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## Sanderson Farms Mineola location expected to be ready next month

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Sanderson Farms' plan to open its chicken feed mill in Mineola by the middle of November is proceeding on schedule, Mineola Economic Development (MEDC) Executive Director Mercy Rushing told board members on Oct. 3.

The \$36 million Mineola project, which includes mill construction and railway extension, is part of a \$200 million investment in the area by the nation's third largest poultry producer. Sanderson Farm's "poultry complex" also includes a hatchery in Lindale and a chicken processing plant in Winona.

The Mineola feed mill, which will be the first piece of the complex to open, is expected to produce as much as 8,200 tons of feed per week and employ a minimum of 35 people.

Rushing told board members that she expects the company to have a grand opening ceremony early next year after all its facilities are completed.

## Walking path OK'd for Alba's City Park

Alba residents will soon have a new walking path courtesy of the Economic Development Corp.

The Alba City Council on Oct. 1 approved the corporation's expenditure of \$52,200 for construction of the path. The six-foot wide concrete walking path will wind a figure eight around and through City Park, which is located at the southern terminus of Luther Street. The construction firm 5W Contracting will be awarded the contract and it expects completion within the month. 5W Contracting of Sulphur Springs was the only firm to submit a bid.

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## This Week in Your Neighborhood

- St. Peter's Catholic Church in Mineola will host a rummage sale on Friday-Saturday, Oct. 12-13, in the church hall from 8 a.m. until 4 p.m. The hall is located at Meadowbrook and N. Newsum streets. Follow the signs. The sale promises to have many fine items for sale. The rummage sale is the Ladies Guild's largest fundraiser, and it supports various worthwhile projects.

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Alba-Golden named Macie Pendergrass as Homecoming Queen and Zane Smith King at Friday's homecoming activities. Emma Bohannon and Hogan Webster served as flower girl and crown-bearer. (Photo by Chad Parrish)



Lillie Danner and David Tarno were named the Quitman Homecoming 2018 Queen and King prior to the football game Friday at Bud Moody Stadium. SEE MORE QUITMAN HOME-COMING PHOTOS, PAGE 8A. (Monitor photo by Larry Tucker)

## QDC works on strategic plan to address city's long-term goals

By ZAK WELLMAN  
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Quitman Development Corporation will develop its own new strategic plan to serve as a map for future economic developments.

QDC Executive Director Denea Hudman said the organization's last plan was the same as the city's plan back in 2005.

Beginning as soon as November, Hudman will work with Alysia Cook of Opportunity Strategies on the plan. Opportunity Strategies, LLC is an Austin-based company that provides training and strategic planning for chambers of commerce, economic development organizations, governments, nonprofits and businesses.

Cook is interviewing local officials to gather informa-

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## MEDC planning to launch hotel feasibility study

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Fearing visitors to Mineola are leaving the city to find lodging elsewhere, the Mineola Economic Development Corp. (MEDC) intends to launch a feasibility study aimed at determining whether the city needs more hotel beds.

MEDC will engage Source Strategies Inc. of San Antonio at a cost expected to run \$7,000 to \$8,000, according to Mercy Rushing, executive director of MEDC. After the contract is signed, the study is expected to take four to six weeks to complete, she said.

The point of the study is to answer these questions: Is Mineola losing lodging business to other cities? Does it need more hotel beds? The MEDC Board of Directors was informed of

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Robert and Lorene Jones of Ben Wheeler celebrate winning the grand prize, a flat screen TV, at the 80th annual meeting of the Wood County Electric Cooperative Friday. Also pictured is Debbie Robinson, CEO and General Manager of WCEC (right).

## WCEC annual meeting draws 500+ members

Over 500 members attended the 80th Annual Meeting of Wood County Electric Cooperative, Inc. (WCEC), held Friday afternoon at Governor Jim Hogg City Park in Quitman. Prior to the meeting a free concert featuring the fun and entertaining Sgt. Pepper's Lonely Bluegrass Band was a real crowd pleaser.

WCEC Board President and WCEC District 1 Director Pat Lindley announced the results of the board of director's election, which was conducted by mail and tabulated by accounting firm Knuckols, Duvall, Hallum & Co. He reported the reelection of Brent Glenn for District 4, as well as himself for Dis-

trict 1.

Lindley also announced that the board of directors voted to retire capital credits, saying, "We will retire \$1 million in capital credits which is 39% of 2017 margins. In total, over the last 28 years over \$26 million dollars has been returned to our members. We appreciate you supporting our electric co-op and in turn our ability to return capital credits to you."

After updating members on regular cooperative business, Debbie Robinson, CEO/General Manager of WCEC, introduced the the Wood County Electric Charitable Foundation Board. President

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# Corner Column

Thirty-three years in this business can leave a person jaded, but I still consider myself a trusting individual who truly tries to see the best in others. The vast majority of people I've met in my 65 years have been good and decent at heart. That's not to say we don't all have flaws, but the great preponderance of humanity, I believe, is repulsed by evil and wrongdoing.



**HANK MURPHY**

Still, there are those out there – sometimes lurking in the dark and sometimes in plain sight – who embrace the dark side of human nature.

I remember a story that unfolded in the 1990s out of Lubbock about a pathologist who had been under contract by the county to perform autopsies for justices of the peace and the criminal district attorney's office. For years the arrangement seemed to work fine until a man noticed on his deceased brother's autopsy report that his spleen had been weighed, which is standard protocol. Trouble is, the man's brother had had his spleen removed years ago. A red flag went up. After a number of exhumations, it soon became apparent the good doctor had been billing for autopsies he never performed. Worse yet, he routinely testified in murder trials on behalf of the prosecution, giving "expert" testimony on a victim's cause of death even though he'd never

completed an autopsy. I couldn't tell you if the defendants were guilty or innocent, but I do know that men were sent to death row based in part on fraudulent testimony.

I can cite other examples of public graft and corruption – it's more pervasive than you might think, and a free and vigorous press is indispensable to exposing it.

Trickier than public corruption, however, is the kind of unseen crime that hides in the shadows and is practiced by criminals who seek to bilk senior citizens through phone scams. They pose as IRS agents demanding taxes owed or as friends of a loved one who needs money in a hurry. Sometimes fraudsters prey upon people reeling from natural disasters in the form of fly-by-night roofing contractors who take payment but never complete the work. The array of fraud and theft is endless.

Finally, there's the new wave of new Internet

crooks, the hackers and trolls and shysters who steal identities, credit card numbers or any other scrap of digital information they find of value. I recently was hit by an attempted Facebook scam. This one is pretty insidious. You receive in your Messenger account a message from a friend telling you they received another friend request from you. It goes like this: "Hi...I actually got another friend request from you yesterday...which I ignored so you may want to check your account. Hold your finger on the message until the forward button appears...then hit forward and all the people you want to forward to...I had to do the people individually. Good Luck!" Do not do this. It is a fraud.

I guess the point of this screed is to say enjoy and honor your relationships with people you know and love, who you admire and respect. But I remind you to stay vigilant and not fall victim to those who dispensed with honesty and integrity long ago.

## Correction

In the paper of October 3 there was error in the obituary of Richard Caruso.

The obituary listed his wife, Susan Caruso, as a survivor. She preceded Mr. Caruso in death.

## Letters Policy

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

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Submit letters to the editor to editor@woodcountymonitor.com or by mail to one of our offices (see staff box at bottom of page).

## Letter to the Editor

Dear Editor,

On behalf of the staff at Kelly Drug, I am writing to personally thank our local law enforcement agency and its personnel for their quick and professional response to our recent break-in.

While we can't prevent such events from occurring, having a police response in less than two minutes is commendable and downright impressive. We cannot tell you how much we appreciate your dedication and service and the work you all do to keep our community safe each and every day. We thank you and we are proud to support you!

**Kelly Williams R.Ph.**

# WOOD COUNTY COMMUNITY CALENDAR

2nd FRIDAY ACOUSTICAL JAM - second Friday 6 - 9 p.m., Quitman Public Library, 202 E Goode St, Quitman 903-975-5745

ALBA CITY COUNCIL - first Monday, 6:30 p.m., City Hall. ALBA LADIES CLUB - fourth Tuesday, 6:30 p.m., Alba Community Center. 765-2573

ALBA LIBRARY/MUSEUM BOARD - third Monday every other month, 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., Wednesday noon; 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.

ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS - Gateway Group, Tues. & Sat. 7 p.m. Puckett House, 109 Kilpatrick Street.

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 Tuesday, 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 QUITMAN - meets Sunday, 4:30 p.m., Scout House behind First United Methodist Church. Danny King, 903-521-5930.

BOYS-COUTS TROOP 385 MINEOLA - Tuesdays 7 p.m., Mineola Methodist Education Bldg. New boys/alums welcome! Chris Jennings 903-569-3531

BOY SCOUTS TROOP 180 WINNSBORO - Tuesdays 6:30 p.m., Church of Christ. New boys/alums welcome! Tex Willis 903-816-0638

BOY SCOUTS TROOP 379 WINNSBORO - Tuesdays 7 p.m., City Bldg @ Walker Park. New boys/alums welcome! Sherry McGovern 903-335-9744

BREAD OF LIFE MINISTRY FOOD PANTRY - Humble Baptist, first & third Tuesday 1-4 p.m.

BREAKING FREE - meeting place for families and friends of addicts and alcoholics. Monday, 7 p.m., 971 E. Goode St., Quitman, 903-497-6149.

CELEBRATE RECOVERY - a support group for those with various hurts, habits or hang-ups, every Monday, 6:30-9 p.m., Church On the Rock annex building at 302 S. Stephens. 903-763-4588.

THE CORVETTES OF WOOD COUNTY - First Saturday of the month at 9 a.m. Richie's Grill, corner of U.S. 80 and FM 14 in Hawkins. Open to any Corvette owner.

COUNSELING CHRISTIAN GUIDANCE CENTER - 903-850-3858 or ibarnes@texascellnet.com.

CUB SCOUTS PACK 391 HAWKINS - meets Sundays, 5 p.m., Scout Hut, FUMC. New boys, alums welcome. Scott Randall, 903-203-7901.

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. 903-343-1474.

DAUGHTERS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION, John Hogg, Sr. Chapter, 3rd Monday except June, July, August & December, 1 PM. Holly Hall, Holly Lake Ranch. 903-520-8697

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 695, 3rd 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 Wednes-

day, September - May, Mineola Civic Center, 9:30 a.m. Visitors welcome. Charla Martin, president, 903-638-6389

FLORA MASONIC LODGE #119 - first Tuesday at the lodge hall, Highway 37, Quitman. Covered dish - 6:30 p.m., meeting 7:30 p.m. Study nights for members each Thursday, 7 p.m. at the hall.

FOREVER YOUNG ACTIVITIES CENTER - Wednesday and Friday, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Fitness exercises, bridge, lessons, Bingo and card games.

FOUKE-LAKE HAWKINS CRIME WATCH - third Thursday, 7 p.m. at the hall.

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.

GED FREE PREPARATORY CLASS - each Thursday 4 - 6 p.m. concurrent with QISD calendar. Quitman Public Library, 202 E Goode St, Quitman 903-975-5745

GIRL SCOUTS MINEOLA TROOP 3 - building girls of courage, confidence, and character, who make the world a better place! All girls kindergarten-12th grade welcome! Monday, 5:00-6:30 pm, September-May, Broad Street Church of Christ Annex, Crystal Arcand 903-705-2459

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 Thursday, 7 p.m., at the church, 203 Meadowbrook Drive, Mineola. 903-569-3662.

LAKE COUNTRY CLASSIC CAR CLUB - third Monday, 6:30 p.m. 903-850-2557.

LAKE COUNTRY REPUBLICANS - fourth Tuesday, 6 p.m., Red Dome Smokehouse, Quitman.

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.

MEMORY CAFE, a time for stimulating memory, meets weekly on Thursday in the craft room at Holly Brook Baptist Church from 11:45 to 2 p.m. Lunch is provided. Various activities are offered each week, including games, moderate exercise, art, and music. People in the area are invited. There is no charge. For more information call 903 769-2091

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 Det. #1278, 3rd Tuesday, 6 p.m. meal, 7 p.m. meeting. American Legion Building, 2015 E. Hwy. 80, Mineola, 903-497-3030.

