

Task force details findings on industrial commission

By ZAK WELLERMAN
news@woodcountymonitor.com

A blue ribbon task force recommends changing the name of the Wood County Industrial Commission (WCIC), reducing the size of its board and eliminating payments for cities that have provided the commission with financial support.

Those recommendations were presented Friday, May 17 at a Wood County commissioners work session.

The task force, formed in January by Wood County Judge Lucy Hebron, is charged with making recommendations to improve WCIC. She appointed to the task force BTH Bank Vice Chairman Troy Robinson, WCIC board member Neal Duncan, Winnsboro City Administrator Craig Lindholm, former Mineola Chamber of Commerce

President Vic Savelli, Mineola Mayor Kevin White and Precinct 3 Commissioner Mike Simmons. Robinson serves as the task force's chairman.

WCIC is tasked with business retention and expansion as well as bringing in new businesses to unincorporated communities of Wood County. WCIC also is charged with promoting tourism throughout the area.

At Friday's work session, Duncan spelled out the task force's summary report. He noted the hard work put in to making the recommendations.

"Evaluating an organization that has been involved in the success of Wood County for the better part of three decades was a task we took seriously and deliberately. The task force spent many hours working together and independently," he

said. "There was, of course, some debate and there were many long discussions, but in the end, the report you have before you is our unanimous recommendation."

Duncan then made it clear that Wood County should keep the WCIC in some form.

WCIC Chairman Gerald Elliott shared his thoughts after hearing the presentation.

"Hearing the report in commissioner's court, I did not see many points that we haven't discussed, like reducing the board," Elliott said. "Back in the fall, the board voted to make recommendation to reduce. That was not acted upon because the county judge created the blue ribbon task force. But the other recommendations I'll have to wait until I have

See REPORT, Page 12A



The 2019 Dogwood Queens together on stage with their flowers and trophies. Miss Dogwood Lucy Brannon (left) Little Miss Dogwood Karley Kernes (middle) and Junior Miss Dogwood Kameron Farnham. (Monitor photos by Zak Wellerman)

'19 Dogwood queens crowned

By ZAK WELLERMAN
news@woodcountymonitor.com

Lucy Brannon was crowned 2019 Miss Dogwood in front of a packed Quitman High School auditorium at the annual pageant on Saturday.

With her new title, she earned the prize of \$1,000. Brannon also sold the most tickets in the Miss Dogwood category.

Aliagh Farnham received Miss Dogwood first runner-up and a prize of \$500. For the Junior Miss competition (sixth through eighth grade), Kameron Farnham was crowned and received a prize of \$250. Alexis Richey received first runner-up in Junior Miss. Breanna Gil-

breath sold the most tickets in the Junior Miss category.

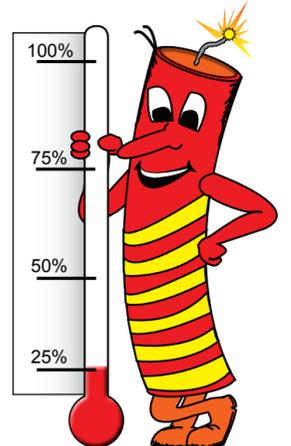
Karley Kernes was crowned Little Miss Dogwood and claimed a prize of \$100. Bella Maynard was named first runner-up in addition to selling the most tickets for her category. Timberlyn Wheeler received the Ally Baker Memorial award.

Participants were each judged on interviews, answering questions on stage, wardrobe and being photogenic.

Each of the ticket sales winners receives \$50.

The event was hosted and planned by the Quitman Chamber of Commerce.

See QUEENS Page 10A



Donations for the Mineola Fourth of July fireworks show of \$500 have been received from the Mineola Kiwanis Club and the Wood County Monitor and \$25 from Janice Wisner. Goal is \$4,000. Make donations at Mineola City Hall or mail to PO Box 179, Mineola, 75773.



STEM practicum students work on a project with their teacher, David Cross. From left: Justin Blalock, Ashton Goss, Garrett Fields, Vincent Ogg, and Cross. See Page Four for related story and photo. (Photo by Sherrie Callahan)

Quitman STEM program preps students for real-world careers

By ZAK WELLERMAN
news@woodcountymonitor.com

Through challenging programs and rigorous training, Quitman High School engineering students are preparing for college, tackling hands-on projects and earning career certifications.

The Science, Technology, Engineering and Math (STEM) class is one of many outlets available to QHS students involved in Career and Technical Education (CTE).

David Cross, QHS STEM teacher, says it's important for students to know what they enjoy and what they don't so they'll move in the right direction after high school.

"They're (students) finding out what they like and that's important in high school, just as important as any of their core studies. I think for a majority of us it's just as important to get these kids in the right post-secondary education programs

as it is for them to save a lot of money by finding what it is they don't like," Cross said.

His students are trained in a variety of subjects and taught the significance of IT certifications. They learn to use technology such as 3D printers, where they build innovative projects with real-world applications.

Beginning students take on projects to grasp basic principles of physics and sciences. Advanced students tackle more complex projects.

For instance, seniors have designed and are building a wind turbine utilizing 3D printed materials and metal welding. Cross hopes that in the future, a student-built wind turbine will produce electricity for parts of the school.

For Quitman senior Max Peddy, Cross' classes helped him to see various career options.

"It wasn't until I got into

high school that I realized what kind of opportunities I had in STEM. Having one of my favorite teachers ever, Mr. Cross, I explored so many new careers that I otherwise would have never known about," Peddy said. "I encourage everyone to explore any opportunity in STEM they get."

One of those opportunities is the field of information technology. Students learn to configure a Microsoft Windows program and, through the process of earning a Microsoft certification, how to install the Windows 10 computer operating system. With their knowledge and a certification in hand, they have the potential to be hired in the IT field.

"It's basically the foundation for their professional certifications. When they leave Quitman, they can actually get jobs," Cross said.

High-level senior students

See STEM, Page 4A

Burnett and Hooker awarded Yantis High School valedictorian, salutatorian

Yantis High School's valedictorian and salutatorian have been named for this year. Ashten Burnett is the valedictorian and Maggie Hooker is the salutatorian.

Yantis graduation will be Saturday at 6 p.m. at the Yantis High School gym.

Burnett has participated in basketball, volleyball, track, cheer, tennis, golf and softball. She has served as basketball captain, volleyball captain and cheer captain. She is senior class vice president.

Burnett is a member of the National Society of High School Scholars (NSHSS), Beta Club, Phi Theta Kappa, FFA, UIL Academics, Superintendent Student Advisory Member and FCCLA.

After graduation, she will attend Tyler Junior College for a bachelor's degree in dental hygiene. She is the daughter of Michael and Amber Burnett.



ASHTEN BURNETT
Valedictorian



MAGGIE HOOKER
Salutatorian

Hooker has participated in cross country, volleyball, basketball, tennis and track. She is an FFA chapter officer, class officer, student council officer, Beta Club member and NSHSS member and ambassador.

After graduation, Hooker will attend West Texas A&M University for a Bach-

elor of Science in Animal Science with a specialization in pre-veterinary medicine. She then plans to finish her education by gaining her doctorate at the Texas A&M veterinary medicine program to start her own veterinary clinic. She is the daughter of Jesse and Amber Hooker.

Mineola Featured Listings of the Month	109 W Broad \$129,500 Commercial Building Listed by Paula Gunn 903-352-8191	202 N Newsom \$375,000 Bed & Breakfast Listed by Leslie Cain 903-520-7696	253 County Rd 2439 \$224,900 Very Nice & Private Listed by Paula Gunn 903-352-8191	 Leslie Cain, Broker/Owner www.lesliecainrealty.com 903-283-1641 1405 N. Pacific • Mineola TX
---	---	---	--	---



Lauren Doan gets sworn in as Quitman municipal judge clerk by Mayor Pro Tem David Dobbs after last Thursday's city council meeting. (Monitor photo by Zak Wellerman)

Quitman appoints municipal judge clerk

By ZAK WELLERMAN
news@woodcountymonitor.com

Quitman City Council last week established the position of municipal judge/clerk. Lauren Doan, who serves as the court clerk and an associate judge, was sworn-in for the two-year appointment.

Prior to the regular meeting, the council used a workshop session to discuss the use of a judge/clerk position and Doan's appointment.

City Secretary/Administrator Rodney Kieke explained that combining the judge and clerk positions would help to streamline the judicial processes and expedite Quitman's fine collection.

The role of municipal judge has been occupied by Charles Busby since 2009. Kieke noted how Doan has greatly improved court record-keeping in her role as clerk as well as being involved in the community

through educational presentations at City Hall and Quitman ISD.

The vote for Doan's appointment was 4 to 1 with Alderman J.R. Evans opposing.

Additionally, associate judge Laura Rich was re-appointed to her position by the council.

In other business, the council approved the use of reserve funds for emergency repairs of 200 feet of sewer lines and a manhole at the corner of Bermuda and Wright Street below the Wood County Jail. In the April meeting, SGL Utility Contractors was chosen to make repairs at a cost of \$25,030.

In the Quitman Development Corp. report, Executive Director Denea Hudman said she attended a conference with small-town economic development leaders and the Governor's Office for a legislative update.

