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Convicted murderer's mom charged with attempted witness tampering

Jewel "Faye" Payne is jailed on trying to get someone to threaten an EMT who responded to the scene of the murders for which her son was convicted.



By DORIS NEWMAN
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A mother will do almost anything to protect her children but Jewel D. Payne is now being held on \$250,000 bond in the Wood County Jail, charged with taking that motherly love too far.

Seventy-three-year-old Jewel Faye Davenport Payne lives in Logansport, Louisiana, and is the mother of Jason Thad Payne who was convicted of capital murder in March in district court in Wood County. Payne was convicted in the December 2011 shooting deaths of his wife, Nichole Payne, and

her son by a previous marriage, Austin Wages. Jason Payne is serving a life sentence in the Stiles Unit in Beaumont and his case is being appealed.

His mother is accused of trying to get a relative to find someone to threaten an emergency medical technician who responded to the mur-

der scene and who testified in the trial this spring. On Oct. 6 Jewel Payne was arrested and booked in the Wood County Jail, charged with attempted tampering with a witness.

A probable cause affidavit explained that Jewel Payne's

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Local attorneys honored for volunteer legal work

By DORIS NEWMAN
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The efforts of three local attorneys in providing legal assistance to people who can't afford it were honored Thursday in the district courtroom at the Wood County Courthouse.

Attention was called to the work of Ted Beaty of Winnsboro, Lucy Hebron and Melissa O'Neal of Mineola by Dana Bias, with Lone Star Legal Aid. She provided them with certificates of appreciation as they were honored among their peers in a gathering of the Wood County Bar Association.

Bias, the private attorney involvement coordinator for Lone Star Legal Aid, said the recognition was part of the national observance of Pro Bono Week that is going on this week, Sunday through Saturday.

"This is to recognize, honor and celebrate them for their work," Bias said. The observance is also to call

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Attorneys Ted Beaty of Winnsboro, Lucy Hebron of Mineola (on left and second from left) and Melissa O'Neal, right, flank Dana Bias of Lone Star Legal aid. The three local attorneys were honored for giving back to their community. Lone Star Legal Aid is seeking other attorneys willing to do pro bono work. (Monitor photo by Doris Newman)

Wood County Halloween Happenings

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Mineola

The "Trunk or Treat" Halloween Block Party this year will be on Commerce Street. The public is invited to take a car, truck, van "or anything that goes" to Commerce Street and park it facing out to the middle of the street and open it up. Decorate tailgates, trunks, hatchbacks, etc. and then fill them with candy, toys, trinkets or prizes for trick

or treaters.

The fun doesn't stop there as the museum board is opening the building's doors as a fundraiser from 4-8 p.m. for Nightmare at the Museum. Members of the Mineola League of the Arts will do face painting. A professional photo booth will be stationed in the midst of it all and visitors can purchase a strip of color photos for only \$2

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Another Golden day at Sweet Potato Festival



A pretty little face and some artistic work found a way to pass time during the Sweet Potato Auction. TOP: Kelly Conley worked the crowd with assistance from sharp-eyed spotters Phil Sadler and Randy Wright, not in photo. Miss Wood County Caitlin Lennon, in the background, was also helping out with the event. SEE MORE PHOTOS, PAGE 10A.

It was a picture perfect festival as this year's Golden Sweet Potato Festival packed fun, food and festivities in the annual community celebration this weekend.

"It was great and we were blessed," said Debbie Brown, a member of the festival board. This year's auction raised about \$23,000 with the first place box grown by Phil Jones and bought by Lucy Mitchell of Golden for \$1,750.

Story and photos
by Doris Newman

The auction is the pivotal activity in the festival with funds going back into the community, including in the form of scholarships to graduating Alba-Golden seniors. The other tops boxes in descending order and buyers were Scott Lyles, bought by Big Country; Tony Phillips, bought by Seth's Lake Fork Creek Restaurant; Randy Russell bought by Carr Construction; Lyles, bought by Duko Oil Company of Emory and Jones, bought by Mineola Community Bank.

Immediately after the auction, 10 hardy souls

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New member joins Quitman City Council

By TOMMY ANDERSON
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Brad Medlin, owner of Medlin Electric in Quitman, became the newest member of the Quitman City Council Thursday evening when he was sworn in as an alderman to fill the unexpired term of James Whitehurst, who resigned recently.

Medlin is a second-generation city father in Quitman as his dad served as mayor of Quitman in the late 1990s. After approving minutes of the Sept. 15 council meeting, the monthly financial report, the monthly budget report and city department reports from September, the council got down to the action items of the agenda which included the appointment and swearing in of Medlin.

The meeting also included the release of a lien on real property,



Newly-appointed Quitman City Council Member Brad Medlin displays a big smile just after he had been administered the oath of office Monday evening by Quitman City Secretary-Administrator Greg Hollen, right. (Photo by Tommy Anderson)

lease-purchase of two trucks, an interlocal agreement, permission for two groups to serve wine and beer at functions, an agreement with Wood County on fire and emergency services, an interlocal

agreement with the Wood County Industrial Commission and an amendment of an agreement with the Wood County Airport.

Additionally, the council received a report from the Wood County Industrial Commission that Unclaimed Capital Credits (UCC funds) had been made available in the form of grants to numerous businesses in the county including six businesses in Quitman.

A resolution to release a city lien of \$132,557 on a lot at 121 Redbud Lane was passed unanimously. The lien was placed on the property in 2010 when the city had to expend funds to tear down a dilapidated structure at that address. Now, with the release of the lien, there is an opportunity for development of that lot and for that property to

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D & D Funtime! will bring activities for children such as Walking on Water. (Courtesy photo)

Mineola Iron Horse Festival to feature free concerts Saturday

Iron Horse planners at The Mineola Chamber of Commerce have ramped up the event significantly for the 2016 with well-known music acts, a

chili cook-off, horseshoe tournament, train rides, children's activities and more booths and ven-

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Guest Column

By Tommy Anderson, tommyanderson@suddenlink.net

A proclamation spotlights a nation's shame

Stop by Whataburger some morning and look around the dining room. Chances are you will see a table occupied by four men drinking coffee and it is likely, in a town the size of Mineola, you will know at least one or two of them.

Next, take a lunch break for one of those fancy little sandwiches or unique salads at Taste Buds and while there scan the dining room for a table occupied by three women. Like with the men you saw at breakfast, you are likely to know these ladies, or at least one or two of them.

What is so special about these seven random individuals? Nothing for sure, but statistically there is something you could find in them that is one of the greatest tragedies in these United States.

Statistically, one in every three women and one in every four men in the U.S. over the age of 18 has been a victim domestic violence, that is physically abused by an intimate partner.

Shocking as you might find these numbers, they are documented time and again; however they do not tell the whole story for it is believed that as much as 70 percent of domestic violence cases go unreported.

Look at it another way, an average of 20 persons in the USA are beaten or assaulted by an intimate partner every minute. That converts to 1,200 per hour, 28,800 per day, or 10,512,000 per year. Now if that is only 30 percent of what is actually going on that means that in this proud nation we need to be hanging our heads in shame as over 35,000,040,000 Americans are enduring domestic violence every day.

There are many worthwhile groups working to put an end to domestic violence and their efforts are to be applauded.

The Wood County Commissioners Court thinks it is a problem that should be addressed and called attention to it Friday, passing a resolution proclaiming October as Domestic Violence Awareness Month in

Wood County. The resolution was unanimously passed and immediately signed and presented to Christian Entwistle, the victims advocate for Wood County for the East Texas Crisis Center.

The East Texas Crisis Center operates offices in Wood, Van Zandt, Henderson and Smith counties. The Wood County office is located at 218 N. Franklin Street in Winnsboro and has a phone number of 903-342-6111. In Smith County, the center's office has a phone contact number of 903-509-2526, In Van Zandt County the ETCC phone number is 903-567-0959, and in Henderson County contact can be made at 903-675-7874.

A resale store called Flamingos is operated by the ETCC at 2108 South Broadway in Tyler to help raise funds in support of the Center's efforts. Flamingos is open from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday through Friday and on the first Saturday of each month from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Guest Column

Be on the lookout for Medicare open enrollment scammers

From now through December 7, many Medicare recipients will be making decisions on whether to make changes in their Medicare Advantage and Part D prescription drug plans. Affecting more than 3.5 million Texas Medicare beneficiaries, the Annual Open Enrollment (AEP) enables recipientsto make the following changes to various aspects of their coverage. They can:

Switch from Original Medicare to Medicare Advantage, or vice versa.

Switch from one Medicare Advantage plan to another, or from one Medicare Part D (prescription drug) plan to another.

Enroll in a Medicare Part D plan if you did not do so when you were first eligible, although a late enrollment penalty may apply.

As much personal information will be disclosed during this type of change, BBB reminds consumers to be watchful for scammers who will try

to take advantage of unsuspecting Medicare recipients.

"All of the advertising and solicitations during Medicare Open Enrollment can confuse even the smartest person", said Mechele Agbayani Mills, President and CEO of BBB Serving Central East Texas. "That's why it's important to make sure you are working with trustworthy companies when considering enrollment options."

BBB offers three ways to avoid Medicare fraud, as well as common Medicare scams:

Guard your Medicare number. Your number is unique to you, just like your Social Security number. It should not be shared under any circumstances, unless you know exactly where it is going and who is using it. Protect your number the same way you would protect your bank and credit card information. If someone tries to convince you to give up your Medicare number, just hang up the phone.

Verify licensing. The Medicare-eligible population grows every year, making sales of Medicare plans big business. Independent agents and brokers selling plans must be licensed in Ohio and the plan must tell the state -which agents are selling plans on the company's behalf. Before any decisions are made, verify the agent has -proper credentials with a known company. Start with trust at bbb.org for information about a business, or contact the Texas Department of Insurance at tdi.texas.gov.

Dodge phony pitches. Phone calls, door-to-door, phishing emails, mail offers, health fairs, dinners, contests, or prizes have all been used to lure people who may be pressed for time or confused by their Medicare options.

Tactics to avoid:

- High-pressure sales or offers for "early bird discounts" during open enrollment for lower monthly premiums.

- An offer for a "special plan made just for you".

- Salespeople who ask for personal information upfront before you are enrolled.

- Claims there is a problem with your plan or there is a new card for your plan and updated information is needed.

- Asks for payment over the phone since plans must send you an actual bill.

Medicare is a Federal government program managed by the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, which means there are strict rules on forbidden sales practices. Medicare is not part of healthcare.gov.

For additional resources contact the Texas Department of Aging and Disability Services (DADS) at 1-800-252-9240.

For more information on how to be a savvy consumer, go to bbb.org. To report fraudulent activity or unscrupulous business practices, please call the BBB Hotline: (903)581-8373 or use [BBB Scam Tracker](#).



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5 THINGS ONLY HOME SELLERS UNDERSTAND

Whether this will be your first time selling a home or your tenth, the home selling process can be a challenge. You want to sell quickly and for the most money, so you will be doing absolutely everything you can to spruce up your home and make it as inviting as possible. But not every experience during the home sale is a struggle. Here are the moments home sellers know too well.

The Nostalgia You Feel While Packing

While you're going through closets and pulling your personal photos off the walls, you may experience some nostalgia. You can vividly remember the day you bought the house. You remember all the guests that have visited. You even remember the stains that you've spent time scrubbing out of the carpet. You have made memories in this home. But don't forget about all of the new memories you will make in your new home. Whether you're relocating, upsizing, or downsizing, you will have the opportunity to start fresh.

Having to Rush Out the Door for Showings

One of the hardest parts about selling your home is being prepared to leave at any time for showings: during dinner, early in the morning, on weekends... Sometimes, you have just 5 minutes to drop what you're doing and dart out the door. But when you hear that the buyer has made an offer, you know that all of your scrambling was worth it.

The Home Buyer Who Nitpicks Everything

It takes time to clean and declutter the home that you've lived in for a while. You remember the dust and dirt you found when you first moved furniture and packed up your closets. You even remember the hours it took to paint your rooms a neutral color. Your home looks brand new and ready for showings, so you can't help but roll your eyes over the buyer who complains about that one thumbtack hole or the Windex streaks on the window.

The Awkwardness of Living in a Partially Empty Home

Everything echoes. It's impeccably clean. Even the dust bunnies have moved on. With the pictures off the walls, the furniture put in storage, and the walls painted a neutral color, your home looks less like your own and more like a model.

Feeling Bittersweet About Leaving Your Home

After all the home sale preparation, last-minute showings, and negotiations, it's time to say goodbye to your old home and hello to the new one. Yes, there may be things that you will miss about your old home. But there will also be things you can't wait to have in your new home.

Your Home Sale Doesn't Have to Be Stressful

We can help make your home sale a pleasant (and profitable) experience. As real estate experts, we offer a variety of helpful home selling resources, from a free home evaluation to low-cost home improvement ideas. When you're ready to sell your home, call us.

- The Lake Fork Area Chamber of Commerce will host Meet The Sheriff-Elect, Tom Castloo, Thursday at The Trophy Lodge at Lake Fork on Highway 154 on Lake Fork (6 miles North of the Courthouse) from 6 to 8 p.m.

- The St. Peter's Ladies Guild is hosting their Fall Rummage Sale Thursday and Friday in the church hall of St. Peter the Apostle Church in Mineola. The sale is 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

In Wood County football this week Mineola hosts Commerce, Alba-Golden travels to Edgewood, Hawkins visits Big Sandy, Quitman hosts Grand Saline and Winnsboro is on a bye week.

- The Mineola Lions Club will sponsor its annual "all you can eat" Pancake Breakfast on Saturday from 7-10:30 a.m. at the First Christian Church Fellowship Hall. Cost is \$5 for adults and \$3 for chil-

dren 11 years of age or younger.

- Mineola's "Iron Horse" festival is Saturday in downtown Mineola. Admission is free and hours for the festival are 9 a.m. to 9:30 p.m.

- The Alba Fall Fest and Halloween on the Square is Saturday from 3-8 p.m. There are several activities for the annual event including a 5K run and chili cook-off.

- The Haunting of Hogg Park will be held at the Quitman Arboretum on Halloween. There will be age appropriate activities for all. Events begin at 5:30 p.m. and continue on until 8.

- There will be a special midnight screening of "The Rocky Horror Picture Show" Saturday at the Lake Country Playhouse in Mineola. The film is rated R so no one less than the age of 17 will be admitted without an adult. Admission is \$15 and doors

open at 11:15 p.m.

- There will be trick or treat event on Halloween at the Hawkins City Park. Admission will be one canned food item and Brookshire's will donate food so that no child will be turned away.

- Mineola's "Trunk or Treat" Halloween Block Party will be on Commerce Street this year. The public is invited to take a car, truck, van "or anything that goes"

to Commerce Street and decorate tailgates, trunks, hatchbacks, etc.

- The Mineola Historical Museum is hosting "Nightmare at the Museum" from 4-8 p.m.

- "It's the Great Pumpkin, Charlie Brown!" will be shown at Peterson Park in Mineola on Halloween at 6:30 and 7 p.m.

- The 24th annual Warehouse of Terror will be open 7:30-11 p.m. Halloween night. The

warehouse is located behind Kindness Kottage off Highway 80 and admission is \$15. There is a \$2 discount for a donation of two canned food items.

- There is a beginners' yoga class starting Nov. 1 at the Mineola League of the Arts. The class will be taught by local yoga instructor Marsha Fehl and covers the basics of yoga, building strength and stamina from the ground up.

Letter to the Editor

To all Quitman former students:

For the last seven years, it has been an honor and a privilege for us to serve on the All School Reunion Committee. But we feel it is time to pass the torch on to others. We have made new friends and renewed old friendships with each reunion, and we would like to thank each of you for your help and support.

The Quitman All School Reunion has become a tradition that we hope will continue. Your help is needed for this tradition to continue. At the 2015 ASR, it was voted, by those in attendance, to hold the reunion every other year. The

next reunion is scheduled for 2018.

If you have not joined the Quitman Former Students Association web page, please do so. The web address is quitmanformerstudentsassociation.com.

Each year the former students award scholarships to Quitman seniors. Please visit the web to find out more information about making donations to the scholarship fund. Your support is needed.

Thanks again for your support through the years.

