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Injured transported after 3-vehicle crash

Three people were transported to Tyler Hospitals where they were treated and released after a three-vehicle crash north of Mineola just before 4 p.m. Thursday at Highway 69 north and Loop 564.

One of the passengers, 15-year-old Lindsey Kratzmeyer, was the passenger in a Cadillac driven by 17-year-old Mischel Moranville-Fry. Both girls were transported to Tyler hospitals, Moranville-Fry with no visible injuries but highly upset and Kratzmeyer with cuts to her face and neck. A Hemphill police officer, Michael Rogers was transported with incapacitating injuries. The driver of a third vehicle,



a Ford F150 pickup, Forest Trexler, was uninjured. Rogers was being transported to Mother Frances Hospital in Tyler and the two girls to East Texas Medical Center Hospital in Tyler.

A man who came up on the accident almost immediately after it happened, Ricky Quiambao, said that when he first arrived Kratzmeyer was slumped over and unresponsive and Moranville-Fry was hysterical. He said that Kratzmeyer "kind of woke up" though he noted her she didn't know what had happened or what day it was

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DOMINIC AYALA



Dominic Ayala was able to go on a dream fishing trip with Texas Hunt for the Cure three weeks prior to his death last May.

Memorial Jamboree to honor Yantis boy

By LARRY TUCKER

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There is a special day coming up soon in Yantis. The First Annual Dominic Ayala Memorial Jamboree has been set for Saturday, October 8, on the grounds of Yantis Independent School District (YISD) in the old concession stand area. All proceeds from the jamboree will go to non-profit organization Texas Hunt for the Cure, an organization founded in 2012 to help fulfill final wishes of a child who dreams of that memorable trophy hunt or unforgettable fishing trip while they still have time left.

The jamboree begins at 5 p.m. will feature live entertainment from country music award winner Don Woods, a stew contest, live auction and bounce houses along with a special appearance from Heroes, Cops and Kids.

Dominic Ayala, Yantis, passed away May 21 after almost four years of fighting Neuroblastoma, a solid tumor cancer found in children. He was diagnosed at the age of two with stage four of the cancer and began

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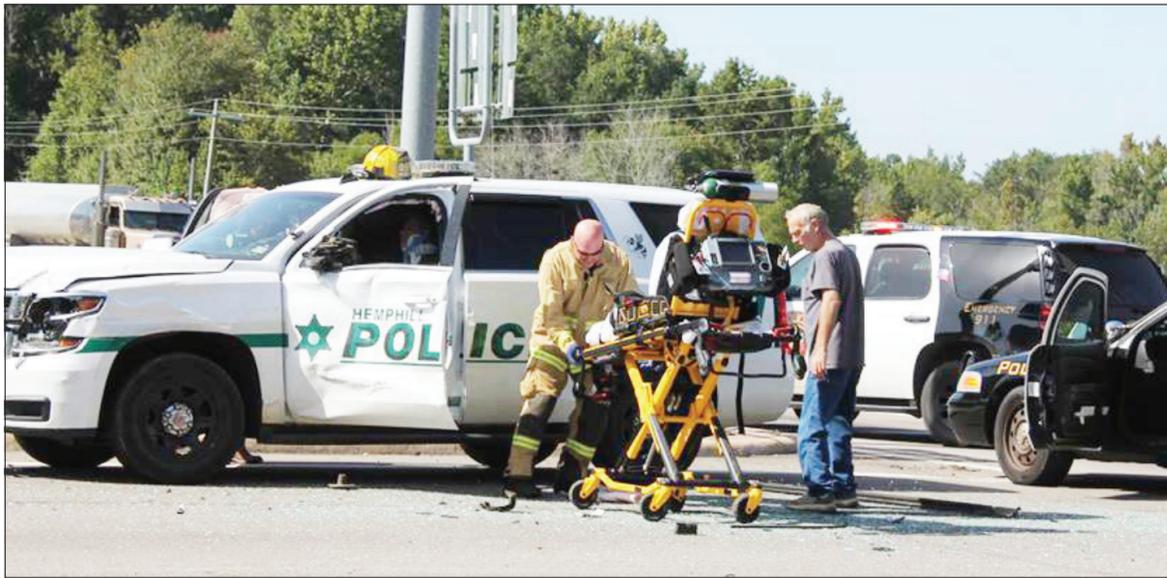


Just weeks before he passed away, Dominic was able to go on a special fishing trip through Texas Hunt for a Cure.

"You can't imagine what a great thing this is for the kids in these situations ... It is simply amazing what it does for a sick kid."

Nathan Crist, Dominic's uncle

The driver of this Hemphill police vehicle was taken to a Tyler hospital after broadsiding a Cadillac that had been struck by a Ford F150 Thursday afternoon. TOP PHOTO: Police Chief Chuck Bittner helps Mischel Moranville-Fry who has become hysterical after the crash at Highway 69 and Loop 564 Thursday afternoon. (Monitor photos by Doris Newman)



Alba City Council OKS country fair report

By LARRY TUCKER

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After hearing from Cindy Monroe, the Alba city council approved a final Alba Country Fair report with corrections, but not without questioning from Mayor Ted Levitt.

"Expenses exceeded what was budgeted. It was confusing that the money was put in one account and taken out of another," Levitt said.

Monroe replied "All I can do is give you what I have in my pa-

perwork. I don't handle any of the bank accounts."

Levitt continued with another issue. "I also have a concern, a complaint I guess, from Chris Bevill and the S.O. Band about you canceling on them and hiring your daughter's band," Levitt said.

Monroe said that is not what happened. "That is not what happened. Gib Maynard, you were there and you voted, Amber Gaby was there, you voted. Chris Bevill was never cancelled. His name was put in there. I did

not vote because of being the coordinator and my daughter was in there." Monroe added.

"According to them, they quoted \$100 less than your daughter's band," Levitt said.

To which Monroe responded, "No they did not. They quoted \$850 and I can pull up an email and show it to you."

Councilman Maynard was ready to move on. "I make a motion that we receive the report from the 2016 fair because

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Kacey Musgraves FILE PHOTO

Musgraves up for CMA Female Vocalist Award

Mineola's Kacey Musgraves has been nominated for Female Vocalist of the Year by the Country Music Association as she prepares for other high-lights this season.

The CMA Awards will be televised live Wednesday, Nov. 2 at 7 central on ABC.

The Nashville artist is also set to kick things off at the Texas State Fair on opening night Friday, Sept. 30. Fans will find her on the Chevrolet Main Stage and the concert is free with fair admission.

Additionally, Musgraves is producing "A Very Kacey Christmas." The CD will hit stores Oct. 28 and vinyl will be Nov. 18. The new album features Leon Bridges, Willie Nelson and the Quebe Sisters. The album was produced by Musgraves, Misa Arriaga

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Tully Davidson shows just a few of the things he was able get with grant money to be used by him and other local agencies. (Monitor photo by Larry Tucker)

Commissioners act on short agenda

Wood County Commissioners moved quickly through a short agenda last Friday morning, approving an inter-local agreement between the Wood County Fire Marshal with the Quitman Police Department relating to evidence.

"This is just an inter-local agreement between me and the Quitman Police Department to take care of evidence for me," Wood County Fire Marshal Tully Davidson said. Right now I don't have a good place to store it and they do," Davidson said. "This has already passed through their city council and now we just need your approval."

There were several personnel actions approved. Louis Walter Dahlman will fill the jailer position left by Christopher Brady and will be paid \$17.06 per hour. In Precinct #3, road tech Richard A. Stanley was given a raise from \$17.06 to \$17.67 per hour. Also in Precinct #3, Shannon D. Green was hire as temporary help for \$10 per hour. In the tax office, Sarah Baker got a salary increase from \$15.44 to \$15.98 per hour while Tommie

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Yellowjackets dominate Wills Point for first win of season

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Quitman Bulldogs ready to celebrate homecoming



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Tucker's Turf

By Larry Tucker

I remember the day I met my first Cowboy, Dallas Cowboy that is. I was a third grader in Mrs. Farris' class at Nathaniel Hawthorne Elementary School deep in the heart of Pleasant Grove in southeast Dallas.

One spring day in 1960 a young, rather short man showed up during our recess time and started throwing a football around with us. Our goal posts were set up about 80 to 90 yards apart, not exactly football regulation and this guy could toss the pigskin almost the full length of the field.

He introduced himself as the Dallas Cowboys first quarterback. The Cowboys would draft SMU star Don Meredith to be their quarterback of the future, but they needed someone for that first season. His name was Eddie LeBaron, all 5'7 170 pounds of him.

Young quarterbacks today are thrown into the fire immediately, like this year's Cowboy's Dak Prescott or Philadelphia's Carson Wentz. In the early 1960s, it was not done that way. You slowly found your way to the playing field after you served plenty

of bench time.

LeBaron became my new hero. He was number 14 for the brand new NFL team which would go 0-11-1 in its first year of existence. If you asked fans about Cowboy signal-callers from yesterday Meredith is mentioned, as are Roger Staubach and Troy Aikman always seem to top every list. Staubach was a heroic figure coming to the Cowboys after his Navy service time was up.

LeBaron was a Marine Captain serving in the Korean War. He was wounded two times and received a Bronze Star for valor.

LeBaron came to the Cowboys after actually retiring from the Washington Redskins. The Cowboys talked LeBaron out of retirement to help them out until the young Meredith was ready. LeBaron had earned a law degree from George Washington University during the off seasons. The Cowboys offered him \$20,000 and arranged a partnership in a Dallas law firm for



him. That was it, no big bonus, no big contract.

He played for the University of the Pacific in college, leading them to an 11-0 record in 1949. He would be drafted by the Washington Redskins, but chose to serve his country in Korea before playing professional football. He played 11 seasons in the NFL making the Pro Bowl three times. He also played two years with Calgary of the Canadian Football League.

All I know was I was a nine year old kid who had a new hero. My Dad used to take me to Cowboy games when he would work security at the Cotton Bowl. I sat through every home game regardless of weather or constant defeat.

LeBaron would quarterback for the Cowboys for four years, teaching a young Dandy Don a thing or two about patience. As crazy as playing time is for quarterbacks in the NFL, coach Tom Landry did something unique to bring Meredith along. LeBaron would play on first and third downs while young Meredith would come in for second downs. Do

you really think this year when Tony Romo gets back he will want to share downs with Prescott? Not likely!

LeBaron worked behind one of the worst offensive lines in the history of the game. He scrambled to save his life every Sunday, but he survived and decided in 1964 the Cowboys were ready to turn the reins over to Meredith. He said at the time, the Cowboys were ready to start winning and it was time for Meredith to take over the team.

He took an expansion NFL team and made it respectable, he earned a law degree in his "spare" time from a prestigious American university, and he took the time one day to stop and talk to a nine year old boy who loved football. It took many years for the Cowboys to become consistent winners, but Eddie LeBaron was always a big winner to me.

In a day and time when sports figures are judged by the money they make or their latest escapade on a police blotter, my hero remains Eddie LeBaron.

He died in 2015 at the age of 85.



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BABY BOOMERS SETTING NATIONAL CASH PURCHASE TREND IN REAL ESTATE

As more Baby Boomers retire, real estate experts all across the United States are seeing more cash deals, according to a recent report from Bloomberg. Evidently, these Baby Boomers (defined as anyone born between 1946 and 1964) are opting to purchase their homes with all cash instead of taking out a mortgage. Experts credit this in part to the fact that US home price gains have restored \$3.8 trillion in value to home owners since 2012. This means that a record number of Americans (including Baby Boomers) are using that equity to help them pay cash for properties, avoiding a home loan altogether.

Another factor is that these Baby Boomers have more money in savings, allowing them the option to pay with cash. This is an important trend that is sure to have an effect on all home buyers, not just those who fall in the Baby Boomer cohort.

Here's what else the recent Bloomberg article noted about Baby Boomers affecting real estate trends:

- In the first quarter, 29 percent of non-investment home buyers used cash.
- Most of the people making all-cash deals are Baby Boomers, mostly because this generation is starting to retire.
- For instance, in 2012, there were 61.8 million Americans over the age of 60, according to the Census. In 2000, that figure was 46.6 million.
- Home mortgage lending dropped to \$115 billion during the first quarter, which is the lowest it's been in three years.
- Meanwhile, in the first three months of 2014, buyers paid \$105.1 billion of their own money for properties, compared with \$84.7 billion the year before.
- And the percentage of purchases made by investors (who are typically associated with all-cash deals) fell to the lowest first-quarter level since 2010.
- About 16.3 million Americans over the age of 60 owned their homes outright in 2012, according to Census data. In 2009, that number was 12.1 million.
- About 39 percent of Baby Boomers want to retire to a rural community, such as a farm or a small town, according to a Better Homes poll.
- About 27 percent want to move to an active adult community.
- Twenty six percent said they want to retire to a city.

Baby Boomers have historically been considered a very influential generation, in part because of their sheer size. And their latest activity on the national real estate market is likely to have a major impact on the state of the housing market for many years to come. The Baby Boomer generation is expected to stay in the housing market longer than the previous generation. Some even predict that Baby Boomers will be purchasing and selling properties well into their 80s because they have led active and healthier lives for a longer period than their parents.

At Leslie Cain Realty, we are keeping an eye on real estate trends to better guide our clients in this ever-changing market!

