



Home sharing company brings income to Wood County residents

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With a small number of hotels in Wood County, the home sharing company Airbnb is providing visitors with a place to stay and some residents with additional income.

Airbnb is a company that allows people to monetize their extra space as somewhat of a hotel; travelers use the service to find local lodging.

According to a recent report by the company, rural Texas Airbnb hosts as a whole have earned a total of \$20.6 million supplemental income and welcomed 169,000 guests over the past year. This report took data from 177 counties, which were determined rural by the Texas Department of Agriculture.

From August 2017 to this August, Wood County guest arrivals totaled 2,300 guests and there were 50 active hosts using the service. Guest arrivals increased 143 percent within a year, according to the report.

"The Wood (County) homeowners have earned about \$215,000 combined in supplemental income through Airbnb over the past year," Ben Breit, Airbnb representative, said. "The typical Wood (County) host earns about \$2,700 annually."

He added about half of Airbnb hosts in Wood

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Man hospitalized after Mineola shooting

A 38-year-old Mineola man was in stable condition Friday at a Tyler hospital after suffering a gunshot wound Thursday night, according to police.

At about 11 p.m., Rodric Smith was found with a gunshot wound to the up-

per back behind a vacant residence at 419 Landers St. in Mineola, according to police.

A witness saw a black male running from the scene and leave in a vehicle, according to police. No description of the

vehicle was available.

An investigation into the shooting continued Friday. Anyone with information on the shooting is asked to contact Crime Stoppers or the Mineola Police Department at 903 569-6294.

HORSE PLAY



Dead Eye, left, has a chat with deputy sheriff Homer Homespun before the start of the train robbery reenactment Saturday at the caboose near the train depot in Mineola. The Pistoleros comedy group presented the skit in which the McNasty Brothers gang attempts to rob a caboose full of gold guarded by the dimwitted deputy. See more photos from Saturday's Iron Horse Festival on Page 10A. (Monitor photo by Hank Murphy)



WCEC's annual meeting to feature Sgt. Pepper's Lonely Bluegrass Band

Wood County Electric Cooperative's 80th Annual Meeting will take place on Friday, Oct. 5 at Governor Jim Hogg City Park in Quitman.

Prior to the meeting, the public is invited to attend a concert by the fun and entertaining Sgt. Pepper's Lonely Bluegrass Band. The performance will begin at noon. Bands have been covering Beatles songs for decades, but none like Sgt. Pepper's Lonely Bluegrass Band. They take the music from the Fab Four and infuse it with bluegrass and jazz and top it off

Sgt. Pepper's Lonely Bluegrass Band will perform Friday prior to the Wood County Electric Cooperative's annual meeting. The public is invited to attend. (Promotional image)

with a classical twist.

The business meeting for members will begin at 2 p.m. In a special presentation during the meeting, six local non-profits will be awarded grant checks from the board members of the Wood County Electric Charitable Foundation, which is funded by WCEC members through Operation Round-up.

Directly following the meeting, there will be door prize drawings for members. As always, there will be many great prizes donated by WCEC's generous vendors, as well the grand prize of a large high definition flat screen TV.

Members should have

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Friendly folks leave good impression on SMART RV rally

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Mineola seemed to have passed muster with many of the folks who recently visited the city during the 35th annual SMART National Muster hosted by the Mineola Civic Center.

Scores of American and military flags fluttered in the breeze last week at the encampment amid the rows of buses, vans, campers and other recreational vehicles at the Civic Center.

SMART (Special Military Active Recreational Travelers) brings military veterans, and their families together to share ca-

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A total of 346 pounds of food were donated last week to the Kindness Cottage Food Bank by RV enthusiasts who attended the SMART National Muster last week at the Mineola Civic Center. The table to the left is heaped with school supplies also donated by SMART. They will benefit schools in Mineola. From left are SMART members Gwen Hopper of Nevada and Sally Kavanaugh of Arizona and BJ Gold, director of the Kindness Cottage. (Monitor photo by Hank Murphy)

This Week in Your Neighborhood

- The Community Health fair will be held Thursday from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Forever Young Activity Center, 404 S. Main, Quitman. There will be blood pressure testing, Carotid Doppler Screening, scheduling of mammograms, flu shots, Glucose Level checks and many other things.
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ZAK WELLERMAN

Forty million adults struggle with something worse than just occasional stress. These people struggle with the common mental illness known as anxiety, according to the Anxiety and Depression Association of America.

However, ADA states only roughly 37 percent of those dealing with anxiety reached out for treatment.

Anxiety can come from a variety of sources, such as genetics, traumatic events or brain chemistry. It also has the potential to lead to more serious problems down the line. That's why it's important to not be shameful about it and seek help by talking to someone like a family member or medical professional.

I believe we often don't speak about anxiety because it has been a taboo subject and one of those things you're told to keep to yourself. People want to minimize it to just being stressed out or overly worried about something.

ADAA states that, "General Anxiety Disorder is characterized by persistent and excessive worry about a number of different things. Individuals with GAD find it difficult to control their worry. They may worry more than seems warranted about actual events or may expect the worst even when there is no apparent reason for concern."

Anxiety is not about being concerned about just one thing. It's different for everyone, but has some similarities. Anxiety could be constantly self-conscious, always worried about how you're seen to others or being the perfect person.

Even though perfection is unobtainable, it be-

comes difficult to get away from of the mindset of wanting to be constantly ready for every possible minuet situation. Technology and social media also has caused an elevation of the disorder. In a recent study titled "Decreases in psychological well-being among American adolescents after 2012 and links to screen time during the rise of Smartphone technology," by Jean M. Twenge, Gabrielle N. Martin and Keith W. Campbell, the authors found students who spend more time on screens than face-to-face are psychologically worse off.

Facebook, Twitter, Instagram and Snapchat are outlets where people can become targets of mental abuse by anonymous cyber bullies. Those being attacked on social media can often feed into the hurtful words and in turn become overly anxious about every little thing.

According to an article by Ellen Hendriksen, Ph.D., technology can make us victims of comparing each other and therefore always being disappointed for not having the best.

Anxiety is a harmful circle of pain with the potential to lead to depression, psychological disorders, self-harm or suicide.

Those going through the misery of anxiety shouldn't have to suffer in silence. There are several options for therapies individually or in groups. There are text and phone lines, online chats and video conferences to discuss issues. Mental health phone apps to help with daily sleeping, exercise and stress management are available. For crises, the suicide prevention line is 1-800-273-8255 and the crisis text line is 741-741.

For more information concerning therapy methods, visit adaa.org.

Winnsboro fertilizer plant fire evacuation ends

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Last week's fire at Valley Feed Mill in Winnsboro has been deemed "accidental in nature," according to the Wood County Fire Marshal's Office.

A fertilizer building in the mill caught fire on the afternoon of Sept. 25. The plant is now up and running as of last Thursday, Winnsboro city administrator Craig Lindholm said.

A half-mile evacuation was put in place while authorities investigated the potential danger of gases released by the fire. Evacuation measures in Winnsboro ended on Sept. 26.

Officials were concerned about the gas, ammonium nitrate, which is commonly found in fertilizer. Wood County Fire Marshal Tully Davidson said the best plan was for the fire to "burn itself out."

Lindholm said residents within the half-mile area evacuated to the Pine Tree Baptist Church, First Baptist Church and Rock Gym in Winnsboro.

Residents at Autumn Wind Assisted Living on Coke Road were also evacuated to area churches. Those outside the designated zone were encouraged to stay inside with their windows and doors closed.

"HAZMAT (hazardous materials team) got everything under control," Lindholm said.

Authorities have heard no reports of injuries.

Wood County Fire Marshal Office, Texas Department of Public Safety, Texas Commission on Environmental Quality, the Red Cross, Winnsboro Police Department, Hopkins County EMS and local volunteer fire departments are among the agencies that responded to the fire.

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.

BOYSCOUTS 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. quitmangardclub@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., Peralto's Restaurant. Contact any Lions Club member to donate your used eyeglasses for recycling to the needy.

QUITMAN PILOT CLUB - third Tuesday, 6:30 p.m., 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, 6 p.m., 903-539-7049 or Wood County Aggie Moms Facebook page.

WOOD COUNTY APPRAISAL DISTRICT - Quarterly, third Thursday, 8 p.m., appraisal district office. Open to the public.

WOOD COUNTY CENTRAL HOSPITAL DISTRICT - third Monday, 5:30 p.m. (every three months).

WOOD COUNTY COMMISSIONERS COURT - every other Friday, Commissioners Court, Quitman, 10 a.m. 763-2716.

WOOD COUNTY CRIME STOPPERS - every other month, third Monday, 6 p.m., Wood County Justice Center courtroom. The public is invited. 903-763-2201 or 903-569-6294.

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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QHS robotics prepare students for STEM careers

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Quitman High School robotic students are working to keep up with today's science, technology, engineering and math field by elevating curriculum and working toward future competitions.

Students are working with 3D printers to build their materials and construct robots.

David Cross, physics, engineering design and robotics teacher, said working with the robots and printers helps students become familiar with university-level work.

"We want to be able to see the applications. Calculus and trigonometry are actually applicable for jobs," Cross said. "It's a growing industry and we have to keep (training) in a public school."

Students use a program - Onshape - to build nuts and bolts with the 3D printer using recycled plant materials.

"The days of high school kids doing Lego robots are over. They're limited," Cross said. "You can't get a patent over a Lego project like you can with 3D printed materials."

Students have to troubleshoot and figure out the problems when something goes wrong with their 3D printed parts.

"These students are digital natives. We cater to that because there's more to computers than Facebook and Instagram," he said. "Those kids can do this at home. These kids are genuinely interested in it."

There are more programs and jobs than ever before for science and math students to pursue, Cross said.

In addition to building in the classroom, Cross is also growing the program for students to enter more interactive competitions.

Quitman has competed in the UIL Robotics competitions in the past. However, Cross went looking for a contest that requires more creativity and more innovation.

He found the FIRST competitions, which stands for For Inspiration and Recognition of Science and Technology.

FIRST is an international organization structured to encourage young people to pursue interests and careers in STEM areas, according to its website.

Kindergartners through fourth graders use motorized Legos to deal with scientific challenges. Sixth through eighth graders create solutions for engineering challenges by building Lego-based robots of their own design.

From seventh to 12th grade, students participate in the FIRST Tech challenge, where they design, build and program a robot to play a game against other teams. High school freshmen to seniors can compete in the FIRST Robotics competition, where student teams compete head to head with their robots.

Cross said the FIRST Robotics requires more creativity than the FIRST

tech challenge.

He added he has about 20 robotics competitors now at QHS, but the team would need 10 solid students for FIRST.

The design aspect gets emphasis along with function at FIRST. Design provides an outlet for girls and women who might not otherwise be involved in STEM fields, he said.

"STEM alienates young girls. Jobs are unfilled with women," Cross said. "It's just a male-dominated industry because we've (people) always focused on function."

Like Android and Apple devices, creative differences provide users a varied experience, Cross said.

FIRST gives the students something to work toward.

"It's where the competition and exposure is," Cross said. "Anything worth doing is worth making a competition."

Students are getting Microsoft certification, CAD and engineering experience and other valuable certifications.

"They have a lot more options that mean something in the real world," he said. "They can leave here and make money tomorrow."

High school students could soon add drones to their robotics programs.

Inspired by a program at Fruitvale ISD, Cross applied for the drone program the end of last week through the Texas Education Agency and Federal Aviation Administration.

BEFORE HIGH SCHOOL

Judy Johnson, junior high science and robotics teacher, works with the eighth graders in their robotics elective.

Johnson's students have been working on STEM challenges, where they design and build something with a purpose, such as building an earthquake-resistant structure or a wind turbine designed to minimize bird deaths.

"It is neat to see them problem solve. They really enjoy those real world connections. They realize they can't just build," she said.

Eighth graders work with Lego Mindstorms to practice early robotics. They received updated versions from the high school to program with computer coding, build and operate.

