "And so we just wanted to have a place for the parents and children just to hang out, to have birthday parties, gatherings." The future concession stand would be available for many activities and the showers would assist in attracting RVers. He said the project will be over a little \$100,000 to build and he was issuing a challenge. "The Myers family has already stepped up and so if you can, donate to this great cause because as we've talked about, a lot of people think the city money comes here and it does not."

After this the Myers dedication plaque was unveiled and a ribbon was cut. And the children who had waited as patiently and as quietly as possible in shorts and swimsuits and sandals with beach towels at long last rushed happily for the first time into the Mineola splash park.

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Skill players begin workouts early Monday morning, Aug. 1, on the first day of two-a-days.

Mineola's Dynamic Duo fueled by friendship

By EVAN DUDLEY

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It started more than four years ago.

Chantz Perkins had been living in Mineola for only a short time but was attending a local church camp between his seventh and eighth grade year. It's hard being the new kid in town and he was hesitant to engage the other children that he would soon see every day in the classroom, the hallway and the football field. But Chantz's life – and that of the Mineola football program – would change the moment Jeremiah Crawford stepped to the line and offered his friendship.

The two young men who began a lifelong friendship that day are now on the cusp of their senior year in high school. Together they have set school records



Chantz Perkins scores a touchdown following a handoff from teammate Jeremiah Crawford. (Monitor File Photo)

on the field but their off-field chemistry has been the fuel for the rise of the Mineola football team.

Batman and Robin. Sonny and Cher. Crawford and Perkins?

Comparisons aside, the two young athletes have led an offensive explosion for the Yellowjackets that has resulted in back-to-back semifinal appearances and a title game spot two years ago.

The two combined for more than 5,500 yards of offense during the 2015 campaign – a ridiculous amount no matter the level of football. Crawford passed for 1,361 passing yards and 15 TDs while rushing for 2,517 yards and 34 TDs. Perkins added 2,001 rushing yards for 27 TDs and reeled in 193 yards and two touchdowns through the air – mostly on checkdowns and screen-passes.

"We can just read

each other's mind on the field," Perkins said. "We're brothers, we're best friends and we trust one another."

It's a sight reminiscent of a 1940s jazz club in New York. Soft drinks and hamburgers replace cocktails and hors d'oeuvres, turf replaces the band stage and the duo on the field is like two musicians improvising and reacting to each other without ever speaking a word.

That is the level of experience Crawford and Perkins have developed during their time together on the football field. It's a read and react relationship. It has produced great moments intertwined with valleys and peaks that keep the spectators on the edge of their seats but can swing at consistency to allow the

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Faith healing ...

Brady Rolan knew the situation all too well. Less than a year ago he witnessed his teammate, Dylan Harle, experience a similar injury. Harle would be sidelined the latter half of the season before

Story by
Evan Dudley

returning and Rolan was forced into the starting quarterback role.

It's an experience he values as he will now be asked to provide support to a new quarterback – that is until he makes his return following his own injury.

Bathed in the sweltering Texas

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Rolan sits in an exam room during a recent doctor's visit. He had the cast removed last week and can now begin physical rehab. (Photo Courtesy of Stacy Rolan)



Quitman Lady Bulldog Madalyn Spears gets in her kicks at the first practice of the year. The Lady Bulldogs made the playoffs last year and are expected to be one of East Texas' top Class 3A teams this season.

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Notice is hereby given that a public hearing has been set for revision on the plat of Holly Lake Ranch Subdivision. The revision includes lots 101 and 102, Part I, Section IV, within Holly Lake Ranch Subdivision. The public hearing is set for Friday, August 26, 2016, at 10:00 A.M. in the Commissioners Courtroom. All persons interested in revision to this plat may appear at the hearing with opposition should they so desire. Bryan Jeanes Wood County Judge

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NO. 12,851
IN THE ESTATE OF JERRY ROBERTS, DECEASED
IN THE COUNTY COURT OF WOOD COUNTY, TEXAS
NOTICE TO CREDITORS
Notice is hereby given that on the 7th day of July, 2016, Letters of Administration of the Estate of JERRY ROBERTS, Deceased were issued to W. Timothy Weaver as Dependent Administrator in the County Court of Wood County, Texas, Cause No. 12,851, pending in said Court, and that he now hold such Letters. All persons having claims against the Estate are hereby

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required to present the same to the said Administrator of said Estate, at the post office address given below and within the time prescribed by law. The address of said Administrator is in the City of Houston, Harris County, Texas, and is as follows: Mr. W. Timothy Weaver 1330 Post Oak Blvd., Suite 2877 Houston, TX 77056 DATED the 21st day of July, 2016. Respectfully submitted, W. Timothy Weaver TBA #21014500 1330 Post Oak Blvd., Suite 2877 Houston, TX 77056 (713) 622-1075 (713) 621-0134 (telecopier) weaver@wtimothyweaver.com Administrator

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CITY OF MINEOLA, TEXAS
REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS
The City of Mineola is seeking proposals from qualified Certified Public Accountants for auditing services. The audit will be for fiscal years ending September 30, 2016, 2017, and 2018 for both the City of Mineola and the Mineola Economic Development Corporation. Copies of the proposal requirements are available in the office of the City Secretary, PO Box 179, 300 Greenville Hwy, Mineola TX 75773. Deadline for submitting proposals is Wednesday, August

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17, 2016 at 5:00 P.M. Further information regarding the audit requirements, contact the Finance Director, at 903-569-6183.