MINEOLA SCHOOL BOARD - third Monday, Admin. Bldg., Loop 564, 7 p.m.

MINEOLA CITY COUNCIL - fourth Monday, 5:30 p.m., City Hall. 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, 8:30-11:30 a.m., Walmart parking lot. Cardboard, paper and plastic accepted.

MINEOLA SENIOR CITIZEN CENTER - 308 University, 9:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. 903-497-1162; Dominoes & other games.

MLOTA LINE DANCE GUILD - Tuesday, 8:30 a.m., and Friday, 9:30 a.m.

MLOTA FIBER/CRAFT ART GUILD - Wednesday and Thursday, 10 a.m. and 1:30 p.m., business meeting fourth Thursday, 9:30 am.

MLOTA QUILT GUILD - first, second and third Thursday, 9:30 am; business meeting first Thursday.

MLOTA PAINTERS GUILD - Wednesday, 10 a.m.; business meeting fourth Monday.

MLOTA RUG HOOKING GROUP - first Thursday, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Beginners are welcome.

MLOTA PHOTOGRAPHY GUILD - fourth Thursday, 6:30 p.m. All levels welcome, 903-569-8877.

MLOTA SCULPTURE GUILD - Tuesday, 1 p.m. Business meeting first Tuesday.

MONDAY NIGHT KNITS - 6-8 p.m. Monday, Golden Methodist Fellowship Hall. 903-768-2540.

NORTHEAST TEXAS PARATROOPERS ASSOCIATION - third Saturday at 7:30 a.m. at Red Dome Smokehouse in Quitman.

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

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, Faith Student Center, 403 S. Main St., Quitman. 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., Quit-

man Public Library. 903-383-5075.

QUITMAN ROTARY CLUB, Thurs., noon, ETMC Community Room, N. Hwy. 37.

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., Red Dome, Quitman, 903 383 2121.

SINGING AT THE FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH OF HAWKINS - fourth Sunday, 2-4 p.m.

SCOTTISH RITE - Wood County Scottish Rite Club meets third Thursday of odd month, 6:30 p.m., Red Dome Smokehouse meeting room. 903-253-3635.

STROKE SURVIVORS & APHASIA CLUB OF EAST TEXAS - fourth Wednesday, 6-7 p.m., First Baptist Church Quitman, 903-878-2392.

TEXAS INMATE FAMILIES ASSOCIATION - second Tuesday, 6:30-8 p.m., First Christian Church Tyler, Broadway & Loop, 903-839-2349.

TOASTMASTERS INTERNATIONAL - Garden Valley chapter, Thursdays on Mercy Ships property, 5:30-6:30 p.m. 903-882-0887.

TOPS GROUP - Thursday, 8-11 a.m., Harvest Acres Baptist Church, NW Loop 564, 569-1240, 569-2415.

UPPER SABINE VALLEY SOLID WASTE DISTRICT - every three months on third Monday, Wood County Courthouse, 5:30 p.m., 903-763-2123.

UTU AUXILIARY MORNING STAR LODGE #851 - third Monday (except July and August), 11:30 a.m.

VFW LADIES AUXILIARY #7523 - third Sunday, 1 p.m., Recruiting new members. 569-2228.

VFW POST #7523 - third Wednesday, 6 p.m., Karaoke every Friday, 8 p.m. 569-2228.

WHYTE DOVE WRITER'S GROUP - Second Tuesday, 6 p.m., Quitman Public Library. 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, 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 903-569-6294.

WOOD COUNTY DEMOCRAT CLUB - fourth Thursday, Quitman Public Library, at 6:15 p.m. 903-383-7036 or www.woodcountydem.org.

WOOD COUNTY GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY - third Monday, January through May and September through November, 7 p.m., Quitman Public Library, Shamburger Community Room. For 903-763-4191 or 967-2458.

WOOD COUNTY HEALTH DEPT. IMMUNIZATION CLINIC - Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, 9-11 a.m., and 1-3 p.m., third Monday, 1-6 p.m. Public Health Department offices, 213 W. Bermuda, Quitman, 763-5406.

WOOD COUNTY HOSPITAL DISTRICT - second Monday, 7 p.m., hospital conference room in Quitman. Public invited.

WOOD COUNTY PCT. 2 CONSTABLE EXPLORERS - first Thursday, 6:30 p.m., Armed Texans Training Facility, 369 CR 2784, Mineola.

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.

YANTIS CITY COUNCIL - second Tuesday, 6 p.m., city hall.

YANTIS SCHOOL BOARD - second Monday, 6 p.m. (executive session), 7 open meeting, school cafeteria.

YANTIS/LAKE FORK LIONS CLUB - second Thursday, 6 p.m., Yantis Community Center.

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# Mineola resident points out concern over Hwy. 37 curve speed limit

By Zak Wellerman  
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Mineola resident Angie Ruffan asked Wood County commissioners last week to lower the speed limit through a curve in Highway 37.

Ruffan, said the curve between Garner Lake and Long Lake between Quitman and Mineola should not be 70 miles per hour. She has written to the Texas Department of Transportation requesting a speed study in an effort to reduce the speed.

She said she expects Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) to come out to perform the study this week.

"This is kind of a formality. I wanted this to be put on the record. I have requested with TxDOT that they lower the posted 70 miles per hour to 55 miles per hour," she said. "Essentially, from Lake Brenda going towards Quitman

there is a 55 mile per hour speed limit right when you get to County Road 2444, which is almost parallel with Roselawn Cemetery, the speed limit jumps up to 70 miles an hour. So we're essentially requesting that an additional mile be added as a buffer zone whether it is 55 or 60 miles an hour."

She pointed to the dangers of a curve with a high speed limit and a mix of vehicles on the highway.

"Because what's happening, these big semis, trucks at Walmart or any traffic altogether they're hitting their gas pedal right when they get to the cemetery where a lot of funeral processions are going on. They're having a hard time pulling the hearse out to try to get on the road safely," Ruffan said. "They're throwing their engine brakes on. They're skidding off the road."

She also told the commissioners about the daily problems she faces just pulling

out of the driveway.

"It is essentially a blind driveway. So when I go out either going north or south on Highway 37 I risk either being rear-ended from behind or t-boned. When I pull out, it also scares the other driver, it puts them in danger," she said. "They see me pull out and I seemingly come out of nowhere. So their natural instinct is to pull away and when they do that they're pulling head on."

During the three years she has lived in this area, she has documented at least three accidents. Most recently this June, care flight had to come take injured people off the road and the highway was shut down. There has also been a school bus accident and a car once flew into her neighbor's lawn.

"There is no indication that there is going to be a curve. There is no reduction or advisory speed slow down curve," she said. "I truly believe with

all my heart that this could save lives. When you reduce the speed to 55 miles per hour, you are decreasing the road noise as well."

Presiding over the court in the absence of County Judge Bryan Jeanes, Precinct Two Commissioner Jerry Gaskill responded to the Ruffans' comments.

"We did send a letter to TxDOT requesting a speed study to be done there. That's the part that the commissioners play in that," Gaskill said. "As far as the sound and all that, TxDOT that's their highway and their right-of-way, but we did send a letter to them."

Her husband, Jim Ruffan, asked the court to consider prohibiting engine brake on the curve. He also requested police presence for a Halloween ninth through 12th graders' party.

Gaskill told him to talk to the sheriff or constable about law enforcement on Halloween.

## Commissioners start process for voter registration building

By ZAK WELLERMAN  
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County commissioners have taken another step toward the construction of a voter registration center across from the courthouse.

Commissioners agreed to solicit bids for a construction manager at risk.

The new building will include the voter registration center, early voting meeting room and new information technology (IT) offices, Precinct Four Commissioner Russell Acker said.

Bids will be published Oct. 24 and 31, opened on Nov. 13 and awarded on Nov. 16.

"Once we settle on who's going to oversee the project and they can go out for bids with their subcontractors and we should hope to start the building," Acker said.

Commissioners also approved solicitation of bids to purchase a pre-owned tractor for the four road and bridge precincts. Bids will be published in the newspaper Oct. 10 to 17, opened on Oct. 24 and awarded on Nov. 2.

The county also approved an application for a Walmart Community Grant to fund equipment and training aides for K9 officers.

### IN OTHER BUSINESS:

A resolution for bonds to be issued by Tarrant County Cultural Education Facilities Finance Corporation on behalf of CHRISTUS Health to upgrade CHRISTUS Mother Frances Hospital in Winstonsboro was approved by the court. Funds will only be given if the bonds are approved in the upcoming election in Tarrant County.

Commissioners approved the new subdivision at Lake Fork, Leafy Branch Estates II. It has six lots; however, sever-



Wood County commissioners approved the National 4-H Week proclamation for Oct. 7 to 13. Pictured are the Wood County Commissioners with 4-H kids at the Oct. 5 county commission meeting. Back from left to right: Precinct One Commissioner Virgil Holland, Precinct Two Jerry Gaskill, Precinct Three Commissioner Mike Simmons, Precinct Four Commissioner Russell Acker. Front/center is Austin Tullos. Back row L-R is Jackson Wallis, Kierney Wallis, Ashtin Tullos, Jenna Haney, Ahneka Tullos

al lots are less than one acre. Acker said septic permits cannot be approved for plots less than an acre. He told the court those lots would not have septic permits.

The week of Oct. 7 to 13 was proclaimed National 4-H Week. Presiding over the court in the absence of County Judge Bryan Jeanes, Precinct Two Commissioner Jerry Gaskill read the proclamation and the commissioners took a photo with local 4-H participants.

Out-of-state travel for Shaniqua Davis, Wood County agriculture/natural resources agent, regarding professional development from May 5 to 9 was approved.

Fiscal year 2019 library services contracts for the

libraries in Alba, Hawkins, Quitman and Mineola was approved.

FY 2019 fire marshal interlocal agreements and EMC interlocal agreements were both approved for annual renewal for the county.

FY 2019 animal control interlocal agreements were approved for annual renewal for the City of Mineola. Court approved the FY 2019 Wood County Title IV-E Agreement, which gives money for the Wood County Child Welfare board, for its annual renewal. FY 2019 Texas Victim Information and Notification Everyday (VINE) was approved for annual renewal. Texas VINE gives state reimbursement for victim notification system at

the Wood County Sheriff's Office. Justice AV Solutions agreement for FY 2019 was approved for maintenance of the camera equipment in the county commission room.

Road permit #2168 for logging in precinct two was approved.

Commissioners Court meeting dates for FY 2019, holidays and payroll dates in 2019 were

approved.

Payroll of \$324,363.02 was approved. A line-item transfer of \$9,520 was made in the criminal district attorney's office. Part-time salaries and temporary visiting judge/ court reporter funds were moved to travel and associated dues. Health and dental claims of \$105,248.58, accounts payable of \$636,796.67 and voided checks were approved.

In the elections office, Carol Foster and Grace Biggs were hired temporarily from Oct. 2 through Nov. 16 to assist with the upcoming November election. Wood County Sheriff's Office hired Jeremy Netherland and Jessica Otto as jailers. Nita Petty resigned from the clerk II position at the district attorney's office. Ray Peavy has hired temporarily from Sept. 17 through March 17 under Precinct Three Commissioner Mike Simmons. Jimmy Spears, road tech under Acker, received a salary increase. Makayla Harrell was hired temporarily from Oct. 1 through May 17 under County Auditor Terri Sellars.

## Yantis woman killed, two others injured in I-20 wreck

A Yantis woman was killed and two others were injured in a fatal traffic accident Sunday near Lindale, according to the Department of Public Safety.

Alicia Malagnon Retana, 54, was pronounced dead at the scene of the one-vehicle crash on Interstate 20 west of Lindale. Luis Manual Retana-Escalante, 32, of Yantis was transported to UT Health-Tyler in serious condition, according to the DPS. A third person also was transported to the same hospital.

A preliminary crash investigation indicates that a 1997 Mercury Mountaineer driven by Luis Manual Retana-Escalante was traveling east on I-20 when the vehicle had a blow out of the right rear tire, causing the driver to lose control. The vehicle went into a side skid, crossing the right lane then entering the south ditch, rolling twice before coming to rest on its top facing northeast. The front seat passenger, Alicia Malagnon Retana, was not wearing a seatbelt and was ejected from the vehicle.

