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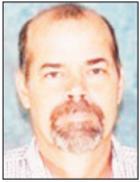
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Yantis trustee killed in crash

The Yantis community lost a community and church leader who was tragically killed Sunday evening just after 6 p.m. Mike Kenney was involved in a one-car accident when his vehicle ran off the road and crashed into a tree on Highway 154 near Farm-to-Market 1567 in Hopkins County.



Mike Kenney

According to Hopkins County Justice of the Peace Brad Cummings witnesses who were following Kenney said he was driving without problems and suddenly crossed into incoming traffic, left the road and crashed into a tree. Cummings said Kenney had a history of seizures and an autopsy has been ordered. Kenney was pronounced dead at the scene and was just 1 1/2 miles from his home when the accident occurred.

Kenney, 49, was the vice president of the Yantis School Board and an active member of Seymour Bible Fellowship. He had been a school board member for a decade.



The Dodge Ram truck that Jerry Potter was driving toward his Silver Lake home collided with the back corner of a trailer swinging wide to turn right into a driveway. The collision claimed Mr. Potter's life. (Monitor photo by Doris Newman)

Silver Lake man dies in Friday morning wreck

A man with a rural address of Grand Saline died in a two-vehicle collision west of Mineola Friday morning, three weeks shy of his 72nd birthday.

The accident on Highway 80 west at the driveway of the old sewing factory claimed

the life of Jerry Lee Potter of Farm-to-Market 1255. His Dodge Ram truck collided with an 18-wheeler and emergency responders were paged out at 6:24 a.m. The driver of the 18-wheeler, Singh Barjinder, 40, of California was

not injured.

Mineola Fire and Police Departments, a Wood County Sheriff deputy, East Texas Emergency Medical Services EMS and the Texas Depart-

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Officers on leave after fatal shooting

The Texas Rangers are investigating a shooting last Monday (Sept. 19) at a residence east of Pine Mills that resulted in the death of a 56-year-old man.

At 11:16 p.m. Tuesday Wood County Deputies arrived at the residence of Gary Don Lafon, at 134 County Road 3955. The officers were responding to a report of a suicidal subject. Sheriff Jim Brown said the deputies had responded to calls concerning Mr. Lafon before. He was recently estranged from his wife.

A press release from the Wood County Sheriff's Office states that the deputies made multiple

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From left, the 2016 Homecoming Court includes senior princesses Spring Coleman, Gracie Castleberry, nominated by the senior class; Jadi Lopez, Caitlyn Hudson, nominated by the junior class; Hannah McKinney, Leslie Gonzales, nominated by the sophomore class and Lauren Almuete, Hannah Valek, nominated by the freshmen class. The duchesses representing their classes are senior Holly Griffin, junior Peyton Bennett, sophomore Emily Jones and freshman Kelsey Brewington. (Courtesy photo)

MINEOLA SET FOR HOMECOMING HIGH-JINKS

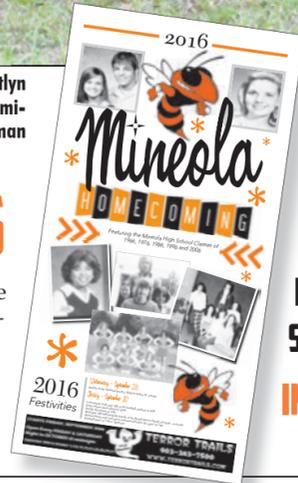
It's Homecoming in Mineola this week and there are several opportunities to get in the spirit before the Yellowjackets kickoff against the Quitman Bulldogs Friday night at 7:30 p.m.

There is a community pep rally

at 9 a.m. Friday in Meredith Memorial Stadium. The schools will dismiss students at noon in preparation for the Homecoming parade at 3 p.m. Another pep rally will follow the parade at the Broad Street Church of Christ.

At 7 p.m., just before kickoff, the Homecoming court will be introduced on the field.

There will also be a bonfire Wednesday at 8 p.m. at the old practice field on Patten Street near Smith Creek.



TAKE A LOOK BACK IN OUR HOMECOMING SPECIAL SECTION

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NatureFest

Annual event offers free fun

The Mineola Parks & Open Spaces board is hosting NatureFest this weekend at the Mineola Nature Preserve.

The free event kicks off Friday night from 7-10 p.m. There will be hot dogs served in a campfire setting along with storytelling and stargazing.

The event will be 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday and includes a plethora of activities such as fishing, bird watching, nature preserve tours, pottery and basket weaving, a 5K fun run and much more.

Those attending are asked to bring a folding chair as seating may be limited. For more information, visit mineolanaturepreserve.com.



Members of the Wood County Sheriff Department's jail staff were recognized by the commissioners court Friday morning for earning a perfect 100 percent on their latest inspection. Pictured with the commissioners are from left, Brandon Morrow, Lieutenant Jonathan Rose, Captain David McGee and Sergeant A.G. Sessions III. Standing behind them are Wood County Commissioners Virgil Holland, Pct. 1; Jerry Gaskill, Pct. 2; Wood County Judge Bryan Jeanes; Roger Pace, Pct. 3 commissioner and Russell Acker, Pct. 4 commissioner. (Monitor photo by Larry Tucker)

County jail makes history, scores perfect inspection

By LARRY TUCKER
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The Wood County Jail, under the direction of Captain David McGee, has become only the second facility in the state to score a perfect 100 percent inspection since the Texas Commission on Jail Standards began keeping those records in 1985.

The inspection covers a multitude of concerns. "Basically, it covers all the paperwork, grievances, complaints, floor checks, floor walks, the book-ins, the releases and medical files," McGee explained.

McGee credited his staff for the inspection success. "The staff is responsible for getting things done. I set policy and procedure and the guys do the work,"

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Splash park to get the Peggy and Jack Jones Pavilion

The gift that keeps on giving is a phrase that can pertain to many things, but in the case of the John J. and Reba Meyers Splash Park at the Mineola Civic Center, it is

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DORIS NEWMAN

the community that keeps on giving for the gift.

From the time the Myers' gift was announced, those affiliated with the civic center have included in

their plans not only the splash park, for which the money was donated by Mrs. Meyers, but a pavilion.

The pavilion would serve multiple

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Corner Column

Birthday tribute



DORIS NEWMAN

I wonder how many people feel as fortunate, blessed, as I to have had a wonderful mother who lovingly laid the groundwork for their lives? During a 28-year newspaper career I wrote feature stories about many in our community – mothers and doctors and cooks and musicians – but never one on her. And she kept most of those articles. It may have been denial that lured me to think, there’s always time. Just like there was always time to take guitar lessons again, at least to the point I could play and sing happy birthday to her. But there wasn’t.

Seven months have blown by since my mother’s passing and I’ve managed to bind up my heart (at least better than at first) and keep my head down and in my work. But today’s issue date would have been her 92nd birthday. In a family that still celebrates all birthdays, hers has been one I’ve always known. But if I didn’t it’s there written on her calendar, the pages of which are noted with every single family member’s birthday and anniversary. It’s a treasure with her handwriting in those little boxes that I brought home and hung in my own kitchen. My heart aches when I see, from her own hand, Sept. 28 “My birthday 92.”

What’s written on those pages testifies to what was most important in her life – her family. She was the oldest of five children who were reared in Fairfield. We were

told stories about her standing on a box at the stove to cook dinner for her family while they picked cotton. That practice paid off because she really could cook. She saw Lester Flatt and Earl Scruggs in their early days and she had a lifelong love of country music, and then the videos. In fact, she named one of my brother’s after a country singer.

The shy, tender-hearted girl with sparkling blue eyes went off to technical school in Waco to learn soldering. She worked on airplanes during World War II and being a small person, was considered good at her job because she was small enough to work in the small space on the airplanes.

There was a first marriage which brought her my two brothers, one of my sisters and a baby that died. She never spoke of the baby. It was a fact I learned when my grandmother thought I was old enough to know the truth. It was a troubled marriage, to say the least, that didn’t last. But that wasn’t the case with hers and my dad’s marriage.

Their marriage came about, at least from one family story, due to a housefire and a volunteer fireman that befriended my dad who never met a stranger. She was in Texas by then and my dad in Ohio, but they courted for a year through letters. My dad proposed marriage, telling her he was driving to Texas for them to get married, but if she didn’t like what she saw,

he would turn around and go back. Good thing for me she did like what she saw.

On a rainy day in January they got married at a courthouse in Dallas. He had a house on a country road and a good union job in Ohio and he promised her when he retired they would move to Texas. They tackled the challenges of a blended family but I’m told when the baby came along it helped things calm down some.

She was a stay-at-home mom who taught me, read to me and showered me with love, all of my life. The year Secretariat won the Triple Crown my dad retired and kept his promise and they found a house in Mineola. A whole new chapter started in all our lives. They only got to be married 22 years before cancer claimed him, but it was a home full of love and laughter and things that are important in life. She continued living her life and loving her family for 33 more years. While I worked she was like another parent taking care of my sons – I never had to worry about what kind of environment they were in.

Recently a friend was telling me about something her mother did that she wasn’t too happy about. “But I guess all moms do things like that,” she remarked. I couldn’t imagine. Not my mom. Her family was always first. One of my family members thanked me for my unconditional love. I learned it from my mom. Is there any other kind?

It’s too late for her to know I wrote a column about her. Or maybe it’s not.

Correction

The Mineola City Council article in last week’s edition included an incorrect name. The article should have stated that a tax abatement was approved on acreage bought by Brian Steck on which he plans to build a \$5 million to \$6 million structure. The Monitor sincerely regrets this error.

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3 SURPRISING WAYS PUBLIC SCHOOLS AFFECT YOUR HOUSE HUNT

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

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

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

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

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

Guest Column

BY NATHANIEL SILLIN, DIRECTOR OF VISA’S FINANCIAL EDUCATION PROGRAM

What college students should learn about money

As you prepare for a new year at college, managing your money may be the last thing on your mind. But college is the perfect time to instill strong and healthy financial habits, such as budgeting and living within your means.

By starting on the right foot with good saving and spending habits, you’ll have a good chance to set yourself up for a life of financial success. Here are some ideas students – with the help of parents, relatives and the school’s financial aid office – can consider while taking the leap into living away from home.

Create a financial plan early on. Create a general financial plan for your college years right away and a more detailed budget for the upcoming semester. You can start with estimated costs for tuition, fees, room and board from your school’s financial aid office and fill in the actual numbers once you know them.

Even with financial aid, most college students need to be frugal as they balance major expenses and a limited income from work or parental support. While you may need to take out student loans, the better you manage your personal and

educational expenses the less you’ll have to borrow now, and repay later.

Adjust your budget as you go. Your focus should be school, but you can also take time to track your money and stick to your budget. A budget can be a tool and a learning opportunity, and particularly during your first few semesters, you’ll likely have to make adjustments as you learn to balance wants and needs. Try to stick with it and remember it’s okay to make changes (and an occasional mistake) as you go.

Parents can discuss how they manage their personal or family budget and offer suggestions for cutting expenses or finding work. College students may face many financial firsts, such as signing a rental agreement, purchasing insurance or applying for a loan, and parents can share their experiences and advice.

Making your budget add up. Learning how to roll with the punches and live within your means are timeless skills. You’ll have to balance academic obligations with a part- or full-time job to increase your income. But there are often flexible on-campus jobs you can qualify for if you have a work-study grant

as part of your financial aid package.

When it comes to saving, there are all sorts of ways to cut costs on necessities and indulgences. Consider the following three tactics almost any college student can use to spend less money.

Use student discounts. Dozens of stores offer students discounts, validated with an official ID, or a .edu email address, and you may be able to save 10 to 20 percent off your purchase. Ask store employees or check online before to see if a store offers a student discount before checking out.

Save on textbooks. Look for alternatives to buying new textbooks, such as renting textbooks, buying used books, purchasing or renting e-textbooks or using the library’s reference copies.

Mobilize your savings. If saving money is just one more thing you don’t want to think about, you can save your spare cash via your smartphone. Thinking about buying a car next summer or saving money for spring break? There are mobile apps that will calculate how much money you can afford to save at a given moment – whether that’s \$20 or 10 cents – and will save it for you. You could also set up

an automatic weekly or monthly transfer to your savings account through your bank. Chances are you won’t miss the money, and you won’t spend it if you don’t see it in your checking account.

Make a practice of saving for the future. You’ll want to figure out the best way to use your savings. If you’ve taken out student loans, you could allocate some of the money to early loan payments.

Private and unsubsidized federal student loans accrue interest while you’re in school. Making a payment can help you avoid increasing your debt load and save you money on interest. Plus, unlike with some other types of loans, there’s no penalty for making early student loan payments.

Bottom line. College is an ideal time to instill healthy financial habits. Ask your parents or other relatives for guidance, discuss student loans and budgeting with your college’s financial aid office, learn a new skill online or attend a local personal finance workshop or seminar. While you set off on a series of firsts, take advantage of these resources to learn how to manage, save and wisely spend your money.

This Week in Your Neighborhood

- The Mineola Parks & Open Spaces board is hosting NatureFest this weekend at the Mineola Nature Preserve. Admission is free.
- The Mineola High School class of 1976 will hold their 40-year reunion Saturday at Jamcat Sound on Farm-to-Market road 1254.
- The Mineola All School Reunion is this weekend. There is a tailgate Friday and

various events Saturday at the civic center. A \$50 wristband is required.

- Mineola hosts Quitman for Homecoming Friday at 7:30 p.m. in Meredith Memorial Stadium. There is a bonfire Wednesday at 8 p.m., community pep rally Friday morning at 9 a.m. and the homecoming parade Friday afternoon at 3 p.m.
- The First United Methodist

Church of Mineola is hosting a monthly singing of favorite gospel songs and hymns Sunday at 6 p.m.

- Ebenezer Baptist Church, on FM 14 east of Quitman, is inviting everyone to revival services Monday through Wednesday at 7 p.m. Perry Shirley will be preaching while Jon Shirley will direct singing and Ruth Wallis will be on the piano.
- Seymour Bible Fellowship

is having a revival Monday through Friday at 7 p.m. each night with evangelist Steve Parrish. There will be a nursery and the church is on Highway 154 a few miles north of Yantis.

- A community meeting is being held at Mineola City Hall Tuesday at 6 p.m. to give the public information about city departments. The public is invited to go and gather information.

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Council gives public one more chance to comment on budget

By **DORIS NEWMAN**
The Monitor Staff

On their way to adopting a budget and tax rate the Mineola City Council held a second public hearing during a special meeting last Monday but no one attended.

The public hearings are required by law due to the tax rate going up. A budget / tax adoption schedule called for approval of the budget and tax rate in Monday's regular September meeting (after *Monitor* presstime).

City Administrator Mercy Rushing said, "As you know we've proposed a tax rate of six percent more than last year. The budget will raise more revenue from property taxes than last year's budget by an amount of \$73,230 which is a six percent increase from last year's budget. The property tax revenue to be raised from the new property tax roll this year is \$6,381."

"So you know property taxes on a \$100,000 home will actually go up

\$31.80. On a \$200,000 house it's going to be \$63."

The tax rate supports a \$4,319,105 general fund which is down from the 2016 year of \$4,393,461. However, projected expenses for the 2016 fiscal year were less than budgeted by \$112,652. For the past three years prior to fiscal year 2016 the city overspent its budget in the general fund, but the coming year's budget is a balanced budget. Rushing noted there are no raises for administration or anyone else in the new budget.