Despite weather delays, housing development projects are moving in the right direction. Due to an expansion of 2,500 square feet, Stitchin' Heaven is looking to push its opening to October. Hudman is pursuing various options to fund gas line development for the Quitman Business Park.

Wood County Industrial Commission representative for Quitman Sam Scroggins went over the WCIC May board meeting. He noted the success of the Bassmaster Toyota Texas Fest at Lake Fork despite the muddy conditions.

In his comments, Mayor Randy Dunn noted the letter of appreciation written by Linda Haddock of the Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR) to the City of Quitman and its residents for their help in her restoration project of the Honeymoon Cottage Museum in Gov. Jim Hogg City Park.

Alba-Golden school board OKs bid to resurface track

The Alba-Golden ISD Board of Trustees on May 13 unanimously accepted a \$71,965 bid by Fisher Tracks of Mansfield, Texas, for resurfacing the track. The firm had rebuilt the current track from the base in 2012. The school fund balance will be used to pay for the track resurfacing.

The board also renewed four standing agreements by unanimous vote. The board extended BTH Bank of Quitman as the depository bank for the next year. A contract with Claims Administrator Services of Tyler in the amount of \$23,563 was approved for workers compensation insurance. A student insurance service policy with the Brokerage Store of San Antonio in the amount of \$17,623 was renewed. Finally, the board approved renewal of the Tyler Junior College dual-credit program.

Business Manager Brenda Kelley briefed the board on district property values, the compressed tax rate system, and the timing effects of these phenomena. Kelley reported preliminary property values have increased \$13 million over last year. This will impact school funding as the compressed tax rate will have a negative \$200,000 effect.

The state may recompense the district in this amount. Kelley concluded by stating that pending legislation, final property values, and federal grants all must be received before a firm budget can be presented.

The board approved five personnel actions. Teacher and coach Dana Wade's contract was rescinded and a new contract as a full-time teacher was approved. A teaching contract for Kim Howard, who will be joining the elementary school from Mineola, was approved. The board accepted resignation letters from Regina Cooper, Tashara Everett and Blake Hamrick.

During public comments, Deb Perry addressed the board. Perry voiced concerns that students are not being "validated for academics." She expressed that athletes are validated, even celebrated, but students are not. Secondly, she urged the board to invest in technology that would allow the school to communicate directly with parents. "We need to bring our information technology into the 21st century," she stated.

Two long-standing board members have relinquished their chairs. After 25 years of service, Brady Robinson will no longer be on the

school board. James Wilkerson also vacated his chair after 18 years of service.

Also, the Alba-Golden school board recognized the 2019 high school valedictorian, Grace Bizzell, and salutatorian, Nathan Kumm. Additionally, elementary schooler Weston Stewart received a plaque from board President Mike Ragsdale for his selection as elementary student of the month.

Bizzell will graduate with an associate's degree from Tyler Junior College after having amassed 63 credit hours in dual-credit classes. In brief written remarks, she credited Alba-Golden school for preparing her for college, and having taught her both humility and a strong work ethic. An academic all-American athlete, Bizzell intends to study nursing at Texas A&M University.

High school principal Mike Mize lauded Kumm for his four years on the "A" honor roll, and described his talents in writing, poetry, theater and science. Kumm declared biology as his favorite subject, and expects to commence his collegiate studies at the University of North Texas. He plans to transition to Baylor University and study Biochemistry.

Steak dinner and auction to benefit Chase Hope

A steak dinner and auction to benefit Chase Hope and his family will be held at 6 p.m. Saturday, May 25, at the Wood County Cowboy Church at 3435 FM 2088 outside of Quitman.

Last month, he underwent reconstruction of his knee after a horse accident. Friends of the family are hosting the benefit dinner to help with medical expenses.

The cost of the dinner is \$20. Please text your RSVP and the number of plates you'll need to 903-790-1452. If you have questions, call Kris Rinks at 940-390-4595.

Early deadlines set for Memorial Day week edition

The Wood County Monitor will observe early deadlines for the week of Memorial Day.

Advertising, including classifieds, for the May 30 edition should be turned in no later than 3 p.m. Friday, May 24.

The May 30 edition will go to press and be distributed on its normal schedule, but the Monitor offices in Mineola and Quitman will be closed Monday, May 27.

WOOD COUNTY COMMUNITY CALENDAR

This calendar has been updated as of April 16, 2019. If your group listing has been omitted, please email editor@woodcountymonitor.com or news@woodcountymonitor.com and include the correct information.

2nd FRIDAY ACOUSTIC 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.
ALBALADIES CLUB - fourth Tuesday, 6:30 p.m., Alba Community Center, 765-2956
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 Monday noon.; 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.
AMERICAN LEGION POST 296 and Auxiliary - fourth Tuesday, 7 p.m., Highway 80, three miles east of Mineola. 903-569-6481. All are invited.
AMERICAN LEGION POST OF WINNSBORO - first Tuesday, 5:30 p.m., 201 West Broadway, in Winnsboro, 214-502-4496.
APET (Animal Preservation of East Texas) Thrift Store - Dog Gone Good Stuff, 915 S. Pacific Street, Mineola, Thursday-Saturday 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. (903) 569-1250
BOY SCOUT TROOP #36 QUITMAN - meets second and fourth Sunday, 4:30 p.m., Scout House behind First United Methodist Church. Joe Degorosiza, 903-763-4127
Boy Scouts Troop 385 Mineola - Tuesdays 7 p.m., Mineola Methodist Education Bldg. third floor. New boys/alums welcome! Chris Jennings 903-569-3531
BREAD OF LIFE MINISTRY FOOD PANTRY - Humble Baptist, first & third Tuesday 1-4 p.m.
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. 903-497-6149
DAUGHTERS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION - first Saturday except June, July, August and December, 11 a.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
EASTERN STAR - Quitman Chapter 695, 3rd Tues., dinner 6:30 p.m., meeting 7:30. Flora Lodge in Quitman. 903-850-4822
EAST TEXAS WORKFORCE SOLUTIONS - first Friday at 10 a.m. at Quitman Public Library
UT Health Quitman - needs volunteers. Great opportunity to meet people while helping your community. Contact Judy Johnson, 903-383-3433
FANNIE MARCHMAN GARDEN CLUB - third Wednesday, September - May, Mineola Civic Center, 10 a.m. Visitors welcome. Angela Thompson, president, 903-316-0875
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, educational programs, entertainment, fellowship, Bingo and card games. 903-763-8201
FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY - first Tuesday at noon, Quitman.
FRIENDS OF THE MINEOLA MEMORIAL LIBRARY - first Thursday, 1 p.m., Mineola Library, 569-2767.
GED Test Support - 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 VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPT. - second and fourth Thursday, 7 p.m., Firehouse downtown Hainesville.
HOLLY LAKE FIRE DEPARTMENT - first and third Tuesday at the fire station at Holly Lake Ranch.
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. 903-850-3858.
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 - rehearsals Thursdays at Mineola Middle School Band Room. 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 Café, a time for stimulating memory, meets weekly on Thursday in the craft room at Holly Brook Baptist Church from 11:30 a.m. 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, 6 p.m., in middle school band hall. All parents invited.
MINEOLA LIONS CLUB - for information on meetings call 903-638-1596.
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. dependent on schedule changes

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 - third Monday, 5:30 p.m., high school lobby.
MINEOLA HISTORICAL MUSEUM ADVISORY BOARD - third Tuesday, 4 p.m., city hall. 903-569-6183. 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 - every other Saturday, 11 a.m., 106 S. Line St. All Rebekahs welcome, 769-4024.
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, 8:45 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Monday, Wednesday, Thursday and 8:45 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Tuesday. 903-497-1162; Dominoes, cards, rummy cube.
MLOTLA DANCE GUILD - Tuesday and Friday, 8 to 9 a.m. beginners, intermediate 9 a.m. to noon
MLOTA FIBER/CRAFT ART GUILD - third Wednesday at 1 p.m. and first and third Thursday at 10 a.m.
MLOTA QUILT GUILD - first Thursday at 10 a.m.
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
MLOTA SCULPTURE GUILD - first and third Tuesday, 1 p.m. Business meeting second Monday at 10:30 a.m.
PARENTS ANONYMOUS GROUP - Saturday, 2-3:30 p.m., First Baptist Church, Quitman. Children's program provided. 903-629-2114
PILOT CLUB OF MINEOLA - second Tuesday, 6 p.m. Mineola Civic Center. President Loraine Epps.
Quilts of Valor group, Stitchin' Angels, meet the last Wednesday of the month at 10:30 a.m., 1118 N. Pacific St., Mineola, to make quilts for service members and veterans.
QUITMAN GARDEN CLUB - second Tuesday (except when on field trips), 2 p.m., Quitman library. quitmangardenclub@gmail.com. All are welcome.
QUITMAN/LAKE FORK KIWANIS - Wednesday, noon, Faith Student Center, 403 S. Main St., Quitman.
QUITMAN LIONS CLUB - For meeting time and place call 903-763-4126.
QUITMAN PILOT CLUB - third Tuesday, 1:30 p.m., UT Health Quitman board room. 903-383-5075.
QUITMAN ROTARY CLUB, Thursday, noon, UT Health Quitman Community Room, N. Hwy. 37.
QUITMAN CITY COUNCIL - third Thursday, 5:30 p.m.; city hall.