Guest Column

BY BOB MOOS/SOUTHWEST PUBLIC AFFAIRS OFFICE FOR U.S. CENTERS FOR MEDICARE & MEDICAID SERVICES

Few people plan for cost of long-term care

Long-term care can be one of the biggest expenses of retirement. Yet few people plan for it.

If you're 65, you have just about a 50-50 chance of entering a nursing home at some point. The average cost of a private room now exceeds \$75,000 per year, and the average length of stay is almost 2 ½ years. That adds up to more than \$185,000.

One reason people don't give much thought to the high cost of long-term care is that they figure they won't have to pay for it. If and when the time comes, they tell themselves, Medicare will pick up most of the tab, the same as it does for hospital stays and doctor visits.

But that's not the case. It can be a real eye-opener to discover that Medicare typically doesn't pay for long-term "custodial care" – the kind of personal care that helps you with such day-to-day tasks as getting in and out of bed, bathing, dressing and eating.

Medicare does cover some skilled nursing or rehabilitative care if a physician orders it after a hospital stay of at least three days. You pay nothing during

the first 20 days of your care and then part of the cost for the next 80 days. After 100 days, you're responsible for all bills.

So, since Medicare won't cover long-term custodial care, what are the most common options?

- Private long-term care insurance. Such policies were once seen as the most promising way to finance long-term care. But sharp premium increases in recent years have made the coverage more difficult to afford. Shopping for long-term care insurance requires planning ahead. If you wait until you need it, you may not get it, since people with disabilities may not qualify.

- Life savings and other personal resources. Long-term care residents often cover their expenses out of their own pockets, tapping their savings and investments or perhaps even home equity. The high cost of such care, however, can quickly exhaust those personal resources. Many people go through their nest eggs much more quickly than they had anticipated.

- Medicaid. Let's look at this option more closely, since it finances a large share of long-term

care in this country. Although the program is usually seen as the state and federal safety net that provides health care coverage to the poor, it also pays for the long-term care of millions of older and disabled Americans after they have impoverished themselves.

Over the years, policy-makers have debated whether the government should create a publicly financed program specifically to help pay for the nation's long-term care costs. In the absence of any emerging political consensus, Medicaid remains the public insurance program that most closely addresses that growing social and economic issue.

As anyone requiring long-term care learns, there are strings attached to Medicaid's assistance. You must meet stringent asset and income limits.

Though the eligibility rules vary from state to state, you generally can keep no more than a home, your personal belongings, a car and a small amount of savings -- often no more than \$2,000. Nor can you give away assets or sell them for less than market value to qualify for Med-

icaid. The state will look at your financial records for the past five years to check for any improper transfers. If it finds one, your eligibility will be delayed.

Also, in many states, you can have only a meager income. Long-term care residents who have been approved for Medicaid coverage must contribute much of their income -- such as from Social Security or a pension -- toward the cost of their care, after deducting a small allowance for personal needs, the cost of health care insurance premiums and, for couples, an allowance for at-home spouses.

And finally, after you die, Medicaid has the right to seek reimbursement from your estate for what it has spent on your long-term care.

As you can see, there are no easy answers when it comes to covering the cost of long-term care. But learning now about your options will pay off if and when the day arrives that you can't look after yourself.

(To visit with a counselor from your state's Health Insurance Assistance Program, call 1-800-252-9240)

This Week in Your Neighborhood

- Bob Sealey's 30th anniversary Big Bass Splash is this weekend at Lake Fork. Over 3,000 fishermen are expected to be on the water Friday, Saturday and Sunday. The tournament is headquartered at Lake Fork Marina a

huge crowd will be out Sunday afternoon for a chance at one of the many prizes to be given away.

- The annual Forever Young Activity Center (FYAC) on South Main Street garage sale will be

Sept. 22 from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. and 23 from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. Lunch will be served both days for \$5. Donations will be accepted at the center Wednesday Sept. 21 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

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Wurlington W. Hughes, 97, received special recognition and a pin for his 75 years as a Mason. Hughes became a Mason in 1940 at the Grand Prairie Lodge. Hughes (above, seated) lives in Quitman and in the photo is surrounded by many of his lodge brothers.



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Crisis Center fundraiser Saturday

The East Texas Crisis Center of Wood County is spreading awareness of domestic violence and sexual abuse with its first ever Boots and Bling BBQ fundraiser this Saturday night.

The fundraiser will be held at the Hatcreek Cowboy Fellowship, located on Broadway St. in Winnsboro and it starts at 6 p.m.

Christian Entwistle, East Texas Crisis Center coordinator, said this will be an annual event.

"The event will benefit victims of domestic and family violence as well as sexual assault," Entwistle said. "All the proceeds stay in Wood County."

Visitors will enjoy a nice barbeque meal and will have a chance to bid on auction items. There will be a silent and live auction filled with lots of items. Door prizes will also be given out.

Entwistle said there will be featured speakers including Deborah Chelette-Wilson, an author and licensed professional counselor, out of Winnsboro. She also specializes in post traumatic stress syndrome and has written several novels.

Tickets can be purchased at the gate or in advance.

The East Texas Crisis Center of Wood County is located on 218 Franklin St. in downtown Winnsboro and is open Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

The center provides safety, shelter, counseling, advocacy and education to victims of family violence, sexual assault and other violent crimes in all of Wood County.

According to the center, domestic violence is the leading cause of injury to women - more than car accidents, muggings and rapes combined. Based on reports, between 55 and 95 percent of women abused by their partners have never contacted nongovernmental organizations, shelters or the police for help.

"They are so fearful of their lives," Entwistle said. "I see so many reports of women getting abused but they don't want to press charges. We want to help spread awareness of this abuse and save lives."

For more information, contact Amy Askew Bell at 903-767-3721 or the center at 903-342-6111.

Alba

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it is finished, it is done with, the 2016 fair is not happening again. It's just done," Maynard said.

The council voted unanimously to accept the report.

The council tabled two agenda items. The stripping on the square was tabled until more bids could be accepted. The air conditioning units at city hall and at the water department office need to be replaced. It was tabled until the council has more time to study the needs and get more bids. Water department head Paul Kelbe has been using a personal air conditioner this summer at the department office.

Kelbe reported the water department works from 7 a.m. to 3 p.m. straight through with no lunch. "We might grab a sandwich but we don't take more than 15 minutes for that," Kelbe said.

In the police department report Chief Tim Koonce had 55 calls for service, 17 ordinance violations, 53 citations issued, 10 warnings, 63 public assists, 28 agency assists, three civil calls, one funeral escort, one medical call, one criminal trespass and one theft call at Dollar General Store and served one county warrant.

Wanda Gaby gave a report on the economic development corporation (EDC). "We have met twice since the board members were appointed by the city council. At our first meeting we reorganized and elected officers," Gaby said. "We adopted articles of corporation and we are currently waiting on the attorney to get our by-laws back to us for adoption. At our second meeting we approved a budget for the coming year. We started a Facebook page and revamped our web site. We are planning to get the business of the month project going

again. We are excited and this committee is ready to work."

Sandra Burge reported the Alba Library had a collection of 17,616 books. "We are now receiving best sellers for the fall and winter. The library has applied for a grant from the Wood County EDC to repair the roof and the back part of the museum," Burge said.

In another action, the council approved a resolution authorizing an application to the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department.

A special meeting to set the budget and adopt a tax rate was approved for Tuesday, Sept. 20 at 6:30 p.m.

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Commissioners

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Bradshaw was hired part time at \$10 per hour.

In other actions commissioners approved:

- The payroll of \$310,520.85; health and dental claims of \$23,161.50; and accounts payable of \$417,645.26.

- Receiving of \$6,728.83 from excess proceeds for Wood County tax sale properties.

- Setting public hearing for revision of lots 292, 293 and 294 Section 4, Holly Lake Ranch Subdivision for October 7, 2016.

- A minimum bid from Weldon Davis for the tax sale struck off property at Sun Eagle Bay

- A trade-in of a 1995 used Ford F-150 truck in Precinct #3 for a like kind purchase of a Ford F-150 truck.

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Wood County Electric hosts blood drive this Friday

The Wood County Electric Cooperative is hosting a blood drive this Friday from 7:30 to 11 a.m. in their parking lot on the Carter BloodCare bus.

For more information or to schedule an appointment time, contact Denise Rebolini at 903-763-2203.



From left, Assistant Band Director- Percussion Specialist James Best accepts an official proclamation by the Mayor of Mineola from Mineola City Secretary Cynthia Karch, recognizing the middle school band and their accomplishment as UIL State Honor Band. (Monitor photo by Evan Dudley)

Civic center to host All-School Reunion for Homecoming

The Mineola All School Reunion is scheduled for Friday and Saturday, Sept. 30 and Oct. 1, during Mineola's Homecoming weekend.

The Mineola Civic Center is hosting three events for the reunion which requires the purchase of a \$50 wristband.

The festivities begin Friday, Sept. 30, at 6:30 p.m. with pregame tailgating at Meredith Memorial Stadium before the Yellowjackets take on the Quitman Bulldogs at 7:30 p.m. Tickets for the game must be purchased separately.

The civic center will host two events Saturday, Oct. 1, beginning with a morning brunch from 9 to 10 a.m. in Meredith Hall.

A reunion dinner and dance will be held from 6 to 11 p.m. at the same location as the brunch. The dinner and dance will include a program honor-

ing the 1966 football team along with 1970s alumnus Bobby Tucker and 1980s alumnus State Senator Bryan Hughes. Wayne Collins and Charm Norris, 1941 alumni, will be honored as reunion king and queen. Disc Jockey Kenny Smith will provide entertainment for the evening.

Approximately 150 people have registered for the event and registration has been extended to Monday. Alumni and non-alumni are all welcome to register for a wristband to the events.

Lodging in Mineola is filling up but there will be room for RVs at the civic center with a reservation.

For more information about the Mineola All School Reunion or to register for a wristband, visit the All School Reunion Facebook page or contact the civic center at 903-569-6115.

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The first volunteer meeting for this year's Caring & Sharing Christmas campaign in Mineola will be Monday at 6 p.m. at First Christian Church in Mineola.

The church is located at 209 North Pacific Street in Mineola.

"Please come and help," said the campaigns publicity person, Barbara Morgan.

Breakfast with a Heart fundraiser this Saturday

The Breakfast with a Heart fundraiser is Saturday from 7 to 9:30 a.m. at the First Christian Church in Mineola.

The fundraising breakfast benefits the Bread of life Ministries Food Pantry. Suggested donations are \$7 for adults and \$4

for children under eight. The breakfast will include sausage, ham, bacon, eggs, pancakes, biscuits and gravy, jams and jellies and coffee and orange juice.

For more information, contact Kenneth Teo at 903-279-6969.

Christian Women's Peace Luncheon this Saturday

The Christian Women's Peace and Unity Luncheon is Saturday beginning at 11 a.m. at St. Peter's Catholic Church in Mineola.

Fran Ihler will be the guest speaker and women of all denominations

are invited to attend. Lunch will be served following the program and attendees are asked to take a covered dish.

For more information, call Amy Teo at 903-569-8708 or Pamela Price at 903-638-9384.

Weems new bank officer

"We are happy to announce the election of Danny W. Weems as President and Chief Executive Officer of First National Bank of Gilmer" said Frank Breazeale, Chairman of the board of First Gilmer Bankshares.

Weems is a native of Idalou and graduated from Idalou High School. He attended and graduated from Lubbock Christian College, Texas Tech Intermediate School of Banking and Southwestern Graduate School of Banking in Dallas.

Weems and his wife Jazque are the parents of Chase, Danielle and Cody. He is a member of Gilmer Rotary Club and attends Gilmer Church of Christ. He has been with First National Bank of Gilmer for 12 years as Senior Vice President and Cashier.

"I am deeply honored and excited to accept the position of President and CEO of First National Bank of Gilmer", said Weems. "I look forward to working with the Board of Directors of First Gilmer Bankshares and our employees as we continue to serve our customers and friends."

In other board action, Daniel Castro was promoted to Senior Executive Vice President & Chief Lending Officer; Mack Dean was promoted to Senior Vice President & Chief Financial Officer; and Barry Smith was promoted to Senior Vice President.

First Gilmer Bankshares is the parent company of First National Bank of Gilmer with locations in Pittsburg, Big Sandy and Gilmer Walmart; Texas American Bank in Mount Vernon, Wood County national Bank with locations in Mineola, Quitman and Emory; and Security State Bank, N.A., with locations in Ore City and Diana.



Danny W. Weems

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Mineola Police Report

Mineola police reports for the past week included:

Sept. 7 – Two Mineola men were arrested at 1:02 a.m. after being stopped for racing vehicles on North Johnson Street. An officer arrested Juster James Martin, 19, for no liability insurance and Stephen Pruitt-Handy, 54, for a parole violation.

Charges are pending and Child Protective Services was notified of an incident in which a grandmother called and said her five-month-old grandchild had been left alone in a residence on Bromberg Street. During the investigation police found that the mother left the child on the floor at the residence and sent the grandmother a Facebook message to let her know that she went to work, which is out of town. The baby was there for an hour before the grandmother just happened to look at her phone and found the message. The grandmother went there immediately and found the baby to be okay.

Police arrested Jeffrey Don Neal, 45, Lindale, on a warrant out of Pike County Sheriff's Office. He was a passenger in a vehicle accident on South Pacific Street.

