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## Bluebonnet announces merger of two papers

The *Mineola Monitor* and the *Wood County Democrat* have more than 300 years of journalism between them – come August, the county's two legacy publications will merge into one, expanding coverage throughout the area.

Bluebonnet Publishing, parent company of both weeklies, aims to combine the newspapers' strengths to bolster reporting on communities

throughout Wood County. Announcing the merger of the *Monitor* and the *Democrat* this week, "Our goal is to broaden our coverage geographically and to deepen the content," said Bill Woodall, managing partner of Bluebonnet Publishing, a

Kilgore-based company that owns both titles that will move forward as the new, weekly *Wood County Monitor*. "It's not normal in today's marketplace, but we're not doing this to save one single penny. We're not closing any offices, we're not eliminating

any staff, we're not shutting down any phone lines or reducing the number of computers.

"We're simply going to make a better newspaper."

Running six (now five) East Texas publications and printing others, Woodall often jokes a newspaper's first duty to its readers is to stay in business.

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## Board discusses flex-schedule

BY EVAN DUDLEY  
The Monitor Staff

Our country celebrated 240 years of independence this month and the Mineola School Board is getting in on the action.

**Celebrate Freedom Week moved to later date**

The school board met last Monday at the Mineola ISD Administration Building. The board held its first budget workshop of the new academic year, discussed the new flex-scheduling at length and passed a motion to move the Celebrate Freedom week to the beginning of the school year.

Policy designates that the week of Sept. 17 - or another full week determined by the board - include appropriate instruction concerning the intent, meaning and importance of the Declaration of Independence and the United States Constitution

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Workers from Fritcher Construction were busy installing the water features of the splash park at the Mineola Civic Center Monday morning. (Monitor photo by Doris Newman)

## Park grand opening Saturday

On Monday morning, the chairman of the splash park at the Mineola Civic Center Committee, Dr. John Fuller, sounded almost like a child anticipating Christmas.

He was happy to report that the water features for the John J. and Reba Meyers Splash Park, were going up

that morning. This follows on the pouring and curing of concrete last week for the pad play area and sidewalk. "It's going to be a great day and week," he said.

A grand opening is set for Saturday at 10 a.m. and the public is invited to the event. Fundraising is still going on

for enhancements such as restrooms, showers and a concession stand for the splash park area.

Contact the Mineola Civic Center office if you would like to donate for the project. The funds for the splash park were wholly donated by Reba Meyers.

## Prayer vigil Sunday in Mineola

The Mineola Ministerial Alliance is hosting a prayer vigil this Sunday at 6 p.m. at St. Paul Baptist Church "to demonstrate an honest act of solidarity, unity and togetherness."

David Bethel, president of the alliance, said last week the event is planned "in light of all the terrible things that have been happening around the nation, and especially right here in Dallas."

"Our first responders here mean something to us, and they need to hear and feel our support," he said. Bethel said that the uniting of the community is a message of "our standing together in an hour we are most needed."

The community, especially all first responders and city officials are welcome to the event.

## Out & About

- The Mineola Chamber of Commerce will host its quarterly membership luncheon today at 11 a.m. Steven Clayton from the Dallas Federal Reserve Bank Economic Education unit will speak.

- The Mineola League of the Arts Photography Guild will host a meeting Thursday at 6:30 p.m. on Bokeh photography by Eluria Holland.

- The Boy Scout Troop 385 car wash that was advertised to be in Brookshire's parking lot this past weekend has been moved to this Saturday at 7:30 a.m. It's a fundraiser to help send Scouts to camp.

- "Suds," "the rocking 60s Musical Soap Opera" will open this weekend at Lake Country Playhouse for its two-weekend run. There are Friday and Saturday evening performances as well

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## Middle school band takes state; high school places fifth

BY EVAN DUDLEY  
The Monitor Staff

Fall band camp is less than a week away but the Mineola bands are already celebrating their successes heading into the fall marching season.

The Mineola Middle School Symphonic Band has won the title of Class C Texas State Honor Band. The band will perform in February for the Texas Music Educator's Convention in San Antonio. The high school band earned fifth place in the Outstanding Performance Series competition.

"I cannot think of a more deserving group of students," said Mineola Middle School Band Director Melissa Fisher. "Since coming to Mineola



Members of the Mineola Middle School Symphonic Band gather outside the band hall before heading to UIL competition this past spring.

I have found that these students have a great work ethic and are a pleasure to teach. They make my job all that much easier."

This was the first time that both the high school and middle school bands – the middle school made

it to the state level last year – advanced to the final level in the UIL concert band competition. The state contest adjudication was held in San Antonio last week.

"These students are to be congratulated for their work and dedication in

the preparation of their music this past spring," said Chris Brannan, director of bands for the Mineola ISD. "The directors are appreciative of these awesome students that were a part of this process."

The concert band com-

petition began in June on the region level – through taped auditions of UIL contest music – and proceeded through the month into the area level. The Mineola bands were selected in the top two of each level and advanced to the state contest.

## Golf cart accident claims life at HLR



Skyie Parks

A 10-year old Holly Lake Ranch girl was killed in an accident involving a golf cart Thursday. Skyie LeeAnne Parks died from injuries received in the Thursday accident.

Funeral services were held Sunday at Lowe Funeral Home, Quitman, followed by burial at Pilgrim Rest #2 Cemetery, Alba.

She had recently completed fourth grade at Harmony Elementary School after previously being a student at Quitman where she sang in the choir.

Wood County Sheriff's Deputies were called to the scene of the accident on Greenbriar Trail in Holly Lake Ranch after being notified of an accident with injuries involving a golf cart. Upon arrival deputies found out the golf cart had been occupied by three siblings ages

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## Talent line-up set for Old Settlers

The 114th annual Old Settlers Reunion will have four nights of talent this year beginning Wednesday Aug. 3 and running through Saturday, Aug. 6 at Governor Jim Hogg City Park in Quitman

Dale "The C" Cummings will bring his rock n' roll oldies show to the pavilion on Wednesday evening. Randy Lindsey, staff member at KWNS radio in Winnsboro, will host karaoke Thursday night with cash prizes awarded to first, second and third place. Friday night will feature gospel singer Keith Irwin and Prodigal. Midnite Drive will top off the reunion with a show Saturday night. All shows will begin at

7 p.m. each evening.

There will be plenty of food vendors this year with the Quitman Band Boosters serving up hamburgers, Quitman Rotary serving Chik-fil-a sandwiches and barbecue from Quitman's 4-B Riding Club.

Wednesday night will feature Cummings, who has performed in Branson on stage with The Platters and has opened up for Elvis impersonator, Joe Kent, in Memphis.

The members of Midnite Drive are Amanda Pruitt, vocals-guitar; Michael Booth, vocals-lead guitar; Tyler Joiner, bass-vocals; Joe Harrison, steel guitar, and Aaron Warren on drums.



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-What needs to be replaced, updated or repaired?

In general, I always tell sellers to start with repairs first. Look carefully at each room. There may be some very inexpensive things you can do. For example:  
-Replace broken or missing electrical plates  
-Tighten loose knobs  
-Replace broken or dirty blinds  
-Put new mats outside your doors  
-Replace broken window panes  
-Replace any rotted wood outside  
-Use "Upshot" to cover any stains on the ceiling from repaired leaks. You certainly don't want to hide a leak that hasn't been repaired.  
-Clean, Clean, Clean You want your house to sparkle!

The biggest payoff is fresh paint. Almost any house needs fresh paint inside. Paint isn't that expensive and immediately makes a positive impact! Be sure and use a neutral color.

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-Anything you have replaced or improved in last 5 years  
-The date your roof was replaced  
-Copy of a survey if you have one

Other than mentioned, be careful where you spend money. Your house may need updating, but that doesn't necessarily mean you should do it. That's where a good REALTOR® comes into play. They can tell you what is needed and whether or not you'll get a return on that investment.

Happy Selling!

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# Council hears about changes to door to door sales ordinance

BY **DORIS NEWMAN**  
The Monitor Staff

A proposed new version of the city's ordinance for door-to-door salesmen was presented to aldermen during the regular Mineola City Council workshop Thursday.

The meeting was conducted by Mayor Protem Kevin White in the absence of Mayor Rodney Watkins. All council members were present.

City Administrator Mercy Rushing said that the new version of the Solicitor Permit Ordinance had been drafted by the city's attorney, Blake Armstrong. She had given it to Police Chief Chuck Bittner "since he'll be having to enforce it" and he had made a few changes and found a couple of things that were repeated. Rushing said it would include a new application form. One of the council members asked if the city would be charging for it and Rushing said the city could be charging \$100. "They're making money in our city," she noted.

The new ordinance would pertain to professional sales people, including those who show up at parades and work along the parade route. Nonprofit groups will be asked to fill out an application so the city will be aware of who is going around in the neighborhoods.