Johnson said the kids get an idea of engineering and robotics by working with the Mindstorm's different sensors.

Her class will take a field trip to Waldo Way Farm between Quitman and Mineola to see their robotic milking machine.

Johnson just started in the eighth grade robotics role. These students don't compete now, but she hopes to develop a team for next year and find competitions for them.

Elementary-level students will get the smaller, older 3D printers from the high school. Elementary students are participating in tech labs every Friday while teachers have an extra conference period.

(See more about the elementary labs in last week's issue or at woodcountymonitor.com.)



The 2018 Mineola High School Marching Band. (Courtesy photo)

Yellowjackets marching band named region's best at East Texas Music Awards

By **HANK MURPHY**
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Although UIL rules prohibit them from taking another shot this year at a state crown, the Mineola High School Marching Band nevertheless earned recognition recently as one of the finest musical groups in East Texas.

An acknowledgment of their excellence came Sept. 10 in Gilmer when Mineola High's 100-member musical ensemble was named 2018 Marching Band of the Year at the East Texas Music Awards.

The annual red carpet affair pays homage to aspiring artists and the top musical talent in East Texas - from blues, rock and jazz to country, bluegrass and hip hop. In all, artists and talents from 31 categories were nominated and then voted on by fans. The 2018 event was co-hosted by Kadie Lynn, a featured artist on America's Got Talent season 11.

The Mineola High School Marching Band, which last year was judged the best in Texas in Conference 3A, was nominated along with bands from Carthage, Kilgore, Sabine and Athens. MHS Band Booster President Candice Holt attended the event and received the award on behalf of band.

Mineola High's band director Chris Brannon said the band's success over the past few years can be chalked up to several factors.

"Great kids and great support," he said.

"We've got an administration and school board that provides what we need. Good instruments and a schedule so we can work with the kids. Another thing we do is we share kids. Kids can play football and run over during halftime and play with the band, then go play the rest of the game. We've got a lot of great kids who do different things and they do it well and they get support."

They've managed to get the best out of the

Yellowjackets band even though the "Sound of the Swarm" is ineligible to compete in the UIL State tournament in November.

"Well, we just try to teach our kids to strive for excellence," Brannon explained. "If there's not a big trophy at the end, that's not what we're working for anyway. Just be good at what you do. Excellence is excellence. Don't just go out there to win. It doesn't matter what the year is; if you're work-



Mineola Band Director Chris Brannon and the East Texas Music Awards trophy. (Monitor photo by Hank Murphy)

ing toward that, everything else takes care of itself."

Brannon is assisted by Dago Gonzalez, Tyler Broadhurst and Stephanie Hurst.

Also at the East Texas Music Awards, former Mineola music instructor John DeFoore was honored with a Lifetime Achievement Award. He is the founder and lead instructor for the DeFoore Music Institute. After playing and teaching for 10 years in the Dallas, he moved to East Texas 1989 and taught in Mineola. His students included Kacey Musgraves of Mineola, Miranda Lambert of Lindale, Michelle Shocked, Casey Rivers, Jon Wolfe, Jeff Allen, and Ryan Beaver. He now lives in Tyler.

Mineola March Festival set for Oct. 8

Yellowjackets Marching Band director Chris Brannon is giving fair warning to restaurant owners in Mineola: You might be overrun by customers on Monday, Oct. 8.

That's the day Mineola ISD hosts its third annual Mineola March Festival at Meredith Memorial Stadium. Thirty high school bands representing District 2A through District 6A as well as the Tyler Junior College Apache Band will be in Mineola for the all-day affair.

"There are people flooding this town all day long to come in and watch," Brannon said. "Parents, supporters, thousands of people come in. It's a big deal."

And as Brannon noted: "They've got to eat somewhere."

Brannon heard from several local restaurant owners who said they were slammed by customers during last year's festival, which was won by Lindale.

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Lost dog needs a new home

A dog was found in the vicinity of CR 2745 a few miles east of Mineola last week. The female dog is brown and white and appears to be a border collie mix. It was wearing a bright orange collar. If you would like to adopt the dog, please call Vivian at 903-216-8739.

Annual health fair provides services for all ages

By ZAK WELLERMAN
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For the eighth year, Forever Young Activity Center will host its annual community health fair for adults of all ages this Thursday, Oct. 4.

"Every year it gets a little bigger. We get different agencies involved," Elaine Douglas, FYAC health fair coordinator, said.

The fair will be open from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Blood pressure testing, carotid doppler screening, and mammogram scheduling and bone density scheduling will be provided by UT



Health Quitman. Scott's Pharmacy will give flu shots and provide a source for disposal of unused/expired prescriptions (no controlled substances). Brookshire's Pharmacy will give shingles and pneumonia shots,

cholesterol testing and glucose level checks. Those coming for flu, shingles or pneumonia shots should bring an insurance or Medicare card. Cost coverage under Medicare or insurance may apply.

Carter BloodCare will be on site for attendees to volunteer for donating blood. Douglas said there will also be home health agencies and Medicare representatives at the fair.

Roughly 100 people or more come through the fair each year. The center would like to see at least 200 to 300 people, she said. Douglas starts preparing for the health fair in August. All ages attend the fair, but she said

the majority seem to be adults 50 years old and above.

"Last year was the best year," Douglas said. "There seemed to be a steady flow of people, which gave agency reps and the community an opportunity to talk with each other."

There will also be door prizes and giveaways. Guests register and get a ticket when they come in the door. Door prize winners will be announced during the fair but they don't have to be present to win.

Douglas is an active volunteer with the FYAC. She teaches yoga and crafts and is secretary for two committees and the board at the center.

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Quilt judge Lisa Erlandson will be having a quilt appraisal event on Friday, Oct. 12 at the Mineola League of the Arts beginning at 9 a.m. The cost for an appraisal is \$50 per quilt.

Erlandson will examine your quilt. This will include measurements, photographs, and notes on the descriptions of the pattern and quilting. Any information you have about the maker, the quilter, and awards the quilt has won or any other information about the quilt should be provided to her. Within two weeks your appraisal will be mailed to you.

You must register with a form located at Mineola League of the Arts to have your quilt appraised. Why do you need a quilt appraised?

Answers: To establish a replacement value for insurance purposes. For protection when the quilt is shipped to quilt shows or individuals. To provide value to a quilt show that requires insurance and/or an appraisal for their in-

urance coverage. To determine the value for a donation, gift or estate purposes for the IRS. To purchase a fine arts floater insurance endorsement to your homeowners insurance policy. As a thoughtful addition to a quilt given as a gift. To inform your family that Grandmother's quilt is indeed a family heirloom and an item of value.

How is a monetary value set for a quilt?

Answer: The value is based on five criteria: 1) condition; 2) age; 3) workmanship; 4) historical interest; and 5) design. Collectors may give weight to one aspect or another when purchasing a quilt.

When collecting quilts, it comes down to a matter of personal preference. However, a certified appraiser must take all these criteria into consideration and consider the quilt objectively. Unfortunately, you cannot appraise for sentimental value.

Call 903 569-8877 for any questions about the quilt appraisal.

FUMC to stage Fall Festival & Pumpkin Patch

First United Methodist Church of Mineola intends to celebrate autumn in a big way this year by converting a Pacific Street lot into a pumpkin patch and staging fall festivals on consecutive Saturdays in October.

All proceeds from the church's Fall Festival & Pumpkin Patch will benefit its Children's Ministry & Mission, which includes Vacation Bible School and HIS KIDS, an after-school program attended by 92 children from first grade through fifth grade.

"We teach the kids about the Lord, about His love. How to pray to Him, connect with Him so they'll know He's always there with them," said First United's youth minister Michelle Epps. "So many children in this community have never been in a church and don't know what the Lord is, who He is. We just want to plant those seeds so they will know there is good in the world."

First United is partnering with Pumpkin Patch Fundraisers, an entity that began in 1974 with a handshake between a pumpkin farmer and a Methodist preacher in North Carolina. Churches and non-profits have been using Pumpkin Patch Fundraisers ever since. The company has supplied pumpkins to over 1,000 organizations across the continental United States representing 25 denominations of churches and youth groups, scouts, schools, fraternal organizations, habitat groups and other civic organizations. The pumpkin supplier and the organizations simply split the proceeds. The deals are sealed with a handshake and nothing else.

The Pumpkin Patch will be open daily 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. from Oct. 17 through Oct. 31 at 319 N. Pacific St.

Along with selling pumpkins, First United Methodist will conduct fall festivals from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the same site on Saturday Oct. 20 and Saturday Oct. 27. The festivals will offer a pumpkin decorating contest, crafts, storytelling, hay rides, food and face painting. A choir from HIS KIDS will sing at the festival at 1 p.m. on Oct. 27.

-BY HANK MURPHY



Pvt. Landon Blake Hammer is the son of Kelly and Sharon Cothorn, Mesquite and grandson of Jimmie and Pam Pollard, Yantis. He is a 2018 graduate of Mesquite High School and will be graduating U.S. Army Basic Training Oct. 18 at Ft. Benning, Ga. He is currently in Platoon #218 D Company and will be continuing AIT in telecommunications upon graduation at Fort Gordon, Ga.

This week

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Cross Country Meet is set for the Mineola Nature Preserve this Saturday beginning at 8:30 a.m. The varsity girls will race at 8:30 a.m. followed by varsity boys at 9 a.m.; JV boys at 9:30 a.m.; JV girls 10 a.m.; Middle school girls 10:30 a.m. and middle school boys at 11 a.m.

• Homecoming activities will continue through Friday with the crowning of the 2018 Homecoming Queen and King prior to the Quitman vs. Grand Saline football game. The homecoming program begins at 7 p.m. at Bud Moody Stadium. Football game kickoff is at 7:30 p.m.

• Alba-Golden is celebrating Homecoming 2018 this Friday at their game against Winona.

World Communion Sunday

First Christian Church is hosting this year's Community Wide Service for World Communion Day Sunday, October 7th, 6 p.m.

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1 pool hall shout: "___em"

5 "those" in Mexico

6 San Antonio Zoo was first to breed ___ gazelle in the U.S.

7 TXism: "blind as ___"

8 TX buildings are ___ smoking today

9 TX Jimmy Walker won this 2016 Championship

12 TXism: "boring as a fishing trip with ___ warden"

17 TX Charley Pride hit: "A Shoulder ___" (1973)

19 TXism: "mi casa es ___" (welcome)

21 this TX John claimed he was John Wilkes Booth (2 wds.)

22 "___ hearing"

23 ___ ever (whichever person)

28 TX George Strait's "All My Live in Texas" (var.)

29 Cincinnati ball club

30 capital of the only state bigger than TX

31 TXism: "take ___ off" (sit)

35 respond to something

36 this TX Agriculture commissioner fought the spread of fire ants

DOWN

1 TXism: "ran like ___ a burning stump"

2 TXism: "tough ___ heel"

42 TXism: "hard ___ bolt" ___ lightning

44 Mexican "goodbye"

46 TX tejano group: "Little Joe y ___"

48 hostage, usually (2 wds.)

49 nat'l youth ministry that was started in TX

50 TXns Jenkins and Rather

51 this John played at TX Willie's "Farm Aid IV"

52 fed. ID

53 TXism: "useless as a saddle on ___"

54 Astro & Ranger nos.

56 how TX Foreman won WBA title in 1973 (abbr.)

57 TXism: "no files on ___" (pretty)

58 TX Ted Cruz time zone (abbr.)

3 home of log cabin courthouse, "Old Cora"

4 ABC affiliate in San Antonio

9 TX-born actress, Missi

10 TXism: "___ grain" (disturbing)

11 Gov. Richards

12 TX cosmetics queen, Mary Kay

13 barriers on bridges for safety

14 4,840 square yards of TX land

15 TX-based non-profit that seeks to stop drunk driving (abbr.)

16 TX Vikki Carr hit: "___ Hombres"

34 first two letters

36 "Fossil ___ Wildlife Center"

37 northern OK city

38 TXism: "would jerk tears from ___ eye" (very sad film)

39 TX-born Robby film "___ Billy Joe"

40 TXism: "___ maker" (bronc, or thing)

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Wood County Sheriff's Report

Wood County Sheriff report Sept. 19 thru Sept. 25:

Sept. 25 – Deputies responded to a suspicious person on FM 14 near Hawkins at 1:29 a.m. They located the person and the case is active.

