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A glimpse into the treasures of the box Kelly Smith had been entrusted with to locate and return to the owner. He was about to accomplish that mission at the Mineola Post Office Friday afternoon.

SPECIAL DELIVERY

Veteran returns box of treasures to fellow soldier

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In Virginia this week there is a former soldier who will receive a large box in the mail containing letters, awards and other mementos from his life-changing military service. The return is thanks to two people who recognized the significance of what the box contained and

spent their time and money to find the rightful owner, even if he was several states away, and send his belongings back to him.

Kelly Smith, the commandant of the Mineola Marine Corps League and also the Wood County Pct. 2 constable-elect, stood at the counter of the Mineola Post Office Friday at lunchtime filling out a mail slip for the box. He had hoped to return the box to Robert Cook by his birthday, which was Sunday. But due to the Labor Day holiday, he wouldn't have received it until Tuesday. "If I could have gotten it there to him by his birthday, I would have done it," Smith said. That even after

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MAKING HAY

Fifty years of shows spotlight Bermuda, other top forages

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There are probably only a handful of people in Wood County who might recognize the name Glen W. Burton. However, there will probably be at least one person from Wood County who will be very excited about Dr. Burton's life work come Tuesday.



Dennis Swanberg, "America's Minister of Encouragement" will be this year's Hay Show speaker. (Courtesy photo)

The occasion that will probably spark this surge of enthusiasm will be the announcement of the winner of the 50th annual Mineola Hay show, which will be held Tuesday, Sept. 13 at the Mineola Civic Center. And, you might ask, just why would the winner of that event be so elated about Dr. Burton's life work. Well, more than likely the hay the winner entered in the show is a hybrid strain of Bermuda grass developed by Burton.

Virtually everybody who has anything to do with agriculture is familiar with coastal Bermuda grass, which Dr. Burton developed when he was

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QISD adopts budget, sets new tax rate

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The Quitman School District Board of Trustees unanimously adopted their \$10.1 million budget and increased tax rate for the 2016-2017 school year in a special meeting last Monday (Aug. 29).

The board approved the budget of \$10,141,213 for the current school year. It is an increase of \$194,870 over last year's \$9, 946,343 document.

The new budget calls for \$5,469,119 for instruction which is an increase of \$177,523 over last year. "I would like to add that includes an additional \$500 raise at every step for teachers," Superintendent Rhonda Turner said.

After a public hearing with only the media

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A crew on the Plains All American pipeline was working one morning last week on the section that was going under Highway 80 about halfway between Mineola and Hawkins. (Monitor photos by Doris Newman)

Pipeline project perks up local economy

Workers, families find temporary home at civic center RV park

The construction of a crude oil pipeline in North Texas which is stretching across Wood County may serve as a boon to the local economy.

Plains All American is constructing the Red River 3 pipe-

line from Sherman to Longview and it is crossing through Wood County at Highway 80 east of the Lake Fork Creek Bridges, and Highway 37 between Mineola and Quitman as well as near Alba.

Workers involved in the project have traveled from other towns and states and have come in RV rigs, 30 of which are calling the Mineola Civic Center home for the time being. A few of the RVs arrived in June and are expected to be here several more months.

It is noted that some in the group are home school families who enjoyed use of the new splash park at the civic center and who are utilizing the local businesses and laundromats while here.

"It has been really good," said Terri Valek at the civic center. She said that usually they don't have a lot of RV business in June due to the weather, so the rigs that trickled in, now looking like a small neighborhood, are a boost to the center's budget and quite possibly the Wood County economy.



Thirty rigs are now parking at the civic center in Mineola and others have found other places to park their temporary homes. Some have brought their families and their pets.

Mineola School Board approves 2016-17 budget, same tax rate

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The school year is only a week old but the Mineola School Board held a special meeting Wednesday that included a public hearing and vote for the

2016-2017 budget and tax rate.

The proposed budget for the 2016-2017 year is \$13,168, 560 which is approximately \$7,500 more than last year's budget of \$13,161,014.

The public hearing portion of the meeting was the first item

on the agenda following the call to order but was virtually non-existent as no members of the community were present to speak during the allotted time.

Assistant Superintendent for Business and Operations William Bjork presented the pro-

posed budget that included items that were discussed and approved in last month's regular meeting. The total projected revenue for the new academic year is \$7,919,752 with collections based on the proposed tax rate to include \$5,248,808 which

will add up to a zero balance on the year.

There was no change in the tax rate and will continue to stand at \$1.17.

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Tucker's Turf

By Larry Tucker

I had been out of the classroom for 21 years. It was 2001 and I left my job at the Wood County Democrat to my new task as a special education teacher at my old high school, W.W. Samuell, in Dallas.

It was September 11 and I rose early to attend our first faculty meeting since school had started in August. My principal, Daniel Salinas, walked quietly to the podium in the big auditorium. He simply told us our nation had been attacked and we were to go to our rooms, turn on the television, and leave it on until further instructions. Those TV's stayed on for weeks. That was how I heard about that

day 15. We spent and the weeks trying to get a grip on just happen our coun- It was a day of fear and anxiety as we pondered what was going to happen next. My thoughts raced first, to my brother, a lieutenant colonel, in the Air Force. My brother retired recently as a full colonel, but on that day, he was simply my younger brother who was a soldier. It hit me of the many other relatives and friends I had in military service.

Over 3,000 people lost their lives on 9/11 and over 400 of those were policemen, firefighters and first responders. In the days to follow there were stories of courage and honor which gave us hope through our prayers and meditations.

In those first moments as we watched the planes hit the twin towers, then the Pentagon, and finally the jet in mid air, I felt a fear I had when I was 10 or 11 years old. I was in school



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at Nathaniel Hawthorne during the Cuban missile crisis. I remember being very afraid of Castro and those communists who had set up shop in Cuba.

We used to have fire drills and even tornado drills when those bells would ring and we would quietly file out of our rooms to supposed safety. The fear for a young fifth grader came when we started having "bomb" drills. We feared the Russians and the missiles they had in Cuba which were pointed straight at us in America. It was a fearful and frightening time.

Those bells would ring and we would file into the hall get down on all fours and cover our heads. I just knew the commies were coming to get us. I always thought each time this could be for real.

It was on 9/11 that same feeling came over me that we as a nation just may be in for more attacks. That day at school some parents came to get their kids. Being at an inner city type school, most of our students rode the bus or walked to school. The fear of the unknown swept through the

school, the neighborhood and the city.

We kept hearing they would soon be attacking major airports and we just knew DFW Airport would be the first. Thank the Lord it would not happen.

We had many step up and answer the call in those days following 9/11. It again reminded me of just how dangerous it can be for not only our soldiers, but for our law enforcement officers, firemen and first responders. Each man and woman involved in any of those capacities put their lives on the line on a daily basis.

After 9/11 this country came together in a very special way. I pray it does not take another horrific incident to bring this country together again.

My prayer on this 9/11 is Americans can lay aside our differences and build on those things we all believe in which have made this country what it is. May we once again reach across the political and religious aisles and become the country of "liberty and justice for all."

If we don't, the next 9/11 will come from within.

Clarification

In the article in last week's monitor about improvements at Wood County Airport, the telephone number provided, 903-768-3065, is for weather updates. For information about the airport, you can visit their website at woodcountyairport.net.



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3 SURPRISING WAYS PUBLIC SCHOOLS AFFECT YOUR HOUSE HUNT

It's back-to-school season. School supplies are front and center in the stores, back-to-school sales are everywhere, and school buses are becoming part of the morning commute. Even if the public school district is not an important factor in your home search, the location of public schools can still have a significant impact on your home buying decision. If you are looking for a home near a school, you may want to take these factors into consideration.

1. School Speed Zones
Pay attention to the speed limit around schools and times that the school zone speed is enforced. You may want to consider a home that has convenient alternate routes around the school zone.

2. School Bus Stops
Whether there is a bus route through your neighborhood or on a major thoroughfare, it can affect traffic around your home. Call the school district and ask if there is a bus that stops near your home to pick up students.

3. Morning and Afternoon Traffic
Traffic congestion near public schools may be an issue during the weekdays. Crowded carpool lanes and frequent bus stops can turn a short trip to the grocery store into a frustrating ordeal. When you are searching for your home, visit the area during peak morning and afternoon hours. Again, you may want to consider a home that is farther from the school or has convenient alternate routes.

We Are Your Guide to the Area
A school's location can affect your decision to buy a home, especially if you are new to the area. But a real estate agent is your local expert, giving you everything you need to know about how the nearby schools will affect your morning commute or afternoon trip to the store. We can help you find the best home in the best location. Call us and let's talk about your home search!

Guest Column

BY LEE H. HAMILTON

Social media's challenge to democracy

I've been involved in politics for the better part of a lifetime, and have spoken at a lot of public meetings over the years. There's one question, I think, that I've heard more than any other: "If I want to be an informed citizen, which sources of information should I consult?"

For many years, I had a set answer for this. Read one or more of the respected national news sources, I'd respond. I'm not sure how good that answer was at the time, but I know for certain it would be inadequate now.

The internet and social media have upended our expectations of what it means to be well informed. Platforms and websites that take advantage of online and mobile connectivity are like a firehose, providing enormous quantities of information, opinion, news, statements, videos, images, analysis, charts, graphs — all of it instantly available.

The question is, what impact does this have on the public dialogue, and on representative democracy?

Clearly, these are powerful tools. As the rise of the Tea Party and the alarm over price increases for the EpiPen demonstrate, they can galvanize large, energetic groups of people who oppose a specific target. They make more information quickly available from more sources. They give citizens multiple ways to engage the attention and interest of policy makers — and give policy makers multiple ways to gauge public opinion and seek to understand the interests and needs of constituents.

But if information has become more ubiquitous and powerful,



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so has misinformation. It spreads rapidly, passed along from user to user with no check. Posts tend to have no room for nuance; arguments can be explosive and arguers aggressive; drama and hysteria fuel polarization; special interests can't help but take advantage of the context-free nature of social media.

The key question is: Does the ubiquity of information really help citizens understand complex issues, weigh competing arguments, and reach discriminating judgments about politics?

The answer, of course, is that it's a mixed bag. Certainly, the information world we live in today is putting more stress on individual voters to make discriminating

choices and on our representative democracy, which rests on institutions that were designed in the 18th and 19th centuries.

Our political process has proved resilient over centuries, but social media pose a powerful challenge. They've brought great gifts and equally great risks, and we'd be prudent to be cautious.

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This Week in Your Neighborhood

- Friday is the deadline to register for a women's Bible study at Lake Country Bible Church on the book of Phillipians. To reserve a book and register call 903-569-5730. The 12-week study will be held on Tuesday mornings and Thursday evenings and starts Sept. 20 and 22.
- Friday also sees local football teams playing at home. Those

- include Mineola vs. Wills Point, Alba-Golden vs. All Saints, Hawkins vs. Como-Pickton and Quitman vs. Beckville. Kick-off time at all games is 7:30 p.m.
- First Assembly of God in Mineola will host Gary and Wilma Davidson, missionaries to Ireland, this weekend. There will be a women's luncheon Saturday at 11 a.m. at the church

- and Gary will share experiences during the Sunday morning service at 10:45 a.m.
- GriefShare, a special help seminar and support group for people experiencing loss and grief, will start on Sunday and be held for 14 weeks at First Christian Church in Mineola from 4 to 5:30 p.m. The sessions will be in the Fellowship Hall

- to which the entrance is across from E-Z Mart.
- On Tuesday there will be a fiscal year 2017 Local Working Group Meeting of the USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service, Wood County, and the Wood Soil and Water Conservation District. It will be at the extension office in Quitman from 11 a.m. to noon.

Letter to the Editor

To the editor,
To those who donated to the relief in Louisiana, I would like to send out a heartfelt thank you! Most could not imagine losing so much and I know that the items collected, not only at the newspaper, but all over town, will

be greatly appreciated. It is times like these that I am so proud to be a part of such an amazing and supporting community. Again, thank you to everyone who donated, prayed, and kept those in this time of need in your thoughts.
Heather Trammell

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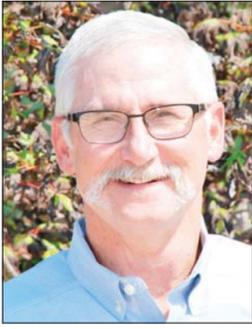
Wood County Electric Cooperative's board of directors has appointed longtime WCEC member, Kenneth Langley, as the representative of district three. Langley replaces Dennis Wright, who has resigned after 35 years of board service. Langley will serve the remainder of Wright's three year term.

WCEC's district three encompasses the areas of Hainesville, Hawkins, Hoard, Pine Mills, Red Springs and Winona, as well as areas east of Lindale, Mineola and Quitman.

Wright began serving on the WCEC Board in 1981 and in addition to serving as representative of district three he has also acted as vice president of the board since 1998. During Wright's tenure, he achieved the National Rural Electric Cooperative Association's highest certification, Credentialed Cooperative Director.

"Our cooperative has seen extraordinary growth and vast technology changes over Dennis' 35 years of service," said Board President Pat Lindley. "He has helped shepherd the cooperative into a new era, while remaining focused on balancing safety, efficiency, affordability and reliability. He has been a steady, thoughtful and conservative guide. I value our time spent together on the board, as well as his personal friendship."

Langley, a WCEC member since 1973, was born in Tyler and raised in Red



Kenneth Langley

Springs. He attended Winona School District followed by studies at Tyler Junior College and the National Fire Academy. He was a career firefighter, serving with the Tyler Fire Department where he achieved the rank of captain before retiring after more than 30 years.

Throughout the years, Langley has served his community as both a director and president of the board of Winona School District. For more than 20 years he has served as a board member of Sand Flat Water Supply, where he is the secretary-treasurer. He is a past board member of the Smith County Jr. Livestock Show and a lifetime member and committeeman of the Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo.

He and his wife of more than 40 years, Rosie, reside on their working cattle ranch near Red Springs. They have three children and eight grandchildren.

"Kenneth has dedicated his life to public service, not only with his profession, but with acts of long-term volunteerism," Lindley said. "His understanding of utility systems, emergency response, board governance, and volunteerism, should serve the membership well. The entire board is pleased to have him join us."

Enrollment up slightly, construction on schedule for QISD

Total enrollment in Quitman School District is at 1,122, an increase over last year's first week numbers of 1,119.

"We had a real smooth first day and first week of school. Our numbers are at 1,122 and we hope to see those numbers climb to around 1,140 before the year is over," Superintendent Rhonda Turner said.

Turner said construction was on schedule. "For all practical purposes we have completed Phase I of the construction project. We are doing some tweaking with the air conditioners at the elementary gym," Turner explained. "Phase I included the roof, the hot and cold water plumbing, air conditioning at the elementary gym and the front parking lot which has 150 parking spaces."

Phase II is on the horizon. "We are about to begin Phase II. We will have a groundbreaking any day

now. You will be able to see the beginning of the new band hall, the new classrooms and the new kitchen. The band hall and classrooms are on the east side of the current building and the new kitchen on the west side," Turner confirmed. "So, Phase II is about to begin. Those items under construction on the east and west ends will be in full force throughout the school year. Sometime around spring break, we will begin the renovations on the front of the building."

Turner said safety issues had been discussed with her administrative team and construction project management. "We looked at all and any safety issues that might arise. We discussed where students would not be allowed and about how we would re-route students," Turner acknowledged. "We talked about traffic flow. We are not expecting any issues with traffic flow. There

may be during the course of this year some back up because of the number of workers who will be on site. We have plans in place for that which we will address in a parent letter."