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2016-206
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Public Notice
MINEOLA ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION
PUBLIC NOTICE
MINEOLA ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION (MEDC) will be discussing the MEDC FY 2016-2017 budget on August 9, 2016 at 5:30 pm in the Mineola Municipal Complex, 300 Greenville Highway, Mineola, TX.
2016-205
STATEOF TEXAS
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"You have been sued. You may employ an attorney. If you or your attorney does not file a written answer with the clerk who issued this citation by 10:00 a.m. on the Monday next following the expiration of 20 days after you were served this citation and petition, a default judgment may be taken against you. The petition of Sun Eagle Bay Owners Association, Petitioner, was filed in the District Court of Wood County, Texas on the 28th day of March, 2016, against Larry Harris, Respondent, numbered 2016-205 and entitled "Sun Eagle Bay Owners Association v. Larry Harris". The suit requests foreclosure of real property. The real property owned by Defendant and located within the Sun Eagle Bay Subdivision is more fully described as follows: Sun Eagle Bay Subdivision, Section 1, Lot 461 The Court has authority in this suit to render an order to enforce property foreclosure that will be binding on you. Issued and given under my hand and seal of the Court at Wood County, Texas, this the 22nd day of July, 2016. "Jenica Turner, Clerk of the District Court of Wood County, Texas. By: Jennifer Mosher, Deputy." Citation Issued

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Public Notice

the sale of real property, consisting of a 1.303 acres tract and a 27.970 acres tract, J E White Survey Abstract No. 612 Wood County, a total of 29.273 acres belonging to the Mineola Economic Development Corporation located off Bromberg St. The hearing will be held August 9, 2016 at 5:30 pm in the Mineola Municipal Complex, 300 Greenville Highway, Mineola, TX.

2016-203
STATE OF TEXAS
TO: Patrick Fischer
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The Court has authority in this suit to render an order to enforce property foreclosure that will be binding on you. Issued and given under my hand and seal of the Court at Wood County, Texas, this the 22nd day of July, 2016.
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Wood County will be disposing of County owned surplus property at a public auction occurring at the Equify Auctions 24280 I-20 (exit 19), Wills Point, Texas 75169 at 9:00 a.m. on August 18, 2016. This disposal is in the accordance with Texas Local Government Code 263.152 and was authorized by the Wood County Commissioner's Court on July 29th , 2016 Surplus includes: Two(2) CY60 Mowers, BOMAG recycler MPH 100R.



PUBLIC NOTICE - FEMA 4269-DR-TX

The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) hereby gives notice to the public of its intent to reimburse eligible applicants for eligible costs to repair and/or replace facilities damaged as a result of severe storms, tornadoes, and flooding that occurred during the incident period, April 17, 2016 through April 30, 2016. This notice applies to Public Assistance (PA) and Hazard Mitigation Grant (HMGP) programs implemented under the authority of the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act, Public Law 93-288, as amended, 42 U.S.C. §§ 5121-5206, and related authorities.

Under a major disaster declaration (FEMA-4269-DR-TX) signed by the President on April 25, 2016, with Amendment No. 1, effective May 2, 2016; Amendment No. 2, effective on May 9, 2016; and Amendment No. 4, effective May 23, 2016; Amendment No. 3, effective June 3, 2016; Amendment No. 5, effective June 29, 2016 and Amendment No. 6, effective June 29, 2016, the following counties have been designated as adversely affected by the disaster and are eligible for PA under Categories A-G (emergency protective measures and permanent work): Anderson, Austin, Bastrop, Bosque, Callahan, Cass, Cherokee, Colorado, Coryell, Fayette, Fort Bend, Grimes, Harris, Harrison, Jones, Liberty, Milam, Montgomery, San Jacinto, Smith, Upshur, Van Zandt, Waller, Washington, Wharton and Wood Counties. Future amendments may designate additional counties for PA at a later date. All counties in the State of Texas are eligible to apply for assistance under the HMGP Program.

This public notice concerns activities that may affect historic properties, activities that are located in or affect wetland areas or the 100-year floodplain, and critical actions within the 500-year floodplain.

Presidential Executive Orders 11988 and 11990 require that all federal actions in or affecting the floodplain or wetlands are reviewed for opportunities to relocate the action and for social, economic, historical, environmental, legal and safety considerations. Where there is no opportunity to relocate, FEMA is required to undertake a detailed review to determine what measures can be taken to minimize future damage. The public is invited to participate in the process of identifying alternatives and analyzing their impacts.

FEMA has determined that for certain types of facilities, there are normally no alternatives to restoration in the floodplain/wetland. These are facilities that meet all of the following criteria: 1) FEMA's estimate of the cost of repairs is less than 50 percent (50%) of the cost to replace the entire facility, and is less than \$100,000; 2) the facility is not located in a floodway; 3) the facility has not sustained major structural damage in a previous presidentially-declared flooding disaster or emergency; and 4) the facility is not critical (e.g., the facility is not a hospital, generating plant, emergency operations center or a facility that contains hazardous materials). FEMA intends to provide assistance for the restoration of these facilities to their pre-disaster condition along with the potential inclusion of certain measures to mitigate the effects of future flooding or other hazards. For example, a bridge or culvert restoration may include a larger waterway opening to decrease the risk of future washouts.