The meeting included the council's first look at a budget worked on by Rushing. At that point she had spoken with every department head except William Crump, over the wastewater treatment plant, who was on vacation. Rushing said she had gone through the budgets "line item by line item" and cut, after asking the department heads if they could do without, \$192,000 in requests by the departments.

Rushing said that by the end of the fiscal year



**Boy Scout Troop 385 visited the Mineola City council workshop Thursday. They are, from left, Eddie Coffey, Emmitt Brown, Jaxon Holland, Jimmy Cunningham and Zackary Davenport. Cunningham said that the council meeting was much as he had expected, except for one thing. "I thought there would be more people here," he said. (Monitor photo by Doris Newman)**

2015-2016, and "this may change" the general fund will end up with \$119,000 "to the good." In the previous three fiscal years the budgets had been overspent by hundreds of thousands of dollars. The preliminary savings is "thanks to cutting a little over \$500,000" out of the budget, and again she credited the department heads for their willingness to work on the budget.

The city administrator said more than once she expected the budget would change and she is waiting to get the certified property values from the school district. She is budgeting for sales taxes 5 percent over what was brought in this year.

When the meeting arrived at the approval of advertising for requests for independent auditing services, Rushing said she and other staff members had realized "this had not been done in 20 years." She said the city will send out information for qualifications of the auditors but they cannot ask professionals for estimates or bids. Staff can call other cities to see if they are satisfied with their performance.

While the city may continue using the firm they've been with, "This just keeps everybody on

their toes."

Also in Thursday's workshop, the council heard they would need to request a contract amendment for a Texas Community Development Block Grant. The bid for the work on streets in Ward 3 came in lower than expected, so the city is aiming to use the remaining funds on McDaniels Street; heard that two requests for replatting had been recommended by the Planning & Zoning Board. One is for the property where the Mineola League of the Arts is and where they want to add on. The other is on McWhorter Street where a person owns more than one lot and wants to put a house on the two pieces of property;

heard from Ward 3 Alderman Mitchell Tuck that he and Novada Bigham of Ward 3 would

like to revisit the zoning for manufactured housing;

heard that a vision of the 2040 Planning Group is to hold a combination community picnic, community planning meeting at the nature preserve and give the public and city staff the opportunity to communicate; heard from Rushing about progress for Bush's Chicken;

heard that the brush truck had just been repaired that day;

heard from Rick Denny who was unhappy because Walmart has not kept their store adequately stocked. Denny asked for a town hall meeting that could be filmed.

The open workshop concluded and the council went into a special meeting and into executive session to discuss economic development negotiations.

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as Sunday matinees. Call 903-569-2300 for reservations and tickets.

- The John J. and Reba Meyers Splash Park will hold its grand opening this Saturday at 10 a.m.
- The Mineola Youth

Football Association's co-ed softball tournament will be Saturday. The tournament is an all-day event and is raising funds for the Mineola pee-wee football program.

- The Mineola Ministerial Alliance community prayer program to demonstrate solidarity and unity will be held Sunday at 6 p.m. at St. Paul Baptist Church.

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## Mineola Community Calendar

This lists REGULARLY scheduled meetings and is a community service. Please furnish information to Editor Doris Newman. Organizations are responsible for notification of changes.

**ALBA CITY COUNCIL** 1st Mon., 4 p.m., City Hall.  
**ALBA-GOLDEN SCHOOL BOARD** 2nd Mon., 7 p.m., Admin. Bldg., 768-2472.  
**ALBA-GOLDEN YOUTH FOUNDATION**, 2nd Tues., elementary gym, 7 p.m. All welcome.  
**ALBA LADIES CLUB** 4th Thurs., 6:30 p.m., Alba Community Center. 765-2573  
**ALBA LIBRARY BOARD** 3rd Mon., 6:30 p.m. City Hall, Carey Carpenter 768-2141.  
**ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS** - Sun. & Mon. 7 p.m., Fri. 8 p.m., Women's Group Mon. 11 a.m.; St. Dunstons Episcopal Church.  
**AL ANON** - Thursday 7:30 pm; St. Dunstons Episcopal Church.  
**ALZHEIMER SUPPORT GROUP** (spons. by Pilot Club) 1st Mon., 11 a.m. Wingdingers, Mineola. Contact Betty Curbow, 903-569-5237.  
**AMERICAN LEGION POST 296** and Auxiliary 4th Mon. 6:30 p.m. Highway 80 east three miles. All are invited.  
**BOY SCOUT TROOP #385** - Tues. 7 p.m., First United Methodist Educational Bldg., Scoutmaster Chris Jennings, 903.569.3531.  
**BREAD OF LIFE MINISTRY FOOD PANTRY** Humble Baptist, Tues. 1-4 p.m.  
**DAUGHTERS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION:** Daughters of the American Revolution: 1st Sat (except June, July, Aug, Dec) noon, Harvest Acres Baptist Church, 460 NW Loop 564, Mineola. Regent Susan Few, 903-569-3286.  
**DELPHIAN LITERARY CLUB** 1st Weds., Christine Creswell, president, 569-6794; Clarice Pendley, VP, 569-3586.  
**DRUG AND ALCOHOL AWARENESS** Friday 7 p.m. Seventh Day Adventist Church, Ronny Polley 768-2992.  
**DUPLICATE BRIDGE ACBL** games Weds. & Fri. 10:30 a.m., Masonic Lodge, Shirley Matthews 882-1335.  
**FANNIE MARCHMAN GARDEN CLUB** 3rd Weds., September - May, Mineola Civic Center, 9:30 a.m. Visitors welcome. Charla Martin, president, 903-638-6389  
**FRIENDS OF THE MINEOLA MEMORIAL LIBRARY** - 1st Weds. 1 p.m., Mineola Library, Mitzi Pearce, 903-569-5561.  
**GED CLASSES, FREE.** Sand Spring Baptist Church. Mon. & Tues. 9 a.m. to noon or 6-9 p.m. For information or to enroll, call Kim Kerry at 903-768-3239 or 903-569-9350.  
**GIRL SCOUT TROOP #3** Mon., 6 p.m., Broad Street Church of Christ Annex, Troop Leader Crystal Arcand, 903-569-2610. All girls, kindergarten-12th grade welcome.  
**HAINESVILLE VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPT.** - 2nd & 4th Thurs. 7 p.m., Firehouse downtown Hainesville.  
**IRIS GARDEN CLUB-GOLDEN**, 1st Mon. Sept.-May, Golden United Methodist Church. Sherry Lindsey, 903-765-3000, or Ann Medlin, 903-765-2216.  
**KIWANIS CLUB** Tues. noon, Mineola Civic Center Dogwood Room. Ed Castro, president; Sam Curry, treasurer; Becky Moore, secretary.  
**LAKE COUNTRY REPUBLICANS** 4th Tues. 6 p.m. Quitman Library 202 E. Goode St.  
**LAKE COUNTRY RV TRAVELERS**, of Good Sam Int'l. Monthly, RV parks w/in 150 m. radius. 903-569-3677 or 3069.  
**LAKE COUNTRY SYMPHONIC BAND**, will resume rehearsals Aug. 6 at the Mineola High School band hall. 7 p.m. is start time. Mike Holbrook, Director 903-569-2300.