Turner said there was plenty of excitement about the school year and the building project. "It's pretty exciting. I fully expected this community to step up and support doing something for our schools. My goal personally was to look at things we really needed for the district and I think we did that," Turner stated. "There are a lot of things we want, but we looked at what we really needed. The things we are doing, we are trying to do them right, so we won't have to do things over. It is so exciting to watch the transformation in the secondary campus."

All phases of construction are expected to be completed for the beginning of the 2017-18 school year.

Hawkins School Board passes budget, tax rate

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The Hawkins School Board adopted a \$1.34 tax rate and a \$9.4 million budget for the 2016-2017 school year during last Monday's regular meeting.

The regular meeting would have been Sept. 5, but due to the Labor Day holiday it was moved up a week.

The \$1.34 tax rate per \$100 valuation is broken down into \$1.04 for maintenance and operation and 30 cents for debt. According to the Wood County Appraisal District, Hawkins School District's adjusted taxable values are \$548,220,491.

Last year's tax rate was \$1.27, with \$1.04 for maintenance and operation and 23 cents for debt.

Local revenue is estimated at \$6,075,326 with total revenue of \$8,591,536. The overall general fund including the food service budget shows an estimated \$398,000 deficit.

Hawkins School District Chief Financial Officer Robby Fair said this year's expenditures have decreased about 13 percent, from

\$10,893,000 last year to \$9,400,000. While he would like to be able to take credit for the decrease, Fair noted that decrease is mainly "a wash" due to a decrease of the district's chapter 41 Robin Hood payment.

"This is one of those things. We're not trying to not be transparent. It's just very confusing," Fair said. "We've done a little bit of cutting. The bottom line is very similar to what last year's was." Fair noted that the district's property values have fallen 39 percent in two years.

Asked about the \$398,000 overall general fund deficit, the CFO said that for the past several years the Hawkins School Board has approved a deficit budget. "A budget is just a budget," he noted, explaining "it is available to you if you need it. In a lot of circumstances, if people have money, they have a hole in their pocket." But he said that most of their staff is not that way and with them and their board "there is a level of trust." He said this past school year was the first in several years that they have actually had a loss.

"It gives us the flexibility if something comes up, we can use it. We have a fund balance, a healthy fund balance." He said that the past year may not have created a deficit but the district lost enrollment, which resulted in less state funds than expected.

Fair said each year the district adds to the fund balance.

Also during the meeting the school board reviewed bond sales results and adopted the order authorizing the issuance of the bonds and all necessary actions related. Doug Whitt of SAMCO Capital Markets, Inc. presented the information on the issuance of the bonds.

Superintendent Morris Lyon explained that in 2013 the district passed a \$13 million bond election. The majority of that, \$10 million, went for facilities renovations while the remaining was split into two different three-year repayment plans. Those funds were used for things such as purchase of buses, maintenance, technology and short-term needs.

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A-GISD Board OKs budget, sets \$1.23 tax rate

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The Alba-Golden School Board held its public hearing on its proposed 2016-2017 \$7,695,000 budget last Monday, Aug. 29 with none of its public in attendance.

Two of the seven A-GISD trustees were not in attendance for the quickly conducted hearing which presented a proposed tax rate of \$1.17 for the maintenance and operating fund and a rate of six cents for the interest and sinking fund, or a total rate of \$1.23, the same rate that was collected last year.

Trustees joining Superintendent Dwayne Ellis for the meeting were Joe Carr, Joey Hooton, Mike Ragsdale, Jason Stovall and James Wilkerson. Absent were Ed Teel and Brady Robinson.

With no public comment and no changes to be considered, trustees quickly adjourned the public hearing and went into a special called meeting to adopt the budget and tax rate. Both were unanimously approved on 5-0 votes as was a final 2015-2016 budget amendment which simply required transfer of some \$19,000 from one fund to another to make year-end figures balance, though there was no increase in the budget.

The 2016-2017 budget will be funded with 37 percent of funds coming from local revenue and 63 percent being derived from state funding. That breaks down to \$2,875,011 in local monies and \$4,829,989 from the state coffers. The school's food service will have a budget of \$450,172 with 33% (\$150,300) from local revenue, 3 percent (\$13,772) from state revenue, and 64 percent (\$286,100) from federal revenue.

On the expense side of the general operating fund ledger instruction/instructional-related services accounts for the lion's share of expenses at 58 percent which amounts to \$4,454,330. Plant maintenance and operations is the next largest expenditure at \$941,044, or 12 percent of that fund's budget. General administration amounts to 7 percent, student transportation at 5 percent, school leadership-principals at 4 percent, co-curricular / extracurricular activities at 4 percent. And fiscal agents at 3 percent are the only accounts that will consume more than 1 percent of the fiscal budget.

The interest and sinking fund will have total expenses of just \$137,338 which will be funded by 93 percent local funds (\$128,200) and 7 percent state funds (\$9,138).



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Mineola Middle School administrator honored

Kendall Gould, assistant principal of Mineola Middle School, has been selected to represent the Texas Association of Secondary School Principals as the Region VII Outstanding Assistant Principal of the Year.

TASSP recognizes outstanding principals and assistant principals from the 20 regional Education Service Centers in the state. School administrators are nominated and chosen by their peers within their regions. Nominations are based upon exemplary performance and outstanding leadership. As a Region VII winner, Gould is eligible to compete for the state title of Texas Assistant Principal of the Year.

Kendall Gould begins her 25th year

in education and is serving in her fourth year as assistant principal at Mineola Middle School. She attended Texas A&M University where she earned a Bachelor of Arts in English and was awarded a Masters of Education from Texas A&M Commerce University.

Gould is known as a risk taker, a visionary and a leader of learners in Mineola. She is credited with numerous achievements including Rookie of the Year Award at Galena Park and Teacher of the Year Award at Mineola in 2012.



Kendall Gould

As an instructional leader on her campus, she has facilitated the implementation of Advancement Via Individual Determination, a mentoring program for students; and the Blended Learning pilot initiative with Raise Your Hand Texas.

"This is an exciting time for Mineola. It is a time of educational transformation and innovation," said Gould. "Innovation requires the kind of honesty from teachers that allows them to prioritize and individualize what's most important in any given circumstance,

and cultivate what is necessary from there. I am grateful to be able to support my teachers and honored to receive this award."

"Kendall is the heartbeat of our campus. Her desire to reach every student where they are and to meet their personal goals is admirable," said Mineola Middle School Principal Mike Sorenson. "She is a tireless leader who strives to create an environment that promotes excellence and a sense of family. She is very deserving of this honor."

Gould will be recognized during the Josten's Night of the Stars Awards Dinner on Tuesday, June 13, 2017, at the Hilton Austin Downtown Hotel.

FORMULA FOR SUCCESS

Hospital district working with QISD on chemistry outreach

Wood County Central Hospital District and Quitman School District are cooperating to provide students preparatory exposure to a subject generally a challenge in the majors which require organic chemistry.

"The board of directors of WCCHD recognizes history indicates local medical students provide the most predictable long tenure of service to our community. This outreach is part of a continued effort by WCCHD to encourage local students to choose a career in medical science," WCCHD board member Orval Lindsey said.

Organic chemistry is a hurdle course in several college majors with medical science being one of those majors. Most students aren't prepared to deal with the subject at the speed in which it is delivered, said Lindsay. Mastering the course material in the time allowed is virtually impossible for most students. Those students planning to apply to a professional school must maintain a high gradepoint average.

"It is the hope that this prep course will better prepare students to process course material when they face it in college. This preparation should make it easier to understand thus yielding a better grade," Lindsay added. "Assisting our academically talented students succeed increases the probability that some will become professional, highly certified caregivers. The greater their numbers the greater the likelihood some will return home to serve their home community as doctors, nurse practitioner, physician assistants, registered nurses and advanced technicians."

Students are presently being sought. Information is available at the school and the QISD website. Current plans are to begin lectures 7 a.m. Monday, Oct. 3, at the high school library. Class will convene once a week. The class is not limited to Quitman students. Interested persons are also welcome to contact Lindsey at 903-571-4898.



Wood County Industrial Commission Executive Director Kiki Bettis, left, honors Sam Scroggins with a plaque for his service as chairman of the WCIC board of directors for the past 18 months. (photo by Larry Tucker)

Industrial commission chooses new officer slate

By LARRY TUCKER
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Wood County Industrial Commission members unanimously elected a slate of officers at their Thursday night meeting in Quitman. Sue Hitzemann was named chairman, Dan Kirk vice chairman and Janna Castloo secretary.

Hitzemann was tabbed as chairman replacing Sam Scroggins. In his nomination of Hitzemann, Scroggins gave her background. "Sue Hitzemann is a Winnsboro representative on the WCIC board of directors. Hitzemann is the owner of Sassafrafras Sta-

tion, and served as vice president and president of the Winnsboro Area Merchants Association," Scroggins said. "She is also the secretary and co-founder of 'The Legends of Crossroads' and managed Jan's Antiques in Winnsboro from 2004 to 2012. She also managed various Hallmark Shops in the Dallas area from 1982 until 1989. Her background also includes extensive work in retail, as well as medical billing and medical insurance."

Kirk, elected as the vice-chairman, is one of the Hawkins representatives on the board of directors. Kirk is retired from the education field as an instructor of mathematics for Hawkins School District and Jarvis Christian College. Castloo does public relations and event planning at Golden Homestead and represents Mineola.

WCIC Executive Director Kiki Bettis gave the annual report for 2015-2016. "As far as our highlights, we continued the implementation and promotion of Wood County branding strategies as 'Beyond the Lure

of the Big Fish.' As part of a marketing campaign to promote 'The Lakes of Wood County' the commission handed out items at various functions throughout the county and the state including camouflage ball caps, keychains, bobbers, t-shirts and mini-towels," Bettis acknowledged.

Bettis said the cooperative effort to bring economist Dr. Ray Perryman to Wood County was a success. "With the collaborative efforts of Alba, Mineola, Quitman and Winnsboro, the WCIC brought Dr. Ray Perryman and his group of financial analysts to discuss the economic status of Wood County," Bettis noted. "The study indicated the county is in good condition with growing populations and steady in business. The presentation was well received county-wide, as well as by neighboring counties Rains, Smith and Hopkins."

Bettis further reported Unclaimed Capital Credit (UCC) grants were awarded to 11 projects throughout the county to support business development, industry and commerce. Nearly \$40,000 was distributed back into the county in the past year. The WCIC was able to allocate \$84,000 in Hotel Occupancy Tax funds in the past year. There were 37 applications and 30 of those were granted funds.

The WCIC, Wood County Tax assessor / Collector and the Wood County District Attorney's office have been

Splash park debut season ends Sept. 15

By DORIS NEWMAN
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The use of the John J. and Rheba Myers Splash Park has exceeded expectations, Dr. John Fuller said, as preparations are underway to close out the facility's first season.

The splash park will close Sept. 15 and the second season will begin April 15. When it is shut down, work will begin to winterize the plumbing before the coldest weather arrives.

Since the dedication of the facility in July it has been open from 9 a.m. until 7:30 p.m. There are no lights so it has been closing at 7:30 each evening which allows workers enough daylight still to see what they are doing as they to hose down the pad and work with the equipment.

Additionally, the park was reopened Thursday after being closed for about six days. With the rains that had occurred and the natural water flow from the higher ground, there was a concrete breach around the water tanks. Fuller, who is chairman of the splash park committee for the civic center, said the contractor came and pumped the water and mud out. Until a concrete pad is poured for the pavilion, he has resolved the situation by building a dirt berm to protect the area.

He said when the concrete is poured for the pavilion it will eliminate the drainage problem.

As far as use of the new facility, "overwhelming," was the word that Fuller used to describe it. "Children have been out there from 9 in the morning until we shut it down." He said prior to the beginning of school, there were as many as 40 to 50 at a time out during the hot times of the days. "There were lots of young mothers and their children," he said. When he reopened it Thursday morning, there were children already waiting to go in.

"We still could use some help with the fundraising." Several individuals have donated from \$500 to \$1,000 but there is still a great need for the project which he said will run in the neighborhood of \$170,000.

So far there is between \$15,000 and \$20,000 in donations that have been made, with another

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31 TX Willie's " ___ the Life I Live"
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9 TX Pride's " ___ Have to Offer You"
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The City of Yantis will hold a meeting at 6:00 p.m. on September 13, 2016 at Yantis City Hall, 103 City Circle, Yantis, TX 75497 to consider adopting a proposed tax rate for tax year 2016. The proposed tax rate is \$0.1799 per \$100 of value

Mineola Police Report

Mineola police reports for the past week included:

Aug. 31 – A burglary of a vehicle was reported at Hughes Appliance on West Broad Street. The pickup was left in the fence but unlocked and a Freon gauge and Freon were missing.

A bicycle was found at Blair and Sycamore Streets. The bicycle was taken to the police department.

A student at the high school reported they were getting threatening text messages from a family member. An officer talked with both parties and no charges were filed. The officer didn't see any threats on the phone.

A vehicle was reported to have been hit in Dr. Bankhead's parking lot on Maxine.

A wallet was turned in to the police department and returned to the owner.

Aug. 30 – A counterfeit \$20 bill was passed at Cross Country Food on South Pacific Street.

A disturbance was reported at Walmart at 9:56 a.m. involving people hitting two vehicles with shopping carts. One woman was gone upon the officer's arrival and the woman who complained had also pushed a cart into a car.

Aug. 29 – At 8:05 a.m. the Andrews Center staff contacted the police department when they found a window had been shot at the clinic. Officers found 10 bullet casings in the parking

lot. A criminal mischief case has been reported and is under investigation with possible suspects.

The civic center reported the women's bathroom by the tennis courts had been vandalized. Grey spray paint was found over the sink, paper towel dispenser and a stall. A commode was also damaged.

Police worked an assault on West Broad Street just before 8 p.m. but found that it was mutual combat between both men and no charges were filed. One man went to the hospital with injuries, however.

Aug. 28 – Officers were contacted about people fighting behind Lakeland Lodge on East Broad Street at 2:39 a.m. Officers found there had been an argument between Christopher Brant Osbourn, 33, and Christina Elizabeth Passien, 34, both of Mineola. Both were arrested for disorderly conduct. Courtney Nicole Savage, 30, of Tyler was also arrested at the scene for disorderly conduct.

An assault was reported between two women on Graves Street. A report was made.

Police said that the sheriff's department reported an incident that happened in the city that was reported when a woman was sent to the hospital in Quitman. According to interviews with the boyfriend and girlfriend they were driving at Johnson and McDon-

ald Streets and the woman opened the car door, took off her seatbelt off to jump out and then accidentally fell out of the passenger side of the car while the vehicle was moving.

A woman reported another woman busted out the window of her car on McDaniels Street. An officer talked with all people involved and the woman agreed to pay for the damage.

Aug. 27 – A woman on Buchanan Street stated she was being harassed and wanted a man issued a criminal trespass warning from her property, which police did.

Police arrested Bessie Vaughn Webb, 42, and Kathy Ann Matheson, 62, both of Mineola on Goodson Street. An officer stopped the vehicle Matheson was driving for a defective brake light and she was arrested for an expired registration and possession of a controlled substance. Webb was wanted on a local failure to appear warrant for theft.

Police arrested Kevin Lynn Bolden, 38, of Mineola for a Mineola assault family violence with prior conviction warrant on a case reported Aug. 18 on West McDonald Street. He was arrested at a residence on Wren Street.

Police arrested Kayce Ladoyce Johnson, 35, of Mineola for driving while license invalid. An officer pulled her over on Highway 69 for failing to use a turn signal.