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## Wood County Sheriff's Report

Wood County Sheriff Department activities Sept. 30 through Oct. 2:

**OCT. 1** -Deputies responded to a suspicious vehicle on CR 2264 near Mineola around 12:31 a.m. They located the vehicle and everything was OK.

Deputies were dispatched to CR 4200 near Winnsboro at around 12:35 a.m. in reference to suspicious circumstances. They searched the area but could not locate any suspicious activity.

Deputies responded to a suspicious vehicle on CR 2100 near Alba around 2:20 a.m. They searched the area but were unable to locate the vehicle. Deputies were dispatched to CR 1800 near Yantis around 7:13 a.m. in reference to a burglary. Someone stole several items from the reporting person's property. The case was forwarded to investigators.

At about 9:11 a.m. deputies spoke with a person in reference to a violation of a protective order that occurred on CR 2935 near Alba. The case was forwarded to investigators.

Deputies were dispatched to CR 4940 near Quitman about 9:21 a.m. in reference to a disturbance. People were separated for the day.

At about 10:37 a.m. deputies were dispatched to CR 3460 near Hawkins in reference to an abandoned vehicle. They located it and everything was OK.

Deputies were dispatched to CR 3990 near Winnsboro around 2:04 p.m. in reference to a disturbance. Jody Whitworth, 44, of Winnsboro was arrested for assault causes bodily injury.

Deputies were dispatched to CR 4495 near Winnsboro at around 10:34 p.m. in reference to criminal trespass. They searched the area but did not find any individuals.

Deputies were dispatched to CR 4660 near Winnsboro at about 11:00 p.m. in reference to criminal mischief. A known person damaged the reporting person's vehicle. Deputies issued a criminal trespass warning and cleared the incident.

**OCT. 2** - Deputies were dispatched to FM515 near Winnsboro around 9:15 a.m. in reference to criminal mischief. Someone damaged the reporting person's fence.

Deputies were dispatched to Alba Golden IS at about 1:21 p.m. in reference to illegal dumping. A known person dumped trash in the school dumpster without authorization. The case is active.

Deputies were dispatched to Hwy 80 near Mineola around 1:25 p.m. in reference to a disturbance. They spoke with everyone involved and cleared the incident.

Deputies spoke with the reporting person at approximately 2:26 p.m. in reference to terroristic threat that occurred on FM 515 near Yantis. They gave the reporting person advice and cleared the incident.

Deputies were dispatched to Hwy 69 near Alba around 5:56 p.m. in reference to shots fired. They spoke with everyone involved and cleared the incident.

Deputies were dispatched to CR 3163 near Quitman at around 6:54 p.m. in reference to a reckless driver. They searched the area, but could not locate the vehicle.

At about 9:16 p.m. another report of reckless driver on Hwy 69 near Mineola was made. Deputies searched the area, but were unable to locate the vehicle.

Deputies were dispatched to CR 1700 near Yantis at around 10:39 p.m. in reference to criminal trespass. They secured the area, but did not locate the person.

Deputies responded to a suspicious person on CR 1214 near Quitman around 10:53 p.m. They located the person and everything was OK.

**SEPT. 30** - Deputies were dispatched to FM 2225 near

Yantis around 12:04 a.m. in reference to an assault. The case was forwarded to investigators.

Deputies were dispatched to FM 2225 near Yantis at around 12:04 a.m. in reference to an assault. The case was forwarded to investigators.

Deputies were dispatched to FM 17 near Alba at around 12:14 a.m. in reference to a welfare check. Deputies located the people and everything was OK.

Deputies were dispatched to Oak Street in Yantis at about 12:16 a.m. in reference to an assault. This case was forwarded to investigators.

Deputies were dispatched to Lake Holbrook near Mineola around 12:48 a.m. in reference to an assault. The case was forwarded to investigators.

At about 1:45 a.m. deputies were dispatched to CR 1813 near Yantis in reference to a reckless driver. They searched the area but did not locate the vehicle.

Deputies were dispatched to CR 4539 near Winnsboro around 11:08 a.m. in reference to criminal trespass. Jason Bearden, 40 of Winnsboro, was arrested for criminal trespass of habitation/shelter/superfund site/infrastructure facility.

Deputies responded to a suspicious vehicle on Hwy 154 near Yantis at around 12:42 p.m. They searched the area but did not locate it.

Deputies were dispatched to FM 2869 near Hawkins at around 2:57 p.m. in reference to a theft. Someone stole several items from the reporting party's property. The case was forwarded to investigators.

Deputies were dispatched to FM 852 near Winnsboro at around 6:09 p.m. in reference to a burglary. They spoke with all involved and determined it was a civil matter.

Deputies were dispatched to PR 7533 near Hawkins at around 7:52 p.m. in reference to shots fired. They spoke with everyone involved and cleared the incident.

At about 10:30 p.m. deputies were dispatched to CR 4896 near Winnsboro in reference to suspicious circumstances. They searched the area but did not locate any suspicious activity.

**SEPT. 29** - Deputies went on an arrest/warrant service to Blackburn Street in Hawkins around 12:08 a.m. They searched the area but did not make contact with the person.

Deputies were dispatched to Hwy 154 near Yantis at around 12:08 a.m. in reference to suspicious circumstances. They searched the area but did not locate any suspicious activity.

Deputies were dispatched to CR 2176 near Quitman at about 12:13 a.m. in reference to a noise complaint. They advised the people to lower the volume of their music and cleared the incident.

Deputies were dispatched to CR 2100 near Quitman around 1:20 a.m. in reference to a burglary. They searched the area but did not find any people.

Deputies were dispatched to Hwy 80 near Hawkins around 3:35 a.m. in reference to criminal trespass. Kevin Evans, 21 of San Antonio, was arrested for criminal trespass.

Deputies spoke with a person at about 10:08 a.m. in reference to criminal mischief that occurred on CR 4860 near Winnsboro. They gave the reporting party advice and cleared the incident.

Deputies were dispatched to Hwy 37 near Mineola at about 1:07 p.m. in reference to an unauthorized use of a motor vehicle. A known person took the reporting person's vehicle without authorization. The case was forwarded to investigators.

Deputies were dispatched to FM 17 near Alba at about 2:08 p.m. in reference to a

welfare check. They located the people and everything was OK.

Deputies were dispatched to CR 2503 near Mineola around 3:11 p.m. in reference to shots fired. They located the people who were shooting in a safe direction and cleared the incident.

Deputies spoke with the reporting person at approximately 3:15 p.m. in reference to theft that occurred on FM 14 near Hawkins. They gave the reporting person advice and cleared the incident.

Deputies spoke with the reporting party at about 3:26 p.m. in reference to a scam that occurred on CR 2232 near Mineola. Deputies gave the reporting person advice and cleared the incident.

Deputies were dispatched to CR 2355 near Mineola at about 7:04 p.m. in reference to shots fired. They searched the area but did not locate any activity.

Deputies were dispatched to Hwy 80 near Hawkins at about 7:14 p.m. in reference to an assault. The case is active.

Deputies responded to a suspicious person on Hwy 80 near Mineola at about 8:57 p.m. Nicholas Whitener, 36 of Wills Point was arrested for public intoxication.

**SEPT. 28** -Deputies went on an arrest/warrant service to CR 1676 near Alba at about 11:12 a.m. Michael Bandy, of Alba, was arrested for outstand warrant and possession of a controlled substance.

Deputies were dispatched to CR 1246 near Quitman at about 9:06 a.m. in reference to a theft. A known person stole power from an electric meter box. The case has been forwarded to investigators.

Deputies were dispatched to FM 2966 near Yantis at about 3:41 p.m. in reference to a theft. Someone stole a dirt bike from the reporting person's property. The case was forwarded to investigators.

Deputies spoke with a person reporting reference to a possible burglary that occurred on CR 2388 near Alba. Deputies told the reporting person that extra patrol would be provided.

Deputies were dispatched to CR 1556 near Alba at about 6:19 p.m. in reference to an open door. Deputies could not locate any people inside and secured the building before clearing the area.

Deputies were dispatched to FM312 near Winnsboro about 6:54 p.m. in reference to criminal trespass. They searched but could not find anyone.

Deputies spoke with a person at about 8:08 p.m. in reference to harassment that occurred on Hwy 80 near Mineola. They gave the person advice and cleared the incident.

Deputies responded to a suspicious vehicle on CR 1900 near Yantis at about 9:35 p.m. They located the vehicle and everything was OK.

Harold Brown 66 of Hawkins was arrested for outstanding warrants when deputies went on an arrest/warrant service to CR 3900 near Hawkins at about 10:20 p.m.

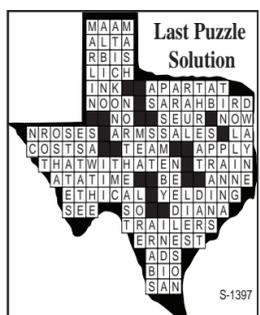
**SEPT. 27** - Deputies responded to a suspicious vehicle on HWY 154 near Yantis around 2:17 a.m. They located the vehicle and everything was OK.

Chase Waller, 35 of Gilmer was arrested for driving while license invalid when deputies conducted traffic stop on Hwy 154 near Yantis at about 2:47 a.m.

Deputies responded to a suspicious vehicle on CR 2100 near Quitman around 8:47 a.m. They located the vehicle and everything was OK.

Deputies were dispatched to PR 6645 near Mineola about 11:27 a.m.

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## Mineola Police Report

Mineola Police Department activities Sept. 30 to Oct. 3:

**OCT. 3** - At 12:12 a.m. Cody Heith Heidleberg, 28 of Mineola was arrested for driving while license suspended and no liability insurance. Heidleberg was stopped on Belcher Street after the officer observed him driving and the officer had knowledge he did not have a valid driver's license.

At 7:19 a.m. a reckless driver was reported on South Pacific Street that was unable to maintain a single lane. An officer responded to the area, but did not locate the vehicle that was described.

At 12:08 p.m. an oversized load 18 wheeler was reported to be a reckless driver on West Broad Street. The caller reported the truck could not maintain a single lane. An officer responded to the area but did not locate the vehicle.

At 4:47 p.m. a business on the NW Loop 564 reported a theft of property.

At 6:01 p.m. Lindale P.D. reported an officer was following a vehicle that was unable to maintain a single lane of traffic. The vehicle stopped at EZ Mart and the officer made contact with the woman until an officer arrived. The driver was determined to be an elderly female that was disoriented and not intoxicated. The woman was transported to the police department where her son picked her up.

At 10:07 p.m. a suspicious vehicle was checked on by an officer at the civic center. A woman was letting her child play on the playground.

At 10:43 p.m. several young teenagers were reported to be in the street on Pegues being loud. An officer checked the area but did not locate the teenagers.

At 10:47 p.m. An officer provided assistance to a woman that was cleaning a building on North Pacific Street. She reported a vehicle pulled up twice while she was there. An officer responded but the vehicle left before his arrival. The officer stayed with the woman until she was able to leave in her vehicle.

At 11:14 p.m. A man reported he came home on Bromberg Street and found that his girlfriend had taken several items that belonged to him. An officer responded and talked to the man. This was a civil issue.

**OCT. 2** - At 9:10 a.m. A criminal mischief was reported on Sue Lane when a resident reported someone spray painted the windows on her residence.

At 11:51 a.m. A hit and run was reported in the Pizza Hut parking lot.

At 3:14 p.m. A woman went to the police department to report someone was following her. While she was there the officer realized the vehicle she was driving was the vehicle involved in the hit and run at Pizza Hut. The woman was issued two citations which consisted of no liability insurance and reckless damage.

At 7:14 p.m. A public assist was requested when a female was not allowed on the train because she had a service cat, but could not provide the proper written documentation. Ministerial Alliance approved a room, but the motel would not allow a service cat without documentation. The woman was allowed to sleep in the lobby of the police department until the following morning when she was allowed on the train.

At 7:41 p.m. A reckless driver was reportedly driving on the wrong side of the road on West Broad Street in a truck coming into the city. An officer responded to the area to attempt to locate the truck, but was unable to locate it.

The caller could not provide a description.

**OCT. 1** - At 7:46 a.m. a welfare concern was received in reference to an elderly woman sitting on the side of the road on West Broad Street. An officer responded to the area, but did not find the woman.