Sept. 6 – Perkins Rentals reported a burglary with no forced entry. Someone attempted to remove some batteries from some equipment inside the

building. The matter is under investigation.

A fight was reported in the street on West Blair. The two males were gone when officers arrived. Police arrested Jeremy Scott Baker, 41, Seagoville, for possession of a controlled substance more than one gram and less than four after a traffic stop on Sycamore Street for failure to use turn signal. Amy Michelle Weisse, 43, Mineola, was arrested as a passenger in the vehicle for no seatbelt.

Sept. 5 – A man reported he found a debit card left in the ATM at a local bank. It was returned to the owner.

A man on Porter Street got home to find his house was burglarized. Someone entered through a window and stole a laptop and some business checks. This is under investigation.

An officer arrested James Tyran Henley, 35, Mineola for operation of a bicycle on a road without lights and riding on the wrong side of the road. He was arrested on Wren Street.

Sept. 4 – Officers were called to Goodson Circle when a tenant stated her neighbor was banging on the walls. Both people were talked to and they agreed to talk to each other.

Officers responded to a call about the well-being of a woman seen lying on a porch. Police found she was fine, just

napping.

Officers checked on the well-being of a woman on North Newsom whose son could not reach on the telephone. They found that the woman was all right.

At 8:32 p.m. a one-vehicle rollover was reported at Highways 69 and 80. A 2013 Hyundai SUV driven by Gwendolyn Mallet, 54, Quitman, was traveling south on Highway 69 when she attempted to turn east on Broad Street. The vehicle struck a guide wire and curb at CVS and rolled over. The driver was transported to East Texas Medical Center Hospital in Quitman.

Sept. 3 – an officer arrested William Jacob Walker, 22, Alba, for driving with an invalid license after he was stopped at North Pacific and Kilpatrick Streets for an expired registration.

A disturbance was called in between a man and woman fighting on Walnut Street. They were separated when the officer arrived and told the officer it was only an argument.

At 8:33 p.m. police received a complaint about loud music on Krause Street. The tenants were having a birthday party and were told to turn down the music.

Sept. 2 – Police arrested Donnie Gene Hollowell, 34, a transient from Illinois, at the train depot for an Illinois proba-

tion violation warrant. Someone called police about a suspicious person when he was seen walking the area and looking in vehicles.

A man reported that his debit card had been used twice in Arizona. The matter is under investigation.

An owner of rental property on Harris Street reported it had been vandalized.

Officers assisted a motorist on South Pacific Street when they lost a bicycle from their vehicle. The officer found the bicycle at the railroad tracks and returned it to the owners.

Sept. 1 – Police arrested Adrian Lavoy Williams, 18, Mineola on North Newsom Street for a Wood County warrant for criminal mischief. Officers reported seeing Williams as a passenger in a vehicle and knew he was wanted on a warrant.

A local business woman reported her company's debit card had been fraudulently used around the Houston area. There were two charges on the card totaling over \$500. The matter is under investigation.

Police arrested Kayce Ladoyce Johnston, 35, and Delani Nissen, 40, both of Mineola for possession of drug paraphernalia. The SUV Johnston was driving was pulled over on South Pacific Street for failing to use a turn signal.

Wood County Sheriff's Report

Sept. 6 – Deputy Brandie Cunningham was dispatched to Jarvis Christian College at Hawkins in response to a report that a security guard had been assaulted. The security guard stated he had been attempting to break up a fight between three males when one of the men pushed him and attempted to hit him. Cunningham also spoke with the suspect who stated he pushed the security guard because he did not want to talk to him and he was trying to get away from him. Jakiran Jaquez Lewis, 18, of Hawkins was arrested and transported to jail. He is charged with assault on a security officer.

Sergeant Austin Cryer arrested Louis Ludwan Jennings, 29, of Dallas, following a report from a Jarvis Christian College security officer that Jennings was captured on surveillance footage entering a student's dorm room and exiting with several items belonging to the student. Jennings admitted entering the student's dorm room without consent and taking the student's property. Jennings was transported to jail without incident. He is charged with burglary of a habitation.

Sept. 5 – While serv-

ON-SITE & WARRANT ARRESTS

Chester Bowie, 36, Quitman, burglary of a habitation with intent to commit felony, theft, assault; Joseph Edward Smith, Jr., Mineola, release of surety, possession of marijuana; release of surety unlawful possession of firearm by felon; release of surety, evading arrest or detention with a vehicle;

Kenneth Ray Yarber, 55, Mineola, motion to adjudicate guilt, theft of property \$20 or more but less than \$500;

James Garrett Thomas, 23, Omaha, motion to adjudicate guilt, theft of property \$20 or more but less than \$500;

Vernon Craig Phillips, 38, Buffalo, Wyoming, bond forfeiture, failure to appear, aggravated assault with deadly weapon; bond forfeiture, failure to appear, possession of prohibited weapon, enhanced; bond forfeiture, failure to appear, unlawful possession of a firearm; bond forfeiture, failure to appear, burglary of a habitation, felony, use deadly weapon; bail jumping and failure to appear;

Michael Joe Combs, 25, Winnsboro, assault against elderly/disabled; interfere with emergency phone call;

John Randy Goodson, 27, Gilmer, out of county warrant, child support;

Adrian Lavoy Williams, 18, Mineola, motion to adjudicate guilt, criminal mis-

chief;

Stephanie Diane Morris, 35, Winnsboro, motion to revoke probation, driving while license invalid with prior conviction(s);

Terrance Michael Willaby, 17, commitment, no driver's license; commitment, expired motor vehicle registration;

Jamie Lee Brown, 33, Quitman, theft of property \$20 or more but less than \$500;

Jessie Ray Pruner, 42, Longview, out of county warrant, burglary of a habitation; out of county warrant, unlawful possession of firearm by felon;

Caleb Christopher Click, 27, Quitman, commitment, aggravated assault with deadly weapon;

Derrick Michael Bright, 28, Yantis, speeding; driving while license invalid; assault causes bodily injury, family violence;

Jeffery Allen Bullington, 35, Hawkins, bail jumping and failure to appear;

Donnie Gene Hollowell, 34, address unknown, out of county warrant, probation revocation;

Darrell Rayburn Glossup, 48, Tyler, injury disabled individual; interfere with emergency phone call;

Adolphus Eugene Brown, 60, Quitman, driving while intoxicated;

Melton Drew Williams, 65, Mineola, bail jumping and failure to appear;

Joshua Rashad Hatcher, 23, Hawkins,

out of county warrant, theft of property \$2,500 or more but less than \$30,000;

Joshua Ryan Buckley, 30, Mesquite, out of county warrant, driving while license invalid with prior conviction(s); out of county warrant, probation violation, driving while intoxicated;

Milisa Dee Cooper, 40, Winnsboro, driving while license invalid;

Keith Michael Casey, 31, Garland, driving while license invalid;

Austin William Henderson, 24, Hawkins, possession of a controlled substance;

Amanda Rene Allen, 33, Hawkins, bond forfeiture, failure to appear, possession of a controlled substance;

Danny Ray Cowart, 33, Mineola, speeding;

Russell Glenn Robinson, 46, Quitman, speeding;

Jared Michael Williams, 28, Whitehouse, release of surety, possession of a controlled substance; bond forfeiture, driving while license invalid with prior conviction(s);

Blake Patterson Stansbury, 36, Winnsboro, assault causes bodily injury, family;

Jakiran Jaquez Lewis, 18, Hawkins, assault on security officer;

Louis Ludwan Jennings, 29, Dallas, burglary of a habitation; out of county warrant, bond forfeiture and failure to appear, possession of marijuana.

ing a felony warrant at a residence on County Road 3811, Deputies Steven Fields and Josh Davis arrested Austin Williams Henderson, 24, of Hawkins, who was inside the residence along with the subject of the warrant. Henderson was arrested after he admitted ownership of a syringe loaded with suspected methamphetamine. He was

transported to jail and charged with possession of a controlled substance. Amanda Rene Allen, 33, of Hawkins, was arrested on the outstanding warrant for bond forfeiture, failure to appear and possession of a controlled substance.

Deputy Davis was dispatched to a residence on CR 2935 for a burglary report. The complainant advised he had been

away from home for the past six weeks and had been advised by a neighbor that his Hobart MIG welder was missing from his shop building. The neighbor reported that he had last seen the welder in place on Aug. 31. Entry into the shop is believed to have been made through a large dog door. This case has been forwarded to CID and investigators will work to

develop suspects.

Deputy Fields took a report of a stolen vehicle from a complainant on Highway 69 in the Mineola area. The man advised that his pewter colored 1999 Chevrolet 2500 pickup was stolen sometime Aug. 30. Fields recorded the truck VIN as well as the names of possible suspects. This case has been turned over for additional investigation.

Sept. 4 – While on routine patrol in the Winnsboro area, Deputy Kevin Atkinson observed a pickup which failed to properly stop at an intersection. A routine check of the operator's driver's license revealed she was driving while her license was suspended. Milisa Dee Cooper, 40, of Winnsboro, was arrested and transported to jail. She is charged with driving with invalid license.

Sept. 3 – Deputy Melissa Pollard took a theft report on CR 3270. A man reported that his son owns the property but he is the caretaker and had

arrived to find a used radiator missing. The case has been turned over to an investigator.

Sept. 2 – Deputy Pollard was dispatched to a residence on CR 4294 in the Winnsboro area for a burglary report. The complainants stated they had discovered multiple items missing from both inside the residence and from a shop building on the property. Deputy Pollard noted there were signs of forced entry on the back door. The case has been turned over to CID for additional investigation.

Lieutenant Robert Holland and Deputy Atkinson were dispatched to a residence on Farm-to-Market Road 2225 in reference to a disturbance. The deputies were notified before arrival that a man at the location was causing a disturbance and needed to be removed from the property.

Read more online at www.woodcountymonitor.com

Mineola Fire Report

Mineola Fire Department calls for the past two weeks were:

September 6 – At 5:12 p.m. the department was dispatched to Farm-to-Market Road 16 for a forest, woods or wildland fire.

September 4 – At 11:21 a.m. the department was dispatched to County Road 2840 for a building fire. At 8:26 p.m. the department was dispatched East Broad and Pacific Streets for a vehicle accident with injuries. At 6:48 p.m. the department was dispatched to Landers Street and at 10:59 p.m. to Private Road 6645 to assist EMS.

September 3 – At 9:19 a.m. the department was dispatched to FM 1799 and at 5:52 p.m. to Wren Street to assist EMS. At 11:30 a.m. the department was dispatched to CR 2425 for a forest, woods or wildland fire.

September 1 – At 1:47 p.m. the department was



The Reyes family home on County Road 2840 west of Mineola burned Sunday, Sept. 4 with the fire having been reported at 11:20 a.m. Multiple fire departments responded to the blaze. (Monitor photo by Doris Newman)

dispatched to FM 2422 to assist EMS and at 4:52 p.m. to CR 3340 for a forest, woods or wildland fire.

August 30 – At 7:43 p.m. the department was dispatched to CR 2336 to assist EMS.

August 29 – At 9:04 a.m. the department was

dispatched to West Pat-

ten Street to assist police by providing a ladder to search. At 6:36 p.m. to CR 2425 to assist EMS. August 28 – At 10:36 a.m. the department was dispatched to FM 1253 but was canceled en route. At 1:22 p.m. the department was dis-

patched to Highway 80 to assist EMS.

August 26 – At 12:33 p.m. the department was dispatched to North Pacific Street to assist EMS.

August 25 – At 8:30 a.m. the department was dispatched to Loop 564 and at 3:53 p.m. to CR 2775 to assist EMS.

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Prior to last Friday's football game Quitman Brookshire's Manager Jason Davis presented Quitman High School Principal Dana Hamrick a \$1,000 check as part of the store's Extra Point program. (Monitor photo by Larry Tucker)

CMA

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and Kyle Ryan and will feature four original co-written songs, as well as covers of eight holiday favorites.

"Working on my first

Christmas album has been one of the most enriching musical experiences I've ever had and I can't wait for everyone to hear it," she said. "I really wanted to create a whimsical throwback holiday record, one that evokes feelings of nostalgia and simpler times."

In Appreciation

We would like to thank everyone for your donations and prayers for our beloved brother, Charlie Joe Sanders.

And a special thank you to Bro. Byron, Sonny Hass, Amazing Grace Fellowship Baptist Church and Bartley Funeral Home in Alba.


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Golden Water Supply Corp is not required to extend retail water or sewer utility service to a service applicant in a subdivision where the developer of the subdivision has failed to comply with the subdivision policy.

Among other requirements, the subdivision policy requires:

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- Payment of costs of any improvements to Golden Water Supply Corporation's system that are necessary to provide the water service;
- Construction according to design approved by Golden Water Supply Corp service area may be reviewed at the Golden Water Supply Corporation's offices at 335 WCR 2943, Golden, TX 75444 and at www.goldenwatersupplycorp.com. The Tariff/policy and service area map also are filed on record at the Texas Commission of Environmental Quality in Austin, TX and may be reviewed by contacting TCEQ, c/o Utility Rates and Services (Certification and Rate Design) Section, Water Utility Division, P.O. Box 13087, Austin, TX 78711.