For routine activities, this will be the only public notice provided. Other activities and those involving facilities that do not meet the four criteria above are required to undergo more detailed review including a study of alternate locations. Subsequent public notices regarding such projects will be published if necessary as more specific information becomes available.

In many cases, an Applicant may have started facility restoration before federal involvement. Even if the facility must undergo detailed review and analysis of alternate locations, FEMA may fund eligible restoration at the original location if the facility is functionally dependent on its floodplain location (e.g., bridges and flood control facilities), or the project facilitates an open space use, or the facility is an integral part of a larger network, such as a road, that is impractical or uneconomical to relocate. In such cases, FEMA must also examine the possible effects of not restoring the facility, minimizing floodplain/wetland impacts, and determining whether the overriding public need for the facility clearly outweighs the Executive Order requirements to avoid the action in a floodplain/wetland, and that the site is the only practicable alternative. The State of Texas and local officials will confirm to FEMA that proposed actions comply with all applicable State and local floodplain management and wetland protection requirements.

FEMA also intends to provide HMGP funding to the State of Texas to mitigate future, natural disaster damage. These projects may include construction of new facilities, modification of existing and/or undamaged facilities, relocation of facilities out of floodplains, demolition of structures, or other types of projects designed to mitigate future disaster damage. In the course of developing project proposals, subsequent public notices will be published if necessary as more specific information becomes available.

The National Historic Preservation Act (NHPA) requires federal agencies to take into account the effects of their undertakings on historic properties. Those actions or activities affecting buildings, structures, districts or objects fifty (50) years or older or that affect archaeological sites or undisturbed ground will require further review to determine if the property is eligible or listing in the National Register of Historic Places (Register). If the property is determined to be eligible for the Register and FEMA's undertaking will adversely affect it, FEMA will provide additional public notices. For historic properties not adversely affected by FEMA's undertaking, this will be the only public notice.

As noted, this may be the only public notice regarding the above-described actions under the HMGP and PA programs. Interested persons may obtain information about these actions or a specific project by writing to Kevin Jaynes, Regional Environmental Officer, Federal Emergency Management Agency, Region 6, 800 North Loop 288, Denton, TX 76209. Comments should be sent in writing within fifteen (15) days of the date of this notice.

Public Hearing

In accordance with Texas Local Government Code, Sec. 152.905 and 152.031 a public hearing will be held on Thursday, August 18, 2016 at 8:45 a.m. in the 402nd District Courtroom, Quitman, Texas. This public hearing will be for the purpose of setting the salaries of Wood County Auditor, 402nd District Court Reporter, and the compensation for the Assistant Auditors for the 2017 Fiscal Year.

(Published in Wood County Democrat Legal Notice Section August 3, 2016)

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MEALS ON WHEELS

THIS WEEK'S MENUS:

Thursday, Aug. 4 - Turkey Supreme, Broccoli, Apple Cobbler, Wheat Bread, Milk

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Tuesday, Aug. 9 - Hamburger Patty, Lettuce and Tomato, Potato Wedges, Hamburger Bun, Hot Diced Apples, Milk, Mustard/Ketchup

Wednesday, Aug. 10 - Glazed Ham, Lima Beans, Creamed Spinach, Cornbread, Fresh Fruit, Milk

For more information concerning Meals on Wheels call 497-1162.

Mineola Community Bank



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Tournament attracts nine teams in Pee Wee football fundraiser

BY THE MONITOR STAFF

Between games on the Mineola Youth Foundation softball fields Saturday players and families relaxed in the shade of the concession stand and visited with one another.

Bottled water, Gatorade, and conversation flowed. While things were casual off the field, on the dirt and in the heat, competition was the name of the game.

The Mineola Youth Football Association hosted the inaugural Grid Iron Bash – a co-ed softball tournament – this past weekend. The event was organized to raise funds for the Mineola pee wee football program.

The tournament raised \$1,100 after expenses through entry fees and raffle tickets sold to win a gift basket donated by Oleta Norris at Naturally Nails and another from the Pee Wee Association. Concessions were also sold at the all-day event.

“I think that it turned out very well today,” said Chris Beck, president of the MYFA. “I’ve seen a lot of people out playing ball having fun today.”

Nine teams competed in the tournament – though 10 originally signed up – that concluded around 11 p.m. Prizes were awarded to the two teams that advanced to the championship round.

The Thunder Buddies, which consisted of many Mineola players, won second and received runner up t-shirts. The Family, a team from Tyler, won the tournament and received their initial entry fee and championship t-shirts.

“It means a lot to the association no doubt that this is the first tournament we’ve ever put on,” Beck said. “I think it will do even better next year and the years to come, thanks to Kirk Henson.”

Kirk Henson, the event organizer, was appreciative of the support from the community to put on the tournament, in addition to Norris, Hometown Trophies, Trinidad Benham, Walmart and Mineola Healthcare residence who lent the use of their popcorn machine.

“Everything’s gone good,” Henson said. “Everybody’s staying hydrated.”

Henson also thanked the youth foundation for allowing them to use the ballfields and was thankful to all of the volunteer umpires.

Proceeds will go toward the purchase of a portable hydration machine for the Mineola Youth Football Association which is part of the Greater East Texas Pee Wee Association with teams all over Wood County and East Texas.