At 8:25 a.m. A resident on North Johnson Street reported a vehicle was sitting in front of her residence with people in it. An officer responded and determined the vehicle to belong to Sudden Link, which were working in the area.

At 8:33 a.m. a disturbance was reported on North Newsom when a health care worker reported she was in a verbal argument with a family member and the family member had a gun on his person, but had not pulled the weapon. Officers responded to the call and found the argument had calmed down and the family member and health care worker had separated for the day.

At 11:22 a.m. Wood County S.O. reported an elderly woman left her residence in the country and was possibly headed into town in her vehicle. She was possibly headed to the nursing home on Mimosa Street. Officers looked for the vehicle, but did not locate the vehicle in the city.

At 11:30 a.m. A man on Clara reported he was receiving inappropriate text. An officer responded to the residence and spoke with the man. The officer determined the number was not traceable.

At 1:26 an officer assisted a motorist on Laura Street.

At 4:38 p.m. Walmart reported a theft when a man walked out with merchandise in a backpack that was also stolen. When asset protection confronted him he threw down the backpack and took off running. Officers were able to find him on foot on North Pacific in the parking lot of BTH Bank. Johnny Kevin Crawford, Jr., 17 of Grand Saline was arrested for theft over \$100 under \$750, failed to ID fugitive from justice and possession of a controlled substance under 1 gram. Crawford was wanted out of Wood County for a theft warrant. Crawford gave a false name while detained and the officers found him in possession of Methamphetamine.

At 7:45 p.m. officers assisted EMS at a store on North Pacific Street when a customer had a medical issue.

**SEPT. 30** - At 9:10 a.m. an officer assisted a customer at Walmart that needed their vehicle jumped off.

At 1:47 p.m. several 911 hang up calls were received at a residence on North Newsom. An officer responded to the residence and found a small child had been playing with the phone.

At 2:20 p.m. a debit card was found by a citizen at a bank ATM on West Broad Street.

At 4:17 p.m. a resident on East McDonald Street reported her ex-boyfriend was threatening her by phone. An officer spoke with the complainant and determined no actual threat was made.

At 5:19 p.m. a welfare concern was reported by a neighbor on North Newsom Street when his neighbor told him to call the police because she thought someone had been in her residence. An officer checked the residence, but did not find anything out of place.

At 5:29 p.m. a call was received in reference to an infant accidentally locked in a vehicle at Walmart. An officer responded and unlocked the vehicle. The infant was fine.

At 6:45 p.m. a verbal disturbance between neighbors was reported on Stone

Street. Officers responded to the call and reported everything was fine and the two were separated.

At 7:31 an officer assisted EMS on a medical call on North Newsom Street.

At 7:59 p.m. a resident reported a woman came to her door on East Broad Street asking for a ride. The caller advised she did not give the woman a ride, but requested the department check on her. An officer found the woman and gave her a ride to the store.

At 8:40 p.m. a man reported leaving his vehicle unlocked at a business on North Johnson and his E-cig came up missing.

**SEPT. 29** - At 10:49 a.m. A welfare concern was reported involving an elderly woman that left a location on Mimosa Street walking. An officer found the woman on East McDonald Street. A family member picked the woman up from East McDonald Street.

At 7:02 p.m. Loud music was reported on Kraus Street. The music was turned down prior to the officer's arrival.

At 7:50 p.m. a criminal mischief was reported at a business on West Broad Street. The reporting party stated she is the second employee to get their tires cut. This is under investigation.

**SEPT. 28** - at 1:54 p.m. an officer assisted EMS on a medical call on West Kilpatrick Street.

At 2:55 p.m. a theft was reported at Walmart. This is under investigation.

At 4:54 p.m. an officer responded to a civil issue over a vehicle on Molly Street.

**SEPT. 27** - At 12:51 a.m. an officer observed a suspicious vehicle behind the sonic. It was found to be a person waiting to pick up the Dallas papers.

At 3:22 a.m. Oscar Nevarez, 33 of Mineola was arrested for driving while license suspended after an officer observed him driving on North Pacific Street and the officer had knowledge his license were suspended.

At 8:47 a.m. a woman reported fraudulent activity on her debit card.

At 10:23 a.m. car cleaning items in a back pack were found at the Crenshaw Car Wash on North Pacific Street.

At 1:28 p.m. a vehicle was reported to have run through a fence on Graham Street. Insurance information was exchanged with the land owner.

At 2:20 p.m. a man was reported to have been intoxicated while at a restaurant on West Broad Street. Officers arrived and found the subject was not intoxicated, but he had walked out without paying for his food. Brian Keith Thurman, 50 of Mineola was arrested for theft of service under \$100.

At 5:15 p.m. a possible theft was reported at a store on East Broad Street. An officer responded to the store and spoke with the customer and the clerk. The officer determined the female he spoke with was not the same female that was suspected of the theft the day before.

At 5:58 p.m. a resident on West Broad Street was reported to be burning without a permit. An officer responded and had the resident put the fire out. The resident was warned about getting a burn permit before burning.

10:5 p.m. Shooting on Landers Street. Still under investigation.

## Mineola Fire Report

**Medical assistance:** Sept. 27, 11:16 a.m., 955 County Road 2310, Mineola. Oct. 2, 5:12 p.m., 726 N. Newsom St., Mineola.

**Aircraft standby:** Sept. 27, 11:15 p.m., 1150 N. Newsom St., Mineola.

**Dispatched and cancelled en route:** Sept. 29, 3:59 p.m., 3758 W. U.S. 80, Mineola. Sept. 29, 6:25 p.m., 1224 N. Pacific St., Mineola.

**Citizen complaint:** Oct. 1, 9:14 p.m., 290 PR 6325, Mineola.

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## All female flying club lands in Mineola

By HANK MURPHY  
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Seventeen members of the Ladies Love Taildraggers flew into Mineola on Oct. 3 as part of their weeklong Haunted Flying Tour.

The female pilots arrived at historic Wisener Field in 16 small aircraft, a few of which were vintage beauties, such as a tiny Pitts SIT – a type of plane used for stunt flying – and a beautiful 1946 Swift.

While in Mineola,

the Love Taildraggers toured a couple of Mineola's reportedly haunted buildings, including the old Beckham Hotel. Legend has it that the hotel is haunted by a spirit named Elizabeth, who wears a long dress and carries a parasol.

The ladies also had lunch, which was described as "excellent," at the Hogg Mansion in Mineola.

The mission of the Ladies Love Taildraggers is to connect all women who love to fly taildrag-

gers. A taildragger is a plane with two larger wheels in front and a small wheel at the rear of the aircraft.

The Haunted Flying Tour began in Indiana and was to conclude at Avenger Field in Sweetwater, home of the WASP Museum. WASP stands for Women Air Force Service Pilots.

During its operation during World War II, WASP pilots freed male pilots to fly combat missions and perform other duties. WASP pilots flew

over 60 million miles, transported military aircraft, towed targets for anti-aircraft practice, simulated strafing missions and ferried cargo. Thirty-eight WASP pilots lost their lives and another disappeared on a mission.

The Love Taildraggers who flew into Mineola hailed from Indiana, Canada, Florida, Tennessee, Mississippi, Idaho, California, Michigan, Illinois, New York, Texas, Colorado and Idaho.



A pair of ladies stilettos placed in front of an aircraft's wheels is a trademark of the Ladies Love Taildraggers flying club. TOP PHOTO: Members of the Ladies Love Taildraggers who arrived in Mineola on Oct. 3 as part of their Haunted Flying Tour. (Monitor photos by Hank Murphy).

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## Mineola Kiwanis Club installs new officers

Pam Thurman was installed as president of the Mineola Kiwanis Club last week by Division 34 Lt. Gov. Johnny Johnson.

Jo McCarty was installed as president elect. Sam and Joyce Curry are treasurer and secretary, respectively. Newly elected directors are Roy Shockey and Charles Wilmut. Returning directors include Carlist Brinkley, Alicia Martin, and Becky Moore. Mary Lookadoo as-

sumes the role of past president on the board.

Kiwanis is involved with "Serving the Children of the World." The Mineola club sponsors Terrific Kids at Mineola Primary School, K-Kids at Mineola Elementary, Builder's Club at Mineola Middle School, Key Clubs at Alba-Golden and Mineola High Schools and CKI at Jarvis Christian College.



From left, Division 34 Lt. Gov. Johnny Johnson, outgoing President Mary Lookadoo, and incoming President Pam Thurman.

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# Quitman Library Connections

BY LIBRARIAN DELENE ALLEN



The 2nd Friday Acoustical Jam is Friday, Oct. 12 from 6 – 9 p.m. Musicians of all ages and musical levels are invited to join in from 6 – 9 p.m. in the library's community room. Listeners are always welcome at this free event. Contact Eugene Allen at 903-975-5745.

National Family History Month is observed in October. The Quitman Public Library along with the Wood County TX Genealogical Society invite family researchers, historians and storytellers, to commemorate their family's rich and deep history this month by allowing us to assist with beginning your genealogical tree. The society will meet on Monday, October 15, at 7 p.m. in the library's Shamburger Community Room. For more information, contact David Gilbreath at 972-977-7988.

Patron cards are available for those who provide photo identification and

proof of residence in Wood County. A guardian must sign for children ages 5 - 17. Hours are Tuesday through Friday from 10 a.m. until 6 p.m. Keep current at [www.facebook.com/quitmanpubliclibrary](http://www.facebook.com/quitmanpubliclibrary) and visit the library's website at [www.quitmanlibrary.org](http://www.quitmanlibrary.org). Wi-Fi is available 24/7.

### ADULT SERVICES

Rebekah Yeager and Virginia Hoff-pair invite students of all ages and skill levels to bring their own supplies and join the group for free crochet and knitting instruction each Thursday 2 – 4 p.m. in the library's main gallery.

### CHILDREN'S SERVICES

Story Time meets each Wednesday at 2 p.m. Lillian Gray plans an educational hour filled with stories, crafts and plenty of fun. Upcoming themes: Oct.

10 – "Crows and Scarecrows" making popsicle stick scarecrows, Oct. 17 – "A Blue Story Time" all the books we read will be blue! Oct. 24 – "Halloween Party!" with a costume contest, games and prizes.

Story Time is designed for young readers and home-schooled students, but anyone who wants to hear a great story is welcome. Call 903-763-BOOK (2665).

### FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY

The Friends of the Quitman Public Library meet Tuesday, Nov. 13 at noon in the Thurman Shamburger Community Room for an hour of fellowship and fun. This is an active group of volunteers dedicated to the growth and improvement of the library.

### GENEALOGY

The Wood County TX Genealogical Society meets Monday, Oct. 15 at 7 p.m. in the library's Shamburger Community Room. The society gathers for a pre-meeting social dinner at Peralta's Mexican Restaurant in Quitman at 6 p.m. and invites newcomers to fellowship. The society's Facebook page is <http://www.facebook.com/groups/woocotx>.

### ON DISPLAY

In the lobby showcase is a collection of Monopoly board games from around the world on loan from John Yeager and arranged by Beverly Chamberlain.

### NEW ARRIVALS

Visit the library's online catalog at <http://quitman.biblionix.com/catalog> to see what is new. Download the OverDrive® app to connect to our library's vast collection of eBooks, audiobooks and streaming video.

## QDC

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tion about QDC and the growth in Quitman now.

Hudman's ideas for the QDC plan include the Quitman Business Park becoming full and downtown being completed in three years. She added that they're on track to get downtown finished soon.

City Hall and QDC plans will work together with a united vision, city administrator Andrew Kloefkorn said.

"To go beyond (current achievements) there has to be a plan," he said.

Strategic plan serves as a roadmap and guiding light when the organization might get off track of what needs to be done, Kloefkorn said.

QDC has several major projects coming to town that will add more options and services, Hudman said. These projects

include Stitchin' Heaven and its other four businesses, which are Lone Star Laser, Stitchin' Heaven Travel, The Bunkhouse (the retreat center) and their Block of the Month headquarters. Tony B's Texas Kitchen downtown, owned by Clay Luttrell (co-owner of Stitchin' Heaven) is also contributing to the growth.

Projects in Quitman include the Quitman Animal Clinic expansion, Greenlaw's office space, People's Telephone façade improvement, Appetites Properties and market in downtown.