Obituaries

RAYMOND DUSTIN (DUSTY) ARNOLD 1932-2016

LAKE FORK-Funeral services for Dusty Arnold, 84, will be held today (Wednesday) at 2 p.m. at West Oaks Funeral Home Chapel in Sulphur Springs with Craig Arnold officiating.

Burial will follow in the Odd Fellows Cemetery, Sulphur Springs.

He served in the U.S. Army, worked for Texas Instruments and retired from HDW of Pennsylvania.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Helen and former wife, Mary Jo; his parents; sister Linda Freeman and stepson, Frank King.

Survivors include sons, Craig and Eric Arnold; daughter, Laurel Clement; mother of his children, Ruth Arnold, Richardson; sister, Jane Smith; brothe, Roger Arnold; stepdaughter, DeVia Murry; one grandchild; one stepchild and one great-grandchild.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Hospice of East Texas.



KENNETH R. PONDER 1942-2016

A memorial service was held Sept. 10 for Kenneth R. Ponder.

Mr. Ponder died on Friday, Sept. 2, 2016 at his home in Quitman at the age of 73 from cancer. He was born Oct. 12, 1942 in Stuttgart, Arkansas.

Mr. Ponder was a veteran who served in the United States Air Force. Most recently, he was a school bus driver for the Lindale School District.

Mr. Ponder is survived by his wife, Lillian; his daughters, Kenna Johnson and Kathy Ponder; his stepchildren, Lisa Templeton, Patrick Slowinski and John Slowinski; his sister, Virginia



Dominic

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treatments which included numerous rounds of chemotherapy, surgeries, stem cell harvest and transplant, months of immune-therapy and radiation. After completing numerous treatments he went into remission. On his fifth birthday, af-

ter months of remission, Dominic was rushed to Dallas with severe leg pains.

After scans were done, it was found he had relapsed and cancer had spread throughout his body, including his skull. He was given a three percent chance of survival. He fought hard, but in January it was determined he would begin all natural therapies

including supplements, ozone therapy and a strict diet while continuing oral chemotherapy.

The young patient won the hearts of many over the years of his struggle. Dominic found comfort in all things about fishing. According to his parents, Juan and Tammy Ayala, as Dominic was being administered chemotherapy, he would fish from his bed in a bucket of water with fishing lures.

In April, just weeks before he passed away, Dominic was able to go on a special fishing trip through Texas Hunt for a Cure. Because of the time and effort of the organization, the memorial jamboree was established to raise funds for Texas Hunt for a Cure.

Dominic's uncle, Nathan Crist was able to go on the trip with Dominic, his father Juan and older brother Matthew Crayton. "I was fortunate to be able to go on the fishing trip with them at Lake Tawakoni with

guide Randy Parker. You can't imagine what a great thing this is for the kids in these situations," Crist said. "It was an experience I will never forget. You can see just how important the trips are for these kids. It is simply amazing what it does for a sick kid."

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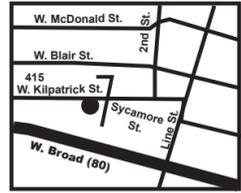
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Wreck

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and had a glazed look in her eyes. She had cuts to her head and her chest and her face was covered

in blood.

The accident was paged out at 3:50 p.m. and Mineola Fire Department and Police Department responded. Firefighters had to use the Jaws of Life to extricate Kratzmeyer from the front seat of the Cadillac. Texas Department of Public Safety Trooper Stephen Nichols arrived and took over the investigation.

Nichols said that Moranville-Fry was headed south on the loop and failed to yield the right-of-way to a red light. The F150 that was going north clipped the back end of Cadillac and in turn that resulted in the Hemphill vehicle headed toward Mineola on 69 hitting the passenger side of the car broadside. The trooper said he would issue a citation for failure to yield the right-of-way to Moranville-Fry.

Moranville-Fry is the granddaughter of Charles and Linda Fry. They wondered how the accident had occurred and he said that she was normally always very cautious in her driving.

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Betty Maurine Adams 1924 - 2016



Funeral services for Betty Maurine Adams, 92, of Mineola, were held Wednesday, September 7, 2016 at Hiett's LyBrand Funeral Home Chapel in Wills Point. Burial followed at White Rose Cemetery. Betty passed away in Tyler on September 4, 2016.

Betty Maurine Adams was born June 30, 1924, in Dallas, TX. She married Rupert Adams on January 30, 1941, and they made their home in Dallas for a short while before moving to Irving to raise their five children. Betty was employed with Sears and Roebuck Company and then the Texas Baptist Home. She was also employed with the Quinlan Independent School District until she retired. She was a member of Christ Memorial Baptist Church in Quinlan. Betty loved to cook and spend time with all her grandchildren.

She is preceded in death by her husband, Rupert Adams; daughter, Patricia Gail Bowdin; and an infant child; grandson, Michael Bowdin; and a son-in-law, Van L. Zandt. Betty is survived by her sons, James Adams of Terrell and Kenneth Adams and wife, Lorie of Quinlan; daughters, Jean Herrington and husband Larry of Mineola, and Sharon Zandt of Waxahachie; grandchildren, Tammy Stanford, Kim Hudgins, Phillip and Todd Herrington, Susan Gibson, Larry Adams, Lisa Adams, Ryan Adams, Erick and Derek Zandt, Matthew Bowdin and Heather Logan; sister, Jerry Tollett and husband Bill of Irving; thirty seven great grandchildren and twelve great great grandchildren.

GROUNDING Jackets recapture identity; run over Wills Point, 36-3

By EVAN DUDLEY
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It only took three games but the sleeping giant has awakened.

Chantz Perkins walked off the cemented green turf at Meredith Memorial Stadium, pouring sweat and exuding pride, knowing his team had finally put all the preseason distractions behind them and corrected the mistakes that held them back the first two weeks of the season.

The Mineola Yellowjackets (1-2) notched their first win of the season Friday night against Wills Point (0-3) following a 36-3 romp of the winless Tigers.

The defense – which surrendered 72 points the first two games – allowed only a field goal on the Tigers'

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Senior Chantz Perkins (9) runs through a wide-open hole on his way to the endzone. Perkins had 167 yards rushing and two touchdowns on the evening. (Photo courtesy of Gene's Photography)



Quitman's Teague Stewart (50) leads the way for Bulldog running back Kayden White. (Monitor photo by Larry Tucker)

Bulldogs fall to Beckville

By LARRY TUCKER
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The Quitman offense came to life and the defense held its own against high scoring Beckville before the Bulldogs finally fell to the undefeated Bearcats 43-11 at Bud Moody Stadium.

The Bulldogs held their own against the Bearcats, who came into the game as a 45 point favorite. Quitman piled up 275 offensive yards. Quarterback Jake Farmer gained 94 rushing yards, including a 56 yard touchdown run, and Kayden White had 86 yards on the ground. A.J. Dunn added another 50 yards and Wacey Warren ploughed his way for 40 more.

"We had our chances, but we couldn't get the ball in the end zone. I am very proud of this team. That was a really good team we played out there and our kids got after it," Coach John Woodard said. "I saw a lot of good things out there from our team. We had good production and sustained some drives."

Beckville got two first quarter scores, but only had to drive 22 yards and 18 yards to get those scores, putting them up 13-0. The Bulldogs had snapping and punting problems again giving the Bearcats short distances to the goal line. Beckville scored on 23 yard pass and run play with Trey Lindsey tossing to Austin Roys for the score.

That was followed by an 18 yard run by Ja'von Lewis with 5:39 left in the quarter. In the second stanza, Beckville stretched their lead to 21-0 on a 19 yard pass play with just over seven minutes to go in the half.

The Bulldogs came right back on tough runs of by Warren, White and Dunn to drive for four first downs, but a fumble gave the ball back to Beckville. But this time, Bulldog Brad

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Mineola's Moore gets call to majors

Adam Moore, a 2004 graduate of Mineola High School, has been called up to the major leagues by the Cleveland Indians.

Moore, who has spent the summer with Cleveland's Triple-A affiliate in Columbus, Ohio, was called up on Sept. 1 as an emergency third catcher for the final four weeks of the 2016 regular season.

The Cleveland Indians currently lead the American League Central Division by six games heading into the final month of the season.



Lady Bulldogs open district with win

By LARRY TUCKER
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After fighting off a feisty Scurry-Rosser team for a 26-24 win in game one, the Quitman Lady Bulldogs got down to business in the next two games to sweep the Lady Wildcats 3-0 in the first district game for both teams. Quitman would take games two and three by the scores of 25-16 and 25-14.

In the first game the score was tied 10 times throughout the contest, but dominating net play from Kaci Raley and Molly Tanner spelled the difference in the outcome. Quitman led 23-20 until Scurry-Rosser fought back to knot the score 24-24. A good serve by Madalyn Spears was

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Abby Dobbs serves during Quitman's district win over Scurry-Rosser Friday. (Monitor photo by Larry Tucker)

COACHES CORNER



Mineola Head Football Coach
JOE DRENNON

"The difference in this game from the last two games is we didn't turn the ball over. We made mistakes and got some personal fouls we got to clean up and we'll get that taken care of this week.

Bottom line is we held on to the ball and executed our offense."



Mineola Head Volleyball Coach
KERRY VAN CLEAVE

"We started out slow Tuesday, did a great job of fighting back but just couldn't pull out the win. The girls don't have anything to hang their heads about. Lots of improvement is being seen across the board from everyone. We've come a long way from August 1st and are continuing to improve. We have to find some consistency and keep on working, one game at a time."



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Lady Jackets drop two, including district opener

By EVAN DUDLEY
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The Mineola Lady Jackets did not have the kind of week they had hoped for with the start of district play Friday. The Lady Jackets dropped both matches this week including their district opener against Eustace.

Mineola lost their last non-district match against Brownsboro last Tuesday in

five sets, 21-25, 23-25, 25-15, 25-21 and 10-15.

"We started out slow Tuesday, did a great job of fighting back but just couldn't pull out the win," said Head Coach Kerry Van Cleave. "The girls don't have anything to hang their heads about. Lots of improvement is being seen across the board from every one."

Lauren Almuete, once again, led the way for the Lady Jack-

ets with 20 kills, five digs and three aces.

Jaycee Whitehead added eight kills of her own with Kiley Banks' 22 digs and a ridiculous 60 assists from Lanie Kelley, who also had five digs of her own.

The Lady Jackets flooded the stats sheet Tuesday in the loss and the trend continued Friday with an opening loss in district play.

Mineola lost to Eustace in

four sets, 25-18, 21-25, 22-35 and 18-25.

"After winning set one we struggled and we're back on a roller coaster, we'd start to move in the right direction but couldn't keep the momentum," Van Cleave said. "No one wants to start district with a loss but if we learn from it and keep moving forward, things will be ok."

Lauren Almuete continued her dominance at the net with

13 kills, five digs and one ace. Sabria Dean added six kills of her own.

Lanie Kelley had another incredible match of assists with 41. Jessiah Riley had nine digs and Jadi Lopez had eight digs with one kill.

"We've come a long way from August 1st and are continuing to improve," said Van Cleave. "We have to find some consistency and keep on working, one game at a time."



Madalyn Spears (5) and Kaci Raley (12) go up high at the net as Brittany Walls (3) and Cammie Hicks (14) prepare to back them up. (Monitor photo by Larry Tucker)

A-G starts district play with win

By EVAN DUDLEY
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The Alba-Golden Lady Panthers (12-8) began the week with a loss but returned to form Friday with a win over Edgewood to begin district play.

New Diane swept Alba-Golden Tuesday night 17-25, 18-25 and 11-25.

Ginny Carson had six kills for the Lady Panthers. Gracie Pendergrass had three kills and Bethany Carson and Kenzie Chadwick added two kills each.

Aspen Howard put up nine assists.

Carson and Howard both had one dig apiece for Alba-Golden.

"I'm playing right now without some key players," said Head Coach Tashara Everett. "I hope to have everyone back by the start of district."

The Lady Panthers rebounded Friday with the start of district play.

Alba-Golden swept Edgewood 25-16, 25-20 and 25-20.

Gracie Pendergrass had an incredible game with 20 kills for the Lady Panthers. Ginny Carson had three kills to go along with her two aces and Breezy Weisert and Macie Pendergrass added two kills each.

Weisert also had a great game supplying the Lady Panthers with 19 assists.

Lindsey Roberts had six digs with Carson adding four, Aspen Howard with three and Bethany Carson with two.

"We've been playing without two of our starters but got one of our starters back Friday," Everett said. "We played our level of play Friday."

Lady Bulldogs

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misplayed to give Quitman a 25-24 lead and Tanner finished it off with a kill for the 26-24 final.

In the second game, Scurry-Rosser closed the gap to 10-8 before Quitman would take control and dominate the rest of the way. The Lady Bulldogs increased their lead to 23-14 on a block and score from Raley before scoring the final 25-16 tally.

In game three, the Lady Bulldogs fell behind 11-12 before taking control. Quitman would outscore the Lady Wildcats 14-2 the rest of the way. Raley had 11 digs, 13 kills, two aces and three blocks; Tanner added five digs, eight kills, three aces and one block; Spears had five digs and seven kills; and Cammie Hicks had five digs, one kill and 21 assists.

Abby Dobbs played a great game on the back line and came through with several key serves during the contest. Brittany Walls continued hustle after balls kept them in play and led to Quitman scores. Macy

Wilson's play at the net also kept the Lady Wildcats at bay.