Aug. 26 – Police arrested Bryce Caleb

Palmer, 20, of Quitman at the Justice of the Peace office on Highway 69 for a Wood County warrant for driving with an invalid license.

Police arrested Anthony Dean Cabler, 42, of Arthur City at 11:30 p.m. after pulling him over on South Pacific Street for a defective license plate light. They reported he was arrested for possession of a controlled substance methamphetamine, possession of a controlled substance hydrocodone and possession of marijuana. There was a woman and two children in the vehicle and Child Protective Services was contacted.

Aug. 25 – Officers responded to North Newsom to assist on a welfare concern on an elderly woman at her home when her family couldn't contact her. She was transported to a hospital.

A woman on Goodson Street called about a disturbance when an ex-tenant went to the house causing problems, but the woman was gone when officers arrived.

Two kittens were quarantined after a woman on Circle Drive took them to the police department after she found them under nourished and in bad health. While transporting them she receives several scratches. Both died the following day and were sent to Austin to be tested for rabies and both were found to be negative.

Wood County Sheriff's Report

Aug. 30 – Deputy Dustin Fenlaw took a report of theft from an Alba woman who stated her longhorn bull was missing from her pasture on County Road 2958. The woman had already checked the fences and found no breaches. Information was recorded regarding a possible suspect and the case has been forwarded to investigators.

Deputy Aaron Warren was dispatched to CR 2950 in the Alba area for an assault report. A woman reported that she and her daughter had been assaulted by her brother. The suspect had already left the residence prior to Warren's arrival. The case has been forwarded to CID for further investigation.

Deputies Dustin Fenlaw and Tucker George were dispatched to CR 3582 in the Winnsboro area for an assault report. An elderly woman reported that she was assaulted by her grandson. The victim stated that she wanted to pursue charges in the matter. Michael Joe Combs, 25, of Winnsboro, was arrested and transported to jail where he was charged with assault against an elderly/disabled person and interference with an emergency phone call.

Deputy Melissa Pollard took a report of unauthorized use of a motor vehicle from a Hawkins man. The man reported his vehicle was missing from his residence on Farm-to-Market Road 2869. The vehicle's information was recorded and it has been entered as stolen. The case has been forwarded to investigators.

Aug. 29 – Deputy Pollard was dispatched to Private Road 8692 in the Winnsboro area for a burglary of a building. The complainant stated that the box trailer to the north of the residence was broken into and items were missing. The case has been turned over to investigators.

Deputy Pollard was dispatched to PR 8692 in the Winnsboro area in response to a report of a burglary. The complainant stated his motor home had been broken into and several items had been taken. The case has been forwarded to CID for continued investigation.

Aug. 28 – Deputy Cunningham took a report

ON-SITE & WARRANT ARRESTS

Robert Dale Laplante, 23, Alba, driving while intoxicated;

Glenda Renee Bruce, 53, Monks Corner, SC, public intoxication;

Twila Young Olive, 51, Winnsboro, driving while intoxicated;

Stephanie Gail Jeffrey, 44, Hawkins, blue warrant;

George Daniel Dobsch, 51, Mineola, assault causing bodily injury, family;

Trae Dewey Hanson, 31, Mineola, possession of drug paraphernalia, possession

of a controlled substance, one gram or more but less than four grams, tampering with or fabricating evidence;

Anthony Dean Cabler, 42, Arthur City, possession of a controlled substance, one gram or more but less than four grams, possession of a controlled substance less than 28 grams, possession of marijuana two ounces or less;

Antonio Luna Escobedo, 19, Alba, possession of a controlled substance;

Jason Scott France, 29, Hawkins, burglary of a building;

Kevin Lynn Bolden, 38, Mineola, assault

causing bodily injury, family;

Oswaldo Galaz, Jr., 45, Mineola, assault causes bodily injury, family violence;

Tucker James Maxson, 38, Hawkins, sex offender duty to register;

Kathy Ann Matheson, 62, Mineola, possession of a controlled substance, less than one gram;

Justin W. Bamberg, 32, Mineola, criminal trespass of a habitation and

Michael Ray Westerfield, Jr., 34, Winnsboro, possession of a controlled substance, one gram or more but less than four grams.

of a missing elderly man from the Winnsboro area. The missing man's wife stated she believed he had gone missing the previous day and was possibly traveling to New Mexico to get some peppers. The man was located south of Lubbock, safe and sound. The case is closed.

Sergeant Austin Cryer took a theft report from a complainant on CR 2175. A woman said she had bought a water heater and had left it in the bed of her truck and later observed it was missing. The woman provided information about neighbor who claims to have witnessed the water heater being stolen. The case has been turned over for additional investigation.

Deputy Josh Davis took a report of burglary of a habitation from a couple on CR 2172. Damage was noted to the frame around the front door but it is believed the point of entry was a window where an air conditioning unit had been. The case has been forwarded for assignment and additional investigation.

Aug. 27 – Deputies Steven Fields and Josh Davis were dispatched to a residence on CR 2664 after a young child called to report her mother had been hit and her sister taken. Deputies arrived at the scene to find the suspect's vehicle parked in the driveway. The driver stated he was upset because his girlfriend would not allow him to see his child. Oswaldo Galaz, Jr., 45, of Mineola, was arrested for assault causing bodily injury and family violence. He was transported to jail without incident.

While on routine patrol after 1 a.m., Deputy Justin Bowring observed a pickup with its lights on sitting at the Sabine River Authority Park off Highway 154 near Yan-

tis. The park is designated for day use only and Bowring made contact with four males who were standing at the rear of the truck. One of the men, Antonio Luna Escobedo, 19, of Alba, was arrested and charged with possession of a controlled substance.

Deputy Cunningham was dispatched to CR 4460 for a report of criminal mischief. The complainant said he had attended a party the previous evening at the location and returned to find three of the tires on his vehicle had been cut with a knife and the front window busted out. The case has been turned over to CID for continued investigation.

Aug. 26 – Deputy Fields took a report of burglary of a habitation from a complainant on CR 3837 who said she had discovered her pistol missing from a locked box in her closet. Fields recorded the gun's serial number so that it could be entered as stolen. The case has been forwarded to CID for investigation.

Deputy Cunningham was dispatched to PR 5597 for a report of criminal mischief. The complainant said that someone had broken into the box that controls the gate to the subdivision. The man wanted only to have an incident report completed as the damage was minimal. The case is closed.

Deputy Davis took a report of unauthorized use of a motor vehicle from a woman on CR 2110 who said her ex-boyfriend had stolen her TV, phone and car. Deputy Davis, along with Sergeant Cryer and a DPS trooper, went to a residence on PR 6304 where the car was located. The deputies made contact with two male occupants who stated they had not seen the suspect in two days. The incident will be a civil matter over proper-

ty and the case has been closed.

Deputy Cunningham was dispatched to CR 4560 regarding the theft of an ATV. Cunningham recorded the serial number so that it can be entered as stolen. The case has been turned over to CID for additional investigation.

Deputy Davis initiated a routine traffic stop in the area of CR 2260 and Highway 69 after observing a vehicle fail to properly signal a turn. A consensual search of the vehicle was conducted during which a used syringe was found. Trae Dewey Hanson, 31, of Mineola, was transported to jail and charged with possession of drug paraphernalia, possession of a controlled substance and tampering/fabricating physical evidence.

Aug. 25 – Deputy Fenlaw was dispatched to FM 1804 in reference to an abandoned 911 call. Upon arrival, Fenlaw witnessed a woman face down on the ground with a man on top of her. Fenlaw placed the man into custody and spoke with the victim who stated that she did not want to pursue charges. Fenlaw submitted a request for an emergency protection order on the woman's behalf. George Daniel Dobsch, 51, of Mineola, was transported to jail and charged with assault causing bodily injury and family violence.

Deputy Warren took a theft report from a complainant on CR 2133. A man said he had discovered his pickup's tailgate missing. The case has been forwarded for assignment and continued investigation.

Deputy Warren was dispatched to Mineola Pipe and Steel for a theft report. The property owner stated he had discovered his riding mower was missing from the property and a

witness had said that at least 10 different vehicles had entered and the left the property the previous night. Information was recorded regarding a possible suspect and has been forwarded to investigators.

Aug. 24 – Deputy Warren was dispatched to CR 2119 for a report of theft. The complainant stated that someone had entered into his backyard through a gate and taken his EZ Go gold cart. Other items were reported missing as well. Warren searched multiple areas of Clear Lakes for the cart but was unsuccessful. The case has been forwarded for continued investigation.

Deputy Pollard was dispatched to CR 4294 for a theft report. The complainant stated that he had discovered his all terrain vehicle was missing two days earlier but assumed a family

member had borrowed it. After checking with family, the complainant concluded it had been stolen. The case remains under active investigation.

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Why spay and neuter pets?

Spaying and neutering pets is a big decision for pet owners. Although the idea of a pet having surgery can be scary, spaying and neutering is a common practice performed by veterinarians that can be beneficial to both you and your pet. In fact, the decision to spay or neuter your pet may be the best decision for your pet's overall health.

According to Dr. Mark Stickney, clinical associate professor at the Texas A&M College of Veterinary Medicine & Biomedical Sciences, spaying is the removal of reproductive organs in female dogs and cats. Spaying has a few general benefits, such as owners not having to tend to heat cycles or surprise litters of puppies or kittens. Benefits to neutering male pets - or removing the testicles - include decreased urine marking and aggression toward other males. In addition, neutered male pets are less likely to roam - a behavior that typically occurs when females of the same species are in heat. Roaming also puts your male pet at risk for getting lost, hurt, or injured by a car. It is also beneficial to neuter males and spay females to combat pet overpopulation.

"In addition to the general benefits of spaying and neutering your pets, there are also specific health benefits," said Stickney. "In female pets, spaying eliminates pyometra - an infection of the uterus of older dogs that can be life-threatening. Pyometra also requires emergency surgery in many cases. Spaying also reduces the risk of breast cancer, the most common cancer of female dogs, especially when performed before the first heat cycle. In males, neutering eliminates BPH - benign prostatic hyperplasia - which can cause difficulty urinating and defecating later in life. Neutering also eliminates the risk of testicular cancer."

Stickney said spaying or neutering your pet can also cut down on veterinary expenses. Caring for puppies, kittens, females with pyometra or breast cancer, and aggressive or injured male dogs as a result of roaming can be expensive compared to the cost of spaying or neutering. In fact, there are health risks associated with pets that are not spayed or neutered. The cost of caring for a pet with reproductive system cancer or pyometra can easily surpass the expense of spaying or neutering your

pet. "Female pets can develop mammary cancer, uterine cancer, ovarian cancer, and pyometra if they are not spayed," Stickney said. "Dystocia during whelping - or trouble giving birth - is another potential risk spaying can decrease or eliminate. Male dogs can develop testicular cancer, a condition called testicular torsion in which the testicle twists on itself, and benign prostatic hyperplasia - or an enlarged prostate - if they are left intact."

While there are many reasons pet owners should consider spaying and neutering their pet, there is also a reason to leave the pet intact. The pet may be purebred, has desirable traits that the owner wishes to pass on to the offspring, and has no genetic defects. "Breeding to maintain a bloodline or for desirable traits is perfectly reasonable" Stickney said. "In any other case, there are plenty of dogs and cats available to adopt and no reason not to have a dog or cat spayed or neutered."

Additionally, some pet owners may choose not to spay or neuter their pet because they fear their pet will gain weight or have stunted growth. Stickney says pet owners should have nothing to fear. "Spaying and neutering does reduce the metabolic rate by about 25 percent, so if your pet is an adult and no longer growing, you should reduce the amount you feed the pet by a fourth to maintain a healthy body weight," he said. "Some people are concerned that spaying and neutering will not allow their dog to grow to its full genetic size, but a lot of other factors influence this, including nutrition and environment. Any reduction in animal size related to spaying and neutering cannot be detected by the naked eye."

Although there are reasons some pet owners choose not to spay and neuter their pet, spaying and neutering can be extremely beneficial to both pets and their owners. Spaying and neutering can reduce the risk of many cancers in pets, as well as help decrease pet overpopulation. Pet owners are encouraged to visit their veterinarian to discuss if spaying and neutering is the right choice for their pet's overall health.

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TJC auditions Sept. 10 for 'Nutcracker'

The Tyler Junior College Academy of Dance's 28th presentation of Tchaikovsky's classic ballet, "The Nutcracker," is fast approaching.

Auditions are being held this Saturday in the TJC dance studio (Room 125) in the Ornelas Health and Physical Education Center, located at the corner of Apache Pass and Palmer Avenue on the college's main campus.

Those auditioning are asked to arrive 30 minutes before their audition time to fill out paperwork and get measurements for costumes.

A longtime family tradition for many in the community, TJC's annual "Nutcracker" is a large-scale production with more than 100 roles to fill. Spots are available for performers ages 6 through adult and performers must be able to rehearse every Saturday and perform in every show.

Audition times are 10-10:45 a.m. for ages 6-8, 11 a.m.-noon for ages 9-12, 12-2 p.m. for ages 12+ and 2:30-3 p.m. for adults, teens or actors interested in the party scene.

All performances will be in Wise Auditorium on the TJC main campus. Showtimes are 7 p.m. Friday, Dec. 2, 2 and 7 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 3 and 2 and 6 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 4.

Quitman sets All School Reunion

The Quitman All School Reunion is set for Saturday, Sept. 24, from 12:30 to 3:30 p.m. in the Quitman Elementary School Cafeteria.

This year the entertainment will be the Texas Rhythm Cloggers and the program will begin at 2 p.m. Refreshments will be provided but no meal will be served.

It was voted by those in attendance last year that the reunion should be held every other year. So after this year, the next reunion will be 2018.

The elementary school is located on the corner of East Goode, Highway 154, and Paul Street.

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Also in last Monday's meeting an audit of the school's lighting by E3 LED Solutions was reviewed. The company is going to come back in October with a more detailed report but they presented a report showing a conservative estimate of \$50,000 in annual savings by retrofitting fluorescent lamps and ballasts with LED lighting.

Also during the meeting the school board adopted the current school year teacher appraisal calendar in keeping with the statewide implementation of the new method, the superintendent said. Previously, the state has used the Professional Development and Appraisal System, PDAS, as most of the state's districts have been doing since 1997. But the state is now going to the Texas Teacher Evaluation and Sup-

port System, T-TESS.

The Hawkins school board also renewed their agreement with the county extension service.

During the superintendent's report Lyon reported on concession stand team building. He said the school board and administrators will work the concession stand at a football game. He informed the board that a federal grant manual is available for review and there was discussion about restructuring some reports, and making some electronic, for meetings.

The superintendent also spoke with the board about the possibility of utilizing Texas Association of School Board's policy review service. The board was also presented policy update 106 dealing with audio and video monitoring of some areas of special education facilities. Board Member Matt Dacus was absent due to work.

Giant Gems of the Smithsonian featured at Perot Museum

This week nearly 30 enormous and spectacular gems from the Smithsonian's world-renowned National Gem Collection are being painstakingly packed and prepped for a 1,300-plus mile trek from Washington D.C. to Dallas.

Never before seen together, these magnificent, Texas-sized gems - officially called Giant Gems of the Smithsonian - will be on display in the Perot Museum's Lyda Hill Gems and Minerals Hall on Level 3 from Sept. 9 to Jan. 17.

This temporary installation will mark the first time such a large collection of Smithsonian gems will be on exhibit outside the famed Washington museum complex. The Perot Museum of Nature and Science is located in downtown Dallas on Fielder Street.

Mineola business owner's house burns Sunday

A Mineola business woman's home sustained severe damage Sunday with four fire departments responding to the blaze.