"We've created a culture of growth and opportunity," she said. "Opportunities won't be here forever."

Moving forward, QDC goals include being creative, embracing change, being encouraging, asking people to try to shop locally, giving residents options and being confident in the potential growth.

## KIWANIS CITIZEN OF THE MONTH



John Fuller was presented the September Kiwanis Citizen of the Month by the Mineola Kiwanis Club. Kiwanian Jack Jones introduced John, who was interim superintendent in Mineola for three years. He and his wife, Gail, own Count Your Blessings store and donated a parking lot downtown Mineola for public parking. John was overseer for the pavilion at the Mineola Civic Center and is active on several boards and First United Methodist Church. Kiwanis President Mary Lookadoo presented the award.

## Alba man dies in automobile crash

Ronnie Dale West, 67, of Alba died Thursday, Oct. 4, after he was involved in traffic accident seven miles southeast of Emory, according to the Department of Public Safety.



Ronnie Dale West

Shortly after 6 p.m., troopers responded to a one vehicle fatal crash on FM 799 in Rains County. A preliminary crash investigation revealed that West, who was driving a 2001 Ford F-150 pickup, was traveling north on FM 779 in a left hand curve when he drove off the right side of the roadway, overcorrected and overturned on the roadway. He was unrestrained and was ejected from the vehicle, according to the DPS.

West was pronounced at the scene by Justice of the Peace Paul Foley and taken to Bartley Funeral Home in Alba. The crash remained under investigation, the DPS indicated.

## Holly Brook women to aid prison ministry

Paulette Kirkpatrick will speak to Women on Mission on Oct. 16 about ministering to women who are being released from prison. The meeting will take place in the Family Life Center. All women in the area are invited.

Kirkpatrick will talk about the ministry the women of her church provide in filling bags with personal items to be distributed to women inmates who are being released.

Holly Stitches, a sewing ministry at Holly Brook Baptist, has made 200 bags for the project. Holly Brook members are asked to bring items to fill the bags: hairbrush, bath travel kit, tissues (eight count), lip balm, dental travel kit, deodorant, hand sanitizer, gum (four packages of five sticks), and individually wrapped mints. There is a box in the Family Life Center lobby for the items.

Additionally, new or gently used women's coats, sweaters, or jackets for the women may also be placed in the Family Life Center lobby.

Call the church office for more information. The church is located at 3219 S. FM 2869, Hawkins; telephone 903-769-2091. The website is [www.hollybrookbaptist.org](http://www.hollybrookbaptist.org).

## Path

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ment efforts, council awarded Schaumburg & Polk Inc. of Tyler the engineering service for the Community Development Block Grant improvements of the city's drainage system. The \$275,000 grant will be used largely for

prioritized ditch and culvert improvements throughout the city.

Council approved annual budgets for the Library and Economic Development Corp. annual budgets and approved a 2 percent pay raise for full-time city employees. The pay increase was already accounted for within the city budget.

Residents Amber Bates, Diane Caughron and Marcella Cross re-

ceived two-year reappointments as citizen representatives to the Economic Development Corp. The reappointments were unanimous.

Mayor Sonny Hass was joined by council members Larry Harris, Larry Jones and Tammy Kirkpatrick. Council members Marja Heinert and Robert Kraemer were absent due to health and family obligations, respectively.

## Fannie Marchman GC to host Lin Grado on Oct. 17

The Fannie Marchman Garden Club will host Lin Grado as its featured speaker at 9:30 a.m. on Oct. 17 in the Pecan Room of the Mineola Civic Center. Grado is a Wood County Master Gardener and writes the column "In East Texas Gardens" for the Wood County Monitor. Refreshments will be served and guests are welcome.

At the club's September meeting, the club started off its new year with the theme "Recycle, Reuse, Repurpose." Information was shared relating to the

various civic organizations that offer recycling. Future meeting topics will feature ideas to promote the theme.

At the May meeting, new officers were installed for the 2018/2019 club year. They are as follows: President, Angela Thompson; First Vice President, Rosemarie Kastrau (membership); Second Vice President, Jan Sokolosky (programs); Third Vice President, Roxanna Peterson (hostess coordinator); Secretary, Charla Martin; Treasurer, Linda Vandagriff.

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**ACROSS**

1 polite TX address: "howdy" \_\_\_\_\_

5 Lady Bird: Claudia \_\_\_\_\_ Taylor Johnson

6 Astro Bregman achievements

7 author of "The German Texans"

8 TXism: "you can write it in \_\_\_\_\_ (positive)"

9 TXism: "come \_\_\_\_\_ the seams"

16 famous western: "High \_\_\_\_\_" (1952)

18 TX author of "Virgin of the Rodeo"

21 TXism: "\_\_\_\_\_ hill for a stepper"

22 Fr. explorer in TX: \_\_\_\_\_ de La Salle

23 TXism: "every \_\_\_\_\_ and then"

24 they played at TX Willie's Farm Aid IV: "Guns \_\_\_\_\_"

30 a President George W. concern: \_\_\_\_\_ to Taiwan

34 TX ZZ Top album: "\_\_\_\_\_ Grange"

35 TXism: "it \_\_\_\_\_ pretty penny"

36 11 footballers

37 TXism: "dab it on"

39 TXism: "wouldn't touch \_\_\_\_\_ foot pole"

43 TX Sam Bass was a \_\_\_\_\_ robber

44 TX Tanya's "One Love \_\_\_\_\_"

45 TXism: "let it \_\_\_\_\_"

46 this TX Armstrong was ambassador to England

47 acting right

49 ex-Astro SS Eric \_\_\_\_\_

52 TXism: "take a look \_\_\_\_\_"

53 TXism: "\_\_\_\_\_ tight he squeaks when he walks"

54 Lady Di or Ms. Ross

55 horse and Fifth Wheels

58 "Texas Troubadour," Tubbs

59 newspaper insertions

60 sketch of one's life

61 \_\_\_\_\_ Diego, TX

**DOWN**

1 seat of Falls County

2 Snyder has \_\_\_\_\_ buffalo statue on courthouse ground

3 TXism: "could put a loop over \_\_\_\_\_ mule's back" (good roper)

4 home brew: "sour \_\_\_\_\_"

9 TXism: "innocent \_\_\_\_\_ a newborn calf"

10 TX Johnny Rodriguez 1st hit (liquor)

11 panhandle \_\_\_\_\_ code is 806

12 Gov. George W. appointed this Gonzales to the TX Supreme Court

13 ex-Astro Jeff Bagwell was a \_\_\_\_\_ at the plate

14 this TX Blocker designed XIT brand

15 TXism: "\_\_\_\_\_ horn"

17 Texarkana is in \_\_\_\_\_ Texas

19 a Texas region: \_\_\_\_\_ Plains

20 ex-Astro reliever Henry \_\_\_\_\_

24 former TX first lady Connally (init.)

25 TXism: "\_\_\_\_\_ gut" (liquor)

26 fed. workers' safety agcy.

33 injuries for Mavs, Spurs & Rockets

38 \_\_\_\_\_ Maria, TX

40 TX Willie's Farm Aid \_\_\_\_\_ was in Lincoln, NE(1987)

41 cable film net.

42 in "Hell in Texas," the devil "put \_\_\_\_\_"

43 cactus, horns on the toads"

48 TX traditions

50 TX tales

51 Dallas transit co.

56 speedy chestnuts

57 world's 2nd most populous nation

# QUITMAN BULLDOGS HOMECOMING

Quitman's homecoming bonfire burns at Bud Moody Stadium on Oct. 3 to celebrate the Oct. 5 homecoming game against the Grand Saline Indians. (Monitor photo by Zak Wellerman)



The Quitman Proud Blue Band played loud and proud at Friday's homecoming pep rally on the courthouse square. ABOVE: Quitman cheerleaders were high stepping at Friday's homecoming pep rally in downtown Quitman (Monitor photos by Zak Wellerman)



There was an overflow crowd at Friday's Quitman homecoming game at Bud Moody Stadium. (Monitor photo by Larry Tucker)

## MHS DRUMMERS OUTSTANDING



The Mineola High School Drumline took outstanding 3A drumline at a competition in Wills Point on Sept. 22. The group performed their 2018 show titled "Total Eclipse," featuring the music The Rolling Stones, Beethoven, and Soundgarden. Musical selections included *Moonlight Sonata*, *Black Hole Sun*, and *Paint it Black*. (Courtesy photo).

## MEDC eyes purchase of vacant 1888 lot

If the City Council approves, the Mineola Economic Development Corp. (MEDC) will begin negotiations to purchase a downtown lot on which the historic 1888 building once stood.

A public hearing on the matter is set for 5:30 p.m. on Oct. 15 at City Hall.

The 1888 building at the corner of Johnson and Commerce streets had a colorful history as a hotel across from the train depot. But for many years, the building was vacant and left to deteriorate. Tricia and Erik Carver had attempted to restore the structure and convert it to a restaurant, but in the end, engineers determined it was too far gone and should be demolished. It was razed in January 2017.

The vacant property is valued at \$9,540 by the Wood County Appraisal District.

If allowed to move forward, MEDC will purchase the lot and make improvements to it, according to MEDC executive director Mercy Rushing.

For the time being, the lot will be made a green space to beautify the area. Eventually, MEDC hopes to work with a prospect to build on the property and enhance downtown Mineola, she noted.

-BY HANK MURPHY

## QUITMAN HEALTH FAIR



Monitor photos by Zak Wellerman

RIGHT: Robert Cain takes a carotid artery screening from UT Health at the Forever Young Activities Center community health fair for all ages on Oct. 4.

ABOVE RIGHT: UT Tyler pharmacy student Joy Chairi gives Daisy Bennett, Forever Young Activities Center treasurer, a blood pressure, blood sugar, cholesterol test by Brookshire's at the Forever Young Activity Center community health fair for all ages on Oct. 4.

ABOVE LEFT: Katrina Davis of Reflections Hospice in Quitman speaks with Michael Howard and Angela Morris from Jordan Health at the Forever Young Activity Center community health fair for all ages on Oct. 4.



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Luke 10:25-28

## Obituaries



**JOHNNY HOGAN**  
1933-2018

WINNSBORO-A funeral service for Johnny Hogan, 85 of Winnsboro was held October 5, 2018, at Lowe Funeral Home with Stanley Whittiker officiating.

Graveside service followed at Little Hope Cemetery.

Mr. Hogan died October 1 at his home in Winnsboro. He was born March 30, 1933 in Dallas to Fitzhugh Lee and Elsie Hogan. He was a retired truck driver for Safeway and Pilgrim's Pride.

He was preceded in death by his parents; son, Johnny Hogan and great-grandson, Riley Oden.

Survivors include his wife, Lois Hogan of Winnsboro; son, Mark Hogan of Montgomery; three daughters, Donna Poteet, Winnsboro, Kathy Oden, Palestine and Tonja Barbee of Dallas; nine grandchildren, 15 great-grandchildren and two great-great-grandsons.



**RUBY "JOYCE" JOBE**  
1943-2018

MINEOLA-Funeral services for Ruby "Joyce" Jobe, 75 of Mineola were held October 2 at the New Hope Baptist Church in Mineola. Burial followed at New Hope Cemetery.

Mrs. Jobe died September 28, 2018, in Tyler. She was born May 23, 1943 in Dallas to the late Carl and Jessie Dykes.

She was a member of New Hope Baptist Church and operated a day care at her home.

She was preceded in death by her parents and brothers, Tommy and Jackie Dykes.

Survivors include her husband, Billy Jobe; two son, Carl Grimes, Kilgore, Jason Jobe, Wills Point; two daughters, Joy Hullett, Lindale and Melissa Grimes of Tyler; sister, Bettye Greeney, Tyler; seven grandchildren and 14 great-grandchildren.

**ANNIE FRANCES MCCARTY**  
1924-2018

MINEOLA-Funeral services for Annie Frances McCarty, 94, of Mineola were held October 5 at Beatey Funeral Home, Mineola. Rev. Jerry Phillips will officiate.

Mrs. McCarty died October 3, 2018. She was born October 3, 1924 in Rockingham, North Carolina to Vernon and Pauline Rigsby. She was a



member of Harvest Acres Baptist Church and hosted a Bible Study in her home.

She was preceded in death by her husband of 61 years, Kenneth McCarty; her parents and two brothers.