She asked if the council had any questions. After several seconds ticked past, Mayor Rodney Watkins commented on the prepared document that had been provided to him and the city council. He noted that council member Jayne Lankford had commented that she was impressed with the packet. "And I am too," the mayor said. He said that Rushing and Cindy Karch, financial director, "put a lot of work in this."

"There are still things that I find interesting from time to time, that seem

to crop up," he said. He called it "very comprehensive." He noted that one could look at it and see what the debt obligations are and how much is being paid per year and when they go up. "That's one thing that caught me by surprise. Bond indebtedness, that's something we've all got to keep in mind because we're leveraging the future when we issued these bonds. I guess they have refinanced when things occur. We know we're going to have some more money for the wastewater treatment plant." He asked them to look at that section of the budget "real closely."

While the note on the wastewater treatment plant will be paid off in 2018, there is a bond from 2007 "we owe a truckload of money on because we've paid no principal for many years on the first one."

"Little bit of concern there. It doesn't really affect this year's budget. It's just things to ponder for the future."

As far as the prepared packet, he said "I can't think of anything else to ask

for."

Ward 1 Councilperson Sue Jones said she wanted to encourage her fellow council members. "We looked hard. We cut. This isn't the bottom minimum we can set but we have gone below in the hole for so long this is giving us a balanced budget and some things we can work out of... I'm hoping... that we can see that this is good for our city."

Also in the special meeting the council heard that Rushing and Fire Marshal David Madsen recommended setting up an ordinance to require that business owners have a sales tax permit prior to receiving a certificate of occupancy. It arose after they realized they didn't know if some businesses were still open and after discussion with the state comptroller's office. They learned that some cities already had this requirement in place.

Madsen explained, "There's just been a few in the past that we let open and

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Community meeting set Tuesday

A community meeting is being planned at Mineola City Hall Tuesday at 6 p.m. to give the public information about city departments.

Novada Bigham, Ward 3 councilperson and chairman of the 20/40 Long Term Planning Committee for the city, announced the meeting last week. She called it a "casual informational" meeting.

The Long Range Planning Committee is one of the Mayors Advisory Council committees.

Bigham said that Tuesday's gathering is intended to increase communications between city employees and the public. For instance, she said, what a driver is supposed to do when they are pulled over by police is some of the information she would like to see shared.

Mineola City Administrator Mercy Rushing said she would be out of town but Mayor Rodney Watkins and all department heads are being asked to attend.

Burned out restaurant location to be developed

By **DORIS NEWMAN**
The Monitor Staff

A deal that should lead to more jobs and sales taxes in Mineola was discussed during Thursday's Mineola City Council workshop.

During the September workshop City Administrator and Economic Development Director Mercy Rushing told the council that 525 TX REF, LLC, Samuel Harle, who is from Mineola, has bought the property that was formerly the Rancho Country Buffet. Harle has been looking for property in Mineola for three years and last week bought the property on North Pacific Street in Northgate Plaza.

Rushing said he will be tearing down the chicken restaurant and plans to develop a shopping area that will be called The Shoppes at Mineola. He is looking at bringing in three new businesses and spending \$1.1 million on the development. She was proposing a 10-year tax abatement for the development on the property and for the development to be eligible, it must employ at least 10 full-time employees.

He is looking to attract state and national chains.

Ward 2 Councilperson Jayne Lankford noted, "It will do away with an eyesore."

"It will create a lot of sales tax for you," Rushing said. She noted the 525 TX REF has been an LLC since 2011. If the development sells, the tax abatement will go away.

As part of a Chapter 380 agreement the developer has requested all permit fees be waived and the city will provide a \$5,000 new employee creation grant out of the half-cent sales tax proceeds up front, contingent on the employment of the 10 full time employees.

Rushing also announced the city has hired a new building inspector. His name is Curt Myers and he will join the city on Oct. 3. He has 30 years' experience as a master electrician and as a contractor. She said he will have to go to school on subject of plumbing, "but he knows how to read plans."

"He seems like a people person. He did do some work here in Mineola so he seems familiar with that. He did a lot of his work in

and around Mineola and the Tyler area." He has a lot of commercial as well as residential experience, Rushing said.

The city is planning a cookout on Oct. 21 to which they plan to invite people in the field to get acquainted with the new building inspector. She also noted that Lowe's is starting to do some business back in Mineola.

As far as other economic development, Rushing said she is working with Brian Steck, owner of ETAS, about some matters although he has been busy "working on drumming up more business." She is also talking with another couple of restaurants about coming to Mineola. "I haven't heard yet. But, hopefully, keep your fingers crossed, we'll have some more restaurants." She said it could be as long as a year before the new businesses open.

Also on Thursday's workshop agenda the council heard from Fire Marshal David Madsen about proposed changes recommended for the placement of manufactured

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Groups discuss county-wide focus on scouting

By **LARRY TUCKER**
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In an effort to promote scouting in Wood County, a group of 25 people including Boy Scout leaders met last Tuesday in the community room at Wood County Electric Cooperative. The leaders were brought together in an effort to help scouting grow in Wood County through recruiting not only scouts, but positive male role models to get involved.

Jim Buerger, a retired newspaper publisher and Dallas city councilman who lives at Lake Lydia, led the discussion. "There are some numbers out there and one of those numbers is 44. That number represents 44 percent of children born in America today, their dads are no-shows. That's a staggering number," Buerger stressed. "That 44 percent presents all sorts of challenges. We have a deficit for men in our society. All the consequences out there fall over into education, to law enforcement, and to economics where we have a hard time getting people to show up for jobs and to work."

Buerger said he was motivated to get involved after meeting with a scout leader in Winnsboro. "Two ladies came over, they were den mothers. I asked them what I could do to help. And this became a dramatic moment for me," Buerger noted. "One of them teared up and she said 'we need men.' That is an incredible statement and a fact, they need men. We need men who have principles and are good husbands and fathers, represents his church and his business in a positive manner. We need three things here. We need more boys, good men to be examples for these boys and funds to make that happen."

Bradley Sawicki, district executive of the Wo-Ha-Li District, spoke at the gathering about his experience in scouting. "I have been in scouting since I was very young, and I stayed in scouting through the rank of Eagle Scout at the age of 17. My favorite thing about scouting was a chance to make great friends and memories. Some of my favorite parts were camp outs and summer camps. I joined scouts because my Mom wanted me to have positive male role models because I did not have men in my life. Scouting filled that void. Instead of having one male to look up to I had a handful."

Wood County Sheriff-elect Tom Castloo is a former scout who reached Eagle Scout status. "Right now, we are probably in one of the worst phases of our country. The moral compass is in trouble. We need more men involved in scouting today," Castloo said. "All of us believe in this. What I want to know from y'all is, are the kids out there interested? Do we have enough adult leaders out there in Wood County to become involved in scouting? Do we have the number of social and civic organizations and churches out there who will back the kids we hope to get? If we don't have the kids and don't have the leaders, we don't have anything. What can we do and how can we make things better?"

A Quitman scout leader, Tommy Brown with Boy Scout Troop 36 talked about the needs in local scouting. "We need to build up our Cub Scouts because without them we will not have Boy Scouts. We have the kids, we need adult leaders who can take the time to go camping or help on a weekend."

Quitman attorney and District Judge-elect Jeff Fletcher was asked about his observations. "There's a certain point in a kid's life where they make important decisions. It's a lot harder being a kid today than when I was growing up. I was blessed with great parents who supported me all the time," Fletcher said. "I don't know the answer in how to make this work, but kids today

Mineola School Board OKs goals for academic year

By **EVAN DUDLEY**
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The Mineola School Board met Monday and made efficient use of their time. Goals for the academic year were approved, regular reports were given and a consulting contract was approved.

The goals and objectives for the academic year were approved and are a direct result of the Strategic Planning Committee work from the spring. The objectives reflect the action steps spelled out within those goals.

The first goal is to implement a comprehensive safety plan with local first-responder agencies and a character education program focused on respect, empathy, resilience, integrity and ambition. The elementary school will pilot a mentoring program.

The second involves expanding advanced study options such as dual credit, robotics and innovative choices for students. A data analysis protocol will be developed to assist teachers in identifying, monitoring and supporting every student based upon their needs.

The third goal is to support teachers with planning time to design engaging lessons and implement climate and staff satisfaction surveys to monitor central office and campus support.

The final goals are to establish an education foundation for the Mine-

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Wood County Commissioners approve compensation schedule

By LARRY TUCKER
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Wood County Commissioners approved annual compensation for Wood County officials for the upcoming budget year at Friday's meeting.

The following annual salaries approved at \$58,843 were elected officials: County Judge Bryan Jeanes, County Clerk Kelly Price, District Clerk Jenica Turner, Treasurer Becky Burford, Tax Collector/Assessor Carol Taylor, Wood County Sheriff Jim Brown (Tom Castloo beginning Jan. 1, 2017), Commissioners Pct. 1 Virgil Holland, Pct. 2 Jerry Gaskill, Pct. 3 Roger Pace (Mike Simmons beginning Jan. 1, 2017), and Pct. 4 Russell Acker.

Each justice of the peace will receive \$48,152 and they are Tony Gilbreath Pct. 1, Wes Criddle Pct. 2, Jerry Parker Pct. 3 and Cindy Weems Pct. 4. Economic Development Director (Wood County Industrial Commission Executive Director) Kiki Bettis will receive \$45,885 and

Elections Administrator Laura Wise will receive \$45,677.

District Attorney Jim Wheeler will receive \$19,614 from Wood County which is a supplement to salary paid by the state. Assistant District Attorney Tom Burton will receive \$61,651. Information Technology Director Chris Flournoy will receive \$56,389.

The four Wood County Constables' salary was set at \$38,875 and this position also receives a semi-monthly phone allowance at a rate of \$480 per year and a bi-weekly uniform allowance of \$400 per year. County constables are Pct. 1 Steve Bowser; Pct. 2 Ed Shadbolt (Kelly Smith beginning Jan. 1, 2017); Pct. 3 Gary Dixon and Pct. 4 Scott Price.

Emergency Management Coordinator and Fire Marshal Tully Davidson will receive \$38,880. County Auditor Terri Sellars is set to receive \$76,419 and this position further receives a phone allowance at a rate of \$600 per year. Wood County Sheriff Chief Deputy was approved at \$49,504 and that position is

currently held by Miles Tucker. Wood County Jail Captain David McGee will receive \$47,482 and Human Resource Director Kathy Lutonski will make \$41,309.

Commissioners approved the order of election and notice of election for the general election being held Nov. 8, 2016. Branch polling places for early voting were approved at Winnsboro City Auditorium Oct. 25 and 26 from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.; Hawkins Community Center Oct. 27 and 28 from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.; First United Methodist Ministries Center, Mineola, Oct. 31 and Nov. 1 from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Holly Lake Ranch Fire Dept. Nov. 2 and 3 from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

In other action, commissioners approved a request from Quitman Mayor J.R. Evans to approve Martha Scroggins to another two-year term on the Wood County Industrial Commission representing Quitman. Commissioners also gave the go-ahead on a request from Wood County

In several other actions, commission-

ers:

- Approved nine personnel actions, one from the district clerk and eight from Upper Sabine Valley Waste Management District;
- Approved the Lake Holbrook lake house agreement with Robbie Ballard;
- Approved the annual renewal between the county and Brinson Benefits, Inc. to handle health plans;
- Set a public hearing for revision of lots at Holly Lake Ranch for Oct. 21 at 10 a.m.;
- Approved the Criminal District Attorney Hot Check Fund; asset forfeiture report, forfeiture fund budget and hot check fund budget for 2017;
- Approved Constitution Week Proclamation for Sept. 17 – 23;
- Approved county payroll of \$318,075.09; line items of \$57,956.79 and budget amendments of \$57,998.35 and
- Set per diem for meals paid out of county at \$42 per day which breaks down as \$9 for breakfast, \$13 for lunch and \$20 for dinner.



The Mineola "Sound of the Swarm" Marching Band. (Photo courtesy of Gene's Photography)

Mineola Marching Festival set for Oct. 10

By EVAN DUDLEY
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Summer has officially ended and autumn has taken its rightful place upon the seasonal throne. High school football season is in full swing and the marching band provides the soundtrack for Friday night.

But marching bands need to feel the excitement of competition too and the marching festival is the tool to use for

such an occasion.

The inaugural Mineola Marching Festival is being held Monday, Oct. 10, at Meredith Memorial Stadium in Mineola. The festival will host 24 bands from all corners of East Texas in a preliminary-finals format including awards for outstanding band, percussion, color guard and drum major.

The opportunity to host a marching festival has been on the mind of

Mineola Band Director Chris Brannon for some time. The ability to host such an event, however, did not become a reality until recently when new turf was installed at the stadium.

With the new turf and a central location in East Texas, the idea of the festival gained traction and will now come to fruition.

The contest will begin at 9 a.m. with local bands from Wood County including Alba-Golden, Hawkins and Quitman. There are four performance sections throughout the day with two sections before and

after the lunch break.

Six judges will be on hand which includes three for full band and one each for color guard, percussion and drum major. The top seven bands will be grouped into a finals section that begins at 5 p.m.

The Tyler Junior College Marching Apache Band will perform an exhibition show following the preliminary rounds and the Mineola "Sound of the Swarm" Marching Band will perform in exhibition at the conclusion of the finals.

Tickets are \$3 to the public and concessions will be available.

All proceeds from ticket sales and on-site concessions will be directed back to the Band Boosters for summer band camps and scholarships.

There are also two food trucks from the Tyler area that will provide concessions with a part of their proceeds donated to the Band Boosters.

"This event will allow us to showcase our community," said Brannon. "We hope visitors will enjoy our little town and come back to visit again. It's good for our entire community."

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- wet dog aroma
- Park, TX
- TXism: "does a ___ office business" (sells a lot)
- former Cowboy "Playmaker," Irvin (init.)
- Del ___ TX
- Beltre is the Texas Ranger's ___
- TXism: "roosters crow, ___ deliver"
- TX Sarah Shahi was in 2011 film "I Don't Know How ___"
- TX's Battle of Gonzales flag: "Come ___ ___ It" (1835)
- "friend" south of the border
- "A man got to do what ___ do"
- TXism: "___ to slop like ___"
- TX Kelly Clarkson tune: "___ Hook Up"
- CD is a music
- TXism: "got as much ___ ___ hibernating bear" (idle)
- Evansville Univ. 33 type of real estate auction (2 wds.)
- TXism: "mosey ___ to the trough" (join in)
- "thanks" in texting

DOWN

- TX Roddenberry's Star Trek: "to boldly go ___ man has gone before"
- earliest TX cartographer: Alonso Alvarez ___
- "Santa ___ National Wildlife Refuge"
- TXism: "get your ducks ___"
- roof overhangs
- TXism: "dot the i's and cross the ___" (finalize)
- TX-born Rex Linn TV show: "Better Call ___"
- blacken the surface
- TX Univ. cost: tuition ___
- at least two possibilities (2 wds.)
- TXism: "within ___ shot" (near)
- Tex Ritter sang "___ Whiskey"
- dir. to Junction from Plainview
- TXism: "he's a legend in his ___" (big ego)
- TX-based iHeart-Media owns 850 of these (2 wds.)
- in Parker County on FM 1542
- a simpler time? (4 wds.)
- TXism: "___ could strut sitting down"
- TX Kristofferson & Rita sang "A Song ___ Like to Sing"
- TXism: "just down the ___"
- (not far)
- test drive car
- Civil War ship sunk off Galveston: "U.S.S. ___"
- got bigger
- NE of TX town
- natural skill
- film with TX Morgan Woodward: "Which Way ___?"
- TXism: "bright as ___ penny"
- Leon, TX
- NYSE ticker code for TX-based Burlington Northern Santa Fe Corp.
- flip-flop maker
- TX negatives
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"Real good dogs" is how the animal control officer describes the two canines featured this week. Both were surrendered. Rex is a boxer beagle mix, 3 years old and good with other dogs. He has been an outside dog. Lexie is an 11-month-old Australian shepherd mix. She is very sweet, current on most of her shots and is housebroken. The two dogs featured last week, the German shepherd mix and the three-legged Catahoula plot hound are also still in need of homes.