Sincerely,
Bobby and Denese (Stanberry) Dobbs

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The Greater Lake Fork Area Chamber of Commerce will host "Meet The Sheriff-Elect" on Thursday at The Trophy Lodge on Highway 154 at Lake Fork from 6 to 8 p.m. Wood County Sheriff-Elect Tom Castloo will speak to the group and be available for questions during the evening. The meeting is open to the public and refreshments will be provided. For more information contact LFCC at 800-846-1859 or find them on Facebook. (Courtesy photo)

Parks survey reviewed in Mineola City Council workshop

By DORIS NEWMAN
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Results of an eight-month study that included a survey sent to all the city's water customers about the city's parks was highlighted in the Mineola City Council workshop Thursday.

Hunter Rush of MHS Planning & Design, LLC, reviewed the highlights of the 40-plus page Parks, Recreation & Open Space Master Plan 2016-2026.

The plan was contracted by the city with the goal of ensuring the provision of a balanced park and open spaces system for the enjoyment of the citizens of Mineola. The study included a community profile, park classification and inventory, level of service, assessment of needs, priorities and an implementation schedule.

Rush told those who were present for the workshop that it was in no way a binding document, but a guide. The plan was on the agenda for Monday's regular meeting (after Monitor presstime) and will be placed on the city

of Mineola website for the public to view.

In addition to surveying city water customers, the planners utilized focus group meetings from groups such as the school district, community leaders and selected students from kindergarten through 12th grades. Out of the 3,000 surveys mailed to city residents with a self-addressed, stamped envelope, 378 were returned and tabulated. Rush remarked on the response, saying the top response they usually get is five percent. The survey states that once the master project list was developed and refined, members of the Parks & Open Spaces Board prioritized every project based on local demand and their perception of needs.

The plan states residents of the city are generally pleased with the existing park system and desire for the city to continue developing and enhancing the park system. Over the past 10 years, about 50 acres of parkland has been developed at the nature preserve. It has increased the number

of developed park acres per 1,000 residents to 29.27 acres. The city has focused on developing and enhancing the nature preserve over the past several years.

But, the study states, "It is apparent that many of the citizens wish to see the City now focus on renovating, upgrading and enhancing neighborhood parks within the city limits." It also states that much has been done through partnerships which has cut down on the costs to Mineola residents.

Of those surveyed, with choices being no response, don't know, poor, fair, good and excellent, 200 rated the existing parks and recreational facilities as good. When asked if additional parks and recreational facilities are needed, 254 said yes. One hundred ninety-two said they could not reasonably walk to a park or recreational facility in Mineola, while 174 said they could. Nearly all, 329, had visited the nature preserve.

More than 200 said the role of such facilities is

more important in Mineola today than 10 years ago. One of the questions asked what additional facilities people wanted. Out of 20 options, the top reply was a swimming pool, two was picnic shelters-pavilions, three was spray grounds-small water parks, four was multi-use paved trails and five was indoor recreational centers. The remaining answers from 6 to 10 in descending order were dog parks, botanical flower gardens, playgrounds, fishing piers-docks, water features and nature areas.

And, the survey even included the direct quotes of comments provided - which were far ranging. They included "More is needed for the kids, keeping them in Mineola," to "You have to remember the old people. I'm 76 years old." They ranged from, "Use money for the roads," to "I feel like any improvements just makes our lovely town of Mineola even better. We always need to improve. Look what happened to other towns."

The October workshop began with City Administrator Mercy Rushing noting the agenda which had been fine-tuned some. For one, the font on the document was 14-point making it easy to read. It also did not have approval of agenda on it since Rushing said that was unnecessary. She also said that since the department heads' reports are in the council members' packets, they will no longer have to give a verbal report in the meeting. However, all will need to be present in the event questions arise. But near the end of the meeting Rushing broached the idea if doing away with the workshop altogether and just holding a single meeting.

Mineola School Board approves new sign, will revise drug-testing policy

By EVAN DUDLEY
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During their monthly meeting last Monday, the Mineola School Board discussed two important subjects; revision of the district drug testing policy for UIL participants and upgrading the signs along the Loop. By the time the meeting had concluded the board had recommended changes to the revised drug testing policy and voted on the sign upgrades.

Following the opening invocation and introductions, Superintendent Kim Tunnell read a proclamation from the governor recognizing the efforts of school principals. All principals and assistant principals of Mineola schools were present for the proclamation with the exception of elementary school principal Jeni Massey.

The main issue that was discussed was making possible revisions to the

drug-testing policy for students participating in extra-curricular activities. The board discussed the current policy and what changes could be made to it.

The current policy requires a student to be suspended from UIL activities for 30 days following a positive test. The student undergoes a second test following the suspension. A second offense carries a 60-day suspension and a third offense will result in a lifetime suspension barring the student from activities for the duration of their high school career. These tests are not required by the UIL.

Athletic Director Joe Drennon spoke to the board about the policy and possible revisions. He did not request immediate changes but suggested that revisions need to be made in the best interest of the students.

Drennon said suspen-

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Hunter Rush of MHS Planning & Design, LLC, went over the highlights of the Parks and Open Spaces Master Plan at the Mineola City Council workshop Thursday. Listening at the council table were Kevin White, alderman Ward 2; City Administrator Mercy Rushing; Mayor Rodney Watkins; Sue Jones, councilperson Ward 1 and Jayne Lankford, Ward 2, councilperson.

Hawkins council OKs Paradise Lane extension

By TOMMY ANDERSON
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Comedian Jeff Foxworthy, when speaking about what is in a Louisiana boiling pot, asked if the contents swim or fly and was told, "Maybe it do and maybe it don't, just put some more hot sauce on it and keep eating city boy,"

After the meeting of the Hawkins City Council last Monday evening one might expect the same kind of answer if asking whether an action taken by the group was kosher or not.

Maybe it was, and maybe it wasn't, just put it in the books and move on along.

That action was giving Verizon permission to extend Paradise Lane to the property line of the Kirkpatrick farm. The extension of a street at no cost to the city is, on the surface, a good deal for the city. However, it could turn out to be a good deal for City Councilman Wayne Kirkpatrick also, and he should have taken no part in approving that action per Ed Sterling, member services director of the Texas Press Association.

"If a council member receives any ben-

efit from an action, it would be a conflict of interest for he or she to vote to approve such action," Sterling said.

Councilman Kirkpatrick owns the property and the reason Verizon wants to extend the road is to have access to his property to construct a cell phone tower on said property.

While all intentions appear to be good, if the tower is constructed on Kirkpatrick's property he will benefit in the form of lease payments for the land utilized if the tower remains on the property. Extending the street will be a good deal for the city, but it may be an even better deal for councilman Kirkpatrick.

That was not the only unusual action in the regular monthly session of the Hawking City Council as Fire Chief Dan Garner and fire department Secretary Jill Jackson apparently resigned during an executive session held during the middle of the two-hour long meeting. The council went into executive session for discussions of personnel operations of the police department and fire department

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Halloween Fall Festival

"A Haunting in Hogg Park"

October 31, 2016 5:30-8:00 pm

<p>Costume Contest Babies-K 1st-5th 6th-8th Judging starts at 6:45</p> <p>Pre-Carved Halloween Pumpkin Contest Judging starts at 7:00</p> <p>Our Sponsors: City National Bank Patt's Feed Store Hubbard Chapel Dairy Queen GHS Chamber of Commerce GHS Sales</p>	<p>Scream Contest Judging starts at 6:00</p> <p>Hay Scramble Carnival Games Vendors</p> <p>Spooky Stories 6:00 7:00 6:30 7:30</p> <p>Fortune Teller</p> <p>Guitman Library Friends of the Arboretum Wood Co. National Bank Broadshire's Feed Store Guitman Development Corp Fervent Hands Power Washing</p>	<p>Guitman Elementary PTO Silent Auction at Stinson House Hot Dogs, FritoPies, Nachos, Drinks</p> <p>Spooky Trails Opens at 6:45-8:00</p> <p>Free Kettle Corn</p> <p>Guitman ISD Elementary PTO Forever Young Activity Center City of Guitman FTH Guitman Guitman Animal Clinic Guitman/Lake Fork Kiwanis</p>	<p>Pet Costume Contest Scariest Most Sparkle Best Duo (You & pet) Best Pun Judging starts at 6:30</p> <p>Old Fashion Hay Ride</p> <p>GHS Anchor Club Wood County Cowboy Church Myrtle Springs Baptist Church Ruck Solid Gum Brian Talley Ford Guitman Guitman True Value</p>
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Republican clubs' event encourages citizens to vote

By MICAH BROOKS
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The Lake Country and Holly Lake Republican Clubs and the Republican Women of Wood County sponsored an ice cream social and Get Out the Vote Rally at the Jim Hogg Park Pavilion in Quitman Sunday afternoon.

The event's featured speakers were U.S. Congressman Louie Gohmert, Michael Quinn Sullivan from Empower Texans and Terry Free from the National Rifle Association. Wood County Republican Club President Janna Castloo said the purpose of the rally was, "To get out the vote. We know this is a very controversial election on the national level and we want to encourage everyone to stay with the Republicans. We also wanted people to come out and hear some of the big issues because I do think the media has kind of made it into a

circus and a lot of the issues have not gotten out there."

Castloo introduced State Representative Bryan Hughes who served as the master of ceremonies and introduced the speakers.

The first speaker was Sullivan who is part of a non-profit organization called Empower Texans which focuses on promoting free market principles in Texas. Sullivan urged the audience to "Step back from fear" during this election. Sullivan then stressed that while the national election is important, our local and state governments have the greatest impact on our lives and, "We as citizens should be engaged at all levels of local and state government." Sullivan said no matter the outcome of the national presidential election we as Texans should, "make sure Texas shines brighter than any other state" and the citizens can do that by



U.S. Congressman Louie Gohmert stressed the importance of voting and getting others to vote Republican during Sunday's Get out the Vote rally in Quitman. (Monitor photo by Micah Brooks)

exercising voting power at the local level where it has the most powerful and immediate impact.

The second speaker was Terry Free, a spokesperson for the NRA and a former peace officer. Free asked the audience to try and, "Remember when America was strong and economically sound... and when prayer was acceptable in school."

Free stressed the importance of the NRA in defending the second

amendment and its role in supporting Texas communities. "We are at a fork in the road," he concluded, and warned if the country takes the wrong path there might be no way to turn around for a while.

The final speaker was U.S. Congressman Louie Gohmert. Gohmert started by revealing that the Flint Michigan water crisis was a perfect example of federal regulations and over-reach causing a disaster.

He said in the 1990s the Clinton administration had implemented a federal requirement to treat water with chemicals that eroded the pipes in Flint causing high amounts of lead to leak into the water supply. The Congressman said he came across a saying that summed up the whole situation, "If you want clean water, get the pigs out of the creek upstream." The Congressman stressed that, "The best control is lo-

cal control." Gohmert said that this election was about ensuring that citizens don't give up their freedoms. Congressman Gohmert ended by stressing the importance of voting and getting others to vote Republican this November, "To get this country back on track." The event then closed with a performance by the Alert Academy and then the speakers mingled with the crowd and answered questions.

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Commissioners declare Domestic Violence Awareness Month

By TOMMY ANDERSON
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Paying the bills and taking care of routine business took up most of the time during Friday's meeting of the Wood County Commissioners Court, but the county bosses strayed from their mundane duties to pass a proclamation to declare October Domestic Violence Awareness Month in Wood County.

They also held a public hearing on a plat revision for the Holly Lake Ranch Subdivision, and

approved a road permit for transporting of logs over Pct. 4 county roads.

It took the court just over half an hour to conduct all their formal business Friday as the commissioners moved quickly through as 15-item agenda.

During the routine business chores, the court approved hiring of 10 part-time personnel to work in the general election and granted a raise to one county employee, as well as approved the county payroll, line-item transfers and budget

amendments, paying the county's bills, approving constable reports and approving the treasurer's report.

In the Holly Lakes Ranch Subdivision, there was a request for a revision to combine Lots 79, 80 and 81 in Section VI into one large lot. This request encountered no opposition and was unanimously approved.

L&L Logging of Ore City sought a permit to move overweight equipment or loads over roads of the Wood County road system. The permit was requested so that the company may haul timber over County Road 3588 and 3990 between October 10 and November 10. Pct. 4 Commissioner Russell Acker had no objection to this permit and the court gave it unanimous approval.

The Wood County Industrial Commission had two members to its board of directors approved by the court on Friday. The okay for J.R. Simpson's re-nomination to that board as a representative from Yantis, and the appointment of Marcella Smith as a representative from Alba got unanimous approval from the court.

Pct. 1 Commissioner Virgil Holland and his wife Debra received the

approval via resolution appointing them to serve six year terms on the board of directors of the East Texas Housing Finance Corporation as representatives of Wood County.

Near the bottom of the agenda Friday was an item calling for the approval of a resolution for the Indigent Defense Grant Program for 2017, which received unanimous approval. That little item can be a big item for the county at times because it provides grant money for use in defense of indigent defense services which the county must provide for certain individuals. Statewide for the year starting Nov. 1, 2016, \$24,000,000 has been budgeted for this program and each county in Texas will receive \$5,000 automatically.

However, there are formulas based on population and previous years' expenses for indigent defense which can make many more funds available to the county. The only two catches to the program are that a county cannot receive more funds than it did the year before and any funds granted and not spent must be returned to the Texas Indigent Defense Commission.

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Five arrested in brawl at Jarvis Friday morning

Five Jarvis Christian College students were arrested after law enforcement officers were called to the college this morning about a large disturbance on the campus.

A press release from the Wood County Sheriff's Department states that the department received a call to the college at 10:37 a.m. Friday. Deputies arrived to find a large number of students involved in the fight. Assistance from other agencies was requested and a total of 10 officers, plus Jarvis security officers were utilized to separate the students. There were no weapons involved.

The release states that five people who were deemed to be the instigators were arrested and transported to the Wood County Jail and charged with disorderly conduct. One of the five was found to have marijuana on him while being booked into jail. Emergency medical services were not needed at the scene.

Sheriff Jim Brown said there is no information available yet to indicate the cause of the fray. College officials have stated that the five students who were arrested will face administrative action by the college.

Two of those arrested were from Dallas, two were from Houston. They were Mark Sanchez, 20, and Dedrick Benjamin, 19, both of Houston and Claude Caleb Williams, 19, and Keondre Jones, 18, both of Dallas. Isaac Alexander White, 18, Lancaster was charged the disorderly conduct and possession of a prohibited substance in a correctional facility, a third degree felony.

Mineola Police Report

Mineola police reports for the past week included:

Oct. 18 – There was a request for a welfare check of a South Pacific Street woman but police learned she was in Dallas at a relative's house.

Police arrested Dejuan Anthony Henley, 19, of Mineola for forgery, possession of a controlled substance and possession of marijuana. Sonic contacted the police department when Henley attempted to pay for a meal with a hundred dollar bill that had "for motion picture use only" written on it. When Henley was being booked in it was discovered he was in possession of mushrooms and marijuana, and he had six more counterfeit \$100 bills in his sock.

At 8:12 p.m. officers responded to a disturbance between a man and woman at Murphy's Oil. Officers found that the man's arm was bleeding and the woman said he had punched out the car window. EMS was contacted and transported him to the hospital.

Oct. 17 – Officers assisted the fire department in the 900 block of University Street on a fire that started in a bedroom and filled the house with smoke.

A woman was issued a criminal trespass warning from the Mineola Country Club.

Sonic reported a fraud when a man paid for his food using a counterfeit \$5 bill. The money was picked up by officers.

Police arrested Darri- on Devante Vickers, 21,

Tyler on a Smith County probation violation at 10:40 p.m. Vickers' van was pulled over on South Pacific Street for having a defective tail light and he was found to be wanted on a warrant.

Oct. 15 – A verbal disturbance was reported on Newsom Street. It was a boyfriend who just wanted to get his belongings from the home.

There was a report of a road rage incident in which another driver threw a beer bottle at the complainant. However, it was discovered the incident occurred outside the city limits.

Oct. 14 – An officer was called the Cross Country Foods on South Pacific Street at 9:25 a.m. when a man was found asleep in his vehicle. The man was checked out and was just sleeping. Someone was called to drive for him.

A Mineola man reported his bank card was used in Dallas without his permission.

A hit-and-run was reported in the Walmart parking lot.

Officers checked out a report of a suspicious person lying near the trash can area at a church on North Pacific Street. He was traveling and was waiting on the weather to clear.