She is survived by two sisters-in-law and several nieces and nephews along with many close friends.

**IRENE STRICKLAND**  
1938-2018

MINEOLA-Funeral services for Irene Strickland, 79 of Mineola, were held October 4 at Hubbard Chapel Baptist Church with Pastor Jerry Phelps officiating.

Graveside service followed at Concord Cemetery.

Mrs. Strickland died October 1, 2018, in Tyler. She was born in Collin County on October 9, 1938 to Buford and Dora Blasingame. She was a seamstress for Hager Slacks. She attended Hubbard Chapel Baptist Church.

She was preceded in death by her mother and father.

Survivors include her husband, CL Strickland of Mineola; two sons, Wilton Strickland of Hawkins and Jeffery Strickland of Mineola; two daughters, Anita Wylie of Mineola and Sandy Cabe of Winnsboro; brother, Larry Landers of Princeton; sister, Dorthea Mills of Chambersville; 14 grandchildren; 30 great-grandchildren and many extended family members and friends.



**RONNIE DALE WEST**  
1951-2018

ALBA-Funeral services for Ronnie Dale West, 67, of Alba were held October 8 at Amazing Grace Fellowship Church, Alba with Byron George officiating.

Burial followed in Colony Cemetery, Alba.

Mr. West died October 4, 2018, in Rains County. He was born September 28, 1951 in Dallas to Lloyd and Dorothy West. He was a foreman in the steel mill at Tyler Pipe where he retired after 38 years. He was a rancher, welder, fisherman and Christian.

He was preceded in death by his father; brother, Ricky West and son, Michael West.

He was survived by his wife of 17 years, Sandra Basham of Alba; mother, Dorothy West of Alba; son, Jody West of Golden; twin sister, Bonnie McAree of Alba; sister, Tammie West of Winnsboro; four grandchildren and one great-granddaughter.



## Hotels

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the study during an Oct. 3 meeting.

The only operating hotel in Mineola is the Best Western Mineola Inn. Mineola also has two guest houses, Muzesheimer Manor and Brooks House Suites. The Relax Inn, a budget motel, also operates in the city.

Mineola isn't the only Wood County community eyeing a possible hotel. The *Wood County Monitor* reported on Sept. 26 that Denea Hudman, executive director of the Quitman Economic Development Corp., is trying to line up a \$15 million hotel project at an undisclosed site in or around Quitman.

Still, the biggest siphon of hospitality dollars appears to be nearby Lindale.

Lindale is "going and blowing with more ho-

tels," Rushing remarked.

"And I think we keep sending them business," said Ken Pearson, a member of the MEDC board.

"That's what's happening, absolutely," replied Rushing.

Lindale, with its close proximity to Tyler and Interstate 20, has numerous mid-market and economy hotel brands, including Hampton Inn, Comfort Suites, Best Western, La Quinta, America's Best Value and Motel 6.

Anecdotal evidence, such as rising hotel-motel tax revenue, points to a need for more beds in Mineola, according to Rushing.

"I've had so many citizens come and ask me, 'When is Mineola going to get another hotel?' This (the study) is the first step," she said. "This is where we need to go; otherwise the hotels aren't going to talk to us if we don't have anything to show them."

## St. Peter's to host rummage sale Oct. 12-13

St. Peter's Catholic Church in Mineola will host a rummage sale on Friday, Oct. 12 and Saturday, Oct. 13 in the church hall from 8 a.m. until 4 p.m. The hall is located at Meadowbrook and N. Newsom streets. Follow the signs.

The sale promises to have many fine items for sale. The rummage sale is the Ladies Guild's largest fundraiser, and it supports various worthwhile projects.

More and more I realize with every year we had shared the wonderful man I married was the finest anywhere and all the love that is in my heart is meant for Dan alone, the husband I've been so proud of and so glad to call my own.

*All my Love, Dottie*

## Sheriff

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in reference to a burglary. They located the actor and transported her to the hospital.

Deputies went on an arrest/warrant service to CR 2124 near Quitman around 1:10 p.m. They were unable to locate the individual with the outstanding warrants. Trevor Byron, 20 of Alba and Dylan Pitre, 20 of Alba were arrested for hindering apprehension/prosecution.

Deputies responded to a suspicious person on FM 779 near Alba at 8:47 p.m. They searched the area but were unable to locate the person.

Sept. 26 - Deputies responded to a suspicious vehicle on CR 1560 near Alba at about 1:06. They located the vehicle and everything was OK.

Deputies responded to a suspicious vehicle on Lake Holbrook Point around 1:15 a.m. They located the vehicle and everything was OK.

Deputies responded to a

suspicious vehicle on Hwy 80 near Mineola around 1:51 a.m. They located the vehicle and everything was OK.

Deputies responded to a suspicious vehicle on FM 49 near Mineola about 7:59 a.m. They located the vehicle and everything was OK.

Deputies were dispatched to CR 1360 near Quitman about 9:04 a.m. in reference to a burglary. Actors or actors unknown stole a 4-wheeler from the reporting party's property. The case was forwarded to investigators.

Deputies were dispatched to Hwy 80 near Mineola about 9:45 a.m. in reference to an unauthorized use of a motor vehicle. The reporting person's vehicle was taken without authorization. The vehicle was found and the actor was arrested by Harrison County.

Deputies were dispatched to FM 2869 near Hawkins about 1:43 p.m. in reference to a theft. Actors or unknown actors stole a large utility trailer from the reporting person's property. The case was forwarded to investigators.

Deputies were dispatched to CR 3987 near Winnsboro about 1:53 p.m. in reference to an abandoned vehicle. They located the vehicle and everything was OK.

Deputies were dispatched to CR 1246 near Quitman about 4:27 p.m. in reference to a theft.

Actors or actors unknown stole electricity from Wood County Electric Cooperative.

Deputies were dispatched to CR 4555 near Winnsboro about 5:22 in reference to criminal trespass. They searched the area and the residence was secure, but

they were unable to locate anyone.

Deputies were dispatched to CR 4870 near Winnsboro at about 6:29 p.m. in reference to suspicious circumstances. They spoke with everyone involved and cleared incident.

Deputies responded to a suspicious vehicle on CR 3250 near Quitman at about 10 p.m. They located the vehicle and everything was OK.

Deputies responded to a suspicious vehicle on CR 2385 near Alba at about 10:03 p.m. They located the vehicle and everything was OK.

Deputies were dispatched to FM 14 near Quitman at approximately 11:20 p.m. in reference to theft. A known actor stole the reporting person's lawn mower. The case was forwarded to investigators.

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## Local real estate agent honored for Top 25 sales spot

United Country Real Estate, headquartered in Kansas City, Mo., recently announced that Joe Wayne Reynolds, real estate agent with United Country Real Estate | Cain Agency, in Winnsboro, was ranked number 23 in the nation out of more than 4,000 agents in the second quarter of 2018.

Reynolds is a fourth generation resident of Wood County and Quitman, TX. He is involved in many local organizations and was named Winnsboro's Man of the Year by the Chamber of Commerce in 2009. He specializes in farms, ranches, recreational properties and country homes in Wood County and surrounding NE Texas areas.

"It has been a strong real estate market for our area in 2018 so far and the demand for rural land tracts has been driving our local market," said Reynolds. "I am always looking ahead to put buyers and sellers together for a successful transaction and United Country's marketing tools help us as Realtors to create that success!"



Joe Wayne Reynolds



Operation Roundup grant recipients from Van Zandt Veterans Memorial in Canton, the Fouke Community Center in Hawkins, the Quitman Arboretum, the Midway Volunteer Fire Department of Van Zandt and the Kindness Kottage of Mineola, stand with Debbie Robinson, CEO and General Manager of WCEC at they at the cooperatives' 80th annual meeting.

## WCEC

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Wiley Vonner, from Hawkins along with Vice President Robin Johnson of Quitman, handed out the foundations second disbursement of checks. The WCECF is funded by WCEC members through Operation Roundup. The recipients of these 6 checks, totaling \$43,000, were the Van Zandt Veterans Memorial in Canton (\$2,000), the Fouke Community Center in Hawkins

(\$3,000), the Quitman Arboretum (\$3,140), the Midway Volunteer Fire Department of Van Zandt (\$5,000), and the Kindness Kottage of Mineola (\$5,000).

About these donations, Robinson said, "Today marks one year since we kicked off Operation Roundup at the 2017 Annual Meeting. Our members are to be congratulated on their overwhelming support. With today's grants, their generosity has allowed over \$91,000 in grants to be given locally. This money will build wheelchair ramps, uplifted seniors, improve meeting spaces,

fill the shelves of food banks, and fund many other worthy causes. Together, our members are infusing our communities with these gifts that matter to us all."

After the business meeting closed, the cooperative held the annual prize drawing. Jack Baucum, second grade student at Mineola ISD, 8-year-old son of Chuck and Terri Baucum, of Mineola, assisted with that by pulling the tickets. In all, over 90 prizes were handed out, made possible through generous donations by WCEC's vendors. During the prize drawing, the

winner of the grand prize, a 60" HD flat screen TV was Robert and Lorene Jones of Ben Wheeler.

The 10-members who won \$100 in electricity credit were also announced. They are: Sarah Ammons, Ben Wheeler James Knight, Mineola Lena Bush, Red Springs Richard McDowell, Alba Julia Inman, Lindale Larry Patterson, Lindale Ada Jones, East Point Robert Pendergrass, Mineola Patricia King, Van Kenneth Scott, Ben Wheeler

## Still Tickin' to perform at Hawkins Oil Festival

The Hawkins Oil Festival is set for Saturday, Oct. 13, in downtown Hawkins from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.

The festivities kick off with a parade beginning at 11 a.m. followed by an afternoon of great food, vendors, a bouncy house

for the kids and entertainment.

One of the scheduled acts is the band Still Tickin', which is scheduled to play from 2:30 p.m. to 4 p.m. Still Tickin' performs all styles of music from the past with their own spe-



cial arrangements and personalities.

Members of the band include Vinny "The Vin Man" Pietro on drums and percussion. His claim to fame was as a member of Tommy James and The Shondells. He later became a recording studio drummer and was instrumental in the advent of the disco beat. He supplied the beat for the song "Disco Inferno" with The Tramps. He also recorded with Bar-

ry White, ABBA, Donna Summer and many others. He performed on the sound tracks to the movies "Dirty Dancing" and "Flash Dance."

George Bitzer, keyboards and vocals, is well-known as a recording session musician who has toured or recorded for the Bee Gees, Peter Cetera, Dionne Warwick, Dolly Parton, Barbara Streisand, Eric Clapton, Diana Ross, Hall and Oates, and Kenny Rodg-

ers. He performed on the sound track for the movie "Grease."

Gary Swinard, lead guitar and lead vocals, hails from the United Kingdom and moved to the United States in 2001. Swinard has become friends with and was the opening act for artists that include Jethro Tull, Deep Purple, Jeff Beck, and many more.

Kevin Kelly, bass and vocals, is an East Texas product who has performed with several jazz combos including the Nac Pac Jazz Trio, Shades of Blue, the Jazz Professors, the rock band Electric Gypsy and the Sounds of Swing Big Band.

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## This week

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• Quitman Arboretum and Botanical Gardens will hold its 2018 fall plant sale on Oct. 13 from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the arboretum and botanical gardens located at 175 Governor Jim Hogg Parkway Quitman, TX 75783. Annuals, shrubs, perennials and trees will be available. Proceeds from the sale go directly towards creating and maintaining the beautiful gardens for all to enjoy.

• Holly Stitches, a sewing ministry at Holly Brook Baptist Church, Hawkins, is collecting used T-shirts for constructing diapers for Kenya and Mexico missions. Receptacles for donated T-shirts are in the Welcome Center of the Family Life Center. Call the church office for more information: 903-769-2091.

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FAR LEFT: Quitman's Riley Flanagan finishes strong at the district cross country meet Saturday. LEFT: Mineola's David Amador came in fifth at Saturday's district cross country meet with a time of 18:28.73. ABOVE: Quitman, Mineola and Alba-Golden runners take off from the starting line at Saturday's district cross country meet. (Monitor photos by Larry Tucker)

## Quitman boys win district

By LARRY TUCKER  
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The Quitman boy's varsity and junior varsity cross country teams brought home first place honors at the District 12-3A meet Saturday in Mineola. The junior high boys team also made a good showing coming in second place. Quitman had five runners in the top 13 entries and had six runners run under 20 minutes in the grueling three-mile race.