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Museum parking lot sale Oct. 8

The Mineola Historical Museum is hosting a parking lot sale from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 8 at the museum on North Pacific Street in Mineola.

The fundraiser will offer furniture, children's clothing, glassware, home decoration and more. The museum gladly accepts donations and they can be left on the back loading dock of the museum.

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Alert pharmacy employees save couple from iTunes card scam

By DORIS NEWMAN

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Take an older couple, tell them their grandson is in need and ask them to help him out but not tell his parents. It's a perfect formula for some unwitting folks to fall prey to cold-hearted con artists, but two people were saved from this fate last Tuesday at CVS in Mineola.

Mineola Police Chief Chuck Bittner wanted to shine a light on the good Samaritans who prevented an older couple from being scammed out of \$2,000, and to alert the public

to this scam.

"There is a scam going on right now. People will call someone and say they're a police department and they have your grandson stopped on the road and ask you to send money to bail them out," the chief said. "They usually tell them to buy these iTunes cards. The most they can put on one of those is \$500 so they have to get four of them."

A couple who went to CVS last Tuesday right after lunch to purchase cards after such a call but two employees working there intercepted them and sent them to the police

department.

"It was a neat thing that they took the time to stop this," Bittner said. "They came very close to losing \$2,000 but those ladies intervened and saved them. I'd like to see them get recognized for their good work." The two women were Mary Danner, the store manager, and Sue Echols.

Danner was still at work mid-afternoon. She said the couple came in, the woman on a walker, looking for iTunes gift cards. She walked back with them to show them where they were and that is when they mentioned their grand-

son was in jail. Danner, who has worked for CVS for seven years, has been trained about various gift card scams. She said the maximum amount that can be bought on a gift card in one day's time is \$2,000.

Danner told them that she was almost positive it was a scam. She said the woman was adamant, saying that her grandson, a member of the military, wouldn't try to get money out of her. Danner told her that iTunes gift cards would not be used to get someone out of jail and she asked them to take a few minutes out of her day to drive to the Mineola Police De-

partment and speak with them. The couple did just that and while there their grandson was called and he assured them that he was not in jail.

The store manager said way too many people have fallen for the scams and "I'm glad everything turned out okay."

"It was a good day," she said. "It just feels good to do something good for somebody else."

The police chief said more people need to take this sort of action. "We need to be looking out for people." He said this sort of scam is even more prevalent during spring break time.

Wood County Sheriff's Report

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

September 20 - Deputy Jeremy Ragsdale was dispatched to County Road 4897 in the Winnsboro area on a burglary of a cabin. The cabin's owner stated a gun was missing from the cabin, as well as ammunition and a pair of binoculars. The gun is described as a black Taurus Judge Public Defender. Information was recorded regarding possible suspects. The case has been forwarded to an investigator.

Deputy Tucker George was dispatched to a business on Highway 80 in the Hawkins area for an assault report. The complainant advised she had been assaulted the night before by her roommate at their residence. The woman further stated that she had been only known her roommate for about a week and the previous night the two had gotten into an argument over a pair of earrings she had borrowed. She also stated she believed the man was under the influence of narcotics and was told to leave the residence but when she tried to leave, he grabbed her and a struggle ensued. Before she was able to escape the residence, the man produced a small caliber handgun and pressed it to her head behind her ear while he commanded her to swear she wasn't stealing his earrings. She was eventually allowed to leave the residence on foot but the man fired two shots in her direction as she was walking away. Deputy George recorded information regarding a woman who is reported to have witnessed the altercation between the woman and her roommate. The case has been turned over to CID for warrant review.

September 19 - Ragsdale was dispatched to CR 4249 in the Winnsboro area for a burglary of a vehicle. The complainant stated he had discovered someone had rummaged through his pickup. Although nothing was missing, an unfamiliar cell phone was located on the truck's console. The complainant identified the owner of the cell phone by the phone's content. Ragsdale took possession of the cell phone and it was logged into evidence. The case has been turned over to investigators for warrant review.

Ragsdale was dispatched to CR 4255 in the Winnsboro area for a burglary of a habitation. The reporting party stated she was house-sitting for the owners who are currently away and had arrived to find the garage door and the door entering the house open. Upon entering the residence, Ragsdale observed that the door appeared to have been kicked open and a broken-off key was in the deadbolt lock. Inside the residence a blanket was

ARRESTS

Ryan Kennedy Johnson, 20, Beaumont, possession of a controlled substance.

Benjamin Barrera, Jr., 38, Mineola, assault causes bodily injury, family.

Rebekah Leah Young, 19, Mineola, abandon/endorsement of child with intent to return.

David Bryan Kull, 30, Yantis, driving while intoxicated with alcohol concentration of

0.15 percent or more.

Charles Dewayne Gilbreath, 32, Yantis, public intoxication.

Nikolas Rakich, 20, Winnsboro, manufacture/delivery of a controlled substance in a drug free zone; possession of marijuana in a drug free zone.

Emily Lee Strickland, 23, Mineola, criminal trespass.

Amanda Gayle Read, 47, Longview, possession of a controlled substance.

located on which some miscellaneous items had been placed. A door was also found forced open in the back room. Information was recorded regarding possible suspects. The case remains under active investigation.

Deputy Justin Bowring was dispatched to the Yantis Food Mart in response to reports of a man causing a disturbance. The man had left the business prior to Bowring's arrival but was located walking down Main Street by Ragsdale. Bowring learned from a store employee that the man had become angry after he was questioned about food he had ordered but never picked up. The suspect reportedly threw several things before slinging the door against the wall as he left. Charles Dewayne Gilbreath, 32, of Yantis was taken into custody and charged with public intoxication.

September 18 - Lieutenant Robert Holland and Deputy Tucker George responded to call on CR 1388 in the Yantis area in the early morning hours after the property owner returned home and observed a suspicious vehicle parked on the road. Upon arrival, the deputies found the property owner had detained one man. Deputies spoke to the man and he gave several conflicting stories. The man denied that he was driving the suspicious vehicle and stated that he was simply a passenger. The man cooperated with deputies and took them to the home where he claimed the driver of the pickup lived and George was able to ascertain the identity of the driver. There was no proof that the detained man had been on the complainant's property and he was subsequently released. Deputy Melissa Pollard was dispatched to the location later in the day after the property owner found the turbo charger missing from a Mack dump truck on the property. A Ford 8000 showed signs of being tampered with as well.

September 17 - Deputy Melissa Pollard was dispatched to CR 4200 for a burglary report. The complainant stated a blue two-seat Kandi dune buggy was missing from his open barn as well as a Stihl chainsaw.

Deputy George was dis-

patched to Private Road 7908 for a burglary report. A woman stated that she and her husband had been out of town when they were notified by a neighbor that their house was possibly being burglarized. The couple returned home and discovered several items were missing. The missing property includes a kitchenware set, weed eater, leaf blower and camera as well as other household items.

September 16 - Deputy Pollard took a report of theft from a Mount Vernon woman. She stated she had purchased a storage building approximately four months ago that at the time she purchased it, was located on CR 4539. Arrangements were made to leave the building in place until fall and then move. The complainant stated she had been notified by her daughter that the building was no longer on the property where it was supposed to be. The owner of the property assumed the woman was the one who moved it. The building is described as 12 x 24 barn style beige and off white in color.

September 15 - Sergeant James Hildebrand was dispatched to CR 4700 for a theft report. A Winnsboro man stated a 2008 Yamaha Raptor 350 was missing from his yard and was last seen the previous day around 6 p.m. The complainant's son found the ATV parked south of the residence on the county road. Hildebrand noted it was parked on freshly cut grass facing the tree line at the edge of the road. A yellow strap, which had been cut, was located on the front of the ATV and appeared as though it was part of a ratchet strap.

September 14 - Deputy Brandie Cunningham was dispatched to Farm-to-Market Road 3056 regarding a burglary of a habitation. The complainant stated that someone had broken into a house on her property sometime after Sept. 11. The woman advised she had been alerted by the lawn service that the door to the residence was open. The woman's daughter had recently moved out of the house. Nothing was deemed to be missing but a window frame and a lock did sustain damage.

Mineola Police Report

Mineola police reports for the past week included:

Sept. 21 - Sharon Sue Allen, of Winnsboro was arrested at 12:09 a.m. on North Pacific for possession of controlled substance (methamphetamine) when she was stopped for having an expired registration.

Sept. 20 - A caller reported people at a condemned house on Front Street at 6:45 a.m. Emily Lee Strickland, 23, of Mineola was arrested for criminal trespassing. Strickland had been warned that the city of Mineola had condemned the house.

A reckless driver was reported at the civic center at 7:52 p.m.. The person reporting said the male was speeding when small children were playing. An officer spoke with the teenager. Shortly after the officer spoke to the teenager a second call was made from the center when the teenage driver reported he was threatened by some tenants at the center. No charges were filed.

Sept. 19 - At 1:23 a.m. a welfare concern was reported on a man who was walking away from Murphy's. The caller said he felt he was not stable. An officer checked him and said he did not exhibit any signs of intoxication and gave him a ride near his home.

A loud music complaint was reported at 2:06 a.m. near Walnut Street. The officer could not locate the music.

A stolen vehicle was recovered at Cross Country Foods. When asked the driver reported the car was given to him and he had it about a month. It is under investigation.

A woman said she gave personal banking information over the phone and then reported it to her bank fearing it was a scam. At the time of the report no one had used her account.

An air conditioner unit was hit by a vehicle on Sycamore Street. The person that hit it provided information.

A reckless driver of an 18 wheeler was reported on West Broad. An officer stopped it and found no problem with the driver.

A forgery was reported by Lone Star Dodge. They said they found someone had made checks and forged the manager's name. The incident is under investigation.

A reckless driver was reported on South Pacific Street. The officer could not locate the vehicle.

Sept. 18 - A report of welfare concern on Church Street was made, but when the officer arrived the man refused EMS. The officer left and then was called back to the church for the same man. The man was located on Stone Street and

transported by EMS.

An officer stopped a vehicle at the loop and Hwy 80 after receiving a report of reckless driving on Hwy. 37. The driver was talking on a cell phone and not paying attention.

Sept. 17 - An officer responded to the civic center in reference to a disturbance between a man and woman arguing.

A manager at Dollar General reported seeing a man take two bags of dog food without paying for it. The man jumped in his vehicle and left. The incident is under investigation, with a suspect.

A verbal disturbance was reported on North Pacific between two women. One reported the other was at her home and would not leave. It was found she was at the home to pick up her belongings, she did get them and left.

A cell phone was reported missing at a residence on Miller Street.

A report of disturbance on Kenny Drive was made. The man left the residence before officers arrived. No report was filed.

A young man was reported to be standing at the loop and Hwy. 69 asking people to use their cell phone. An officer gave the subject a ride to his father's home.

A call was received that people standing in the roadway at West Broad and Stone. Officers talked to an adult to keep the street clear.

Sept. 16 - Rebekah Leah Young, 19, of Mineola was arrested on Bromberg Street for endangering or abandonment of a child.

A request for patrol

at Northgate Shopping Center was made. It was reported someone was illegally dumping in the dumpster in the parking lot.

A man reported that a man got into his vehicle at a local gas station and after he left he realized his cell phone had been taken. The incident is under investigation.

A woman reported harassment by text message from another woman.

A reckless driver was reported on Hwy. 69 South coming into Mineola. An officer followed the vehicle and found no violation.

A woman reported her vehicle stolen by her ex-boyfriend at WalMart. The man was located and showed the officer a bill of sale and it was found to be a civil matter.

A traffic stop on South Pacific for failing to signal a turn resulted in Derrikk Henry Toese Griffin, 21, Mineola being arrested for no driver's license.

Sept. 15 - A woman was issued a citation for theft under \$100 when it was reported that she had stolen a baby bottle brush from Brookshire.

Officers responded to a welfare concern on Buchanan Street. The man was transported to the hospital.

A man reported a fraud to the police. He said he used his business credit card while in Florida and noticed it was used several times without his permission.

A woman filed a report in reference to a man touching her inappropriately. The incident is under investigation.

Mineola Fire Report

Mineola Fire Department calls for the past two weeks were:

September 21 - At 9:46 p.m. the department was dispatched to County Road 2275 to assist EMS.

September 20 - At 10:42 a.m. the department was dispatched to Loop 564 and Farm-to-Market Road 49 for an authorized controlled burning.

September 19 - At 7:43 p.m. the department was dispatched to Second Street to assist EMS.

September 18 - At 3:25 p.m. the department was dispatched to Church Street to assist EMS.

September 16 - At 9:16

a.m. the department was dispatched to North Pacific Street for public service assistance. At 11:08 a.m. the department was dispatched to Rosemont Drive to assist EMS. At 1:07 p.m. the department was dispatched to Loop 564 and Farm-to-Market Road 49 for an authorized controlled burning.

September 9 - At 12:33 p.m. the department was dispatched to Park Place to assist EMS.

September 8 - At 12:33 a.m. the department was dispatched to CR 2311 but was canceled en route.

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Yantis School Board names Secondary Principal Brem acting superintendent

By TOMMY ANDERSON
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Yantis Secondary School Principal Jerry Brem was appointed as acting superintendent of the school district last Monday at the regular monthly meeting of the district's board of trustees.

After opening the meeting by going into a closed executive session for an hour and five minutes, the board came back in open session to unanimously approve Brem to serve as the acting superintendent, filling a spot which was officially vacated the following day with the resignation of interim superintendent Dr. Peter Running. Running had served as interim superintendent for about a year and a half following the resignation of Superintendent Penny White, who resigned at mid-term of the 2014-2015 school year to take another position.

Brem, who came to Yantis from the Columbus School District, is in his second year as the secondary school (grades 6-12) principal at Yantis.

Brem will continue his duties as principal in addition to serving as acting superintendent, and the board authorized a supplemental salary of \$850 a month for him as compensation for the addi-

tional duties.

The rest of the agenda consisted of rather routine matters and was handled quickly and easily. After approving the minutes of board meetings held Aug. 8, Aug. 15, and Aug. 29, and giving the okay for payment of the monthly bills, the trustees:

- Heard a financial report for the district;
- Was informed that enrollment in grades 6-12 was at 174 students, up 21 from the same time a year ago;
- Approved a resolution authorizing Brem on the BTH Bank signature card;
- Certified Brem to the Region 7 Advisory Committee;
- Adopted the 2016-2017 teacher appraisal calendar;
- Approved changes to the district calendar for the UIL academic meet;
- Gave their consent to change 2016-2017 district pay dates from the 25th of the month to the 20th of the month.
- Approved the extracurricular status of Wood County 4-H to coincide with FFA dates and
- Set considering a permanent superintendent and making changes in plans for the district's annual audit as items for future agendas.