Police arrested Bill Charles Neal, 44, Mineola at his residence on Newsom Street for possession of marijuana. Officers had been contacted by his girlfriend about an argument at the home between the two.

Mineola Fire Report

Mineola Fire Department calls for the past two weeks were:

Oct. 19 – At 1:36 p.m. the department was dispatched to Highway 37 to assist EMS and at 4:36 p.m. the department was dispatched to County Road 2260 for a forest, woods or wild-land fire caused by a burning brush pile.

Oct. 17 – At 5:44 a.m. the department was dispatched to University Street for an accidental building fire that started in a bedroom.

Oct. 16 – At 3:53 p.m. the department was dispatched to North Newsom Street but was canceled en route and at 4:40 p.m. to Farm-to-Market Road 1253 for a grass fire caused

by a burning stump. At 6:30 p.m. the department was dispatched to Broad and Johnson Streets to assist EMS. At 6:36 p.m. the department was dispatched to North Newsom Street in reference to an aircraft standby and at 8:52 p.m. to Highway 80 for a cooking fire.

Oct. 15 – At 1:44 p.m. the department was dispatched to Private Road 6252 and at 5:01 p.m. to Loop 564 to assist EMS.

Oct. 14 – At 7:11 a.m. the department was dispatched to CR 2220 for a grass fire caused by lightning.

Oct. 13 – At 2:15 p.m. the department was dispatched to CR 2317 to assist EMS.

Wood County Sheriff's Report

ARRESTS

Tre Tyler Alaman, 22, Hawkins, assault causes bodily injury, family;

Jewel D. Payne, 73, Logansport, LA, attempted tampering with a witness;

Leland Kavika-Tai Chong, 40, Alba, commitment, speeding; commitment,

violate written promise to appear;

Bailey Marie Martin, 19, Quitman, forgery by check;

Cedric Jerom Ivory, 26, Arlington, assault, class C;

Perry Lee Bitner, 58, Hawkins, driving while intoxicated, third or more;

Krista Lynn McLemore, 35, Winnsboro, manufacture/delivery of a controlled substance, penalty group 1;

Crystal Elaine Taylor, 25, Sulphur Springs, abandon/endanger child, criminal negligence; possession of a controlled substance, penalty group 1;

Linda Jean Reyes, 35, Winnsboro, abandon/endanger child, criminal negligence; possession of marijuana;

Courtney Lynn Frazier, 39, Houston, driving while license invalid with prior conviction(s) without financial responsibility; possession of a controlled substance, penalty group 3; possession of marijuana; possession of a controlled substance, penalty group 2-A;

Jacob Turner Martin, 38, Quitman, theft of property \$20 or more but less than \$500, by check; driving while license invalid, first offense; no liability insurance;

Joshua Glen Christian, 36, Alba, driving while intoxicated;

Cory Dean Marks, 46, Winnsboro, false alarm or report; blue warrant;

Melissa Nicole Boaz, 36, Mineola, possession of a controlled substance, penalty group 1;

Lacey Leann Henson, 31, Winnsboro, manufacture/delivery of a controlled substance penalty group 1;

Nicholas John Fincher, 37, Hawkins, possession of a controlled substance, penalty group 1;

Brandi Michelle Ragsdale, 34, Mt. Vernon, driving while license invalid;

William Eric Potter, 30, Humble,

evading arrest or detention with vehicle with previous conviction; aggravated assault on public servant;

Stephen Lee Coop, 21, Mineola, public intoxication; resist arrest, search or transport;

Zachary Miles Tucker, 20, Golden, possession of marijuana;

Lori Lyn McCombie, 42, Quitman, theft of property \$2,500 or more but less than \$30,000;

Christine Lott, 49, Holly Lake Ranch, criminal trespass;

Nicole Marie Roberts, 37, Quitman, credit/debit card abuse;

Doug Allen Seeton, 46, Mineola, driving while license invalid;

Bill Charles Neal, 44, Mineola, possession of marijuana;

Zachary Conrad Garrett, 23, Emory, possession of marijuana;

Nicholas Edward Varga, 54, Yantis, assault causes bodily injury, family;

Oleta Ann Jones, 39, Hawkins, theft of property \$100 or more but less than \$750; forgery of financial instrument;

Jessica Lanae Bentle, 29, Winnsboro, possession of a controlled substance, penalty group 1;

Timmy Robinson, 48, Hawkins, obstruction or retaliation; resist arrest, search or transport; possession of dangerous drug; criminal mischief \$50 or more but less than \$500; disorderly conduct;

Lacey Nicole Kranning, 26, Murchison, possession of drug paraphernalia;

Kathryn Twitty, 25, Grand Saline, possession of drug paraphernalia;

Craig William Dickinson, 30, Van, possession of a controlled substance, penalty group 1; possession of a controlled substance, penalty group 2;

Joshua Lee Slater, 26, Dallas, aggravated assault; assault;

Terri Jean Franklin, 32, Kemp, forgery;

Dejuan Anthony Henley, 19, Mineola, forgery of financial instrument; possession of a controlled substance in a drug free zone and possession of marijuana.

on property he owns on County Road 2164. The man advised that his investigation led him to a house on CR 2175 where he observed his dryer in back of the residence. The complainant took Fenlaw to the house where he had observed the dryer. The matching washing machine was later located at the same location. The man who lives at the location stated the washer and dryer were not his and gave the name of a man and woman who he claimed brought the appliances to the property. The complainant recognized the woman's name as being a relative of his. The complainant advised he wanted to pursue charges in the matter. The case has been forwarded to CID for further investigation.

Oct. 14 – Sergeant Donovan South took a report of an animal bite which occurred on Farm-to-Market Road 49 in the Mineola area. The victim stated she was a caregiver and had been bitten by a client's cat. The woman had since sought treatment from her doctor and was advised to report the incident. The cat's owner had the cat quarantined in accordance with state law. The case will be closed at the end of the quarantine period.

Deputy Fenlaw was dispatched to the ER at ETMC Quitman in reference to a dog bite that occurred on FM 778 in the Hawkins area. The victim stated he was bitten by a Chihuahua/Pug when he attempted to separate it from another dog while the two were fighting. The offending dog was up to date on all vaccinations, including rabies. The dog will be quarantined in accordance with state law. The case will be closed at the end of the quarantine period.

Deputy Pollard was dispatched to a residence on FM 852 in the Winnsboro area for a burglary of a habitation. The complainant advised he had left home at approximately 8:30 a.m. and when he

returned two hours later found the front door of the residence open. A safe was missing from the bedroom closet but there were no signs of forced entry. The complainant advised the safe contained his birth certificate, his wife's death certificate and over \$5,000 in cash and rolled coins. Information regarding a probable suspect was recorded and the case was forwarded to investigators for follow-up.

Oct. 12 – Deputy Brandie Cunningham was dispatched to an empty lot on FM 2869 for a theft report. The complainant stated that her 2013 Jay Flight travel trailer had been parked on the lot but was now missing. The missing trailer is described as creamy white in color with light and dark blue markings and is valued at \$15,000. Deputy Cunningham collected one item of evidentiary value from the scene. The case has been forwarded for continued investigation.

Deputy Jeremy Ragsdale was dispatched to FM 17 in the Alba area for a theft report. A complainant advised that someone had stolen two generators and a flat 6-gallon gas can from the back of his RV trailer. The man further advised that someone had attempted to steal the generators the previous Saturday night but were unsuccessful.

Oct. 11 – Deputy Tucker George was dispatched to the vicinity of CR 2260 and 2270 in the Mineola area in response to a report that a suspicious person was stepping

out in front of vehicles. George made contact with the man who was being detained by an officer with another agency. George noted the officer showed visible signs of having been in a physical altercation with the suspect and that the suspect showed multiple signs of intoxication. Stephen Coop, 21, of Mineola was arrested and transported to jail. Despite being combative during the transport, Coop was booked into jail without incident.

He is charged with public intoxication and resisting arrest, search or transport.

While on routine patrol in the area of FM 1799 and Highway 69 near Golden, Deputy George conducted a traffic stop on a vehicle which he had previously identified as having an expired registration. After making contact with the vehicle's sole occupant, the driver admitted there was a jar of marijuana in the car's console. George located the marijuana and a marijuana grinder in the trunk of the car. Zachary Miles Tucker, 20, of Golden was arrested and transported to jail without incident. He is charged with possession of marijuana.

Oct. 10 – Sergeant South was dispatched to CR 2745 in the Mineola area for an assault report. The female complainant stated she had been backhanded in the mouth and left cheek by her boyfriend while they were traveling to a store. South photographed the area where the woman stated

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National champions from Alba-Golden: FFA Quiz Team

By KATHERINE CARTER

The Alba-Golden Quiz team attended the National FFA convention last Monday and Tuesday (Oct. 17 and 18) in Indianapolis, Indiana and brought home national champions.

The Junior High division Quiz team took part in the National Quiz Competition, consisting of questions about the FFA manual, and succeeded in gaining the title of national champions.

Agriculture instructors Robert Reynolds and Emily Barton said they are very proud for their team's hard work and dedication. Reynolds said, "The hardest part is motivating kids to take a quiz."

But, it paid off. Barton said the members were eager to study on the way home after they found out they had won. "As soon as

they heard they were national champions, it was like a fire lit under them!"

For the Junior High division, this was their first time going to a convention. On the first day in Indianapolis, Barton stated, "It's new, you start seeing people from other states and it's a bit overwhelming." However, this didn't stop the Quiz Team from gaining the title as national champs.

The Junior division placed 10th and the Senior division placed eighth in the nation, which is also a great feat for the group. Before they attended the convention, Reynolds said this about the upcoming test, "Our goal was to be in the top 10," which they succeeded in achieving. The Quiz Team came home confident and ready for the next competition to come.

Individual results with 1st high individual in the nation was Cameron Gal-yeen, second was Abby Hallman, third was Merritt McGahee, fourth Bella Crawford and fifth Bree Allie Rolan. Beth Crittenden was seventh, Gabby Jerome was eighth, Riley Wilcoxon tied for 11th, Ari Nivison was 15th and Luke Kindle (Senior Division) was 12th.

MINEOLA REGIONAL ZONE MEETING



The Mineola Lions Club hosted a Regional Zone Meeting Sept. 29. Attendees present were Regional 3 Zone Chairman Lion Jimmy Strickland, Zone 1 Chairperson Kathryn Strickland, President and Zone 2 Chairperson Lion Cassandra Sampson. Speaker of the evening was one of the elected Directors of The Texas Lions Camp Judge Teresa Drum. Presidents of their clubs were Lion Cindy Malouf, Canton, Earnest Largent, Quitman, Gerri Thompson, Big Sandy, and Mineola. Club members from their zones were present, also elected officials and guests. For those interested in becoming a Lion, the club meets at the Mineola Country Club on the second and fourth Thursday at 12 p.m. Their motto is "We Serve."

Holly Brook Baptist hosts blood drive

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National Champion Quiz Team (Photo by Katherine Carter)

Mineola

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sions were over-sweeping and did not take into account the different schedules of UIL activities. Drennon said what might be a four-game suspension to some may be a full to season to others. He also suggested a counseling program could help the student deal with the situation as well as help them with better decision-making in the future.

The board made the recommendation on changes to be added to the policy which included fairer ways of spelling out punishment and a new counseling program. There was no action taken on the current policy following the discussion but the policy will be revised and presented to the board during their November meeting, according to board member Dr. John Abbott.

Other discussion revolved around the replacement of the school district marquee sign on the corner of Patten Street and the Loop. There was no final decision, but the board did approve the placement of a new sign in front of the stadium to provide more visibility.

The new digital sign will cost approximately \$42,000 and is intended to be almost two-thirds funded by sponsors being sought for the sign. There were three other options that included moving the sign from the corner which would cost approximately \$19,000 for the monochrome display and \$23,000 for a color display. The other option was a new sign with monochrome display for \$34,000 to be located near the stadium. There was no vote on a contractor to complete the project.

Assistant Superintendent of Business and Operations William Bjork presented information

items as a well as distributed the 2016 Financial Integrity Rating System of Texas (FIRST) report of the 2014-2015 Mineola School District. The school district received a perfect score in the FIRST report and the 2015-2016 report is still under review.

Regarding the financial report, Bjork stated that the first payment to Ideal Impact, an energy consulting firm, had been made and the amendment added to the budget. The school district was also up \$400,000 relative to the budget, according to Bjork. There was no tax collection for the previous month but collection will begin next month.

Tunnell added that enrollment had increased by five students and that attendance was at 96 percent. Although the attendance was more than 95 percent, Tunnell believes improvement can still be made in that area.

Beyond the major discussion of the evening, the board voted on five action items in the agenda. The FIRST report, which was reviewed earlier in the meeting, was approved along with the amendment to the budget regarding the payment to Ideal Impact. The school district's emergency and campus improvement plan, both of which were influenced by the District of Innovation Plan, were also approved.

Claycomb Associates, an architect firm, was approved for a five-year contract for any possible structural improvements in the future. None are pending currently.

In other news: The resignation of school nurse Tennette Iley Vann was accepted by the board. She has taken a job in private practice.

School board member Dr. Kyle Gully was absent from the meeting.

All action items on the agenda were approved unanimously.

Tie-breaker determines contest winner

This week's Football Bucks game came down to the tie breaker with three entrants only missing two picks. When all the entries were counted Wendell Gay came in first to win \$20 in bucks and in second place is Jerry Mize, 1 point behind Gay. Mize will receive \$10 in bucks for his second place.

With district play coming to an end, take the opportunity the next two weeks and try your hand at guessing winners. See scoreboard in Section B.



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Hawkins

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personnel. When the council returned to open session Mayor Howard Coquat announced that Garner and Jackson had resigned their positions with the Hawkins Volunteer Fire Department because, "They felt like they couldn't successfully carry out their duties under the current situation." Coquat then appointed Steve Holmes as acting fire chief. Several fire department members were called into the executive session, but neither of the two who resigned was in the council chambers when the open session resumed and the resignations were announced.

Coquat told Police Chief Ron Voda, "We'll talk to you later about what we discussed."

The Hawkins Fire Department has been in turmoil for some time now. Garner was tabbed by the council to be the fire chief on July 8, the same date the council began an investigation into the fire department that led to the Texas Rangers investigation of the activities of the fire department. The Rangers have not announced the results of

their investigation yet. Apparently, there are still four HVFD firefighters suspended, and they will remain in that state until the investigation into the department is complete. To date no specific items for the investigation have been revealed but an audit report of HVFD funds by the city auditor in late June or early July, "warranted an outside investigation," per Mayor Coquat. It was the mayor who worked with the Police Department to get the Texas Rangers involved in the investigation.

Neither Garner or Jackson could be reached for comment on their resignations and a call to Holmes by the Monitor had not been returned as of deadline time.

In other actions Monday night, the Hawkins Council approved an interlocal agreement with Wood County for ad valorem tax collections and gave the okay for a contract with Ricoh USA through the Department of Information Resources for a 28-month lease on a new copier for city hall at a rate of \$129.68 per month.

A second and final reading was approved for Resolution No. 160929 giving the Hawkins Development Corporation

approval to spend funds in excess of \$10,000 for improvement of the Park 2 playground area. Hawkins also obtained a new piece of real estate when the council agreed to the purchase of block 7k, lot 1 at a cost of \$1,500. This property is located behind the water tower and will be utilized for storage and possible future development.

Action was stabled on appointments to the Texas Emergency Services Retirement System Local Board, and no action was taken on the adoption and replacement of the City of Hawkins Drug-Free Workplace policy. All members of the council were present except Clara Kay.

Mother

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niece visits her elderly parents in Bossier City, Louisiana, and prior to one of those visits was contacted by Jewel Payne who said she wanted to talk to her. They went for a ride in a car and the niece, who was suspicious about the meeting, made an audio recording on her cellphone.

The affidavit says Wood County Sheriff's Department Investigator Kyle Henson, who was familiar with Jewel Payne and her voice, listened to the recording in which she talks about the EMT. She

stated that the EMT testified about the condition of the body of one of the victims when she arrived and that she felt this testimony was significant in the trial. She then asked the niece to "find a man to go to this lady... and frighten her. To tell her that you know she lied and try to scare her" into retracting her statement. It states she further talked to the niece to "look into the lady" beforehand "that way you would know if she had a child or someone you could threaten to harm."