QUITMAN SCHOOL BOARD - third Monday, 6 p.m. Administration Building.
REPUBLICAN WOMEN OF WOOD COUNTY - third Monday, 11:30 a.m., Caroll Green Civic Center, Quitman.
SINGING AT THE FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH OF HAWKINS - fourth Sunday, 2-4 p.m.
SCOTTISH RITE - Wood County Scottish Rite Club meets third Friday of odd month, 6:30 p.m., Richie's Café in Winnsboro. 903-253-3635.
TOASTMASTERS INTERNATIONAL - Garden Valley chapter, Tuesdays on Mercy Ships campus, noon to 1 p.m. Call ahead for room details 903-939-7000 or gvtm@mercyships.org.
TOPS GROUP - Thursday, 8-11 a.m., Harvest Acres Baptist Church, NW Loop 564, 569-1240, 569-2415.
UPPER SABINE VALLEY SOLID WASTE DISTRICT - meetings are held quarterly, 5:30 p.m. on a Thursday to be determined at the Wood County Airport board room.
VFW AUXILIARY #7523 - third Sunday, 1 p.m., Recruiting new members. 569-2228.
VFW POST #7523 - third Wednesday, 6 p.m., Karaoke every Friday and Saturday, 8 p.m. 569-2228.
WHYTE DOVE WRITER'S GROUP - Second Tuesday, 6 p.m., Quitman Public Library. 903.967.7488, e-mail kayoung.wdp2001@gmail.com
WOOD COUNTY 4-H HORSE CLUB - Business meeting, Monday, 2 p.m., Wood County Extension Office.
Wood County Aggie Moms - 1st Monday, 6 p.m. at Speakeasy in Quitman (except in January, June, July and August), 903-539-7049 or Wood County Aggie Moms Facebook page.
WOOD COUNTY APPRAISAL DISTRICT - Quarterly, third Thursday, 8 a.m., appraisal district office. Open to the public.
WOOD COUNTY ARBORETUM & BOTANICAL GARDENS - garden workday each Wednesday 9 a.m. to noon, all levels of experience welcome. Come at 8:45 a.m. in the kitchen of the Stinson House for coffee. 175 Gov Hogg Pkwy, Quitman - the two-story white house behind the pavilion at Hogg Park.
WOOD COUNTY CENTRAL HOSPITAL DISTRICT - third Monday, 5:30 p.m. in the UT Health Quitman hospital board room (every three months).
WOOD COUNTY COMMISSIONERS COURT - every other Friday, Commissioners Court, Quitman, 10 a.m. 903-763-2716.
WOOD COUNTY CRIME STOPPERS - every other month, third Monday, 6 p.m., depending exceptions. Wood County Justice Center courtroom. The public is invited. 903-569-3711
WOOD COUNTY DEMOCRAT CLUB - fourth Thursday, Quitman Public Library, at 6:15 p.m. www.woodcountydem.org 936-635-4656
WOOD COUNTY TX 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 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., school cafeteria.
YANTIS/LAKE FORK LIONS CLUB - second Thursday, 6 p.m., Yantis Community Center.

To add a listing to the calendar, email editor@woodcountymonitor.com or news@woodcountymonitor.com or call 903-569-2442 or 903-763-4522

Subscription Rates:
■ In County: \$34 a year ■ Out of County: \$48 a year
■ Out of State: \$52 a year

OUR STAFF:
Publisher • Phil Major • publisher@woodcountymonitor.com
Business Manager • Lesa Major • business@woodcountymonitor.com
Managing Editor • Hank Murphy • editor@woodcountymonitor.com
Quitman Editor • Zak Wellerman • news@woodcountymonitor.com
Marketing • Brandi Box, Quitman • advertising@woodcountymonitor.com
Marketing • Cherie McIvain, Mineola • ads@woodcountymonitor.com
Classifieds • Brandi Box, Quitman • classifieds@woodcountymonitor.com
Graphics/Photography • Sam Major, Mineola • graphics@woodcountymonitor.com

Wood County MONITOR

OUR OFFICES:

MINEOLA
715 Mimosa St., Mineola, TX 75773
903-569-2442 • 903-569-6836 (fax)
QUITMAN
211 N. Main St., Quitman, Texas 75783
903-763-4522 • 903-763-2313 (fax)



Wood County Monitor (U.S.P.S No. 781-460)
May 23, 2019 Vol. 4 No. 21. Published weekly by Dot Gain Publications LLC, 715 Mimosa St., Mineola, TX 75773. Subscription price \$34 a year (in county). Periodicals postage pending or paid at Mineola, TX and additional mailing offices. POSTMASTER: Send address corrections to Wood County Monitor, P.O. Box 210, Mineola, TX 75773.

Errors which may appear in the Wood County Monitor will be corrected upon being brought to the attention of the editor or publisher.
Member of the Texas Press Association, North & East Texas Press Association.
Advertising & News deadline: Noon on Monday
Classified & obituary deadline: 3 p.m. Monday
www.woodcountymonitor.com
All contents copyright 2019.



March of the Blue

Quitman High School seniors walked the halls of the Elementary and Junior High in their caps and gowns for the annual March of Blue May 10. Pictured are the QHS seniors with kindergartners, teachers and administration. The seniors were congratulated by the teachers and younger students. (Photo by Michelle Dobbs)

Ceremony at courthouse to mark Memorial Day

Wood County's Memorial Day service will take place at the northeast corner of the Wood County Courthouse grounds at 11:30 a.m. on Monday, May 27.

All military veterans, family, friends and the general public are invited to attend. The program, under the direction of the Wood County Veteran's Commit-

tee, will consist of a speaker, a flag ceremony and the playing of "Taps."

Giving this year's Memorial Day address will be retired U.S. Army Lt. Col. Tom Gunn.

Playing "Taps" will be Jacob Day of Quitman High School.

The program is expected to conclude at noon.

Mineola ISD board agrees to accept grants from TEA

By HANK MURPHY
editor@woodcountymonitor.com

The Mineola ISD school board Monday night unanimously approved accepting Texas Education Agency (TEA) grants for \$636,332 and \$16,580 to benefit the district's Career and Technical Education (CTE) program, particularly HVAC and industrial maintenance.

The action came after a lengthy discussion about Mineola's role in hosting a CTE hub involving four

nearby school districts: Alba-Golden, Yantis, Lindale and Grand Saline. School trustees raised concerns and posed numerous questions to Mark Parkerson, the district's director for special programming, as well as Superintendent Kim Tunnell.

Among those questions was whether neighboring districts are committed to a CTE hub in Mineola for the long haul. Also, several members wondered whether accepting the grants compels the district to develop a

30,000-square-foot building to house CTE programs. Some board members were concerned that three districts had not signed memorandums of understanding in regard to the CTE hub. Other trustees questioned the cost of storing equipment - which will be purchased through the larger grant - until it is ready for use in the classroom.

Parkerson and Tunnell assured trustees that neighboring districts remain on board with the hub con-

cept and that accepting the grants in no way commits the district to a costly building project. Parkerson warned that snubbing the grant could jeopardize the district's chances to receive future TEA grants.

Parkerson noted that in starting a regional CTE hub, Mineola is at the forefront of something entirely new for this area. "It's up to you to determine if you want to step out on a limb and take a little risk," he said. Even if the hub concept were to fal-

ter, Mineola would still have its new HVAC and industrial maintenance equipment as well as its CTE program, Parkerson told the board.

In a separate CTE-related matter, Tunnell told the board that discussions with UT Health-East Texas for the purchase of a former clinic building north of Mineola on Hwy. 37 are ongoing. If the MISD and UT Health can strike a deal, the building would house the CTE programs of HVAC, industrial maintenance and health

sciences.

Also Monday night, new school trustees Jill Quiambao, Jackie Lee Rodieck and Glen Dosssett were sworn in. Abbott was re-elected board president on a 5-2 vote, Jay McGough was unanimously elected vice president, and Kyle Gully was unanimously elected secretary.

In addition, new elementary and primary school assistant principal Bethany Williams was introduced to the board. She comes to Mineola from Mesquite.



Quitman FFA hosts auction fundraiser

An auctioneer seeks bids at the eighth annual Quitman FFA and Young Farmers Auction fundraising event on Saturday, May 17 at the Quitman FFA pavilion. Standing beside the auctioneer are Jerry Jackson (left) and Brenley von Reyn. Proceeds went toward the Quitman FFA/Young Farmers, and 10 percent was being donated to a charitable cause. (Monitor photo by Zak Wellerman)

QHS teacher to speak on blended learning

By ZAK WELLERMAN
news@woodcountymonitor.com

A Quitman High School teacher will give a presentation to educators across the state this summer on how to incorporate digital learning with traditional teaching methods.

Julie Sandifer, a QHS math teacher, will speak at the UTeach Institute STEM Educators Conference in Austin June 27-28 for a session titled "Blended Learning for Middle/High School Classrooms."