Scouting

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need some direction in how to grow into being a good man, a good citizen. It's sad to see what happens to some kids who never got any direction growing up.

"I represented a guy 20 years ago who was put on death row and was executed about five years ago. He was a kid who could have made it. It's what we have been hearing right here, no Dad a single Mom doing the best she could with no help. He was a smart

kid, very articulate and if someone would have gotten hold of him when he was eight or nine years old, he could have been different. The world is getting worse every day. We can't fix the world hopefully we can start fixing Wood County," Fletcher observed.

After more question and answer discussions, Buerger posed the question, "What can we do to help you and do you want our help? We certainly are not here to tell how to do your jobs, we just want to help."

Asking for a show of hands, the response was every hand in the room was raised. A decision was made to have a larger scale meeting with the group and have a clarion call throughout Wood County for adults inter-

ested in helping out Oct. 25. The time and place has yet to be determined, but will be publicized to all area media outlets.

Buerger said the organization will be called My Honor and they will be filing for non-profit status. "Our whole purpose is to support scouting in Wood County and helping the already established groups with manpower and funds. We want to help them grow in numbers from membership to adult leadership. We are a support group and not here to do anything other than help scouting in Wood County," Buerger added.

"We don't need everyone to be a scoutmaster, we just need people who are willing to help in what time they have available," added Brown.

Hendrix meets Clapton this Saturday

There's a special guest that is attending the Hendrix meets Clapton tribute concert Saturday and he will be reliving that moment for a second time.

Ron Raffaelli, Hendrix's personal photographer from his lone U.S. tour with Jimi Hendrix and The Experience, will give his personal account of the guitar legend's meeting with Clapton and showcase his iconic work from his time with Blind Faith, The Rolling Stones and Led Zeppelin which spans the last great era of rock and roll.

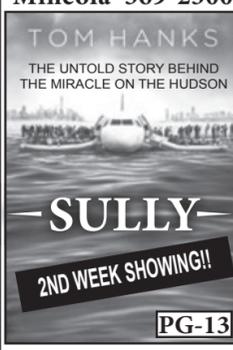
The Hendrix meets

Clapton tribute concert is a celebration of the first meeting of the guitar greats 50 years to the day. The concert will feature performances by local artist Rafael Espinoza and Travis Maxey. The event is slated to begin at 7:30 p.m. Saturday at Big Sandy Music Hall located on Tyler Street in Big Sandy.

Tickets are \$10 in advance and \$15 at the door. The tickets can be purchased in person at Big Sandy Music Hall or the Rafael Espinoza Music Academy in Mineola, online at BigSandyMusicHall.com or by calling 903-345-4289.

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Busy October for Mineola farmers' market

It's officially autumn and the downtown Mineola Main Street Farmers' Market is ready to help celebrate the season. Located in the Pavilion west of the train depot on Front Street, the Market is open - rain or shine - each Saturday in October from 8 a.m. until noon.

This month, join friends and neighbors for the very best of seasonal produce and a range of special offerings, events and guests.

Beginning the first weekend in

October, the Methodist Men from Smith Chapel will bring a wagon load of pumpkins for sale. There will be a table set up for children to decorate purchased pumpkins.

Oct. 8 and 22, J&J Taylor Cattle Company will offer samples of their delicious, grass-fed beef.

Oct. 15, a professional photographer will be on hand to photograph children and pets in a staged fall setting. Local organizations will offer unique items and advice, including the Wood County Master Gardeners and

the Texas Extension Office Homemakers. The Animal Preservation of East Texas and SPCA will host pet adoptions.

Market vendors will offer a wide range of locally made, grown, and raised produce and other goodies. Shoppers can browse potted plants, essential oils, handmade wood crafts and homemade specialty gifts.

Be sure to follow the Mineola Farmers' Market on Facebook for more information and updates throughout the month.

Shooting

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attempts to talk to Mr. Lafon by telephone as well as with the vehicle loud speaker, but without any success. Due to his threats to harm himself and others, EMS was staged in the area.

At 11:31 p.m. deputies entered the residence by the front door. The sheriff's office states that at that time Lafon pointed a firearm at the deputies and shots were fired. Lafon was hit by the gunfire. EMS arrived on the scene and at 11:40 p.m. advised that Mr. Lafon was dead.

Mr. Lafon's body was transported to Dallas for an autopsy. The deputies, James Hildebrand and Stephen Fields, were not injured in the exchange and have been placed on administrative leave pending the investigation. An additional deputy, Josh Davis, was at the scene but not involved in the shooting.

Because it is a deputy involved shooting, the release states, the Texas Rangers were notified and at 1:26 a.m. the Texas Rangers Crime Scene Investigation Team arrived at the scene and began their investigation. The Rangers are in the process of conducting the investigation assisted by the Wood County Sheriff's Office.

"Thank God," Sheriff Jim Brown said, in acknowledging that the deputies were not injured. He declined further comment due to the Rangers investigating.

Jail

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McGee added.

This is McGee's fourth year as a jail administrator, but he has years of experience, including seven years in Hunt County. "I have been a deputy, a jail floor walker and I have worked in a jail from the bottom to the top," McGee noted. "I am a police officer, but 99 percent of my time has been working in a jail."

The jail administrator is thankful for the support he has received since taking the job. "I would like to give the commissioner's court a lot of credit for all their financial support. I am thankful we are backed up on the decisions we make every day," McGee continued. "Mostly I have to thank the staff. They are the ones who get out there and do it every day."

McGee's staff includes 27 employees. "Officer Morrow is the jail maintenance officer. He works the outside trustees and repairs on the inside unless it requires a contractor. Lieutenant Jonathan Rose is my second in command and he keeps the show rolling implementing the policies I have put into place," McGee contended. "The guys are very excited about what we have done. Nobody thought we could do it. We have always joked around about it the last four years. Everybody has always said you can't get a perfect inspection, that they will always find something."

The Wood County facility has been in operation since 1986. "The actual building is definitely in need of some serious repair. We definitely have plumbing problems, but every time something came up, they got right on it," McGee confirmed.

Wood County Sheriff-elect Tom Castloo had words of praise for McGee and his staff at last Friday's commissioners meeting. "I give them my congratulations."



This cowboy loses his hat as he clings to the rope during the "monkey on a rope" competition Sunday at Wood County Cowboy Church. (Monitor photo by Larry Tucker)

Ben Wheeler Feral Hog Fest set for Oct. 21-22

The Fall Feral Hog Festival and World Championship Wild Hog Cook-Off will be held Friday and Saturday, October 21-22, in downtown Ben Wheeler. The theme for this year's event is "Getting Piggy with It."

Now in its ninth year, the town of Ben Wheeler is ready and confident that this year's festival will be bigger and better than ever. This family-friendly event attracts more than 5,000 people

who come to enjoy food, live music, entertainment and the work of numerous artisans from all over the Lone Star State creating an all-encompassing festival experience.

The Fall Follies show officially kicks off the festivities this year and is set for Friday at 7 p.m. at Moore's Store. During the show, hog queen contestants compete for the chance to reign as the Feral Hog Festival Queen.

The parade, festival and world championship wild hog cook-off are scheduled for Saturday beginning at 10 a.m., with live music on the main and side stages at the Pickin' Porch Pavilion throughout the day.

KLTV 7 News Anchor Taylor Hemness will officiate as master of ceremonies and internet viral sensation, Candace Payne, aka: "Chewbacca Mom," will make a special appearance Saturday.

Payne will judge in the World Championship Wild Hog Cook-Off competition and will announce the winner. She will also perform in the Pickin' Porch Pavilion at 5:30 pm. Payne's infectious laugh and joy-filled spirit have gained her positive attention from media outlets, brands and fans around the globe.

The live entertainment program includes performances by Ben Lowery & the Texas Express Band, Chance Pena, Meredith Crawford & the Back Hand Band, Shinebox, Wayland Hicks and the Lone Star Rhythm Rangers Band

Admission and parking is free and people of all ages are welcome to attend. Leashed pets are also welcome along with lawn chairs, blankets and coolers.

Food and merchants open at 10 a.m. and live music in the Pickin' Porch Pavilion starts at 11 a.m.

Anyone interested in being a volunteer, vendor, cooker, and parade participant or hog queen contestant, please call 903-833-1070 or email benwheelerfoundation@gmail.com. For more information, visit benwheelertx.com.

Wreck

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ment of Public Safety responded to the crash.

DPS Trooper Sean Waterman said possible charges are pending on the accident.

The trooper said that the truck driver was

eastbound and turning into the driveway of the West Mineola Resale and swung wide out into the oncoming traffic lane. Mr. Potter was headed west and struck the back corner of the trailer with his pickup. There was no explanation of why the two drivers didn't see each other, the trooper noted.



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A REASON TO SMILE



Kellam Newell with All-Star Insurance of Mineola presented the Mineola Fire Department with a \$2,000 check Thursday night as part of program called Protecting What Matters, sponsored by Safeco Insurance. Safety and Information Officer Steve Finley conducted a presentation at the civic center covering CPR, safety and disaster preparedness. On the front, from left, are Newell, Omar Hernandez, Mickey Hooks, Jaime Finley and Fire Chief Mark Hooks on the receiving end of the check. Behind them are, from left, Justin Clower, Eric Hooks, Sean Callahan, Eric Carrington, Cody Clark and Steve Finley.

Wood County among those to be served by \$1.18 million education grant to TJC

Tyler Junior College's TRIO program has received an Educational Opportunity Center grant from the U.S. Department of Education to help thousands of adults get a degree or return to college for additional training.

TJC is one of only 35 first-time recipients nationwide to receive this federal grant. Only 143 of 376 eligible proposals were funded, said Brad Gifford, TJC TRIO project director. The grant is a five-year award for \$235,999 per year for a total of \$1,179,995 over the entire grant cycle. It will serve a four-county area including Wood, Van Zandt, Smith and Cherokee counties.

The Educational Opportunity Center will be on the TJC West Campus and employ four people to serve more than 1,000 participants per year. The center is intended to provide college and voca-



ational guidance to adults who may not otherwise quickly decipher steps needed for vocational or college admissions and continued success through completion of a vocational program or college graduation.

"Current research indicates that by the year 2020, approximately 65 percent of all jobs will require some type of post-secondary education. TJC seeks to be in the forefront of efforts to increase the access to and availability of a college education in our East Texas community," said Dr. Tam Nannen, TJC assistant vice presi-

dent for academic affairs.

The EOC program will provide advising and information on college admissions to qualified adults who want to enter or continue a program of postsecondary education as well as services to improve the financial and economic literacy of participants. An important objective of the program is to advise participants on financial aid options, including basic financial planning skills, and to assist in the application process.

Participants will be connected to advisors who will assist in the selection and admission to programs best suited for them, financial aid guidance in completing the needed forms and information, as well as post-secondary course selection.

For those who may not have completed high school, help will be of-

fered on secondary school re-entry or high school equivalency exam programs or other alternative education programs.

U.S. Secretary of Education John B. King Jr. said, "These grants will help guide adults toward acquiring skills they need for 21st century jobs. Education Opportunity Centers serve as unique information hubs for adults seeking more insight into the resources available to them in pursuing higher education, quality work, and the American Dream."

Gifford said, "The Educational Opportunity Center will be a great resource for non-traditional, low-income, first generation, military families/veterans, and students with disabling conditions."

For more information, contact Gifford by email at bgif@tjc.edu or by calling 903-510-2612.

MISD Board

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ola school district to support staff and students, revamp the district website, increase regular meetings with the public, partnerships within the community and public relations through social media to inform parents and community members. The board also approved the establishment of three community committees for fine arts, career and technical education (CTE) and long-range facilities.

Local policies were also approved for video cameras in special education classrooms and a revision to allow the superintendent to notify the school board in the event of hazardous route changes regarding student transportation. The resolution was passed regarding the hazardous routes required by the state.

Superintendent Kim Tunnell presented her reports which included a math improvement plan and a summer facilities report.

The math improvement plan includes additional professional development for teachers in mathematics content and the utilization of Northwest Evaluation Association (NWEA) software. The software creates a personalized assessment experience by adapting to each student's learning level. Teachers will meet to plan for small group instruction, intervention and acceleration, and work to prepare students for mastery of grade level content.

In the summer facilities report, more than \$64,830 was reported spent during the summer with some pending orders for asphalt repair, speed bumps and the sidewalk at the primary and middle school. Additional security camera installation will be scheduled as well.

In other news:

- Each campus received a \$500 check from Caring & Sharing to be used to meet individual students' needs including clothing, supplies, food or any materials they need to attend school and be successful. The board was appreciative of Caring & Sharing and their continued partnership to meet the basic needs of students.

- Information items were presented by Assistant Superintendent for Business and Operations William Bjork. The finance report for August was presented and tax collections are at 96.5 percent for the current year. Enrollment is up by 71 students bringing the total number of student to 1,626. Attendance is at 97.14 percent for September.

- The board approved a contract with Ideal Impact, a Christian-based energy saving consulting firm, to maximize the utility costs for the district with an anticipated savings of a minimum of \$21,726 per year. This is a continued effort by the district to be efficient stewards of taxpayer dollars and capitalize on energy management efforts and expenses.

- All board members were present and all votes were unanimous.

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Council

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six months later they weren't paying sales tax. Nobody thought anything about it." At that point, he said, it wasn't the city's position to enforce it. Rushing said that the process would be part of the city's building inspector's job when one is hired. The ordinance was approved unanimously on a motion by Kevin White, Ward 2 alderman, and second by Sue Jones.

Also in the meeting the city amended its contract with KSA, its engineering firm. This is because bids for a project for which the city received a Texas Community Development Block Grant came in lower than the

amount received. The project was for reworking Stone, Krause and Short Streets. Since there was money left over, the city decided to rework another bumpy road, McDaniels for which Ward 3 Councilmember Mitch Tuck had heavily lobbied in the past. However, instead of just being able to add it on to the project, the state requires that it be treated as a separate project which includes engineering plans and more work for KSA.

The extra fee would be \$10,000 and Rushing noted that she did not know what the bids on McDaniels Street would be. There is a possibility that the leftover money wouldn't cover the extra engineer's fee and she said if that were the case, it would need to come out of the street depart-

ment's budget. "It's a long street," she said.

Sue Jones noted that having this done with the grant money would still end up costing the city less than if it had to fund the project "from scratch." The amendment was approved on a motion by Tuck and a second by fellow Ward 3 Councilperson, Novada Bigman.

The council also unanimously heard more discussion about possibly contracting with the company, Republic Services of Kilgore for the collection and disposal of commercial garbage. The company already does the residential pickup and also services the majority of the commercial customers as well. Rushing had told the council earlier that out of about 30 different cities

that use Republic, there were only two that did not take advantage of the franchise opportunity. They were Mineola and Quitman.

The representative of Republic Services, Gene Keenon, had told the council in an earlier meeting it generally allowed smaller businesses to have a less expensive service due to the volume of customers. In Last Monday's meeting White asked if anyone had checked on how it would affect the businesses' rates that weren't already using the company and Karch said the rate would go down. Additionally, the company would pay the city a \$2,000 a month franchise fee and, if problems arise, the city will know with which company to check.