The team will advance to the regional meet at Lynn Park in Grand Prairie on Monday, Oct. 22.

Quitman took home first place followed by Rains, Mineola, Edgewood, Alba-Golden and Grand Saline.

Dalton Brannon led the Quitman team finishing second with a time of 18:01.55. Other Quitman runners in the top ten were Brandon Jimenez in seventh place with a time of 18:47.48 and Ben Burroughs in eighth place timed at 18:51.34. After playing in Quitman's football game Friday night, Riley Flanagan showed his versatile athletic abilities coming in 12<sup>th</sup> with a 19:16.94 time followed by Diego Os-

ornio in 13<sup>th</sup> at 19:19.06. Aiden Corrior was not far behind finishing 18<sup>th</sup> with a 19:39 time. Quitman's Matthew Smith finished in 27<sup>th</sup> place with a time of 20:43.35.

Head Coach Jim Reid was pleased with his team. "I can't say enough about these kids. We had our best times of the year. It was just one of those things when everybody came to work every single day and got better throughout the year," Reid said. "Last year we came in fifth out of six teams and this year we



Quitman's boy's cross country team brought home the district championship Saturday and advances to the regional meet in Grand Prairie Oct. 22. They are (left to right): Diego Osornio, Brandon Jimenez, Aiden Corrior, Riley Flanagan, Ben Burroughs, Dalton Brandon and Matthew Smith.

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Alb-Golden's Tim Mitchell chases down a Winona running back in Friday's game. (Photo by Chad Parris)

## Panthers lose close one

The Alba-Golden Panthers fought hard Friday night before falling 25-23 to the Winona Wildcats. It was Homecoming 2018 for the Panthers as Macie Pendergrass and Zane Smith were crowned queen and king prior to the game.

The teams squared off in an old fashioned hard hitting football game on both sides of the ball. Winona's Dakota Pullum threw two touchdown passes with one going to Nic Garrett for 35 yards and the other to Quindarius Johnson covering 43 yards. Pullum would add a one yard scoring run on a quarterback keeper in the fourth quarter. Johnson also had a six yard scoring

run. Johnson had 80 yards in 19 carries and added six catches for the Winona offense.

Alba-Golden got another solid game from Zane Smith at quarterback and in the defensive secondary. Jon Michael Chadwick and Boedie Baker both gave the offense opportunities to score and played tough defense for the Panthers.

The Panthers are now 2-3 on the year and 0-2 in district. Alba-Golden travels to Arp to take on an improving Tiger team who has won two district games in a row. Winona will host Harmony in a game between district unbeaten teams.

## Mineola to challenge for playoffs

At the mid-way point of the 2018 campaign, Mineola Head Football Coach Luke Blackwell provided some interesting perspectives on football, coaching and the present Yellowjacket squad. The interview was conducted on the Yellowjackets' bye week as the team looked forward to hosting the Gladewater Bears on Oct. 12.

Coach Blackwell characterized the football team as showing consistent improvement since the first two-a-day sessions. "We have seen steady growth from week to week," he assessed. "I like the way things are going, steady incremental improvements."

Speaking about the "pleasant surprises of coaching," Blackwell explained how he challenges his coaching staff to "coach all the kids" as one of those athletes will assuredly end up playing a significant and unforeseen positive role on the team. He expressed this phenomenon as being one of the true joys of the coaching profession.

The area which has seen the most improvement in the head coach's view is mental discipline. Coach Blackwell explained how mental discipline is not just about playing sports, but rather is a key component in all the roles we fulfill in life and especially in our personal and familial relationships.

"You have to be in control of

your mind and your thoughts ... the mind controls the body," he explained. Specifically, he addressed the ability to react to and overcome adversity as an example of mental discipline. He expressed pride in how the Yellow Jackets have performed in the face of adversity so far this season.

Coach Blackwell described the two standout performers of this year's squad, running back Trevion Sneed and quarterback Shaw Franklin. Sneed's extreme competitiveness, Blackwell noted, translates into everything the team does.

"He will just get better and better and better," noted the coach.

In Franklin, Blackwell described a young man who never fails to step forward and take a leadership role, all the while holding himself to the highest standards possible.

Blocking for these two stellar ball-carriers is a group of offensive linemen who have come a long way together since August. In addition to stand-out veteran linemen Cameron Wise and Seth Kirk, Blackwell explained how Junior Zane Bedford moved from Guard to Center this year, while Senior Marcus Riley stepped forward to fill out the line, and Sophomore Jackson Anderson benefits from a long legacy of superior line play. Each of these young men, stated Blackwell, is very capable and their play together has

been "a most pleasant surprise."

Regarding the defensive squad, Blackwell described a group of fearless competitors who are developing confidence with each snap of the ball. He commented about a "tough group of kids" who step to a challenge and do not back down from anyone. He noted how well they have responded when challenged and that despite being put under immense pressure in the West Rusk game, had up until that point yielded only two scores per game.

Fans of Yellowjacket football are well aware of the success the team enjoys after coming out after half-time. Blackwell described the process of half-time adjustments as being, "a balance between what you want to do and what you are physically capable of doing." He stressed the importance of keeping adjustments simple, and not out-scheming oneself. "The assistant coaches have done a good job, and the kids have done a great job" in making adjustments which can have an immediate effect.

As 2018 is the first year of a two year scheduling cycle, Mineola will again be facing Wills Point, Canton, Farmersville and Big Sandy as pre-district opponents in 2019. Blackwell described the process by which those pre-district opponents are scheduled as

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## COACHES CORNER

**Quitman Head Football Coach**  
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Cindy Karch  
City of Mineola

**NOTICE TO CREDITORS**  
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James Paul Wheeler  
Attorney for Susan Tarpey  
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**Notice of Bid Acceptance**  
City of Mineola  
The City of Mineola will receive and accept sealed bid proposals for Government Lease Purchase Financing for the city's lease purchase of two 2019 Chevy Tahoe vehicles for the Mineola Police Department. Proposals will be accepted until 10:00 a.m. on Friday, October 18, 2018. Sealed proposals should be mailed to the Finance Director at P.O. Box 179, Mineola, Texas or hand delivered to the same office located at 300 Greenville Ave., Mineola, Texas. All proposals shall be sealed clearly marked on the outside of the envelope as proposal for Police Department lease purchase. Lease purchase specifications may be obtained from the office of the Finance Director as indicated above or call (903)569-6183.  
Cindy Karch, Finance Director

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING**  
The public is hereby notified that the City Council of the City of Mineola will hold a public hearing to receive public comment on October 15th, 2018 at 5:30 p.m. at City Hall, 300 Greenville Hwy., Mineola TX, to consider purchase by the Mineola Economic Development Council of real property, Lot 10A Blk 4, Mineola Townsites, Mineola, TX, 75773.  
Cindy Karch  
City of Mineola, Texas

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The Alba-Golden Independent School District will hold a public meeting on October 15, 2018, at 6:30 p.m. in the high school library, located at 1373 CR 2377, Alba, Texas. The purpose of this meeting is to discuss the District's 2017-2018 rating on the state's financial accountability system. The District received a superior rating.

**PUBLIC NOTICE**  
Notice is hereby given that a public hearing has been set for revision on the plat of Holly Lake Ranch Subdivision. The revision includes lots 189 and 190, Section 9, within Holly Lake Ranch Subdivision. The public hearing is set for Friday, October 19, 2018, at 10:00 A.M. in the Commissioners Courtroom. All persons interested in revision to this plat may appear at the public hearing with opposition should they so desire.  
Bryan Jeanes  
Wood County Judge

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**BID NUMBER 2019-003:** Wood County is requesting bids to purchase a pre-owned Tractor for Road & Bridge by Commissioners Court approval on October 5, 2018. Bidder should use unit pricing. **LEGAL REFERENCE:** Texas Local Government Code, Section 262.025. **SPECIFICATIONS:** Available from Wood County Auditors Office, Courthouse Basement, 100 N. Main, Suite 101, P.O. Box 389, Quitman, Texas 75783 or call Daphne Carter 1<sup>st</sup> Asst. Auditor (903) 763-2921 x1. **SEALED BIDS:** Must be received on or before October 24, 2018, at 2:00 P.M. and will be opened at that time. Bid Award will be November 1, 2018, at 10:00 A.M. during the regular Commissioners Court Session. Court reserves the right to reject any or all bids. **PAYMENT:** Wood County to make payment on completed order within 30 days after receipt of invoice. **BID BOND:** Not required.

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Bids will be opened at 2:00 p.m.

Quitman ISD reserves the right to accept or reject any or all proposals.

# Indians spoil Quitman Homecoming

By **LARRY TUCKER**  
Sports@woodcountymonitor.com

Prior to the kick-off of Friday's Quitman Bulldog game, Lillie Danner and David Tarno were crowned as the Homecoming 2018 Queen and King. Unfortunately for the Bulldogs, Grand Saline took no time to establish a commanding 21-0 lead in the first quarter. Quitman never recovered as the Indians used a powerful ground game running past the Bulldogs in a 46-16 District 10-3A DII win.

From there, Indian quarterback Zane Taylor ran to the one yard line followed by a one yard plunge for a touchdown. The point after try was no good, but the Indians held a 6-0 lead.

The Indians came back to surprise the Bulldogs by recovering an onside kick at the Quitman 36 yard line. It took just two plays for the Indians to score again as Taylor took it in form 26 yards out. Taylor tossed a pass to Montana Martin for the point after conversion

and Grand Saline led 14-0 with still 5:18 left in the opening quarter.

Quitman's Ty Holland returned the ensuing kick-off to the Quitman 36 yard line, but were forced to punt as the Indian defense held. It took just four plays for Grand Saline to score again with Taylor scoring his third touchdown on a 45 yard run with 1:36 remaining in the first quarter to give the Indians a 21-0 lead.

The Bulldogs returned the kick-off to their own 39 yard line. Three plays

later, on a fourth and 11, Berry used his speed to outrun Grand Saline defenders on his way to a 45 yard run for a score. Medlin ran in the two point conversion and the Bulldogs cut the score to 21-8 with 11:10 to go in the half.

On Grand Saline's next possession, Taylor scored on a 40 yard run and the Indians led 27-8 with 8:23 left in the quarter. The Indian defense held and Medlin booted a nice 40 yard punt putting Grand Saline over on their own 20 yard line. Three plays later, Martin raced 61 yards for another Indian score and the teams went to the intermission with Grand Saline up 34-8.

In the second half Grand Saline would score on a safety, an 18 yard run by Jake Humphrey and a field goal by Jose Vargas to extend their lead to 46-8. The Bulldogs would get a final touchdown on a run by Berry and a successful two point conversion to make it a 46-16



Quitman's Trey Berry (2) looks for running room in Friday's loss to Grand Saline. BELOW LEFT: Ty Holland returns a Grand Saline kick-off in Friday's contest. (Monitor photos by Larry Tucker)



Grand Saline took the opening kick-off, but Gavin Derryberry hauled in an interception to kill the Indian drive. Quitman took over on their own 10 yard line. A pass from Josh Medlin to Trey Berry gave the Bulldogs a first down on the 21 yard line, but the Indian defense held and Quitman was forced to punt. A bad snap sailed over Medlin's head and he fell on the pigskin at the 10 yard line.

## Mineola

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a bit of bartering. The most critical issue for selection of opponents is to prepare the team for district play by exposing them to specific opposing team schemes and strengths.

Some of those opposing team strengths will be on display this Friday as Mineola hosts the powerful Gladewater Bears. Blackwell noted the similarities between the Gladewater and West Rusk teams. He described them as "physical and well-seasoned" and stated Mineola must do "the little things correct on every play in order to give ourselves an opportunity."

Although they dropped the opening district game against West Rusk, the Yellowjackets are keen for yet another playoff run. The next five Friday nights promise to be chocked full of exciting match-ups and quality football.