It also states that the niece stated that she believed what she was being asked to do was a crime, and that Jewel Payne agreed with her. Investigators obtained a search warrant from a

district judge in Desoto Parish in Louisiana and served that warrant on Jewel Payne's home on Oct. 6. Investigators seized letters from Jason Payne to his mother and a digital recorder.

The affidavit for the search warrant includes information about numerous telephone calls from Jason Payne to his mother in which he talks to her about the visit by the niece. In two of the calls, the affidavit states, Jewel Payne says "I'm gonna try... to do my best" and "I'll do what I gotta do."

In a followup call from Jason Payne, his mother told him that the niece did not agree to the request and "I'll figure out something" and "I'll find somebody."

Jehovahs' Witnesses circuit assembly this weekend

Jehovah's Witnesses from East Texas will attend their semiannual circuit assembly at the Carthage Civic Center Saturday and Sunday. The theme of the circuit assembly is "Increase Your Faith in Jehovah." Jehovah's Witnesses from Carthage, Whitehouse, Nacogdoches, Kilgore, Bullard, Lufkin and other communities will at-

tend Sunday's session, while Jehovah's Witnesses from Longview, Marshall, Lindale, Mineola and Tyler areas will be attending Saturday's session. The public talk, "True Faith - What Is It, and How Is It Shown?" will highlight the program each afternoon at 1:30 p.m. The event, which will start at 9:30 each morning, is free to the public.

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DOOR PRIZES

Events

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per person with no charge for infants or pets. The Wood County Paranormal Society has surveyed the building for any other-world presences and will show a video of their findings as well as exhibit the equipment they use.

A free kid's movie, Casper's Halloween Special, will be shown at Peterson Park at 6:30 and 7 p.m. following Trunk or Treat. The event is free to the public and the Mineola Landmark Commission is seeking sponsors for the event in order to raise funds for the Mineola Railroad Heritage Park.

"The commission is seeking sponsorship for the series to help raise money to establish a historical railroad park near the depot," commission member Joyce Williams said. "We anticipate over 100 children and their parents to attend the downtown 'Trunk or Treat' activities."

There will be an album release party at the Rafael Espinoza School of Music for Espinoza's most recent release, *Texas Matador*.

There will be a special midnight screening of "The Rocky Horror Picture Show" Saturday at the Lake Country Playhouse. The film is rated R

so no one under the age of 17 will be admitted without an adult. Admission is \$15 and doors open at 11:15 p.m.

The 24th annual Warehouse of Terror will be open 7:30-11 p.m. Friday and Saturday as well as Halloween night. The warehouse is located behind Kindness Kottage off Highway 80 and admission is \$15. There are two separate discounts for admission: a \$5 off Friday night game special with ticket-stub and a \$2 discount for a donation of two canned food items, discounts cannot be combined.

Quitman
Get your masks, brooms, pumpkins, pirate patches and witches hats ready for the Haunting of Hogg Park. This event will be held at the Quitman Arboretum on Halloween with help and support from the City of Quitman, Quitman Chamber of Commerce, several local banks, businesses, and civic organizations.

There will be age appropriate activities for all including: food concessions, hay rides, Hay Scramble (hunting for coins in a pile of hay), Spooky Trails, Spooky Stories, Pet Costume Contest, Kid's Costume Contest, Scream Contest, and a Pre-Carved Pumpkin Contest.

The fun will begin at

5:30 and continue until 8. The Spooky Trails will be ready to "knock your socks off" from 6:45 until 8.

Alba
The Alba Fall Fest and Halloween on the Square is Saturday from 3-8 p.m. There are several activities for the annual event including a 5K run and chili cook-off.

The inaugural 5K Zombie Fun Run begins at 3 p.m. Runners will run a course through downtown Alba and zombies, with film quality special effects, will be around every corner waiting for runners. The goal is to make it through the course with your flags (lives). Registration is \$40 and includes the race, a T-shirt and a whole lot of bone-chilling fun. Online registration required at active.com.

If you believe you have the best pot of chili in Alba, enter it in the inaugural Chili Cook-Off for a chance to win cash prizes. The grand prize is \$100 with a second (\$75) and third (\$50) place prize awarded as well. The entry fee for the cook-off is \$15 and there is a five-gallon minimum. Chili can be purchased for \$5 a bowl and judging begins at 4 p.m.

Local businesses, churches and organizations will set up activity booths that include carnival style games, face painting and more. Lo-

cal community members are encouraged to set up on the square for one big trunk or treat. Up to \$100 in cash prizes will be given for the best decorated trunk.

This year's activities will also include a costume contest for children up to 10 years of age with prizes given to the winners of three age categories. There will be hay rides that run continuously throughout the event.

Hawkins
There will be trick or treat event on Halloween at the Hawkins City Park. The event is hosted by the Hawkins Area Chamber of Commerce and the Hawkins Volunteer Fire Department. Admission will be one canned food item and Brookshire's will donate food so that no child will be turned away. All food collected will be donated to Hawkins Helping Hands.

CITY OF QUITMAN CLEAN-UP DAYS

The City of Quitman Clean-Up Days will be **October 28th and October 29th from 8:00 am to 5:00 pm** at the city warehouse located at the end of Cliff Street and West Side Drive.
Dumpsters will be provided by Allied Waste System, Inc.

*****CLEAN-UP DAYS ARE FOR THE RESIDENTS OF THE CITY OF QUITMAN ONLY.**

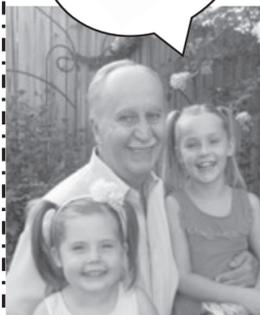
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ACROSS

1 San Antonio TV

5 one meaning of "tejas"

6 TX Don Henley co-wrote "I Can't ___ You Why" (1979)

7 TXism: "skedaddle out of ___"

8 TXism: "best I ___ on" (exceptional)

17 ___ River

18 TX A.J. Foyt's profession (2 wds.)

21 TX Kristofferson's "Love ___ the Way"

22 transgressions

23 a perfect place, or a town in TX

24 TXism: "a ___ a skillet would have more fun" (bored)

29 set of a typeface

30 TX Jordan Spieth won the U.S. ___ in 2015

31 "Star Trek's" TX Roddenberry (init.)

32 TX B.J. Thomas' "I'm ___ I Could Cry" (1966)

34 picnic spoilers

35 this Cruz is a U.S. Senator from TX

36 SW Houston suburb

37 "___ fair in love and war"

38 skin opening

39 "Big Tex" (2 wds.)

41 bag for a pitcher or bronc rider

42 this Richards was the 45th gov. of TX

43 the TX energy company of 2001 scandal

DOWN

1 this TX Porter wrote "Ship of Fools"

2 most T-shirts have short ones

3 this James was 33rd gov. of TX

4 this city is "Rose Capital of the World"

9 TX-based "Terms of Endearment" star: Shirley Mac ___

10 uncle's wife

11 TXism: "___ Katy bar the door"

12 TX Willie's "Why ___ I Have to Choose"

13 explodes

14 this TX Billy won a Super Bowl ring with the Patriots

15 college course (abbr.)

16 drink a small amount

19 West African republic

20 "Fort Worth Water ___"

22 Travis Tritt sang "___ for Me"

24 Sinatra of "4 for Texas" (init.)

25 what TXns Bonnie & Clyde did to banks

26 a TX Gene Tierney husband, Cassini

27 James Fannin was killed in the "___ Massacre"

28 Disney Channel film: "Miracle ___ 2"

29 TX "Commemorative Air ___"

30 TX Roy Orbison's "___ the Lonely"

33 TXism: "___ a spell"

34 TX based oil & gas co.: "___ USA"

35 Conway Twitty sang "___ My Angel Cry" (1969)

37 TXism: "___ lie" (big lie)

38 La ____, TX in Harris County

40 inflict

41 TXism: "skinny as a ___"

44 don't ___ your eyes when eating a jalapeno

47 there's four of these in a gallon

49 small TX tributary of the Colorado: "___ Creek"



The American Spirit Express will give complimentary rides around the festival. (Courtesy photo)

Sweet potato

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took the stage in the Sweet Potato Pie Eating Contest. Clint Bittner won a Jalapeno Tree gift card and "the Golden Potato" for his cast-iron constitution. The other good sports who dove into the pies were Tonya Slayton of KMOO Radio, Steven Steele of Peoples Telephone, Avery Spurger, Kelly Hambrick, Blake Hambrick, Sweet Potato Queen Bethany Carson and Miss Wood County Caitlin Lennon. Putting in a special appearance and taking a break from the campaign trail were Hillary Clinton (Terri Curts) and Donald Trump (Kevin Wright).

This year's parade saw over 50 participants and winning entries were Virgil Roach's wagon and mule team, First United Methodist Church of Mineola's Texas Tater for Peoples Choice and Louis Sthrelow's El Camino. The third and fourth grade PeeWee Cheerleaders and Football Players float won school floats; Phil and Sandy Hallman of Quitman's 1965 model Allis-Chalmers was the winning antique tractor and Cruzzin' Cousins won the overall float honor.

Mutton' Busting took place early and the youngsters who won were, in 4 to 5 year olds, Taylor Army, first; Levi Goforth, second and Lane Allen, third. In the 6 to 7 years olds were Brady Brewer, first; Jayla Sitar, second and Braylon Low, third.

And the fun was kicked off Thursday with pageants. The winners were Sweet Potato Queen, Bethany Carson and Gracie Pendergrass, first runner-up. Sweet Potato Princess was Fatima Cerrito.

Lil' Miss in 6 to 9 months was Kaylee Pruitt with Halle Perkins first runner-up. Miss Curly Fry, 3 to 5 years, was Brayley Carr with Kyla Perkins first runner-up. In the Mr. Tater Tot, 13 to 24 months, Jax Turner was Mr. Tater Tot and Jack Stevenson was first runner-up. Miss Tater Tot, 13 to 35 months, was Breynee Mason and first runner-up was Cassie George.

In the Mr. Potato Sprout, up to 12 months, Cullen McManus was Mr. Potato Sprout and Cotton Webb was first runner-up. Miss Potato Sprout, up to 12 months, was Brooklyn McCoy and first runner-up was Gabriella Jones. (See more winners next week.)

Iron horse

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dors.

This year's Iron Horse festival will feature free performances from Rafael Espinoza and his Rockabilly Railroad band, singer song-writer Heather Little, America's Got Talent semi-finalist Kadie Lynn and country singer Chris Colston.

This year the main stage will be set up next to the freshly painted caboose on Commerce Street and will be facing west. Dance Dimensions from Mineola will also be performing. Concert guests are encouraged to bring lawn chairs and this year BYOB coolers will be allowed for those that donate \$10 for a special cooler tag available onsite.

Dance Dimensions will take the stage 3-4 p.m., Rafael Espinoza and his Rockabilly Railroad band performs 4-5:30 p.m., singer song-writer Heather Little

plays at 6-7 p.m., America's Got Talent semi-finalist Kadie Lynn performs 7-8 p.m. and country artist Chris Colston performs 8-9:30 p.m.

Contact the Chamber office for more information. Admission is free and hours for the festival are 9 a.m. to 9:30 p.m.



Chris Colston will perform the last show of the evening this year at the Mineola Iron Horse Festival. (Courtesy photo)

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Pro bono

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attention to the importance of the work and hopefully to recruit more lawyers to do pro bono work. Bias is out of the Nacogdoches office of the organization which she said is one of three such organizations in the state of Texas. Texas Supreme Court Eva Guzman is the judicial liaison to the organization.

Lone Star Legal Aid is a regional law firm with lawyers and paralegals in 13 branches throughout East Texas, the Upper Gulf Coast and Southwest Arkansas. As a legal aid program, they help low income people and families with civil legal problems.

Bias said there was a three-way tie for the most litigated cases in Wood County.

On the award to Beaty, she said, "It was long overdue." She said Beaty was doing pro bono work when she joined the organization over 10 years ago. Actually, when

she joined the organization he was the only lawyer on the list doing pro bono work. "Fortunately we've built a list," she said.

She said he not only assists people in Wood County, but clients in neighboring counties. He takes cases from the Paris, Longview and Tyler office and she admits the offices sometimes squabble over who gets him to work cases. "But we always work it out. And Ted never refuses a case, unless he's got something going on, (that) he can't take it."

Beaty said he moved back to Winnsboro in 1989 and he believes that is when he began doing pro bono work for the group.

Bias said that Lucy Hebron is not only a colleague but a dear friend who she recruited over 10 years ago. She said Hebron mostly does bankruptcy cases, "which there's a real need for." She also helps residents of neighboring counties.

As she accepted her award, Hebron said, "It's an honor to work with Dana, and all of the needy citizens of East Texas who need legal

aid. And I would encourage every attorney, if you haven't done one, I think we get more out of it than the people that we serve and I have people that still contact me, year after year, that are so appreciative, send Christmas cards. And so I would encourage you to give back." And with one more push, Hebron interjected, "Sign up, sign up today."

Bias said "last but not least" was one who she thought had the most pro bono litigated cases in Wood County, O'Neal. "In her short stint of four years thus far, she's had a case a year and typically has a case going all the time. She has (given) excellent representation of clients."

Noting that it was also Domestic Violence Awareness Month, the legal aid coordinator said one of the cases that O'Neal had represented was a domestic violence case in which she was able to get spousal support and the ex-husband was ordered to redesignate the client as the beneficiary on his life insurance policy. She was also able to avoid \$7,000 worth of cost by getting lawyer's fees from the husband.

Council

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be returned to the tax roll.

Randy Bennett, David Dobbs and Steve Straznicki were reappointed to the Quitman Development Corporation Board of Directors for terms which will expire Sept. 30, 2018.

Two banks submitted bids for the lease-purchase financing of two new trucks for the Quitman Water Department. The term of the bids was for three years to finance the lease-purchase of a 2017 Ford F250 truck and a 2017 Ford F350

truck at a total cost of \$55,951. The low bid was submitted by Wood County National Bank at an interest rate of two percent with repayment in the form of three annual payments of \$18,650. The only other bid received was for 2.49 percent interest from BTH Bank.

The council also gave approval to an interlocal agreement with Wood County for the collection of ad valorem taxes for the city and passed a resolution to execute an agreement with Wood County Emergency Management services regarding emergency services at a cost of \$3,189 for fiscal year 2017.

The council approved annual funding to the Wood County In-

dustrial Commission for county-wide economic development and tourism. Quitman's contribution for fiscal year 2017 will be \$3,287. Additionally, the council passed a resolution which will allow the WCIC to have a representative on the Wood County Airport Board of Directors.

Finally, the council gave approval of resolutions which will allow the Quitman Pilot Club to serve beer and wine at its Fall Extravaganza and the Quitman Development Corporation to serve beer and wine at 107, 109, 111, and 113 Lipscomb Street when it holds an event for potential investors in that area on Nov. 18.



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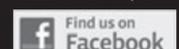
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Obituaries

GEORGE WATKINS 1962-2016

WINNSBORO-Funeral services for George W. Watkins, 54, Winnsboro, were held October 19, at Beaty Funeral Home-Winnsboro. Burial followed at Lee Cemetery in Winnsboro.

Mr. Watkins died October 12, 2016, in Tyler. He was born August 12, 1962, in Bexar County to George "Harold" and Vivian Watkins.

He was preceded in death by his father, George Watkins and brother, Jeffrey Watkins.

Survivors include his mother, Vivian Watkins, Winnsboro; son, Clinton Watkins, Norfolk, VA; daughter Crystal Barrentine, Paris and three grandchildren.

HAROLD KLAUS SAHS 1943-2016

QUITMAN-Harold Sash died October 8, 2016 at the age of 73. He was born June 21, 1943, in Lichtenhagen, Germany to Leo and Hedwig Sass. He immigrated by boat to the U.S. through Ellis Island in 1950 at the age of seven.

He was a member of Trinity Lutheran-Hawkins/Holly Lake Ranch Church where his funeral was held.

He was preceded in death by his parents; brothers, Frederich Sass and Kurt Sass and a sister, Dora Sass.

Survivors include daughters, Mary Bittner; two sons, Stephen Sabs and Timothy Sabs; three brothers, Eddie Sass, Gerhard Sass and Wolfgang Sass; two sisters, Trudy Pearson and Gisela Chandler and four grandchildren.