ABOVE: Katlyn Smith of Zeal prepares for a pitch from Thunder Buddies pitcher Chris Brooke Saturday afternoon. Jennifer Henson, Thunder Buddies catcher, is in the foreground. AT LEFT: The first place team in the Pee Wee Football fundraising softball tournament at Mineola Youth Foundation Ballpark Saturday was The Family out of Tyler. Winning second place in the fundraising softball tournament Saturday were the Thunder Buddies of Mineola. (Monitor photos by Doris Newman)

Duo

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crowd a moment of relief. It’s dangerous but also beautiful at the same time.

“They’re playmakers,” said Mineola Head Coach Joe Drennon. “There are times when you’re not sure what is going to happen on a bad play but somehow those two guys create something that is spectacular.”

This kind of intimacy on the field is not a labor of love forged through extensive workouts and sweltering heat but a revelation of how a friendship builds each individual producing a sum greater than their parts.

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“You won’t find two guys who love each other more than we do,” said Perkins. “If you’re looking for one of us you can always call the other and he’ll know where to find him.”

And for at least one more season, everyone will know where to find them Friday.

According to Perkins, expectations for this upcoming season are high but also tempered. The Yellowjackets are keenly aware of what this season can bring but are focused only on playing hard every game of every week and leaving it all on the field.

“No other team in Texas or the country is hungrier than we are,” Perkins said. “We’re tired of being close and are ready to make a statement.”

Lake Fork Weekly Fishing Report (July 25-31)

By JOHN MORRIS

The weather remained hot here at Lake Fork and the bass fishing remained good. The water temperatures were in the lower 90s and the water evaporation is taking its toll. The water clarity is continuing to improve.

I had the pleasure to work the 9th annual Bass Camp here at Lake Fork this week. It had the best 36 young men and woman bass fishermen you could ever want to fish with. Wow can they fish! The biggest bass caught during the camp was a 9.11 pound lunker. The best

technique this week remained a Carolina rig. However a few good fish were being caught on a jig and the wacky worm.

We continued to use a chartreuse/pepper ring fry on the Carolina rig. We used a peanut butter jelly colored jig with a chartreuse trailer, and of course we used a chartreuse/pumpkin trick worm on our wacky setup.

The white bass were still scattered out on humps and creek channel bends this week. A chrome and chartreuse flutter spoon is still a good way to catch them in 25 foot of water.

The crappie are also pretty scattered out. If you want to catch good numbers of crappies this week go to the Farm-to-Market 515 bridges and use minnows in 28 to 30 foot of water.

The catfish are still being caught all over the lake by using punch bait and minnows. 28 to 30 foot of water is where you want to catch your better cats. Oh yes, baited trees are the way to go.

Yes it is hot, but the bass are biting. Those of us here at J & M Guide Service say have a great fishing week and take a kid fishing. Don’t forget to stay hydrated.

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Coaches instruct proper technique during the first session of two-a-days Monday, Aug. 1. (Photos by Evan Dudley)

Faith

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afternoon heat at Sky Ranch, a Christian camp located near Van where Rolen was working as a counselor, a friendly pickup game of basketball would result in a spiral fracture to Rolen’s right fibula.

With only two months before the start of fall camp, Rolen knew he would miss time going into his senior year as the starting quarterback for the Alba-Golden football team but his faith in God has proven to be an invaluable healing asset.

“It really disappointed me but I realized God

does have a plan,” said Rolen. “If his plan has me leading from the sideline the first half of the season, I got to be diligent to follow his plan.”

It’s a tough plan rebounding from an injury that inhibits mobility but Rolen is thankful for the support of his family, coaches and teammates.

“They’ve (teammates) been real encouraging,” he said. “But I wanted to encourage them to get behind our young quarterback Zane Smith.”

But Rolen is also thankful for the small blessings. He appreciates the opportunity to upgrade his Xbox skills while lying in bed between upper body workouts, playbook studies and

completing summer courses through Tyler Junior College and Trinity Valley Community College.

Rolen starts rehab this week and looks to be cleared by the second or third game. Alba-Golden Head Coach Ron Callahan, however, is erring on

the safe side and plans to unleash Rolen later this season rather than risk another injury by coming back sooner than later.

“He’s a great kid,” said Callahan. “I have no doubt his faith and perseverance has helped him a great deal with this injury.”

Mineola Country Club

SENIOR GOLF REPORT

The team of Steve Raley, Mike Wester, Larry Jackson and Gary Milam won first in the Senior Golf Scramble at Mineola Country Club Thursday. They shot (11 under) 60.

The second place team of Mike Casselman, Gene Stowe, Jim Morgan and Bill Stone shot (10 under) 61.

Closest to the pin on hole #5 was Jay Gorman. Terry Schoof drove closest on hole #9.

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Collins' granddaughter weds in Brunswick, Maine

Katherine Judd and Rafael Garcez da Luz were united in marriage on July 23. The Reverend Carolyn Eklund officiated at the service of holy matrimony at St. Paul's Episcopal Church in Brunswick, Maine.

Judd, 27, is a communications analyst with the US Agency for International Development (USAID) in Washington, D.C. After graduation from Wellesley College she worked in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil on community journalism, sustainable development, and urban planning as a Madeleine Korbel Albricht Global Affairs Fellow. She subsequently worked for the United Nations Development Program in Brasilia, Brazil while completing a master's degree in International Relations from the Universidade de Brasilia.