**LAKE HOLBROOK ASSOC.**, 1st Sat. in Feb., May, Aug and Nov., Harold Simmons Community Center, 5:30 p.m. directors, 6 p.m. all members and guests welcome. 903-569-0223  
**LIONS CLUB** 2nd & 4th Thurs. Noon, WingDingers, President Cassandra Sampson, 903-638-1596; Jackie Bowling, Sec./Treas., 903-569-3340.  
**MINEOLA BAND BOOSTERS**, 2nd Tues. at 7 p.m. in high school band hall. All parents invited. Renea Sneed president.  
**MINEOLA MARINE CORPS LEAGUE** (Toys for Tots), 3rd Tues., 7 p.m., American Legion Hall. 903-569-6481, commandant.  
**MINEOLA SCHOOL BOARD** 3rd Mon., Admin. Bldg., Loop 564, 7 p.m.  
**MINEOLA CITY COUNCIL** Meets 4th Monday, 6 p.m., City Hall, Council Workshop the previous Thursday 5:30 p.m. Public welcome. Call City Hall for changes in Nov. and Dec. because of holidays.  
**MINEOLA HIGH SCHOOL ATHLETIC BOOSTER CLUB** Last Mon. High school lobby, 6 p.m.  
**MINEOLA HISTORICAL MUSEUM ADVISORY BOARD** 3rd Tues. 4 p.m., city hall. Linda Rauscher 569-6944. Public invited.  
**MINEOLA MASONIC LODGE:** 2nd Thurs., dinner @ 6:30 p.m.-meeting @ 7:30 p.m. All Masons invited. Call 569-2608.  
**MLOTA LINE DANCE GUILD** Tuesday, 8:30 a.m. & Friday, 9:30 a.m. Guild Coordinator, Sandy Griffin.  
**MLOTA FIBER/CRAFT ART GUILD** Wed. & Thurs 10 am & 1:30 pm, business meeting 4th Thurs, 9:30 am. Guild Coordinator Vera Fingerle.  
**MLOTA QUILT GUILD**, 1st, 2nd, 3rd Thurs. 9:30 am; Business meeting 1st Thurs. Guild Coordinator Nancy Gibson.  
**MLOTA PAINTERS GUILD** Weds. 10 am; business meeting 4th Mon. Guild Coordinator Richard Napier.  
**MLOTA RUG HOOKING GROUP** 1st Thurs., 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Beginners are welcome. Coordinator, Nancy Huntley.  
**MLOTA PHOTOGRAPHY GUILD** 4th Thurs., 6:30 p.m. All levels welcome. Coordinator Lisa Moss, 903-569-8877.  
**MLOTA SCULPTURE GUILD** Tues. 1 p.m. Business meeting 1st Tues. Guild Coordinator, Sheila Wyze.  
**MINEOLA REBEKAH LODGE** 1st & 3rd Tues. 11 a.m. 106 S. Line St. All Rebekahs welcome, 569-2776.  
**MINEOLA SENIOR CITIZEN CENTER**, 308 University, 9:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m. Carol Cassity manager, 903-497-1162; Dominoes & other games.  
**MONDAY NIGHT KNITS**, 6-8 p.m. Mondays at Golden Methodist Fellowship Hall. Julia, 903-768-2540.  
**NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH** quarterly, 2-3 p.m. Ministries Center.  
**NORTHEAST TEXAS PARATROOPERS ASSOC.** 3rd Saturday of each month at 7:30 a.m. at the Rancho in Mineola.  
**OPEN HEART MINISTRY** 3rd Fri., 7 p.m. Mineola Civic Center.  
**OVEREATERS ANONYMOUS**, Tuesdays 5:30 p.m., St. Dunstan's Episcopal Church. 569-9223, 569-1760.  
**PARENT ADVISORY COUNCIL** of Mineola Elementary, 1st Tues.

8:15 a.m., elementary library, Pres. Amanda Medina.  
**PILOT CLUB OF MINEOLA** 2nd & 4th Tues., 6 p.m. Mineola Civic Center. President Betty Curbow, 903-569-5237; Secretary Loraine Epps.  
**REPUBLICAN WOMEN OF WOOD COUNTY** - Third Monday, 11:30 a.m., Quitman Tea House. President Shirley Haskins, VP Janna Castleo.  
**ROTARY CLUB** Monday noon, Dogwood Room, Mineola Civic Center. Pres. Jim Albritton; Sec. Todd Karch.  
**ROTARY RECYCLING** - 3rd Saturday, Walmart parking lot, 9 a.m. to noon. Cardboard, paper and plastic accepted.  
**STROKE SURVIVORS & APHASIA CLUB** of East Texas 4th Weds. 6-7 p.m. First Baptist Church Quitman, Pat Miller 903-878-2392.  
**TEXAS INMATE FAMILIES ASSOC.**, 2nd Tues. 6:30-8 p.m. First Christian Church Tyler, Broadway & Loop, Judy 903-839-2349.  
**TOASTMASTERS INTERNATIONAL**, Garden Valley chapter, Thursdays on Mercy Ships property, 5:30-6:30 p.m. 903-882-0887.  
**TOPS GROUP** 8-11 a.m. Thurs., Harvest Acres Baptist Church, NW Loop 564, Brenda Thompson, 569-1240 or Sue Clower 569-2415.  
**UPPER SABINE VALLEY SOLID WASTE DISTRICT** Quarterly 3rd Mon., 5:30 p.m., Commissioners Courtroom, County Courthouse. Open to the public.  
**UTU AUXILIARY MORNING STAR LODGE #851** 3rd Mon. (except July & Aug.) 11:30 a.m., in homes, Dorothy Arrington, sec.-treas. VFW Ladies Auxiliary #7523 President Vicki Bocz. Meet 3rd Sun., 1 p.m. Currently recruiting new members. Special events posted on marquee. 569-2228.  
**VFW POST #7523:** Doug Melvin, Meeting 3rd Wed., 6 p.m. Karaoke every Friday 8 p.m. 569-2228.  
**WOOD COUNTY AGGIE MOMS** 1st Mon., 7 p.m., The Quitman Library, 202 E. Goode, Kristi Bridges 903-967-7599.  
**WOOD COUNTY APPRAISAL DISTRICT** Quarterly 3rd Thurs. 8 a.m., appraisal district office. Open to the public.  
**WOOD COUNTY COMMISSIONERS COURT** every other Fri., Commissioners Court, Quitman, 10 a.m. 763-2716.  
**WOOD COUNTY CRIME STOPPERS** every other month (odd months), third Monday, 6:30 p.m. W.C. Justice Center courtroom. The public is invited to attend. W.C. Sgt. Kyle Henson, 903-763-2201, or MPD Capt. Jack Newman, 903-569-6294.  
**WOOD COUNTY DEMOCRAT CLUB** Fourth Thurs., Quitman First Methodist Joy Hall, Mineola. 6 p.m. social-meal, 6:45 meeting. Info at woodcountydem.org or Chuck Denson 903-383-7036.  
**WOOD COUNTY 4-H HORSE CLUB** Business meeting, Mon. 2 p.m., Wood County Extension Office.  
**WOOD COUNTY GENEALOGICAL SOC.** 3rd Mon. (Except Dec., June, July & Aug), 7 p.m. Quitman library, Shamburger Community Room. 967-2458, Dorothy Harbin  
**WOOD COUNTY HEALTH DEPT. IMMUNIZATION CLINIC**, Mon, Tues., Wed. 9-11 a.m. & 1-3 p.m., 3rd Mon. 1-6 p.m. Public Health Depart. offices, 213 W. Bermuda, Quitman, 763-5406.  
**WOOD COUNTY HOSPITAL DISTRICT** 2nd Mon. 7 p.m., hospital conference room in Quitman. Public invited.  
**WOOD COUNTY RETIRED SCHOOL PERSONNEL ASSOCIATION** 3rd Mon. Sept.-Dec. & Feb.-April, 2 p.m. and in May at 5 p.m., Forever Young Activity center, 402 S. Main St., Quitman. (No Jan. meeting.) All retired school personnel are invited.  
**WOOD COUNTY TEA PARTY**, 1st Monday, 7 p.m. Quitman Library.

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# Merger

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That said, "The financial experts might disagree with us, but it's our opinion that readers in hometown America want to be informed about events driving their communities. That's news you can't get anywhere else."

Staffing at the papers won't change - residents throughout Wood County will still see the familiar faces of their community journalists. Joyce Hathcock, publisher of both papers, will continue in that role - she's worked 35 years at the *Monitor* and has led the two publications for much of that time.

"Merging two newspapers that have both served Wood County for over 100 years was not a decision made lightly," Hathcock said. "However, there will be little change other than combined news in the *Wood County Monitor*. Change for the better."

"Our goal now is to extend our coverage, giving our readers the opportunity to know what is happening in our county."

Doris Newman, who's been with the *Monitor* since 1988 and became editor in 1995, will edit the new, combined *Wood County Monitor*.

"Doris has deep roots in her community and in this county," Bluebonnet Editorial Director James Draper said. "She's a veteran reporter, editor, photographer - a real community journalist."

Larry Tucker, editor of the *Wood County Democrat*, will be *Wood County* news editor.

"Tucker's built news relationships with county officials, with community leaders, with churches, with clubs, with readers. He knows his way around Lake Fork, he puts mile after mile after mile on the odometer making sure his communities are covered," Draper said. "These are the two people who know where the stories are, and they've been working alongside each other extremely well - their new partnership's going to be even more valuable moving forward and growing the countywide news desk."

Evan Dudley was recently hired to be sports editor of the new paper.

"Evan was an excellent find, and sports fans throughout our combined coverage area are going to enjoy the additional coverage they'll get in the weekly paper."

The transition for ad-

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vertisers will be an easy one: Larry Box will still work with clients out of the Quitman office while Heather Trammell works as the advertising sales representative in the Mineola office. Brandi Box will continue to handle classified advertising in Quitman.

With 28 years at the *Mineola Monitor* under her belt, the merger is a big change for Newman.

It took some getting used to, the new editor said, to watch the newspaper that welcomed her to the community decades ago evolve into a new publication. She's looking forward to a change for the better.

"I am excited about the possibilities of what we can do with this," Newman said, recalling a recent local speech by economist Ray Perryman: "One of his pieces of advice was for our county to continue to expand upon working together in reaching out to new businesses and expanding offerings in our county. I really feel like this falls very much in line with his advice to our businesses in our county."

Tucker said he, too, was hesitant at first but the chance to cover more in the county won him over quickly. "This is kind of like a gift to me, for what I want to do," he said. The hardest part has been keeping the news to himself. "I think it's going to be a great thing. I like how we're going to do sports, I really like how we're going to include more news. People have always wanted more county news from me."