Burial was in Garden Valley Cemetery in Van

BOBBY RAY JOHNSON 1933-2016

MINEOLA-A private family memorial service will be held for Bobby Ray Johnson, 83, Mineola.

Mr. Johnson was born March 23, 1933, in Winnsboro to Lee and Minereva Benton Johnson and lived in the Cartwright and Mineola area. He joined the Navy in 1950 during the Korean War at age 17. He was a conductor on the Texas and Pacific Railroad and was a member of the VFW Post # 7523.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Lee and Minerva Johnson and an infant daughter, Jodi Johnson; brothers, Norman and Johnny Johnson and a sister, Frances Rhoads.

Survivors include a daughter, Debra Boyd and a son, Bobby Johnson, Jr. of Mineola; sisters, Virginia Moore, Emory and Dixie Yarbrough, Holly Lake Ranch; two grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.



MARGIE DELL WALLACE 1939-2016

ALBA-Services for Margie Dell Shaw Wallace, 77, Alba, were held October 25, 2016, at Freedom Baptist Church, Mineola, with Revs. Al Dusek and James Wheat officiating.

Burial followed in Pleasant Ridge Cemetery, Alba.

Mrs. Wallace died October 22, 2016, in a Tyler hospital.

She was born June 3, 1939, in Alba to the late Walton and Mary Shaw. She lived in the Alba area 38 years and graduated in 1955 from Alba ISD. She retired from J&L Utility, was a charter member of Freedom Baptist Church.

She was preceded in death by her parents; husband, Allen Frank Wallace; brother, J.L. Shaw; sister, Ruth Collier and four infant children.

Survivors include a son, Joe Wallace, Alba; granddaughter, Randi Boggs, Canton and two great-grandchildren, Eli and Emree.



The Mineola Monitor runs basic obituaries for free. We include photographs (recent preferably) if space allows. Extended obituaries are published and charged as paid advertisements.



As the 2016 Wood County 4-H Gold Star recipient, Curtis Perkins, recently attended the District 4-H Gold Star Awards Banquet at Stephen F. Austin State University in Nacogdoches. Pictured with Curtis, are the award donors from Texas Farm Products. Curtis is a member and officer of both the Quitman 4-H Club and the County 4-H Council. His projects in 4-H have been Rabbits, Gardening/Horticulture and Agronomy. (Courtesy photo)



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Sheriff

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she had been hit but noted there were no obvious signs of injury. The case has been forwarded to CID for additional investigation.

Oct. 9 – Deputies Justin Bowring and Josh Davis were dispatched to a disturbance on FM 852 in the Winnsboro area. Prior to the deputies' arrival they were notified that a search was being conducted for a female who had been assaulted and fled on foot. Upon arrival at the scene, the deputies met a man who stated his ex-wife had been assaulted fled to the pasture across the highway. After a brief investigation at the scene, deputies learned the woman had never been at that location. The ex-wife was located at her residence in another county, safe and sound. Cory Dean Marks, 46, of Winnsboro was arrested and transported to jail. He is charged with making a false alarm or report.

Oct. 8 – Sergeant Aus-

tin Cryer and Deputy Jeremy Ragsdale were dispatched to a residence on CR 2375 in the Alba area for a domestic disturbance. Cryer spoke with a female at the residence who stated she and her husband were separating again and an argument had ensued regarding their three children. The man's version of events was different. After speaking with the couples' older children, it was determined that the man's version of events was more accurate. No arrest was made. The older children stated they wanted to leave with their father and were allowed to do so.

Deputy Steven Fields was dispatched to CR 3860 in response to a report of a pickup parked in the roadway. Fields arrived to find a blue pickup parked in the middle of the roadway at the intersection of CR 3860 and Private Road 7862. Deputy Fields observed a man to be lying down asleep inside the truck. The man admitted to driving while he was intoxicated. Perry Lee Bitner, 58, of Hawkins was arrested

and transported to jail. He is charged with driving while intoxicated, third or more.

While on routine patrol just before 6 a.m. Deputy Fields initiated a traffic stop at the intersection of FM 69 and Highway 37 after driving for two miles behind a Ford Mustang which was traveling 21 mph under the posted speed limit. Fearing the driver could be fatigued, Deputy Fields conducted a traffic stop. A wrecker service was summoned after it was discovered that the car's driver did not have a valid license. The passenger, Krista Lynn McLemore, 35, of Winnsboro, was arrested after it was discovered she had an outstanding warrant for theft of property \$2,500 or more but less than \$30,000 with two or more convictions. She was later charged with manufacture/delivery of a controlled substance, penalty group 1, after approximately 56.5 grams of suspected methamphetamine was found on her person.

Read more online at www.woodcountymonitor.com



Levi Wayne DeForrest 1993 - 2016

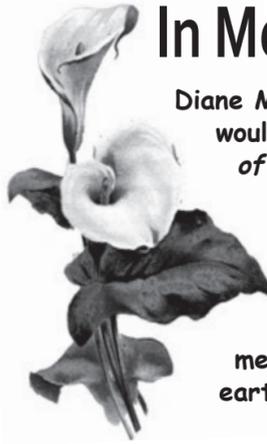
Funeral services for Levi Wayne DeForrest, 23, of Winnsboro, were held Thursday, October 20, 2016 at Lowe Funeral Home with Bishop D.B. Kitchell and Pastor Bryant Kitchell officiating. Burial followed at Little Hope Cemetery.

Levi Wayne DeForrest was born in Sulphur Springs to Shannon and Shelley DeForrest on February 7, 1993. He lived in Winnsboro all of his life, graduating from Winnsboro High School in 2011. After graduation

he went on to work in the oil field. He started out working on work over rigs and worked his way up to a driller. He enjoyed bowfishing and spending time with his friends and family. Levi went to be with the Lord on October 13, 2016.

He was preceded in death by his paternal grandfather, James DeForrest I. Levi came from a very close-knit family who will forever cherish the memories they shared. Left to cherish those memories are his parents, Shannon and Shelley DeForrest; sister, Destinee Thomas and husband Casey; paternal grandmother, Melba Barrick and husband James; maternal grandparents, Allen "Gab" and Janey Weems and Brenda Tinney; paternal aunt and uncles, Stacy Ferrell, James DeForrest II, and Joseph DeForrest and wife Sueann; maternal aunts and uncle, Sheila Williamson, Jimmie Weems and wife Lynn, and Sharon Lyons and husband Ricky; nineteen first cousins, Jaycee, Jacob Ferrell, Tuesday, Elizabeth, James III "Trey", Kurt, Amanda, Joseph Marion, Daniel Marion, Josh, Brandon, Bradley, Kaleb, Joseph Williamson, Brittney, Jacob Weems, Daniel Weems, Thomas, and Patience; and several great aunts and uncles, and second and third cousins. Serving as pallbearers are Ray Smith, Paul Weems, Thomas Moss, Bo Browning, Dalton Parker, and Casey Thomas.

In Memory of Joe Moseley



Diane Moseley and the family of Joe Moseley would like you to join them in JOY Hall of the FUMC Quitman on Saturday, October 29th at 11 a.m. to participate in a celebration of Joe's life. He passed away on Friday, June 24th after a brief illness. Please come to share your memories of Joe and his life on this earth, and to share the joy that he is now with our Heavenly Father.

NEW HOPE SPECIAL UTILITY DISTRICT

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Construction according to design approved by New Hope Special Utility District and dedication by the developer of water within the subdivision following inspection.

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Clint Bittner devoured the sweet potato pie before any of his competition in Saturday's Pie Eating Contest. It was a messy affair and contestants didn't get to use forks but Bittner out-distanced the competition. To his left is Caitlin Lennon, and his right is Blake Hambrick. Behind him is coordinator of the event, Grant Sadler.



Little Addy Bolt puts some elbow grease into brushing a pony in the petting zoo in Golden Saturday.

Sweet Potato Festival



ABOVE: Joel Lyles and Grant Lyles with two-year-old Kalen Lyles of Bright Star Farms greet Seth McAninch and his girlfriend at the entrance to the Sweet Potato Festival. RIGHT: Two days before early voting started in Texas Hillary Clinton and Donald Trump (aka Terri Curts and Kevin Wright) brought their antics to the Golden Sweet Potato Festival. FAR RIGHT: The Hodges family put on a harmonious and lively presentation of show tunes immediately after the stage was cleaned up from the Pie Eating Contest.



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Chantz Perkins (9) displays his perfect Heisman pose in Mineola's rout of Grand Saline. (Photo courtesy of Gene's Photography)

Mineola drops match to Quitman, teams surging in opposite directions

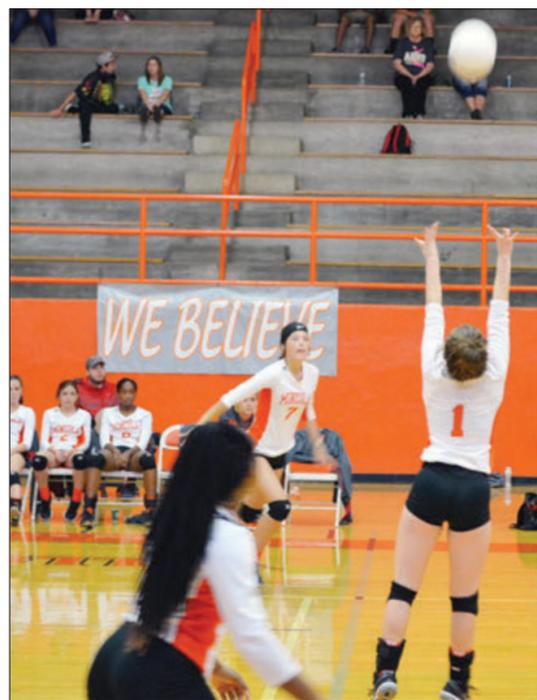
By **EVAN DUDLEY**
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The backstretch of the district season started well for the Mineola Lady Jackets but three consecutive losses has left them with a 5-8 district record and a final regular season game against a hot Alba-Golden team.

The week began with a sweep on the road at the hands of Scurry-Rosser and finished with a sweep at home against Quitman. The Lady Jackets fell to the Lady Bulldogs 12-25, 19-25 and 18-25. It's been a tough season in a strong district with the top three teams boasting a 32-7 combined district record.

In the game against Quitman, the Lady Jackets were led by Lauren Almuete with five kills and two digs. Jodi Lopez contributed seven kills and a dig and Lanie Kelley had 24 assists, two digs and an ace. Kiley Banks had five digs with Jessiah Riley adding a dig and Sabria Dean a kill.

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Lanie Kelley (1) sets up Jaycee Whitehead (7) for a kill. (Photo by Evan Dudley)

Yellowjackets welcome back Drennon, Perkins; Crawford has another wild night

By **EVAN DUDLEY**
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It was a night of happy returns for the Mineola football team. Senior Chantz Perkins and junior Michael Drennon returned to the lineup and the Yellowjackets took care of business in an efficient and workingman-like manner.

The Mineola Yellowjackets (6-2, 4-0) defeated the Grand Saline Indians (3-5, 1-3) Friday night 56-13. The Indians made it a game in the first quarter but a 36-point spree by the Yellowjackets secured the victory by halftime and the start-

ers were off the field and on the bench following the break.

"Right now, we do a lot of good things on the field but we got some things we need to fix," said Head Coach Joe Drennon. "It's hard to tell from the bleachers with the team scoring but we can't mistakes like we do in the playoffs or it'll cost us."

"We'll get that fixed, our kids care enough to do the work and correct our mistakes. The main thing is we got to win out; we don't need to head into the playoffs with a loss and be down on ourselves. I know our kids will

stay focused and do things the right way."

The game began with a 10-play drive by the Indians but the Yellowjackets did what they've done all season with their first possession. It took Mineola three plays and a 26-yard run by Curtis London, who finished the night with 49 yards and two touchdowns off three carries and an interception on defense, to even the score.

Grand Saline had another long drive end in a touchdown but the return of Perkins would start the

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Mount Vernon hurdles Quitman

By **DAN VICKERS**
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Friday night at Don Meredith Stadium on Tiger Field in Mount Vernon, the Quitman Bulldogs were hopeful about securing their first win of the year. Instead what they got was heartbreak. The game started like the previous contest with

Quitman staying close through the first quarter and half of the second quarter.

And then the other team became a scoring machine.

The Quitman Bulldogs (0-8, 0-4) were fired up and ready to play the Mount Vernon Tigers (5-3, 4-1), but the Tigers, celebrating senior night, were ready to put on a show and de-

feated the Bulldogs 44-13.

The coin toss fell in Quitman's favor and they elected to receive. A.J. Dunn returned the ball to the 35-yard line and, after getting a first down, Quitman quarterback Jake Farmer was sacked and the Bulldogs were stopped at the 50-yard

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Wacey Warren (1) escapes pressure from Mount Vernon. LEFT: Both Quitman and Mount Vernon come to a head at the line of scrimmage. (Photos by John Reeves, courtesy of Mount Vernon Optic-Herald)

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Lady Panthers continue winning streak



Bethany Carson floats through the air as she readies herself for a kill. (Photo courtesy Chad Parrish)

By EVAN DUDLEY
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The Alba-Golden volleyball team staked their claim to a playoff spot last week with wins over Kemp and Grand Saline. The Lady Panthers have now won four matches in a row and solidified a third place finish in District 12-3A.

Alba-Golden began the week with their third consecutive sweep of an opponent, defeating Kemp 25-15, 25-8 and 25-12. The real challenge presented itself three days later in a road trip to Grand Saline.

The Lady Panthers defeated Grand Saline in a long match spanning five sets, 27-25, 21-25, 25-12, 12-25 and 15-3. Head Coach TaShara Everett said the team seemed tired during the game but showed incredible resolve

in finishing strong against Grand Saline in the last set.

Gracie Pendergrass continued to lead the Lady Panthers, posting 24 kills, three blocks and two digs against Grand Saline. Breezy Weissert set the pace with 29 assists, five digs and two kills. The Carson sisters, Bethany and Ginny, combined for 13 kills, six blocks, six digs and an ace.

Kenzie Chadwick added three kills and a dig with Lindsey Roberts contributing eight digs and three aces. Aspen Howard had two digs and Macie Pendergrass had a block and a dig.

The Lady Panthers finish the regular season Tuesday against the Mineola Lady Jackets. Alba-Golden is 9-4 in district play and looks to secure their 10th win.



Gracie Pendergrass displays laser-like focus during a home volleyball game. (Photo courtesy of Chad Parrish)

Lindale men part of state champion crappie team

Crappie Anglers of Texas recently held its Ninth Annual Texas State Crappie Championship Tournament on Lake Lewisville, Oct. 14-15. Thirty-one teams competed for more than \$22,000 in cash and prizes during the two-day tournament. Angler teams could compete in the amateur division (Division 2) or the semi-pro division (Division 1) and weigh-in their seven best crappie each day of the tournament.

In Division 2, the team of Clay Gann, Hideaway, and Todd and Langdon Froebe, Lindale, won first place for their two-day total of a whopping 19.85 pounds.

David Cobb, Grapevine, netted a tie for eighth place with 9.62 pounds for their two day total. Jason Ewton, Wills Point, tied for ninth place with

a total of 9.45 pounds. Finishing out the top ten in Division 2 was Jerry LeBlanc, Lindale, with a two-day total of 8.61 pounds

CAT topped off the weekend with its annual awards banquet, which was held at the Little Elm Recreational Center Oct. 14. The event was catered by Big Daddy's Barbeque in Little Elm. The team of Clay Gann/Todd and Langdon Froebe were named "Anglers of the Year" in Division 2.

Crappie Anglers of Texas is a non-profit organization dedicated to the sport of crappie fishing. For information, visit the Crappie Anglers of Texas website at crappieanglersoftexas.com or contact: Jay Don Reeve at jay@reeveaugustine.com.

Panthers outmanned by Harmony

By TOMMY ANDERSON
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What started out to be a promising football season has turned into a long, long nightmare for the Alba-Golden Panthers, and the season isn't over yet.

After posting impressive wins in their first two outings this season, the Panthers have suffered injury after injury and defeat after defeat, now standing 2-6 on the year and 0-3 in District 8-3A Division II. Harmony's Eagles stayed in the thick of the hunt for a playoff spot Friday night but woefully outmanned Alba-Golden's crew, 55-6, in Alba.