No one was at home when the fire that was reported at Sylvia Reyes' home at 668 County Road 2840. Reyes owns Taqueria Reyes on Highway 80 west.

Wood County Fire Marshal Tully Davidson said the fire occurred around noon on Sunday at the home of Reyes and her husband and two children. The house was brick with a metal roof and they did have insurance.

The fire marshal described it as "pretty major damage" to the home. No injuries occurred to any of the firefighters and departments from Mineola, Alba, Quitman, Hainesville responded as well as ETMC EMS and the Wood County Fire Marshal.



The Quitman Proud Blue Band delighted the crowd with their Beatlemania show in Eustace Friday night.

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Obituaries

CHARLIE JOE SANDERS, SR. 1945-2016

ALBA-Services for Charlie Joe Sanders, Sr., 71, Alba, were held Tuesday at amazing Grace Fellowship Church, Alba, with Rev. Byron George officiating. Burial followed in Salem Cemetery, Alba.

Mr. Sanders died August 31, 2016, in a Tyler hospital. He was born March 24, 1945, in Wood County to the late William and Maisy Sanders. He lived in Alba all his life and was a carpenter. He was also a member of Amazing Grace Fellowship Church.

He was preceded in death by his parents; a sister, Mary Joe Sanders; and three grandchildren.

Survivors include his wife, Linda Sander, Alba; two sons, Ricky Dale and Charlie Sanders, Jr., both of Alba; two brothers, Billy Sanders, Golden and Douglas Sanders, Denton; four sisters, Linda Sanders, Alba, Nadyne Taylor, Emory, Madie Reid, Mineola and Katie Thompson, Winnsboro; nine grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren.



WENDELL WILLIS WILLIAMS 1941-2016

ALBA-Service for Wendell Willis Williams, 75, Alba, were held Saturday at First Baptist Church of Alba with Rev. Kelly Burton officiating. Burial was in Salem Cemetery, Alba. Mr. Williams dies August 31, 2016, in a Quitman hospital. He was born August 15, 1941, in Collinsville to the late Guy and Clarice Williams. He was a marble mason, and a member of First Baptist Church where was a deacon for 16 years.



He was preceded in death by his parents and a nephew.

Survivors include his wife of 52 years, Sharon Williams, Alba; three daughters, Paula Hass, Alba, Holly Youngblood, Fort Worth and Megan Holland, Fort Worth; a brother, Wade Williams, and five grandchildren.

Memorials may be made to First Baptist Church of

Alba Building Fund, 219 E. Holley Street, Alba 75410.

REBA GWENDOLYN MOUNTS 1946-2016

ALBA-Memorial services for Reba Mounts, 70, Alba, are scheduled for Saturday, September 3 at Sand Springs Baptist Church, Mineola with Revs. Nick Kerry and Jim Parker officiating. Mrs. Mounts died August 28, 2016, in Alba. She was born January 28, 1946, in LeCompton, KS to the late Gilbert and Minnie Walker. She attended Sand Springs Baptist Church.



She was preceded in death by her parents; an infant daughter, Toni Gayleen Coffman and husband of 30 years, David Mounts.

Survivors include sons, Danny Mounts, Houston, David Mounts, Robstown; daughters, Stacey Hays, Alba, Tina Armstrong, Dallas, Lelania Williams, CA, Tamar Frey, VA and Rebecca Graham, Austin; brother, Dean Holladay, KS, Dr. Kenneth Holladay, KS, Donny Ruff, Dallas and Vincent Ruff, Dallas; sisters, Donna Saylor, NC and Christine Zander, CA; 18 grandchildren and 15 great-grandchildren.

VAN HAWES 1935-2016

MINEOLA-Memorial services for Van Hawes, 81, Mineola, were held on Sept. 3 at Beaty Funeral Home Chapel. Mr. Hawes died August 31, 2016, in Tyler. He was born August 27, 1935, in Teague to the late Everett Van Hawes Sr. and Bennie Hawes.



He was a 32nd degree mason and served as a director of the Mineola Chamber of Commerce, was chairman of the Christmas Caring & Sharing program and was active in Meals on Wheels. He was also a member of Mineola Lions Club and served as District Governor.

He is survived by his wife, Jane Hawes, Mineola; a brother, Don Hawes, Kingswood and a sister, Elizabeth Gumm, Tomball.

Conservation groups set Sept. 13 joint meeting

The USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service in Wood County and the Wood Soil and Water Conservation District cordially invite the public to attend their Fiscal Year 2017 Local Working Group meeting Sept. 13, from 11 a.m. to 12 p.m. The meeting will be held at the Texas Agrilife Extension Office in Quitman.

The purpose of the annual LWG meeting is to bring together conservation stakeholders to discuss conservation topics and issues, and to set local conservation priorities to help farmers, ranchers and private landowners conserve and manage the natural resources.

The meeting will also update attendees on recent conservation efforts and allows for an opportunity to collect public input to help guide future conservation activities. Through regular identification of conservation opportunities, effective Farm Bill investments can continue to benefit Wood County. Farmers, ranchers, conservationists and others interested in obtaining federal technical and financial assistance to improve private lands are invited to participate.

For more information, please contact John Stone, District Conservationist, at 903-763-4222, Ext.3 or visit the NRCS web site at www.tx.nrcs.usda.gov.



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Molly Loyd



Molly Loyd, age 75, of Denton, Texas, passed away August 26, 2016.

Molly was born May 3, 1941, in Jacksonville, Texas, to Weldon E. and Laura Alice (Casper) Grady. She married Thomas Darrell Loyd on June 6, 1959, in Tyler, Texas. Molly loved New Orleans and lived there for four years with Thomas following their retirement. She also enjoyed her new friends at Robson Ranch and loved to have a nice glass of wine with her happy hour group there.

She is survived by her sons, Timothy Loyd and wife, Allison and Lonnie Loyd, all of Denton, Texas, and Tommy Loyd and wife, Tracey, of Garland, Texas.

She was preceded in death by her parents and husband.

To convey condolences or to sign an online registry, please visit www.tjmfuneral.com.

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working on the lodging industry list and delinquent notification materials resulting in additional monies collected in regard to delinquencies. "We will continue to work on a check-and-balance system in regards to the HOT as several establishments were found not paying the taxes to the county," Bettis added.

The commission has big goals for the future. "I have been working on several things. One is to establish a Texas Parks & Wildlife Park at or near Lake Fork," Bettis said. "We will also continue the exploration of bringing a multi-use special events center to the

county."

Scrogins thanked the commission for their cooperation while he was chairman. "I am thankful for all your cooperation while I have been chairman. We have done a lot of terrific things this past year. I am proudest that we brought the UCC funds out and used them in some great projects last year. We were able to make tremendous use of this money," Scrogins said. "Another highlight for me was bringing Dr. Perryman in to speak to us. The way each of you represent your community is a tribute to this commission and to our county."

The commission is looking for new members. There are vacancies for representatives from Alba, Hawkins and Jarvis Christian College.

Splash

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\$20,000 committed to be donated. If the major donation which he is hoping for comes in, that will put the effort "on the down side."

He said that's not just the 44x80 foot pavilion, but concession stands, restrooms, showers and storage. The pavilion will include an area with several picnic tables where parties that include the splash park can be held. He is hoping soon to announce news about a major donation. The civic center welcomes anyone who "wants to do something big for our children and their parents."

Donations for maintenance can be placed in the secure box at the park which is checked daily. Larger donations for the pavilion can be taken to the civic center, which has a nonprofit status, and are tax deductible. They can also be made on the GoFundMe account.

He said he talked with the manager at Brookshire's recently who noted their business had increased due to the park with people going there to buy such things as hot dogs and ice. He said one family came from Grand Saline who weren't even aware Mineola had a Brookshire's until they

came to the park. "There have been some unexpected consequences," the park committee chairman said. "We're very pleased."

"People who have been here seem to have really enjoyed it. When you look at other splash parks, I believe ours will compare with the best."

Fuller said the park has been a learning experience for him and looking back, there are some things he would do differently. "But there's much more positive than there is negative," he said.

For one thing, he said families have been very respectful about not leaving trash inside the water park.

Asked if there is anything which they would like to emphasize with the users, Fuller first said he would just ask adults to read the rules when they take their children there.

ETMC offering free seminar Wednesday on seizures

East Texas Medical Center will offer a free KnowledgeFirst Forum on seizures with Dr. Gina Jetter next Wednesday, Sept. 7, at noon in the ETMC Pavilion in Tyler.

Jetter is a fellowship-trained epileptologist with Northeast Texas Neurology Associates and the ETMC Neurological Institute.

"Seizures are symptoms of a problem in the brain," said Dr. Jetter. "There are many types of seizures and they can

have many causes. Determining the type of seizure a person is having and its cause leads to better treatment."

Dr. Jetter will also talk about ETMC Tyler's new epilepsy monitoring unit.

Lunch will be served. Free parking is available next to the ETMC Pavilion. The gate and building will open at 11:15 a.m. and the presentation will begin at noon. Please pre-register by calling 866-333-ETMC and press 6.

QISD

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present, a new tax rate of \$1.4350 per \$100 valuation was unanimously adopted. Last year's tax rate was \$1.11 per \$100 valuation.

"This increase is a result to the \$10.5 million bond passed by our voters, and also the increase on the M and O side (maintenance and operation) of 13 cents," Turner said. "The proposed M and O is \$1.17 and the I and S rate of \$.265 for a total rate of 1.4350 cents."

MISD

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ing, action items on the agenda were discussed and voted on with Bjork presenting information on each item.

The board voted unanimously on all action items which included accepting of fixed assets donated to the district, the final amendment of the revenue and expenditure budget for 2015-2016, designated funds for district improvement, adoption of the official revenue and expenditure budget for 2016-2017 and the formal adoption of the tax rate to support the budget for 2016-2017.

Superintendent Kim Tunnell updated the board on facilities and proposed creating a long range plan for upgrades to the nearly 50-year-old structures.

In other news: A presentation was made by Ideal Impact, a Christian-based consulting firm that strives to improve efficiency as well as to help reduce energy costs. These applications allow for the monetary savings to be placed back into the ministry or school system.

Superintendent Kim Tunnell informed the board that enrollment is up and discipline is down.

Board member Carl-ist Brinkley was absent from the meeting.

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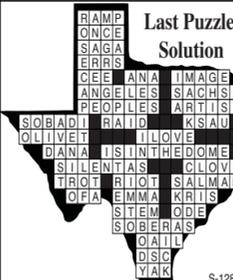
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Hay show

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a young agricultural scientist back in 1943. There is still a lot of coastal Bermuda to be found on farms and ranches all across this nation, but in recent years varieties such as Tifton 85, probably the highest producer of tonnage among all the hybrid Bermuda grasses, had been taking over the spotlight.

It was in the early 1940s that more attention was drawn to the quality of hay instead of just the quantity of hay. That driving force eventually led to the start of the Mineola Hay Show in 1966. That first year the winning entry was turned in by a Mr. Null and Tub Bail purchased it at auction for \$20. The entire auction brought a total of \$200.

Quite a lot has changed in the last 50 years. The most paid for a winning entry was back in 1996 when Dow Chevrolet paid \$3,200 for hay shown by Vernon Koger. Record receipts for the auction were collected in 2004 when the cash register closed out with a total take of \$27,200. Last year the auction brought in \$23,245 and in 2014 the total receipts were \$24,350.

Tickets for this special 50th anniversary edition of the Mineola Hay Show are \$25 each and entitle each ticket holder the opportunity to enjoy some good food, some good fun with a special guest speaker, and lots of excitement as the auction unfolds. Tickets are on sale at the Mineola Civic Center, the Mineola Chamber of Commerce, and from the Vocational Agriculture staff at Mineola High School.

It is very fitting that the Mineola Hay Show is still being held at the Mineola Civic Center since it was the first major public event held in that facility when it opened in 1977. It has been home to the Hay Show ever since.

When the hay show first started the old fire station, the Select Theater, and Mineola High School all served as host for some of the activities during the first 11 years before the civic center opened.

Darla Dossett, wife of Mineola High School's legendary Vocational Agriculture Teacher Glen Dossett, has done extensive research of the history of the show and has compiled a spreadsheet and tons of other records about its activities over the years.

"The receipts from the auction have been put to really good use over the years," Mrs. Dossett said, adding, "as best as I can tell either 105 or 106 scholarships totaling around \$500,000 have been awarded to local students over the last 30 years."

Back around the time the Hay Show started and people were starting to pay attention to the quality content of hay, the crude protein content of top entries to range from just over 10 percent up to around 13 percent. These days it is not surprising to see crude protein of top entries top 20 percent.

With the gains that have been made in the quality of



ABOVE RIGHT: Mineola High School FFA Teacher Glen Dossett, right, and hay producer Jim McClenny, center, talk over his entry in the 50th annual Wood County Show as FFA member Jake Haggerton bags up a sample to be sent to Texas A&M for chemical analysis. **ABOVE LEFT:** Mineola High School FFA member Ricardo Martinez examines a sample of hybrid Bermuda grass as he prepares to package it up for shipment to Texas A&M for chemical analysis and judging for the 50th annual Wood County Hay Show. (Photos by Tommy Anderson)

hay, the agricultural community in Wood County has also made some great gains and this hay show is one way those involved in agriculture have to reinvest in their life work and rural heritage. Proceeds from the hay show and auction are utilized by the show leaders to help fund the Mineola Junior Livestock Show, provide scholarships, and provide needed items and funds for projects and expansion of the FFA program at Mineola High School.

The 2016 version of leafy livestock fodder on display is comprised of 76 entries, up seven from the 2015 entry total. Hay makers checked in their hay samples at the Cole Show Arena on the Mineola High School campus on Aug. 18. At the time they were checked in a portion of each sample was bagged and sent to a testing

lab at Texas A&M University where chemical analysis was made. On Tuesday, Aug. 23 an agronomist made a visit to the Cole Show Arena to make a physical examination of all of the entries and judged the appearance and physical characteristics of the samples. The combination of that judging and the lab results will be combined to determine the ranking of the 69 entries, and of course selecting the ultimate winner.

In the early days of the Wood County Hay Show, there were very few hay shows in this area of Texas and it was not uncommon for the entry total to soar well past 100. However, with the development of other hay shows in neighboring counties in recent years the number of entries received in Wood County has decreased somewhat, but still remains very noteworthy.

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Mineola Marine Corps League Commandant Kelly Smith assists Rod Taylor at the Mineola Post Office Friday in securing a box being sent home to its owner in Virginia. It was found in a storage unit in Quitman and when its contents were discovered, Smith and others realized the owner needed to be found. (Photo by Doris Newman)

Return

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learning the bill for postage for express delivery of the chest, which Smith footed himself, would have been over \$200.

A friend of Smith's found the box in a storage unit in Quitman but the owners of the storage facility had no contact information about

Cook. Smith's friend, who does not want to be named, recognized the value of the contents and contacted Smith and he picked it up from her. She also let an area television news station, KLTV, know about the find and they aired a story about it on Thursday evening providing links in case anyone who saw their broadcast knew the soldier.

Among the treasures

were numerous photographs as well as medals and a commendation for "meritorious service" to Sergeant Robert Cook who was part of an engineering battalion in 2003, 2004. Notes and pictures included a medal from Kosovo and a note written about his service in Desert Storm. There was a uniform and a folded flag.

On Thursday evening Smith, who was assisted

by others, did a computer search for Cook. "I actually found his sister on Facebook," he said. He also believes he found Cook's mother. He even called the sheriff's office in the county where Cook was believed to live and asked them to check on an address, but he hadn't heard back from them.