The win over Scurry-Rosser put the Lady Bulldogs 17-7 for the year and 1-0 in district play. They travel to Edgewood Tuesday and are at home Saturday against Alba-Golden.

Earlier in the week, the Lady Bulldogs ended their tough pre season slate with a 3-0 sweep over Van by scores of 25-16, 25-22, 25-21. Raley had 15 kills, 12 digs, three aces, one assist; Tanner had 14 digs, 12 kills, seven aces; and Hicks had 27 assists and two digs.

Fruitvale tops Lady Hawks in four sets

By KATIE MOORE

When it's time for the game to begin, the Lady Hawks approach their opponents to wish them good luck. They're nervous with excitement, hoping that they'll be able to pull out the win against the Fruitvale Bobcats. Seniors have been lost, and players have been moved up, left and right, trying to find their role on the newly formed team.

"One! Two! Three! LHP!" they yell as they head out onto the court.

After losing six graduating seniors, the Lady Hawks have had to work hard on developing a new team dynamic for the 2016 season.

"We are trying different systems and players in different positions to figure out what gives us the best opportunity to be successful," Coach Terri Boyd said. "We are a work in progress."

Looking toward the start of district play on Sept. 20, the Lady Hawks are hopeful for the new season

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The Yantis Lady Owls varsity recently got together with some talented Yantis alumni for a friendly volleyball match recently.



Yantis varsity volleyball falls to CHES

The Yantis Lady Owls lost a tough match in five sets to CHES home school by scores of 9-25, 25-8, 25-17, 15-25 and 7-15.

"The girls had a rough start but once they got in sync with each other

and decided they all wanted to win there was no breaking them apart. Sarah Wilkey was a beast on the net in last the game! She really showed her true colors out on the court," Coach Jamie Garcia said.

"They were all playing as a team. We were doing good until we made a few bad choices which pushed our confidence level down and cost us the game in the end. I really believe that if we can stay up and confident in ourselves and don't let the little mistakes get in our heads then we will be great." Statistics for the Lady Owls were Bailey Bush with two kills, three aces, 14 digs and one tip; Ashton Burnett had one kill, eight aces, seven assists, one block and one tip; Madison Jones with four kills, six aces, eight digs, four blocks and

two tips; Sarah Wilkey had four kills, two aces, four digs, four blocks and one tip; Maggie Hooker had six digs and one block; Gracie Beech with one kill and seven digs; Montana Wetzel had one ace, nine digs and four blocks; Jackie Lopez had one kill and 10 digs; and Maddie Hooker had one kill, three aces, eight digs and one tip.

The Lady Owls play at Union Hill this Friday and finish the preseason with a home match against CHES Sept. 20. They will open district play Sept. 23 at Quinlan Boles.

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Hawks top Eagles in hard-fought win

By KATIE MOORE

The home bleachers are full, fans ready to cheer on the Hawks at their first home game of the 2016 season. Parents, alumni, and students all wait in anticipation for the game to begin—but they keep waiting, as news spreads that the officiating team is a no-show. After two backup officials arrive, the game finally kicks off, with the Hawks hosting the Como-Pickton Eagles and two coaches serving on opposite sides as line

judges. After a down-to-the-wire loss to Cushing last week, the Hawks were able to pull out their first win of the season on their home turf with a score of 46-40. “We have made great strides since the first week and are beginning to get some back from injuries, which helps with depth and production,” Coach Bryan Price said before Friday’s game. “Expect an inspired performance from the Hawks Friday in front of the home crowd.”



Receiver Tristian Garrett looks for an open path. (Photo courtesy of Cassidy Atteberry)



Hawk receiver Everin Gipson struggles to retain possession against Como defenders. (Photo courtesy of Taylor Jones)

Price believes the losses the Hawks have faced are a lead-up to a great season.

“With new offensive and defensive schemes this year, we knew there would be a learning curve and time for our kids to get comfortable with what we are doing,” Price said. “Our last game was an opportunity to grow and learn how to handle adversity.”

The Hawks struck the first blow Friday night, with a score on their first possession, but they failed to get the PAT. Como soon scored, mak-

ing the game 6-6, and the back-and-forth began. The two teams each managed to drive down the field and score again quickly, putting the Hawks ahead 20-13 by halftime.

After halftime, each team continued to score on almost every possession. Hawkins had trouble converting extra points and nailing PATs, giving Como a chance to edge ahead at times. At the end of the third quarter, Hawkins running back Tristian Garrett got ejected for a personal foul, furthering the tension.

Late in the fourth quarter, Hawkins pulled ahead, putting the score at 46-40. Como had 1:20 to get down the field and into scoring position, but with seconds left on the

clock, their deep pass was intercepted by junior Hawk Everin Gipson, running the clock out.

The Hawks will travel to Timpson Friday.

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Texas Fest headlines 2017 Bassmaster lineup

The 2017 Bassmaster Elite Series schedule features more exciting twists and changes than the world's premiere tournament circuit has seen in its storied 11-year history.

This year, Bassmaster has added a new stop on the circuit, the Toyota Bassmaster Texas Fest. The event, which will replace and build upon Toyota Texas Bass Classic's decade-long legacy, is scheduled for May 17-21 on Sam Rayburn Reservoir, one of the hottest big-bass lakes in the United States.

"Toyota Bassmaster Texas Fest will combine the best features of the Toyota Texas Bass Classic and our own BASSfest tournament - both of which have become immensely popular among anglers and fishing fans," said B.A.S.S. CEO Bruce Akin. "Texas Fest will host a special Fan Appreciation Day offering anglers and their families opportunities to meet, greet and learn from the world's best professional anglers."

The Toyota Bassmaster Texas Fest will emphasize best practices in fishing conservation, including a catch, weigh and immediate release format. The event will also continue to benefit the Texas Parks & Wildlife Department, which has been instrumen-

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Mineola Country Club

SENIOR GOLF REPORT

The team of Mike Cearley, Jim Wray, Roger Stai and Mike Wester won first in the Senior Golf Scramble at Mineola Country Club Thursday. They shot (13 under) 58.

The second place team of Elroy Doggett, Ken Norlie, Jim Crow and Charles Rockey shot (11 under) 60.

Closest to the pin on hole #5 was FG Hardy. Crow drove closest on hole #9.

Dove hunting season a big deal in Texas

The first of September in Texas sounds a lot like the fourth of July with the steady "pop, pop, pop" of shotgun reports as upwards of a quarter million dove hunters take to the fields across the state for the tradition-rich opening day of the season.

"The opening of dove season is a big part of our state's hunting heritage," said Dave Morrison, big game program director with the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department. "It gives families and friends an opportunity to enjoy a day in the outdoors and share in our great state's bountiful natural resources."

Texas is home to several subspecies of dove, some are protected, but legal to hunt, such as the mourning, white-winged and white-tipped varieties. Others, like the rock dove and Eurasian collared, are unprotected and can be hunted. And, some, like the Inca dove, band-tailed pigeon and common ground dove, are protected and cannot be hunted.

More information about different dove, including images, can be found online at tpwd.texas.gov.

Roughly 10 percent of the nation's 350 million mourning dove - many of which migrate on the winds of fall cold fronts from states to the north - make their way across Texas during the winter. Because they are a migrant bird species, dove populations and hunting are managed jointly between federal government agencies in the U.S., Canada and Mexico.

This season, Texas hunters will see the longest dove season in 80 years and will see an increased dove population. A new 90-day season this fall means hunters will have 20 more days of opportunity compared with previous years. TPWD is integrating those additional days early in the season to take advantage of birds migrating into the state, as well as at the end of the season in the Special White-winged Dove Area to offer more wing-shooting opportunities.

Dove hunting is a big deal in Texas, not just in the number of participants, but for the contributions to local economies in rural areas of the state. According to figures compiled by Southwick and Associates, a market research, statistics and economics firm, direct expenditures and taxes from dove hunting contributes over \$400 million to the Texas economy.

Based on early survey results at TPWD, mourning dove numbers may be some of the highest in more than a decade in the Panhandle with similar numbers as 2015 in the rest of the state. White-winged doves continue to increase in numbers across the state but the growth is gradually slowing.

"Hunters should be prepared for good seed production across the state, so there will be plenty food available for mourning doves except in areas where flooding occurred," said Shaun Oldenburger, TPWD dove program leader. "This may make hunting a little more difficult due to thick vegetation cover, and hunters will need to spend a little more time finding downed birds

in areas due to this issue during opening day in some areas."

Dove season in the North Zone runs Sept. 1 through Nov. 13 and Dec. 17 through Jan. 1, 2017; in the Central Zone from Sept. 1 through Nov. 6 and Dec. 17 through Jan. 8, 2017; and in the South Zone from Sept. 23 through Nov. 13 and Dec. 17 through Jan. 23, 2017. The daily bag limit for doves statewide is 15 and the possession limit is 45.

In the Special White-winged Dove Area, the season runs Sept. 3-4, 10-11, Sept. 23 through Nov. 9 and Dec. 17 through Jan. 23, 2017. During the early two weekends in the Special White-winged Dove Area, hunting is allowed only in the afternoon and the daily bag limit is 15 birds, to include not more than two mourning doves and two white-tipped doves. During the general season, the aggregate bag limit is 15 with no more than two white-tipped doves.

For novice dove hunters or those new to the sport, TPWD is offering Hunting 101 workshops this year dedicated to dove hunting. These hands-on seminars and workshops are designed for family members of all ages to learn more about the animals hunted, tools used in hunting and shooting sports and where to go in Texas to enjoy these activities. Class schedules are available online or by contacting the TPWD Hunter Education Department at 512-389-4999.

Hunters are reminded to purchase licenses for the 2016-17 hunting seasons before taking to the field. Hunting licenses can be purchased through the agency's 28 field offices, at more than 50 state parks and over 1,700 retailers across the state. Licenses may also be purchased online through the TPWD website or by phone at 1-800-895-4248. Call center hours are Monday through Friday, 8 to 5 p.m. and there is a required \$5 administrative fee for each phone or online transaction.

Hunting and fishing regulations for the new season can be found in the 2016-2017 Outdoor Annual, available in print form at license retailers, online and in the free Outdoor Annual mobile app available for Apple and Android devices.

In addition to a hunting license, anyone born after Sept. 1, 1971, must successfully complete a hunter education training course. Those under 17 and those 17 and older who purchase a one-time deferral license may hunt legally in Texas if accompanied by a licensed hunter 17 years or older who has passed hunter education or who is otherwise exempt. The TPWD Hunter Education certification is valid for life and is honored in all other states and provinces. More information on hunter education certification is available online.

A Migratory Game Bird endorsement and Harvest Information Program certification are also required to hunt dove. HIP certification involves a brief survey of previous year's migratory bird hunting success and is conducted at the time licenses are purchased.

Lake Fork Weekly Fishing Report (September 5-11)

By JOHN MORRIS

This week was another good week for putting numbers of Bass in the boat here at Lake Fork. The water temperatures were stable at 82 to 84 degrees and the water clarity stayed the same with the creeks being stained and the main lake continuing to clear up. The chrome/black Rattle Trap bite was really good this week in 4 to 8 foot of water. The fish are starting to school up and when you find them you will probably catch several. We found them where there is a sharp transition from that 4 to 8 foot. The Texas rigged Zoom watermelon/red Mag II worm also worked around the

pads and willows also. Make sure you match the color of you your weight to the color of worm that you are using. Oh yes, dye the tail chartreuse of the watermelon/red worm. It makes a difference! For our equipment list this we continued to use Duckett rods, ABU Garcia Orra SX reels lined with Stren original 17 pound test line. For our worm hooks we used Eagle Claw LO 45's. The strongest worm hook on the market!

The White bass are still scattered out on old road beds and main lake humps. Joe Spaits chrome and chartreuse flutter spoon works the best in 22 to 26 foot of water.

The Crappie fishing also continued to get better this week.

We found them in 18 to 20 foot of water over and around main lake brush piles. The minnow rig was still the best bet for putting numbers of Crappie in the boat.

The catfish fishermen continued to have fun this week. Cut bait seemed to work better than punch bait this week. But you always want to keep Punch bait and a good amount of #6 treble hooks in the boat. 26 to 28 foot of water was the best water depth to find them and don't forget to bait your trees.

Well the Big Bass Splash is here and we are already getting ready for the Bass Cat and Berkley tournaments in upcoming weeks. Have a great week and keep a tight line.

Hawkins

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and the new players. "Graduating six seniors is difficult in any

sport," senior Hannah Langford said. "They were all key components of the team, but now we're discovering new ones. We have to figure out how everyone plays and what our strengths

and weaknesses are. We're all friends outside of volleyball though, so it helps that we can have fun on the court and we don't have to take everything so seriously."

Last Tuesday, the varsity Lady Hawks were able to pull out a 25-16 win in the first set against the Bobcats. Senior Sydnee Miller had seven kills, and Langford, senior Natalie Smith, and junior Emily Hodges added four kills each. The second set ended with a 23-25 loss for the Lady Hawks. Senior Haleigh Dollins put up nine assists, followed

by Raeli Smith with five. Defensively, junior Raeli Smith was able to pick up 15 kills for the night, while seniors Madison Staruska and Destiny Chapman both had 13 digs apiece for the Lady Hawks. The last two sets finished out at 14-25 and 23-25 in favor of Fruitvale.