Blended learning is a type of education that incorporates online educational materials with traditional classroom methods to improve students' learning opportunities.

"Blended learning is an excellent teaching style to maximize student engagement and learning," Sandifer said. "Specifically for

this presentation, it is the concept of station rotation, where students pick different tables to learn concepts."

Sandifer said her QHS algebra II students have the choice of technology, group learning, math games, or hands-on manipulatives to improve their understanding of challenging concepts.

Google Classroom applications - a web service developed to simplify sharing files between students and teachers - and recordings from a Swivl device are both used to teach concepts through Google Classroom. A Swivl device allows students to record themselves as they walk around. The video is then uploaded and placed on Google Classroom.

UTeach Institute is a preparation program with the goal of increasing the number of Science, Technol-

ogy, Engineering and Math (STEM) teachers in U.S. secondary schools.

Sandifer's presentation will showcase what Quitman is doing to improve its education methods.

"They (attendees) will experience research-based instructional strategies as well as see how our students at Quitman actually do station rotation," she said. "We will wrap up with discussions about the inherent challenges of (station) rotation, including planning, execution, and effective rubrics so that students work with intention and accountability."

Sandifer applied to the conference with a proposal to be a presenter. Before applying to be a speaker, Sandifer learned about blended learning by being a part of a semester-long course offered by University of Texas at Austin and UTeach Institute.

Built Ford Tough! Buy a Ford Today!



539 East Goode | Quitman
903-763-2232
www.briantoliverfordofquitman.com



Brian Toliver
Quitman, Texas

MONDAY - FRIDAY
8:00AM-6:00PM
SATURDAY
8:00AM-1:00PM

A BIG THANK YOU

to Peoples Telephone and to the Daughters of the American Revolution for the scholarships you awarded me. Your generosity is so appreciated and helps tremendously with my SFA tuition.

Again, **THANK YOU!**
- Courtney McCollum



GARRETT



AIR CONDITIONING & HEATING
SERVICE & INSTALLATION

Serving Wood County & the East Texas area for over 17 years

Free Estimates
903-629-2141
903-316-6537

Heating & Air Conditioning
Amana
Lic/Insured TACLBO21405E

EARN **2.41%** APY*
ON A 12-MONTH CD

BTH Bank

1825 NORTH PACIFIC STREET | MINEOLA, TX 75773 | 903-569-8010

WWW.BTHBANK.COM

412 EAST GOODE STREET | QUITMAN, TX 75783 | 903-763-2264



*Annual Percentage Yield. The minimum to open and obtain the APY is \$1,000. Withdrawal of interest will reduce earnings. A penalty will be imposed for early withdrawal. Refer to Truth-in-Savings disclosure for complete details. Interest rate and APY are effective May 1, 2019. Rate subject to change. Available for personal and business accounts.





Errol Barber and his black Thunderbird makes a resident's day. (Courtesy photo)

Wood Memorial residents take in classic car show

Life was a little brighter last week for residents of the Wood Memorial Nursing Home as members of the Lake Country Classic Car Club brought their classic vehicles to the Mineola residence with a mini car show.

The car show was one of many special events held at Wood Memorial last week as part of National Nursing Home Week.

Nine classic vehicles participated in the morning show, which included a Model A pickup along with other vintage automobiles. One resident took a ride in Errol Barber's 1957 Thunderbird convertible.

The car club participates in parades, car shows, cruises and other community activities.

On Thursday, May 23, the club will host its May

Cruise In at the Quitman Dairy Queen. All classic cars and trucks are welcome to attend the free event, and visitors can vote on their favorite vehicle. A "Peoples Choice Award" will be given to the public's favorite automobile. The public is welcome to attend and enjoy the vintage vehicles and background music.



Arboretum begins memorial tribute program

Wood County Arboretum and Botanical Gardens has begun a new tribute program for people to honor those they care about with a memorial tree, bench or blooming bed at the Arboretum behind Gov. Jim Hogg City Park in Quitman. Each memorial includes a plaque honoring the person. In this photo, the Arboretum volunteers stand with the first tribute bench and its plaque honoring Olton Strickland. A memorial tree costs \$500, a small bench costs \$175, a large bench costs \$300 and an annual blooming bed costs \$300. There is a \$25 discount for each if you have an Arboretum membership. All proceeds from the tribute donations go back to the Arboretum to maintain its gardens and the Stinson House. (Monitor photo by Zak Wellerman)

Quitman ISD CTE program grows post-secondary opportunities

By ZAK WELLERMAN
news@woodcountymonitor.com

Quitman ISD Career and Technical Education (CTE) programs have opened pathways for students to be prepared for college and earn relevant certifications.

The district offers career and technology classes and certifications in Health Science, AFNR (Agriculture, Food and Natural Resources), Construction Science, Food & Consumer Science, Business & Industry and STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering & Math).

QISD belongs to the Piney East Perkins Consortium, which is group of 20 school districts in the East Texas area. This group includes nearby schools, such as Alba-Golden, Hawkins, Harmony and New Diana.

The consortium works with the various school districts to increase CTE opportunities and be a resource to each of the campuses, QISD CTE coordinator Sherrie Callahan said.

"We hope that the exposure to our CTE programs will give students a taste of areas they never knew existed and that the opportunities and certifications we offer will provide them with a seamless transition into either post-secondary education or the job market," Callahan said.

In addition to working with the consortium, QISD also has a CTE advisory committee made up of CTE teachers, community members, and local business and industry representatives. The committee provides chances for socialization amongst educators and professionals in the career field.

"On our end, it is a chance

STEM

From page 1

recently competed at the IT Olympics at Texas State Technical College in Marshall. The contest consists of challenges in coding, business management and cyber security.

Seniors Justin Blalock, Mike Fry, Peddy, Ashton Goss and Vincent Ogg finished in the top 5 percent amongst the competitors.

"It's a really extensive exercise," Cross said of the IT Olympics. "There is an endpoint to it that you can achieve, but most don't. I think all but maybe one of the (Quitman) guys got it. I feel like the seniors I have in IT, those guys are on-par," Cross said. "They're always studying coding, cyber security and programming so they know that stuff like the back of their hand."

Cross noted that he's worked with this year's seniors since their eighth grade year.

"I keep those guys who want to be in technical industries, one: where they want to be, but two: I also need them," Cross said. "Each one of the students I took to the IT Olympics can take one of those 3D printers, take them a part, put them back together and program them."

Blalock shared his enthusiasm for learning engineering skills.

"Being in Mr. Cross's STEM classes has allowed me to experience, utilize, and design all types of technology, ranging from 3D printing to software engineering and to develop applicable skills," Blalock said.

Students in Cross's class also are trained in computer-aided design (CAD) programs, such as SolidWorks. CAD utilizes computers for the creation, modification and optimization of a design to improve productivity and quality.

Cross also is considering a drone program in the future. But for now, the focus is on the computer and structural design side of engineering.

Quitman's engineering students have the chance to pursue a multitude of careers outside of the typical STEM profession, according to Cross.

"There are a whole slew of them that really want technical careers that are outside the engineering field. They found that they want to be ... radio techs or somebody that's doing X-ray technology for the medical field," he said. "Things like that might not necessarily directly tie into the engineering program, but I cater to those students. I kind of meet them where they're at. If they're successful when they leave here, I feel like we've done our job."

He stressed the need to adapt to the changing career fields available to students.

"One of the things that I like about Quitman is yes, we do put them in these strong track programs where they get a lot of rigor and hard work through those programs like our medical, engineering, agriculture programs," Cross said. "But we don't force them to make life decisions in ninth grade. It's important to us that the more we support these guys in these chairs, the better off they're going to be. We're no longer pushing every kid to

college. We're trying to get them in the right trades, get them in the right schools, the right set of certifications that are going to make those students successful."

Tools used by engineering students can work in other fields. Cross explained that agricultural students are using CAD and design software to build their equipment and projects as well.

CTE coordinator Sherrie Callahan commended Cross' dedication to growing the STEM career opportunities at QHS.

"David Cross does an excellent job with our STEM students. He goes above and beyond in obtaining the training necessary to stay ahead of the curve as far as getting his students ready for life after they graduate high school," she stated.

Last summer, he was one of 18 physics instructors to attend the two-week Mitchell Institute Physics Enhancement Program at Texas A&M University. The point of attending was to give him a sturdier foundation in college physics so he could better prepare kids for college physics. In the process, he met and worked beside professionals in the physics industry.

"It's a rare opportunity as a physics teacher in a public school to get to meet people that are setting the standards for hard sciences like those guys are," Cross said.

This summer, Cross hopes to undergo similar training at the University of Texas in Austin called "Engineer Your World." He sees the program as beneficial in preparing Quitman students for technical-intensive college programs.

Holly Brook church welcomes widows and widowers

Holly Brook Baptist Church, Hawkins, will host a fellowship dinner May 31 for widows and widowers. The event in the Family Life

Center will start at 5 p.m. The meal will be potluck, and those attending are asked to bring food to share. All widows and widowers

are welcome.

Call the church office for more information, 903-769-2091. The church is at 3219 S. FM 2869, Hawkins.