But Cook's sister sent Smith a telephone number for Cook. Talking to the fellow soldier was Smith's reward.

"That was worth everything I've done," he said as he waited his turn at the post office to put the box on the counter. Smith said that Cook told him there was a divorce, a storage unit that "was let go, and he thought it was gone."

"He was ecstatic that we were doing all of this. He said most people would have just thrown it all away."

Cook told him the flag was given to him after an IED hit their unit. In that attack he lost a friend and another friend lost a leg.

Asked how, as a veteran, it made him feel to return the box to a fellow member of the military, Smith replied, "It's good. Because if I had stuff like this, I'd want it back also."

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DON'T PANIC Yellowjackets challenge themselves; not their record

By EVAN DUDLEY
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There's no need to panic.

The Mineola Yellowjackets (0-2) dropped their second game of the season Friday, 41-31, to the Kaufman Lions (1-1) – the 2015 4A-District 8 champions – but they've been here before and there is poise in the eyes of the experienced Yellowjackets.

A 0-3 start in 2014 ended with a state title game appearance so another long playoff run is still in play. The Yellowjackets have only lost an undefeated season and are focused on correcting early mistakes and challenging themselves with upper-

division opponents before settling into district play at the end of September.

Mineola showed no fear in their trip to the lions' den but turnovers derailed a strong first quarter performance and appear to be the Achilles heel of the Yellowjackets in their quest to develop a team identity early in the season.

"I think our kids made progress this week," said Head Coach Joe Drennon. "We've got to get better each week. No excuses. If we hang onto the football the first half, we have a really good chance at winning this ballgame. We have to eliminate those mistakes that we don't usually make."

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Running back Chantz Perkins eludes a tackle during Mineola's game against Kaufman. (Photo courtesy of Gene's Photography)

Bulldogs grounded by Eustace running attack

By LARRY TUCKER
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The Quitman Bulldogs squared off against a big hard hitting offense line and a bevy of speedy runningbacks falling to Eustace on the road 62-0. Eustace raced to a first quarter 20-0 lead behind the running of Cameron Rogers who hit pay dirt on runs of 18, 50 and 24 yards, all in the first quarter.

"Eustace was really good firing off the line of scrimmage and their backs took advantage of the opportunities their line gave them," Bulldog Head Coach John Woodard said. "I don't know what it was this week, but we blew a lot of assignments that our kids don't normally do. We have to play good teams like Eustace to get us ready for what we have to face in our district. I told our kids, these games count as a win or a loss, but we have to be ready for district, those are the games that really count."

Rogers scored his fourth TD at the 8:46 mark of the second quarter when he broke free on a third and two

from his own 28-yard line and ran the distance to put Eustace up 28-0. Eustace scored two more times to lead 41-0 at the half. Eustace would score three more times in the second half to round out their scoring.

Bulldog senior lineman and leader Isaac Sims returned to action after being sidelined by and appendectomy only to have his left knee injured on just the third play of the game. The sprain will keep him out probably until district play. The Bulldogs also missed the play of Brad Davenport on both sides of the ball. Davenport was attending ceremonies honoring his brother and former Bulldog, Neil Davenport, who is a soldier in the United States Army.

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Quitman Senior Macy Wilson is one of the team leaders as the Lady Bulldog volleyball team prepares for their district opener Friday at Delbert Ballard Memorial Gym against Scurry-Rosser. (Photo by Larry Tucker)



RAINS LOSS RAISES PERFORMANCE LEVEL

Lady Jackets rebound in B'boro tournament

By EVAN DUDLEY
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The week did not get off to a good start for the Mineola Lady Jackets volleyball team but they found their groove during the weekend at the Brownsboro Tournament.

The Lady Jackets were swept by Rains Tuesday night, 25-10, 25-11 and 25-12. It was not the outcome they had envisioned against the 2015 4A District 14 champions but competing against a higher level of play had a positive effect on the Lady Jackets heading into the Brownsboro Tournament.

"We played a good team and didn't play our best game," said Head Coach Kerry Van Cleave.

The Lady Jackets placed second in their pool Thursday at the tournament. Mineola defeated Kilgore in three sets 25-9, 14-25 and 25-14. They also beat Overton in two sets 25-14 and 25-19. The Lady Jackets, however, were unable to sweep the day and lost to Brookhill in two sets 17-25 and 20-25.

Mineola lost their bracket championship Saturday against Canton but managed to defeat Palestine and Kemp before advancing to the final.

"It was a really good weekend for us," said Van Cleave. "Lots of good things are happening for us as a team."

Lauren Almuete led the charge for the Lady Jackets during the tournament with 30 kills. Jaycee Whitehead and Sabria Dean added seven kills each.

Lanie Kelley, Kiley Banks and Alm-

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Lauren Almuete continues to dominate the stats sheet even in a loss to Rains. (Photo courtesy of Chad Parrish)

Quitman volleyball slips at White Oak

By LARRY TUCKER
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After coming off a solid two wins on Tuesday night against All Saints and Bullard, the Quitman Lady Bulldogs found themselves on the wrong end of the scores at the White Oak Tournament.

The Lady Bulldogs took down Bullard 25-21, 25-18, 25-20 being led by Kaci Raley's 20 kills and Molly Tanner's 15 kills. Cammie Hicks added 37 assists in the match. Raley also had six digs, three assists and a block

while Tanner had seven digs and a block.

In the second match Quitman faced the host team All Saints and won 25-17, 25-21, 25-1. Hicks had 26 assists; Raley had 13 kills, 14 digs, 2 aces, 1 block; and Tanner 8 kills, 8 digs, 2 aces.

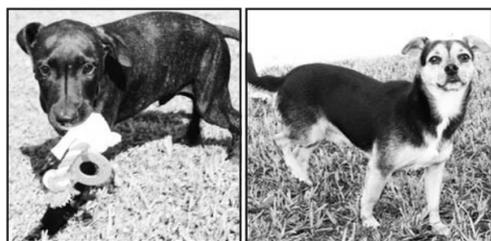
Those wins gave the Lady Bulldogs a 13-3 record headed into tournament play at White Oak. In Thursday's pool play, the Lady Bulldogs fell to Whitehouse 7-25, 22-25; Pine Tree 11-25, 21-25; and Gilmer 23-25, 25-13, 20-25.

Saturday found the Lady Bulldogs in the challenger bracket where they fell in the first match to New Diana 13-25, 25-20, 25-27. In the loss, Raley had seven digs, 11 kills, two aces, two assists, three blocks; Tanner had seven digs, five kills, and Hicks had 19 assists, three digs, one kill.

The Lady Bulldogs pulled themselves together and came back to win their final two games and take home the consolation trophy. They defeated Palestine JV 24-7, 25-11 with Macy Wil-

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MINEOLA ANIMAL SHELTER



Already willing to play fetch, this male brindle-colored puppy has a very sweet nature. He is intelligent, about three months old and has a tan and black littermate. His brindle is a eye-catching black and almost orange or red color. This small male is believed to be part Chihuahua and has a tan and black littermate. They have the calmness of older dogs and would be good companions. Featured last week, the pitbull was adopted and the puppy and his littermate were rescued.

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By Pastor David Burcham

One of the youth directors who served with me in the past had a saying he would tell the youth before they went to camp or on a fun outing. He said: "I don't get even, I get ahead." When one of the youth would pull some sort of trick on him, he just didn't get even; he would do something worse to them. Of course he was kidding with them but it also protected him somewhat (if you have been to camp with kids you will understand). Unfortunately some people actually practice this statement as a way of life. If they are wronged or even perceive a wrong they try to get back at the person or to get ahead. It can become a vicious cycle with no end. I remember many years ago my wife and I were grocery shopping and the young lady checking us out was literally throwing our food in the bags. I started to fuss at her but chose to hold my anger instead. As we were leaving someone came up to her and gave her condolences on a sudden death in her family. I was very glad I hadn't fussed at her. We never know what is going on in a person's life. Kindness and grace are always the best option. Jesus gave a simple way to live. He said, "Just as you want (people) to do to you, you also do to them likewise." So Jesus said, don't get even and for sure don't get ahead! You will feel much better and you will be treated much better with this "Golden Rule" lifestyle!

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Lady Hawks take two matches at home

By EVAN DUDLEY
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The Hawkins Lady Hawks are starting to warm up after a slow start to the 2016 season. Hawkins posted wins over West Rusk and Jefferson at home last week and look to continue their winning ways.

Hawkins swept West Rusk Tuesday night. The varsity Lady Hawks defeated the Lady Raiders 26-15, 27-25 and 26-11.

Hawkins' senior hitters, Hannah Langford and Sydnee Miller, combined for 12 kills with seven and five respectively. Raeli Smith put up 12 assists and Haleigh Dollins added five.

Madison Staruska led the Lady Hawks in digs with 13. Langford picked up eight and Destiny Chapman and Silvia Montgomery had six each.

The Lady Hawks defeated Jefferson Friday in four sets, 19-25, 25-19, 25-19 and 25-19.



Sophomore Christian Harris goes up for a block during the JV game against West Rusk. (Photo courtesy of Trudy Atteberry)

Natalie Smith and Emily Hodges put down five kills for Hawkins. Hannah Langford and Sydnee Miller added three kills each. Raeli Smith

put up 13 assists and Haleigh Dollins added six for the Lady Hawks.

Hannah Langford led Hawkins defensively in digs with 15. Silvia

Montgomery and Raeli Smith both added eight digs each.

Hawkins travels to Fruitvale Tuesday and is off this weekend.

Lady Panthers win two out of three, ready for district play

By EVAN DUDLEY
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The Alba-Golden Lady Panthers took two out of three games last week and are set to begin district play Friday.

The Lady Panthers

lost to Mabank Tuesday night 3-2 and defeated DeKalb 2-0 and Palestine 2-1 Thursday.

Gracie Pendergrass put down 10 kills and two digs for Alba-Golden against DeKalb, and Aspen Howard added

17 assists. Pendergrass had seven kills against Palestine and Howard had six assists.

Alba-Golden travels to New Diana Tuesday and begins district play at Edgewood Friday.

Lady Owls fall to Rivercrest

Yantis' Lady Owls fell to Rivercrest in a volleyball match last Tuesday, but Coach Jamie Garcia felt the Lady Owls did a good job of playing as a team. The scores for the games were 19-25, 8-25, 19-25, giving the Lady Rebels a 3-0 win.

"This was the first game so far this season we played as a team. We had our moments of being caught out of position, but overall we played well as a team. This has been the main thing we have had trouble with this year," Garcia claimed. "Madison Jones and Jackie Lopez, juniors, were the leaders and the ones trying to keep the team going and spirits high. The fans did a great job of getting involved in keeping the girls confident and showing support."

Stats for the game were: Baily Bush two aces nine digs, four tips; Ashton Burnett one ace, seven assists, 10 digs, one block, five tips; Madison Jones five kills, four aces, 11 digs, two blocks, three tips; Sarah Wilkey three aces, seven digs, two blocks, three tips; Maggie Hooker one kill, three aces, eight digs, two blocks, three tips; Maddie Hooker eight digs, two blocks, four tips; Gracie Beech five digs; Montana Wetzel one kill, one ace, eight digs, two blocks, for tips and Jackie Lopez one kill, 10 digs.

The Lady Owls have a road contest this week, taking on CHESS and Como-Pickton. District play begins at Quinlan Boles Sept. 23.

Mize wins Pick the Winners

Jerry Mize is on a roll with the football bucks and he was closest to the tiebreaker score to win this week's football bucks.

Mize, who won second place last week, picked Kaufman over Mineola, 42-28. Second place winner Scott Myers was Scott Myers who's tiebreaker guess wasn't quite as close.

Mize claims \$20 in football bucks to be used at any of the 17 participating businesses. Myers picks up \$10 in bucks. Be sure and join in on the fun and try your hand at picking the winners in this week's slate of games.

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Alba-Golden winning with youth, improves to 2-0

By TOMMY ANDERSON
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Big plays come in each and every football game. Some of the big plays loom larger than other big plays. Such was the case Friday night in Mount Enterprise as the Alba-Golden Panthers fought back from a 22-0 deficit to claim a thrilling 44-36 nonconference victory over the Mount Enterprise Wildcats.

The magnanimous big play of this game came with 3:36 left in the contest and the score knotted at 36-36. The Wildcats owned the ball at the Alba Golden 34 when Cat quarterback Jase Jones took the fourth down and eight snap looking to score with designs on tossing a pass into the end zone.

That was the plan, but Panther defensive ends Kyle Hammond and Evan Galyean had a different idea about how things could go. They came charging in from their respective sides of the field and turned Jones into a Panther sandwich, sacking him for a 12-yard loss and setting Alba-Golden up for a 9 play, 56-yard scoring drive that culminated on a one-yard TD plunge by Cody Frazier to end all scoring for the game with 1:13 left on the clock.

The victory bumped the Panthers' record up to 2-0 as they get set to host the All Saints Trojans from Tyler this Friday at 7:30 p.m. in Alba. While the Trojans are

GAME STATS				
A-G 44, Mt. Enterprise 36				
A-G	0	14	22	8 — 44
Mt. E.	8	14	8	6 — 36
First Downs	ALBA 12	Mt. E. 23		
Total Yards	ALBA 298	Mt. E. 222		
Rushes-Yards	ALBA 38-220	Mt. E. 55-213		
Passing Yards	ALBA 78	Mt. E. 0		
Comp.-Att.	ALBA 2-6	Mt. E. 1-6		
Punts-Avg.	ALBA 1-16	Mt. E. 3-28.3		
Turnovers	ALBA 2	Mt. E. 1		
Scoring Summary				
First Quarter				
MOUNT E-Kidd Barrera 20 pass from Jase Jones (Grant Shannon run) 6:19				
Second Quarter				
MOUNT E-K. Barrera 14 pass from Jones (Kendrick Miller run) 11:20				

winless in two starts this season, Panther head coach Ron Callahan is not taking them lightly.

"We played teams with speed the first two weeks. This week we play a team with both speed and size. There was a time when All Saints didn't have too much going in athletics, but that isn't the case anymore. They are getting lots more good kids and they play a good brand of football," Callahan said.

While Callahan had lots of things to be happy about in his young club's come from behind victory, he also saw some things that caused him and his staff great concern.

"We did not play good defense. We miss way too many tackles and we didn't get in the right position to make tackles too many times," the veteran

coach said of his team's performance at Mount Enterprise. "We cannot play defense like that this week and hope to win," he added.

If Callahan was a little disappointed in his defense, he had to be a little pleased with his offense, particularly the performance of junior running back Cody Frazier. For a second consecutive week Frazier recorded four touchdowns and put over 170 yards rushing in the books.

At Mount Enterprise the hard charging Frazier got a little breather with only 15 offensive carries for 171 yards. The week before versus Hawkins he had to tote the mail 25 times to pick up 191 yards on a very wet, muddy field. In the two games he has gained 362 yards on 40 carries, an average of just over 10.5 yards per tote.

But that isn't all Frazier did against the Wildcats, he also had an eye popping 72-yard kickoff return for a touchdown with 5:25 left in the third quarter and ran over the conversion after the score to knot the count at 30-30.

"Cody is just a kid who wants to win. He will do anything he has to do to win," Callahan observed.

Callahan's troops rolled out a new big weapon late in the third quarter when sophomore quarterback Zane Smith put a powerful throwing arm on display. His first passing attempt of the season was a dandy as he threw a deep bomb right over the middle to slot receiver Fredrick Reeves, good for 55 yards and a TD to give the Panthers a 36-30 advantage.