The bride is the daughter of Robert and Cristle Collins Judd of New York City and Brunswick, Maine. The bride's mother, a graduate of Mineola High School, is a senior program officer at the Andrew W. Mellon Foundation. The bride's father is the executive director of the American Musicological Society, whose offices are at New York University. The bride's grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Collins of Mineola and Polly Judd and the late Donald Judd of Columbia, South Carolina. Mr. Collins, 92, and Mrs. Judd, 85, were guests at the wedding.

Garcez, 29, is a finances and control analyst at the Comptroller General of Brazil. He holds bachelor's and master's degrees in International Relations from the Universidade de Brasilia. He is the son of Angelo and Wania Garcez da Luz of Brasilia. The groom's father is the administrator of the Sarah Kubitschek Hospital in Brasilia and his mother is a budget and policy specialist for the Brazilian federal government.



Mrs. Rafael Garcez

The bride was escorted by her father. She wore her mother's formal dress of ivory taffeta trimmed in alencon lace with a fingertip veil trimmed in matching lace, which had been updated for the occasion. The back of the dress had tiny buttons and a flowing chapel-length train bordered with alencon lace and a pleated taffeta ruffle. The bride wore pearls that her grandfather had given her grandmother Frances Collins for their wedding in 1948, and she carried an embroidered handkerchief that belonged to her great-grandmother, Kathryn Collins.

Co-maids of honor were Hannah and Sarah Judd, sisters of the bride. Bridesmaids were Carolyn Posner of Washington, D.C. and Christine Miller of San Francisco, California. Luiza and Bianca Nepomucenoer, nieces of the groom from Brasilia, Brazil, served as flower-girls. Danilo Lobo of Rio de Janeiro served as best man and groomsmen were Andrey Perez, Eduardo Ramos and Kaue Garcez of Brasilia, Brazil.

Organist for the ceremony was Randy Day, who was joined on trumpet for the processional by Clay Collins of Austin and Craig Collins of Washington, D.C., both formerly of Mineola and uncles of the bride. Claire Butler of New York City and Brett Butler of Philadelphia, cousins of the bride, served as ushers.

Following the ceremony a reception was held in the great hall of the church, after which dinner and dancing took place at Mere Point, Maine. Music for the first dance was provided by a jazz combo that included the bride's sisters, Hannah and Sarah Judd, and uncle Craig Collins playing the fluegelhorn.

After a brief honeymoon in Middle Bay, Maine, the couple will be at home in Washington, D.C.



Members attending were, from left, Betty Dubbs, Amanda Tennison, Gene Broxton, and Helen Neidholt.

TEEA members attend district meeting

Wood County members of the Texas Extension Education Association club recently attended and served as co-hosts for the District 5 cultural arts meeting in Tyler.

The meeting theme was "Summer Fun" and included handmade theme centerpieces by Wood County TEEA members, a cultural arts contest and project demonstrations. A business and planning meeting was held to discuss the East Region hosting the state TEEA conference in Plano in September. Betty Dubbs received a first place award in the Recycled Items Division and also had an entry in the Wall Art Division.

Membership in the TEEA Club is open to all. The club meets the second Thursday of each month at 1:30 p.m.

POLICE ACADEMY GRADUATE



Olivia Powell, a 2011 graduate of Alba-Golden High School, has been commissioned as a peace officer after graduating from the Kilgore Police Academy. Powell attended Hollins University in Roanoke, Virginia and was a dispatcher for the Wood County Sheriff's Office before deciding to pursue a career as a peace officer.

Quitman Library Connections

BY LIBRARIAN DELENE ALLEN

The library's summer programs, "Get Ready...Get Set...READ," Money Camp and the Summer Meals for Kids have ended, and special thanks extended to the clubs, businesses and individuals who helped the Quitman Public Library make this a great summer for the kids.

The next 2nd Friday Acoustical Music Circle is Friday, Aug.



12, 6 - 9 p.m. Acoustic musicians of all ages and musical levels are invited to join in, and listeners are always welcome. Refreshments will be available. For more information, call 903-952-8305.

Library hours are Tuesday through Friday from 10 a.m. until 6 p.m. Visit the library's website at quitmanlibrary.org and keep up with current events on our Facebook page at [facebook.com/quitmanpubliclibrary](https://www.facebook.com/quitmanpubliclibrary).

Adult Services

Knitting and crochet instructor Virginia Hoffpaur invites everyone to bring their own supplies and join her group for a fun time of free instruction. Stop by the library's main gallery each Thursday, 2 - 4 p.m.

Art classes will not meet during the month of August, but will start up again as an art club which will meet each Thursday beginning Sept. 1, at 5 p.m.

Genealogy

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Mineola Memorial Library Notes

BY LIBRARIAN MARY HURLEY

We have made it through June and July. August is here with all the activities it has to offer: well checks, dental visits, back to school clothes shopping, new shoes, school supplies, last minute getaways, band camp, two-a-days, and everything else that goes with the end of summer.

We have had a great Summer Reading Program. We visited



Addie E. McFarland Center seven times with short programs and opportunities to check out books. We were at the Primary and Elementary School campuses during the three weeks of summer school. In the Library, we had eight programs for teens / tweens and for K-fifth grade reaching about 300 children. At each weekly activity we offered something different. Anything from outdoor water games, personal pendants, Old Timer Raccoon and the

Creature Teacher with her baby wallaby and Kangaroo Jack.