Deputies responded to a suspicious vehicle on FM 69 near Alba at 1:39 a.m. They located the vehicle and everything was OK.

Deputies were dispatched to CR 4591 near Winnsboro at 7:53 a.m. in reference to shots fired. Deputies spoke with all parties and cleared the incident.

Deputies were dispatched to CR 2724 near Mineola at 10:10 a.m. in reference to theft. Actors or actors unknown stole several firearms from the reporting party's property. The case has been forwarded to investigators.

Deputies were dispatched to CR 3476 near Hawkins at about 10:18 a.m. in reference to burglary of a vehicle. Actors or actors unknown broke into the reporting party's vehicle and stole several items. The case was sent to investigators.

Deputies were dispatched to Cheyenne near Quitman at about 12:33 p.m. in reference to suspicious circumstances. They spoke with the reporting person and cleared the incident.

At approximately 1:01 p.m. deputies went on an arrest/warrant service to Johnson Street in Yantis. Lance Penney 32, of Yantis was arrested for an outstanding warrant.

Deputies spoke with the reporting person at approximately 2:06 p.m. in reference to scam that occurred on CR 4460 near Winnsboro. They gave the reporting person advice and cleared the incident.

Deputies were dispatched to CR 3440 near Hawkins at about 6:36 p.m. in reference to a burglary. Actors or actors unknown broke into the reporting person's residence but nothing appeared to be missing.

Deputies were dispatched to CR 3277 near Quitman at about 9:21 p.m. in reference to an assault. Deputies spoke with everyone involved and cleared the incident.

Sept. 24 – Deputies responded to a suspicious person on FM 1801 near Mineola at about 7:49 a.m. They located the person and cleared the area.

Deputies were dispatched to Hwy. 69 near Alba at about 8:12 a.m. in reference to a reckless driver. They searched the area but were unable to locate the vehicle.

Deputies were dispatched to FM 2869 near Hawkins at 9:05 a.m. in reference to criminal mischief. Deputies advised the reporting party that extra patrol would be provided.

Deputies went on an arrest/warrant service to PR 6254 near Mineola at about 9:08 a.m. They searched the area but were unable to make contact with the person.

Deputies responded to a suspicious person near Lake Quitman beach area at about 10:39 a.m. They located the person and cleared the incident.

Deputies were dispatched to FM 1254 near Mineola at about 11:42 a.m. in reference to an inquest. A female, 59 was found deceased in her residence. The Justice of the Peace was notified and an autopsy was ordered.

At about 4:18 p.m. deputies responded to a suspicious vehicle on CR 2350 near Mineola. They located the vehicle and everything was OK.

Deputies were dispatched to FM 515 near Yantis at about 6:45 p.m. in reference to a welfare check. They provided a courtesy transport and cleared the area.

Deputies were dispatched to CR 2117 near Quitman at approximately 7:45 p.m. in reference to a reckless driver. They searched but were unable to locate the vehicle.

Veronica Rios, 22 of Leesburg was arrested for possession of Marijuana when deputies made a traffic stop on Hwy 11 near Winnsboro at 8:40 p.m.

Deputies spoke with a person reporting to harassment that occurred on FM 2869 near Hawkins at about 8:50 p.m. They gave the reporting person advice and cleared the incident.

Lane Ogle, 20 of Quitman was arrested for assault at about 9:28 p.m. when deputies were dispatched to Hwy 37 near Quitman on a disturbance.

Deputies were dispatched to FM 515 near Quitman around 9:29 p.m. in reference to a burglary. Actors or actors unknown stole two guitars from the reporting person's property. The case was forwarded to investigators.

Deputies were dispatched to PR 8692 near Winnsboro at 10:06 p.m. in reference to a welfare check located the person and everything was OK.

At approximately 11:31 deputies were dispatched to CR 3482 near Hawkins in reference to suspicious circumstances. They located an abandoned vehicle and it was towed.

Sept. 23 – Deputies responded to a suspicious vehicle on CR 2620 near Mineola at about 1:20 a.m. They searched the area, but were unable to locate the vehicle.

Deputies were dispatched to Walnut

Street in Yantis at about 1:50 a.m. in reference to a disturbance. They spoke to all people involved and cleared the incident.

Deputies responded to a suspicious vehicle on FM 1801 near Mineola at about 2:19 a.m. They located the vehicle and everything was OK.

Deputies were dispatched to PR 7865 near Hawkins at about 11:22 a.m. in reference to theft. A known actor stole an extension ladder from the person's property and the case was forwarded to investigators.

Deputies were dispatched to CR 3164 near Quitman at about 3:50 p.m. in reference to a disturbance. They issued a criminal trespass warning and cleared the incident.

At about 2:34 p.m. deputies were dispatched to CR 2880 near Mineola in reference to criminal trespass. They located the people and advised them it was private property.

At around 6:43 p.m. Ruben Rodriguez, 37 of Mineola was arrested for possession of Marijuana when deputies conducted a traffic stop on FM 2088 near Winnsboro.

Deputies were dispatched to Hwy 80 near Hawkins at about 7:49 p.m. in reference to an assault that occurred. Brian Shelby, 18 of Dallas was arrested for assault causes bodily injury. Zunte McClenton, 18 of Dallas was arrested for assault causes bodily injury, Rodrell Jackson-Moore, 19 of Dallas and Trevon Thomas 18 of Dallas were arrested for the same offence.

Sept. 22 – Deputies were dispatched to Hwy 80 near Hawkins at about 1:16 a.m. in reference to a disturbance. Everyone had separated before deputies arrived.

Deputies were dispatched to FM 852 near Winnsboro at about 10:25 a.m. in reference to criminal trespass. They spoke with everyone involved and the case was forwarded to investigators.

Deputies were dispatched to CR 1247 near Quitman at about 12:03 p.m. in reference to theft. Someone known or not known stole several items from the reporting party's client. The case has been forwarded to investigators.

Deputies were dispatched to PR 5551 near Alba at about 12:37 p.m. in reference to a disturbance. They spoke with all involved and cleared the incident.

Deputies were dispatched on FM 2966 near Quitman at about 1:09 p.m. in reference to a welfare check. They located the person and everything was OK.

An abandoned vehicle on Holiday village Drive near Quitman was reported at about 3:27 p.m. Deputies gave the reporting person advice and cleared the incident.

Deputies were dispatched to CR 3440 near Hawkins around 3:36 p.m. in reference to a disturbance. They located the people and everything was OK.

Sept. 21 – Deputies were dispatched to CR 2660 near Mineola at about 3:14 a.m. in reference to an assault. Rodrick Martin, 39 of Mineola was arrested for assault causes bodily injury, family/household member by impeding breath/circulation with previous conviction.

Deputies were dispatched to CR 2935 near Alba at about 10:23 a.m. in reference to a theft. A known person rented construction equipment from the reporting person and did not return it. The case was forwarded to investigators.

Deputies were dispatched to CR 2111 near Quitman at about 11:16 a.m. in reference to a burglary. Actors, known or unknown stole jewelry from the reporting person's residence. The case was forwarded to investigators.

Deputies spoke with the reporting party about 11:55 a.m. in reference to a scam on PR 5881 near Yantis. They gave the reporting party advice and cleared the incident.

Deputies spoke with a person reporting a fraud that occurred on FM 2869 near Hawkins at about 12:04 p.m. They gave the reporting person advice and cleared the incident.

Deputies responded to a suspicious person on Hwy 37 near Mineola around 3:27 p.m. They located the person and everything was OK.

Deputies were dispatched to Hwy 69 near Alba around 4:26 p.m. in reference to a reckless driver. They located the vehicle and everything was OK.

Deputies were dispatched to CR 1515 near Alba around 4:58 p.m. in reference to criminal trespass. They searched the area but did not locate anyone.

Deputies were dispatched to CR 2150 near Quitman at about 8:24 p.m. in reference to shots fired. They searched the area, but did not locate any activity.

At around 9:31 p.m. deputies responded to a suspicious vehicle on Hwy 80 near Hawkins. They located the vehicle and everything was OK.

At about 10:25 p.m. deputies separated parties for the night when dis-

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Mineola Police Report

Mineola Police Department activities Sept. 20 through Sept. 26:

Sept. 26 – At 7:32 a.m. a business on East Broad Street reported getting a sign hit on the parking lot. The driver was contacted and insurance information exchanged.

At 1:13 p.m. a reckless driver was reported on South Pacific Street unable to maintain a single lane. An officer found the vehicle and spoke with the driver. Everything was fine with the driver.

At 1:52 p.m. A mother reported her teenage daughter's picture was posted by an Alba-Golden student that was inappropriate. Investigators found the teenager had taken her own photograph and sent it to a person. The photo did not fit criteria for charges and both teenagers were warned.

At 3:52 p.m. a disturbance was reported in the parking lot of a business at the intersection of Broad and Pacific streets. Officers responded to the call and found one of the occupants was in a heated argument on the phone with her sister.

At 7:10 p.m. a woman reported a theft at her residence on Nuss Street.

Sept. 25 – At 1:52 a.m. Braden Todd Rabalais, 18, of Mineola was arrested for possession of marijuana under two ounces. He was stopped on West Patten for a traffic violation.

At 12:43 p.m. officers assisted with a reported structure fire on CR 2223.

Officers assisted with an EMS call at the police department parking lot at 1:20 p.m. when a woman stopped at the department to get medical help for her husband.

At 1:59 p.m. a resident on Graham Street witnessed someone cut the locks on a gate. An officer responded to the call and found the property had new locks. The department was not able to contact the owner of the property, but the officer thought it probably was the owner changing locks.

At 2:06 p.m. a resident on Baker Street reported someone had borrowed his trailer and did not return it. An officer spoke with the complainant.

At 2:12 p.m. a theft was reported when a high school student said she was in the bathroom and dropped her jewelry. She was not able to find a ring that dropped on the floor.

At 4:01 p.m. an officer responded to Trinity Mother Frances Clinic on a possible civil issue between family members. A family member requested an officer respond. The officer was not needed after arriving.

At 7:05 p.m. a driver's license was found

by a customer in the Walmart parking lot. An officer was able to find the owner of the license and return it.

Sept. 24 – A suspicious vehicle was observed by an officer on North Newson Street at 12:45 a.m. It was found to be a husband and wife talking.

At 8:06 a.m. a reckless driver was reported at North Pacific Street and Loop 564 for failing to maintain a single lane. An officer located the vehicle at a business on North Pacific Street and spoke with the man driving. He was fine with no signs of intoxication.

At 4:33 p.m. a resident on North Pacific reported an assault by her husband. Officers responded to the residence and the woman admitted when they arrived she had not been assaulted and made a false report. Officers were able to find out by talking to both that it was a verbal argument, but she did have an injury on her arm. She was transported by EMS hospital.

At 8:42 p.m. a reckless driver was reported at the city limits on East Broad Street. An officer located the vehicle and a verbal warning was issued to the driver.

Sept. 23 – At 2:54 a.m. A resident on North Pacific reported his manager at work was sending him threatening messages. An officer responded and determined the messages were not threatening and situation was a civil matter.

At 4:30 p.m. suspicious persons were reported behind a business on West Broad. The caller reported two vehicles parked and several people standing around. An officer responded and found the people were employees of a business next door.

At 5:47 p.m. a resident reported a woman sitting in a vehicle for at least two hours in a parking lot of a business on South Pacific. A welfare concern was conducted an officer and the woman reported she was waiting for someone and everything was fine.