His second passing attempt of the night fell incomplete late in the fourth quarter, but just four plays later he connected with Reeves again, this time down the right sidelines for a 23-yard gain down to the Wildcat one. That set the stage for Frazier to trot across the game winning TD on the next play with 1:13 left in the game.

After doing battle with All Saints Friday, the Panthers will celebrate homecoming Sept. 16 hosting the high flying Price Carlisle Indians. In its season opener the Tribe worked over Mount Enterprise, 45-6, and this past Friday the Indians scalped Colmesneil, 65-0.

Hawks lose to Cushing after TD callback

By KATIE MOORE

Only 16 players suited up for Hawkins during the previous week's game versus Alba-Golden, which made for some Ironman play, further limited by an injury to key player Tristian Garrett. Fortunately, two joining the team and another two returning from injured reserve this week boosted the roster heading into the Cushing matchup. Unfortunately, as they suffered a last-minute 28-20 loss.

"We really saw a lot of improvement from the previous week, didn't make as many mistakes, kept our composure, but to think we might send it into overtime and then have that taken away, it was disappointing," senior offensive lineman Jackson Prater said. "A lot of good still came out of it, though, we came together to play as a team."

Head Coach Marty Moore agreed.

"It was a very hard-fought game and I was very proud of our kids for the way they played together as a team," he said. "They have improved steadily and made huge progress this week."

The Hawks started strong, with a 30-yard touchdown pass from Akim Richmond to Cameron Taylor early in the first quarter. A quarterback sneak from Richmond put the score to 12-0 with time left in the quarter. In the second, Cushing scored and added two points to head into halftime 12-8. The Bearcats struck first after halftime but failed to add the extra point, putting the score at 12-14.

The Hawks' next score

came courtesy of junior Everin Gipson on a short run. He also ran the two-point conversion, giving them 20-14 heading into the fourth quarter, when the Bearcats pulled ahead with eight minutes left, scoring and completing their own two-point run-in. They then turned around to score again but failed to add the extra two points, making it 20-28 when the Hawks got the ball on their 35-yard line with two minutes left on the clock.

"The kids fought hard to the end," Moore said. "I was extremely happy with the way they battled in the last two minutes of the game to give themselves the chance to score and tie the game."

The Hawks drove 65 yards in nine offensive plays, including a huge catch by senior Dustyn Threlkeld, who went up against three defenders to come down with the ball. After some scrambling, Richmond found freshman Kedron Brown to put the Hawks on the one-yard line with seconds to go. A quarterback sneak up the middle put the ball over the goal line, but the TD was called back on an offside penalty. Two more plays put the Hawks at fourth and goal with six seconds left. They attempted a short throw which was incomplete, and Cushing took a knee to run out the clock.

Hawkins hosts their first home game versus Como-Pickton this week, and Coach Moore is optimistic.

"We are still battling a few nagging injuries but should be healthy by this Friday," he said. "I believe if the kids continue we will see a different outcome versus Como-Pickton."

Lake Fork Weekly Fishing Report (August 29 - September 4)

By JOHN MORRIS

What a great week to fish Lake Fork. This week we had some rain that kept the water temperatures down in the mid-80s. The water clarity did not change much with the creeks remaining stained and the main lake lightly stained.

What did change is the bass fishing! The bass fishing was very good this week with the best bite remaining in the shallow water. The chartreuse-pumpkin zoom trick worm rigged wacky style was once again the top producer. With the hydrilla making a comeback the bass are starting to relate to it. That is way the

nail in the wacky set-up is critical. The wacky rigged worm must get down into the hydrilla for it to be effective. The watermelon-red Carolina rigged Zoom Baby Brush Hog was also a good producer this week. I did move into 8 to 12 foot of water and went from a ¾ ounce weight to a ½ ounce weight and slowed down to a very slow retrieve. I did notice in the highly stained creeks the Strike King 1.5 square bill crankbait started working early in the morning. The best colored 1.5 was the chartreuse with black back.

The white bass are still scattered out over most parts of the lake.

We need some cooler water temperatures to get them schooled up again. We did catch a few on Joe Spaits gold flutter spoon in 22 to 24 foot of water on old road beds.

A few more crappies were being caught week. But again there are scattered out. The good old minnow rig worked the best around the Farm-to-Market 515 bridges. A few were being caught on brush piles but not many.

The catfish fishing remained good this week. The best water depth was 18 to 24 foot of water around baited trees. Punch bait still was the preferred bait this week.



Mineola

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ete also had three aces each during the tournament.

"This week we're working to be ready to start district Friday against Eustace," Van Cleave said. "Very proud of these girls and how well they work together to be the best they can be as a team. We did a good job of bouncing back after a rough Tuesday night."

The Lady Jackets travel to Brownsboro Tuesday night before opening district play at Eustace Friday.

Sabria Dean stretches her entire body out making a play in Mineola's match against Rains. (Photo courtesy Chad Parrish)

Quitman

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son leading the way with eight aces, four digs; Britany Walls five aces, one dig; Raley three digs, four kills, one block; and Tanner three digs, five kills, one ace.

In the consolation final Quitman took down Sa-

bine 25-19, 25-11. Madalyn Spears had six digs six kills, two aces and Hicks had five kills, three digs, 16 assists.

"We ended up getting consolation in the challenger bracket. This was not our best week of volleyball this season. As a team we have had some hard talks this week," Coach Ashlee Lingo said. "We have evaluated

our week and discussed what we can learn from and improve on. We start district this week and the girls are very excited to get district rolling."

The Lady Bulldogs are now 15-7 on the year with a home game against Van Tuesday followed by the opening district game at home against Scurry-Rosser starting at 4:30 p.m.



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Bulldogs

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"We did have some positives. Our special teams did a much better job this week," Woodard noted. "Eustace had a tough scheme for what we run."

Woodard said his staff and the team were ready to get back to work. "Our kids and our coaches do not quit. I am proud of these kids, they all showed up Saturday morning to watch film and get ready for Beckville. We want to have a good game for the home opener. The kids are looking forward to playing for the home crowd," Woodard added. "We will get back to work and continue to correct the things we need to do to be successful. We are going to look at some things defensively which will help us against Beckville. We will correct things and our kids are ready to go on. They are not going to quit. Yeah, they messed up, but we can still be a pretty good football team."

Woodard said the

Bulldogs are playing teams in preparation for district play. "We are playing teams that will get us ready for district play. It would not do us any good to go and play lesser teams just to win a game. We must be ready to play people like Mineola and Winnsboro," Woodard said. "At the end of the day we have to win district ball games to make the playoffs."

The Bulldogs never could sustain a drive coughing up the ball on a pair of drives. "We have put in a lot of new things on offense. We are trying to put the best personnel in the best positions for us to be successful, but we simply did not play well at Eustace," Woodard said. "Eustace is really good, better than Big Sandy, and Beckville is going to be really good too. Beckville is averaging 65 points in its two games. They run from a spread and they are all over the place."

Beckville is led by seven returning offensive starters from a team that went 11-2 last year. Quarterback Trey Lindsay (#6) is a junior and



Quitman's Kayden White (20) returns a kick-off against the Eustace Bulldogs Friday night.

leads the Bearcats. Beckville whipped Anderson-Shiro in their opening game 55-27 and are coming off a blistering 77-66 win over West Sabine. The Bearcats play in a district with back to back state champion

Waskom, highly-touted West Rusk, Arp, Harleton, Troup and Elysian Fields.

The Bulldogs host Beckville with a 7:30 p.m. kick-off at Bud Moody Stadium this Friday. Following the Beck-

ville game, the Bulldogs will face Harmony for homecoming Sept. 16, followed by the district opener, also at home, against Winnsboro before traveling to Mineola Sept. 30.

Quitman has a bye Oc-

tober 7 and then finishes out the district slate at home against Farmersville Oct. 14, at Mt. Vernon Oct. 21, home against Grand Saline Oct. 28 and the final district game on the road at Commerce Nov. 4.

Jackets

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The Yellowjackets started the game in vintage fashion after receiving the opening kickoff. Mineola sprinted down the field on a six-play drive that lasted three minutes and capped it with a 15-yard touchdown run by senior quarterback Jeremiah Crawford.

The defense would force a punt on Kaufman's first drive but a Chantz Perkins fumble on the Yellowjackets second possession – one of two by Perkins on the evening – resulted in a Kaufman score but the Lions would not be able to convert the two-point conversion.

Mineola recovered from the turnover by scoring on 28-yard field goal by junior Cameron Sorenson. Sorenson added nine tackles and a pass breakup from his defensive back position.

The Yellowjackets led 10-6 early in the second quarter but Kaufman took a 13-10 lead with 6:50 left in the half and did not relinquish it for the duration of the game.

Kaufman scored again in the quarter after a Yellowjacket punt and led 20-10 at the end of the first half. Mineola had a chance to respond but Perkins fumbled for a second time before the end of the half – Perkins ended the game with 14 attempts for 79 yards. The Yellowjackets did manage to block a Kaufman field goal attempt as time expired in the first half.

The second half did not see any change in the outcome as Kaufman scored on their first two possessions of the half and returned a Crawford interception for a score in the fourth quarter.

The Yellowjackets, however, did begin to develop an identity despite Crawford's two second half interceptions. The senior

duo of Crawford and Perkins ran with better consistency and Crawford connected with senior Kourtland Sinches on a 34-yard touchdown pass early in the fourth quarter.

Crawford end the night on 2-10 passing for 35 yards and 20 rushing attempts for 282 yards with three scores on the ground. Sinches added five tackles, two sacks and a forced fumble to go along with his touchdown reception.

"I thought our defense played well a lot of times," Drennon said. "We just got put in bad situations. Now, they have to answer the call sometimes but at the same token I think we made a lot of improvement but we have to get better."

The Yellowjackets take the field this Friday when they host another upper-division foe in Wills Point (0-2) for a non-district game. Mineola will encounter a Tigers team coming off a 29-16 loss to Ranchview.



Quarterback Jeremiah Crawford runs with reckless abandon against Kaufman. (Photo courtesy of Gene's Photography)

GAME STATS

Kaufman 41, Mineola 31
 Kaufman 6 14 14 7 — 41
 Mineola 7 3 7 14 — 31

	KAUF	MIN
Total Yards	365	396
Rushes-Yards	49-277	35-361
Passing Yards	88	35
Comp.-Att.	5-9-0	2-10-2
Turnovers	1	4
T.O.P	27:53	20:07

Scoring Summary

First Quarter
 MIN — Jeremiah Crawford 15-yard run (Sorenson kick), 8:56
 KAUF — 37-yard run (2pt Conversion failed), 2:27

Second Quarter
 MIN — Cameron Sorenson 28-yard field goal, 9:56; KAUF — 5-yard run (PAT Good), 6:50; KAUF — 30-yard pass (PAT Good), 4:41

Third Quarter
 KAUF — 3-yard run (PAT Good), 9:46

MIN — Jeremiah Crawford 3-yard run (Sorenson kick), 5:31; KAUF — 11-yard run (PAT Good), 0:43

Fourth Quarter
 MIN — Kourtland Sinches 34-yard reception (Sorenson kick), 6:35; KAUF — 45-yard interception return (PAT Good), 3:32; MIN — Jeremiah Crawford 24-yard run (Sorenson kick), 1:27

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Friends of Rains County Public Library is hosting the "Renaissance Man" art exhibit that began Tuesday and continues through Sunday, Oct. 30 during regular library hours in the library's Meadows Cultural Center.

A press release from the group states it will feature accomplished artist Mitch Young from Quitman who designs unique works of art. Young creates striking hand-hewn furniture from East Texas native trees; two-dimensional computer graphic art that demonstrates his knowledge of geometry, optics, and physics; oil on canvas; one-of-a-kind pieces of jewelry embedded with precious stones and much more.

Included in this exhibit are large pieces of petrified wood, a copious collection of shells and precious stones from petrified dinosaur bones. Young's works are for sale.



Quitman artist Mitch Young will have his unique talents on display at the Rains County Public Library in the Meadows Cultural Center Sept. 6 through Oct. 30.

The public is invited to a presentation by the artist, Sunday, Oct. 9, at 3 p.m. Young will explain his art methodol-

ogy and how he evolved into the artist he is today. Battista Alberti (1402-72) explained of a Renaissance man, "a Re-

naissance man is one who can do all things if he will," and Mitch Young is that man, according to the press release.

Texas setting rainfall records

If you think August was a wet month in Texas, pick up your prize. Preliminary totals indicate that August averaged about 5.69 inches of rain statewide, in a tie with 1914 for the wettest August on record, according to a press release from the State Climatologist office at Texas A&M University.

John Nielsen-Gammon, professor of atmospheric sciences at Texas A&M, who also serves as state climatologist, says the wet month was due to an atmospheric wind pattern that pumped lots of deep, moist tropical air into Texas.

The wet months could continue for a while, he notes.

"September and October are historically among the wettest months of the year in Texas, so if normal conditions continue we will see several more inches of rain," said Nielsen-Gammon. "If a tropical storm or hurricane stalls over Texas—September is the peak month for such storms—then we would be at risk for serious flooding since most of the ground is already saturated."

Texas has also had the wettest 24-month consecutive period in the state's history according to Nielsen-Gammon. The state has averaged 75.25 inches of rain over the past two years, breaking the previous record of 74.85 set in 1942.

The final numbers won't be official for another few months but Nielsen-Gammon notes that August 2016 could end up either first or second all-time, but the 24-month record is secure.

"That 24-month record might only last a month, though, if Texas has a wet September," Nielsen-Gammon said.

Forecasters have predicted the development of a La Niña—when cooler than normal temperatures occur in the Central Pacific which in turn tends to affect weather worldwide—but it looks more and more likely that the La Niña will be marginal.

If a weak La Niña does develop, it likely means above normal temperatures and lower than normal precipitation rates for November through March.

"Although the winter overall should be mild, La Niña allows very cold air to build up to our north. Every so often a powerful cold front will sneak down into Texas," said Nielsen-Gammon.



Members of the Methodist Men had already been at work a couple of hours in the mid-morning sun when they were observed building a ramp on a McWhorter Street house Wednesday. The ramp is for an elderly woman who was no longer able to get in and out of her house. Shown are, from left, Charlie Wright, Art Gould, Ed Castro and Roy McGee. (Photo by Doris Newman)

UT Tyler announces first two exhibits of new year

The University of Texas at Tyler Department of Art and Art History is presenting the first two exhibitions of the 2016-2017 academic year.

The Meadows Gallery, located in the R. Don Cowan Fine and Performing Arts Center, is currently showing the "BFA Alumni Exhibition." This exhibit assembles art made by 22 UT Tyler Bachelor of Fine Arts Program alumni and continues through Friday, Sept. 30.

"With so many different artists participating, we have an outstanding variety of artistic styles and mediums represented in this exhibition," said Michelle Taff, gallery coordinator. "Many of them have become

teachers and professors themselves, passing along some of the skills and the knowledge they received during their undergraduate studies at UT Tyler."

The department also is currently featuring "Parallel Cultures" in the Fine Arts Complex Gallery.

A public reception with gallery talks is 6 p.m. this Thursday at the gallery located inside the Fine Arts Complex. The exhibit continues through Friday, Oct. 8. Both gallery hours are 8 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday and by special appointment.