GOT NEWS? Call us. 903-569-2442 903-763-4522

MEALS ON WHEELS
THIS WEEK'S MENUS:
Friday, May 24 - Parmesan Chicken, Mixed Vegetables, Spiced Pears, WG Breadstick, Milk
Monday, May 27 - Memorial Day Meal
Mushroom Swiss Burger, Tater Gems, Spiced Mixed Fruit, Hamburger Bun, Milk, Ketchup
Tuesday, May 28 - Oven Fried Chicken Thigh (2), Macaroni & Cheese, Stewed Tomatoes, Dinner Roll, Fresh Fruit, Milk
Wednesday, May 29 - Sliced Turkey Breast, Swiss Cheese, Lettuce, Tomato, Corn Salad, Wheat Bread (2), Graham Crackers, Milk, Mustard, Mayonnaise
Thursday, May 30 - Chicken Spaghetti, Spinach, Cinnamon Peaches, Biscuit, Milk
Meals on Wheels office phone: 497-1162
Hometown Friendly from Hometown Folks
KELLY DRUG
FREE delivery Drive thru
125 E. Broad St. • Mineola • 903-569-3882

Wood County Automatic Gas
Operating Since 1952
Residential & Commercial Route Deliveries
Propane Wragg, Inc.
Store Hours
Monday - Friday | 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.
903-763-4000
209 E. Goode • Quitman, TX 75783

MINEOLA ANIMAL SHELTER

The kitten is a little female about 1 year old that is litter box trained.
Can you provide a forever home for one of them?

The dog is a 1- to 2-year-old Catahoula mix.
To help decrease the number of homeless animals, please remember to have your dogs and cats spayed and neutered.
BAKER STREET 903-569-2252
IF NO ANSWER, CALL 903-569-6294
TUESDAY-SATURDAY FROM 8AM - 4PM
Sponsored by these Mineola businesses:
Lake Country Animal Clinic 1124 FM 564 (903)569-5418
Kitchens Hardware/Deli 119 E. Broad (903)569-2664

Mineola Police Report

May 9
12:56 p.m. A business on East Broad Street reported a man sitting outside their business talking to everyone that walked by. An officer checked on the man and issued him a voucher for Ministerial Alliance for a place to stay, but he refused the services.

3:16 p.m. An officer checked on a student who had written an essay in reference to physical abuse. A CPS report was filed and the incident was investigated. The information was found to be partially old and had already been investigated and the adult student did not wish to file charges on the recent information.

3:16 p.m. A citizen reported a man on East Broad dancing in the street, and then he reportedly walked into a business. It was determined to be the same business that had called earlier. An officer determined this to be the same man from earlier calls. He had not committed any crime. The man was transported by an officer to his residence in Smith County.

May 10
12:50 p.m. Criminal mischief was reported by a business on West Broad Street. A window was broken.

7:40 p.m. Jared Nicholas Taylor, 26, of Alba, was arrested for a Class C local warrant after being seen by an officer at Walmart.

8:34 p.m. A juvenile reported he had been abused by his mother when she spanked him. An officer responded to the residence on Buchanan Street and spoke with the boy and his mother. The boy was fine when the officer checked his welfare. His mother said she spanked him for disciplinary reasons and he got mad and called 911.

9:04 p.m. A citizen reported smelling marijuana burning in the area of Francis and Carolyn Street. Officer patrolled the area on foot and did not smell marijuana. However, they did find someone burning a small fire in an enclosed area.

9:32 p.m. Walmart reported a theft of a kayak on May 4.

May 11
4:02 p.m. A man reported that he had his medication stolen while on the train. The man was referred to Texarkana Police Department.

10:46 p.m. A resident on West Broad Street reported a male knocking on his door. When he

answered it, the man said it was his residence. Officers responded to the residence and knew the man and knew he was confused. Officers took the man home.

May 12
12:09 a.m. An off-duty Grand Saline officer reported a reckless driver on West Broad who turned on North Pacific Street and the driver was driving erratically. Officers made a traffic stop and found the driver to be an elderly individual not familiar with the area. No signs of intoxication were detected.

12:52 a.m. A resident reported a large group of young people standing around a vehicle and some were running down the street at Geneva and Pat Street. Officers responded and located the juveniles. Parents were notified of the whereabouts of their children and the juveniles were issued a warning for a curfew violation.

11:03 a.m. A resident reported a disturbance when a man known to him knocked on his door with a stick in his hand. When the resident told him to leave he shook the stick at him. An officer responded to the residence and spoke with the complainant. The officer determined that no offense occurred. A roommate has given the man permission to be on the property.

5:05 p.m. A disturbance was reported on Brenda Lane when a woman reported she was hit by her grandmother while she was holding her 1-year-old child. An officer responded to the residence and spoke with the parties involved. An officer took a family violence report and got approval from Ministerial Alliance for a motel stay for the granddaughter.

10:16 p.m. Wood County S.O. reported a subject at the Civic Center needing medical attention. EMS was contacted and the man was transported to UT Health.

May 13
8:24 a.m. A building burglary was reported at Mineola Car Rentals on East Broad Street. Later in the morning it was determined that a vehicle and a laptop were stolen. On the afternoon of May 14, Wood County S.O. found the vehicle abandoned in Hawkins and partially stripped. On the afternoon of May 15, a suspect was located and identified. Richard Wayne Walters, 44, of Kilgore he was booked at the police department on May 16 after a warrant was issued

for unauthorized use of a motor vehicle.

May 14
9:56 a.m. A suspicious person was reported walking around looking into vehicles around East Broad Street. When officers arrived, they attempted to help the man jump his vehicle because he thought he had a dead battery. As the officers were attempting to help the man jump his vehicle, he handed an officer a baggy of marijuana from his fanny pack, and he asked the officer to do something with it. Robert Bennet Mullen, 50, of Mineola, was arrested for alleged possession of marijuana under 2 ounces. The vehicle would not start.

10:32 a.m. Fraud was reported when a citizen reported someone was using their Social Security number to obtain a Pay Pal account.

11:53 a.m. A resident on North Line Street reported someone stole two checks from his wife's checkbook and wrote out two checks for large amounts. The bank notified him when the checks came through.

4:29 p.m. Sonic reported that a female ordered food and attempted to pay for it with a counterfeit \$100 bill. When the cashier went inside to check the bill, the suspect left.

8:14 p.m. A caller witnessed a driver pull up to the intersection of Sycamore and CR 2200 and dump a five-gallon bucket of liquid into the creek. An officer responded to the area and attempted to find what was dumped but was unable to find anything.

May 15
3:05 p.m. Britney Michelle Daniel, 21, of Mineola, was arrested at her residence on Newsom Street for a Van Zandt County warrant alleging assault bodily injury FV bond forfeiture.

9:43 p.m. Officers assisted a resident on CR 2820 when a man was knocking on his front door. The man was known to the officers and was transported to his residence and turned over to a family member. A trespass warning was issued.

11:37 p.m. A disturbance was reported at a residence on Wigley Street. The resident reported her husband was intoxicated and yelling and screaming. The incident was all verbal. The officers arranged for the wife and daughter to stay at a local motel with the assistance of Ministerial Alliance.

Wood County Sheriff's Report

May 8
Deputies were dispatched to CR 2320 near Mineola at 6:22 a.m. in reference to a possible assault. Parties were separated for the day.

Deputies spoke with the reporting party at 4:47 p.m. in reference to criminal trespass on CR 1858 near Yantis. Deputies gave the reporting party advice and cleared the incident.

Deputies spoke with the reporting party at 5:37 p.m. in reference to a scam on HWY 80 near Mineola. Deputies gave the reporting party advice and cleared the incident.

May 9
Deputies spoke with the reporting party at 5:43 p.m. in reference to suspicious circumstances on CR 2930 near Alba. Deputies advised the reporting party that extra patrol would be provided.

May 10
Deputies spoke with a reporting party at 9:36 a.m. in reference to a possible theft on CR 1515 near Alba. Deputies advised the reporting party that extra patrol would be provided.

Deputies spoke with the reporting party at 11:11 a.m. in reference to theft on CR 1900 near Yantis. Deputies advised the reporting party that extra patrol would be provided.

Deputies spoke with the reporting party at 11:51 a.m. in reference to a scam on CR 2210 near Mineola. Deputies gave the reporting party advice and cleared the incident.

Deputies spoke with the reporting party at 12:23 p.m. in reference to a scam on CR 3598 near Winnsboro. Deputies gave the reporting party advice and cleared the incident.

Deputies were dispatched to CR 4575 near Winnsboro at 12:42 p.m. in reference to a welfare check. Deputies searched the area, but were unable to locate the individual.

Deputies were dispatched to CR 3120 near Quitman at 3:52 p.m. in reference to an assault.

This case is active.

Deputies were dispatched to FM 14 near Hawkins at 3:52 p.m. in reference to theft. Someone stole several items from the reporting party's property. This case has been forwarded to investigators.

Deputies spoke with a reporting party at 7:43 p.m. in reference to theft on CR 1912 near Yantis. Someone stole the reporting party's checkbook and has been cashing checks without authorization. This case has been forwarded to investigators.