Richard Delwin Gregory, 55 of Mineola was arrested at 6:37 p.m. for possession of drug paraphernalia. An officer stopped and spoke with Gregory on University Street when he found his behavior to be suspicious.

Audry Jean Thompson, 20 of Mineola, was arrested at 9:37 p.m. for a violation of probation warrant and fail to identify fugitive from justice after she was a passenger in a vehicle stopped for a traffic violation on West Broad. Thompson gave her sister's name when the officer attempted to ID her because she had a warrant.

At 10:39 p.m. a suspicious person was reported on University Street when a resident

saw a woman in her yard who then walked over into the neighbor's garage. An officer responded and found the woman going through trash.

At 11:22 p.m. a suspicious person report was received from a resident on Wigley Street. The person said she had just got home when her two daughters told her someone was banging on the windows and yelling. An officer responded and patrolled the area but did not find anyone.

Sept. 22 – At 12:15 p.m. A resident on West Patten reported problems with a neighbor. An officer responded to the call and spoke with the neighbor about the resident's concerns.

At 1:07 p.m. a resident on West McDonald reported someone possibly keying her vehicle. An officer responded and looked at the scratches and determined the scratches to be old.

3:36 p.m. a disturbance was reported on West Front Street between two siblings. An officer responded and found the disturbance to be verbal on about a cell phone. A theft report was taken in reference to the brother taking his sister's cell phone. The brother denied taking it.

8:52 p.m. a resident on West Blair Street reported someone knocking on her door two nights in a row. The person asked for extra patrol in the area.

Sept. 21 – At 2:04 a.m. Kelly Drug alarm and burglary was investigated.

10:09 a.m. a reckless driver was reported to be running vehicles off the roadway on 37 North headed into the city. An officer spotted the vehicle parked at a business on North Pacific but did not locate the driver.

1:09 p.m. A welfare concern was reported on Wren Street in reference to an elderly resident. An officer went to the residence and spoke with the resident and his caregiver. The officer also found there to be a civil matter between family members.

Eric Michael Link, 48, of Alba was arrested for possession of dangerous drugs at 1:46 p.m. Link was a passenger in a vehicle that was stopped for a traffic violation. He was found to be in possession of pills without a prescription.

Sept. 20 – At 7:17 a.m. officers assisted EMS at the Mineola Middle School involving a medical issue.

At 11:01 a.m. the wife

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Arrival of fall color

It's finally fall in East Texas – nature's last surge of beauty before winter's rest. Blooms can be triggered by the shorter days, the cooler nights, or the fall rains. Whatever the cause, there's plenty of beauty to be seen in the fall garden.

Some of our best fall blooms come from the easiest plants to grow – bulbs. Select the right



In East Texas Gardens

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bulbs, plant them in the right spot, and they'll bloom for years. To many gardeners, fall really starts with the blooms of red spider lilies – tall bloom spikes with deep red, wispy flowers. The foliage will follow and persist all winter, then go dormant in the spring. If you're like me, you'll forget where they are planted so each fall they're a surprise.

In the fall you'll also see the white blooms of the evergreen rain lilies, spectacular when used along a sidewalk or as an edging to a bed. For a taller plant with a pure white bloom, plant some butterfly ginger in a sunny or semi-shaded bed.

In addition to their tropical foliage and long-lasting flowers, they also perfume the yard with a sweet fragrance reminiscent of gardenias.

Many perennials also peak in the fall, beginning with heirloom chrysanthemums. These aren't the mums that grow into tight mounds; rather, they form large clumps that deserve a spot among other fall-blooming perennials. The quintessential old-fashioned mum for Texas is 'Country Girl', a lovely pink, although other colors are available. Combine this in a garden bed with the Texas native blue mistflower – its fuzzy blue flowers will harmonize with the mum and bring butterflies to the garden. If you can't find blue mistflower, consider the aromatic aster, another Texas native with blue-purple flowers. Cut it back in early July to encourage branching and increased flowers.

There are also several perennials that will bring yellow to your fall garden. At the Quitman Arboretum, we grow Copper Canyon daisy both for its lemon-scented foliage and its golden-yellow blooms. To keep its size in check, we cut it back just like the aromatic aster. We also grow Mexican mint marigold with its licorice-scented leaves and deep yellow blooms. In our dry garden, this plant only grows about a foot and a half tall, so it doesn't need to be pruned during the growing season. As a bonus, you can use this in recipes as a substitute for French tarragon. Another native yellow bloomer is "Fireworks" goldenrod that provides an outstanding show. This variety gets about three feet tall with



horizontal bloom spikes of bright yellow. It is rather ungainly when not in bloom, so plant it in the back of the bed or along a fence and let it astound you with its blooms.

Fall also signals blooms for several salvia varieties. Forsythia sage is a very tall perennial topped with large spikes of butter-yellow blooms. With heights of five to eight feet, it's another back-of-the-border plant. For a nice companion, plant Mexican bush sage, a shrubby salvia that grows three to five feet tall. Its flower spikes of soft, velvety blooms are generally purple and white, but newer varieties can be all purple, all white, or pink and white. There's also a compact variety called "Santa Barbara" that grows only two to three feet tall, more suitable to smaller gardens.

The final fall salvia for East Texas gardens is pineapple sage. This herb has leaves that smell like pineapple and can be used like mint. If you don't pinch it back through the summer, it will form a mound about four feet tall and wide. When it blooms in fall, it is covered in scarlet-red spikes that are loved by hummingbirds on their way south. There's also a variety with golden leaves, as well as a couple of shorter varieties, but

they may a bit less hardy than the original variety.

I have some harder-to-find blooms in my fall garden, including firespike, with bold tropical leaves and spikes of red tubular flowers on each branch. I love this plant because it blooms in full shade but also grows well in sun. In my shade gardens, it reaches four feet tall once established. I have a purple-pink variety, but it's much later-blooming, and an early frost will cut short its bloom cycle. Another fall-blooming oddity in my garden is Mexican winged crown-beard, a relative of our native frostweed. It's a monstrous plant, up to ten feet tall, with coarse winged stems and foot-long rough leaves. The stems each end in large clusters of small, bright yellow flowers with a strong, sweet fragrance that, to me, smells like Juicy Fruit gum. You'll also hear the buzzing of bees around these pollen-rich blooms in late autumn.

There are plenty of shrubs blooming in the fall garden. Many heirloom roses will have another round of blooms, as will the re-blooming azaleas such as Deja Bloom. Likewise angel trumpets will respond to cooler nights with flushes of flowers hanging down from their branches. In old homesteads you might see a tall

shrub with big leaves and full hibiscus-like flowers in shades ranging from white to almost red. Most likely it's a Confederate rose, a pass-along plant that has found its way into many East Texas gardens. Sasanqua camellias also start their bloom cycle in fall.

The final blast of color in the fall is not from flowers but from berries on native shrubs and trees. The most outstanding has to be American beautyberry, our native shrub that has electric purple berries. These berries can be picked for jelly or remain on the shrubs till they're eaten by birds, usually in January. While the purple berries are ever-present in east Texas, there are also varieties with white or pink berries if you're determined for something out of the ordinary.

Another native, Carolina buckthorn, has showy berries that are now starting to turn from rose-pink to shiny black, looking like small ornaments on this graceful small tree. As the season progresses, its shiny leaves will turn a pleasing orange/yellow or even red color before dropping. Finally, you'll notice that the berries on the Possumhaw holly are starting to turn to their orange-red winter color. You can see a spectacular example of this shrub at the Quitman Library, just to the left of the entrance on Goode Street.

With the plants listed here, as well as the traditional fall annuals, you can extend the color beyond summer, in your east Texas gardens.

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Mineola Memorial Library Notes

BY LIBRARIAN MARY HURLEY

As you may have noticed, the Mineola Memorial Library column was absent from the paper on Sept. 19. That was my fault. I was in Springfield, Ill., at the Association of Rural and Small Libraries conference and I just completely forgot to submit my column.



I had a good time meeting up with librarians from across the country, visiting with vendors, attending a lot of seminars on various things relating to small libraries, and I squeezed in a little time to enjoy the sights of Springfield. I could not have attended without the support of our Library Board, a fantastic staff, and a great bunch of volunteers.

There are lots of things going on at the library during the month of October, beginning with the Friends of the Library meeting on Thursday, Oct. 4 at 1 p.m. The guest speaker will be Nancy Predaina, and she will be speaking about Mercy Ships. You will learn what Mercy Ships is and what it does.

Afterward there will be refreshments and a short business meeting to discuss Friends activities.

Computer Q&A is returning on Saturday, Oct. 5 at 9:30 a.m. This is a time for you to ask questions about specific things on your computer. Sign-ups are a must and may be handled by calling the Library (903-569-2767) or stopping by the front desk and letting the staff know you want to sign up.

American Girls Historical Reading Club will meet on Saturday, Oct. 13 at 10 a.m. This is a club for mothers with their daughters to enjoy learning history through games, crafts, and snacks. Registration is required and must be completed by Wednesday, Oct. 10 in order to have enough supplies for all who attend. Mothers are expected to participate with their child.

We have Preschool Story Time at 11:15 a.m. on Tuesdays. This is a change from previous years. This program is for children ages 3, 4, and 5 with their adult guardians. Stories, songs, and an activity relating to the book is what make up the program.

Tuesday afternoons at 4:15 p.m. brings the after-school programs for K-5th grade and for Tweens and Teens (TNT). The time has been changed to reflect the later release times at Mineola schools. Each group has an activity that changes weekly.

Wednesday mornings at 10:15 a.m. is Toddler Story Time for children 18 months to 3 years and their adults. They play, read, sing, and have activities

relating to a weekly theme.

Wednesday afternoons October 10, 17, and 24 at 2 p.m. brings Nancy Stelmach to explain photo preservation and how to keep your photos safe in the event of disaster. Sign-ups are requested.

Thursday mornings brings Bouncing Babies Story Time at 10 a.m. for children infant to 18 months and their parents. It's an interactive time for parents and their children to enjoy songs, books, and together time.

Thursday, Oct. 18 at 6 p.m. is when the Library Book Club will meet to discuss Follow the River by James Alexander Thom. This is a novel based on the true ordeal of Mary Ingles in 1755. The book is available at the Library for check out. Join the group for lively discussion and fellowship.

Friday, Oct. 19 at 1 p.m. is Family Craft Day. This is a time for families to make something together as a family.

Friday, Oct. 26 at 10 a.m. is a time for adults to gather to go on a short field trip to a nearby location to find out about the location, its history, why it's there, what happens there.

As you can read, there is a lot happening at the Mineola Memorial Library. We hope you have the opportunity to visit our library and maybe try one of our programs.

The Mineola Memorial Library is a 501(c)3, non-profit, and your donations are tax deductible.

Inside and Outside the Picket Fence

BY JAN WHITLOCK

When we arrive at the Arboretum every Wednesday morning, we place our names on a sign-in sheet. A few weeks ago, an anonymous volunteer added "Many hands make light work."



Quitman Arboretum and Botanical Gardens

This old phrase can be attributed to an English dramatist, John Heywood, born in 1497. Five hundred and twenty-one years later I would have to agree wholeheartedly with Mr. Heywood. Yard sales, plant sales, installing hog fencing, power washing, etc. all require a degree of labor and physical activity that would be daunting to the single participant. Create a group of like-minded people, and the task is approached with a smile and an air of confidence.

Enough philosophizing. On to the business at hand. By the time you read this column, the Yard Sale will be a memory and the annual Fall

Plant Sale will be revving up. Plant orders have been placed with our usual reliable wholesalers and we will be ready to wow you once again with a variety of healthy and appropriate selections for the fall of the year. We will see you on Saturday, Oct. 13 for this event.

We Arboretum Volunteers are proud to add our hands to the many who come out each week to lighten the work load. If these adventures sound like fun to you, and you are interested in beautifying our spot in Quitman, Wood County and East Texas, come on out and join us on any Wednesday. The coffee is on.