Teresa Moralez, of Austin, "I Never Said I Was Nuclear I and II," acrylic on canvas. (Courtesy photo)



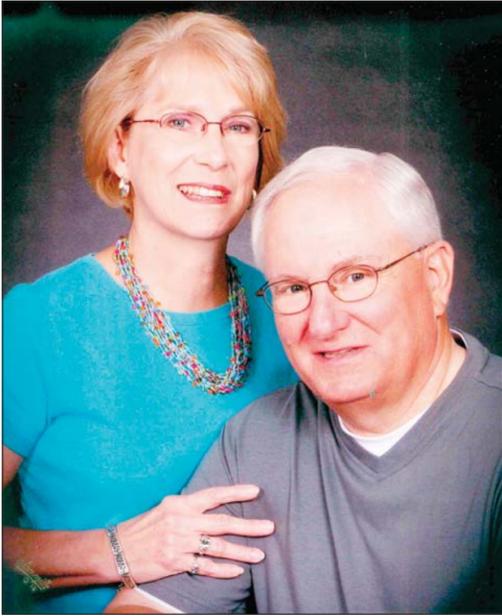
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GOLDEN ANNIVERSARY



Perry and Margie McDonald of Lindale celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on Sept. 2 with a trip to San Antonio with their children and grandchildren. They were married Sept. 2, 1966 at First United Methodist Church of Mineola. They have resided in Lindale since 1969. (Courtesy photo)



Women's Bible study on Philippians set this month

Lake Country Bible Church in Mineola is hosting a 12-week women's Bible study on Philippians and registration deadline is Friday. "Philippians: Christ, the Source of Joy and Strength" uses John MacArthur's book and it digs into the Apostle Paul's letter to the church in Philippi. It sheds light on joy during persecution,

contentment in all circumstances and peace beyond comprehension.

The study will be held at the church at 1402 North Pacific Street in Mineola on Tuesday mornings at 9:30 a.m. or Thursday evenings at 6:15 p.m., beginning Sept. 20 and 22.

To register and reserve a book call 903-569-5730. The cost of the study is \$9.

Women's Missionary Auxiliary meets at Myrtle Springs

On July 8 the Women's Missionary Auxiliary met at Myrtle Springs Baptist Church. The WMA song and motto were led by Annette Stedry with Becky Elliott at the piano.

The district WMA project is the Texas Baptist Home for Children. The offering of \$101 was sent to the home. The state project is purchasing heavy equipment for use on the college grounds. There were 28 in attendance and the banner went to Myrtle Springs. Charlotte Johnson of Gilmer gave the program. New officers were elected. Jackie Ricks is the president and Sue Reed the reporter.

Quitman Library Connections

BY LIBRARIAN DELENE ALLEN

Get GED Ready@ Quitman Public Library! GED preparatory class meets each Thursday from 4 - 6 p.m. and is taught by certified instructor, Susan Resnick. Initially, the instructor will meet with each student for assessment, and then will design a study program to fit individual needs. Register by calling 903-763-4191 or stop by during any class time.



Quitman Public Library is a registered proctor site for colleges like Tyler Junior College, Kilgore College, Columbia Southern and Texas Tech. If you are a distance learner taking online courses and need a Texas state certified administrator to proctor your test, contact the library at 903-763-4191.

The next second Friday Acoustical Music Circle is Friday from 6 - 9 p.m. Acoustic musicians of all ages and musical levels are invited to join in, and listeners are always welcome. For more information, call Eugene Allen 903-975-5745.

Stop in soon and see what the library has to offer. Near the check-out desk, Melissa Frosch has ar-

ranged a display of "Staff Picks" as well as a collection of books and media observing the 9/11 attack on our country. Borrowing privileges are available to individuals who can provide photo identification and proof of residency, taxpayer status, school enrollment, or proof of employment in Wood County. A guardian must sign for children ages 5-17. Hours are Tuesday through Friday from 10 a.m. until 6 p.m. Keep up with current events on our Facebook page at facebook.com/quitmanpubliclibrary.

Adult services

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

Genealogy

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 Heritage Quest, Geni, and the library's

database of digitized images. There are also unpublished family files exclusive to the library, and a volunteer would be happy to help you research these files. A microfilm reader is available for viewing the Wood County Democrat (1914-2015). Call the library or visit the society's facebook page to learn more about the society.

Children's services

The Story Time Gang meets each Thursday at 2 p.m. Lillian Gray plans an educational hour filled with stories, crafts and plenty of fun. Story Time is designed for young readers and home-schooled students; however anyone who wants to hear a great story is welcome. For more information, call 903-763-BOOK (2665).

Friends of the Library

On Tuesday at noon the Friends of the Library will meet for a Welcome Back party to gather with old friends and meet prospective new members. Officers for fiscal year 2017 will be Diane Moseley - president, Cathy Dye - vice president, Lillian Gray - secretary, Kim Watterson - treasurer.

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 ibames@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 Judy Johnson, 903-383-3433
FANNIE MARCHMAN GARDEN CLUB - third Wednesday, September - May, Mineola Civic Center, 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 Int'l. 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.
MINEOLA BAND BOOSTERS - second Tuesday, 7 p.m., in high school band hall. All parents invited.
MINEOLA LIONS CLUB - second and fourth Thursday, noon, Mineola Country Club, 903-638-1596; 903-569-3340.
MINEOLA MARINE CORPS LEAGUE (Toys for Tots) - third Tuesday, 7 p.m., American Legion Hall. 903-569-6481, commandant.
MINEOLA SCHOOL BOARD - third Monday, Admin. Bldg., Loop 564, 7 p.m.
MINEOLA CITY COUNCIL - fourth Monday, 6 p.m., City Hall, Council Workshop the previous Thursday 5:30 p.m. Public welcome. Call City Hall for changes in November and December because of holidays.
MINEOLA HIGH SCHOOL ATHLETIC BOOSTER CLUB - last Monday, 6 p.m., high school lobby.
MINEOLA HISTORICAL MUSEUM ADVISORY BOARD - third Tuesday, 4 p.m., city hall. 569-6944. Public invited.
MINEOLA MASONIC LODGE - second Thursday, dinner at 6:30 p.m., meeting at 7:30 p.m. All Masons invited. 569-2776.
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 Sat-

urday, 9 a.m. to noon, Walmart parking lot. Cardboard, paper and plastic accepted.
MINEOLA SENIOR CITIZEN CENTER - 308 Street Church of Christ Annex, 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 COUN-

TY - 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 AGGIE MOMS - 1st Tuesday, 6 p.m., 903-539-7049 or Wood County Aggie Moms Facebook page.
WOOD COUNTY APPRAISAL DISTRICT - Quarterly, third Thursday, 8 p.m., appraisal district office. Open to the public.
WOOD COUNTY CENTRAL HOSPITAL DISTRICT - third Monday, 5:30 p.m. (every three months).
WOOD COUNTY COMMISSIONERS COURT - every other Friday, Commissioners Court, Quitman, 10 a.m. 763-2716.
WOOD COUNTY CRIME STOPPERS - every other month, third Monday, 6 p.m., Wood County Justice Center courtroom. The public is invited. 903-763-2201 or 903-56-6294.
WOOD COUNTY DEMOCRAT CLUB - fourth Thursday, covered dish at 6 p.m., meeting at 6:45 p.m. 903-383-7036 or www.woodcountydem.org.
WOOD COUNTY GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY - third Monday, January through May and September through November, 7 p.m., Quitman Public Library, Shamburger Community Room. For 903-763-4191 or 967-2458.
WOOD COUNTY HEALTH DEPT. IMMUNIZATION CLINIC - Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, 9-11 a.m., and 1-3 p.m., third Monday, 1-6 p.m. Public Health Department offices, 213 W. Bermuda, Quitman, 763-5406.
WOOD COUNTY HOSPITAL DISTRICT - second Monday, 7 p.m., hospital conference room in Quitman. Public invited.
WOOD COUNTY RETIRED SCHOOL PERSONNEL ASSOCIATION - third Monday, September-December, and February-April, 2 p.m. and in May at 5 p.m., Forever Young Activity Center, 402 S. Main St., Quitman. All retired school personnel are invited.
WOOD COUNTY TEA PARTY - first Monday, 7 p.m., Quitman Library
YANTIS CITY COUNCIL - second Tuesday, 6 p.m., city hall.
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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PERMIT NO. WQ0015097001

APPLICATION. Fellowship Church, 2450 North Highway 121, Grapevine, Texas 76051, has applied to the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) to renew Texas Land Application Permit (TLAP) No. WQ0015097001 to authorize the disposal of treated wastewater at a volume not to exceed a daily average flow of 40,000 gallons per day via irrigation on 18 acres of land. The domestic wastewater treatment facility and disposal area are located at 2302 Private Road 7850, Hawkins, in Wood County, Texas 75765. TCEQ received this application on August 5, 2016. The permit application is available for viewing and copying at Allen Memorial Public Library, 121 East Blackburn Street, Hawkins, Texas. This link to an electronic map of the site or facility's general location is provided as a public courtesy and not part of the application or notice. For exact location, refer to application. <http://www.tceq.texas.gov/assets/public/hb610/index.html?lat=32.646119&lng=-95.278351&zoom=13&type=r>

ADDITIONAL NOTICE. TCEQ's Executive Director has determined the application is administratively complete and will conduct a technical review of the application. After technical review of the application is complete, the Executive Director may prepare a draft permit and will issue a preliminary decision on the application. **Notice of the Application and Preliminary Decision will be published and mailed to those who are on the county-wide mailing list and to those who are on the mailing list for this application. That notice will contain the deadline for submitting public comments.**

PUBLIC COMMENT / PUBLIC MEETING. You may submit public comments or request a public meeting on this application. The purpose of a public meeting is to provide the opportunity to submit comments or to ask questions about the application. TCEQ will hold a public meeting if the Executive Director determines that there is a significant degree of public interest in the application or if requested by a local legislator. A public meeting is not a contested case hearing.

OPPORTUNITY FOR A CONTESTED CASE HEARING. After the deadline for submitting public comments, the Executive Director will consider all timely comments and prepare a response to all relevant and material, or significant public comments. **Unless the application is directly referred for a contested case hearing, the response to comments, and the Executive Director's decision on the application, will be mailed to everyone who submitted public comments and to those persons who are on the mailing list for this application. If comments are received, the mailing will also provide instructions for requesting reconsideration of the Executive Director's decision and for requesting a contested case hearing. A contested case hearing is a legal proceeding similar to a civil trial in state district court.**

TO REQUEST A CONTESTED CASE HEARING, YOU MUST INCLUDE THE FOLLOWING ITEMS IN YOUR REQUEST: your name, address, phone number; applicant's name and proposed permit number; the location and distance of your property/activities relative to the proposed facility; a specific description of how you would be adversely affected by the facility in a way not common to the general public; a list of all disputed issues of fact that you submit during the comment period and, the statement "[I/we] request a contested case hearing." If the request for contested case hearing is filed on behalf of a group or association, the request must designate the group's representative for receiving future correspondence; identify by name and physical address an individual member of the group who would be adversely affected by the proposed facility or activity; provide the information discussed above regarding the affected member's location and distance from the facility or activity; explain how and why the member would be affected; and explain how the interests the group seeks to protect are relevant to the group's purpose.

Following the close of all applicable comment and request periods, the Executive Director will forward the application and any requests for reconsideration or for a contested case hearing to the TCEQ Commissioners for their consideration at a scheduled Commission meeting.

The Commission may only grant a request for a contested case hearing on issues the requestor submitted in their timely comments that were not subsequently withdrawn. **If a hearing is granted, the subject of a hearing will be limited to disputed issues of fact or mixed questions of fact and law relating to relevant and material water quality concerns submitted during the comment period. TCEQ may act on an application to renew a permit for discharge of wastewater without providing an opportunity for a contested case hearing if certain criteria are met.**

MAILING LIST. If you submit public comments, a request for a contested case hearing or a reconsideration of the Executive Director's decision, you will be added to the mailing list for this specific application to receive future public notices mailed by the Office of the Chief Clerk. In addition, you may request to be placed on: (1) the permanent mailing list for a specific applicant name and permit number; and/or (2) the mailing list for a specific county. If you wish to be placed on the permanent and/or the county mailing list, clearly specify which list(s) and send your request to TCEQ Office of the Chief Clerk at the address below.

AGENCY CONTACTS AND INFORMATION. All written public comments and requests must be submitted to the Office of the Chief Clerk, MC 105, TCEQ, P.O. Box 13087, Austin, TX 78711-3087 or electronically at www.tceq.texas.gov/about/comments.html. If you need more information about this permit application or the permitting process, please call TCEQ Public Education Program, Toll Free, at 1-800-687-4040. Si desea información en Español, puede llamar al 1-800-687-4040. General information about TCEQ can be found at our web site at www.tceq.texas.gov.

Further information may also be obtained from Fellowship Church at the address stated above or by calling Mr. Brad Stovall at 972-471-5700.

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BY ANGIE MONK, WOOD COUNTY EXTENSION AGENT

September is Food Safety Month

September is National Food Safety Awareness Month. The four core practices for proper food safety are:



- All Poultry - 165° minimum
 - Ground Meat - 160° minimum
 - Fish - 145° minimum
- Cook eggs until the yolk and white are firm, not runny. Don't use recipes in which eggs remain raw or only partially cooked.

Clean
Wash your hands with warm water and soap for at least 20 seconds before and after handling food.

Wash your cutting boards, dishes, utensils, and counter tops with hot soapy water after preparing each food item and before you go on to the next food.

Consider using paper towels to clean up kitchen surfaces. If you use cloth towels wash them often.

Separate
Separate raw meat, poultry, seafood and eggs from other foods in your grocery shopping cart, grocery bags and in your refrigerator.

Use one cutting board for fresh produce and a separate one for raw meat, poultry and seafood.

Never place cooked food on a plate that previously held raw meat, poultry, seafood or eggs.

Cook
Use a food thermometer which measures the internal temperature of cooked meat, poultry and egg dishes, to make sure that the food is cooked to a safe internal temperature.

- Roasts & Steaks - 145° minimum

Make sure there are no cold spots in food (where bacteria can survive) when cooking in a microwave oven.

Bring sauces, soups and gravy to a boil when reheating. Heat other leftovers thoroughly to 165°.

Chill
Do not over-stuff the refrigerator. Cold air must circulate to help keep food safe. Keeping a constant refrigerator temperature of 40°F or below is one of the most effective ways to reduce the risk of foodborne illness. Use an appliance thermometer to be sure the temperature is consistently 40°F or below. The freezer temperature should be 0°F or below.

Never let raw meat, poultry, eggs, cooked food or cut fresh fruits or vegetables sit at room temperature more than two hours.

Never defrost food at room temperature. There are three safe ways to defrost food:

- in the refrigerator
- in cold water
- and in the microwave.

Divide large amounts of leftovers into shallow containers for quicker cooling in the refrigerator.

Exciting times for Mineola DAR Chapter

By JOELENE YATES

The Saturday, Aug. 27 luncheon proved to be very exciting for the Elizabeth Denton English chapter National Society Daughters of the American Revolution. With 35 members and eight visitors in attendance, the chapter installed a new member, voted five new members into membership and hosted special guests from nearby DAR and SAR chapters.

With her application recently approved by NSDAR, Tiffany Smith took oath as the newest member of the Elizabeth Denton English chapter. There are now 72 active members and five prospective members.

Special guests, who presented a flag program, were Mr. and Mrs. Stephen Lee and

their two sons, Britton and Matthew, and Rev. Don Majors. Anna Lee is an honorary regent of the Mary Tyler Chapter DAR where she served in many capacities. She is the national vice chairman of the NSDAR Credentials Committee and is the district VI chairman of the TXDAR/SAR (Sons of the American Revolution) Liaison Committee. Stephen Lee is the past-president of the Captain William Barron Chapter SAR, District 10 Vice President and National SAR Videographer.

Their sons are members and serve the Captain Barron Chapter of SAR and the Color Guard.