May 11
Deputies were dispatched to FM 17 near Alba at 5:26 p.m. in reference to a dispute. Parties were separated for the night.

Deputies were dispatched to CR 1700 near Yantis at 7:40 p.m. in reference to a disturbance. Deputies spoke with all parties and they were separated for the night.

Deputies were dispatched to PR 8692 near Winnsboro at 10:32 p.m. in reference to a welfare check. Deputies located the individual and EMS provided a transport to the hospital.

May 12
Deputies were dispatched to HWY 37 near Mineola at 11:08 a.m. in reference to a burglary. Someone broke into the reporting party's store and stole several items. This case has been forwarded to investigators.

Deputies went out on an arrest/warrant service to CR 1336 near Quitman at 6:20 p.m. Deputies searched the area, but were unable to make contact with the individual.

Deputies went out on an arrest/warrant service to Sanders Street in Big Sandy at 9:14 p.m. Isaac Davenport, 22, of Big Sandy, was arrested for an outstanding warrant.

May 13
Deputies spoke with a reporting party at 1:28 p.m. in reference to terroristic threat on CR 3992 near Winnsboro. Deputies gave the reporting party advice and cleared the incident.

Deputies conducted a traffic stop on CR 1801 near Yantis at 3:18 p.m. Kaylen Foster, 26, of Tyler was arrested for allegedly being in possession of a controlled substance.

Deputies were dispatched to CR 1787 near Yantis at 4:40 p.m. in reference to an inquest. A male, 78, was found deceased in his residence. The Justice of the Peace was notified and no autopsy was ordered.

May 14
Deputies responded to a suspicious person on HWY 80 near Mineola at 12:18 a.m. Glen Hollis, 70, of Athens, was arrested for outstanding warrants.

Deputies were dispatched to HWY 37 near Winnsboro at 3:06 a.m., in reference to a fire. Winnsboro Fire Department extinguished the fire and cleared the incident.

Deputies spoke with the reporting party at 3:07 p.m. in reference to a scam on Holly View near Hawkins. Deputies gave the reporting party advice and cleared the incident.

Deputies spoke with the reporting party at 5:37 p.m. in reference to a scam on CR 2774 near Mineola. Deputies gave the reporting party advice and cleared the incident.

Deputies were dispatched to HWY 37 near Quitman at 7:40 p.m. in reference to an inquest. A male, 49, was found deceased in his residence. The Justice of the Peace was notified and no autopsy was ordered.

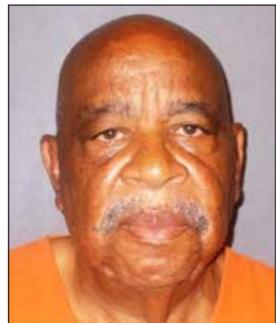
Deputies were dispatched to Main Street in Yantis at 8:54 p.m. in reference to theft. Someone known to the reporting person stole the reporting party's vaporizer. This case has been forwarded to investigators.

Between the dates of May 8 and May 14, Wood County Sheriff's deputies responded to multiple agency assists that included the following: Mineola Police Department, Emergency Medical Services, Child Protective Services and Hunt County Sheriff's Office.

Mineola man indicted on child porn charge

Johnny Roy Johnson, 77, of Mineola remained free on \$60,000 bond this week after a Wood County grand jury indicted him on April 24 on a charge of possessing child pornography, a third-degree felony.

that on May 29, 2018, Johnson knowingly possessed visual material that depicted a prepubescent female engaging in sexual conduct with a male. No hearings or court dates were scheduled as of Tuesday.



JOHNSON

Mineola Fire Report

Grass fire: May 15, 1:21 p.m., 1483 CR 2320, Mineola.

Medical assistance: May 9, 8:12 p.m., 420 CR 2311, Mineola; May 9, 9:41 a.m., 919 CR 2320, Mineola; May 10, 10:34 a.m., 267 Sue Lane, Mineola; May 10, 3:13 p.m., 415 E. Blair St., Mineola; May 11, 11:42 a.m.,

130 CR 2234, Mineola; May 13, 9:49 a.m., 662 Inwood St., Mineola; May 14, 10:34 p.m., 220 Minwood.

Motor vehicle accident with injuries: May 14, 11:35 p.m., E. U.S. Hwy 80, Mineola.

Motor vehicle accident with no injuries: May 9, 2:54 p.m.,

NW Loop 564 and N. Pacific St., Mineola.

Dispatched & canceled en route: May 11, 10:01 a.m., FM 1253, Mineola; May 14, 7:51 p.m., 371 CR 2311, Mineola; May 15, 5:47 p.m. N. Pacific St., Mineola.



CDA hosts cookout for law enforcement officers

Wood County Criminal District Attorney Angela Albers hosted a Law Enforcement Appreciation Cookout on May 14 for all Wood County law enforcement officers at the Quitman Civic Center. The cookout was in appreciation for the tireless work that various law enforcement agencies and officers do in Wood County. "Law enforcement officers have dedicated their lives to the honorable task of protecting the citizens of Wood County," Albers said. "These officers are the first line of protection for our citizens, and they risk their lives every day in fulfilling the duty they have undertaken. They deserve our deepest gratitude." (Courtesy photo)

Yantis Fire Department fundraiser June 8

A fundraiser will be held to benefit the Yantis Volunteer Fire Department from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. June 8 at Yantis Community Center

and City Park. Enjoy fried hot dogs and curly fries, live entertainment and giveaways on the hour. All proceeds will go

to the Yantis Volunteer Fire Department.

The event is sponsored by the Williams Creek Crappie Club.

Lake Fork drowning victim fell out of boat

The man who drowned in Lake Fork near the Hwy. 154 boat ramp on May 6 has been identified as Donald Lee Cranford, 72, of Quitman.

A Texas Parks and Wildlife water fatality report, which was obtained through an open records request, noted that Cranford was fishing with a friend when he fell off the boat backward

into the water. He was not wearing a personal flotation device, according to the report. Cranford's friend threw a flotation device toward him, but the wind blew it out of Cranford's reach, according to the report.

The friend then swam to Cranford with a flotation device, but he could not hold the victim up and was

forced to let go, according to the report. The friend returned to the boat and called 911.

Cranford's body was located in 16 feet of water and recovered by a volunteer fire department dive team. According to the report, water conditions were choppy, wind was light and the weather was clear.

This Week in Your Neighborhood

Mineola High School will conduct commencement beginning at 8 p.m. Friday, May 24, at Meredith Memorial Stadium.

Yantis High School will conduct commencement at 6 p.m. Saturday at the high school gym.

Mineola Dental will have a ribbon-cutting and a kick start to summer celebration from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday at 344 NW Loop

564, Suite 400 in Mineola. Attendees can win prizes, dental exams, teeth cleanings and more.

The Mineola Farmers Market will open from 8 a.m. until 1 p.m. Saturday at the pavilion on Front Street.

Memorial Day services are planned for 11:30 a.m. until noon at the grounds of the Wood County Courthouse.



Mineola Rotary Club with Mineola High School seniors, city organization leaders and staff planted 20 live oak trees in the Iron Horse Square area Monday. The shade from these trees will provide for generations of park and mini train riders. (Courtesy photos)

COLEMAN BAIL BOND

(Directly across the street from Wood County Jail)

407 S. Stephen • Quitman, Texas 75763

903.763.4844

24 Hour Service
Credit Terms Available



Obituaries

JAMES ADAIR 1946-2019



A memorial service for James Adair, 72, of Mineola was Thursday, May 16 at St. Peters Catholic Church in Mineola with Father Lawrence Love officiating.

Mr. Adair died Saturday, May 11, 2019, in Quitman.

He was born Aug. 9, 1946, in Marietta to the late George and Virginia Adair.

James served in the U.S. Army during the Vietnam War. He worked as an engineer tech and as a surveyor. He was also member of Saint Peters Catholic Church.

He is survived by his wife, Catherine Adair of Mineola; sons, James Luke Yi Adair of Lubbock, George James Cortes Adair of Mineola and Carl Emanuel Cortes Adair of Mineola; daughters, Virginia Young Cha Adair of Lubbock, Elsie Catherine Cortes Adair of Mineola, Carie Louise Cortes Adair of Mineola and Mary Helen Cortes Adair of Mineola; sister, Ginger Lou Fulton of Georgia; seven grandchildren; and one great-grandchild.

RONALD DALE BUSBEE 1949-2019



Funeral services for Ronald Dale Busbee, age 69 of Quitman were Friday, May 17 at Lowe Funeral Home with burial following in the Quitman Cemetery.

Mr. Busby died on May 13, 2019, in Tyler.

He was born on June 2, 1949, in Alba to Alvin Lee and Dorothy Frances (McKenzie) Busbee. A lifetime area resident,

Mr. Busbee was always known for being a hard worker and always doing an excellent job on any dirt work or general construction needs.

Surviving family includes son Bradford Busbee of Quitman; daughter Angie Perez of Allen, Texas; son Joe Busbee of El Paso, Texas; the mother of his three children to whom he was married for 44 years, Brenda Busbee; along with five grandchildren.