And as if that were not all bad enough, Alba-Golden will most likely face its toughest foe of the season Friday night when the Panthers travel down Highway 80 to Edgewood. After belting Como-Pickton, 48-21 Friday, Edgewood's Bulldogs are 7-1 on the season and are the only undefeated team in conference play with a 3-0 record.

Behind Edgewood in the district standings are Harmony, Lone Oak and Winona with 2-1 marks while Alba-Golden and Como-Pickton share the basement at 0-3. This Friday in addition to the Panther-Bulldog matchup, Lone Oak will visit Como-Pickton and the loop spotlight will shine

on Harmony when Winona comes visiting.

While Alba-Golden has only has 88 male students in its high school student body, Harmony has 110 young men on its various high school football rosters this season. Besides a wealth of talent, the sheer numbers game puts the Eagles at a big advantage over most schools in the district.

Alba-Golden kept battling until the final buzzer had sounded, but the Panthers didn't have much gas left in their tank by the time a full 48 minutes had run off the clock. In addition to all the speed and size Harmony brought to the field, the Eagles came equipped with hard-hitting football ability to boot. It was good clean hardnosed football the Eagles played, but it took a heavy toll on Alba-Golden as Coach Ron Callahan's crew sustained one broken hand and possibly two concussions during the battle, which will most leave the Panthers even shorter on talent than had been expected. The Panthers started the season with a very young team, with 18 of the 22 starting positions on offense and defense being filled by athletes that had never played a down of varsity football.

"I am really proud of our kids for the way they keep battling. It has been a hard year for us. We have had to learn and try to get

in a winning position at the same time and that is tough. We've had some tough injuries to contend with also, but our kids have never quit. They have kept their heads up and kept on trying every play from start to finish. You can't ask anything more. They are just a really great good group of kids and we are going to be OK on down the line," Callahan said after the Harmony game.

When the game concluded Friday night, 11 different players had run the football for the Eagles and they dashed up and down the field for 434 yards on 33 rushing attempts. Michael Hoelsher was the big gainer for Harmony with 126 yards on six carries while Justin Wingfield put up 77 yards on four carries and Jacob Kimmen gained 59 yards on four carries. As a team Harmony completed five of seven passes for 91 yards with Dylon McGinnis connecting on four of six to lead the way.

While amassing this whopping offensive onslaught of 525 yards the Eagles were scoring eight touchdowns and racking up 26 first downs.

Alba-Golden's big play of the night came in the second quarter when Tom Mitchell flipped the pigskin out to JaCoby Harle along the left sideline and then Harle unleashed a bomb down the left sideline that was hauled in by Cody Frazier for a 64-yard gain and the Panther's only score of the game.

When Alba-Golden gets to Edgewood Friday night the Panthers will find themselves facing a team on a five-game winning streak and eager to put two more victories in the books and jump into the playoffs as one of the hot guns in East Texas. The Bulldogs have averaged 40.875 points per game in their eight starts so far while giving up an average of just 22.25 points per start. By the same token, Alba-Golden has averaged scoring only 16 points per game and has yielded 30.75 points per outing.

The only loss the Bulldogs have sustained during the 2016 campaign came on the third week of the season when they were upset by Commerce, 45-38, in Commerce. That is the only game Commerce has won this entire season.

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A-G	0 6 0 0 — 6
First downs	Harmony 26 A-G 9
Total yards	Harmony 525 A-G 171
Rushes-Yards	Harmony 33-434 A-G 32-68
Passing Yards	Harmony 91 A-G 103
Comp-Att-Int	Harmony 5-7-0 A-G 4-15-1
Punts-Avg	Harmony 0-0 A-G 5-38.6
Penalties-Yards	Harmony 3-25 A-G 3-40
Scoring Summary	
First Quarter	
HARMONY-Michael Edmonson 62 run, (Erik Arriaga kick) 9:53, 7-0	
HARMONY-Konrad Eichelman 4 run (Arriaga kick) 5:17, 14-0	
Second Quarter	
ALBA-GOLDEN-Cody Frasier 64 pass from JaCoby Harle (Kick blocked) 11:46, 21-6	
HARMONY-Caleb Hart 41 pass from Dylon McGinnis (Arriaga kick) 10:39, 28-6	
HARMONY-Nick Hoelsher 10 run (Arriaga kick) 6:33, 35-6	
Third Quarter	
HARMONY-Eichelman 5 run (Arriaga kick) 8:08, 42-6	
Fourth Quarter	
HARMONY-Cameron Helpenstill 1 run (pass fail) 8:49, 48-6	
HARMONY-Barrett Hill 31 run (Arriaga kick) 4:14, 55-6	

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Hawks rout Cross Roads for Homecoming

By KATIE MOORE



The Hawks take the field after halftime. (Photo courtesy of Cassidy Atteberry) BELOW LEFT: Destiny Chapman is crowned 2016 Hawkins Homecoming Queen and Deonte Strange was named king. (Photo courtesy of Erika Prater) BELOW RIGHT: Drum Major Alyse Burroughs leads the Roarin' Soarin' Blue Hawk Band in their homecoming halftime performance. (Photo courtesy of Cassidy Atteberry)

The homecoming duchess and king and queen nominees are called out on the field before the homecoming game starts. They are escorted by their parents and as they walk across the field all of their accomplishments and dreams are read off. The queen is crowned and the excitement from the festivities seemed to fuel the Hawks as they scratched and clawed their way through another Friday night.

The Hawkins Hawks (2-6, 1-2) defeated the Cross Roads Bobcats (0-8, 0-3) in a 50-6 rout. It's the Hawks second win of the season breaking a four-game skid.

"I think we played great. We practiced all week for a win, we've been hungry to win," quarterback Akim Richmond said. "I kept a positive attitude the whole game, the offensive line blocked excellent for our skill players. On the defensive end, we shut them down."

Richmond, who had 18 rushing attempts for 154 yards and a score, led the ground attack for the Hawks. The Hawks accumulated 406 yards total and Tristian Garrett was the workhorse everyone thought he would be this season. Garrett finished the game with 17 carries for 192 yards and five touchdowns.

Not to be outdone by their offensive counterparts, the defense racked up five turnovers and smothered

the Bobcats. Garrett not only led the team in rushing but he had two interceptions and a fumble recovery. He returned the fumble and one of his interceptions for touchdowns.

The Hawks travel just past the county line Friday to face their rival Big Sandy (6-2, 2-1). The Hawks return home next week for their last regular season game against Union Grove (6-1, 3-0).



Lady Hawks win last district home game

By KATIE MOORE

The names of the senior volleyball players are called along with their accomplishments and messages. Tears are shed as the girls realize it is the last time they will play on their home court. Most of them have spent four years playing on this same court, working hard to be where they are today, as they are honored on Senior Night.

The Lady Hawks won their game against Union Hill Tuesday night.

"Senior Night was very emotional for the whole team," senior Hannah Langford said. "I'm going to miss my teammates, the coaches, and playing the game we all love. It's been a memorable four years and I'm so grateful for the experience."

Even non-seniors were moved by the evening's

events.

"It was a very emotional night, we all cried harder than we thought we would," junior Emily Hodges said. "I'm very sad that all my girls are leaving me, but I'm excited to see what amazing things they all do in life."

The Lady Hawks won all three sets, 25-12, 25-8 and 25-9, securing their place in the playoffs. Senior Sydnee Miller led Hawkins with six kills, followed by Natalie Smith with four. Raeli Smith put up five assists and Haleigh Dollins added three assists.

Madison Staruska picked up seven digs. Natalie Smith added five digs for Hawkins, and Hannah Langford added four.

"I was really proud of the way our team rebounded from the disappointment of the Big Sandy game," Head Coach Terri Boyd said.



Senior Sydnee Miller sends one over the net against Union Hill in the Hawks' last home game of the regular season. (Photo courtesy of Taylor Jones)

"I thought we played really well and it was a good way to end the seniors' final game at home. It was a big game to secure our position

going into the playoffs, so now we need to keep that same intensity to beat Union Grove on Tuesday."

Yantis drops game against North Hopkins

By EVAN DUDLEY

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The Yantis Lady Owls had a tough week with a loss to North Hopkins last Tuesday in three sets, 16-25, 25-13 and 21-25.

Against North Hopkins, Yantis was led by Bayley Bush with 18 digs, six, assists,

two kills and an ace. Ashten Burnett added 13 digs, four kills, three aces and two assists and Sarah Wilkey contributed 11 digs, one kill and an assist. Maggie Hooker had eight digs, three kills and a block and Maddie Hooker had 11 digs, five kills and four aces. Montana Wetzel had 13 digs, five aces, three kills and a block and Jackie Lopez had seven digs.



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Wood County teams compete in district cross country meet

By EVAN DUDLEY
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The Region II District 12-3A Cross Country Meet was held last Monday, Oct. 17, in Eustace and three county teams made the trip. Mineola, Quitman and Alba-Golden all sent teams to the meet but only had minor success in advancing to regionals.

Mineola
The Yellowjackets were unable to field a complete team for either of the varsity races but did have good finishes by the three team members. Senior Kirstiana Welch placed seventh overall in the girl's race and qualified individually for re-

gionals. Junior Rosalinda Marquez finished 16th in the girl's race and Omar Gonzalez placed 36th in the boy's race.

Both middle school teams finished second overall with host Eustace taking first in each race. Alyssa Lankford finished second with Kapri Riley and Juliana Stanley rounding the top 10 at seventh and eighth, respectively. Keilee Riley took 11th place, Abby Kratzmeyer took 20th and Autumn Chamberlain finished 22nd to round out the girls team.

The middle school boys team ran well with Devin Rojas and David Amador taking the top two spots.

Royer Marquez finished sixth with Auturo Perez taking 19th, Scout Parker taking 25th and Caden Mosher taking 28th place.

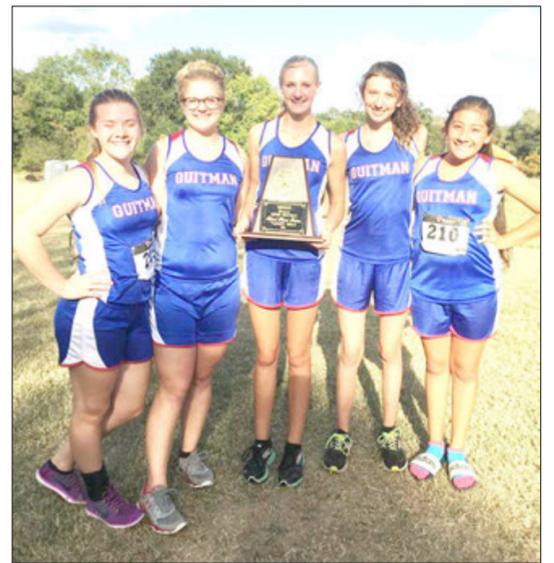
"From start to finish our kids did a great job of buying into the program and working hard," said Head Coach David Smith. "Each runner showed vast improvements from week to week. If the kids that ran this year continue to stay with cross country and the program continues to grow, like I think it will, Mineola will have a cross country program from top to bottom that could be very successful year in and year out."

Quitman

The Quitman Bulldogs also took the trip to Eustace and came back with a third place finish by the varsity girls team and a fourth place finish for the varsity boys team. The middle school boys team received a fourth place finish in their race.

The varsity girls team locked down their third place finish with a couple of top-10 finishes. Julia Simpkins and Joanna Santiago capped the list with ninth and 10th place. Rebecca Ellison, Hannah Hardy and Allyson Corrior finished 17th, 18th and 19th, respectively.

The boys team had senior Jose Rojas finish 10th. Dalton Brandon finished



The Quitman Lady Bulldogs Varsity Cross Country Team took third place at district. (Courtesy photo)



The Mineola Cross Country Team continues to build upon their successes. (Photo courtesy of Gene's Photography)

12th and Jacob Rowland finished 13th. Rounding out Quitman's finishers were Riley Flanagan at 22nd, Diego Flores at 24th, Ben Burroughs at 28th and Ashton Midkiff at 33rd.

Kaitie Kelley grabbed a ninth place finish for the middle school girls team. Atlantis Derouin joined her with a 29th place finish.

The middle school boys team had three top-15 finishers and a fourth overall finish as a team. Aiden Corrior finished in 11th place with Luis Pruciado taking 13th and Brandon Jimenez taking 15th. Stephen Ortiz finished 24th and Parker Simpkins finished 25th.

Alba-Golden

The Alba-Golden Panthers did not field a complete team in any race but had several good finishes out of their athletes. Anthony Williams finished in the top 10 at eighth place and Corey Whatley finished 31st in the varsity boys race. Jaqueline Gonzalez placed 23rd in the varsity girls race.

The middle school teams also had several finishers. The middle school boys team had Joseph Beck finish third, Denver Beck finish 16th and Diego Osornio finished with 17th place. Gracie Teal finished third and Tommie Burnett finished 28th for the girls team.

Lady Hawks XC team advances to regionals

By EVAN DUDLEY
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The Hawkins cross country teams traveled last Monday, Oct. 17, for their district cross-country meet. The varsity girls picked up a second place finish and advanced to the regional meet.

The varsity Lady Hawks placed second after winning a tie-breaker with Linden-Kildare. Megan Haney finished second overall with Silvia Montgomery grabbing a top 10 finish at ninth place. Hannah Langford finished just outside the top 10 with 11th place.

Danielle Thompson finished 13th, Avery Frazier finished 14th, Keely Crawley finished 16th and Chyenne Kimbrell

finished 22nd to round out the girls team.

In the varsity boys race, junior Preston Patterson finished 11th overall. The top 10 finishers qualify for the regional meet so Paterson just missed the cut.

The middle school teams also competed with Lynli Dacus finishing 11th, Kylee Simmons finishing 13th, Lola Posey finishing 17th, Madison Haney finishing 19th, Makena Warren finishing 21st, Jayden James finishing 23rd and Katryna Jones finishing 27th for the girls team.

Paeton Smith finished in second place for the boys team. C.J. Thompson, Hayden Smith and Nick Stevenson also finished for the middle school boys team.



The Lady Hawks varsity cross country team took second place at the district meet. (Courtesy photo)



Yantis Owls XC sends both varsity squads to regionals

By EVAN DUDLEY
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The Yantis Owls cross country competed last Monday, Oct. 17, at the Region III District 24-1A cross country meet at the Atlanta City Field Complex in Atlanta. The Owls' varsity teams placed within the top three at the meet and advanced to regionals.

The Lady Owls varsity team won

first place with sophomore Maddie Hooker finishing first overall and her sister, Maggie, also a sophomore, taking second place. Senior Bayley Bush also had a top-10 finish, placing eighth. Juniors Jackie Lopez and Kacey Moore, along with freshmen Emily Davis and Jenna Latham rounded out the girls team.

The varsity boys team captured second place with junior Brad-

ley Potts finishing first overall. Sophomore Dallas Scott finished fourth and senior Marshall Anderson finished fifth. Junior E.J. Sublett, sophomore Zach Shearer and freshman Kaidan Bush also finished for the boys team.

The junior high boys team also took home some hardware. The team won first place with several individual junior high boys and girls medaling.



Members of the Yantis cross country teams get together following the district meet Monday. LEFT: Carlos Lopez, a member of Yantis' junior high team, takes it stride by stride during the district meet Monday. (Courtesy photos)

Mineola Country Club announces 2016 Club Champions

By EVAN DUDLEY
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The Mineola Country Club held their club championships during the past month and their 2016 club champions have been named.

The club held their Senior Golf Association Championships Sept. 19-20 with Elroy Doggett coming out on top as the 2016 SGA champion. Steve Raley was the low net and David Radcliff won Super Senior.

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In the first flight, Billy Webb Sr. took the low gross and Ray Black took the low net. Mike Casselman was the low gross and Jo Deane Sherrill was the low net in the second flight. In the third flight, Deb Casburn was the low gross and Harvey Carraway was the low net.

On Oct. 1-2, the club held their Men's Gold Association Championship. Chad Hutchins won the day and took home the title. Jim

Pickens won the Senior award and Greg Bartz won Super Senior. Shawn McQuilliams won the first flight, John Spanko the second flight and Jamie Davlin the third flight.

The Ladies' Golf Association held their championships Oct. 15-16 and familiar face Dayna Sadler won the title. Mary Ann Robbins was the low net and Jo Deane Sherrill won the Senior award and Deb Casburn the Super Senior award.