Tuesday's match was the only one this week for Hawkins, as Friday was their open night. Although the Lady Hawks didn't pull out a win this week, senior Taylor Jones believes the team will arrive in Tatum Tuesday ready to play.

"The game Tuesday was a tough one -- Fruitvale came to play," Jones said. "We did what we could do, we held them to a close two last sets, we just couldn't pull out a win Tuesday, but we won't let that hold us back, we will come out next Tuesday ready to play."

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Comeback-Panthers drop first game of season

By TOMMY ANDERSON
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How often has it happened? More often than you might think.

A team with no losses goes up against a team with no wins and bingo, suddenly both teams score a first.

That was the story at Alba Friday night when the Alba-Golden Panthers hosted the All Saints Trojans from Tyler. The Cats went into the contest with a hard earned 2-0 record and the Trojans came into the game with a disappointing 0-2 record.

In the first two games of the year Alba-Golden had to come from behind to defeat Hawkins and Mount Enterprise, but coach Ron Callahan's very game crew couldn't pull the comeback trick for a third consecutive week in spite of a valiant effort, and wound up on the short end of the stick, 34-24, in a non-conference contest.

"We had two hard, tough games the first two weeks," Callahan commented after Friday night's loss. "We didn't get

anybody really hurt seriously or anything like that, but we got pretty beat up. We have a lot of kids that are really sore and tired. Hard games like these really tell on you," he added.

Callahan said he was still very proud of his young team even though they did sustain a loss. "I was proud of the way they came back and fought hard. We only had four seniors on the field in the second half. We have a lot of young kids who are having to grow up fast and they are coming along very nicely. It just takes time and game experience," Callahan observed.

The Panthers are utilizing two sophomore quarterbacks with no previous varsity experience right now because returning starter Brady Rolan sustained a broken leg in the summer and is still on the sidelines. In his absence Thomas Mitchel and Zane Smith have done yeoman duty filling in a big gap. Rolan has been released for non-contact drills and is due to have another exam by his doctors next week, at which time it is hoped he will be released for full duty.



Senior Jose Delgadillo bulldozes his way through the line for Alba-Golden. (Photo by Chad Parrish)



Senior Cody Frazier drops back for a pass in Alba-Golden's loss to All Saints. (Photo by Chad Parrish)

And, as if having faced three hard games in a row was not enough, the Panthers will be facing a gigantic mountain to climb this Friday night when they celebrate homecoming by hosting the high flying Price Carlisle Indians at 7:30 p.m. The Indians are 3-0 after waxing Overton, 49-27, last Friday. The Tribe opened the season with a 45-6 win over Mount Enterprise and followed that with a 65-0 shellacking of Colmesneil.

After playing Carlisle this week, the Panthers will face Rivercrest High at Bogata Sept. 23 before taking a week off and then starting district play at Lone Oak Oct. 7.

Alba-Golden and the Trojans battled on even terms through the first quarter with the score knotted at 8-8, but in the second quarter the Panthers only managed to run 9 offensive plays while the Trojans recorded two touchdowns and a field goal to make the count bounce up to 24-8 by intermission. Each team managed to score once in the third period and went into the final 12 minutes

of play with All Saints holding a 27-16 advantage. A fumble on the first play of the fourth quarter set the Trojans up at the Panther 26 and it only took one play for quarterback Tanner Towns to sweep left end for the final All Saints score of the game.

The Panthers got their final score of the game on a 20-yard pass from David Pennington to Fredrick Reeves with nine seconds left to play. For the night Reeves had five receptions for 104 yard and Evan Galyean had one reception for 45 yards and one TD. Pennington, who operates as a running back for the Panthers, on the night completed three of four passes for 105 and two touchdowns.

One of the more exciting plays of the game came late in the third quarter when All Saints running back Garrett Brown charged around left end with the ball, but during the stop Alba-Golden's Frederick Arenas managed to wrestle the pigskin away from him and return it 46 yards for a Panther touchdown.

ALBA-GOLDEN HOMECOMING

This week kicks off homecoming for the Alba-Golden Panthers. The week has been filled with many competitions including door decorating contests, spirit wall contest, class chant contest and Dress Up Days contest. At right are the Homecoming Court members dressed for Hawaiian themed day. Friday there will be a Panther "Cats Carnival" at 1 p.m. with a Pep Rally to follow. This event is open to the public. Homecoming activities begin at 7 p.m. with the coronation of the Queen and King. Kick off against the Price Carlisle Indians will be at 7:30 p.m.



HAWAIIAN THEME DAY - Alba-Golden Homecoming Court includes Jacey Jones, Evan Galyean, Gracie Pendergrass, Freddie Reeves, Brianna Weissert, Cody Frazier, Reagan Arrington and Jagger Wright, as well as 9th Grade Duchess Ann Marie Pendergrass, 10th grade Duchess Ashlyn Rogers, 11th grade Duchess Kenzie Chadwick and 12th grade Duchess Morgan Curts. (Courtesy photo)

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The Toyota Bassmaster Texas Fest will continue to follow the rules established in the Toyota Texas Bass Classic, including the use of on-boat marshals for weighing fish and the allowance of one fish over a designated size per angler to be brought in each day for public display and subsequent return to the lake. Only Bassmaster Elite Series anglers will be able to compete in Toyota Bassmaster Texas Fest, one of the qualifying events

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Details about two special Elite events – the Toyota Bassmaster Angler of the Year Championship and the Bassmaster Classic Bracket Tournament – will be announced later.

For more information, contact Helen White at 205-313-0944 or hwhite@bassmaster.com; or Dave Precht at 205-313-0931 or dprecht@bassmaster.com.

Upsets complicate Football Bucks contest

Looking at the entries for the game of the 9th, it seems there were a few upsets since there were lots of misses this week. However, Wendell Gay was able to pick all but three and will receive \$20 in Football Bucks.

Second place winner, missing four this week, is Scott Myers who will receive \$10 in Football Bucks.

With district play about to start the games should be more predictable, so grab a paper and pen and start picking. Enjoy the fun of trying to beat everyone and take home a little money.

All entries must be in to the Mineola or Quitman office by 5 p.m. on Friday. If mailed, the postmark must be Friday as well.

Plans for fantasy sports legislation in Texas

It seems, for the moment, that fantasy sports in Texas will be protected by possible legislation from District 42 State Representative Richard Raymond.

"We were pleasantly surprised today to hear that Representative

Raymond announced plans to file legislation to protect fantasy sports in Texas," said Scott Dunaway, Texas based spokesperson for FanDuel and DraftKings.

"However, we are not surprised that the millions of Texans that are

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6 "Tark the Shark" coached the Spurs and at this univ. _____

7 TX-based 1992 docudrama: "Bed of _____"

8 TX Roy Orbison sang "Not Alone _____ More" on Traveling Wilburys album

9 TXism: "it beats _____ the eye"

16 Granbury is the seat of this county highest ranking dog, e.g. (2 wds.) _____

21 TXism: "come hell _____ high water"

22 in San Antonio: "Ripley's Believe _____ Not"

23 TX crude oil is priced _____ barrel

24 007's martini: "_____ not stirred"

30 most important _____

34 TXism: "that'll _____ nicely"

35 Delaine _____ sheep are raised in TX

36 stingin' TX insect made a mistake _____

39 TXism: "got enough to pay the _____" (rich)

43 TXism: "heavy as the front end of a John _____"

44 Col. Travis drew _____ the dirt at the Alamo

45 5th quarter for Texans or Cowboys (abbr.) _____

46 sleepin' furniture (2 wds.) _____

47 TXism: "crooked _____ hind leg"

9 Vega H.S. class _____

10 this Martha starred with TX Tommy Lee Jones in "The River Rat" (1984) _____

11 precedes "metrist" or "metry" _____

12 Houston TV station _____

13 "E" of Ranger or Astro stat, ERA _____

14 "_____ an old cowhand from the Rio Grande" _____

15 siesta _____

17 TXism: "_____ bead on it" (after it) _____

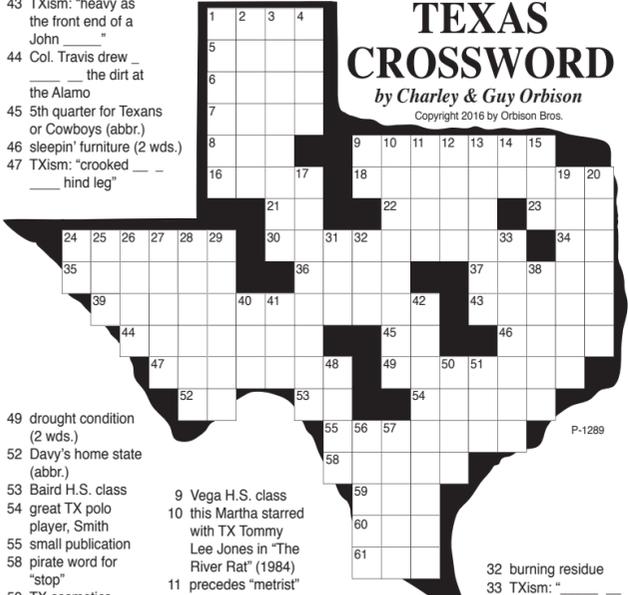
19 this Francis starred with TX Ginger in 1935 "Romance in Manhattan" _____

20 a lot of TX beach has _____

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32 burning residue _____

33 TXism: "_____ with kid gloves" _____

38 Confederate soldier? _____

40 Guadalupe is a spring-_____ river

41 _____ Grande Valley

42 "Fort Worth _____ & Rodeo" _____

48 San _____ TX

50 red mark left by a whippin' _____

51 TX George Strait's "_____ in the Hole" _____

56 egg shapes _____

57 waterin' holes in a desert _____

24 TX-born comic Steve (init.) _____

25 TX supermarket chain _____

26 Houston Grand Opera solo _____

27 TXism: "Red and yellow, _____ feller" (coral snake) _____

28 sign up for the army _____

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Bulldogs

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Davenport got the ball right back on a hard hit and recovery of fumble in Bearcat territory.

The Bulldogs drove to the Bearcat 17 yard line and with 34 seconds to go in the half, Santos Marua booted a 34 yard field goal to make it a 21-3 game going into intermission.

Beckville scored at the 10 minute mark of the third quarter to take a 28-3 lead, but the undaunted Bulldogs marched back downfield and Jake Farmer ripped off his 56 yard run for a score. The two point conversion was good and the score stood 28-11.

Beckville drove 48 yards for their next score with Lewis getting the final 18 yards making it a 34-11 score. Quitman came right back and drove from their own 35 yard line to the Bearcat 16 before losing the ball on a fumble. Instead of running the clock out, Beckville took to the air and got one more score with 15 seconds left in the game.

"We came in with a game plan. We held on to the ball and we gave our-

selves a chance to be in the ballgame. We had to speed the game back up in the fourth quarter. Our line did a great job in the trenches and our backs ran hard and I thought our defense was outstanding," Woodard said. "We were a whole lot better than we were at Eustace. We played some of our best football. There were so many good things on the field. There was a lot of unselfish kids out there, doing what they could to help the team. We had kids going both ways and giving it all they had."

Things don't get easier as high-flying Harmony comes into this week's contest with a 3-0 slate. The Eagles are coming off a 60-20 win over Scurry-Rosser last week. Harmony had defeated defending state champion Waskom 62-26 two weeks ago.

Harmony brings back 10 on offense and six on defense led by three year starting quarterback Spencer Seahorn who threw for almost 1,200 yards last year. In the win over Scurry-Rosser, Nick Hoelscher scored three times on the ground including runs of 24, 47



A.J. Dunn (10) finds running room behind the efforts of linemen Aaron McDade (69), Sebastain Howell (64), and Gage Tolle (77) in Friday's game against Beckville. (Monitor photo by Larry Tucker)

and 7 yards.

"Coach Russell (Tim) and his crew have done such a great job at Harmony. They are very solid and they have some really quick backs," Woodard said. "They like to play at a fast pace and we will have to slow them down."

It is homecoming week in Quitman. Homecoming activities will be going on during the week with the parade and pep rally on the square Friday afternoon with the crowning of the 2016 Homecoming Queen set for a 7 p.m. ceremony before the 7:30 p.m. kick-off.

Quitman Lady Bulldog fans packed the gym to cheer for their state-ranked volleyball team in their sweep of Scurry-Rosser. (Monitor photo by Larry Tucker)



Quitman Proud Blue Band 2016 Sweetheart is Mandy Hubbard and the Beau is Uriel Santos. (Photo by Larry Tucker)

Jackets

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opening possession and looked in midseason form despite losing junior linebacker Michael Drennon to injury. The Yellowjackets won the turnover battle for the first time this season and both Perkins and fellow senior Jeremiah Crawford eclipsed 150 yards on the ground.

"The difference in this game is we didn't turn the ball over," said Head Coach Joe Drennon. "We made mistakes and got some personal fouls we got to clean up and we'll get that taken care of this week. Bottom line is we held on to the ball and executed our offense."

Mineola elected to receive the opening kickoff and scored on their first possession for the third straight game. Perkins, who finished the night with 21 carries for 167 yards, capped the drive with a 7-yard touchdown run – the first of two for Perkins on the evening.