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Obituaries

TOMMIE LOU COSBY 1939-2016

HOLLY LAKE RANCH-A celebration of life was held September 22, at Holly Brook Baptist Church in Holly Lake Ranch for Tommie Lou Cosby, 77, of Holly Lake Ranch.

Mrs. Cosby died September 19, 2016, in Tyler. She was born August 3, 1939, in Crow to the late John "Pete" and Delores Shoemaker. She attended Holly Brook Baptist Church, was on the Board of Directors of Cedar Memorial Gardens in Mineola, a Girl Scout leader, a softball coach and Sunday school teacher.

Survivors include her husband, Wayne Cosby, Holly Lake; two sons, David Cosby of Diana, Danny Cosby, Raleigh, North Carolina; daughter, Debra Lane, Dallas; two brothers, Larry shoemaker, Collinsville and John Shoemaker, Comfort; and four granddaughters.

In lieu of flowers the family requests donations be made to Hospice of East Texas, 4111 University Blvd., Tyler 75701 or Cal Farley Boys Ranch, P.O. Box 1890 Amarillo 79174.



KAY DON HABBINGA 1943-2016

ALBA-Kay Don Habbinga, 72, of Alba died September 19 at his home in Alba. A private memorial service will be held at a later date.

He was born September 25, 1943, in Lubbock to the late Henry and Opal Habbinga. He served in the U.S. Marine Corps during the Vietnam War, was a member of American Legion, Disabled American Veterans, volunteered at the VA clinic in Lubbock for 20 years, among other activities. He was a member of First Baptist Church, Alba.

He was preceded in death by his parents. Survivors include his wife of 47 years, Clau-



dia Habbinga, Alba; son, Mark Habbinga, Flower Mound; two daughters, Kayla Olson, Frisco and Wendi Pendleton, The Colony; brother Jackie Habbinga, Combine; sister, Lesa Ward, Concho, AZ and seven grandchildren.

GARY DON LAFON 1960-2016

MINEOLA-Memorial services for Gary Don Lafon, 56, Mineola, were held Saturday, October 1 at Lowe Funeral Home in Quitman with Rev. Bob Geney officiating.

Mr. Lafon died September 19, 2016, at his home. He was born March 9, 1960 in Wichita Falls to Norman and Oletha Lafon. He was a disabled Army veteran and a Mineola resident for 20 years.

He was preceded in death by his father. Survivors include his mother, Oletha Lafon; wife, Sharon Lafon, Mineola; stepson, Justin Kroening, Sulphur Springs; two brothers, Roy Lafon, Alba and Dale Lafon, Van Buren, AR and four step-grandchildren.

ALVIS CLAUDINE MERSHON 1932-2016

ALBA-Memorial services for Alvis Mershon, 84, Commerce, formerly of Alba, will be held Sunday, October 2 at Park Street Baptist Church, Greenville, with family and Rev. Johnny Hailes officiating.

Mrs. Mershon died September 10, 2016, in Plano. She was born March 9, 1932, in Wolfe City to the late Albert and Pervie McAbee, worked for the postal service, retiring at the Alba Post Office. She was a member of the Church of Christ.

She was preceded in death by her parents; husband, Phil Mershon; brothers, Thomas McAbee, Aubrey McAbee, Ben McAbee and Bervie McAbee; sister, Lettie Fisher; two infant sisters; two infant brothers and grandson and great-grandson.

Survivors include her twin sons, Alton Gates,



Wichita Falls and Dalton Gates, Greenville; four grandchildren; nine great-grandchildren and two great-great-grandchildren.

DELORES BETH PIEPER 1940-2016

WINNSBORO-Delores Beth Pieper, 76, Winnsboro died September 21. Services are to be scheduled at a later date.

She was born January 22, 1940, in Shamrock to La-Foye and Pauline Neer. She moved to Winnsboro in 1998 and was a LVN.

She was preceded in death by her father, husband, R.J. Pieper and one granddaughter.

Survivors include her mother, Pauline Neer, Bakersfield, California; two brothers, Ron Wilson and Gay Flores, both of California; sister, Rose Reaves, Mineola; eight grandchildren and ten great-grandchildren.

DOYLE RAY TODD

1935 - 2016



Doyle Ray Todd, 81, of Mineola, TX passed away on Tuesday September 20, 2016, in Mineola, TX. He was born on Thursday, March 21, 1935, in Blue Ridge, TX to the late Jesse and Hettie Lou Todd. Mr. Todd was a member of First Baptist Church Mineola. He was also owner and operator of Blue Bonnet Laundry for 46 years.

He is preceded in death by a daughter, Dena Raye Todd; brother, Leon Todd; two sisters, Billie Margaret Kyle and Neda Griffin.

He is survived by his wife of fifty-two years, Shirley Todd of Mineola; a son, Troy Allan Todd and wife Beth of Porter, TX; three daughters, Andra Cooper and husband Jim of Humble, TX, Gayna Alexander and husband Kenny of Winnsboro, Amanda Walls and husband Heath of Quitman, TX; nine grandchildren, three great-granchildren and several nieces and nephews.

The funeral service was held Saturday, September 24, 2016 at Beaty Funeral Home, Mineola, TX. Interment followed at Turner Cemetery in Redland.

In lieu of flowers, the family has requested donations to be made to the Alzheimer's Association.

Workshop

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homes.

He explained that there has been a Manufactured Home Overlay District in the southeast portion of Mineola for 10 years that has not required special use permits although it has manufactured home requirements. "Really haven't had any problems with it, but you've got some of the citizens over there thinking now, you've got all these manufactured homes coming in, we really want to have a say so on what's coming in our neighborhood."

The request was to keep the overlay district but to require a specific use permit. This will require people wanting to move homes in to go to the Planning & Zoning public hearings and city council public hearings so citizens who are in the area will be notified and can voice their opinion. The P&Z recommended the change.

There was to be a public hearing on the matter as well as a vote on an ordinance amendment dealing with this to be voted upon in Monday's regular

meeting, which occurred after *Monitor* press time.

Additionally, the council will look at an amendment to the zoning ordinance regarding the Single Family Manufactured Home district, also in the southeast portion of town. Madsen said the request is to do away with the designated area.

He said the rest of overlay district would be turned into a single family zone. "We're doing some clean up," Rushing said. Madsen said 61 notices were sent out on the matter, but there wasn't very good attendance at the P&Z meeting by residents addressing the matter. However, there had been a great deal of discussion during a previous informal gathering.

Ward 3 Alderman Mitchell Tuck complimented Madsen on how well he conducted himself in the previously mentioned meeting. "Very informative and a lot of citizens wanted to be assured that everything was being taken care of," he said. "That was part of it," Madsen said.

The workshop also included a final discussion on the city's budget and tax rate prior to approval

in Monday's meeting.

Also in Thursday's workshop the council heard:

- Community Development Director Holly Herring pointed out there was a vacancy on the Tourism Board, an advisory board, and she was recommending Dana Smith, owner of Lucky Bleu who has been active downtown with the Merry Merchants who would be "a good fit for it;"

- That the city's bank signature card needed to have Lori Shipman's name removed and Sherry Vann's name added. It was noted that Vann neither writes checks or balances accounts;

- It would be asked to authorize the mayor to approve an annual interlocal agreement for the emergency management coordinator with the county. The city pays a prorated share of \$7,260 based on its population to be a part of the county's plan;

- It would also be asked to approve the fire protection agreement for which the Mineola Fire Department provides protection for the rural areas outside the city's jurisdiction. The county pays a little over \$50,000 to the city for this

service;

- They would be asked to proclaim Oct. 11 as Texans Against Crime 2016 night;

- Novada Bigham report that a community meeting is being planned for Tuesday to improve communications between the community and city departments. She described it as "a casual" informational meeting. "It's kind of how can we help you help us," she said.

All council members were present for the September workshop.

Republicans open Quitman headquarters

The Wood County Republican Party is opening a county headquarters Thursday at their new location in Quitman, 212 East Goode St. just east of Quitman Public Library.

There will be light refreshments served and campaign signs and candidate material and information will be available.

It will also be an opportunity to meet the new Wood County Republican Chairman Janna Castloo of Mineola. Castloo was chosen by the executive board of the Wood County Republican Party to replace Sven Sterner who is stepping down.

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Is it really FALL?

Amateur photographer Ken Gaynor gets up early to drive around and look for nature shots. He lives at Spring Lake which has wonderful fall colors every year. Trees are starting to lose a few leaves and a little bit of color is starting to show here and there, but the early morning light when this photo was recently shot made it look like New England in the fall. (Photo by Ken Gaynor)

Pavilion

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purposes, but it came with a hefty price tag. Last week it was announced that Jack Jones had donated \$120,000 for the structure which will be named the Peggy and Jack Jones Pavilion. Jones' late wife Peggy was much loved by him and many in the community.

Jason Henderson called it an "exciting public announcement."

Plans call for the 44 x 82 foot structure to be 1,500 enclosed square feet. It will include restrooms, showers for RV campers, a concession stand and an equipment room that will shelter the exposed pipes for the splash park. Henderson noted "It's not just a slab with a metal roof. It's quite an impressive facility." The pavilion will open up north toward the playground. The entrances to the restrooms will be visible from the road for security reasons.

Henderson said the public will have the opportunity to reserve the pavilion for events such as birthday parties, very much like the nature preserve. In thinking about how to maintain the splash park and pavilion he said the civic center board is looking toward revenues generated by reservations of the pavilion and from the concession stand. "This was so much a part of the complete vision," he said.

The civic center board has received several gifts of varying amounts for the structure. But Tuesday they were ready to announce it would be called the Peggy and Jack Jones Pavilion. "He made sure that it was not the Jack and Peggy Jones Pavilion," Henderson

said. "I think it is a wonderful gift. The gift amount is \$120,000 and the fundraising that has been done by the civic center board with some participation by the endowment committee will enable the project to be built. It's going to end up being about a \$175,000 project."

Henderson said the civic center board is very grateful for the gift. "I think it's a wonderful way to honor a family that's done a lot for Mineola. Jack has served this community in so many ways, indirectly through the church, but directly as a city alderman and one of the things he and I have had discussions about is the splash park and this pavilion and all those families out there. Peggy was an educator. Was around children, young people her whole life. We've had an awful lot of conversations about mommas sitting out with those babies watching them at the splash park not having to be out in the sun."

Henderson said the matter has been talked about for a while, "but we wanted to give the community an opportunity to be a part of this too."

He said there is still a misunderstanding in the general community that the civic center is funded by the

city, or city-owned, or that it is wholly supported and funded by the Meredith Foundation. "Neither one of those is true. To do anything like the scope of what's happening right now there has to be donors that step up and want to make those types of contributions."

"It's an incredible way to remember them, not only Peggy, but both of them and what they have meant to this community."

"The best thing about it," Jones said, "it's to honor Peggy. She was so active in so many clubs; all you had to do was go to her funeral and see that packed church to realize just how many people adored her."

Henderson said periodically he or John Fuller, the civic center building and grounds committee chairman, would call the project the Jack and Peggy Jones Pavilion, but Jones was quick to correct them.

"And like I witnessed in their interaction, Peggy was truly always first. In their marriage I saw it, witnessed it. And so I find that fitting that it's the Peggy and Jack Jones Pavilion."

Henderson said that Fuller is already getting bid work and he believes "this is something we hope to have com-

pleted around January." Jones noted that almost all of the contractors will be Mineola business people.

Asked what he thinks Peggy would have thought about the donation, Jones said, "Well she would have cried. And so I can't talk about it. She would have wholeheartedly liked it, I can tell you that. We just lucked in to Mineola. It was not a destined thing. It was not a planned thing. It was just one of those happenings that make the rest of your entire life a happier place."

He spoke of a gift of homemade sandwiches and an apple pie that someone in the community surprised him with. One of many kindnesses bestowed, he said. "That's what Mineola is. It's full of people like that that want to share graces."

Henderson said, being a financial person, he likes that Jack is making the gift now on behalf of him and Peggy, but it is a gift that will produce and sustain itself.

"I think that will help people to understand... this is a community that cares," he said. He pointed out a lot of people had contributed to the project, but the gap of what was donated versus how much was needed was great. "Without a major gift like this, the project would not have moved forward," he said. "There has to be somebody carrying the flag, and Jack has picked it up and marched forward with it."

Jones credited Henderson in helping with the donation in numerous ways. "He is a money manager, and a very good one. Because of Jason's management and Jim Nicholson's before him it's that Peggy and Jack can make the donation."

"It's an incredible way to remember them, not only Peggy, but both of them and what they have meant to this community."

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Bulldogs fight hard, fall to Winnsboro



By LARRY TUCKER
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The Quitman Bulldogs held their own against heavily favored Winnsboro (3-1) in Friday's district opener before falling 36-6.

Quitman's Kayden White broke a pair of tackles and followed great blocking from the offensive line to put Quitman ahead of Winnsboro 6-0 with 6:06 to play in the first quarter. As a matter of fact, Quitman led the game after one period by the same 6-0 score.

Winnsboro came back to take a 14-6 lead at intermission on two Marcus Tucker runs from 36 and 49 yards. The Bulldog defense tightened up at the end of the first half and kept the Red Raiders out of the end zone after Winnsboro had driven to

Quitman's Kayden White follows the lead blocking of Wacey Warren (1) in Friday's loss to the Winnsboro Red Raiders. (Photo by Larry Tucker)

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Panthers fall to Rivercrest

By TOMMY ANDERSON
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*"Gloom, despair and agony on me
Deep, dark depression, excessive
misery
If it weren't for bad luck, I'd have
no luck at all
Gloom, despair and agony on me."*

Do you remember these song lyrics? Well if you don't, they came from a regular feature in the very popular "Hee Haw" television show. It was a regular feature of that classic weekly presentation, which aired on CBS from 1969-1971 followed by a 21-year run in local syndication.

Today it might well be considered the theme song for the Alba-Golden Panther football team. However, the always optimistic mentor of that program, Head Coach Ron Callahan, is looking for a brighter future starting with the opening of District 8-3A Division II play at Lone Oak Friday, Oct. 7.

The latest chapter of Alba-Golden's "Gloom, Despair and Agony" story was put in the books Friday night when the Panthers lost a hard-fought game at Bogata Rivercrest, 24-6. Just how you might want to start writing that chapter could be debated, but most likely the saga of quarterback Brady Rolan is the best choice.

Rolan sustained a bad broken leg while playing a pickup basketball game back in June while working at a summer camp. His recovery went well and he was allowed to resume non-contact drills a couple of weeks ago. This past week he was cleared by doc-

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Lauren Almuete (10) readies herself for the killing stroke. (Photo by Evan Dudley)

Lady Jackets split; face county rivals this week

By EVAN DUDLEY
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After starting 2-1 in 3A-District 12, the Mineola Lady Jackets were stuck in gear last week as they split a pair of matches against the Edgewood Lady Bulldogs (1-4) and the Scurry-Rosser Lady Cats (4-1).

Mineola started the week off sluggish

but found a way to win in their Tuesday match against Edgewood. The Lady Jackets went the distance in five sets: 25-20, 21-25, 19-25, 25-18 and 15-10.