"Everyone is kind of leery of change sometimes. I'm not. I embrace change. Bottom line is I'm excited. We want to be bigger and better."

There are some growing pains ahead, Newman allowed. At the very least, readers will find a heavier paper in newsstands and in their mailboxes, though the price won't change.

"We will have a lot of things that we're going to be working out,

as far as the logistics of gathering the information, getting the stories produced and into the paper," she explained. The newspaper will be recruiting new contributing writers to cover all corners of the county. "I've been with the *Monitor* for a long time - from the time, actually, my family moved to Mineola. I read the *Monitor* and learned about this town in many ways through the articles that were in the *Monitor* at the time. I worked here in high school.

"It is a process of adjusting to this as a change that will help make our paper stronger and better for the communities in our county."

Recruiting 'stringers' is an immediate and ongoing task.

"We're actively looking for people to help us increase our coverage of the county," Woodall said. "We'd like to provide our readers with coverage of school boards, city councils and community organizations across the county. This will provide us with a platform to accomplish that."

Woodall, whose company bought the newspapers almost four years ago, noted that the idea of the merger was first presented to him by a reader. "One of our subscribers sent back his renewal card with a check and a note - why don't you just combine these papers and give us a better newspaper?" That was about three years ago. The idea's been rattling around in my head ever since. And, we regularly hear that from others. Eventually, the details crystallized and we're moving ahead with it."

The annual subscription price will remain unchanged - \$31.50 per year locally, \$44 outside the area.

Advertisers who have a rate agreement in place will see no change in their rates - they'll simply get twice as much circulation. Advertisers who do not have a rate agreement will pay the same price advertisers have for the last three years paid to be in both the newspapers.

"I lived in Wood County, edited the *Wood County Democrat* for eight years in the '70s and early '80s," Woodall noted. "In the '90s I was publisher of the *Mineola Monitor* for a couple of years. My children graduated from high school in Wood County and exactly half my grandchildren were christened here. "This county is important to me personally as well as professionally. Local newspapering in Wood County is not going to get weaker on my watch."

According to Draper, weekly coverage decisions will be based on the significance of the story, not on geography or the size of the community involved.

"The two papers already produce a lot of news," he said. "With Doris and Tucker working together, our readers are going to see really strong front pages, the best of what's happening in Wood County, and they're still going to find the same coverage - and more - inside the paper."

"We've invested a lot of money in our Wood County coverage, and we're prepared to invest more. We're looking to add staff at a time when newspapers from coast to coast are trimming staff. We're expanding our coverage, because we have community journalists who can make it happen - all our staff have been doing a great job on their own, and we're excited to see what they can do together."

**"Our goal now is to extend our coverage, giving our readers the opportunity to know what is happening in our county."**

Joyce Hathcock  
Monitor Publisher

# New deadline set for society-type news

While many things will stay the same in the merger of the *Wood County Democrat* and the *Mineola Monitor*, staff members would like contributors to be aware of a new deadline for news.

The combination of the contents of the two papers for the *Wood County Monitor* will result in a larger paper and more sections and an earlier deadline for production of part of the publication. Consequently, the deadline for news to be brought in to the *Monitor* about nonprofit organizations, civic clubs, churches, school news, weddings, engagements and birth announcements will be 4 p.m. on Thursday prior to the week's edition it will be in. All other news, including letters to the editor, will be noon on Friday.

The deadlines for advertising for the newspaper will remain the same. Those are noon on Friday for retail/business-type advertising and 10 a.m. on Monday morning for classified advertising. The new retail rate for the new publication is \$10 per column inch. The cost of classified advertisements will continue to be \$12 for 15 words and 20 cents per word over that.

The *Wood County Monitor's* letter to the editor policy remains the same with a 300-word limit. Letters which are slanderous or libelous will not be run and any letter over the limit will be charged the per-inch advertising rate. The *Monitor* reserves editorial discretion on publishing as well as editing letters.

As a reminder, the *Wood County Monitor* will continue to run basic, factual obituaries for free and with photographs if room allows. To include other than the basic information, the obituary will need to be placed as paid advertisement and subject to the advertising per-inch rate.

Submitted items can be emailed or taken to either of the offices which remain in the same location: the former *Monitor* at 715 Mimosa St., Mineola, and the former *Democrat* at 310 E. Goode St, Suite C, in Quitman.

## Hensarling to host meet here Aug. 4

U.S. Congressman Jeb Hensarling will host a town hall meeting in Mineola Thursday, Aug. 4 at 9:45 a.m. at the Mineola City Hall.

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## Police Report

Mineola police reports for the past week included:

**July 20** – An air conditioner window unit was stolen out of a house on Landers Street. This is under investigation.

A reckless driver was reported on North Pacific Street. An officer stopped the vehicle at 10:27 p.m. and found that the driver was not intoxicated.

**July 19** – Police arrested James R. Wilson, 40, Mineola for driving while intoxicated with child passengers, a state jail felony. Wilson was involved in a motor vehicle accident on West Patten when he struck a parked car. Wilson had children, 2 and 3 years old, with him.

**July 18** – At 3:41 a.m. officers assisted with the building fire on North Line Street.

Officers were dispatched to Goodwill when someone was possibly taking items. Goodwill did not want to file charges, but they do not want the person back in the store.

Officers received a disorderly conduct call about a man, who is a new resident on Edwards Street exposing himself to an adult female. Warrants have been issued for indecent exposure.

Police arrested Justin Wayne Roberts, 33, Mineola for public intoxication and possession of drug paraphernalia. Someone

called the police department about an unsafe driver in the parking lot of Murphy's Oil. Officers found Roberts to be intoxicated on narcotics and in danger to himself and others and said he had two pipes used to inhale narcotics.

**July 17** – Police arrested Joseph Edward McDowell, 29, Mineola, for possession of a controlled substance over one gram less than four grams in a drug-free zone. McDowell was pulled over on North Pacific at Laura Street which is approximately 650 feet from the Guiding Light Child Day Care, making it a drug free zone. McDowell's car was pulled over for an expired registration from August 2015 for which he received a ticket.

A Sycamore Street resident reported at 9:42 p.m. an unknown man was knocking on his door looking for another man who didn't live there. The man was refusing to leave and insisted that the man was in the house. The man threatened the resident. The man damaged a mirror on a pickup in the carport and also grabbed a woman on the arm, causing an injury. The male subject left before officers arrived. This is under investigation for criminal mischief and assault/elderly individual. Charges are pending on an identified person.

**July 16** – Police arrested Amy Mechelle Fikes, 43, Sulphur Springs for driving with no liability insurance and possession of a controlled substance. She was pulled over on South Pacific Street for a defective head lamp on the pickup she was driving.

At 3:26 a.m. officers were called to East McDonald Street because a woman wanted to speak with her brother-in-law about a family matter, but he refused to talk with her. Officers tried to get her to leave the area, but she refused and stayed on the highway right-of-way. No charges were filed.

At 1:34 p.m. a woman reported money was stolen in the Walmart self check-out. She had gotten \$60 cash back but accidentally left it. When she returned, the money was gone.

At 11:36 p.m. a 27-year-old Edinburg, Texas, man was issued a criminal trespass warning from Gateway Lanes when he became upset and started breaking pool sticks and yelling.

**July 15** – At 6:49 a.m. a burglary report was received from Ag Power on West Broad Street when someone threw a concrete rock through the front glass of the business. Someone gained entry but wasn't able to take anything. It was reported that the Tyler store was burglarized just before the one in Mineola and then the Alba John Deere store was burglarized just minutes after Mineola. This is under investigation.

A woman reported she was assaulted at the Luscious Crumb building on South Pacific Street by another woman pushing her during a civil dispute

on July 9.

An assault was reported on North Johnson Street between a father and adult son. The son said he was hit by a gas hose on his back. After further investigation warrants have been issued for the father.

A man delivered a wallet with contents to the police department after finding it in the Walmart parking lot. The wallet was returned to the owner.

At 8:37 p.m. there was a call about possible gunshots in the Short and McDaniels Street area. Officers weren't able to locate the source of the noise but some residents said it sounded like fireworks.

There was a report of a reckless driver on Highway 69 north. But the vehicle pulled in the McDonald's parking lot and the driver said she had dropped her phone and was looking for it.

**July 14** – A woman called and stated she had picked up a girl who said she was 17 and needed a ride to Walmart to wait on a friend to pick her up. She wanted officers to check on her to make sure she was not a juvenile runaway. Officers found her at Whataburger. They learned she was 13, but not a runaway. Attempts to contact family were made. The grandfather was contacted and deputies picked her up to take her to their office to investigate the situation since she lives in the county.

A theft was reported at a business on Maxine Drive when \$220 came up missing from a woman's purse.

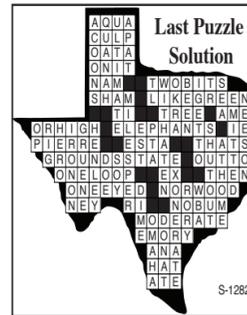
A burglary was reported on West Kilpatrick Street in which cash was stolen. This is under investigation.