We also partnered with Circle of Ten / Gateways to American Opportunities to offer Money Camps for children and for teens and those were sponsored by Capital One Bank, City National Bank, Mineola Community Bank and Mineola Kiwanis club. At these camps, participants learned about money - differences between needs and wants, saving

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Quitman

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The Wood County Genealogical Society invites visitors to the library's genealogy department to view family files and records of early settlers of Wood County. You may research online genealogical records using Ancestry.com, Heritage Quest, Geni, and the library's database of digitized images. Also available is a microfilm reader/printer for viewing the Wood County Democrat (1914-2015). Call 903-763-4191 for more information.

Children's Services
The Story Time Gang will not meet during the summer months, but will resume in September in conjunction with the Quitman School District calendar.

Friends of the Library
After a summer break,

the Friends of the Quitman Public Library will meet again on Tuesday, Sept. 13, to plan a fall book sale. Officers for fiscal year 2017 will be Diane Moseley – president, Cathy Dye – vice president, Lillian Gray – secretary and Kim Watterson – treasurer.

New Arrivals
The library has added over 30 new titles to the Northeast Texas Library Consortium's collection on OverDrive®. Visit quitmanlibrary.org to download the OverDrive® app and connect to our library's vast collection of eBooks, audiobooks and streaming videos to enjoy on your electronic devices. The latest books, audiobooks and movies that have been added to our library's physical collection can always be found by visiting our online catalog at <http://quitman.biblionix.com/catalog>.

Singers to gather Sunday

The First United Methodist Church of Mineola will present its monthly "Let's Sing It Again" on Sunday.

The public is invited to attend and participate in the singing of favorite gospel songs and hymns. The singing begins at 6 p.m. at the Pacific and McDonald Street location and is held the first Sunday of each month.

GriefShare to resume at church

Residents of Hawkins, Holly Lake Ranch, Brookhaven and nearby communities are invited to GriefShare, a support group for those grieving the death of a family member or friend.

The first meeting is scheduled for 3 p.m., Aug. 8, in the Family Life Cen-

ter at Holly Brook Baptist Church. Meetings will include a video seminar led by experts on grief and recovery, discussion and personal reflections.

Call the church office for more information, contact the church office at 903-769-2091 or visit hollybrookbaptist.org.

Mineolan in Paris theater production of "Addams Family"

Paris Community Theatre will premiere its rendition of the hit musical, "The Addams Family: A New Musical Comedy," which will begin tomorrow (Thursday) and run through Sunday for two

weekends. Ben Patrick, a Mineola High School Act I & Company alumni, is one of the cast members as an ancestor. "The Addams Family" is an original story, and it's

Lookout for armyworms after recent rains

If you are in the forage business whether it is the hay business or forage to feed beef, dairy cattle, horses, sheep or goats, then you need to be on the watch for armyworms. With the recent rain, producers need to be diligent in watching their pastures and fields.

Armyworms attack many different kinds of plants. When food is scarce, they will move to plants that are not normally attacked. Thus, armyworms can be found on nearly any plant as they migrate in search of edible foliage. Plants attacked by armyworms include: Bermuda grass, grain and forage sorghum, corn, small grains, sweet potato, beans, turnip, clover, spinach, cucumber, potatoes, tomatoes, and many more.

Armyworms should be controlled when they occur in large numbers or plant damage is becoming excessive. Preventive treatments normally are not justified be-



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and spending, budgets, etc. in fun ways.

Throughout the summer, we continued to have American Girls Historical Reading Club, Lego Club, Family Craft day and our own Library Book Club. We also kept the wheels on the bookmobile rolling on its usual routes.

Now comes August. It will be a quiet month in the library. We will still have American Girls on the second Saturday of the month. We will have the Library Book Club on the third Thursday of the month. Lego Club will happen, too. But, we are taking a break from

everything else. The staff needs a chance to recharge and plan for the next eleven months.

It is also time for inventory. Just like any business, we need to take stock of what we have and where it is. You will see us putting books on carts to inventory at the front desk. You will see us in the stacks with laptops scanning bar codes. You will see us putting books in proper order. Hopefully, we can complete this task in the month of August.

We have a great staff at the Mineola Memorial Library. We are once again saying good-bye to a long-time staff member: Richard. He is going back to school and taking a new job. We wish him well. That leaves us with one opening. Ask at the front desk for details. Remember, this is not a "sit and read" type

of job; there are lots of things to do and that must be done.

A great big thank you to all the volunteers we have had over the summer and especially the last week of July. Three staff members were out of the office on vacation that week and these volunteers came in to fill the gaps.

And from one of the staff members that was out of the office - a super big thank you for the staff for holding down the fort!

Please, come by and see us in the month of August. We love seeing you!

Finally, remember the Mineola Memorial Library is a 501(c)3, non-profit and your donations are tax-deductible.