RIGHT: From left, Mineola Country Club Champion Chad Hutchins clutches his Club Champion trophy with Mineola Country Club President Tommy Hobson. (Courtesy photo)

LEFT: SGA Champion Elroy Doggett holds his SGA trophy. (Courtesy photo)

FAR LEFT: From left, LGA Champion Dayna Sadler hoists her hardware with club president Tommy Hobson. (Courtesy photo)



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Dated October 18th, 2016.
James A. Attaway, Jr.
Attorney for Executors

NOTICE TO CREDITORS
Notice is hereby given that original Letters Testamentary for the Estate of Kenneth Ray Ponder, Deceased, were issued on October 17, 2016, under Docket No. 12,996, pending in the County Court of Wood County, Texas, to Lillian Hattie Ponder.
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Application has been made with the Texas Alcoholic Beverage Commission for a Wine and Beer Retailer's

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Off-Premise Permit by HASA Investments, Inc. dba Super Food Mart, to be located at 299 W. Front Street, Hawkins, Wood County, Texas. Shahzad Asghar, President/Secretary.

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Lake Fork Weekly Fishing Report (October 17-23)

By JOHN MORRIS

Well, fall is here and the weather patterns are changing on a regular basis. This week had brisk north winds only to see them changing to the south Saturday.

What does that mean for the fishermen here at Lake Fork? Well, you will have to be really flexible on what fishing techniques you will use and where you can fish, including what ramps to safely launch your boat. Point in fact, when the north winds were howling Wednesday and Thursday I put down my wacky worm rod and picked up my Duckett 7'3" Texas rig worm rod and fished a Zoom watermelon/red Mag II worm and continued to catch fish. The Santone swim jig also worked very well as the water temperatures started to fall.

On Saturday the winds switched back to the south which allowed us to return to the wacky worm technique. We did, however, change colors of Zoom trick

worms from chartreuse/pumpkin to California 420 that we were using to wacky rig. It is noted that a lot of small fish are being caught on a drop shot rig in the timber near old pad fields.

The white bass are still spread out and that is due to the water temperatures still being in the mid-70s. We did manage to catch a few on Joe Spaits chrome with red eyes Flashtail spoon. Creek channels of 18 feet are a good place to look for them.

The crappie fishing continues to get better. Numerous good crappies are being caught on mylar with orange tail 1/16 ounce crappie jigs. They are starting to really relate to brush piles in 11-18 feet of water. Have fun!

The catfish fishermen had a tough time in the middle of the week due to the north winds. They did better Friday and Saturday in 22-28 feet of water using punch bait and cut bait around baited trees.

WOOD COUNTY HISTORICAL COMMISSION PROPOSED GUIDELINES FOR TEXAS HISTORICAL MARKER APPLICATION SUBMISSIONS

Before submitting an application, check the website for Texas Historical Commission www.the.texas.gov for information and instructions under HISTORICAL MARKERS, about the submission process.

The county historical commission usually has the chairman serve as marker chair. Wood County uses that method. The guidelines state that the marker chair serves as the sole liaison with the Texas Historical Commission throughout the marker process to the review and approval of the inscription.

Also, if an individual wishes to be the party to write and submit the proposed application for a state marker, the Wood County Historical Commission asks that the applicant provides a preliminary application. This request is only for two years and if a completed application is not submitted before the two year period ends, the topic will be open for anyone wishing to apply for it.

We are submitting these guidelines to inform the public about the process and are always interested in preserving all our history. For information and questions please contact Lou Mallory, Chairman at gmallory@suddenlink.net. Also, below is information about submission of other historical designations and markers.

Applications for untold stories may be sent directly to the Texas Historical Commission. Approval and decision of the Texas Historical Commission is final. Applications for cemetery historic designation are to be sent to the cemetery division of Texas Historical Commission.

These Proposed Guidelines were adopted on motion by Bill Jones, seconded by Sandra Burge at a meeting held Thursday, September 8, 2016 by a unanimous vote. These guidelines have been filed with the county court and also submitted to Bob Brinkman, Texas Historical Commission.



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steamroller that was the Mineola offense in the first half. Perkins caught a pass in the right flat from quarterback Jeremiah Crawford and outran the Indian defense 59 yards for the score. Perkins was eased back into action but made the most of his opportunities finishing the game with 50 yards rushing and a touchdown off four carries and the long touchdown reception.

"I can't express how much being out here on

Friday night means to me, to be back battling with my brothers and family is a great feeling," said Perkins. "I feel remorseful about the mistake I made but I'm just glad I have people in my life who care about me and are willing to hold me accountable and teach me to be a better person."

Crawford had another career night on the field; he ran the ball for 104 yards and two touchdowns off nine carries and was 6-6 for 124 yards and a touchdown. The Yellowjackets scored 36 points in the second quarter and took a 50-13 lead into the locker room

at halftime.

The other familiar face returning for the Yellowjackets was Drennon. Following an injury earlier in the season, the junior returned to his usual position manning the middle of the field and finished the game with six tackles. Noah Sneed led the way for the Yellowjacket defense with 12 tackles as the secondary was busy battling the arm of Grand Saline quarterback Trent Ensley who threw the ball 27 times in the first half.

"I'm really excited to be back, I've been missing it just sitting out and watching my boys do their thing," Drennon said. "I'm just really proud of them and the way they've played while I've been out."

During the second half, the majority of Mineola's starters relaxed on the bench as the defense held the Indians on the ground and refused to let them up. The Yellowjackets failed to reach the end zone in the second half but Cameron Sorenson hit a 45-yard and a 27-yard field goal in the second half to extend the final margin to 56-13. Sorenson was perfect on all of his PATs and finished the night with six tackles, three pass breakups and an interception on



Michael Drennon (11) returns to form after sitting out multiple games with an injury. (Photo courtesy of Gene's Photography)

Volleyball

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defense.

The Yellowjackets find themselves in sole possession of the district and can claim the district title next week with a win over the Commerce Tigers (1-7, 0-4). Mineola holds tie-breakers over the only two teams still in position to win the district, Farmersville and Mount Vernon.

Mineola returns to Meredith Memorial Stadium this week to face the Tigers and extend their winning streak to seven games.

last Tuesday and swept the visiting Lady Bulldogs 27-25, 25-22 and 25-18. Molly Tanner led Quitman with 12 kills, six digs and an ace. Kaci Raley followed that up with 10 kills, 12 digs, two aces and a block. Cammie Hicks had 26 assists, nine digs and two kills and Madalyn Spears added 12 digs, four kills and four aces.

Quitman is now 27-9 overall and 11-2 in district play. The Lady Bulldogs finish the regular season Tuesday against Grand Saline.

Mineola travels to Alba-Golden Tuesday to finish the regular season.

GAME STATS			
Mineola 56, Grand Saline 13			
Mineola	14	36	3 — 56
Grand Saline	13	0	0 — 13
Scoring Summary			
First Quarter			
GS — Trent Easley to Chris Wilson 27-yard pass, Vargas kick, 8:29			
MN — Curtis London 26-yard run, Sorenson kick, 8:07			
GS — Carlos Aguilar 3-yard run, Vargas kick failed, 3:41			
Second Quarter			
MN — Curtis London 14-yard run, Sorenson kick, 11:53			
MN — Jeremiah Crawford 13-yard run, Sorenson kick, 11:35			
MN — Jeremiah Crawford 6-yard run, Sorenson kick, 7:13			
MN — Jeremiah Crawford 28-yard run, Conversion good, 4:08			
MN — Chantz Perkins 15-yard run, Sorenson kick, 0:57			
Third Quarter			
MN — Cameron Sorenson 45-yard Field Goal, 3:17			
Fourth Quarter			
MN — Cameron Sorenson 27-yard Field Goal, 9:59			



Quitman defenders plant a Mount Vernon ball carrier into the ground. (Photo by Brandi Box)



Mount Vernon wraps up a Quitman ball carrier Friday night. (Photo by Brandi Box)

Quitman

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line, turning the ball over on downs.

Mount Vernon took over — and with 2:42 remaining in the first quarter — scored and added a two-point conversion on a run with a spectacular hurdle over a Quitman defender who came in too low.

That play set the tone for the rest of the evening.

ning.

On their next possession, Quitman scored from 68 yards out on a stunning run by Farmer. The visiting fans, few in number and huddled under blankets, stood and cheered. The score was 8-7 in Quitman's favor and — for a moment — excitement warmed the chilly Quitman fans.

Unfortunately, Quitman attempted an on-side kick that was recovered by Mount Vernon at their own 49-yard

line.

The Tiger's Kevi Evans danced around for what seemed like 20 yards only to gain 10 that set up a 33-yard touchdown run by Cameron Woods. Again Mount Vernon opted for the two-point conversion and they converted to lead the Bulldogs 16-7.

After Quitman turned the ball over on downs to start the second quarter, the Tigers coughed up the ball on a fumble, and the Bulldog's Brad

Davenport, recovered at the Mount Vernon 24-yard line. After reaching the 2-yard line, Quitman committed a 5-yard penalty but were able to reach the end zone from three yards out. Quitman attempted their own two-point play but were unable to convert. The score stood at 16-13 with 5:04 left in the half and it would be Quitman's last visit to the end zone.

Mount Vernon went on to score twice more before halftime and took

a 32-13 lead into the locker room. The Tigers scored again in the third quarter but missed the extra point to extend their lead to 38-13. In the fourth quarter, facing fourth down and 14 at their own 16-yard line, the Tigers ran a reverse and Taylor Ibarra scored a touchdown to end the scoring at 44-13 with 8:33 left in the game.

Quitman played hard, but they were faced a team with almost double the number of Quitman's athletes. After the

game, Coach Woodard summed up the game just about like he did the last one.

"Our guys played hard. Their guys were very fast and we couldn't catch them," he said. "We gave up too many big plays."

When asked about their best chance to win a game this season he replied, "Our next one."

Quitman hosts the Grand Saline Indians (3-5, 1-3) for senior night Friday at Bud Moody Stadium.

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Mineola Memorial Library Notes

BY LIBRARIAN MARY HURLEY

Greetings all. October has been a busy month of activities and November will be no different.

We participated in the Nature Fest activity at the Mineola Nature Preserve and will be at the Mineola Iron Horse Festival selling gently used second-hand books, and at the Mineola Historical Museum for Halloween. That's what we are doing outside of our building.

Inside we have many activities including After School on Tuesdays for children kindergarten to high school; Pre-School Story time on Wednesday mornings at 11:15 for pre-school age children and their caregivers; Home School Heroes happens the first Friday of the month; Happy Crafters meet the first Saturday of the month at 10 a.m.; American Girls Historical Reading Club is the second Saturday of the month for girls with their mothers (or other favorite adult female relative), Lego club is the fourth Saturday of the month at 3 p.m., and the list continues. Visit our website mineolalibrary.com or come by 301 N. Pacific and pick up a newsletter to see more.

Have you ever wondered what the TexShare Database is? It is full of E-resources on a variety of subjects. We have Heritage Quest which is powered by Ancestry.com. We have Learning Express where you can find assistance on the basic subjects for fourth graders to high school, GED preparations, citizenship

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Inside and Outside the Picket Fence

BY JAN WHITLOCK



Quitman Arboretum and Botanical Gardens

The weather reports are telling me that our summer is about to end. If you have not had the opportunity to visit the gardens, now is the time to drive to Hogg Park, in Quitman, and take in all of the butterflies and bees that are making one last attempt at pollinating. Mother Nature is on her way to remove the warm breezes and replace them with winds from the north.

It has been a busy summer for the pollinators and for those of us who work in the gardens and maintain the Stinson House. Work progresses on our new storage facility-barn. We hope to be able

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Monarch butterflies provide royal spectacle each fall

Tens of thousands of monarch butterflies have been migrating through the Concho Valley in recent days, and a Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service entomologist hopes Texans stop to appreciate what he terms is truly a royal procession.

"These are special insects, and they are moving through our country here in San Angelo in a big way," said Dr. Charles Allen who is headquartered at the Texas A&M AgriLife Research and

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Pilot Club of Quitman says thank you to the city

Last Monday, Oct. 17 the Pilot Club of Quitman honored members of the Quitman City Council, the mayor, fire chief, policemen, city administration and service people with a luncheon in the Fire Station.

The Pilot Club, known for their work with brain injury prevention and recovery, also has a mission to stop and say thank you to the caregivers in the local area.

The club honors a different group each month with this effort and members served the city em-

ployees a full lasagna dinner, complete with dessert. Jo Ann Doty, chairperson for the "Pilot Pick Me Up Program," addressed the gathering of 24 employees and servants to the community. She praised the group for their guidance, administration and protection of the city.

Doty said that the October selection was the third of a year-long celebration of caregivers. Each month of the club year Pilot Club of Quitman Pick Me Ups will be given to organizations, employees, businesses or other caregivers.



The Quitman Pilot Club treated the city council, mayor and city employees to a "Pick Me Up" lasagna dinner. (Courtesy photo)

Marine Corps veterans honor Mineola School Board members

The Mineola Detachment No. 1278 of the Marine Corps League honored the Mineola School Board and superintendent last Tuesday with Distinguished Citizen Awards.

The League invited school administrators and all of the school board members and spouses to a covered dish dinner complimented by homemade ice cream and desserts. The dinner was followed by the presentation of the honors. The event took place at the American Legion Hall east of Mineola.

Commandant Kelly Smith said that the Distinguished Citizen Award is presented "when someone goes above and beyond" the standards to which the

league adheres. The awards are given at the local detachment level, as well as at the state and national levels.

"This has been a tremendous honor," MISD Superintendent Kim Tunnell said, "I want to thank you on behalf of the board." She said she is blessed to be at Mineola where the students, staff, administrators and school board members volunteer on a regular basis attending at least one meeting each month and sometimes more and do not get paid. She praised them for having a vision for the school district's students.

"I can't wait to get home and text my dad a picture," Tunnell said, noting she

is a "Marine Corps brat" born at Camp Pendleton.

Tunnell also took the opportunity to invite the Marines to volunteer at the schools. Specifically, she welcomed them with their background and expertise to share their knowledge of flag etiquette at the school. Additionally, she invited them to visit the school and perhaps mentor a student who doesn't have the advantage of having grandparents around.

"There are plenty of opportunities for sharing your knowledge and expertise and we would be blessed to have you," Tunnell told the group, adding that the district is looking for school bus drivers.



The Mineola Marine Corps League Detachment honored the Mineola School Board and administrators and their spouses last Tuesday with a dinner which was followed by the presentation of the Distinguished Citizen Award at the American Legion Hall. Representing the school are board members, from left, are Kellam Newell, Holly Mischnick, Carlisle Brinkley, Jill Quiambao, John Abbott, President Regan Brandon and Superintendent Kim Tunnell. The Marines are, from left, Commandant Kelly Smith, Adjutant John Waldon, Larry Beason, Paymaster Larry Southard, Jr., Vice President Bobby Ullman, James Krodel, Larry Pruitt, Dan Kizer and Judge Advocate Ed Hooten. (Monitor photo by Doris Newman)

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GOLDEN ANNIVERSARY



Charlie and Brenda (Clemmons) Gardner of Quitman will celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary on Oct. 29. Charlie and Brenda were married at Scurry, Texas on Oct. 29, 1966. After retiring the couple moved to Quitman in 1998 to be close to her grandparents in Gilmer. Charlie served in the U.S. Army during the Vietnam War and received a Purple Heart. The couple have three sons - David and wife, Vicky, of Winnsboro, Scott, of Dallas and the late Ty Judd. They also have two grandchildren - Katie and Will. Charlie is retired from Teamsters Union Local 745 in Dallas and Brenda from the American Heart Association National Center. The couple enjoy working on their farm and spending time with family and friends. This December their first great-grandchild is expected. They are members of Myrtle Springs Baptist Church in Quitman.

Mineola Lions Club breakfast Saturday

The Mineola Lions Club will sponsor its annual "all you can eat" Pancake Breakfast on Saturday from 7-10:30 a.m. at the First Christian Church Fellowship Hall. Cost is \$5 for adults and \$3 for children 11 years of age or younger. Start your "Iron Fest" day by having breakfast and helping fund the many projects served by the event.