A woman reported money missing from her bank account by someone using her debit card information.

An assault was reported at the Chevron when a man said he was pushed in the chest by a woman.

A man on West Broad Street reported tires and wheels stolen from a truck parked behind his shop. A theft report was made.

Read this week's Fire Report online at [www.themineolamonitor.com](http://www.themineolamonitor.com)



Three people were reportedly taken to Tyler hospitals after a two-car collision north of Mineola on Highway 37 last Tuesday at 9:17 a.m. A passenger in a Toyota Corolla, 11-year-old Brandon Chilton of Willsboro, was taken by emergency helicopter to East Texas Medical Center Hospital in Tyler. His grandmother, Dorothy Chilton, 71, was taken by ambulance and the driver of a Ford F150 was reportedly taken to Mother Frances, although they have no record of him. Texas Department of Public Safety Trooper Justin Harrison worked the accident and said Ramey was cited for failure to yield the right-of-way as he attempted to turn his southbound truck left into his driveway, striking the oncoming Corolla. All occupants were wearing safety belts and airbags deployed. (Monitor photo by Evan Dudley)

## Sheriff's Report

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

**July 19** - Lieutenant Robert Holland and Deputy Dustin Fenlaw responded to Holly Lake Ranch on a report of an assault. Speaking with the victim, the deputies were able to learn the suspect, the woman's fiancé, had broken her cell phone and grabbed her arm, twisting the arm and wrist. The suspect had left the area but was later located and arrested for assault causing bodily injury. Danny Gene Blankenship, 32, of Mabank, was transported to jail but not without incident. Blankenship continually argued during transport and refused to leave the vehicle upon arriving at the jail. He was placed in a body restraint and placed in a cell.

Deputy Fenlaw was dispatched to the Willsboro emergency room in reference to an assault which reportedly occurred at a residence on County Road 1970 in the Yantis area. The female victim had several injuries consisting of lacerations to her nose, left hand and left leg. The victim stated she was pushed down by her significant other but gave contradictory information. The woman stated she wanted to pursue charges but later stated she did not. The case has been forwarded to CID for warrant review.

Deputy Aaron Warren took a report of burglary from a complainant on CR 3859. The man reported that a shed on his property had been broken into and that several items were missing from inside the structure. The case remains under active investigation.

Deputy Melissa Pollard was dispatched to Farm-to-Market 2869 in the Willsboro area in reference to a burglary of a building. A complainant reported that he had discovered his Yamaha Grizzly, valued at \$7,800, and a log splitter, valued at \$1,000, were missing from the garage area of a

building on the property. Pollard located a small path leading south off of CR 4596 and discovered two log splitters in the wooded area north of the path. The complainant positively identified his splitter and his ATV was also found close to the area. The property was released to the complainant. Additional property found on site was transported to the sheriff's office impound lot where investigators will attempt to determine its rightful owner.

Deputy Warren took a theft report from an Alba man who stated an ice chest had been taken from the bed of his truck. The tan cooler resembled a Yeti brand but was made by IceBin. The cooler is valued at over \$200. The case is now in the hands of investigators.

**July 18** - Sergeant Josh O'Grady facilitated the return of property after he was contacted by a man who stated he had been unable to retrieve a 16' trailer and hot tub he had loaned to a friend. The friend had since been incarcerated and left the property at a third party's residence that was refusing to release the property. O'Grady spoke with the third party and arranged for the man to pick up his trailer and hot tub.

**July 17** - Deputy Tucker George took a report of burglary of a habitation from a complainant on CR 1602. The complainant stated the property was a vacation cabin and that he had been away since July 5. The complainant discovered a large window air conditioning unit missing along with various other items. No damage was noted to the front or back door leading to the belief that the window was the point of entry. The case has been forwarded for assignment and investigation.

**July 16** - Deputy Brandie Cunningham was dispatched to a structure fire on FM 779 in the Golden area. Cunningham spoke with a man who stated he was residing in the home along with his mother who was away at the time the fire began. Cunningham was advised by the fire department that the blaze had rendered the home unsafe to live in. The home was taped off and secured by the fire department. The case has been forwarded to the county's fire marshal for investigation.

Shortly before 6 a.m., Sgt. James Hildebrand observed a man and a woman walking along FM 515. Hildebrand had been made aware of a suicidal man that had left the Willsboro emergency room against medical advice. Hildebrand detained the couple and placed the man in protective custody so that he could be transported to a hospital for evaluation.

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# Obituaries

## SKYIE LEEANNE PARKS 2005-2016

HOLLY LAKE RANCH-Funeral services for Skyie Parks, 10, Holly Lake, were held Sunday at Lowe Funeral Home Chapel with Rev. Craig Kearby officiating.

Skyie was born December 12, 2005, in Quitman and died July 21, 2016, in Tyler. She attended Harmony ISD and formerly attended Quitman ISD where she sang in the choir.

Survivors include her mother, Heather

Underwood, Holly Lake Ranch; father, Dennis York, Kansas; daddy Timothy Parks, Snyder; stepfather, Ronnie Higgins, Holly Lake Ranch; grandparents, Connie Underwood, Quitman; Bonnie Jarrett, Dallas; Cynthia Copeland, Dallas; brothers, Chanse Parks, Holly Lake, Christian Scott, Ponder and sister Brianna Parks, Holly Lake.



## BILLIE SUE BARROW 1929-2016

MINEOLA-Funeral services for Billie Sue Barrow, 86, Mineola, were held Saturday, July 23 at St. Paul Missionary Baptist Church in Mineola with Rev. Demethruis Boyd officiating.

Mr. Barrow died July 17, 2016, in Mineola. She was born December 31, 1929, in Mineola to the late Leon and Myrtle Blackwell. She was a member of St. Paul Missionary Baptist Church in

Mineola.

She was preceded in death by her husband, William "Pete" Barrow and a son, Lemuel Barrow.

Survivors include three sons, Donnell Lankford, William Barrow, Raymond Barrow; four daughters, Brenda Lankford, Patricia Barrow, Donna Barrow, Coryea Barrow; two brothers, Robert Blackwell and James Blackwell; a sister, Bobbie Blackwell; 16 grandchildren and numerous great-grandchildren.

## Chamber luncheon to be held today at civic center

The Mineola Chamber of Commerce will host their quarterly membership luncheon today at the Mineola Civic Center. Discussions will center on economic development and how it will affect businesses in Mineola.

Steven Clayton from the Dallas Federal Reserve Bank Economic Education unit will be the guest speaker. Clayton's primary responsibilities include researching and developing technology-driven resources to enhance understanding of

economics and personal finance.

Chamber members may sign up to speak for three minutes when registering. Those who have already spoken this year are encouraged to allow others the opportunity to speak.

Doors open at 11 a.m. for networking and lunch. Chamber activities and announcements will be made at 11:30 and at noon the floor will open to members who signed up to speak. Clayton will speak at 12:30.

## Board

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in their historical context.

The school board accepted the proposal to move the instructional week to the beginning of the school year to coincide with curriculum.

Before beginning the budget workshop, the school board received a presentation from Foundation Innovation, a full-service consulting firm dedicated to guiding education foundations and school districts to success. Laurie Cromwell, founder of Foundation Innovation, along with consultant Dawn Parnell presented a proposed plan to the school board.

"An educational foundation was part of recommendations from the strategic plan," said Superintendent Kim Tunnell. "Our board is looking at the merit and support available in setting up our own Mineola ISD Educational Foundation."

"Many communities have an educational foundation to support teachers and specific district initiatives and engage the community in partnership with our district. We are excited about the potential opportunity to showcase our wonderful staff and their work with our students."

A budget workshop for the 2016-2017 academic year was presented by Assistant Superintendent for Business and Operations William Bjork. The payroll section of the proposed budget has yet to be completed but operational costs saw a decrease of approximately \$92,000 from last year's budget according to Bjork.

Information items listed on the agenda were also presented by Bjork who said tax collections were down half a percent from last year but would be balanced out by next month. The district was not expected to pay more into insurance at this time.

A public forum was opened but no citizens were present to address the board.

After completing votes on action items the board heard reports from Tunnell, which included a review of the Community and Student Engagement Report, instructional changes for the upcoming school year and a brief review of the Texas Association of School Boards Leadership Institute.

The new "flex" schedule was the main topic of discussion during the superintendent report. The new schedule is essentially a schedule based off of the college format. Classes are taught three, four and five days a week with independent study time created for students.

The "free" time may be a cause for concern from some residents but Tunnell expects those concerns to be quelled with the lessons of responsibility and accountability learned by the students through this scheduling technique. "This innovative scheduling is based upon our mission to challenge our students, meet their individual needs and prepare them to be successful citizens through personalized learning," said Tunnell.