BRENDA SUE SHULTZ THOMPSON 1946-2019



ALBA - Memorial services for Brenda Sue Shultz Thompson, 72, of Alba, will be held at a later date by the family. Cremation arrangements are under the direction of Wilson-Bartley Funeral Home, Alba.

Mrs. Thompson passed away Monday, May 13, 2019, in Quitman.

Brenda was born Wednesday, Dec. 18, 1946, in Greenville, to the late John

K. and May Lou Allen Shultz. She married Jimmy Lynn Thompson on Oct. 20, 1978, in Quitman. She lived in Alba

all of her life and loved her family. She also loved flowers, the outdoors and to garden.

Survivors include her husband of 40 years, Jimmy Thompson of Alba; daughter, Molly Newland of Alba; and three grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents.

CALVIN GUNTER 1938-2019



Services for Calvin Gunter, 80, were Saturday, May 18 at Southside Church of Christ in Mineola.

Mr. Gunter died May 11, 2019.

Mr. Gunter was born Aug. 28, 1938, in Quitman to the late Benny and Willie Opal Gunter. At an early age, the family moved to Mineola and settled on Krause Street. He attended elementary through high school at Addie E. McFarland.

He was employed at Benham & Company until he retired in 1996.

He dedicated his life to Christ at an early age at St. Paul Missionary Baptist Church. He later joined Southside Church of Christ in 1972. Being active in the church was the highlight of his life. There was never a time Brother Gunter would not hesitate to transport church members back and forth to Southside Church of Christ. Brother Calvin served the Lord well, and he will be greatly missed. He was a good neighbor, and many counted him as a friend.

He served faithfully as a Sunday school teacher, a leading brother, and a trustee. He would visit the sick and shut-ins, and willingly served in whatever capacity he was needed. Everyone knew him as a kind and caring person. He would share his wisdom with the young as well as the old. He was grounded in God's word and could quote a scripture for any occasion. Those who knew him well would tell you that Brother Calvin enjoyed football and playing dominoes. A great big smile would cross his face whenever he got an opportunity to beat his three siblings, Elvin, Robert and James, at dominoes.

He was preceded in death by his parents, and his sisters, Beatrice Gunter and Marie Perry.

Survivors include his brothers, James of Garland, Elvin of Mineola, and Robert of Fort Worth; and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, and friends.

RANDY ANDREW MILLER 1957-2019



Funeral services for Randy Andrew Miller, 62, of Alba, were Saturday, May 18 with Pastor Otis Lee officiating. Burial was at Golden Cemetery under the direction of Wilson-Bartley Funeral Home.

Mr. Miller passed away May 16, 2019, in Tyler.

He was born Jan. 25, 1957, in San Antonio to Frank Aaron and Edith Madean

Curbow Miller. He married Shirley Jean Sowders on Oct. 1, 2001, in Hamburg, Ark. They lived in the Alba area since 2011 after moving from Monroe, La. Randy was an over-the-road truck driver.

He is survived by wife, Shirley Miller of Alba; father, Frank Miller of Arkansas; sons, Andrew Miller of Lake Charles, La., Jonathan Miller of Monroe, La., Andrew (Drew) Miller of Monroe, La., and Edward Miller of West Monroe, La.; daughters, Kimberly of West Monroe, La. and Tootsie Uehling of Alba; brothers, Roger Miller of Arkansas, Richard De la Garza of Alaska, J.J. Salas and of Monroe, La., and Michael Miller of Arkansas; sisters, Linda Carrell of Huntsville, Sarah Furrer of Georgetown, and Dana Miller of Arkansas; more than 18 nieces and nephews; 12 grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his mother, Edith Salas.

PAULA K. BAILEY 1942-2019



Funeral services for Mrs. Paula Kathleen Bailey, 77, of Quitman were Saturday, May 18 at Forest Hill Baptist Church with Brothers Fred Morrow and Don Vaughn officiating. Burial was at Clover Hill Cemetery in Wood County.

Mrs. Bailey died May 14, 2019, in Tyler.

Mrs. Bailey was born Feb. 13, 1942 in Urania, La., to Leon and Frances Britton

Lee. She moved to East Texas in 1945 and lived most of her life in Wood County. She was a homemaker and a member of Forest Hill Baptist Church.

Paula was preceded in death by her parents and a sister, Mary Lee Johnston.

Left to cherish her memory are her husband of 60 years, Doyle Ray Bailey, Quitman; sons, David Bailey of Mineola and Jeff Bailey of Mount Pleasant; brothers Johnny Lee of Carthage and Joe Lee of Quitman; eight grandchildren; eight great-grandchildren; and several nieces, nephew, cousins and extended family.

Memorials may be made to Forest Hill Baptist Church (Texas Baptist Home) 1880 Hwy. 37 North, Quitman, TX 75783.

LORENZO THOMPSON JR. 1950-2019

Lorenzo Thompson Jr. was born June 15, 1950 to parents Lorenzo Thompson Sr. and Alberta Thompson.

He passed from this life on April 15, 2019. Lorenzo was a graduate of Mineola High School and retired from Morton Salt in Grand Saline.

He leaves to mourn a son, Lorenzo Thompson III; daughters, Catina and Erica; grandchildren, Brandon and Ariel; brothers, Gary (Theresa) and Chris (Charolette); sisters, Carlina and Debra; sister in law, Tiola; and a host of others including nieces, nephews, cousins and friends.

He was known as honest, hardworking, devoted, fun loving and joyful.

Hubbard Chapel Baptist sets homecoming

Hubbard Chapel Baptist Church will conduct its annual homecoming service on Sunday, June 2.

The homecoming service will be during the regular 11 a.m. worship.

All who attend are welcome to stay for lunch in the fellowship hall afterward.

The church will host the Concord Cemetery Association meeting after lunch about 1 p.m.

Whether or not you have ties to the church or the association, you are welcome to attend these services and the lunch fellowship.

New Hope Cemetery, School meetings set

The New Hope School Association will meet Saturday, June 1 at 11 a.m. at the Smith Chapel United Methodist Church fellowship hall at 680 FM 1804, Mineola.

The New Hope Cemetery Association will meet at 11 a.m. Sunday, June 2 under the pavilion at the New Hope Cemetery.

In the event of rain meeting will move to the Smith

Chapel United Methodist Church.

Participants should bring a lunch to share at noon each day.

Contributions to support the school association or the cemetery maintenance or permanent care funds may be made at the meeting, to mail cemetery contributions to Jim Quevreaux, Treasurer, 2112 FM 2422, Mineola TX 75773.

Youth ministry to host luncheon May 26 at Holly Brook church

In observance of the Memorial Day holiday, the youth ministry of Holly Brook Baptist Church, Hawkins, will host a hamburger and hot dog luncheon immediately after the morning service on May 26. The meal is free but donations for summer camp will be accepted. There will also be a silent auction of a few

items. All proceeds will be used for summer camp.

There will be no evening service or activities on May 26 in observance of the Memorial Day holiday. Church offices and the Family Life Center will be closed on May 27 for the holiday.

Call the church office for more information: 903-769 2091.

Victoria Miller named to Dean's List for spring at Belmont University

Victoria Miller of Mineola qualified for the spring 2019 Dean's List at Belmont University.

Eligibility is based on a minimum course load of 12 hours and a quality grade point average of 3.5 with no grade below a C.

Approximately 32 percent of Belmont's 8,318 students

qualified for the spring 2019 Dean's List. Ranked No. 6 in the Regional Universities South category and consistently named as a "Most Innovative" university by U.S. News & World Report, Belmont University is home to more than 8,300 students who come from every state and more than 36 countries.

Mineola Masonic Lodge No. 502, A.F.&A.M.
1772 W FM 564, Mineola, TX • 903.569.2608
Std Meeting - 2nd Thurs. 7:30 pm • Meal 6:30 pm
"Masons take full responsibility for the condition of their character and strive for its perfection."

Mt. Pisgah Baptist Church
Homecoming & cemetery meeting
Sunday May 26th at 10:30^{a.m.}
Speaker **Byron Dobbs** Special Music **The Hootens from Waskom**

Watkins Insurance GROUP
P.O. Box 1188 • Mineola, TX 75773
(Across From Wal-Mart)
Nic Watkins
Licensed Agent
Ph. (903) 569-5115
Fax (903) 569-5110
Texas (800) 460-5510
nwatkins@watkinsinsurancegroup.com
www.watkinsinsurancegroup.com

Victoria Miller of Mineola qualified for the spring 2019 Dean's List. Ranked No. 6 in the Regional Universities South category and consistently named as a "Most Innovative" university by U.S. News & World Report, Belmont University is home to more than 8,300 students who come from every state and more than 36 countries.

WOOD COUNTY SERVICE DIRECTORY

BE PART OF THE CORKBOARD!

CONSTRUCTION

John Spanko
General Contractor

- Remodels • All Carpentry
- Doors/Windows
- Additions

38 Years Experience

Quality Work & Free Estimates
903-569-2618 903-920-5597

MOWING/WELDING

Juan's Mowing service & Welding

CALL OR TEXT
903-497-6560

CONSTRUCTION

TED WILSON CONSTRUCTION
YOUR REMODELING SPECIALIST

Remodels, Add-ons & Repairs
Barns, Garages & Shops
Residential & Commercial

903-850-3570

CALL BRANDI BOX TODAY AT 903 763-4522!