Leading the stats sheet was Jodi Lopez with seven digs, three kills and one ace to go along with Lauren Almuete

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Lady Bulldogs stay perfect in district play

By LARRY TUCKER
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After losing the first set 20-25 Friday afternoon, the Quitman Lady Bulldogs regrouped and roared past Eustace 25-17, 25-18 and 25-23 to keep their District 12-3A unblemished at 5-0. Through five district matches the Lady Bulldogs have lost only one set while winning 25.

Senior outside hitter Macy Wilson continues to give added spark to the team registering nine kills, seven digs and two aces.

Juniors Kaci Raley and Molly Tanner refused to lose at the net as they continue their top level play. Raley had 15 kills, four aces and a block while Tanner added 11 kills, five digs and three blocks.

Sophomore Madalyn Spears continues to grow even stronger displaying her hard-hitting abilities with 11 kills while hustling after nine digs.

East Texas' top setter Cammie Hicks has played through a tough shoulder injury without letting up, adding to her already impressive play recording a game high 41 assists along with two digs and a kill.

Quitman powered past Kemp Tuesday by the scores of 25-12, 25-16 and 25-13. Raley had another outstanding effort with 21 kills, 10 digs, three

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Cammie Hicks had 41 assists for Quitman in their win over Eustace. The Lady Bulldogs are 5-0 in district play.

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Football picks hotly contested

First place in the Football Bucks contest this week goes to Wendell Gay with only two misses. He will take home \$20 in Football Bucks.

Scott Myers, a player in the game since its beginning, hasn't made it to the number one spot yet this year, but does take second this week with three misses. Quitman's Todd Shackelford tied Myers for second place, but Myers was closest to the tiebreaker and will receive \$10 in bucks.

Come join the fun, and remember entries must be in the Mineola or Quitman office by 5 p.m. on Friday. If mailed, the postmark should be Friday the game is played.

Lady Panthers end skid with sweep

By EVAN DUDLEY
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The Alba-Golden Lady Panthers have not had the best start in district play. Entering last week, the Lady Panthers were 1-2 but split the week between the Eustace Lady Bulldogs and the Kemp Lady Jackets.

Alba-Golden dropped the first match of the week at home to Eustace but rebounded with a win at Kemp – their first in district since an opening match victory against Edgewood.

The Lady Panthers dropped their match with Eustace in four sets; 21-25, 25-19, 18-25 and 22-25.

Alba-Golden got back on track Friday by sweeping Kemp 25-17, 25-12 and 25-20. Breezy Weisert led the way for the Lady Panthers with 14 assists, three kills, two digs and an ace.

Gracie Pendergrass had 11 kills and a dig with Bethany Carson adding four kills and a dig. Ginny Carson finished with four kills and an ace followed by Kenzie Chadwick with three kills.

The Lady Panthers are now 2-3 in district play and host Grand Saline Tuesday. Alba-Golden will travel to Mineola for a cross-county match Saturday.

Hawks fall to Joaquin Rams, 52-20

By KATIE MOORE

The names of childhood cancer survivors are called over the speaker, and as they arrive on the track, they are handed teddy bears in honor of their fight. The crowd is filled with emotion as the people in the bleachers watch the ceremony, led by members of the high school's National Honor Society.

The Hawkins Hawks held their Gold Game Friday night, recognizing childhood cancer awareness and playing the Joaquin Rams. The Hawks lost 52-20, falling behind by more than 40 points at halftime but staged a comeback that fell short and outscored the Rams in the second half.

"I think we were thinking about the kids that survived cancer more than the game," sophomore quarterback Akim Richmond said. "The first half we were asleep, then we went into the locker room during halftime and had a talk... we came out in the second half and played a little better."

Hawkins had the first offensive

possession but fumbled the ball, giving it up to the Rams. The Rams also fumbled; the Hawks lost the ball on downs, and Joaquin scored on the next possession.

The Rams continued to score on almost every possession, with long throws to receivers making up the bulk of the points. The Hawks turned a screen pass into a long run for a touchdown, but it was called back due to holding and a block to the back. Joaquin continued to score, shutting out the Hawks 42-0 by halftime.

"At halftime I still had confidence we could come back and win," senior offensive lineman Jackson Prater said. "I reminded some of my teammates about an NFL game from the 90s where Houston played the Buffalo Bills and had the lead 35-0 at halftime, and the Bills came back and won the game 51-35. Even though we couldn't pull out a win like that, we still came back strong in the second half and put up some points."

Joaquin returned the ball for a touchdown on the opening kick-

off of the second half making the score 49-0. However, the Hawks came back with a touchdown run by Tristian Garrett. The Hawks failed to make the two-point conversion.

After back-and-forth possessions, the Rams fumbled the ball and the Hawks ran the ball in from the 20-yard line for a touchdown but failed again to complete the conversion. After a long drive by the Rams, they kicked a field goal, putting the score at 12-52.

Eventually, a 40-yard pass from Akim Richmond to Dustyn Threlkeld gave the Hawks their last touchdown, and this time they successfully added 2 points.

"We didn't see as much progress this week as we have," Head Coach Marty Moore said. "Our kids know that the games that count begin in two weeks. Hopefully a week off will help us get healthy and prepare for Kerens."

The Hawks (1-4) are open this week; their next game will be Oct. 7 on the road against the Kerens Bobcats (0-5).

Mineola and Quitman run well at Van Invitational

By EVAN DUDLEY
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Two county teams participated in last week's Van Cross Country invitational. Mineola and Quitman both had solid outings and look to continue their success going forward.

The Quitman Bulldogs had two runners earn medals with senior Jose Rojas placing 12th and sophomore Dalton Brandon finishing 20th.

Senior Jacob Rowland, juniors Diego Flores and Ashton Midkiff and freshman Riley Flanagan, Jr. also ran in the meet.

"I am very proud of these young men, but we are in one of the hardest cross country districts in the state of Texas," said Quitman Head Coach Hayland Hardy. "We have to continue to work to build up a powerful team and be ready for our district meet."

Mineola had a very good showing in the boys middle school two mile race. Devin Rojas finished first overall with a time of 12:50 followed by David Amador with third place (13:08) and Royer Marquez with seventh place (14:01). Arturo Perez finished

18th (14:53), Scout Parker finished 23th (15:41) and Caden Mosher (17:31).

The middle school girls had similar success. Kapri Riley placed sixth (15:10), Juilana Stanley placed seventh (15:16) and Alyssa Lankford placed ninth (15:18) to put three in the top 10. Keilee Riley finished just outside with an 11th place finish (15:29), Abby Kratzmeyer made the top 20 with 19th place (17:12) and Autumn Chamberlain rounded out the top 30 with 27th place finish (19:39).

Kirstiana Welch placed 26th in the varsity girls race with a time of 15:52. The junior varsity girls saw Rosalinda Marquez place 11th (17:13), Rubi Melgarejo in 13th place (17:29) and Jasmine Barnett shaved two full minutes off her best time with 23:55.

Omar Gonzalez took 12th place (21:28) in the varsity boys race.

"The course was a little long and very rough but overall our kiddos ran very well," said Mineola Head Coach David Smith. "Middle school did well for their first meet of year and are a lot further along than I hoped they would be but we still have work to do."

Lady Hawks honor cancer survivors; drop two to begin district play

By KATIE MOORE

Lady Hawk Coach Quiana Conde revealed to the team that they would be honoring three survivors of childhood cancer at their district opener against Big Sandy Tuesday. The room was filled with emotion as everyone watched the children and their parents take the court to be recognized.

Although the Lady Hawks fell short in their first district game, they were proud of the opportunity to make the evening about more than just volleyball.

"Being able to support the cancer survivors was a great feeling," senior Hannah Langford said. "I liked that we were able to take the attention away from ourselves so that we could honor something much more important. The kids and their parents seemed so grateful. It was definitely inspiring to see kids that were so young, yet so strong."

Tuesday's game was a hard loss for the Lady Hawks, but they fought hard and left it all out on the court. Big Sandy defeated the Lady Hawks 24-26, 18-25, 25-8, 25-13 and 13-15.

"We didn't give up," junior Emily Hodges said. "We fought harder than ever, we came together as a team, and for the most part kept our heads up, but sadly, we fell short. All in all, it was an emotional night for several reasons."

Langford believes that the loss against Big Sandy will only strengthen the team to go on and do

better as they continue their district schedule.

Senior hitters, Natalie Smith and Sydnee Miller, led the Lady Hawks in kills, with 11 and nine respectively. Langford added eight kills and Hodges put down seven kills.

Hawkins' setters combined for 23 assists. Raeli Smith put up 13 and Haileigh Dollins added ten.

Defensively, Hawkins was paced by Langford and Raeli Smith with 13 digs each. Madison Staruska picked up 10 digs for the Lady Hawks and Destiny Chapman added seven.

Smith had six blocks for Hawkins.

"I don't think we could have played with any more heart than we did," Langford said. "To come back and win two sets after losing the first two was so exciting and we were all heartbroken when we lost the fifth, but we learned important strategies and we'll be working hard for our next district games including playing Big Sandy again."

The game Friday ended in a loss for the Lady Hawks against the Linden Kildare Tigers.

"I feel like we came out really flat, we definitely did not play to our full potential," senior Madison Staruska said. "We really have to step up and win these next few games if we want to be able to take first in district."

Lady Owls sweep CHSS

The Yantis Lady Owls got back into the win column with a sweep over home-school team CHSS by scores of 25-21, 25-23 and 25-20.

"We finally played the way we all know how to! I am very proud of the girls for coming together and wanting a win, wanting to succeed at the same time and playing as a team. There wasn't just one person leading. They were all being leaders," Head Coach Jamie Garcia said. "They all played every position; serving, hitting, setting, digging, blocking. I believe that if you have a team that can play every position, that is capable of doing everything and that plays like a team then you will be successful. We just have to realize that and be confident."

Quitman Independent School District



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Lake Fork Weekly Fishing Report (September 19-25)

By JOHN MORRIS

Well, you'd think that the third week of September it would start cooling down, "NOT." It was another very warm week here at beautiful Lake Fork. The water temperatures stayed in the upper 80s to the low 90s. The good news is that the water clarity is getting better all over the lake.

The bass fishing was good this week with good numbers of small fish being caught. Our best pattern was still the Zoom chartreuse-pumpkin trick worm rigged wacky style with a nail in

the head. Make sure you use the nail because you want the wacky worm to get down into the hydrilla.

Several fish were caught using a quarter and half ounce rattle trap. The best color rattle trap was chrome with a black back. We caught a few fish in 16 to 18 feet of water using a Carolina rig and used a Zoom watermelon-red Baby Brush Hog with dyed chartreuse tails.

For our equipment list this week we continue to use Duckett Ghost rods, ABU Garcia Orca SX reels, Rattle Traps and, of course, Zoom

trick worms.

The white bass remained scattered out this week due to the warm water temperatures. The white with black stripe Joe Spaits Flashtail jigging spoon is a good way to catch them in 24 to 30 feet of water.

The crappie fishing is starting to improve. This week they were found over brush piles and caught by using small blue and white crappie jigs. The good ole minnow rig also worked great!

Yes, the Berkley tournament is almost here. Have a great fishing week and be a line watcher.

Yantis

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Match stats for Yantis were: Bailey Bush- two kills, three aces, one assist, 14 digs, three tips; Ashton Burnett- two kills, five aces, 15 assists, 11 digs, two blocks, two tips; Sarah Wilkey- two kills, six digs, four blocks, four tips; Maggie Hooker- four kills, one ace, two assists, nine digs, one block, one tip; Gracie Beech- three digs; Mon-

tana Wetzel - five kills, six aces, 11 digs, three blocks, two tips; Jackie Lopez- six digs; and Maddie Hooker- three kills, four aces, eight digs.



Geologist, former Big Bend ranger to speak at TJC lecture series

Geologist Blaine Hall, former interpretive ranger at Big Bend Ranch State Park, will be the guest speaker for September's Public Science Lecture Series at the Center for Earth & Space Science Education at Tyler Junior College. The event is 7 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 28, at the TJC Science Center on East Lake Street. Admission is free, and the event is open to all ages.

In his lecture topic, "Geology at the Crossroads: Big Bend Ranch State Park," Hall will cover the park, the largest of the Texas State Parks covering an area of over 300,000 acres. Its southern boundary follows the Rio Grande from about 10 miles below Presidio through a series of Basin and Range grabens for some 40 miles down-river to Lajitas at the northwest corner of Big Bend National Park.

Hall will discuss the geology and climate that have determined the character of the landscape, which in turn greatly influenced the cultural development of the area, and the cultural development through time determines the history of the region.

He joined Texas Parks and Wildlife in 2010 as an interpretive ranger at Big Bend Ranch State Park, where he used a hands-on approach in explaining the natural and cultural history of

the park. In particular, he helped visitors understand the geology of the park, how the geology controls the development of the park's landscape, and how the landscape has affected the historical and cultural development of the park.

Hall completed his Bachelor of Science in geology at UT El Paso, received his Master of Science in geological oceanography from Dalhousie University, and

did research in marine geology and geophysics while at Lamont-Doherty Earth Observatory of Columbia University.

After leaving the oil industry, where he worked in minerals, exploration and production, he returned to his native West Texas and spent the next 10 years teaching geology and mathematics at Sul Ross State University.

Since his retirement from TPWD in 2015, Blaine resides in Fort Da-

vis and continues studying the geology of Big Bend Ranch State Park.

Mineola Country Club SENIOR GOLF REPORT

The team of Elroy Doggett, Ken Norlie, David Cartright and Bill Mince won first in the Senior Golf Scramble at Mineola Country Club Thursday. They shot (16 under) 55.

The second place team of Robert Linker, Jim Bowen, Jake Koeppel and Jim Wray shot (15 under) 56.

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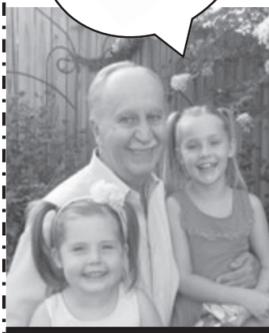
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Panthers

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tors to resume full contact and was in uniform for the game Friday night in Bogata. Rolen did not start and was used very sparingly during the first half. After the intermission he took command on the field and promptly led the Panthers to their only score of the night, throwing a 38-yard bomb to Fredrick Arenas, who pulled in the ball at the two and let momentum carry him into the end zone.

That was on the first series of the third quarter. Rolen got off one more full series in the third quarter and another that started in the third and ended two plays deep in the fourth. Midway through the final period Rolen was looking to pass, but was pressured and opted to try and run to the left. He was smashed down hard by a pair of Rebel defenders, did not get up for a long time, was assisted off the field, and never returned to the game.

In fact, Rolen will not return to the field again this season as he sustained three breaks in his

right collar bone from that hard tackle.

The Panthers already had star running back Cody Frazier on the sidelines with a deep rib bruise sustained in the game with Carlisle a week ago. And, during Friday night's game senior lineman A.J. Williams and sophomore running back David Pennington wound up on the bench with the pads off due to injuries received in the contest.

"We have played a hard schedule and we are pretty beat up and bruised," Callahan said after the game, continuing, "but we have learned a lot and improved a lot in every game. I am real proud of these kids. We have a tough district and we needed tough competition to get ready for that. With this week off to rest and recuperate I think we will be ready to go for the Lone Oak game."

About the injuries in the Rivercrest game, Callahan said, "aside from Brady, nothing seems to be serious and everybody else should be at full strength by the time we play again."