THE GOOD NEWS

By Michelle Epps, Children's Ministry Coordinator of Mineola First United Methodist Church, Mineola, TX

"Taste and see that the Lord is good" found in Psalm 34:8 encourages us to experience God. He showers us with the blessings every day, honestly with more than we can count! We cherish American freedom, benefit from public education and live comfortably knowing that our policemen, firemen and first responders keep us safe and protect us. These and many other reasons give us the opportunity to, "Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good, his love endures forever" as Psalm 136:1 expresses.

Take the time to enjoy God's gift of life and his never-ending unconditional love for us. Take the time to communicate with him, connect with him and listen to him. The First United Methodist Church Mineola enables children to experience this Good News in different ways; including our HIS KIDS after school program, during Vacation Bible School and in October we will offer a Pumpkin Patch and Fall Festival. A fun, family-oriented time to explore our pumpkin patch, search to find your own special pumpkin, enjoy a hayride, crafts, food, have your face painted, take a family photo and listen to "The Gospel Pumpkin" story.

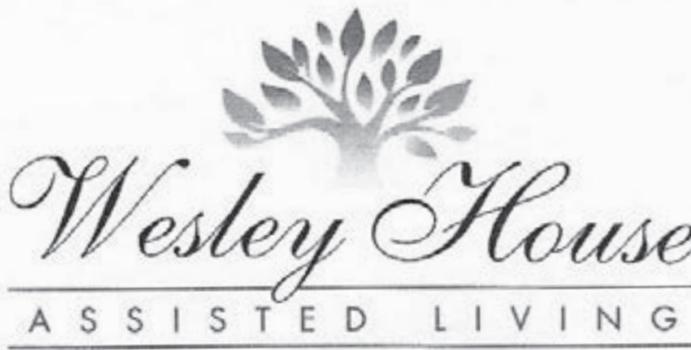
The Bible tells us "be joyful always pray continually" 1 Thessalonians 5:17. Come and SHARE God's GOOD NEWS with us!



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Luxury beach vacation in future for raffle winner

The Pilot Club of Quitman's fall fundraiser will result in beachy fun in the sun for the winner. The club is raffling off an all-inclusive one-week Caribbean vacation. Tickets for chances to win are on sale now, restricted to those 24 and older. Adding to the excitement, the winning ticket will be drawn and announced on Nov. 9 at Bud Moody Stadium during the Quitman Bulldog's last home game.

The prize is an all-inclusive six-night luxury beach vacation for two at the Grand Residences Riviera Cancun, arriving May 26 and departing June 1, 2019. This resort is a 2018 Trip Advi-

sor's Travellers' Choice Award Winner. It's located on a sheltered beach in the idyllic fishing village of Puerto Morelos, Mexico, and just a 30-minute drive from Cancun. The transport to and from the airport is included. There's an awe-inspiring infinity pool that faces the sparkling Caribbean Ocean, and several top-notch restaurants and casual dining options. All meals at the resort's restaurants, and a \$1,000 American Airlines airfare voucher, are included. Package value is \$5,500+. Learn more about the resort and amenities here: <http://grandresidencesrivieracancun.com>

Raffle tickets are \$10 each. They are available from any Quitman Pilot, at the Speakeasy Coffee House in Quitman, and by contacting raffle chair Debbie Robinson at: QuitmanPilotClub@peoplescom.net. Quitman Pilots will also be setting up tables for ticket sales at local businesses and events, and tickets will be available during Bulldog home games, including the last game when the drawing will be held.

Proceeds support the non-profit Pilot Club of Quitman's charitable projects focusing on: preparing youth and young adults for service, encouraging brain safety and health and supporting

those who care for others.

About the raffle, Club President and event Chairwoman Debbie Robinson said, "This is an extremely important fundraiser for our Club and it's in lieu of our annual Fall Extravaganza. The prize is top-notch, but more importantly, so are the projects this fundraiser will support. We are hoping to meet our fundraising goals to be able to accomplish all the important charitable work in our budget. We encourage and thank our supporters for considering purchasing tickets, and we hope they'll get more than one!"



'Beyond the Broken Heart' class offered at First Christian

First Christian Church is offering something old and something new to the community.

The something old is a grief support group. For the past three years the church has offered "GriefShare," a program involving videos and a support group for those encountering any type of grief in their lives. The something new is a different curriculum, "Beyond the Broken Heart," which

is focused on the needs of people who have lost a spouse to death.

The time and format of the group is also new. The videos are much shorter, giving more time for sharing in the group. The class will meet on Thursdays instead of Sundays, from 4 to 5:30 p.m. beginning this Thursday, Oct. 4. And the sessions will last for eight weeks instead of 13.

Pastor Rick Son stated, "Every-

one who is still grieving over the death of a spouse is welcome. This is a ministry to the community, not our church. Two wonderful and qualified ladies, Kathy Young and Pam Lowe, will be leading this support group."

The meetings will be in the church's fellowship hall. Come to the door across the street from the EZ Mart.

Source: First Christian Church

'I Can Only Imagine' movie to be shown at Holly Brook

"Saints Alive," the senior adult ministry at Holly Brook Baptist Church, Hawkins, will meet Oct. 9 at 10 a.m. to see the movie "I Can Only Imagine." The movie is based on the true story of the composer of the song of the same name. The meeting is open to the public.

Bart Millard, the composer, grew up in Greenville, Texas,

suffering physical and emotional abuse at the hands of his father, Arthur. When Arthur becomes terminally ill, he finds redemption by embracing his faith and rediscovering his love for his son. Years later, Bart's troubled childhood and mended relationship with his dad inspired him to write the song, "I Can Only Imagine," as the singer of the

Christian band MercyMe (from the website I can only imagine).

Lunch will be served from a potato bar. Attendees are asked to bring a dessert to share.

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.

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RV Rally

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maraderie, travel, camping, and support. It welcomes as members active, retired, and honorably discharged veterans from U.S. and Canadian armed forces interested in recreational travel. SMART RV Group conducts a national muster each year at a different place in the country. Every year, it conducts a "national muster" of its members from across the country. RVs began rolling into Mineola the week of Sept. 16 and the last RVs were

expected to leave town Oct. 1.

Doug Blaha of Hayes, Va., this year's first vice president of the national muster, had a positive impression of Mineola.

"We love it," he said. "We've heard nothing but good about the community."

People seemed to have plenty to do and see, and "we've been getting good reports on the restaurants," he noted.

Christian Eck, a former Marine from Calico, Ark., and former president of SMART, said he was familiar with Mineola because his wife was born in Tyler.

"It's really a neat town," he said

of Mineola. "We really appreciate the friendliness and support of the area, a lot neat shops and things like that. ... We very much appreciate everything the town has done, and this RV park at the Civic Center is something else."

Gwen Hopper of Nevada described Mineola and its downtown as "very friendly and very quaint."

Sally Kavanaugh of Arizona also had a favorable view of Mineola. "It's a great little town. I love the wide streets; they could be a little bit smoother. But the people have been exceptionally friendly."

WCEC

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received their mailed ballots for the directors' election for WCEC Districts 1 and 4 via the dust-cover of the Texas Co-op Power magazine. As a reminder, if you have not already done so, please detach and mail your postage paid ballot to arrive by the deadline of Oct. 4. Members who do will be entered into a random drawing where 10 will be selected to receive a \$100 credit toward their electricity bill. Members should bring the other half of the card with them to the annual meeting. This card will be used for participation in door prize drawings.

Airbnb

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County are seniors (ages 60 and above), calling it a huge percentage.

George P. Bush, Texas land commissioner, commended Airbnb for its efforts in providing lodging areas for rural Texas.

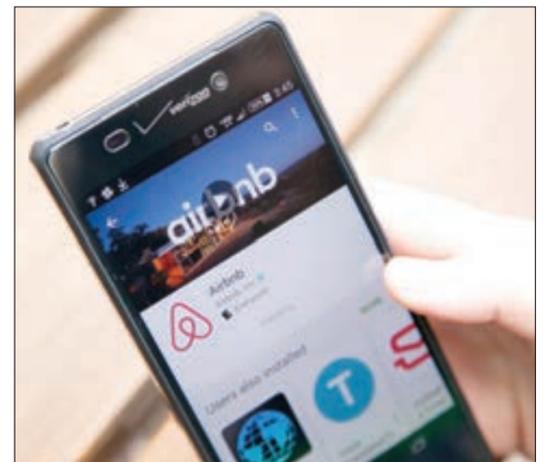
"I was pleased to visit the Airbnb headquarters in San Francisco recently and meet with their leadership," Bush said in the Airbnb press release. "I am impressed with their entrepreneurial vision and look forward to finding ways for the Texas General Land Office to leverage their technologies. As the state officer who oversees 13 million acres of rural Texas land, I am grateful for Airbnb's commitment to bringing economic opportunity to rural Texas in a new and

innovative way.

"In the future, I will be exploring ways to further Airbnb's involvement with disaster relief. The Texas General Land Office is overseeing the largest recovery program in our nation's history and we are continuing to explore ways to integrate

Airbnb in our short term recovery efforts."

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Obituaries

RICHARD ANTHONY CARUSO 1958-2018



MINEOLA-A memorial service for Richard Anthony Caruso, 60 of Mineola, will be held Saturday, October 6 at Summit Heights Fellowship Church in Hawkins on Farm to Market 2869 in Hawkins.

Mr. Caruso died at his home September 14, 2018. He was born April 8, 1958, in Martinez, California

Living in California before coming to Mineola, he worked at Daniel Freeman Hospital in Los Angeles for over 20 years. After arriving in Texas he had his own business, Helping Hands Home Repair. He also worked maintaining at Sky Ranch.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Richard and Juanita Caruso.

Survivors include his wife of 35 years, Susan Caruso; children, John Caruso, Melissa Caruso, Christina Caruso and Josh Caruso and sister, Heather Holmes.

SHADIE BELL STEPHENS JONES 1937-2018



QUITMAN-Service for Shadie Jones, 81 of Quitman was held Saturday, September 29 at First United Methodist Church at 11 a.m.

Mrs. Jones died September 19, 2018. She was born July 13, 1937 to Lila Jones and James Stephens in Quitman.

She attended the Quitman Colored School, later known as W.B. Clark School, and was class Valedictorian in 1954. She attended Mineola General Hospital School of Vocational Nursing, class of 1975-76 and became a Licensed Vocational Nurse. She re-

tired from nursing in 1998. She was a member of Brock's Chapel United Methodist Church and affiliated with Johnson Chapel UMC. She became a member of the Charity Singers of Mineola in 2011.

Survivors include husband, Wilford Jones; sister, Alestine Thompson, Dallas; children, Portia Jones, Mineola, Hope Brinkley, Mineola, Stephen Jones, Wylie, Tx, Grayling Jones, Mineola, Johana Cooper, Plano, Cathleen Spurlock, Tyler, Christopher Johnson, Tyler, Bradley Johnson, Mineola, Susan Johnson, Mineola, Sally Rojas, Mineola; 40 grandchildren; 60 great-grandchildren and a number of relatives and friends.

DANIEL ROGER KIZER 1933-2018



MINEOLA-A memorial service for Dan Kizer 85 of Mineola was held Saturday, September 29 at Beaty Funeral Home in Mineola.

Mr Kizer died September 26 in Mineola. He was born March 22, 1933 in Mineola to the late Daniel and Elizabeth Kizer. He taught Auto Mechanics at Mineola High School for 20 years, was in law enforcement in Wood County; a member of Marine Corp League in Mineola and active member of Toys for Tots; a 32 degree Mason and member of First Baptist Church in Mineola. He was also a volunteer Sunday School teacher at Wood Memorial Nursing Home.

He was preceded in death by his parents and a son, Daniel Mark Kizer.

Survivors include his wife of 64 years, Dorothy Sue Kizer; a sister, Diane Harris; son, Craig Kizer; four grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Toys for Tots in care of coordinator, Larry Brown, 416 N. Pacific, Street, Mineola.