In other news:

- board member Dr. Kyle Gully was absent from the meeting;
- after reconvening from executive session, the board voted unanimously to hire seven educators. They are Martha Crump, first grade; Shenice Lacy, kindergarten, and Stacey Whitehead, kindergarten, hired to the primary school. Also Wendell Benningfield, fifth grade, and Laquetta Howard, third grade, were hired to the elementary school. Benjy Melancon, sports medicine and trainer, and Kenneth Morris, DAEP and coach, were hired to the high school.

## Parks

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14, 10, and nine. They had struck a mail box post and the electric cart rolled on its side.

During the crash, the 10-year-old female occupant, Skyie Parks, sustained head injuries. She was immediately flown by EMS Care flight to a Tyler hospital, but died as a result of the injuries. Both siblings involved in the accident were checked by EMS and released.

The case remains under investigation by the Wood County Sheriff's Department.



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## Leona Horn

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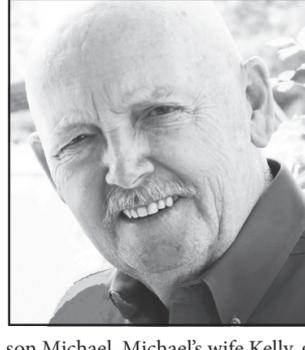


Leona Horn, 93, of Mineola, TX passed away on Sunday, July 17, 2016 in Mineola. She was born in Hallsville, TX on Monday, October 16, 1922 to the late Elisha and Vadie Whatley. She was a member of Central Baptist Church of Lindale, TX where she held the title of oldest lady in the church for many years. Ms. Horn was predeceased by her husband Harvey Howard Horn; five brothers and one sister. She is survived by son Harvey Wayland Horn of Mineola, TX; daughter, Patsy Lanelle Sharp and husband Jay of Mineola, TX; brother in law, W.G. Horn and wife Wanda of Greenville, TX; two grandchildren, Derek Sharp and wife Missy of London, England and Jason Sharp and wife Teah of Lubbock, TX; five great grandchildren, Alexis Sharp, Lorelei Sharp, Jordan Sharp, Caroline Sharp, Blake Sharp and numerous nieces and nephews.

Visitation is scheduled for Saturday, July 23, 2016 from 1:30 pm to 2:30 pm at Beatty Funeral Home, Mineola, TX. Funeral Service will follow visitation at 2:30 pm, Saturday, July 23, 2016 at the funeral home.

## WILLIAM DARRELL HASTEN

### 1940 - 2016



William Darrell Hasten, 75, has completed his earthly journey and is now safe in the arms of Jesus. Darrell passed away on July 20, 2016, in a local hospital. He was predeceased by a son, Marty, in 1976. He is survived by his loving wife of 56 years, Sue Hasten. He is also survived by his son Michael, Michael's wife Kelly, grandson Justyn, and granddaughters Allyson, Abby, and Emily. Darrell has one sibling, his brother Carl, Carl's wife Judy, and numerous nieces and nephews.

Darrell was born September 22, 1940, in the Hainesville area of Wood County, Texas. Growing up, he attended Quitman schools and graduated from Harmony High School. After graduation, he held jobs at Pittsburg Paint, General Electric Air Conditioning, and driving trucks on short haul loads.

Above all else, Darrell was a faithful son of God and a loving provider for his family. There was never any doubt that he loved his wife, children, and family dearly. He never missed his children's events, he loved his New Hope Baptist Church family, he loved working with his tractor and planting a garden, he loved traveling in their RV, and he loved to spend the day fighting catfish on Lake Fork. He will be missed terribly, but we are relieved to know that his discomfort has ceased and he can now rest comfortably.

Funeral arrangements have been made with Beatty Funeral Home in Mineola, TX. Visitation is scheduled for Thursday, July 21, 2016 from 6 - 8 pm at Beatty Funeral Home, Mineola. The funeral will be held at New Hope Baptist Church in Mineola, TX on Friday July 22, 2016 at 10:00AM. A graveside service will be held at the Whitehouse Cemetery later that afternoon at 2:00PM, where he will be laid to rest alongside his beloved son Marty.

**Darrell loved the New Hope Baptist Church youth ministry. In lieu of flowers, we would respectfully request that donations be made to the New Hope Baptist Church Youth Group. The mailing address for New Hope Baptist Church is: 3855 FM 1801, Mineola, TX 75773.**

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18 TXism: "covered \_\_\_ on grass"

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23 church affiliation of TX Paul Quinn College (abbr.)

24 TXism: "come hell \_\_\_ water" (determination)

30 large mammals

34 "that is" abbr.

35 male French name

36 "this" south of the border

37 TXism: "\_\_\_ a horse of a different color"

39 near Mexia: "Confederate Reunion Historic Site"

43 TXism: "\_\_\_ pasture" (retired)

44 TXism: "a \_\_\_ man" (good roper)

45 former spouse

46 TX-born Debbie Reynolds book: "If I Knew \_\_\_"

47 Jeff Bridges is a \_\_\_ marshal in TX-filmed "True Grit"

49 TX-born Cyd Charisse broke into show biz as Lily \_\_\_

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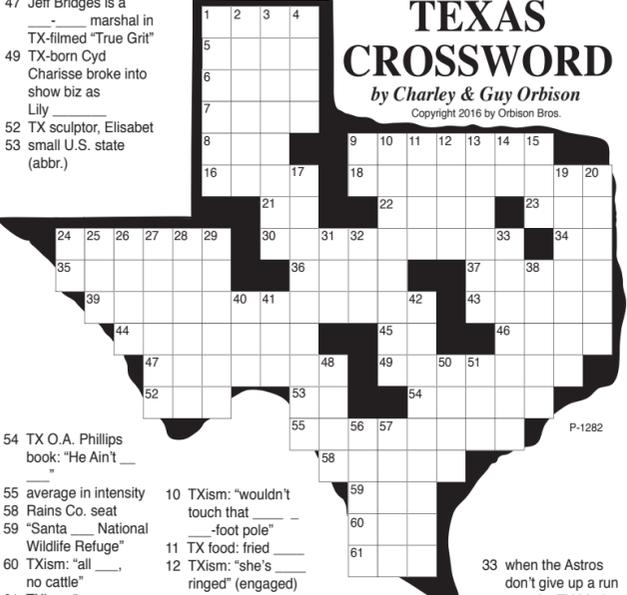
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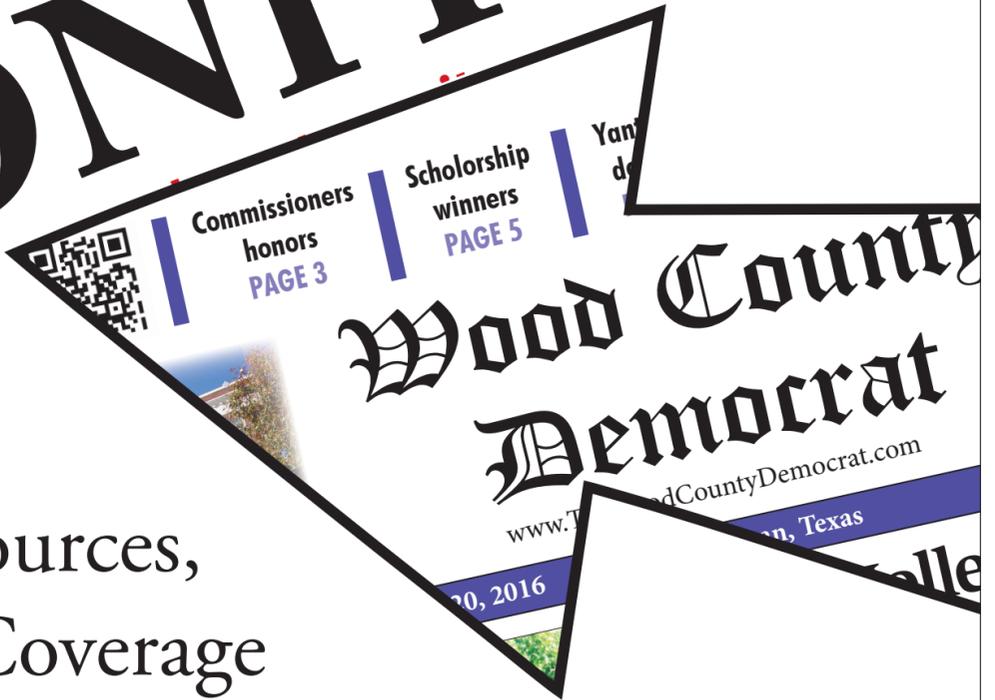

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## Mineola teams drop early in state tournament

BY EVAN DUDLEY  
The Monitor Staff

The heat continues to blanket East Texas with temperatures now rising into the triple-digits but that doesn't seem to bother the young ladies playing baseball across the state.

As the sun completes its day-long torture of all those below the Mason-Dixon line, the girls are breaking through the sweat and enjoying themselves as summer begins to wind down heading into August.