Yoga classes begin Nov. 1 at MLOTA

There is a beginners' yoga class starting Nov. 1 at the Mineola League of the Arts. The class will be taught by local yoga instructor Marsha Fehl and covers the basics of yoga, building strength and stamina from the ground up. Fehl is a 200-hour registered Yoga teacher with Yoga Alliance and has been participating in yoga for four years. She com-



Marsha Fehl, a local yoga instructor, will begin teaching a beginner's yoga class Nov. 1 at the Mineola League of the Arts. (Courtesy photo)

pleted her Yoga teacher training at Yama Yoga Studio in Canton and teaches at Serenity Yoga located across from the Mineola Nature Preserve. Fehl has lived in Mineola for seven years and has been a member of the Mineola League of the Arts for five years.

For more information, please contact the Mineola League of the Arts at 903-569-8877.

Quitman Rotary observes World Polio Day

On Monday, the Quitman Rotary Club observed the 4th Annual World Polio Day. The 2016 event was highlighted by a live-stream World Polio Day program originating at the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention headquarters in Atlanta, Georgia. Quitman's chapter received donations from its members during the monthly meeting.

Rotary International, a global organization comprised of nearly 34,000 clubs across the world, including local Rotary Clubs of Mineola, Quitman, Hawkins/Holly Lake, Winnsboro and Big Sandy, made polio eradication its top priority in 1985. Since then, Rotary has contrib-

uted more than \$1.5 billion.

When the initiative started, more than 350,000 people were stricken by polio every year with nearly 1,000 new cases every day. Since that time, largely due to the funding support of Rotary International and the "Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation," wild polio virus cases have been reduced by 99.9 percent with only 27 cases reported so far in 2016.

Only two countries, Pakistan and Afghanistan, have been unable to completely control the paralyzing disease. Experts hope to see the last case of polio in these countries in 2016 or 2017, bringing this opportunity tantalizingly close. However,

experts also believe that an additional \$1.5 billion will be needed to complete the effort.

In order to help do their part, the area Rotary Clubs have undertaken various fundraising efforts designated specifically to contribute to Rotary's Polio Plus "End Polio Now" campaign. For example, the Quitman club designated all its profits for Polio Plus from its food booth sales at the last Old Settler's Reunion. Altogether in 2016, Quitman Rotary has donated more than \$1,100 to Polio Plus and the End Polio Now effort.

For more information about End Polio Now, visit endpolio.org.

Home Sweet Home

BY ANGIE MONK, WOOD COUNTY EXTENSION AGENT

'Home Sweet Home for the Holidays' program Nov. 10

The annual "Home Sweet Home for the Holidays" Program will be held Thursday, Nov. 10, at 10 a.m. and again at 6 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall at First Baptist Church in Quitman. This annual program, sponsored by the Wood County Texas Extension Education Association Club will feature holiday craft and gift ideas and demonstrations.



Homemade soup, cornbread, crackers and dessert will be served following each of the programs. Admission is \$7 for adults and \$1 for children. No pre-registration is needed and admission includes a booklet with the instructions and patterns for the crafts and recipes.

There will be a craft sale table with many homemade ornaments and holiday items for sale...so bring your spending money. TEEA Club members will also be selling raffle tickets for a colorful, king-sized quilt. Mark your calendar for Nov. 10 and come get in the holiday spirit!



Members of the Quitman Rotary Club presented checks of \$26.50 in contribution towards the Rotary International End Polio Now campaign. (Courtesy photo)

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.
CAR ENTHUSIASTS gathering at gazebo in Mineola, 1st Thurs., 5 p.m. Not a club but casual gathering of antique, classic and special car enthusiasts
CELEBRATE RECOVERY - a support group for those with various hurts, habits or hang-ups, every Monday, 7 p.m., Church On the Rock annex building at 302 S. Stephens. 903-763-4588.
COUNSELING CHRISTIAN GUIDANCE CENTER - 903-850-3858 or ibarnes@texascellnet.com.
DAUGHTERS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION - first Saturday except June, July, August and December, 12 p.m. Harvest Acres Baptist Church, 460 NW Loop 564, Mineola. 903-569-3286.
DELPHIAN LITERARY CLUB - first Wednesday, 569-6794 or 569-3586.
DRUG AND ALCOHOL AWARENESS - 7 p.m. Friday, Seventh Day Adventist Church, Ronny Polley 768-2992.
DUPLICATE BRIDGE ACBL games - Wednesday and Friday, 10:30 a.m., Masonic Lodge, 882-1335.
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 - covered dish at the lodge hall, Highway 37, Quitman. First Tuesday - 6:30 p.m., meeting 7:30 p.m. Study nights for members each Thursday, 7 p.m. at the hall.
FOREVER YOUNG ACTIVITIES CENTER - Wednesday and Friday, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Fitness exercises, bridge, lessons, Bingo and card games.
FOUKE-LAKE HAWKINS CRIME WATCH - third Thursday, 7 p.m., Fouke Community Center
FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY - second Tuesday, Quitman.

FRIENDS OF THE MINEOLA MEMORIAL LIBRARY - first Wednesday, 1 p.m., Mineola Library, 569-2767.
GED CLASSES, FREE - Sand Spring Baptist Church. Monday and Tuesday, 9 a.m. to noon, or 6-9 p.m. 903-768-3239 or 903-569-9350.
GIRL SCOUT TROOP #3 - Monday, 6 p.m., Broad Street Church of Christ Annex, 903-569-2610. All girls, kindergarten-12th grade welcome.
HAINESVILLE COMMUNITY CENTER - second Tuesday, 6 p.m. Members bring a covered dish and enjoy an evening of fellowship. The center is located at FM 49 and 778, 903-769-1091.
HAINESVILLE VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPT. - second and fourth Thursday, 7 p.m., Firehouse downtown Hainesville.
HAWKINS LIONS CLUB - second and fourth Tuesday at the depot in Willful Crossing.
HOLLY LAKE FIRE DEPARTMENT - first and third Tuesday at the fire station at Holly Lake Ranch.
IRIS GARDEN CLUB-GOLDEN - first Monday, September-May, Golden United Methodist Church. 903-765-3000.
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.
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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., Perallo's Restaurant. Contact any Lions Club member to donate your used eyeglasses for recycling to the needy.
QUITMAN PILOT CLUB - third Tuesday, 6:30 p.m., Quitman Public Library. 903-383-5075.
QUITMAN ROTARY CLUB - Thursday, noon, Texas Tea Room, 405 S. Hart Street in Quitman's Dogwood Plaza.
QUITMAN CITY COUNCIL - third Thursday, 5:30 p.m.; city hall.
QUITMAN SCHOOL BOARD - 2nd Monday, 6 p.m. Administration Building.
REPUBLICAN CLUB OF WINNSBORO - fourth Monday, 7 p.m., 903-342-0575.
REPUBLICAN WOMEN OF WOOD COUNTY - third Monday, 11:30 a.m., Texas Tea Room, Quitman, 903 383 2121.

SINGING AT THE FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH OF HAWKINS - fourth Sunday, 2-4 p.m.
SOS. RECOVERY PROGRAM - Thursday, 7 p.m., Family Life Center behind First Baptist Church in Quitman. 903-850-3858.
STROKE SURVIVORS & APHASIA CLUB OF EAST TEXAS - fourth Wednesday, 6-7 p.m., First Baptist Church Quitman, 903-878-2392.
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TOPS GROUP - Thursday, 8-11 a.m., Harvest Acres Baptist Church, NW Loop 564, 569-1240 , 569-2415.
UPPER SABINE VALLEY SOLID WASTE DISTRICT - every three months on third Monday, Wood County Courthouse, 5:30 p.m., 903-763-2123.
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VFW LADIES AUXILIARY #7523 - third Sunday, 1 p.m., Recruiting new members. 569-2228.
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WHYTE DOVE WRITER'S GROUP - first Tuesday, 6 p.m., 407 N. Stephens in Quitman. 903-763-1210 or e-mail mkyoung97@peoples.com.net
WOOD COUNTY 4-H HORSE CLUB - Business meeting, Monday, 2 p.m., Wood County Extension Office.
WOOD COUNTY AGGIE MOMS - 1st Tuesday, 6 p.m., 903-539-7049 or Wood County Aggie Moms Facebook page.
WOOD COUNTY APPRAISAL DISTRICT - Quarterly, third Thursday, 8 p.m., appraisal district office. Open to the public.
WOOD COUNTY CENTRAL HOSPITAL DISTRICT - third Monday, 5:30 p.m. (every three months).
WOOD COUNTY COMMISSIONERS COURT - every other Friday, Commissioners Court, Quitman, 10 a.m. 763-2716.
WOOD COUNTY CRIME STOPPERS - every other month, third Monday, 6 p.m., Wood County Justice Center courtroom. The public is invited. 903-763-2201 or 903-56-6294.
WOOD COUNTY DEMOCRAT CLUB - fourth Thursday, covered dish at 6 p.m., meeting at 6:45 p.m. 903-383-7036 or www.woodcountydem.org.
WOOD COUNTY GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY - third Monday, January through May and September through November, 7 p.m., Quitman Public Library, Shamburger Community Room. For 903-763-4191 or 967-2458.
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WOOD COUNTY HOSPITAL DISTRICT - second Monday, 7 p.m., hospital conference room in Quitman. Public invited.
WOOD COUNTY RETIRED SCHOOL PERSONNEL ASSOCIATION - third Monday, September-December, and February-April, 2 p.m. and in May at 5 p.m., Forever Young Activity Center, 402 S. Main St., Quitman. All retired school personnel are invited.
WOOD COUNTY TEA PARTY - first Monday, 7 p.m., Quitman Library
YANTIS CITY COUNCIL - second Tuesday, 6 p.m., city hall.
YANTIS SCHOOL BOARD - second Monday, 6 p.m. (executive session), 7 open meeting, school cafeteria.
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Cirque Italia is based in Sarasota, Florida. It is described as family-friendly and "something you could bring your grandmother to." The show includes a 35,000 gallon water tank with a spectacular lighting exhibition and much more.



Julliett Carballo Cavolini of Athens is a contortionist with the Cirque Italia Water Circus.

Ticket prices range depending on seating location from \$20 adults, \$10 for the back two rows; \$30 adults, \$15 children to \$50 VIP and \$45 children. In the mid-range, however, one child under 12 will be admitted free with an adult admission. Buy tickets through (cirqueitalia.com/tickets) or by phone 941-704-8572.



Yantis Elementary School Students of the Month for October are, from left, Kylee Batchelor, fifth grade; Lainey Terrell, kindergarten; Bella McKeever, fourth grade; Nevaeh McFadden, pre-kindergarten; Jack Graham, third grade; Jayla Page, first grade and Vanessa Lorenzo-Bernhardt, second grade. (Courtesy photos)



Students chosen for the Principals Pride honor at Yantis Elementary School for October are, from left, Olivia Alphin, kindergarten; Creager Quinn, fifth grade; Jordan VanWinkle, fourth grade; Ashton Rodriguez, third grade; Andy Sanchez, first grade; Jonah Rodriguez, second grade and Bradley Roche, pre-kindergarten.

St. Peter the Apostle Church hosts rummage sale Thursday, Friday

The St. Peter's Ladies Guild is hosting their Fall Rummage Sale Thursday and Friday in the church hall of St. Peter the Apostle Church in Mineola.

The sale is 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. each day and will feature clothing, furniture, tools, lawn equipment, toys and miscellaneous items. The rummage sale is the guild's main fundraising event and helps to support church projects.

Library

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preparations; and other helpful hints on how to be a successful student. There is Pronunciator which is a language tutorial; say you speak English but want to learn Spanish for work in the health care field or you have the opportunity to travel to Belgium or you are not a native speaker of English and want to improve those skills then this is the E-resource for you. There are 60 plus resources through the TexShare database which we get from the Texas State Library and they are free for you to use if you have a current library card. Come in and ask for a demonstration.

In November, staff will be traveling to learn about the Next Chapter Book Club and how to become a Family Place library. More details to come on these two exciting additions as we learn more ourselves.

November will have a few changes due to holidays and training. Family Craft Day will meet Nov. 11 at 1 p.m. The Book Club discussing Miss Perrigrine's Home for Peculiar Children will be Thursday, Nov. 10 at

6 p.m. Our student staff will host PreSchool Story time and the After School programs. We will have a number of volunteers assisting our regular staff during this time as well and we certainly are glad they are willing to help. And don't forget, we will be closed Thanksgiving Day.

Don't forget to come to the Friends of the Mineola Memorial Library meeting on Nov. 3 at 1p.m. A good program and information about the library will be presented.

Nov. 5 at noon we will have local author Andy Skrzynski talk to us about his newest book: "The New World: Blue Moon Generation." This is his second book in the "The New World" saga. Come meet him, ask questions about the book or about writing. He will also join us for the Book Club on Nov. 10.

Remember, the Mineola Memorial Library is a 501(c)3, non-profit and your donations are tax-deductible. If you would like to donate books, please only give us items you would put in your home.

Thank you very much for your support and patronage of our library.

Back surgery has come a long way



Mazor robotic system improves accuracy of spine-straightening surgery



Michael Merrick, MD

Too many people suffer with back pain when they might find relief through spine-straightening surgery using the Mazor Robotics Renaissance Guidance System located at ETMC Tyler. The surgery is performed by two surgeons with Azalea Orthopedics: Michael Merrick, MD, and Todd Raabe, MD.

"We can do it more accurately and we can do it faster with the Mazor system," Dr. Merrick said. "It's more than 99 percent accurate, versus doing it freehand, which is maybe 85 to 90 percent."



Todd Raabe, MD

"It has been incredibly precise and more reliable than any other image-guided system I've ever used. It makes me better and more accurate," Dr. Raabe said.

The Mazor system's software converts the CT scan into a 3-D image of the patient's curved spine and provides a customized plan to bring the spine into alignment. The system guides the surgeon's placement of each pin and rod for better results than back surgeries of previous years.

If you suspect your back pain may be caused by curvature of your spine, ask your primary care physician for a checkup. Mazor Robotics Renaissance Spine Surgery is available in East Texas only at ETMC. For more information, please call 903-747-4110.



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Dr. Merrick and Dr. Raabe are in-network providers for Medicaid, Medicare and most insurance plans.

Arboretum

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to move some lawn and garden equipment in before the first snow. If you were one of the supporters who attended our annual yard and plant sales - thank you for your purchases. These were both successful endeavors due to the ongoing support of our friends in Wood County and surrounding areas. We saw many old friends and met some new ones. This is a great community!

Speaking of community . . . get your masks, brooms, pumpkins, pirate patches and witches hats ready for the Haunting of Hogg Park. This event will be held at the Quitman Arboretum on Monday, Oct. 31 with help and support from the City of Quitman, Quitman Chamber of Commerce, several local banks, businesses and civic organizations. You will find age

appropriate activities for all including food concessions, hay rides, hay scramble (hunting for coins in a pile of hay), Spooky Trails, spooky stories, Pet Costume Contest, Kid's Costume Contest, Scream Contest, and a Pre-Carved Pumpkin Contest. Oh, did I mention the free kettlecorn? Sounds like a good time to me and I am an AARP member. The fun will begin at 5:30 p.m. and continue on until 8. The Spooky Trails will be ready to "knock your socks off" from 6:45 until 8 p.m.

If you have ever grown fruit trees, would like to grow fruit trees, or just enjoy eating fresh fruit, Saturday Nov. 12 is the time to come to the Stinson House. A free workshop will be offered for any who are interested in knowing more about the selection, planting and general maintenance of fruit trees. Registration will begin at 9:00 and the coffee will be on.

Monarchs

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Extension Center at San Angelo. "There were literally thousands of them in the trees at the center here, probably 10,000 or more. And then a cold front moved through, and they're all gone."

Allen said San Angelo is a bit west of their annual migration route to Mexico with their main thoroughfare roughly paralleling Interstate 35 through Central Texas.

The butterflies at the AgriLife center, which covered the large pecan and oak trees in places more densely than the leaves, seemed fearless and remained undisturbed by the many birds in the area. Allen said that's because they have

a not-so-secret weapon, one of their two main features the entomologist said makes them special among all other animals.

"The monarch as a caterpillar feeds on milkweed. Along with nutrition, the larva obtains milkweed protective chemicals, which it holds within its body even as it changes into a butterfly. These chemicals affect anything that might want to eat it either later as a butterfly or as a larvae or caterpillar," he said.

"The compounds don't taste good, and birds eating them become sick, though they don't die, so they quickly figure out that this brightly colored insect that's floating peacefully through the air is not food, and they don't eat them."

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