Police

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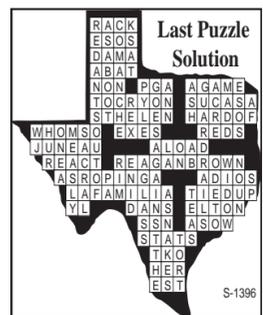
of an elderly man came to the police department reported her husband was suffering from a medical issue and had got out of the vehicle on West Broad. The wife reported the man walked away headed east on West Broad Street. Officers searched for the man with the assistance of the fire department. The man was found shortly after at the intersection of West Kilpatrick and Line Street. He was transported to a hospital.

4:59 p.m. An officer assisted the Pct. 2 Constable on Debby Street.

At 10:50 p.m. A man reported a welfare con-

cern for a woman on West Buchanan Street. Officers checked on the woman and found she was fine.

At 10:56 p.m. A business on North Johnson Street reported a suspicious person when the man was shining a flashlight into the front window. Officers responded but did not find the man in the area.



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Sheriff

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patched to a dispute.

Sept. 20 - Deputies responded to a suspicious vehicle on FM 779 near Alba at about 1:41 a.m. They located the vehicle and everything was OK.

Deputies responded to a suspicious vehicle on CR 3858 near Winnsboro around 2:43 a.m. They located the vehicle and cleared the area.

Cody Pyron, 22 of Winnsboro was arrested about 7:21 a.m. when deputies were dispatched to CR 4200 near Quitman for criminal mischief and assault causes bodily injury.

Deputies were dispatched to Hwy 80 near Hawkins at about 11:03 a.m. in reference for assault. They spoke with everyone involved and cleared the incident.

At 11:13 a.m. deputies responded to a suspicious vehicle on CR 1970 near Yantis. They searched the area but were unable to locate it.

Deputies were dispatched to CR 4430 near Winnsboro at about 11:17 a.m. in reference to an assault. The case was forwarded to investigators.

At 2:50 p.m. Joshua Scott, 26 of Alba was arrested for assault causes bodily injury family violence when deputies were dispatched to FM 779 near Alba.

Deputies spoke with a

person at approximately 3:26 p.m. in reference to a theft on FM 17 near Yantis. They gave the reporting person advice and cleared the incident.

At about 8:15 p.m. deputies spoke with a person in reference to criminal mischief that occurred on CR 1917 near Yantis. Someone damaged the person's vehicle.

Sept. 19 - Deputies responded to a suspicious vehicle on FM 14 near Quitman around 3:18 a.m. They located the vehicle and everything was OK.

Deputies were dispatched to Holiday Village Dr. near Quitman around 3:19 a.m. in reference to a burglary. They searched the area but did not find any signs of burglary or theft.

Deputies responded to a suspicious person on CR 1210 near Quitman around 4 a.m. they located the person and everything was OK.

Deputies were dispatched to CR 2540 near Mineola around 6:31 a.m. in reference to a dispute. Tabitha Crow, 27 of Mineola was arrested for assault causes bodily injury family violence.

Deputies were dispatched to FM 2088 near Quitman at around 7:44 a.m. in reference to a dispute. Those involved were separated for the day.

Deputies spoke with the reporting person at 11:12 a.m. in reference to harassment that oc-

curred on CR 3250 near Quitman. They gave the person advice and cleared the incident.

Deputies were dispatched to Loop 564 near Mineola around 11:13 a.m. in reference to a welfare check. They located the person and everything was OK.

At around 1:46 p.m. deputies were dispatched to Fm 2869 near Hawkins in reference to theft. A known person stole several items from the reporting person's store. The case was forwarded to investigators.

Deputies were dispatched to Hwy 69 near Mineola around 2:22 p.m. in reference to a dispute. They issued a criminal trespass warning and cleared the incident.

Deputies were dispatched to CR 3540 near Hawkins at around 4:14 p.m. in reference to criminal trespass. They issued a criminal trespass warning and cleared the area. The case was forwarded to investigators.

Deputies were dispatched to FM 779 near Alba at around 7:21 p.m. in reference to a welfare check. Deputies located the person and everything was OK.

Deputies were dispatched to Hwy 37 near Mineola around 8:19 p.m. in reference to a theft. A known person stole a travel trailer frame from the reporting person. The case was forwarded to investigators.

Deputies responded to a suspicious person on CR 1210 near Quitman around 11:43 p.m. They provided a courtesy transport and cleared the area.

Deputies responded to a suspicious vehicle on CR 4895 near Quitman about 10:42 p.m. They located the vehicle and everything was OK.

Ben Hargrave
June 25, 1939 - September 26, 2018

Memorial service for Ben Hargrave, 79, of Quitman, were held October 2, 2018 at Lowe Funeral Home.

Jerry "Ben" Hargrave was born in Nelta, Texas on June 25, 1939. He was one of three children born to Ercil Harrington and Eva Mozelle (Gregg) Hargrave. Ben was raised an only child, as his two sisters passed away in infancy.

Ben grew up in the Sulphur Bluff area, graduating from Sulphur Bluff High School in 1957. In 1961 he graduated from ETSU Commerce with Bachelor's Degree. Soon after, he joined the Air Force Reserve and served his country proudly until being honorably discharged in 1968. He worked as a draftsman for Collin's Radio out of Richardson before being laid off and opening a marina on Lake Quitman. He owned and operated Ben's Marina for 27 years before retiring. After retiring, he enjoyed many different hobbies, all of which were self-taught. He enjoyed refurbishing antique clocks and tractors, learned the art of taxidermy, and was an extremely talented wood carver.

He was also an avid gun collector and fisherman, but hardly fished during the 27 years he owned the marina. He was always inside chatting and forming relationships with customers. Ben was a people person. He was very involved in the community and a member of many clubs and organizations. Among those clubs were the Wood County Antique Tractor Club, East Texas Wood Carver's Association, and was an honorary member of L/CPL Shane L. Goldman #1278 Marine Corp. League. Ben would frequently help with Toys for Tots with the Marine Corp League.

Ben had a great sense of humor. He could make anyone laugh. Even up until his last days, he never lost that sense of humor.

Ben was a wonderful father, grandfather, great grandfather, and friend, and will be dearly missed by all who knew him.

Ben Hargrave passed away Wednesday morning, September 26, 2018 at his home. He is preceded in death by his loving wife in 2015, Melba Hall Hargrave; mother and father, Ercil and Eva Hargave; and two sisters.

Left to cherish his memory are his two daughters, Marie Clanton of Dike, Texas, and Tracy Acker of Quitman; six grandchildren, Joshua Clanton of Dike, Stephanie Fortune and husband Josh of Cooper, Kassidy Adams and husband John of Tyler, Kolby Acker and her boyfriend Alex of Ft. Worth, Kelsy Acker of Chapel Hill, and Keely Acker of Chapel Hill; three great grandchildren, Kaleb Clemons, Lily Fortune, and Adyson Adams; and countless friends.

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Four-year-old Lucas Grandon enjoys a corn dog with his dad, Dustin Grandon, during Saturday's Iron Horse festivities in downtown Mineola. The two came from Mesquite to attend the festival. ABOVE LEFT: Francisco and Vanessa Anaya and grandma Maria Acevedo sell tacos during the Iron Horse Festival on Saturday. The stand saw brisk business throughout the day. BELOW: Austin Jones, left, his mom, Andrea Jones, and sister, Ava Jones, of Mineola check out products made from bees wax during Saturday's festival in downtown Mineola.

MONITOR PHOTOS BY HANK MURPHY



Jurek Kocik, MD General Surgeon in Quitman and Pittsburg

Jurek Kocik, MD, is now seeing patients for general surgery at the UT Health East Texas Physicians clinics in Quitman and Pittsburg. Fluent in both English and Spanish, Dr. Kocik is a great communicator who listens to his patients. He will see patients on Mondays and Wednesdays in Pittsburg and on Tuesdays and Thursdays in Quitman.

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RIGHT: Nikki Cumby of Grandma's Best Homemade Fried Pies and Desserts was busy selling treats during Saturday's Iron Horse Festival. BELOW: Riley Fowler and Mylee Fischer served tea Friday evening during the Landmark Commission's HoboStew at the Front Street Pavilion next to the train depot. Tables were full at the HoboStew as folks listened to Ken Smith play harmonica, enjoyed the fellowship of friends and had a delicious meal.



Michael C. Ford, MD

Effective September 1, 2018 I am no longer practicing at DeHaven Eye Clinic. My new office location is:

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WR outduels Yellowjackets

The Mineola Yellowjackets were overwhelmed by a cascade of West Rusk scoring in the first half of Friday's 42-21 loss at Bruce Bradshaw Stadium. Three first-half Mineola turnovers and an inability to stop a potent West Rusk offense created a deficit too large to overcome. Mineola mounted a spirited comeback, but a sequence of plays late in the third quarter sealed the victory for the Raiders.

Mineola's first play from scrimmage was indicative of a catastrophic first 20 minutes of play. West Rusk jumped a Mineola slant pass and took over at the Mineola 29 yard line. A jet sweep and a pitch option, both around the right side, took the ball down to the 16. Junior Running Back Tyrell Moore turned the left edge and went in for the first score of the night. The extra point was wide, but within 90 seconds of kickoff, West Rusk had the first six on the board.

Mineola Junior Dalton Rodgers returned the ensuing kick 20 yards, nearly breaking it for a bigger gain. The Yellow Jackets however could not get untracked and were stopped on a 3rd and 1. The long snap for the 4th down punt was low and skidded by Quarterback/Punter Shaw Franklin. After chasing down the snap, Mineola covered the ball, but gave possession back to the Raiders at the 18 yard line.



Trevion Sneed (23) gains yardage behind the blocking of Jackson Anderson (56) in Mineola's game at West Rusk Friday night. (Photo by Gene's Photography/ET Images.us)

Mineola secured the ball back two plays later as defensive back Cole Castleberry grabbed a well defended pass near the goal line and returned it out to the 26 yard line. It appeared the fortunes of the game were changing as the 'Jackets began to move the ball, taking the ball out to midfield with a nice run/pass mix of plays. On a 3rd and 4 from their own 46, Franklin found Running Back Trevion Sneed on a short outlet pass, and Sneed took it up-field for 30 yards. The big play was for naught as Mineola was flagged for a block below the waist. This was the first of several impacting penalties which plagued the Yellow Jackets

all night. Two plays later Mineola punted the ball back to the Raiders who took possession at mid-field.

West Rusk embarked on their first of two long scoring drives of the night, taking the ball 49 yards on 10 plays and burning over four minutes off the clock. A 16 yard quarterback keeper by Senior L.J. Harper set up his three yard score on the quarterback option a play later. A successful two point conversion made the score 14 - 0 early in the second quarter.

See MINEOLA, Page 5B

Quitman HC set this Friday

Quitman ISD will celebrate its 2018 homecoming on Oct. 5 with a parade and more. Students will choose from the following seniors for 2018 Homecoming Queen. Those nominated for queen are Utopia Henry, Lilie Dannon, Mikayla Hubbard, Jakelin Silva and Destiny Mcgee. Seeking to be king are David Tarno, Gavin Derryberry, Jacob Day, Jeremy Peek and Josh Medlin.

Representing their respective classes as Duchesses and Dukes are juniors Whitnee Weiher and Nick Barnett; sophomores Cristina Ramirez and Silvano Castillo; and freshmen Brooklyn Marcee and Wyatt Hightower.

The Bulldogs will kick-off against Grand Saline at 7:30 p.m. with the Homecoming ceremony at 7 p.m.

Following with tradition, the bonfire will be on Wednesday, Oct. 3 in the field next to the Ballard Gym, Quitman High School Principal Dana Hamrick said. Hamrick said they typically begin the fire at 8 p.m. each year.

The annual downtown parade will start at 2 p.m. on Friday beginning at the high school and ending at the Wood County courthouse with a pep rally on the north side of the square.

"Anyone that would like to be in the parade can call up the front office of the high school before Thursday, Oct. 4," Quitman High School student council adviser Shelley Chance said. "We are really hoping to get some classic cars in the parade."