(Contact Mary Hurley at minmemlib@gmail.com)

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 east three miles. 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.
BOY SCOUT TROOP #36 - meets two Sundays each month at 4:30 p.m., First United Methodist Church Scout House, Quitman.
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.
BREAKING FREE - meeting place for families and friends of addicts and alcoholics. Monday, 7 p.m., 971 E. Goode St., Quitman, 903-497-6149.
CELEBRATE RECOVERY - a support group for those with various hurts, habits or hang-ups, every Monday, 7 p.m., Church On the Rock annex building at 302 S. Stephens. 903-763-4588.
COUNSELING CHRISTIAN GUIDANCE CENTER - 903-850-3858 or ibarnes@texascellnet.com.
DAUGHTERS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION - first Saturday except June, July, August and December, 12 p.m. Harvest Acres Baptist Church, 460 NW Loop 564, Mineola. 903-569-3286.
DELPHIAN LITERARY CLUB - first Wednesday, 569-6794 or 569-3586.
DRUG AND ALCOHOL AWARENESS - 7 p.m. Friday, Seventh Day Adventist Church, Ronny Polley 768-2992.
DUPLICATE BRIDGE ACBL games - Wednesday and Friday, 10:30 a.m., Masonic Lodge, 882-1335.
ETMC Quitman - needs volunteers. Great opportunity to meet people while helping your community. Contact Hazel Jones 903-569-7324
FANNIE MARCHMAN GARDEN CLUB - third Wednesday, September - May, Mineola Civic Center, 9:30 a.m. Visitors welcome. Charla Martin, president, 903-638-6389
FLORA MASONIC LODGE #119 - first Tuesday at the lodge hall, Highway 37, Quitman. Covered dish - 6:30 p.m., meeting 7:30 p.m. Study nights for members each Thursday, 7 p.m. at the hall.
FOREVER YOUNG ACTIVITIES CENTER - Wednesday and Friday, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Fitness exercises, bridge, lessons, Bingo and card games.
FOUKE-LAKE HAWKINS CRIME WATCH - third Thursday, 7 p.m., Fouke Community Center
FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY - second Tuesday, Quitman.
FRIENDS OF THE MINEOLA MEMORIAL LIBRARY -

first Wednesday, 1 p.m., Mineola Library, 569-2767.
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.
HAINESVILLE COMMUNITY CENTER - second Tuesday, 6 p.m. Members bring a covered dish and enjoy an evening of fellowship. The center is located at FM 49 and 778, 903-769-1091.
HAINESVILLE VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPT. - second and fourth Thursday, 7 p.m., Firehouse downtown Hainesville.
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, or 903-765-2216.
KIWANIS CLUB - noon Tuesday, Mineola Civic Center Dogwood Room.
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.
LAKE COUNTRY CLASSIC CAR CLUB - third Monday, 6:30 p.m. 903-850-2557.
LAKE COUNTRY REPUBLICANS - fourth Tuesday, 6 p.m., Quitman Library, 202 E. Goode St.
LAKE COUNTRY RV TRAVELERS - of Good Sam Intl. Monthly, RV parks w/in 150 m. radius. 903-569-3677 or 3069.
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.
LIONS CLUB - second and fourth Thursday, noon, Mineola Country Club, 903-638-1596; 903-569-3340.
MINEOLA BAND BOOSTERS - second Tuesday, 7 p.m., in high school band hall. All parents invited.
MINEOLA MARINE CORPS LEAGUE (Toys for Tots) - third Tuesday, 7 p.m., American Legion Hall. 903-569-6481, commandant.
MINEOLA SCHOOLS 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.
MONDAY NIGHT KNITS - 6-8 p.m. Monday, Golden Methodist Fellowship Hall. 903-768-2540.
THE NAME CENTER (National Association of Marriage Enhancement) - i302 S. Stephens, Quitman. Certified and experienced counselors by appointment to assist couples in Wood County. Free, donations are accepted. 903-763-1286.
OPEN HEART MINISTRY - third Friday, 7 p.m., Mineola Civic Center.
OVERCOMERS RECOVERY SUPPORT GROUP - Monday, 7-8 p.m., Whispering Pines Church of the Nazarene, located on CR 3811, Hawkins
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., Peralto'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.
TEXAS INMATE FAMILIES ASSOCIATION - second Tuesday, 6:30-8 p.m., First Christian Church Tyler, Broadway & Loop, 903-839-2349.
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.
UTU AUXILIARY MORNING STAR LODGE #851 - third Monday (except July and August), 11:30 a.m
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 APPRAISAL DISTRICT - Quarterly, third Thursday, 8 p.m., appraisal district office. Open to the public.
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, Shamburg 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.
YANTIS SCHOOL BOARD - second Monday, 6 p.m. (executive session), 7 open meeting, school cafeteria.
YANTIS/LAKE FORK LIONS CLUB - second Thursday, 6:30 p.m., Yantis Community Center.

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Forage conference Aug. 25 in Marshall

The annual East Texas Regional Forage Conference is set for Aug. 25, in Marshall. The event is hosted by the Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service District 5 County Agricultural Agents Association.

The conference begins at 8:30 a.m. with registration and ends at 3 p.m. at the First United Methodist Church. There is a \$15 registration fee due by Aug. 18. The registration fee is \$20 on the day of the event.

"This year's program will feature outstanding speakers, as well as topics that are sure to pique beef and forage producers' interest," said Randy Reeves, AgriLife extension agent.

The conference agenda will feature topics including:

- Feral Hog Management – Dr. Billy Higginbotham, AgriLife Extension wildlife specialist
- The New Veterinary Directive – Dr. Tom Hairgrove, AgriLife Extension livestock and animal system coordinator
- Pasture Weed Control Updates – Clint Perkins, AgriLife Extension agent

• Cost Comparisons of Winter Forage vs. Conventional Supplementation and Nutritional Aspects – Dr. Jason Cleere, AgriLife Extension beef cattle specialist

• What the Future Trends are in Cattle and Commodity Prices – Dr. David Anderson, AgriLife Extension livestock economist

A question and answer period will follow the presentations and a noon lunch will be provided by Legacy Ag Credit in Longview.