All six members of District 8-3A Division II have completed non-

conference play and are taking a break from action this Friday night. When the "second season" starts Oct. 7 three of the teams boast winning records and three have losing records, and all have suffered at least one defeat. When the games that count begin Edgewood and Harmony will boast 4-1 records while Lone Oak has a 3-2 record. Alba-Golden and Winona come in with 2-3 records and Como-Pickton is winless in five starts.

On the opening night of district play while Alba-Golden is at Lone Oak, Winona will be at Como-Pickton and Harmony will be at Edgewood.

At Bogata Friday the game was a real slug fest through the first three quarters and the Panthers had several chances to pounce on the Rebels, but failed to cash in. Alba-Golden got possession of the ball in Rebel territory four times, once at midfield and a final time before the halftime intermission at their own 39. All six first half possessions presented the Panthers with good field position and one was spectacular. But no points resulted.

A little over midway through the second quarter with Rivercrest facing a fourth and 11 at its 28 yards stripe the Rebels elected to punt, but the snap from center sailed over punter Triston Cain's head. He raced back and recovered the loose ball, but was called down at the 7-yard line, setting the Panthers up with a first and goal.

On first down Pennington was stopped to the left for a one-yard loss at the 8-yard line. Second down found Reeves pull down a Rolen pass for 5 yards to the three. On third down Reeves was called on to carry to the left and was nailed for a two-yard loss at the five. That sent out a call for Arenas to attempt a 22-yard field goal on fourth down. His kick was short and wide to the right, leaving the game scoreless.

As the first half was winding down Pennington was tagged for a 16-yard loss on a fourth down try and the Rebs got the ball at their 42. It took the Rebels just five plays plus one five yard Alba-Golden off-side penalty to break the deadlock with Strickland scoring on a five-yard sprint around left end.

GAME STATS

Rivercrest 24, A-G 6				Scoring Summary	
A-G	R	A-G	R	Second Quarter	
0	0	6	0	RIVERCREST: Lucch Strickland 5 run (Strickland run) 0:21, 0-8	
Rivercrest	0	8	0	Third Quarter	
				ALBA: Fredrick Arenas 38 pass from Brady Rolen (run fail) 6-8, 8:30	
First Downs	11	10		Fourth Quarter	
Total Yards	176	218		RIVERCREST: Morgan Tabb 9 run (Strickland run) 6-16, 8:36	
Rushes-Yards	40-61	39-181		RIVERCREST: Tabb 46 run (John King pass from Strickland) 6-24, 4:46	
Passing Yards	115	37			
Comp-Att	8-12	3-12			
Punts-Avg	3-33	4-31.25			
Penalties-Yards	5-30	8-49			

The 6-3, 185-pound senior also ran in the two-point conversion on a quarterback draw to set the tally at 8-0.

After the Panthers scored on their first series of the third quarter on Rolen's pass to Arenas it appeared the game was knotted at 8-8 when Rolen worked a quarterback draw that saw him wind up in the end zone. However, for some unknown reason the game officials ruled he did not get in the end zone, though when the play was over he was laying on his back with the ball still in his clutches well past the goal line.

Early in the fourth quarter a bad snap on a Panther punt sailed over kicker Jacoby Harle's head and he scrambled

back to reclaim the ball and under pressure got off a pass to keep from being sacked. The toss fell incomplete though and Rivercrest took over on downs at the Panther 38. From there it took the Rebs six plays to score on a nine yard trap play by Morgan Tabb. Strickland kept to right for the two-point conversion and Rivercrest held a 16-6 lead with 8:36 left to play.

For their final score of the night the Rebels covered 66 yards in five plays, the TD being rung up with a dazzling 42-yard gallop by Tabb down the left sidelines. Strickland tossed the two-point conversion to John King to post the final score at 24-6 with 4:46 left on the clock.

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Sophomore Madalyn Spears goes up strong for one of her 11 kills in action at Eustace. (Photo by Larry Tucker)

Quitman

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aces and one block; Tanner added 18 digs, seven kills, four aces; Hicks had four digs, one kill, one ace and 29 assists. Senior Brittany Walls hustled her way to 16 digs in the contest.

Quitman's overall record is 21-7 and 5-0 in District 12-3A. The Lady Bulldogs are currently ranked 12th in Class 3A.

Next game is at home Tuesday against Mineola, followed by a road trip to Grand Saline this Friday with an early varsity game at 4:30 p.m.

Bulldogs

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the one yard line.

Although their colors may be red and black, the Raiders turned in a blue collar performance in the second half, controlling the football on the ground using the talents of Tucker and Coby Brown while adding Jonathan Sperling into the mix in the fourth quarter.

The Bulldog defense played a hard-hitting game the entire contest, but eventually wore down on the hot evening. The Quitman defense came up with a huge stop in the opening quarter holding Brown to one yard on a fourth and two at the Quitman 45-yard line.

The Bulldogs used six plays and over three minutes off the clock staying on the ground using Jake Farmer, Wacey Warren, A.J. Dunn and White. The big play of the drive was when quarterback Farmer shook off a pair of tackles and scooted 28 yards to the Red Raider 25-yard line. Runs by Farmer and White moved the ball to the 13-yard line. From there, the fleet-footed White ran through the Raider defense and Quitman led 6-0 after a failed try for a two-point conversion attempt.

Warren had his best game offensively rushing for 90 yards and doing some great lead blocking for the other backs. "Wacey had his best game and did a great job of hitting the holes. All of our backs did a good job running and blocking," Woodard said. "Also, our line keeps improving and we are doing a good job just running straight at people. Coach Pinnell (Steve), his staff and



This is how the Quitman Bulldogs and the coaching staff honor the flag during the playing of the national anthem. (Photo by Larry Tucker)

their kids are a class act. They were very complimentary of our kids and their effort." Bulldog runners rushed for just under 200 yards for the game.

On four of their scoring drives Winnsboro struck quickly with drives of 1:27, 1:57, 1:43 and 15 seconds. The Bulldogs had several sustained drives but could not get the ball in the end zone after the opening quarter.

Woodard said the Bulldogs were disappointed. "Our kids and coaches were disappointed. We had a good game plan and executed it pretty well. Their running back, Tucker (Marcus), is a special talent. For the most part, with the exception of a couple of plays, we con-

tained him pretty good," Woodard added. "The first half was the best half of football we have played in three years. Our kids know if we do what we have been coached to do, we have chance to win ballgames. Our senior leadership has really come through for us."

Woodard was pleased with the defense. "I thought our linebackers did a great job. Santos Marua played a great game on defense, he was always in a position to make a play and he did make some big stops," Woodard stated. "Brad Davenport and A.J. Dunn both had really good defensive games."

Quitman must travel 10 miles south to take on preseason favorite Mineola for the Yellowjacket homecoming. Mineola lost their first two games to Class 4A state-ranked Van and Kaufman before finally finding their offense and romping over another pair of 4A schools Wills Point (36-3) and Brownsboro (63-22).

Woodard has faith in the Bulldogs. "We just have to keep doing what we do best and that is run right at people. We are going to get that win, it's not if, but when. We know Mineola has Crawford (Jeremiah) and Perkins (Chantz). Our best defense will be our offense. We must keep the ball and have the long sustained drives," Woodard add-

ed. "We just can't beat ourselves when we get in the opponent's territory. Our goal is still to make the playoffs, the season is a long way from being over. We are going to come out against Mineola and do what we do best. The only one who has stopped our offense this year has been us."

Woodard said the Bulldogs continue to work hard. "We are limited to what we can do when it comes to personnel so it is really neat when the kids buy in and see if they do what we have been coaching them to do, it works," Woodard acknowledged. "Our kids have come so far. They have come together as a team. There is no I or me in this group, it's all us and we. They are a great group to root for and I would take them to war. Our kids have come to understand the game. They ask questions now, they don't just come to practice. They come to prepare to win. That's a compliment to our kids."

Following the Mineola game, Quitman has Oct. 7 off before heading into the final four games beginning with a home contest against currently undefeated Farmersville Oct. 14, at Mount Vernon Oct. 21, home for senior night against old rival Grand Saline Oct. 28 and the final district game at Commerce Nov. 4.

Hallie Hightower, a Quitman varsity cheerleader, pulls down double duty every Friday night not only cheering for the football team, but being a member of the Proud Blue Band. (Photo by Larry Tucker)



Lady Jackets

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and her 17 kills. Almuete also had four digs. Lanie Kelley had another impressive night in the assist category with 59; she added a dig and an ace.

Jessiah Riley provided good balance with three aces, three digs and a kill. Sabria Dean added three kills and one dig while Jaycee Whitehead had eight kills.

"Tuesday was not our best night on the court. We kind of looked like everyone was having a bad night at the same time," said Head Coach Kerry Van Cleave. "We did do a great job of pulling out a W and not giving up. We've got to play with that mentality whether things are going our way or not."

Despite the grit it took for the Lady Jackets to respond against Edgewood, it would not serve them well in a Fri-

day loss to Scurry-Rosser.

Mineola was swept for the first time since an Aug. 30 match against Rains, the fifth-ranked team in 4A. The Lady Jackets lost 15-25, 17-25 and 17-25.

Almuete had the best day at the net with five kills, five digs and one ace. Kelly added 14 assists to go along with her three digs.

Other stat leaders were Banks with seven digs, Lopez with two kills and Riley with a one dig and an ace.

"It's been a while since we lost in three," Van Cleave said. "Nothing was falling into place and we looked very flat and not on our game at all."

The Lady Jackets are now 3-2 in district play and meet up with cross-county rivals Quitman and Alba-Golden this week.

Mineola travels to Quitman Tuesday to face the 12th-ranked Lady Bulldogs who sit with an undefeated record in district play. The Lady Jackets host Alba-Golden (2-3) Saturday.



From left, Jodi Lopez (5), Lauren Almuete (10), Jaycee Whitehead (7) and Lanie Kelley (1) keep their eyes to the ceiling waiting on the ball to return to earth. (Photo by Evan Dudley)

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2016 School Safety Day at Mineola Elementary a success

From Angie Monk

The 19th Annual School Health and Safety Day was held recently at Mineola Elementary School for third grade students. This annual event, which is conducted by the Wood County Extension Office, is an outreach program that teaches health and safety information to elementary students.

Educational sessions this year included Electric Safety by Wood County Electric Cooperative, Weather Safety by John Adams of Channel 19-Tyler, Seat Belt Safety by Trooper Jean Dark and TxDOT's Rollover Convincer, ATV Safety by Bobby Madsen with AG Power-



Students listen closely as Bobby Madsen with AG Power-Mineola explains important machinery and ATV Safety rules. (Courtesy photo)

Mineola and Agriculture in the Classroom by Texas Farm Bureau.

Special thanks to Wood

County Farm Bureau for sponsoring t-shirts for all third grade students and teachers.



From left, Danielle Vickers displays a hand crocheted afghan with Kindness Kottage manager Tina Davis. The Kindness Kottage is selling chances to win the afghan, along with a \$100 certificate, in order to help move into a new building. Tickets are \$1 or six for \$5. The afghan took Vickers approximately 50 hours to complete.

INSIDE AND OUTSIDE THE PICKET FENCE

Quitman Arboretum And Botanical Garden

By JAN WITLOCK

Here comes fall with its shorter days, changing light, cooler nights, and fewer thunderstorms and high winds. You can almost hear the gardens at the arboretum breathing a sigh of relief as they bid the intense temperatures of late July, August and early September goodbye for another year.

Come and stroll through the gardens noting those faithful perennials that finally have their turn to show their colors. The maximilian sunflower is an excellent example of fall color. The height of this particular plant (3'-7') and the stunning bright yellow blooms set it apart from its garden neighbors. You can enjoy outstanding specimens of this plant in the water-wise garden at the south end of the park.

The large double daisy blooms grow up the stalks in late summer and early fall. With no irrigation other than rainfall, this plant returns year after year to dazzle the eye. We have found that cutting this plant back once or twice during the growing season (with the last trimming occurring no later than



July) helps to keep the plants compact and improve the bloom.

In addition, watch for the stunning colors the hardy hibiscus are now showing in the garden. Some of the flowers are the size of dinner plates and are definitely worth a

photo.

We would like to thank all who contributed to our yard sale last week. Your donations, purchases and continued support all help us keep the gardens at their peak and the house in operating condition. As every homeowner and gardener knows . . . there is always another surprise expense just around the corner. I do want to remind you of our annual Fall Plant Sale beginning at 8 on Saturday, Oct. 8. We have added some interesting new plants and varieties from a new vendor this year. This is also an ideal time to renew your membership as a Friend of the Arboretum.

Keep an eye out for this column two weeks from today as we announce the plans for The Haunting of Hogg Park-2016. BOO!

Mineola Memorial Library Notes

BY LIBRARIAN MARY HURLEY

They say fall has arrived. Has it? The leaves are turning and the air is somewhat cooler but I'm ready for sweater weather.

We have started a new program at the Library. Work from Home Wednesdays had its first event on Wednesday, Sept. 21 and was well-received. The next one is Wednesday, Oct. 19 with "It Works." Come on in and find out about this business.

Computer Q & A has returned to the third Saturday of the month. This is an opportunity to ask questions about computer technology. Anything from how do you turn this thing on to attaching files and uploading / downloading documents.

Friends of the Library will meet on Thursday, Oct. 6 at 1 p.m. Guest speaker will be Kathy Dunlap explaining the Daughters of the American Revolution: what they are and what they do.

We are nearing the completion of our inventory. Next will come the more dreaded weeding. First we count and make sure that what we think we have is actually on the shelves. Next we look and see what is circulating and of interest to our community. No one likes to get rid of a book but we do try our best to do so in a responsible manner. We try to sell our discards in three avenues: Annex book sale, Amazon sales, or Better World Books. If the books are too far gone then we have to make the decision to toss them. So, not fun.

The library book club is currently reading *The Train to Crystal City* by Jan Jarboe Russell. It is about a fam-



ily internment camp that was located in Crystal City, Texas during the Second World War. It is an eye-opening non-fiction read written in novel style. You get to know a couple of the families caught in this situation.

Join us for a book discussion on Thursday, Oct. 20 at 6 p.m. This selection is also part of Gulf Coast Reads.

We have a new face at the library. She is doing her library practicum with us as she pursues her degree in Information Sciences. We are trying to let her experience as many aspects of library operations as possible.

We have three employees who are part of the Mineola High School Yellowjacket Band. You won't see them much in the month of October. Besides being away playing at the football games on Friday nights, they will be participating in several marching contests in October culminating in the UIL competition. We wish them well!

Come by and visit with us. We are located at 301 N. Pacific Street, at the corner of Blair and Pacific (aka Hwy 69). See us on the web at mineolalibrary.com. Or give us a call at 903-569-2767. We are here Tuesday to Saturday unless there's really bad weather or a holiday. We do have an answering machine if you need to call after hours and ask a question. Book drops are located on the front porch for returning items after hours, too.

Don't forget, the Mineola Memorial Library is a 501(c)3, non-profit organization. Your donations are tax-deductible.