Wills Point responded with a 13-play drive that stalled just outside the red-zone but managed to

GAME STATS				
Mineola 36, Wills Pt. 3				
Mineola	7	7	7	15 — 36
Wills Point	3	0	0	0 — 3
	MIN	WP		
Total Yards	422	299		
Rushes-Yards	44-395	33-226		
Passing Yards	27	73		
Comp-Att-Int	1-4-1	11-22-1		
Turnovers	1	3		
T.O.P.	23:46	24:14		
Scoring Summary				
First Quarter				
MIN — Chantz Perkins 7-yard run				

score on a Vincent Tobias 40-yard field goal. That would be the final time the Tigers threatened on the night.

Crawford scored on a 19-yard run following a quick five-play drive in the second quarter and the Yellowjackets found themselves leading 17-3 heading into halftime. It's the first time Mineola led at halftime this season.

"Focus, man, focus," Perkins said. "I think we were on the hype of Mineola ranked number one in the state and got too overwhelmed by that. I think after those two losses it really woke us up and we just focused.

(Sorenson kick), 9:33
WP — Vincent Tobias 40-yard FG, 3:48

Second Quarter
MIN — Jeremiah Crawford 19-yard run (Sorenson kick), 5:24

Third Quarter
Min — Chantz Perkins 8-yard run (Sorenson kick), 1:57

Fourth Quarter
MIN — Seth Hudgins 27-yard reception (Sorenson kick), 9:27
MIN — Jeremiah Crawford 1-yard run (Hudgins pass to Noah Sneed 2pt Conversion), 1:36

We've been practicing really hard and played Mineola football."

Wills Point started a promising drive to kick off the second half but the Mineola defense clamped down. Senior Frankie Meason intercepted a pass to end the drive and the Yellowjackets would score on their remaining drives of the game.

Crawford connected with senior Seth Hudgins for a 27-yard touchdown pass early in the fourth quarter

and scored on a 1-yard run – following a Meason fumble recovery – to finish off the Mineola scoring. Crawford finished the night 1-of-4 passing for a touchdown and one interception, he rushed 18 times for 194 yards.

The defense allowed only 71 yards to the Tiggers offense in the second half and kept the opposing team out of the end zone for the first time this season.

"The past two games we haven't had any turn-

overs so coming into the game we knew we had to force turnovers to win the game," said Meason.

The Yellowjackets continue their challenging start to the season this Friday against the Brownsboro Bears (0-3), who fell last week to Bullard 35-21. Brownsboro is the fourth 4A opponent Mineola will face this season. The Yellowjackets will have a bye next week before beginning district play against their cross-county rival Quitman.



Drason Tenner (54) and Dalton Harris (33) apply pressure on the Wills Point offense in Mineola's 36-3 victory over the Tigers. (Photo courtesy of Gene's Photography)

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Hala enjoying retirement years on old family homeplace

By **DORIS NEWMAN**
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An inconspicuous county road sign marks the route to the home of an octogenarian who is happily living on his family property outside Mineola. Leo Hala, a retired airline mechanic and former member of the Baptist Missionary Association builders, is the descendant of immigrants who made Wood County their home over 100 years ago.

Hala owns over 200 acres west of Mineola that is bounded on the east by the Sabine River and spans across Highway 80 to "old Highway 80" on the north. Down the half oil sand, half dirt county road a sign declares "Rabbit Run Road" and his house on the property is a short distance from the railroad tracks. This land is part of an original 400 plus acres that his grandfather, Antonin Hala purchased in 1912, five years after he immigrated to the United States from Czechoslovakia. The previous owner was Percy McGeorge.

When his grandfather passed away, the land went to his grandmother, Anna, but when she died, she left no will and the land was divided. Part went to his father and part to his aunt. Leo inherited land from his father and later bought additional acres that had been sold off the original tract.

His blue eyes light up and he smiles about buying the additional property after he retired from Southwest and American Airlines. In addition to working for the airlines as a mechanic, he was a carpenter and traveled many places with a BMA men's group to build churches. "But that was when I was young." They constructed buildings in Louisiana, Mississippi and Florida, he said, and "I forgot where all." The group even worked on his church, New Hope Baptist, constructing the family life building.

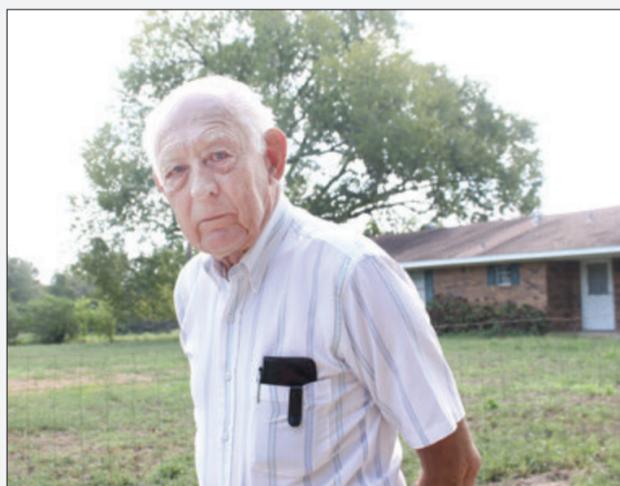
The BMA work was "interesting," he said. "We met a lot of people." The churches for whom they built structures would provide them their noon meals as the BMA

builders lived in their travel trailers for two weeks.

But the Halas' home base, which was in Terrell, changed one day after he retired when he and his wife Annette were making a trip to Tyler to visit a former pastor. He told his wife he wanted to drive past his old family home and that is when he saw the property was up for sale. "I said my goodness, let's check that out," he said, adding "and I bought it."

Hala has the warranty deed on the property, a thick document so worn that the once stiff binder is limp like cloth. When the Halas moved there they brought two trees from their Terrell property which they planted. He gestures at one mighty oak, the trunk of which has grown over much of an antennae pole protruding from the base. He had used the pole for its support when he planted it and it was "just a sprig."

His happiness of being on the family property is tempered with the fact he still misses his wife of 57 years who died about eight years



Retirement reward – After retiring as an airline mechanic, Leo Hala moved to property that his grandfather bought in 1912 west of Mineola and is happy to be on his family's land. (Monitor photo by Doris Newman)

ago. One wonders if she was the one who planted the hydrangeas across the front of the home that are thick as a hedge, or the day lilies that circle a tree not far from their screen porch. He misses her badly but says he still attends church.

There is a wire fence around his front yard area that he put up to keep the hogs out. "It works," he said,

even though he was told it wouldn't. He leases part of his land by the river to a Tyler man who uses it for hunting. It is a serene, pastoral setting. "I think it's great to be here," he said, "to be on the property my grandfather bought many years ago." The quiet is striking, that is, he says, "Until the train rumbles through."

REACH conference to be held in October

The 25th Annual Regional Education on Aging, Caregiving and Healthcare Conference is scheduled for Wednesday and Thursday, Oct. 5-6 and is held 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. at the Maude Cobb Convention Center in Longview.

REACH is an annual event sponsored by the East Texas Council of Governments' Area Agency on Aging. This is an educational opportunity for social workers, licensed professional counselors, activity professionals and licensed nursing facility administrators, caregivers, adult day care directors, assisted living administrators and others who work within the aging network.

There were more than 530 attendees at last year's event that included members of the education, aging, caregiver and healthcare networks.

Every 25th person who registers will receive an extra chance to win prizes at the conclusion of the conference.

For more information, contact Al Pippins at 903-28-6523 or reach@etcog.org.



Bea Nipp's jewelry will be among the work exhibited at Artistic Adventures Saturday in Emory's City Center Building. (Courtesy photo)

Mineolan to be among exhibitors at Saturday show

Mineola League of the Arts member and jewelry artisan Bea Nipp will join nine Northeast Texas artists in the art show and one-day sale, Artistic Adventures, Saturday in Emory.

The show will be in Emory's City Center Building located at 735 N. Texas Street, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

After taking a polymer class, Nipp progressed from making beads, then jewelry findings and eventually to metals. Primarily self-taught, she occasionally teaches metal jewelry workshops at the Mineola League of the Arts.

The Artistic Adventures show will feature original works in various mediums by Shari Chadderdon with her "Outsider Art," Hal and Georgia Gibson's pottery and fused glass and Debracarol Hearne's soft sculpture.

It will also include Alder and Georgia Moore's fired clay sculpture and jewelry, Andria Luce's unique glass art creations, Donna Page's fine art oils and published children's book and Valerie Sanders with her fine art watercolors.

The public is invited.

Veterans Day parade scheduled for Nov. 12

The 2016 Mineola Veterans Day parade is scheduled for Saturday, Nov. 12, at 11:11 a.m. The theme for the parade is "Let Freedom Ring."

There will be awards for first place in the float entry and walking entry, said Larry Pruitt who is commander of the American Legion.

For more information or to register, contact Cecil "Mac" McCoy at 903-360-0254 or Pat Lambert at 903-569-6481.

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WALKER & DALTON ENGAGEMENT



Mr. and Mrs. Glynn Walker of Cross Plains, formerly of Mineola, announce the engagement of their daughter, Caitlen, to Austin Dalton, son of George and Lisa Dalton of Garland. The bride-to-be is a graduate of Texas A&M and is a flight officer in the United States Navy. Dalton, also a Texas A&M University graduate, works at Federation of State Medical Boards in Euless. A January wedding is planned.

Mineola Memorial Library Notes

BY LIBRARIAN MARY HURLEY



Library programs are back in session. We had a great time on Tuesday with our After School groups. Mrs. Pam made duct tape water bottle holders while Mz Mary and her group drew cats based on the role of a die. Wednesday's Preschool Story Time stayed with the cat theme and we listened to two stories about cats and then completed an art project.

Many thank yous to Joyce Williams for her program at the Friends of the Library meeting. We learned about little facts of Mineola history and about upcoming projects revolving around the railroad. She presented the library with a copy of R. C. Hickman's book: "Behold the people: R.C. Hickman's photographs of Black Dallas, 1949-1961" and from the Junior Historians a copy of the picture used by Earl Aldredge to draw the picture of Mineola's interlocking tower. We will be closing early on Sept.

17. We have a celebration to attend and all the staff wants to go. Thank you for allowing us this opportunity.

New this month to the programs offered at Mineola Memorial Library is the Work from Home Wednesdays. This will be the third Wednesday of the month at 1 p.m. This month it will be Sept. 21. Various home businesses will have the opportunity to showcase their products and tell interested audiences about them.

Also try Fun Fitness Fridays at 8:45 a.m. beginning Sept. 23. Most work-outs are about 30 minutes and follow the Beach Body programs beginning with Country Heat. Meet with Mrs. Pam in the Meredith Room, sign a release, and have a great time! There will be a give-away at the very first meeting.

We have welcomed a Library Information Sciences student. She will be volunteering with us on Fridays and Saturdays as part of her path to this degree. Come by and say hello to her.

The Library Book Sale will be on Saturday at the Annex beginning at 9 a.m. Great deals on second-hand books and the proceeds benefit the library.

We have a number of databases through the TexShare program. These are information resources for things such as Do-It-Yourself projects, car repair, and studies for various school subjects. We'd be happy to show you how to access these if you just ask at the front desk.

We are now a demonstration site for the Talking Books device. You may view it in the display case at the front of the library. We would love to show you how it works. It is a service provided through the State Library and all you need to do is to complete an application. Let us tell you more about this.

Remember, the Mineola Memorial Library is a 501(c)3, non-profit. We are located at 301 N. Pacific in Mineola TX. On the web at www.mineolalibrary.com. Stop by and see us!

Reunion slated September 24

The Buddy Schoellkopf employees reunion is approaching at the end of this month. The get-together will be on Saturday, Sept. 24

at Paredes Restaurant on Broad Street (Highway 80) in Mineola. All former employees and friends are invited.

Central Baptist Church celebrates 76 years

On Sunday Central Baptist Church of Mineola will celebrate their 76th homecoming.

Sunday school begins at 9:45 until 10:30 a.m., at which time will begin the singing and worship service. Special singers will include the Tender Mercies,

consisting of Nancy and David Crim, Melinda McFarlin and Cathy Sutton.

The morning message will be given by Jim Parker. He is the brother of pastor Merle Parker and served as interim pastor while Parker was ill.

Lunch will be served at noon and at 1:30 p.m. the Tender Mercies will perform again until 2:45 p.m.

Central Baptist Church invites all friends and former members to come and enjoy the day with them.

Mineolan makes Southern Miss President's Lists

Kora Leigh Yates, of Mineola, has been named to The University of Southern Mississippi President's List for the 2016 summer semester. The President's List in-

cludes full-time students who earn a perfect 4.0 grade point average.

The University of Southern Mississippi, founded in 1910, is located in Hattiesburg, Mississippi.

Pilots selling homemade breakfast burritos

Pilots selling homemade breakfast burritos. Orders are being taken for authentic breakfast burritos made by the Pilot Club of Mineola. The burritos are filled with chorizo and egg and the

cost is two for \$5. The deadline for ordering for businesses and individuals is today (Wednesday).

The burritos will be delivered on Tuesday, Sept. 20 at the time scheduled by the buyers. Call

903-569-3942 for placing orders and delivery information.

The Pilot Club is known for raising awareness for brain health and safety through its community projects and educational programs.