The Mineola Youth Foundation hosted the Girls 8-Under Machine Pitch State Tournament last week at the ballpark. The Grand Saline Elite won the tournament over the Van Red Hot Lady Bugs.

The Mineola Rage and Mineola Hometown Honey's competed against 12 other teams last week in the tournament but were unable to advance past the third day.

In addition to the Rage and Hometown Honey's, five teams from the area advanced to state tournaments. The Alba Heartbreakers, Alba Pink Panthers and Alba Showtime competed in the 6-under t-ball tournament, the Alba Ice in the 10-under tournament and the Alba Impact in the 15-under tournament.

The youth foundation will have fall t-ball signups this Saturday from 10 a.m. - noon in the Diamond Room at the Mineola youth ballpark. Contact Robert or Tamara Hamlin at 903-780-0640 or thamlin81@yahoo.com.



ABOVE: A member of the Mineola Hometown Honey's makes the stretch in an attempt to make a catch.

AT LEFT: The Mineola Hometown Honey's score a run early in a winner's bracket game last week.

## Whitehouse team takes Lake Fork Open title

By LARRY TUCKER  
The Democrat Staff

Will Hughes and Carter Henderson, Whitehouse High School, took home \$6,000 in scholarship money for their first place finish at the Lake Fork High School Open over the weekend.

Hughes added another \$500 for reeling in the biggest bass at 10.04 pounds. The team's two-day total was 22.88 pounds.

The team's boat captain was Jody Kea, a former Quitman resident. "I first got involved last year when my son was fishing. I enjoyed it so much

I decided to keep doing it," Kea said. "I don't do much. These two young men did all the work while I sat back and enjoyed doing my part."

Coming in second place from Crandall was the team of Garrett Cutler and Brandon Dominguez, who also placed second last year. Cutler was the big bass winner last year.

Winners Hughes and Henderson will share the scholarship money which was donated by Billy Sartin of Sartin Marine at Lake Fork. "We can't say how very much we appreciate Billy Sar-

tin for his donation and for his support of this event," Tournament Director Micheal Rogge said. "I can't say enough about all of these young men and their boat captains who have participated this year. Our volunteers have again been wonderful. It was great to have the East Texas Baptist University bass fishing team here to help us out. They drove over from Marshall and volunteered to do anything we asked of them."

There were 102 teams entered in the event which drew participants from throughout Texas



The Henderson-Hughes team from Whitehouse High School took home first place and \$6,000 in scholarship money for winning the Lake Fork High School Open over the weekend. Pictured (left to right) are Carter Henderson, Jody Kea (adult boat captain), Will Hughes, and Billy Sartin who donated the scholarship money. (Photo by Larry Tucker)

and several states from Arizona to Kansas.

ETBU is one of the universities which gives scholarships to young bass fishermen. Other

college-level institutions giving bass fishing scholarships are Dallas Baptist University; Bethel University, McKenzie, Tennessee; Drury University,

Springfield, Missouri; McKendree University, Lebanon, Illinois and Savannah College of Art and Design, Savannah, Georgia.

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## Sauer elected Region 7 Coordinator for TASSP

Mineola High School Principal David Sauer has been selected to serve on the board of directors for the Texas Association of Secondary School Principals as the Region 7 coordinator. TASSP is a member organization whose mission is to ensure that campus administrators across the state of Texas serve as courageous transformative leaders and a unifying voice for all learners through professional development and support.

Sauer will be responsible for serving as a regular member of the TASSP Board of Directors, promoting membership and participation in TASSP and providing a variety of regional activities that pertain to each goal area of the TASSP Mission and Goals. Sauer has over 20 years of experience in Texas public schools and has served as a campus administrator and principal for 14 years with elementary, middle and high school campuses. He has

previously served on the board of directors for the Texas Elementary Principals and Supervisors Association as the Region 7 president. Sauer recently completed his second summer research training at the Harvard Graduate School of Education Principal's Center in Cambridge, Massachusetts and is set to begin his fourth year serving the students of Mineola High School.

## Deadline Sunday for prepaid newborn tuition program

The deadline for Texas families to enroll their newborns in the Texas Tuition Promise Fund is July 31. The program prepays for all or some future tuition and school-wide required fees at Texas public colleges and universities. Children must be younger than one year at the time of enrollment.

Under the Texas Tuition Promise Fund, the state's prepaid college tuition program, participants can purchase tuition units and lock in costs based on today's prices.

"For Texas families concerned about rising tuition costs, now is a good time to start planning early and consider enrolling your newborn in this program," said Texas Comptroller Glenn Hegar.

The next annual enrollment period begins on Sept. 1 and is based on Texas public college and university tuition and school-wide required fees for the 2016-2017 school year.

Purchasers should carefully consider the risks, administrative fees, service and other charges and expenses associated with the contracts, including plan termination and decreased transfer or refund value. Purchasers should read these documents carefully before purchasing a contract. Participation in the plan does not guarantee admission to any college or university.

Complete plan information, including plan description and agreement, current prices, enrollment forms and more is available at TuitionPromise.org, or by calling 1-800-445-GRAD (4723), Option 5.



## Bokeh photography to be guild topic Thursday

The MLOTA Photography Guild will host a meeting this Thursday at 6:30 p.m. on Bokeh photography by Eluria Holland. Bokeh has been defined as "the way the lens renders out-of-focus points of light."

This will be a hands-on class so be sure to bring your camera and a tripod. A question-and-answer forum will be held prior to the beginning of the meeting from 6-6:30 p.m.

The guild welcomes all levels of photographers from beginners to professionals. They meet every fourth Thursday at 6:30 p.m.

For more information please call 903-569-8877 or visit their Facebook page, Mineola League of the Arts Photography Guild.

## Crappie Anglers Lake Texoma results

Crappie Anglers of Texas recently held its sixth Crappie Anglers of Texas Qualifier

Tournament of 2016 on Lake Texoma July 16. The tournament hosted 28 teams including 18 teams for Division 1 and 10 teams for Division 2.

In Division 1, Anh Nguyen, Roanoke, won first place with a stringer of seven fish weighing 10.84 pounds. Anh also won the Bobby Garland Big Fish Award with a slab weighing 2.34 pounds.

AJ and Carolyn Matura, Chandler, took home second place with a seven-fish stringer weighing 9.46 pounds. This team also won the Pro Angler Elite Rod Chal-

lenge Award.

Larry Middleton, Boyd, and Chris Waters, Denton, netted third place with seven fish weighing 8.59 pounds.

Jerry Hancock, McKinney, and James Pegram, Blue Ridge, won the Constant Pursuit Outfitters Lightest Stringer Award. Gary Sims, Gunter, and Pat Martin, Carrollton, won the Slab Bandit Crazy Eight Award. John Hernandez, Carrollton, and Jimmy Mathis, Little Elm, won the Minnow Bucket Lucky Dog Award. In Division 2, Clay Gann, Hideaway, and

Todd Froebe, Lindale, won first place with a stringer of seven fish weighing 10.86 pounds. The team also won the Bobby Garland Big Fish Award with a slab weighing 2.02 pounds.

Second place was won by Stuart Angelle, Flower Mound, and Max Dukes, Murphy, with a stringer of seven fish weighing 7.94 pounds. The team also won the Pro Angler Elite Rod Challenge Award and the Slab Bandit Crazy Eight Award.

James Davis, Ft. Worth, and Carl Ellis, Arlington, rounded out the top three spots and took home third place with a seven fish stringer weighing 7.39 pounds.

Clinton Joseph, Killeen, won the Big Earl's Bait and Tackle Lucky Dog Award and Langdon Froebe won the Pro Angler Junior Angler Award.

CAT will host two more events on their 2016 tournament trail. A CAT qualifier tournament will be held at Lake Tawakoni Aug. 20 and the Texas State Crappie Championship will be held at Lake Lewisville Oct. 14-15.

CAT is a non-profit organization dedicated to the sport of crappie fishing. With over 280 members nationwide, CAT has been instrumental in gaining national attention for crappie fishing in Texas and continues to develop its members' knowledge of crappie fishing through educational meetings, seminars and fishing tournaments. All CAT tournaments pay back at least 100 percent of the anglers' entry fees.

For more information, visit crappieanglersoftexas.com or contact Jay Don Reeve at 214-448-9308.

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### Mineola Country Club

## Senior Golf Report

The team of Robert Linker, John Gorman, Carlis Yelverton and Loy Frazier won first in the Senior Golf Scramble at Mineola Country Club Thursday. They shot (14 under) 57.

The second place team of Mike Caerley, Ed Vanderbuilt and Gary Milam shot (10 under) 61.

Closest to the pin on hole #5 was Caerley. Yelverton drove closest on hole #9.