There will be three Texas Department of Agriculture continuing education units available for pesticide license recertification requirements. Two Beef Quality Assurance continuing education units are also available. Vendors and sponsors will also be on site.

For registration instructions and forms, a copy of the agenda, the conference flyer, a map or more information about the event, visit gregg.agrilife.org.

Wildfire threat increases amid hot, arid conditions around state

New growth from spring and early summer rains are causing wildfire concern as summer heat and dry conditions have turned much of Texas into a tinderbox.

Dr. Andy Vestal, AgriLife Extension director for emergency management programs at Texas A&M University in

College Station, said spring and early summer rains did wonders for producers around much of the state to promote significant growth of range grasses and other plants. However, the normal mid-summer dry down has accelerated statewide since July 1, especially with 100-de-

gree temperatures in most regions.

"The potential for these to be ignited by dry lightning or a spark from outdoor work, such as welding, or by someone who didn't take the proper precautions with a burn pile or while grilling, is something people need to be aware of," Vestal said. "It can be especially dangerous when this dry situation is combined with elevated wind velocity."

Landowners should be aware of and adhere to local regulations on outdoor burning and prescribed fire planning. County commissioners implement burn bans as appropriate based on information they gather from the Texas A&M Forest Service, local fire officials and weather conditions.

The Texas A&M Forest Service Outdoor Burn Ban map showed 87 counties had implemented bans. The Forest Service's July 25 Fire Danger

Forecast showed most of the state with a moderate level of danger.

Vestal said conditions are expected to worsen throughout the summer and may last for some time as forecasts for the state are calling for a change in weather patterns that will bring less precipitation than the previous 12 months.

Vestal's rule of thumb, when a burn ban is not in effect, is to ignite debris for a controlled burn of brush or debris during the pre-dawn and early morning hours to avoid winds and utilize remaining dew moisture as another level of control. Fires should never be left unattended, and landowners should always have available water or firefighting tools to maintain and control the spread of flames.

"When conditions are dry and winds are elevated there is no doubt a single spark could ignite a wildfire situation," he said.



The Yantis-Lake Fork Lions Club 2016-2017 officers are, from left, Mary Bass, tail twister-public relations; George Philpott, treasurer; Harriett Bevil, secretary; LaRee Gonzalez, vice president and Betty Stribley, president.

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cause attacks are sporadic and egg mortality is usually high. During favorable seasons, a number of parasitic enemies keep fall armyworm larvae down to moderate numbers.

Early detection works best and is achieved by frequent, thorough inspection of plants. Outbreaks seem to occur shortly after a rain or supplemental irrigation. Armyworms feed any time and are most active early in the morning or late in the evening.

Susceptible fields or lawns should be scouted by counting the number of armyworms in a square foot area in eight different sites. Divide the total worm count by 8 to find the average number of armyworms per square foot. Be sure to take samples in the interior of the field because this pest is often heaviest near the field margins.

The threshold level ranges from two to three larvae per square foot for young tender growth. For older plants, three to four larvae and obvious foliage loss justify control measures. Thresholds in improved pastures and lawns vary with conditions but treatment should be con-

sidered when counts average three or more small worms per square foot.

Insecticide choices have changed. Recommended applications for pastures and hay fields are:

Malathion (57% and Malathion ULV): Zero days to harvest or grazing.

Mustang Max (9.6 percent zeta-cypermethrin): The first pyrethroid insecticide labeled on pastures and hay fields. Applications may be made up to 0 days for forage and hay and seven days for straw and seed screenings.

Tracer: Do not allow cattle to graze until spray has dried or harvest hay or fodder for three days after treatment. There is no pre-harvest interval for forage. Treat when eggs hatch or when larvae are small.

Sevin 4F, Sevin XLR, Sevin 80S or Generic Carbaryl: When applied to pastures, there is a 14 day waiting period before grazing or harvesting.

Dimilin 2L: Wait one day until harvest. Label does not list a restriction on grazing and can provide residual control for up to 2-3 weeks as long as forage is not removed from field. Dimilin acts as an insect growth regulator.

Intrepid 2F: Do not harvest hay within seven days of application. There is no pre-harvest interval for forage but application must begin when first signs of feeding damage appear. Use higher rates for

heavier infestations. Intrepid is an insect growth regulator.

Lannate (Bermuda grass only): Do not apply within seven days of feeding forage or allowing livestock to graze. Do not apply within three days of cutting for hay. Lannate is a highly toxic poison and all label precautions must be carefully followed.

Karate, Warrior, Lambda Cy and other lambda cyhalothrin products: These are used for pasture and rangeland grass, grass grown for hay and silage and grass grown for seed. Pasture and rangeland grass may be used for grazing or cut for forage immediately after application. Do not cut grass to be dried and harvested for hay until seven days after the last application.

Baythroid XL. Applications include pasture, rangeland and grass grown for hay and seed. It is labeled for control of small army worms in the fall. Zero days to grazing or harvesting hay.

Prevathon: No grazing restrictions or harvesting restrictions on hay crop. Sevens day must pass between treatments.

Be sure and follow label directions when using any pesticide. The label is the law when dealing with any pesticide. For more information, contact the Wood County Extension Office in Quitman or call 903-763-2924.



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