Bulldogs defeated at Arp

By LARRY TUCKER
sports@woodcountymonitor.com

The Quitman Bulldogs took the opening kick-off at Arp and marched 62 yards in nine plays to score with 8:16 left in the opening quarter to take an early lead. Arp would score 46 unanswered points to win the District 10-3A DII opener 46-6 over Quitman.

Arp was 0-3 coming into the contest. "Arp's 0-3 record was deceiving. They played some real quality pre-season games against people like West Rusk and Jefferson. Still,

we believed we had a good chance of winning," Head Coach Bryan Oakes said. "We are all, coaches and the kids, still numb after that. We have to get back to work and get ready for Grand Saline. Win the next one and we are right back in the playoff picture."

On the opening drive, a half-back pass from Trey Berry to Riley

See QUITMAN, Page 5B

Quitman's Luke Pruden hauls down an Arp runner in Friday's game. (Photo by Sheree Phillips)



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Quitman Head Football Coach
Bryan Oakes

"We are still learning what winning looks like in terms of dealing with adversity, preparation through practice and how we conduct ourselves. We looked really good on the first drive offensively although we struggle to continually finish drives. Defensively, we have a tendency to revert back to not trusting what our jobs are and start going rogue during those times. We have come a long way, but still have a long way to go."

Quitman Head Volleyball Coach
Ashlee Lingo

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Hawkins runs past Como-Pickton, 22-7

The Hawkins Hawks moved their record to 2-3 this year with a convincing 22-7 win at home against Como-Pickton.

The Hawks have a bye this week before starting district play at home against undefeated Union Grove (5-0). The Hawks district is one of the state's toughest Class 2A DI groups. After Union Grove, the Hawks have Cushing, Big Sandy, Alto and Carlisle.

Union Grove has run past their opponents so far this year behind the play of quarterback Mike Webb who has become one of East Texas' top signal-callers. The key for Hawkins is to stay healthy and stay away from the injury bug.

Hawkins senior running back Akim Richmond continues to lead the Hawk ground game and scoring punch. Josh Caruso and Ibory (Teddy) Taylor anchor the offensive and defensive lines for the Hawks.

Panthers lose at Harmony, 35-7

After spotting District 10-3A DII favorite Harmony a 28-0 lead at the half, the Alba-Golden Panthers battled on even terms the rest of the way before finally falling 35-7 in a rugged district opener. The Panthers had to open district play on the road in a place where it is tough to play.

The Panthers are 0-1 in district play and have a 2-1 season record. The Panthers host Winona this Friday night for Homecoming 2018.

The Panthers did get on the board in the final quarter on an 11

yard pass play from Zane Smith to Boedie Baker. Harmony's Barrett Hill scored twice in the first half on runs of 10 and four yards. The Eagles added a score on a 27 yard pass play and Easton Blackstone ran an interception back for a score. Harmony added a final tally in the fourth quarter on a nine yard touchdown run by Michael Everett.

Alba-Golden's opponent this Friday is Winona, a 56-19 winner over Frankston in their district opener. The Wildcats have five offensive and seven defensive re-

turning starters from last year's playoff team.

Winona is led by the Kelon Kindcade, Jr., son of Head Coach Keylon Kincade, who can line up at running back, quarterback, or in a wide receiver slot on offense. He also was an all district performer last season at safety. Speedy running back Quin Johnson has returned after rushing for 1,300 yards and 10 touchdowns last year.

An overflow homecoming crowd is expected for the game and the festivities.

Lake Fork Fishing Report

Sept. 24-30

From J & M Guide Service

It was a beautiful week to fish Lake Fork TX. The weather cooled down which helped keep the water temperatures in the lower 80's. Even though we had some rain this week, the water clarity is great for Bass fishing. Now that we are through the Big Bass Splash, we can get into some good Bass and Crappie fishing. This week we caught many of our Bass in less than 6 foot of water in the grass. The two baits that worked the best for us were the Gary Yamamoto smoke/black/blue/chartreuse Senko and a Zoom Japanese Bluegill Trick Worm. The Senko was rigged on a standard Texas rig with an Eagle Claw LO45 worm hook and a 3/16-ounce black South

Bend bullet weight. Just drag it through the grass. The Zoom Trick Worm was rigged wacky style and put a nail in the head. Fish it very slowly!

The Crappie fishing was good this week. The best water depth was 18 to 24 foot of water. The chartreuse and white Bubba's Bait Crappie jigs were the best jigs to use in the deeper water. I found that we did not have to use minnows this week the jig did great.

The White Bass have started to migrate from the 30 + foot water to the 20 to 24 foot of water and are starting to feed. We found the white with black strip Joe Spaits 1/2-ounce Flash Tail jigging spoon worked the best. You can find them on creek bends and main lake humps.

The Catfish were also hungry this week. They were found in 18 to 22 foot of water around old main lake trees. Punch bait worked the best this week and do not forget to bait your trees.

On our equipment list this week is our Ranger 520c powered by a Mercury 250 Pro XS, Lowrance electronics, Duckett rods, ABU Garcia reels, Stren line, Eagle Claw hooks, Bubba's Bait Crappie jigs, Zoom and Gary Yamamoto soft plastics.

The Berkley tournament is just three weeks away. If you need help getting ready for the tournament or if you just want to catch some of these great Lake Fork Bass, give us a call at (903) 413-6919 or E-mail us at bassmr@geusnet.com. Have a safe fishing week.

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Mineola Country Club SENIOR GOLF REPORT

Results from Mineola Country Club Thursday Senior Golf Scramble on September 20, 2018
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SCORE OF 59 (-12) Jack Smith, Paul Ransberger, Don Hinesly, Larry O'Donnell
SECOND PLACE WITH A SCORE OF 59 (-12) Ron Ihler, Marty Eaton, Terry Schoof, Ed Vanderbilt, Loy Frazier
THIRD PLACE WITH A SCORE OF 60 (-11) Robert Linker, Larry Jackson, Jerry Heard, Herschel Fry
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NOTICE TO CREDITORS Notice is hereby given that original Letters Testamentary for the Estate of Lawrence Ray Chambly, Deceased, were issued on September 11, 2018, under Docket No. 13,354, pending in the County Court of Wood County, Texas, to Texas Bank and Trust Company. Claims may be presented in care of the attorney for the estate, addressed as follows:

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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

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.

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Notice of Draft Federal Operating Permit
Draft Permit No.: O1220

Application and Draft Permit. Praxair, Inc., 7000 High Grove Blvd, Burr Ridge, IL 60527-7595, has applied to the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) for a renewal of Federal Operating Permit (herein referred to as Permit) No. O1220, Application No. 27943, to authorize operation of the Air Separation Facility at Hawkins, an Industrial Gas Manufacturing facility. The area addressed by the application is located off FM 1795 at Private Rd 7651 in Hawkins, Wood County, Texas 75765. This link to an electronic map of the site or facility's general location is provided as a public courtesy and not part of the application or notice. For exact location, refer to the application. You can find an electronic map of the facility at: <http://www.tceq.texas.gov/assets/public/hb610/index.html?lat=32.8075&lng=-95.19722&zoom=13&type=r>. This application was received by the TCEQ on November 10, 2017.

The purpose of a federal operating permit is to improve overall compliance with the rules governing air pollution control by clearly listing all applicable requirements, as defined in Title 30 Texas Administrative Code § 122.10 (30 TAC § 122.10). The draft permit, if approved, will codify the conditions under which the area must operate. The permit will not authorize new construction. The executive director has completed the technical review of the application and has made a preliminary decision to prepare a draft permit for public comment and review. The executive director recommends issuance of this draft permit. The permit application, statement of basis, and draft permit will be available for viewing and copying at the TCEQ Central Office, 12100 Park 35 Circle, Building E, First Floor, Austin, Texas 78753; the TCEQ Tyler Regional Office, 2916 Teague Dr, Tyler, Texas 75701-3734; and the Allen Memorial Public Library, 121 E Blackburn St, Hawkins, Texas 75765-2963, beginning the first day of publication of this notice. The draft permit and statement of basis are available at the TCEQ Website: www.tceq.texas.gov/gotofvnotice

At the TCEQ central and regional offices, relevant supporting materials for the draft permit, as well as the New Source Review permits which have been incorporated by reference, may be reviewed and copied. Any person with difficulties obtaining these materials due to travel constraints may contact the TCEQ central office file room at (512) 239-2900.

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Cameron Bowman (13) fights off a West Rusk defender to make a catch in last Friday night's game in New London. (Photograph by Gene's Photography/ET Images.us)

Mineola

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The turnover bug bit Mineola again on the very next play from scrimmage. As Sneed was fighting for extra yardage around the left end, the gang-tackling effort of the Raiders pried the ball loose, and West Rusk took over deep in Mineola territory. The Raiders struck quickly, hitting a straight go route for a 24 yard score. The extra point made it 21-0 with ten minutes to play in the half.

The Yellow Jackets determinedly started to come back. Overcoming a holding penalty which pushed them back off of mid-field, the offense stalled eventually at the West Rusk 38 yard line. A deep pass failed on 4th and 10 and Mineola turned the ball over on downs.

Mixing quarterback draws with the running of Moore, the Raiders methodically moved down the field and scored on a 39 yard quarterback option with 2:53 left in the half. A successful point after touchdown put West Rusk up 28-0.

What followed was one of many moments which tested the Yellow Jackets' resolve and belief in themselves. They passed this test. Franklin picked up 25 yards on two quarterback keepers and hit two nicely thrown balls over the middle. The second was a strike to Cameron Bowman for a score with just over a minute to play. Special teams holder Dalton Rodgers

scooped up and placed an errant extra point snap which Gustavo Sanchez sent through the uprights to make the score 28-7.

Undoubtedly disappointed with their first half showing, the Yellow Jackets knew what had to be done: stop the West Rusk offense and score. Coming out after halftime they did just that. After a West Rusk punt Mineola took the ball at their own 39 yard line. A quick three plays later they were at the opponent's 34 when Sneed embarked on a highlight reel run through most of the West Rusk defense. It was a run we have come to expect from the Sophomore running back, and it spoke volumes about the fight left in the Jackets. Finally being bounced out at the 3, Sneed took it in for the score on the next play. At 28-14, the momentum had shifted.

West Rusk had to earn this win, and they did, on the following drive. With an eight play 58 yard effort, all of it on the ground, the Raiders tallied yet another score. At 35-14, the outcome seemed to be decided. Trading scores at this point would end in the Raiders' favor.

Even so, Mineola was not done. On the first play of the next possession Franklin hit a 47 yard deep in route setting the Yellow Jackets up at the Raider 28 yard line. Two plays later, Sneed reversed his field and scampered 30 yard for the score. It was for naught; a holding penalty brought it back. When Franklin subsequently took the ball down inside the Raider's five yard line, it too was nullified,

this time by a block in the back. A 4th down pass attempt was then broken up in the end zone, and the ball turned over on downs. It was perhaps the high water mark of the comeback.

West Rusk opened the 4th quarter by embarking on a 90 yard scoring drive and losing quarterback Harper for the rest of the night due to injury after a questionable tackle. Back-up quarterback Mark Cook stepped right in and directed the drive, taking a quarterback draw 14 yards to paydirt. With just over 5 minutes to play, the lead was back to 28.

With a nice return of the ensuing kick, Mineola set up on the Yellow Jacket 33 yard line. Two deep completions to Cole Castleberry and Wylie Franks put the ball on the Raiders' 15 yard line. Junior Running Back Montrell Williams scored on a fine effort through the left side. The point after touchdown concluded the scoring for the night. With two first downs in the final possession, West Rusk ran out the clock.

Franklin was 9-18 for 157 yards passing in the contest and Sneed rushed for 90 hard-earned yards in the game.