## Yellowjackets ready for Gladewater

By **LARRY TUCKER**  
sports@woodcountymonitor.com

After having a bye last Friday, the Mineola Yellowjackets are ready to host state-ranked Gladewater Friday at Meredith Memorial Stadium. The Bears are coming off a big game against district rival West Rusk while Mineola fell in their district opener to the Raiders 42-21 two weeks ago. The Raiders, along with Gladewater, have consistently been in the Class 3A Top Ten state rankings. Mineola comes into the contest with a 3-1 record.

The Yellowjackets have been led

on offense by senior quarterback Shaw Franklin and sophomore running back Trevion Sneed. Franklin has shown leadership on the field rushing for 539 yards on 51 carries, which averages to 10.6 yards per carry. Franklin has added 17 completions in 40 attempts for 351 yards. He has tossed three passes for touchdowns and has just two interceptions. Franklin has run for seven touchdowns.

For the year, the 'Jackets have run for 1,356 yards on 145 carries for an average rush of 9.4 yards per carry and have already scored 15 touchdowns on the ground.

Sneed has totaled 660 yards on

70 carries for an average of 9.4 yards per carry and has scored six touchdowns. Sneed is also a leader on defense at his linebacker spot. He has 33 tackles averaging just over eight per game and leads the team with three sacks.

Dalton Rogers is the 'Jackets leads the defense with 44 tackles for an average of 11 per game. Hunter Wright follows with 43 tackles which is an average of over 10 stops per game. Kobe Kendrick averages 10 tackles per game with 40 total in four games. Cole Castleberry leads the secondary with five pass break-ups for the year.



Mineola's Hannah Zoch had a second place finish with a time of 13:33.33 at the district cross country meet held in Mineola Saturday. (Monitor photo by Larry Tucker)

## Mineola girls take second at cross country meet

By **LARRY TUCKER**  
sports@woodcountymonitor.com

The Mineola varsity girls cross country team came within just one point of taking the District 12-3A Cross Country meet in Mineola Saturday morning. The Mineola girls had a score of 34, just being nosed out by Edgewood's 33

points for the top two spots. Rains finished third and Quitman fourth at the meet.

Mineola had five of the top 11 finishers. They were Hannah Zoch in second with a time of 13:33.33 while teammate Keilee Riley ran fifth at 13:42.17. Others were Alyssa Lankford with a 13:54.43 time, Emily Wiley 14:05.27 and Kapri

Riley at 14:07.07. Juilana Stanley came in 13<sup>th</sup> at 14:29.59 and Anna Westberry coming in 24<sup>th</sup> with a time of 16:11.64.

Running for Quitman were Joanna Santiago in 13<sup>th</sup> place, Cristal Plata 19<sup>th</sup>, Christina Ramirez 20<sup>th</sup>, Citlaly Flores 21<sup>st</sup>, Hannah Smith 27<sup>th</sup> and Lizzy Herring 28<sup>th</sup>.

## Mineola Country Club SENIOR GOLF REPORT

Results from Mineola Country Club Thursday Senior Golf Scramble on October 4, 2018:

FIRST PLACE WITH A SCORE OF 55 (-16) Coach Fredrick, Jerry Massey, Bill Stone, Terry Burton  
2nd and 3rd determined by putt off  
SECOND PLACE WITH A SCORE OF 60 (-11) Bill Lochow, Marty Eaton, Don Hinesly, Jim Wray  
THIRD PLACE WITH A SCORE OF 60 (-11) Jimmy Smartt, FG Hardy, Ed Shadbolt, Ron Wilkerson  
Closest to the pin: #5 Robert Linker, #9 Terry Schoof, #18 Pat Hamilton

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really pushed through. These young men worked really hard and I couldn't be more proud."

Mineola had three runners in the top ten. They were David Amador in fifth place, Royer Marquez sixth and Omar Galaz 10<sup>th</sup>. Cameron Butler came in 31<sup>st</sup> and Alex Castillo 32<sup>nd</sup>. The Yellowjackets came in third place just behind second place Rains.

Alba-Golden finished fifth in the meet. Running for the Panthers were Michael Kumm, Brandon Bacon, Jack Tannenbaum, Cameron Butler and Andy Castillo.

## CLASSIFIEDS

**Public Notice**

THE STATE OF TEXAS COUNTY OF WOOD 2018-529 CITATION BY PUBLICATION TO: UNKNOWN HEIRS OF W.E. MORROW, DECEASED, and UNKNOWN OWNERS OR CLAIMANTS OF THE SUBJECT REAL PROPERTY DEFENDANT, GREETINGS: NOTICE TO DEFENDANT: YOU HAVE BEEN SUED. YOU MAY EMPLOY AN ATTORNEY. IF YOU OR YOUR ATTORNEY DO (DOES) NOT FILE A WRITTEN ANSWER WITH THE CLERK WHO ISSUED THE CITATION BY 10:00 A.M. ON THE MONDAY NEXT FOLLOWING THE EXPIRATION OF FORTY-TWO (42) DAYS AFTER YOU WERE SERVED THIS CITATION AND PETITION, A DEFAULT JUDGMENT MAY BE TAKEN AGAINST YOU. You are commanded to appear by filing a written answer to the PLAINTIFF'S ORIGINAL PETITION on or before 10:00 a.m. on the Monday next after the expiration of forty-two (42) days after the date of issuance of this citation the same being Monday, November 19, 2018 at

**Public Notice**

10:00 a.m., before the 402nd Judicial District Court of Wood County, at the Courthouse in said County in Quitman, Texas. Said PLAINTIFF'S ORIGINAL PETITION filed in said Court on the 31st day of August, 2018, entitled: Cause No. 2018-529 LANNY VINES AND MARI VINES VS. UNKNOWN OWNERS OR CLAIMANTS OF THE SUBJECT REAL PROPERTY By Plaintiff's suit, title by adverse possession, and in the alternative, a partition is sought, regarding 2 acres situated in the Isaac Reid Survey, Abstract No. 480, Wood County, Texas, and is more fully shown by Plaintiff's Petition on file in this suit. ISSUED AND GIVEN UNDER MY HAND AND SEAL OF SAID COURT, at office, this 3rd day of October, 2018. JENICA TURNER, DISTRICT CLERK WOOD COUNTY, TEXAS By: Jennifer Mosher, Deputy CLERK OF THE COURT JENICA TURNER, DISTRICT CLERK

**Public Notice**

P.O. BOX 1707 QUITMAN, TEXAS 75783 ATTORNEY FOR PLAINTIFF PHILIP D. ALEXANDER P.O. BOX 38 EMORY, TEXAS 75440 THE STATE OF TEXAS COUNTY OF WOOD 2018-471 CITATION BY PUBLICATION TO: UNKNOWN HEIRS OF J.J. EDGAR, DECEASED, UNKNOWN HEIRS OF NORA M. EDGAR POGUE, DECEASED, and UNKNOWN HEIRS OF SARA JANE SMITH EDGAR, DECEASED DEFENDANT, GREETINGS: NOTICE TO DEFENDANT: YOU HAVE BEEN SUED. YOU MAY EMPLOY AN ATTORNEY. IF YOU OR YOUR ATTORNEY DO (DOES) NOT FILE A WRITTEN ANSWER WITH THE CLERK WHO ISSUED THE CITATION BY 10:00 A.M. ON THE MONDAY NEXT FOLLOWING THE EXPIRATION OF FORTY-TWO (42) DAYS AFTER YOU WERE SERVED THIS CITATION AND PETITION, A DEFAULT JUDGMENT MAY BE TAKEN AGAINST YOU. You are commanded to appear

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COURT, at office, this 3rd day of October, 2018. JENICA TURNER, DISTRICT CLERK WOOD COUNTY, TEXAS By: Jennifer Mosher, Deputy

**Public Notice**

PUBLIC NOTICE Notice is hereby given that a public hearing has been set for revision on the plat of Holly Lake Ranch Subdivision. The revision includes lots 304 and 305, Section 8, within Holly Lake Ranch Subdivision. The public hearing is set for Friday, October 19, 2018, at 10:00 A.M. in the Commissioners Courtroom. All persons interested in revision to this plat may appear at the public hearing with opposition should they so desire. Bryan Jeanes Wood County Judge

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# Alba-Golden ladies beat Mineola

The Alba-Golden Lady Panthers defeated the Lady Yellow Jackets 3-1 in match play last Friday. Alba-Golden took a tightly contested game one, with Mineola fighting back in a very competitive game two. The Lady Panthers then dominated game three, and won a close game four to seal the match.

In game one, the Lady Panthers pushed out to an eight point advantage (16 - 8) before the Lady Yellow Jackets began to close the gap, eventually evening the score at (22 - 22). An Alba-Golden drop shot and two Mineola miscues resulted in game one going to the Lady Panthers.

Meghan Brewington, who had a stellar match, got the Lady Jackets off to a fast start in game two.

Mineola chalked up five straight points behind Brewington's service. The 54-point game was tied eight times as neither team could maintain momentum. Mineola capitalized on consecutive Alba-Golden miscues to eventually take the game (28 - 26).

Early in game three the Lady Panthers racked up nine consecutive points behind two kills, an ace, a drop shot and a series of Lady Jacket mis-hits. The (14 - 4) deficit appeared to be too much for the Lady Jackets to overcome as Alba-Golden took game two (25 - 9). Game three was the only time either team demonstrated consistent offensive play with Alba-Golden scoring on 10 kills and 2 aces.

Game four appeared to mimic the flow of game

one. The Lady Panthers built and maintained a small lead for much of the contest, with the Lady Jackets clawing their way back to tie the game late (21-21). Alba-Golden prevailed following a kill and two forced return errors.

Ginny Carson led her team again in a district win. She had 20 kills, two blocks and six digs. Madi Byrant followed with 10 kills, a block and three digs. Macie Pendergrass, Lauren Crump and Kalli Wright all had three kills apiece. Bralee Littlejohn led with 21 assists.

Both teams are at home Friday with Mineola hosting Lone Oak and Alba-Golden entertaining Quitman. Alba-Golden is closing in on a play-off spot with a district record of 4-4 while Mineola is 1-7.



Lindsey Hornaday digs one on a return in Quitman's win over Lone Oak Friday.

# Lady Bulldogs hold off Grand Saline in 5-setter

By LARRY TUCKER  
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After taking the first two sets, the Quitman Lady Bulldogs had to hold off the Grand Saline Lady Indians to earn a hard fought three sets to two victory in district volleyball action Friday. The Lady Bulldogs put things together in the fifth set to escape with the win. The scores in the win were 25-20, 25-16, 23-25, 23-25, 15-13. Quitman is now 7-1 in district play and 21-11 for the year.

Against Grand Saline Madalyn Spears had 30 digs, 19 kills, one ace while Jentri Jackson added 16 digs, 13 kills, two aces. Julia Simpkins had three digs and nine kills while Shelby Hayes had seven digs and 48 assists. Abby Dobbs had 12 digs, one kill, one ace, Lindsey Horna-

day 26 digs, two kills, Ava Burroughs seven kills and Maddy Whitehurst two digs, three kills, and four aces.

In their match against Lone Oak, Quitman dominated play with wins of 25-9, 25-15, 25-19. Jackson had 10 digs, five kills, one ace, one block; Spears five digs, eight kills, one ace, one assist; Simpkins three digs, four kills, one assist; Hayes three digs, four kills, 24 assists; Abby Dobbs 10 digs, two kills, one ace; Whitehurst four digs, six kills, one ace, two blocks; Ava Burroughs six kills and Lindsey Hornaday 17 digs and four aces.

The ninth grade team won 25-19 and 25-23 and the JV fell 21-25 and 18-25.

After a home game against Rains Tuesday, Quitman travels to Alba-Golden Friday.



Lady Bulldog middle blockers Jentri Jackson (2) and Ava Burroughs (14) go up high at the net in Quitman's win over Grand Saline. (Monitor photos by Larry Tucker)

# Lady Hawks fall to Union Grove

The Lady Hawks fell short in Tuesday night's district game against Union Grove (11-25, 23-25, 25-18, 25-11, and 11-15).

The Lady Hawks were

led in kills by Lynli Dacus with 10, Makena Warren six and Logan Jaco five.

Lilly Long and Alyssa Eddington combined for 25 assists, 15 and 10, respectively.

Defensively, Lynli Dacus and Victoria Miller picked up 12 digs. Harlie Conover also picked up 11 digs for the Lady Hawks. Makena Warren added two blocks.

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