Reverend Don Majors is an ordained minister and pastor of the First Assembly of God Church in Hawkins. He

serves as chaplain and active member of the Captain William Barron Chapter SAR, the Captain James P. Douglas Camp, Sons of the Confederate Veterans and the Colonel Hubbard Chapter of the Military Order of the Stars and Bars.

The Elizabeth Denton English Chapter is chartered in Mineola but members are welcome from all areas. Any woman is eligible for membership if she is at least 18 years old and can prove lineal bloodline descent from a man or woman who aided the cause of American Independence. To learn more about DAR, visit DAR.org, or texasdar.org/chapters/ElizabethDentonEnglish, like us on Facebook, or contact Susan Few, Regent at 903-569-3286.

GriefShare program begins Sunday

GriefShare, a special help seminar and support group for people experiencing grief and loss, will be held on Sunday evenings at First Christian Church in Mineola beginning Sunday, Sept. 11 from 4 to 5:30 p.m.

The church is located at 209 North Pacific Street and the meeting will be held in the fellowship hall (use entrance across from the E-Z Mart).

GriefShare is a video seminar series that features some of the na-

tion's foremost Christian experts on grief and recovery topics as seen from a Biblical perspective. Seminar sessions include "Is This Normal?," "The Challenges of Grief," "Grief and Your Relationships," "Why?" and "Guilt and Anger." The sessions are open to anyone in the community - all are welcome. The class will run for 14 weeks, ending Dec. 18.

The pastor, Rick Son, said, "No matter what the circumstances, grief

recovery is a painful process. Our goal is not to get people to come to our church, to contribute money, or to sell anything. We understand how deeply grief and loss hurt people and families, and we simply want people to know about our GriefShare groups. It's a place where people can begin putting their lives back together again."

For more information call the church office at 903-569-2537 or email rson.mineola@att.net.

Cass County Genealogical Society meeting Tuesday

On Tuesday Charles Steger, Cass County Genealogical Society's resident historian and genealogist emeritus, will present "Where We Come From."

He will explain how and when the local counties were formed and how many of the county lines and boundaries were moved and changed through the years.

This will be the regular monthly meeting of the society in the Fellowship Hall of the First United Methodist Church of Queen City at the corner of Marietta and Fourth Streets.

The meeting will start at 6:30 p.m. and members hope that as many members of the public as possible will join them for this monthly meeting.

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LEGAL NOTICE
Notice of Public Sale
Pursuant to Chapter 59, Texas

Public Notice

Property code, Traders Village Storage Units, located at 1005 S. Hwy 37, Quitman, Texas 75783 will hold a public auction of property being sold to satisfy a landlord's lien. Sale will be at 10:00 A.M., Thursday, September 8, 2016 at 1005 S. Hwy 37, Quitman, TX 75783. Property will be sold to the highest bidder for cash. Seller reserves the right to not accept any bid or withdraw property from sale. Property will be sold by the space. Property being sold includes the contents of the following tenant, with brief description of the items in the space. Unite #37: Contract dated January 31, 2015 to Linda Countryman. Contents of Unit #23: Contract dated December 17, 2013 to Rodney Kieke. Contents of Unit #44: Contract dated May 29, 2015 to Eric Mason. Contents

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of Unit #108: Contract dated July 3, 2015 to Rhonda Hanson. Contents of Unit #222: Contract dated April 20, 2015 to Sandra McKinney. Contents of Units #276 & 279: Contract dated April 8, 2015 to Sandra McKinney. Contents of Unit #283: Contract dated April 16, 2015 to Sandra McKinney.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS
Notice is hereby given that original Letters Testamentary for the Estate of Hugh L. Donaldson, Deceased, were issued on May 2, 2016 under Docket Number 12,908 pending in the County Court of Wood County, Texas, to Arlene J. Donaldson. Claims may be presented in care of the attorney for the Estate addressed as follows:
Arlene J. Donaldson, Independent Executrix
Estate of Hugh L. Donaldson,

Public Notice

Deceased
c/o Ben J. Kerr, III
Attorney at Law
P.O. Box 1029
Quitman, Texas 75783

All persons having claims against the Estate, which is currently being administered, are required to present them within the time and in the manner prescribed by law. DATED the 2nd day of May, 2016.

Respectfully submitted,
Brown, Kerr & King
By: Ben J. Kerr, III

NOTICE OF PUBLIC SALE of property to satisfy landlord's lien pursuant to Texas Property Code, Chapter 59, Mineola Self Storage, LLC will have an auction on Wednesday, September 21, 2016, at 10 a.m. at 1823 S. US Hwy 69, Mineola, Tx 75773. All property will be sold to the highest bidder for cash. Deposit may be required and seller reserves the right to decline any bid and also reserves the right to withdraw property from the sale at any time. Property in each space may be sold item-by-item, in batches, or by the space. Property being sold includes the contents in the space of the following tenants: David Newton-Unit 13 and 15 and Savannah Derr-Unit 63.

Small Taxing Unit Notice
The Wood County Central Hospital District will hold a meet-

Public Notice

ing at 5:30 p.m. on September 12, 2016 at the ETMC Quitman Hospital Conference Room at 117N. Winnsboro Street, Quitman, Texas to consider adopting a proposed tax rate for tax year 2016.

The proposed tax rate is \$.0213 per \$100 of value. The Board of Directors is considering keeping the current tax rate of \$.0199 per \$100 value.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS
Notice is hereby given that original Letters Testamentary for the Estate of Irby Rowayne Caffey, Deceased, were issued on August 15, 2016, in Cause No. 12,963, pending in the County Court of Wood County, Texas, to: MARSHANNE FRANKLIN-DARBY.

All persons having claims against this Estate which is currently being administered are required to present them to the undersigned within the time and in the manner prescribed by law.
c/o: KYLE G. WAGGONER
Attorney at Law
PO Box 1152
Mineola, TX 75773

Public Hearing
Wood County Central Hospital District will hold a public hearing on the 2016-2017 Annual Budget on September 8, 2016 at 2:00 p.m. at the ETMC Quitman Hospital Conference Room located at 117 N. Winnsboro St.

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Winnsboro Center for the Arts opens Sunday Classical Series this weekend

By **TERRY MATHEWS**
Arts/Copy Editor of The News

Winnsboro Center for the Arts debuts its Sunday Classical Series this weekend on the Bowery Stage.

"We are really pleased to be able to offer the Sunday Classical Series," said WCA President Mary White. "The program is varied and will provide a nice sample of the classical genre. The intimate atmosphere of the Bowery Stage lends itself to informal and interactive concerts, and we're hoping that is exactly what these will be."

According to their website, "The Chamber Players of the Mid-Texas Symphony came into being in October 2011 when MTS was requested to provide musicians to celebrate the first anniversary of the Tye Preston Memorial Library at Canyon Lake.

"The concert was a great success, and since then The Chamber Players have returned a number of times to Tye Preston. They have also played in many

different venues in the area, including Steele High School Auditorium in Schertz, Price Center in San Marcos, The Silver Center in Seguin, Eden Hill in New Braunfels and Bulverde/Spring Branch Library in Bulverde."

Their program is called "Isn't It Romantic?" and includes music by Puccini, Godfrey and Brahms.

Tickets for the series will be \$79 for premium seating at bistro tables; \$59 for standard seating; and a limited number of economy seating at \$39.

All performances begin at 2:30 p.m.

"Offering these concerts as a series has helped us in our planning and allowed us to offer them at lower prices than we would if they were sold individually," White noted. "And having the series on Sunday afternoons will not affect our traditional Bowery Stage programming for Friday and Saturday nights.

"Naturally, we're hoping the series will be sold out well in ad-

vance, but we'll just have to wait and see. We expect some overlap in attendance since a number of our supporters have expressed interest in broadening our programming, but we are also hoping the Sunday Classical Series will attract some who are new to the center.

"Since our mission is to make the arts accessible to the community at large, we hope these concerts will help meet a need for some whom we haven't served previously.

"It's an experiment and I'm sure that we will learn from it, but hopefully, it will be a big success!"

For more information, log on to winnsborocenterforthearts.com or call 903-342-0686.

Other performances in the series include:

Oct. 4: Bass Jared Schwartz and accompanist Mary Dibbern.

Nov. 6: Classical guitarist Miguel Antonio, along with Vladimir Kaliazine on button accordion.

Jan. 15: Mount Vernon Chamber Trio, featuring Mark Miller, Ute Miller and Jennifer Humphreys.



The new officers for 2016-2017 are front, from left, Avery Von Reyn and Brenley Von Reyn. Back, Luke Kindle, Curtis Perkins and Jentri Jackson. Not pictured is Wyatt Bashoum. (Courtesy photo)

4-H Forecast

Quitman 4-H Club elects officers, plans Sign-Up Night

The Quitman 4-H Club met recently and elected officers for the coming year and made plans for their annual Sign-Up night and activities and programs for the year.

The new officers for 2016-2017 are Avery Von Reyn, reporter; Brenley Von Reyn, first vice president; Luke Kindle, president; Curtis Perkins, treasurer; Jentri Jackson and Wyatt Bashoum, council delegates.

The Quitman 4-H Club will have its annual Sign-Up night on Tuesday, Sept. 20, at 7p.m. at the Wood County Extension Office. The club will serve ice cream floats to members and guests that night. 4-H membership is open to youth in third through 12th grades. If you would like to sign up for 4-H or to find out more information, you are invited to attend.

First Assembly to host Irish missionaries

The First Assembly of God in Mineola will host Gary and Wilma Davidson Sept. 10-11.

The Davidsons have been serving in Ireland for over 36 years and are involved in church starting new churches and

leadership training. In the early 1980s they ministered to thousands of Irish people through evangelism and church planting. They saw scores change their lives. People who had been involved in terrorism and the drug cul-

ture had life changing encounters as they became Christians.

In 1986 the Davidsons established St. Mark's Church, transforming a formerly vacant church building, which is over 260 years old, into a vi-

brant center of ministry.

The Women's Ministry of First Assembly will have a luncheon at which Wilma will speak on Saturday at 11 am. Gary will share experiences during the morning service on Sunday at 10:45 a.m.

UT Tyler partners with Northeast Texas CC

Northeast Texas Community College and The University of Texas at Tyler Longview University Center celebrated a new partnership Wednesday at the Industrial Technology Training Center in Mount Pleasant. A new 2+2 articulation agreement allows students who complete an Associate of Applied Science degree in Industrial Technology at NTCC to transfer smoothly into UT Tyler's Industrial Technology bachelor's degree program. The presidents of both institutions were in attendance to celebrate the partnership and officially sign the articulation agreement.

The industrial training center in Mount Pleasant opened in 2011 as a partnership between NTCC, the Mount Pleasant Economic Development Corporation and Mount Pleasant ISD.



Kilgore's Special Abilities Family Fun Event returns Sept. 17

More and more people are getting involved with Special Abilities Family Fun Event (SAFFE) Day, Johnny Bellows says, and as the fifth annual event approaches in mid-September, he hopes more and more will reap the benefit of coming together in downtown Kilgore and celebrating special abilities.

"I think it's been a very good awakening for everyone that's involved," Kilgore's fire chief says. Free and open-to-the-public, the event helps people overcome barriers and fears, Bellows adds, as they see how special each individual is. "I see it in my own self."

The Special Abilities Family Fun Event is on the lookout for Everyday Heroes - special needs children and adults, their families and caregivers - to visit downtown Kilgore Saturday, Sept. 17, and find a slew of activities specially-tailored for them from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Set near Kilgore's World's Richest Acre (100 S. Commerce Street), people with special needs

and abilities find SAFFE Day is custom-fit for their 'normal,' one everyone can enjoy.

"A day when they can come downtown and they are not looked upon as being different," he said. "This is the fifth year. Can you believe it? It gets bigger and better every year."

Community-funded, the event includes a variety of games, challenges and opportunities that can be enjoyed by people with or without special needs. Everyone is welcome, Simpson said, to #BeAHero as they enjoy free food, drinks, entertainment and more.

"We invite our special guests to be a hero, for their family and caretakers to participate."

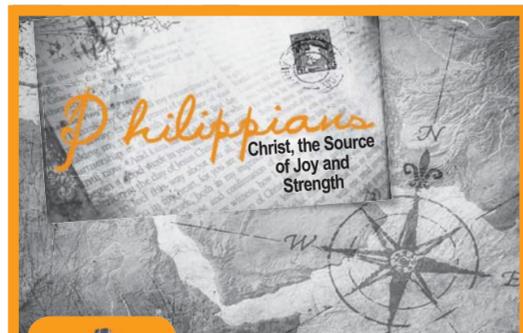
In addition to the main event Sept. 17, this year SAFFE Day's organizers will continue spreading the word about their guests through a red-carpet premiere of the documentary "Everyday Heroes." Shot by director Chip Hale and his crew from Overton Films in Fall 2015, the 40-minute film features volunteers, firefighters, special needs guests and others

to tell the SAFFE story.

Nominated for Best Documentary Short at the Austin Revolution Film Festival, SAFFE Day's local showing of "Everyday Heroes" is set for Thursday, Sept. 15, at Kilgore's 4 Star Cinema (1607 US Hwy. 259). SAFFE Day's 2016 Special Needs Ambassador - 11-year-old Ryan Bailey - will be on-hand along with the event's mascot, Blazze, Thursday night before officially opening SAFFE Day at 9 a.m. Saturday, Sept. 17.

Tickets to the Thursday night event should be reserved in advance by calling Simpson at 903-988-4112. Admission is free - SAFFE Day organizers will gladly accept donations throughout the events.

Free to all guests, the Special Abilities Family Fun Event Day is supported by local contributions and sponsorships: anyone interested in donating to the nonprofit 501(c)3 can get more information from Simpson or by email bea-hero@saffeday.org. Donations can also be made online at SAFFEday.org.



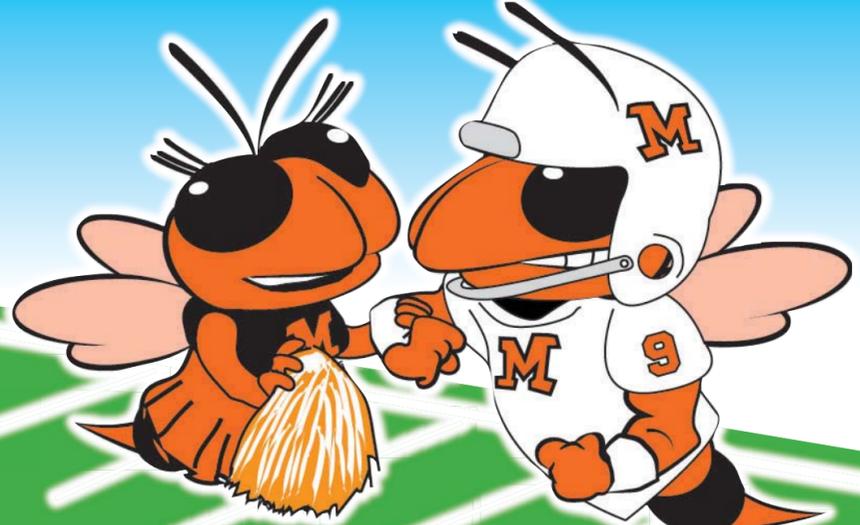
Women's Fall Bible Study

The women of Lake Country Bible Church will host a twelve-week Bible study on "Philippians: Christ, the Source of Joy and Strength" by John MacArthur, beginning September 20 and 22. Attendees will meet on Tuesdays at 9:30 a.m. and Thursdays at 6:15 p.m. at the church on:

1402 North Pacific Street, Mineola

For more information and to register, call 903-569-5730. Registration deadline is September 9 and the cost of the book is \$9.

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