## MEALS ON WHEELS

### THIS WEEK'S MENUS:

**Thursday, Jul. 28** - Turkey Breast with Gravy, Black-Eyed Peas, Collard Greens, Cornbread, Fresh Orange, Milk

**Friday, Jul. 29** - BBQ Pork Rib Patty, Whole Kernel Corn, Cranapple Cobbler, Wheat Bread, Milk

**Monday, Aug. 1** - Meatballs w/Tomato Sauce, Penne Pasta, Italian Vegetables, Wheat Bread, Fudge Cream Cookie, Milk

**Tuesday, Aug. 2** - Lemon Pepper Chicken, Mashed Spiced Yams, Brussels Sprouts, Wheat Bread, Fresh Fruit, Milk

**Wednesday, Aug. 3** - Beef Chili with Beans, Parslied Rice, Pacific Vegetables, Cornbread, Fresh Fruit, Milk

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# Historic courthouses receive grants

The Texas Historical Commission announced grant recipients for round 9 of the nationally recognized Texas Historic Courthouse Preservation during its July 22 quarterly meeting in Austin. The THC awarded matching grants totaling \$20,162,369 to eight counties to aid in preservation of their historic courthouses, including four grants for full historic restorations.

Fannin, Karnes, Lynn, and San Saba counties received construction grants for full restorations.

Cameron, Kleberg, and Willacy counties received emergency grants to address critical issues including structural problems, water accumulation and hazardous material removal.

Hunt County was awarded

a planning grant to be applied toward the production of construction documents for a future application to the program for a full restoration of their building.

The grants were made possible through a \$20 million appropriation by the 84th Texas Legislature. The THC received applications from 25 counties requesting \$78.8 million for projects totaling \$140.8 million. The agency determined grants by assessing 21 criteria including the building's age, endangerment, historical designations and county support for the project. Emergency grants were based primarily upon the score assigned to the endangerment category.

"The goal of the Texas Historic Courthouse Preservation

Program is to assist as many communities as possible," said THC Architecture Division Director Sharon Fleming. "The counties receiving grants are in need of this support to preserve historic landmarks, but to also make them safe and functional facilities for the staff and public they serve."

Since its creation in 1999, the program has partnered with local governments to fully restore 63 historic courthouses in Texas and assisted 28 applicants with emergency or planning projects. In addition to providing safe and functional buildings, restoration of historic courthouses benefits the state and local economies. Courthouse preservation projects have created more than 10,000 jobs in Texas and generated more

than \$288 million in income. Restored courthouses reinvigorate historic downtowns and promote heritage tourism, a \$7.3 billion industry in Texas.

"Revitalization of Texas' historic county courthouses makes a significant economic impact to their communities," said THC Chairman John Nau, III. "They provide essential state services and serve as centerpieces of county history, culture and tourism."

Texas has the most historic courthouses (more than 240) in the U.S., which were deemed national treasures by the National Trust for Historic Preservation and collectively included twice on the Trust's Most Endangered Places list. The program has earned national and international attention

with the awards from the Association for Preservation Technology International, the Texas Society of Architects and the Society of Architectural Historians. In 2008, the program was recognized with a Presidential Award from the White House.

"The historic county courthouses of Texas are renowned for good reason," said THC Executive Director Mark Wolfe. "With continued support from the Texas Legislature, we remain committed to restoring every historic courthouse, maximizing the significant economic benefits these iconic buildings provide."

For more information about the THCPP, visit [thc.texas.gov/thcpp](http://thc.texas.gov/thcpp) or contact the THC's Architecture Division at 512-463-6094.



From left, ETMC Cardiovascular Institute team members Andrea Jones, Marcus Evans, Dr. Robert Smith, Christopher Brown and Michael Russell were part of the first surgical staff in Texas to deploy the approved Food and Drug Administration bioresorbable vascular scaffold.

## Tyler woman first Texan to get bioresorbable heart scaffold

An East Texas woman became the first in Texas to receive the new Food and Drug Administration approved bioresorbable vascular scaffold - similar to a stent except it eventually dissolves.

Dr. Robert Smith, Tyler Cardiovascular Consultants, performed the procedure at the East Texas Medical Center Cardiovascular Institute in Tyler. The FDA approved the use of the device July 5.

East Texas cardiologists were also the first in Texas to implant the device at ETMC when it was part of a clinical trial in 2013.

Manufactured by Abbott, the Absorb scaffold is a small mesh tube that is designed to open a blocked heart vessel, restore blood flow to the heart and then dissolve into the blood vessel over time.

"This Absorb scaffold serves the same function as a traditional metallic stent; however over the course of time it dissolves and is reabsorbed into the body," said Dr. Robert Carney, with Tyler CVC, who was the

clinical trial principal investigator. "This is truly revolutionary. In effect, the scaffold has the potential to completely repair the blocked artery and then disappear as though it were never there."

Coronary artery disease, or CAD, is a leading cause of death for men and women. Patients with CAD can experience symptoms such as chest pain and shortness of breath when the demand for blood by the heart is more than the heart's ability to supply blood due to blockages in the coronary arteries, the vessels that carry blood to the heart muscle. These blockages are caused by the buildup of fat and cholesterol inside the vessel.

Since the 1980s, physicians have treated patients with CAD with balloon angioplasty, bare metal and drug-coated metallic stents. Scientists at Abbott started development of Absorb a decade ago.

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BY ANGIE MONK, WOOD COUNTY EXTENSION AGENT



## Friend to Friend Program set Aug. 11

The annual Friend to Friend Women's Health Program is scheduled for Thursday, Aug. 11 from noon - 2 p.m. at St. Peter's Catholic Church, 203 Meadowbrook in Mineola. This free program will offer educational information on women's health topics

and also assist women in scheduling important prevention screenings/tests. Hope you can join us for a delicious light lunch, educational speaker, door prizes, and exhibits. All with great women's health information. It's free! No

need to pre-register. Women are encouraged to bring a friend and attend to get the latest information and updates on women's health topics. For more information, please call the Wood County Extension Office at 903-763-2924.

## Fruit and vegetable growers conference Aug. 19

The inaugural East Texas Fruit and Vegetable Conference will be held Aug. 19 at the Texas A&M AgriLife Research and Extension Center in Overton. There is a \$30 fee for individuals and \$50 for couples. The deadline to register is Aug. 1 and there is an additional \$5 charge for late registration.

The event will offer professional and amateur producers tips on wildlife management, vegetable and fruit production and marketing. The program will also offer three Texas Department of Agriculture continuing education credits.

Registration for the Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service program

begins at 8 a.m. followed by a discussion on wildlife management and feral hog control by Billy Higginbotham, AgriLife Extension wildlife specialist. Joe Masabni, AgriLife Extension vegetable specialist, will discuss the use of aquaponics systems for production and will be followed by beekeeper Gus Wolf.

Concurrent educational sessions for producers and homeowners will begin at 12:45 p.m. Randy Reeves, AgriLife Extension agent, and Chad Gullely, AgriLife Extension agent, will moderate the producer and homeowner sessions, respectively. The sessions include:

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## New Hope Church sets anniversary celebration Aug. 7

New Hope Baptist Church will hold an anniversary celebration service Sunday, Aug. 7. The church was founded in 1864 and is celebrating their 152<sup>nd</sup> anniversary.

Rev. James Schafer will be the guest speaker for the service. Sunday school will be held at 9:45 a.m. with the worship service to follow afterward. Everyone is invited and there will be a covered dish lunch following the worship service.

## Sales tax holiday next weekend

Texas Comptroller Glenn Hegar wants to remind consumers that the annual sales tax holiday weekend is scheduled for Aug. 5-7.

The law exempts most clothing, footwear, school supplies and backpacks priced under \$100. This could save shoppers about \$8 on every \$100 they spend during the weekend.

Lists of apparel and school supplies that may be purchased tax-free can be found on the Comptroller's website at [TexasTaxHoliday.org](http://TexasTaxHoliday.org).

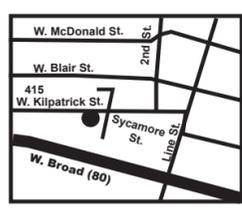
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511 N. Second - 569-5537  
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BAPTIST

**Calvary Baptist Church**  
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602 N. Line - 569-3203

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765-2014

Pastor - Reggie Day  
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Evening 6:30 p.m.  
Wed. 6:30 p.m.

**First Baptist Church**  
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Wednesday 7 p.m.

**Freedom Baptist Church**  
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Worship 11am  
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**Forest Hill Baptist Church**  
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Pastor Keith Prather  
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Worship 10:50 a.m.  
Wednesday 6:30 p.m.

**Golden First Baptist Church**  
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Pastor Ed Lewis

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Pastor Terry Davis

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Worship 10:30 a.m.  
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Mineola students named to the President's List include Jerid Watson, Mallory Clark, Brandon Tonne and Taylor Clark. Vanessa McKnight and Melissa Roman, Quitman and Claire Martin of Alba were also on the list.

Named to the Dean's List were Michael Mortensen, Tanya Stinson, Cecilia Sanchez and Elizabeth Stanley of Mineola; Camron Frazier of Alba and Zachary Finch, Julia Ward, Kelsey McDade and Faith Mead of Quitman.

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