Mineola drops to 3-1 on the season and the 'Jackets have a bye and a week off to prepare for one of the state's top-ranked teams, the Gladewater Bears. Gladewater opened District 8-3A DI play with a 39-6 win over Winnsboro. The Bears are currently ranked ninth in the state poll and they are at home against seventh ranked West Rusk this Friday night. In other district action, Tatum romped over White Oak 56-28.

Quitman

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Flanagan on a fourth and four situation shocked the Tigers. Flanagan was wide open over the middle and the play went for 41 yards. Two plays later, Berry rambled in for a score from three yards out.

Arp came right back with Caleb Wright gong 69 yards on the Tigers first play from scrimmage. A holding penalty brought the ball back to the Quitman 39 yard line. From there, it took Arp six plays to score on a toss from Tren Jones to Wright covering 24 yards to tie the game at 6-6 with 4:11 left in the quarter.

The Bulldogs took the kick-off and went 10 plays before failing to make a first down on a fourth and 11

when Medlin's pass to Flanagan was incomplete. Arp took over on their own 18 yard line. Two plays later, Jones kept the ball on a quarterback run and raced 49 yards giving the Tigers a 12-6 lead with 11:12 left in the half.

Quitman was held on their next possession and stopped on another fourth down attempt for a first down and Arp got the ball on their own 47 yard line. A pass from Jones to Wright covered 48 yards to the Quitman six yard line. From there, Logan Shuttlesworth punched in and Arp led 20-6 with 7:13 left in the half. Shuttlesworth scored again with 3:32 to go in the half to put the Tigers up 26-6.



Trey Berry

Not to be shut down, Quitman behind Berry at quarterback and Alex Wilson at running back got the ball deep in Arp territory. It was there, disaster struck the Bulldogs. Wright picked off a Quitman

pass and returned it 100 yards with 27 seconds left in the half which gave the Tigers a 32-6 lead at intermission.

The Bulldogs came out fighting in the second half using the running of Wilson and Berry. The teams battled defensively until Arp got a score on a 21 yard run by Kameron Medlock to put the Tigers up 29-6 going into the final quarter. Arp got a final tally on a 34 yard run by Jacob Birdsong with just under seven minutes left in the game.

Berry had 15 carries for 75 tough yards while Wilson banged his way to 61 yards on 17 carries and Medlin added 28 yards on six carries. Medlin was 2-4 passing for eight yards and Berry was 7-11 for 121 yards. Dylan Coe had three catches for 14 yards, Holland four catches for 60 yards and Flanagan two grabs for 55 yards. The Bulldogs had over 300 yards in total offense.

"I was proud that our kids never gave up. We still need to learn how to win, how to face adversity

and overcome it. I thought Trey (Berry) did a good job taking over for Josh (Medlin)," Oakes said. "We are still young and still learning what winning looks like in terms of dealing with adversity, preparation through practice and how we conduct ourselves."

The Bulldogs will face a solid Grand Saline team who coming off a 48-20 loss to district co-favorite Troup. The Indians are 2-1 on the year with wins over Como-Pickton and Scurry-Rosser.

"I know it is homecoming week, but we must keep our minds on the job we have to do Friday night. After all the homecoming activities, we still have a football game to play," Oakes said. "The district race is going to be wide open for someone to come on strong and be a playoff contender."

In other district games, Alba-Golden shut down Harmony's potent offense in the second half before eventually falling 35-7 after trailing 28-0 at intermission and Winona belted Frankston 56-19.

This week, Quitman is set for Homecoming 2018 against longtime rival Grand Saline. Alba-Golden is also celebrating homecoming against Winona while Frankston hosts Arp. The big game in District 10-3A DII is at Troup where co-favorites Harmony and Troup are set to battle for district supremacy.

Tucker's Turf

By Larry Tucker



LARRY TUCKER

Bad week

This was not a good week for Wood County football teams. Of the five teams in the county, only Hawkins came away with a win in their 22-7 win over

Como-Pickton raising their season total to 2-3. Coach Scott Evans, his staff and the Hawks are to be congratulated on their efforts and the big win.

Mineola and Winnsboro each found out why West Rusk and Gladewater are each ranked in the Class 3A Top Ten. Mineola fell behind, but showed a lot of character and talent as they fought back against the number seven team in the state before finally falling 42-21 at West Rusk. Winnsboro also played tough in spots, but just could not overcome Gladewater's athleticism in their 39-6 loss to the Bears.

Quitman found out the new district is going to be tough taking it on the chin at Arp 46-6. The Bulldogs did not have any trouble moving the pigskin, but penalties and a costly turnover doomed Quitman. Coach Bryan Oakes, his staff and the Bulldogs must prepare for a Grand Saline team which fell to Troup 48-20. It's homecoming week in Quitman so the Bulldogs must get focused and stay that way amid all of the activities.

Grand Saline is sitting at 2-1 for the year. In fact Troup, Harmony, Winona and Arp were winners in the opening round of district 10-3A DII while Quitman, Grand Saline, Alba-Golden and Frankston lost their district outings.

Although Alba-Golden fell to the high-flying Harmony Eagles, the Panthers showed resilience and a toughness on the road which will pay for them later on down the road in the 35-7 loss. Down 28-0 at the half, the Panthers played toe to toe with the Eagles in the second half holding the potent Harmony offense to just one score. The Panthers are determined to make the playoffs and this week they have a Homecoming game hosting Winona. This could be one of those games which could spell a difference at the end of the season.

Mineola has this weekend off and then five consecutive weeks of district play. After the bye week, the 'Jackets will host Gladewater in a big showdown Oct. 12. Winnsboro goes to White Oak Friday. Hawkins also has a bye this week and begin district play at home Oct. 12 against undefeated Union Grove (5-0).

My college teams were up and down. The UNT Eagles lost their first game when Louisiana Tech blocked a field goal as time ran out, but SMU racked up a big win over Houston Baptist. A&M Commerce rolled over Lock Haven 68-6 and even the Jerry Jones boys won a game.

I don't watch much NFL, not in protest, just not interested. Give me a good college game anytime, anywhere.

Volleyball begins round two in District 12-3A play this week. Edgewood remains the team to beat with a perfect district slate while Quitman is a step behind with only a district loss to Edgewood. Coach Ashlee Lingo's young Lady Bulldog squad continues to gain valuable experience and hope to make the playoffs with a winning streak. Coach TaShara Everett has her Lady Panthers at 3-3 in district and A-G is working hard to reach the playoffs and have success once they get there. Mineola's very young Yellowjackets continue to get better with each outing and the young ladies in orange plan on upsetting some of those teams ahead of them in the standings.

The District 12-3A Cross Country meet is set for this Saturday morning at Mineola Nature Preserve. Stay tuned to our Facebook page in case any of those CC plans are changed.

Carson's 24 kills powers A-G over Rains in volleyball

The Alba-Golden Lady Panthers closed out the first half of District 12-3A volleyball with an exciting five-set 3-2 win over Rains taking the fifth and decisive set 15-8.

The Lady Panthers start the second half of play Tuesday at home against district leader Edgewood (6-0) followed by a Friday match at Mineola.

Ginny Carson lead the team with 24 kills, 17 digs, two blocks; Madi Byrant five kills, 18 digs, Ann Marie Pendergrass 25 digs; and Bralee Littlejohn 17 assists and 13 digs.

The Lady Panthers continue to work hard with their goal being to make the playoffs after missing them last season.

"The playoffs are always our goal at Alba-Golden. We feel like we have a good chance this year to get back into the playoffs," Head Coach TaShara Everett said.



Dylan Coe gains some tough yardage in Friday's game at Arp. (Monitor photo by Larry Tucker)



ABOVE LEFT: Quitman's Ava Burroughs (14) gets a shot over the net in the Lady Bulldogs volleyball game at Mineola. ABOVE RIGHT: Quitman's Maddy Whitehurst goes up for a kill over Lady Jacket middle blockers in last week's district game at Mineola won by Quitman. (Photos by Michelle Dobbs)

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Quitman downs Mineola in district play

Anyone looking for an evening of exciting, adrenalin-filled fun needs to come out and watch Lady Jackets when take on the Quitman Lady Bulldogs volleyball team. Last week's match between the Highway 37 county rivals, a match which Quitman won 3-1, demonstrated all the best things about high school athletic competition. Energy, teamwork, focus, emotion ... it was all on display by both squads. The scores were 25-13, 25-27, 25-19, 25-22.



Madalyn Spears

After dropping the first game of the match, the Lady Jackets fought hard in an epic Game Two. Strong net play and two early well-placed drop shots put Mineola up early in the game. The Lady Bulldogs fought back and evened the score at 7-7. For the remainder of the match, the two sides hammered at each other. There were no easy points in this game, as the volleys went back and forth. The score was tied 11 times before Mineola took the game 27-25 with a three point sequence of Block - Block - Kill. The characteristics demonstrated by both sides in this game are exactly why high school athletics are important. What a contest!

Quitman rebounded in the third set building an early lead. Mineola clawed back to tie the game at 9-9, but a series of miss-hits allowed Quitman to pull away. Mineola closed to within three points 21-18, before two big Quitman kill shots by Madalyn Spears and Jentri

Jackson sealed the 25-19 win for the Lady Bulldogs. Spears led Quitman with 25 digs, 18 kills and an ace.

The Lady Jackets' game three struggles continued into the fourth set as the Lady Bulldogs surged ahead. Mineola never conceded a thing, fighting tooth and nail to even

the game at 14-14, and again late at 21 - 21. Quitman took the game and match after a drop shot, two Mineola miss-hits and a kill.

For Quitman, Jackson had 21 digs, six kills, three aces; Shelby Hayes had two digs, six kills, four aces, and 33 assists; Abby Dobbs had nine digs, one kill, one ace, one assist; Maddy Whitehurst had five kills; Ava Burroughs had one dig, five kills, two blocks; and Lindsey Hornaday had seven digs and four kills.

Coming off a week which saw the Lady Jackets' first district win (Sept. 18 against Lone Oak), followed by a very competitive match against Rains, Mineola is ramping up for a strong second half run. The next opportunity to watch the Lady Jackets in action will be Friday, Oct. 5 as they host Alba-Golden to begin the second round of district play. Varsity will begin play at 4:30 that Friday.

After taking last Friday off, the Lady Bulldogs start the second half of District 12-3A at home Tuesday against Lone Oak before hosting Grand Saline as part of homecoming activities this Friday at 4:30 p.m. Quitman is 5-1 in district action and 19-11 on the year.

Lady Jackets fall to district leader Edgewood

The Lady Jackets wound up their first round of district play with a straight set loss to the neighboring Edgewood squad last Friday. Despite the loss, the Lady Jackets continued to display improved play in a number of areas especially play at the net.

Of specific note Tahjae Black distinguished herself with her hustle and court presence, while

Brittany Pickle, Sabria Dean, Kelsey Brewington and Tiara Stephens all distinguished themselves in blocking and net play. Fighting through some line-up changes last Friday, the Lady Jackets just could not maintain the consistency of play needed to match a talented Edgewood team.

Coach VanCleave noted the bye date on Tuesday and stated, "We are

hoping to get everyone healthy and be ready to fight our way through the second round."

With the varsity football bye week, it is an excellent opportunity to come out and see the Lady Jackets in action. The second round of district play begins at home on Friday, Oct. 5 against a strong Alba-Golden team. Varsity action will commence at 4 pm.

COACHES CORNER



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Mineola Head Football Coach
LUKE BLACKWELL

Friday night was a tough loss for us. The bottom line was that we just had too many mistakes and costly turnovers. It's hard to beat a good team when you make mistakes and turn the ball over. I did like the way we fought back and continued to play hard in the second half. I thought we showed a lot of heart with the effort we played with, we just dug ourselves a hole that we couldn't get out of. We will use the bye this week to focus on correcting those mistakes and taking care of the little things.

Mineola Head Volleyball Coach
KERRY VAN CLEAVE



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Really pleased with the fight and consistency that we showed on the court Tuesday night. Not the out come we were fighting for but if we continue to build off that we are in a good place. Second round starts Friday and we are working to make things happen.



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