WOOD COUNTY COMMUNITY CALENDAR

ALBA CITY COUNCIL - first Monday, 6:30 p.m., City Hall.
ALBA LADIES CLUB - fourth Thursday, 6:30 p.m., Alba Community Center. 765-2573
ALBA LIBRARY/MUSEUM BOARD - third Monday, 4 p.m., library building. Everyone welcome.
ALBA-GOLDEN SCHOOL BOARD - second Monday, 7 p.m., high school library. 768-2472.
ALBA-GOLDEN YOUTH FOUNDATION - second Tuesday, elementary gym, 7 p.m. All welcome.
ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS - Sunday and Monday, 7 p.m., Friday 8 p.m., Women's Group Mon. 11 a.m.; St. Dunstan's Episcopal Church, Mineola.
ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS - Wednesday and Saturday, 7:30 p.m., 404 S. Main Street, Quitman.
AL ANON - Thursday, 7:30 pm; St. Dunstan's Episcopal Church, Mineola.
ALZHEIMER SUPPORT GROUP (sponsored by Pilot Club) first Monday, 11 a.m., Red Dome restaurant in Quitman, 903-569-5237.
AMERICAN LEGION POST 296 and Auxiliary - fourth Monday, 6:30 p.m., Highway 80, three miles east of Mineola. 903-569-0348. All are invited.
AMERICAN LEGION POST OF WINNSBORO - first Tuesday, 6:30 p.m., 102 West Broadway, in Winnsboro. 903-752-0913 or 903-7675338.
APET (Animal Preservation of East Texas) Thrift Store - Dog Gone Good Stuff, 915 S. Pacific Street, Mineola, Thursday-Saturday. 903-569-0505 or 903-563-9542.
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 lbames@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, 9:30 a.m. Visitors welcome. Charla Martin, president, 903-638-6389
FLORA MASONIC LODGE #119 - first Tuesday at the lodge hall, Highway 37, Quitman. Covered dish - 6:30 p.m., meeting 7:30 p.m. Study nights for members each Thursday, 7 p.m. at the hall.
FOREVER YOUNG ACTIVITIES CENTER - Wednesday and Friday, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Fitness exercises, bridge, lessons, Bingo and card games.
FOUKE-LAKE HAWKINS CRIME WATCH - third Thursday, 7 p.m., Fouke Community Center
FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY - second Tuesday, Quitman.
FRIENDS OF THE MINEOLA MEMORIAL LIBRARY - first Wednesday, 1 p.m., Mineola Library, 569-2767.
GED CLASSES, FREE - Sand Spring Baptist

Church, Monday and Tuesday, 9 a.m. to noon, or 6-9 p.m. 903-768-3239 or 903-569-9350.
GIRL SCOUT TROOP #3 - Monday, 6 p.m., Broad Street Church of Christ Annex, 903-569-2610. All girls, kindergarten-12th grade welcome.
HAINESVILLE COMMUNITY CENTER - second Tuesday, 6 p.m. Members bring a covered dish and enjoy an evening of fellowship. The center is located at FM 49 and 778, 903-769-1091.
HAINESVILLE VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPT. - second and fourth Thursday, 7 p.m., Firehouse downtown Hainesville.
HAWKINS LIONS CLUB - second and fourth Tuesday at the depot in Willful Crossing.
HOLLY LAKE FIRE DEPARTMENT - first and third Tuesday at the fire station at Holly Lake Ranch.
IRIS GARDEN CLUB-GOLDEN - first Monday, September-May, Golden United Methodist Church. 903-765-3000, or 903-765-2216.
KIWANIS CLUB - noon Tuesday, Mineola Civic Center Dogwood Room.
THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS OF SAINT PETER'S THE APOSTLE COUNCIL #11933 - second Wednesday, 7 p.m., at the church, 203 Meadowbrook Drive, Mineola. 903-569-3665.
LAKE COUNTRY CLASSIC CAR CLUB - third Monday, 6:30 p.m. 903-850-2557.
LAKE COUNTRY REPUBLICANS - fourth Tuesday, 6 p.m., Quitman Library, 202 E. Goode St.
LAKE COUNTRY RV TRAVELERS - of Good Sam 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. 569-2608.
MINEOLA REBEKAH LODGE - first and third Tuesday, 11 a.m., 106 S. Line St. All Rebekahs welcome, 569-2776.
MINEOLA ROTARY CLUB - Monday noon, Dogwood Room, Mineola Civic Center.
MINEOLA ROTARY RECYCLING - third 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, 9:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. 903-497-1162; Dominoes & other games.
MLOTA LINE DANCE GUILD - Tuesday, 8:30 a.m., and Friday, 9:30 a.m.
MLOTA FIBER/CRAFT ART GUILD - Wednesday and Thursday, 10 a.m. and 1:30 p.m., business meeting fourth Thursday, 9:30 am.
MLOTA QUILT GUILD - first, second and third Thursday, 9:30 am; business meeting first Thursday.
MLOTA PAINTERS GUILD - Wednesday, 10 a.m.; business meeting fourth Monday.
MLOTA RUG HOOKING GROUP - first Thursday, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Beginners are welcome.
MLOTA PHOTOGRAPHY GUILD - fourth Thursday, 6:30 p.m. All levels welcome., 903-569-8877.
MLOTA SCULPTURE GUILD - Tuesday, 1 p.m. Business meeting first Tuesday.
MONDAY NIGHT KNITS - 6-8 p.m. Monday, Golden Methodist Fellowship Hall. 903-768-2540.
THE NAME CENTER (National Association of Marriage Enhancement) - 302 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.
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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).
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INSIDE AND OUTSIDE THE PICKET FENCE

Quitman Arboretum and Botanical Garden

By JAN WHITLOCK

I happened to approach the gardens from a different direction today, and I was surprised at the fall beauty of many of the plants. If you arrive at the back of Hogg Park from the road that runs in front of the Carroll Green Civic Center, watch for the chainlink fence that separates this property from the Arboretum grounds.

Have you ever seen a crepe myrtle with leaves that border on being black? We have planted a number of these beautiful summer and fall

bloomers. The common name is Black Diamond Crepe Myrtle. You will see the deep red blooms along the fence line and one white specimen in the middle of the garden. These young trees will continue their bloom into the early fall. They need little maintenance, only the water the weather provides, and these specimen trees will continue to grow with little help from our "ground crew." Thank you, Jim Berry, for donating these to the gardens.

There are many other spectacular plants in this Water-Wise Garden. The

desert willow is a southwest native showing pink, white or lavender blossoms that resemble tiny orchids. Another standout is the Brazilian Rock Rose. This is a first cousin to our native pink rock rose, demanding very little water and covered with small pink flowers during the hottest time of the summer. Two other stand-out specimen plants for those wishing to conserve water would be autumn sage, a low-growing shrub with fantastic bright red blooms (close to the road) and globe amaranth, an annual that returns by reseed-

ing itself. Both of these plants may be spotted in the Water-Wise Garden.

This particular garden was planned and implemented by Wood County Master Gardener Interns from the class of 2013 and 2014. It takes a great deal of work to begin with a piece of land that is covered with weeds and Bermuda grass. I would be remiss if I did not admit that the Bermuda grass continues to invade, along with some nut-sedge. A thick layer of newspaper and cardboard, along with some fantastic mulch spreading on the part of the Quitman Boy Scout Troop #36 has helped keep invasive



growth where it belongs.

We hope to see you at our annual Yard Sale on Sept. 23. Proceeds from this sale as well as the Fall Plant Sale on Oct. 8 will help our volunteers keep the arboretum "finan-

cially afloat" through the winter months. Come on out and see us! Details may be found at quitmanarboretum.com or on Facebook at Quitman Arboretum.

ATTENTION ALL 2ND-5TH GRADERS:

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We want to hear from you about how to STOP Bullying in your schools and communities. All children (2nd-5th grade) are invited to Draw an Anti-Bullying poster advertisement and it could be published in the Wood County Monitor during the 2016-17 school year.

Make sure your poster is drawn in color (using markers is best.) Please draw on an 8 1/2 X 11" or 9 X 12" (in portrait/vertical).

One poster will be chosen to be published in the paper each week starting in September through the end of the school year. Posters will be displayed at a local business at the end of the school year. Watch the newspaper each week to see if your poster or the poster of someone you know is published. We will give an update on where posters will be displayed closer to the end of the school year.

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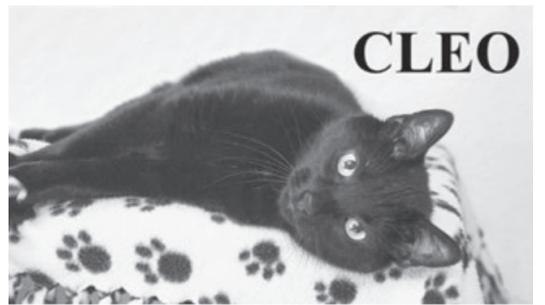
Pet adoptions part of Pet Appreciation Week

If you're a proud pet owner or would like to be, mark your calendars for Saturday when the Tractor Supply Co. store in Mineola will celebrate furry friends for Pet Appreciation Week.

On Saturday there will be a pet adoption with APET SPCA from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Volunteers plan to take dogs and cats which have been fully vetted – which includes spay/neuter, all shots, microchips for heartworm negative dogs and cats that are negative for feline AIDS and feline leukemia.

Dogs will be available for \$100 and cats for \$75.



Cleo is one of the animals that will be available for adoption from APET, unless she is adopted beforehand, Saturday. (Photo courtesy Cheryl Stephenson)

In addition to supporting community groups in finding good homes for dogs and cats, Pet Appreciation Week is intended to help raise awareness of the importance of spaying and

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Pet Appreciation Week is open to the public - and all leashed, friendly pets.

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Two area students receive degrees from Texas A&M

Two area students have received their undergraduate degrees from Texas A&M University during the summer commencement ceremonies last week in College Station.

Dalton Strange of Mineola earned a Bachelor of Science Degree in Agriculture Leadership and Development as well as a

"Distinguished Student" designation from the University for maintaining a GPA of 3.5 to 3.74 while taking at least 12 hours during the summer semester.

Shelby Allred of Alba earned a Bachelor of Arts Degree in English during the commencement ceremonies.

In 1955, the National Society Daughters of the American Revolution petitioned Congress with a resolution; this week of observance for the foundation of the American form of government was signed into law by President Dwight D. Eisenhower on Aug. 2, 1956. George W. Bush officially declared the inception of Constitution Week in 2002.

The commitment of the NSDAR is to encourage study and educate the public about the Constitution, which was adopted by the American Congress of the Confederate on Sept. 17, 1787.

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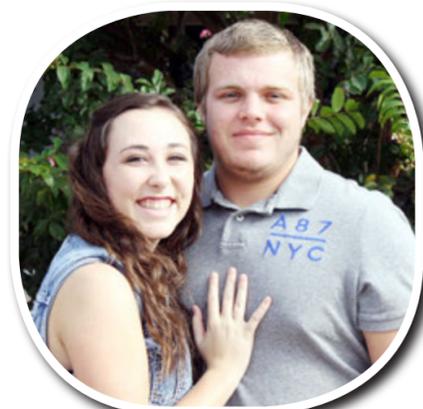


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(Left to right) Macy Wilson and Grant Derryberry; Brittany Walls and Aaron McDade; Brittany Glover and Bradley Davenport



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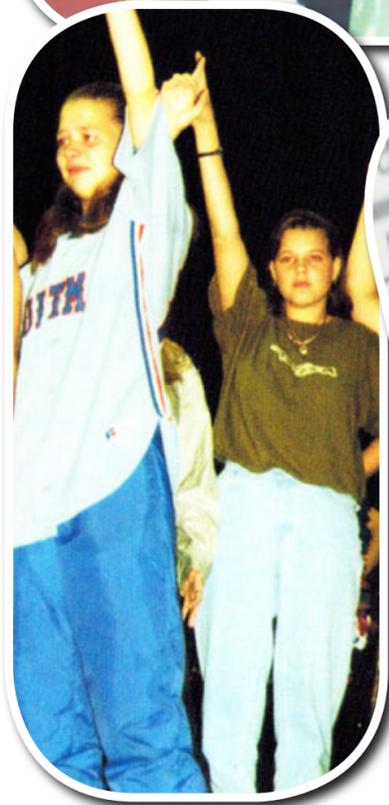


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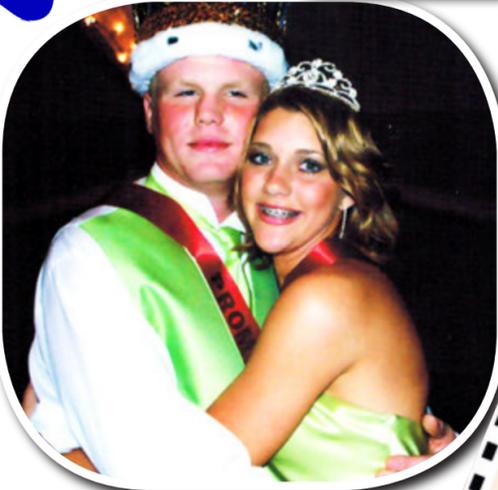
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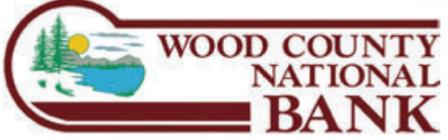
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