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Officers and directors for the Mineola Kiwanis Club for 2016-2017 were installed Sept. 20 and their terms begin on Oct. 1. From left, Division 34 Lieutenant Governor Danny Dorsey, Patricia Wright (Director), Mary Lookadoo (Pres. Elect.), Dewey Choate (Director), Kellam Newell (Pres.), Charlie Wright (Director), Carlisle Brinkley (Director), Pam Palmer (Immediate Past Pres.), Jerry Rapp (Director), Joyce Curry (Sec.), and Sam Curry (Treas.)

Mineola Kiwanis change leaders

Kiwanis Lieutenant Governor Danny Dorsey of the Holly Lake Kiwanis Club installed new Mineola Kiwanis officers for the 2016-2017 club year which begins Saturday.

Kellam Newell was named president with Mary Lookadoo assuming the president elect position. Pam Palmer will move to immediate past president

and Sam Curry was named treasurer. Joyce Curry was named secretary.

Directors for 2016-2017 are Patricia Wright and Jerry Rapp; 2016-2018 directors are Dewey Choate and Jo McCarty and 2017-2019 directors are Carlisle Brinkley and Charlie Wright.

Helen Haneline was named Kiwanian of the Year for her work with the

flag program and care of the flag building. Pam Palmer received a Diamond Zellar Award from the Eliminate Project for her service as president of the Mineola club.

Lt. Governor Dorsey presented Joyce Curry with an International award for her leadership in the Eliminate Project, which works to prevent infant deaths

by tetanus. As Eliminate Coordinator for Division 34, Joyce achieved 100 percent commitment from the clubs in that division to become Model clubs. There are only three other divisions in the world to earn that distinction. The Mineola Kiwanis Club, to date, has saved 19,324 lives from maternal and neonatal tetanus.

Spirit of 76 to live on with reunion

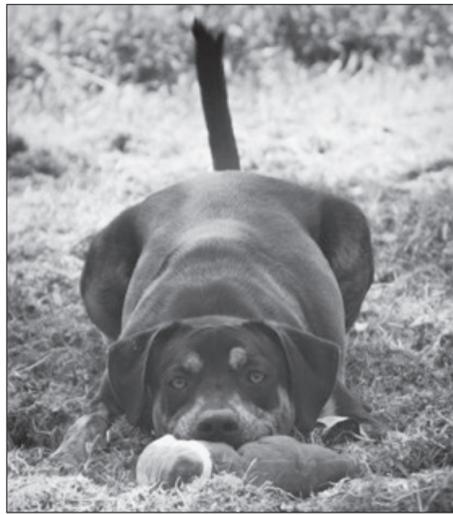
The Mineola High School class of 1976 is getting ready for their 40, yes, you read right, year reunion.

"We're having a huge reunion," one of the class members said.

The event will take place on Saturday, Oct. 1 at Jamcat Sound on Farm-to-Market road 1254, past the youth foun-

and Sam Curry was named treasurer. Joyce Curry was named secretary. Directors for 2016-2017 are Patricia Wright and Jerry Rapp; 2016-2018 directors are Dewey Choate and Jo McCarty and 2017-2019 directors are Carlisle Brinkley and Charlie Wright. Helen Haneline was named Kiwanian of the Year for her work with the

ation ballpark. Festivities start at 6 p.m. The Gary Patrick Band, which includes class member Bill Scott and his brother Bob, will begin playing at 8 p.m. Everybody is welcome for the portion of reunion when the band plays, although there will be a small cover fee for non-class members.



Animal Preservation of East Texas is participating in the Petapalooza's Dogtober fest, a craft beer and pet adoption event, Saturday at Gander Mountain in Tyler. All adoptable pets are fully vetted with adoption fees of \$100 for dogs and \$75 for cats. The event is from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. The dog shown, Victoria, is one of the pets that organizers plan to take.

Monthly singing event coming up

It's time for "Let's Sing It Again" at First United Methodist Church, Mineola.

The song fest is a monthly singing of favorite gospel songs and hymns held once a month on Sunday at 6 p.m. The gathering takes place at the Pacific and McDonald location.

Everyone is invited to join in.

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 ibames@texascellnet.com.
DAUGHTERS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION - first Saturday except June, July, August and December, 12 p.m. Harvest Acres Baptist Church, 460 NW Loop 564, Mineola. 903-569-3286.
DELPHIAN LITERARY CLUB - first Wednesday, 569-6794 or 569-3586.
DRUG AND ALCOHOL AWARENESS - 7 p.m. Friday, Seventh Day Adventist Church, Ronny Polley 768-2992.
DUPLICATE BRIDGE ACBL games - Wednesday and Friday, 10:30 a.m., Masonic Lodge, 882-1335.
EASTERN STAR - Quitman Chapter 659, 2nd Tues., dinner 6:30 p.m., meeting 7:30. Flora Lodge in Quitman. 903-638-6420.
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, 903-765-1091.
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 Saturday, 9 a.m. to noon, Walmart parking lot. Cardboard, paper and plastic accepted.
MINEOLA SENIOR CITIZEN CENTER - 308 University, 9:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. 903-497-1162; Dominoes & other games.
MLOTA LINE DANCE GUILD - Tuesday, 8:30 a.m., and Friday, 9:30 a.m.
MLOTA FIBER/CRAFT ART GUILD - Wednesday and Thursday, 10 a.m. and 1:30 p.m., business meeting fourth Thursday, 9:30 am.
MLOTA QUILT GUILD - first, second and third Thursday, 9:30 am; business meeting first Thursday.
MLOTA PAINTERS GUILD - Wednesday, 10 a.m.; business meeting fourth Monday.
MLOTA RUG HOOKING GROUP - first Thursday, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Beginners are welcome.
MLOTA PHOTOGRAPHY GUILD - fourth Thursday, 6:30 p.m. All levels welcome., 903-569-8877.
MLOTA SCULPTURE GUILD - Tuesday, 1 p.m. Business meeting first Tuesday.
MONDAY NIGHT KNITS - 6-8 p.m. Monday, Golden Methodist Fellowship Hall. 903-768-2540.
THE NAME CENTER (National Association of Marriage Enhancement) - 1032 S. Stephens, Quitman. Certified and experienced counselors by appointment to assist couples in Wood County. Free, donations are accepted. 903-763-1286.
OPEN HEART MINISTRY - third Friday, 7 p.m., Mineola Civic Center.
OVERCOMERS RECOVERY SUPPORT GROUP - Monday, 7-8 p.m., Whispering Pines Church of the Nazarene, located on CR 3811, Hawkins
OVEREATERS ANONYMOUS - Tuesday, 5:30 p.m., St. Dunstan's Episcopal Church. 569-9223, 569-1760.
PARENT ADVISORY COUNCIL OF MINEOLA ELEMENTARY - first Tuesday, 8:15 a.m., elementary library,
PARENTS ANONYMOUS GROUP - Tuesday, 6:30 p.m., First Baptist Church, Quitman. Children's program provided. 903-629-2114
PILOT CLUB OF MINEOLA - second and fourth Tuesday, 6 p.m. Mineola Civic Center. 903-569-5237.
PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY - at First Baptist Church in Quitman. First Tuesday 1-3:30 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. 903-763-8101.
QUITMAN CHILD ADVOCACY GROUP - third Thursday, 10 a.m., 403 Conger in Quitman. The public is welcome.
QUITMAN GARDEN CLUB - second Tuesday (except when on field trips), 2 p.m., Quitman library. quitmangardenclub@gmail.com. All are welcome.
QUITMAN/LAKE FORK KIWANIS - Wednesday, noon, Texas Tea Room, 405 S. Hart Street in Quitman's Dogwood Plaza.
QUITMAN LIONS CLUB - second and fourth Tuesday, 6:30 p.m., Peralto's Restaurant. Contact any Lions Club member to donate your used eyeglasses for recycling to the needy.
QUITMAN PILOT CLUB - third Tuesday, 6:30 p.m., Quitman Public Library. 903-383-5075.
QUITMAN ROTARY CLUB - Thursday, noon, Texas Tea Room, 405 S. Hart Street in Quitman's Dogwood Plaza.
QUITMAN CITY COUNCIL - third Thursday, 5:30 p.m.; city hall.
QUITMAN SCHOOL BOARD - 2nd Monday, 6 p.m. Administration Building.
REPUBLICAN CLUB OF WINNSBORO - fourth Monday, 7 p.m., 903-342-0575.
REPUBLICAN WOMEN OF WOOD COUN-

TY - third Monday, 11:30 a.m., Texas Tea Room, Quitman, 903 383 2121.
SINGING AT THE FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH OF HAWKINS - fourth Sunday, 2-4 p.m.
SOS. RECOVERY PROGRAM - Thursday, 7 p.m., Family Life Center behind First Baptist Church in Quitman. 903-850-3858.
STROKE SURVIVORS & APHASIA CLUB OF EAST TEXAS - fourth Wednesday, 6-7 p.m., First Baptist Church Quitman, 903-878-2392.
TEXAS INMATE FAMILIES ASSOCIATION - second Tuesday, 6:30-8 p.m., First Christian Church Tyler, Broadway & Loop, 903-839-2349.
TOASTMASTERS INTERNATIONAL - Garden Valley chapter, Thursdays on Mercy Ships property, 5:30-6:30 p.m. 903-882-0887.
TOPS GROUP - Thursday, 8-11 a.m., Harvest Acres Baptist Church, NW Loop 564, 569-1240, 569-2415.
UPPER SABINE VALLEY SOLID WASTE DISTRICT - every three months on third Monday, Wood County Courthouse, 5:30 p.m., 903-763-2123.
UTU AUXILIARY MORNING STAR LODGE #851 - third Monday (except July and August), 11:30 a.m.
VFW LADIES AUXILIARY #7523 - third Sunday, 1 p.m., Recruiting new members. 569-2228.
VFW POST #7523 - third Wednesday, 6 p.m., Karaoke every Friday, 8 p.m. 569-2228.
WHYTE DOVE WRITER'S GROUP - first Tuesday, 6 p.m., 407 N. Stephens in Quitman. 903-763-1210 or e-mail mkyoung97@peoples.com.net
WOOD COUNTY 4-H HORSE CLUB - Business meeting, Monday, 2 p.m., Wood County Extension Office.
WOOD COUNTY AGGIE MOMS - 1st Tuesday, 6 p.m., 903-539-7049 or Wood County Aggie Moms Facebook page.
WOOD COUNTY APPRAISAL DISTRICT - Quarterly, third Thursday, 8 p.m., appraisal district office. Open to the public.
WOOD COUNTY CENTRAL HOSPITAL DISTRICT - third Monday, 5:30 p.m. (every three months).
WOOD COUNTY COMMISSIONERS COURT - every other Friday, Commissioners Court, Quitman, 10 a.m. 763-2716.
WOOD COUNTY CRIME STOPPERS - every other month, third Monday, 6 p.m., Wood County Justice Center courtroom. The public is invited. 903-763-2201 or 903-56-6294.
WOOD COUNTY DEMOCRAT CLUB - fourth Thursday, covered dish at 6 p.m., meeting at 6:45 p.m. 903-383-7036 or www.woodcountydem.org.
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YANTIS CITY COUNCIL - second Tuesday, 6 p.m., city hall.
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Mineola Caring & Sharing is a 501(c)3 organization which was organized in 1983 to help the children of the Mineola School District and their families at Christmas with food, household items, toys and stockings. Volunteers begin their work of raising \$35,000 each year in August and wind up the season with a dinner for the volunteers in January.

Volunteers are needed for all the phases of C&S.



Members of the Mineola Caring & Sharing Board of Directors delivered checks to the four Mineola school principals at the recent school board meeting. From left to right are Joyce Curry, immediate past president of C&S; Jole Ray, primary school principal; Jeni Massey, elementary principal; David Sauer, high school principal; Beverly Spike, C&S drive co-chair; Mike Sorenson, middle school principal and Don Spike, C&S drive co-chair. (Courtesy photo)

The next volunteer meetings are Monday, Oct. 17 at the Broad Street Church of Christ and Monday, Nov. 21 at St. Paul Missionary Baptist Church at 6 p.m.

Tickets are being sold for the spaghetti luncheon cooked by the Pilot Club

of Mineola on Thursday, Oct. 20. Call Joyce Curry for the \$7 tickets by Oct. 13. Volunteers from other organizations will deliver the meals to businesses. The event will be held at the First United Church's Ministries Center.

4-H Forecast

WOOD COUNTY 4-H COUNCIL ELECTS 2016-17 OFFICERS

The Wood County 4-H Council recently elected officers for the 2016-2017 year.

Luke Kindle was elected president with Curtis Perkins serving as first vice president and Jenna Haney as second vice president. Wyatt Bashoum was elected to parliamentarian.

Ben Brunson was elected treasurer and Kaylin Baker was selected as historian. Ahneka Tullos was elected as secretary and Jentri Jackson as

reporter.

There are several upcoming events for Wood County 4-H during the month of October. The Wood County 4-H Awards Banquet is Monday at 6 p.m. at the First United Methodist Church in Quitman. The "One Day 4-H" Community Service Day is next Saturday, Oct. 8, at Jim Hogg Park and Arboretum in Quitman.

The 4-H YES camp is Oct. 21-22 in Palestine and the 4-H Livestock Project Workshop is Oct. 24 at 6 p.m. at the Quitman High School Ag Barn.



4-H officers for the 2016-2017 year are, front row, from left, Kaylin Baker, Jenna Haney and Ben Brunson; and back row, from left, Jentri Jackson, Ahneka Tullos, Luke Kindle, Wyatt Bashoum and Curtis Perkins.

Ag News

By Clint Perkins Wood County Extension Agent

TRI-COUNTY PESTICIDE CONFERENCE OCT. 7

The Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Offices in Wood, Rains and Van Zandt Counties will host the Tri-County Pesticide Conference Friday, Oct. 7. The event will be held at the Carroll Green Civic Center in Quitman.

The cost for the CEU portion of the course is \$25 per individual. There will be five hours of CEU credits offered for those who already hold a pesticide license.

AGENDA ITEMS INCLUDE:

- 8 a.m. Registration
- 8:50-9 a.m. Welcome – Clint Perkins, CEA-Ag/NR, Wood County
- 9-10 a.m. Aquatic Weed Control – Dr. Billy Higginbotham, Professor and Wildlife and Fisheries Specialist, Texas



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10-10:15 a.m. Break
10:15-11:15 a.m. Wild Pig Control- Dr. Billy Higginbotham, Professor and Wildlife and Fisheries Specialist, Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service-Overton

11:15-12:15 p.m. Record-keeping, What are the New Regulations? – Sara Allen, County Extension Agent, Hunt County

12:15-1:15 p.m. Lunch
1:15-2:15 p.m. Weed Control and Land Preparation for Grass Establishment – Tommy Phillips, County Extension Agent, Van Zandt County

2:15-3:15 p.m. How to find Pesticide Labels using Online Resources – Stephen Gowin, County Extension Agent, Rains County

Participates can RSVP to the Wood County Extension office at 903-763-2924 by Friday to guarantee a lunch.



The Fannie Marchman Garden Club selected the home of Phyllis Veitch at 421 West Buchanan Street as Yard of the Month. Veitch has lived there since 2009 and has put in all of the garden beds herself. She has a tiered concrete fountain overflowing with impatiens that spill into a ground level bed that includes asparagus ferns and variegated ginger. She has hydrangeas, ferns, azaleas, turks cap, iris, palms and many other perennials and in her backyard vegetable plant beds. She also has an iron pot in her yard artistically planted with cardinal vines underscored with a crop of wandering jew plants.



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