Wood County Church Directory

Lake Fork Baptist Church
A lighthouse on the lake
 9483 W FM 515 • Alba, Tx 75410
 (903) 473-9523 Fax: 903-474-9045
 Website: www.lakeforkbaptist.org
 email: info@lakeforkbaptist.org

Attend the church of
 your choice this week.
These area churches welcome you.

SUPPORT OUR AREA
 CHURCHES WITH AN AD
 IN THIS LOCATION

Paddy's Autoworks
Auto Repair Professionals
 3841 E. Hwy. 154 • 903-967-3799
 Open Mon.-Fri. 8 a.m.- 5 p.m.



Chad Lewis 903-763-5445
 305 E. Goode St., Quitman



903-569-5454

Kenneth L. Williams CPA
 308 N. Main • Quitman
 903-763-4366
We support our local community



Family owned business for more than 60 continuous years
 1238 N Pacific St • Mineola, TX
 903 569-5432
www.mineolaandcantoneyecare.com



Packagers of Dried Beans,
 Peas, Rice, Popcorn,
 Household Aluminum
 Foil & Plastic Wrap
322 Freeman
903-569-2636

Kelly Drug
 Corner of Hwy. 69 & 80 | 569-3882
 Mon.-Fri. 8 a.m.-6 p.m. | Sat. 8 a.m.-2 p.m.
 FREE DELIVERY

BODDIE ROOFING
 Composition - Torchdown - Metal
 RESIDENTIAL • FREE ESTIMATES
903-850-4642

WOOD COUNTY ASPHALT
 2124 County Road 2670
903.569.1833

Blessed are the meek, for
 they will inherit the land.
Matthew 5:5

BAILEY'S ACE HARDWARE
 522 E. Broad 903.569.2911
 Hours: Mon - Fri 7:30 AM - 7 PM,
 Sat 8 AM - 6 PM • Sunday 1 pm - 5 PM

SUPPORT OUR AREA
 CHURCHES WITH AN AD
 IN THIS LOCATION

O God, restore us;
 light up your face and
 we shall be saved.
Psalm 80:4

Alba
ASSEMBLY OF GOD
 Gunter Assembly of God
 4578 North FM 17, Alba
 (903) 765-9981
BAPTIST
Bright Star Baptist Church
 2795 Co Rd 3480, Alba
 903-473-4064
 Pastor Jerry Jackson Jr.
Enon Baptist Church
 7133 TX-182, Alba
 (903) 765-2014
 Pastor - Reggie Day
First Baptist Church of Alba
 219 E. Holly, Alba
 903-765-2471
 Pastor Kelly B. Burton
Lake Fork Baptist
 9483 W. FM 515, Alba
 903-473-9523
 Pastor Perry Crisp

CHURCH OF CHRIST
Alba Church of Christ
 Off Hwy. 69, Alba
 John Ratliff
Church of Christ of Alba
 105 W. Holley St., Alba
 903-765-9450
 George Filpansick

METHODIST
Alba United Methodist
 170 E. Holley St. Alba
 903-473-2411
 Rev. Beverly Tune

NON-DENOMINATIONAL
Amazing Grace Fellowship Church
 7405 US Hwy 69 E, Alba
 Pastor Byron George
Open Door Church
 633 CR1560, Alba
 (903) 765-3587
 B.D. Bohannon

Golden
ASSEMBLY OF GOD
 Cottonwood Assembly of God
 8481 FM 779, Golden
 (903) 765-2675
 Pastor: Otis Lee

BAPTIST
Golden First Baptist Church
 County Road 2940, Golden
 903 768-2258
 Pastor Robert Mounce
Pilgrim Rest #2 Baptist Church
 205 County Road 2376, Golden
 903-768-2653
 Pastor Craig Kearby

BIBLE INDEPENDENT
Golden Bible Church
 CR 2290, Golden
 (903) 768-2700

CHURCH OF CHRIST
Golden Church of Christ
 FM Rd. 779, Golden
 903-768-2712
 James Stringer

METHODIST
Golden United Methodist
 658 FM 1799, Golden
 903-768-2268
 Pastor Jim Pickens

Hawkins
ASSEMBLY OF GOD
 First Assembly of God
 102 Hams St., Hawkins
 903-769-3835
 Pastor Don Majors

BAPTIST
Liberty Baptist
 288 CR 3650, Hawkins
 903-769-2250
 Pastor Bob Sexton

LUTHERAN
Trinity Lutheran Church
 3718 FM 2869 • Hawkins
 903-769-4065
 Kyle Kirk

PENTECOSTAL
Pine Mills Pentecostal Church
 Hwy. 14, Hawkins
 903-857-2527
 Pastor M.D. Thornhill

Holly Lake
CATHOLIC
Holy Spirit Catholic Church
 1612 S. 2869, Holly Lake
 Rev. Michael T. Snyder
 903-769-3235

Mineola
ASSEMBLY OF GOD
 First Assembly of God
 1917 N US Hwy 69
 (903) 569-9882
 Pastor Jerry Williams
Iglesia Primera
Asamblea de Dios
 511 N. Second, Mineola
 903-569-5537

BAPTIST
Calvary Baptist Church
 779 FM 49, Mineola
 (903) 768-2313
 Pastor Donald Masters
Central Baptist Church
 602 N Line St, Mineola
 (903) 569-3203
First Baptist Church
 204 N Johnson St, Mineola
 (903) 569-3873
 Phillip Casper
Freedom Baptist Church
 155 CR 2201, Mineola
 903-638-8555
 Pastor Al Dusek
Hainesville Baptist Church
 3368 FM 49, Mineola
 903 569-3212
 Pastor Terry Davis
Harvest Acres Baptist Church
 1062 W State Loop 564, Mineola
 903-569-5351
 Pastor David W. Burcham
Hubbard Chapel Baptist Church
 Hwy. 778, Mineola
 Pastor: Rick Ellington
Legacy Baptist Fellowship
 415 W. McDonald, Mineola
 903-316-0552
Macedonia Missionary Baptist
 1555 County Road 3875, Mineola
 (903) 769-5618
 Pastor Thomas Ricks
Mt. Enterprise Baptist Church
 3331 S St. Hwy. 37, Mineola
 (903) 569-2124
 Jonathan Allenw
Mt. Pisgah Baptist
 4995 FM 49, Mineola
 Pastor Riley Pate

LUTHERAN
Trinity Lutheran Church
 3718 FM 2869 • Hawkins
 903-769-4065
 Kyle Kirk

PENTECOSTAL
Pine Mills Pentecostal Church
 Hwy. 14, Hawkins
 903-857-2527
 Pastor M.D. Thornhill

Hawkins
ASSEMBLY OF GOD
 First Assembly of God
 102 Hams St., Hawkins
 903-769-3835
 Pastor Don Majors

BAPTIST
Liberty Baptist
 288 CR 3650, Hawkins
 903-769-2250
 Pastor Bob Sexton

LUTHERAN
Trinity Lutheran Church
 3718 FM 2869 • Hawkins
 903-769-4065
 Kyle Kirk

PENTECOSTAL
Pine Mills Pentecostal Church
 Hwy. 14, Hawkins
 903-857-2527
 Pastor M.D. Thornhill

Holly Lake
CATHOLIC
Holy Spirit Catholic Church
 1612 S. 2869, Holly Lake
 Rev. Michael T. Snyder
 903-769-3235

Mineola
ASSEMBLY OF GOD
 First Assembly of God
 1917 N US Hwy 69
 (903) 569-9882
 Pastor Jerry Williams
Iglesia Primera
Asamblea de Dios
 511 N. Second, Mineola
 903-569-5537

BAPTIST
Calvary Baptist Church
 779 FM 49, Mineola
 (903) 768-2313
 Pastor Donald Masters
Central Baptist Church
 602 N Line St, Mineola
 (903) 569-3203
First Baptist Church
 204 N Johnson St, Mineola
 (903) 569-3873
 Phillip Casper
Freedom Baptist Church
 155 CR 2201, Mineola
 903-638-8555
 Pastor Al Dusek
Hainesville Baptist Church
 3368 FM 49, Mineola
 903 569-3212
 Pastor Terry Davis
Harvest Acres Baptist Church
 1062 W State Loop 564, Mineola
 903-569-5351
 Pastor David W. Burcham
Hubbard Chapel Baptist Church
 Hwy. 778, Mineola
 Pastor: Rick Ellington
Legacy Baptist Fellowship
 415 W. McDonald, Mineola
 903-316-0552
Macedonia Missionary Baptist
 1555 County Road 3875, Mineola
 (903) 769-5618
 Pastor Thomas Ricks
Mt. Enterprise Baptist Church
 3331 S St. Hwy. 37, Mineola
 (903) 569-2124
 Jonathan Allenw
Mt. Pisgah Baptist
 4995 FM 49, Mineola
 Pastor Riley Pate

NEW HOPE BAPTIST CHURCH
 3855 FM 1801, Mineola
 (903) 569-3760
 Pastor Michael Mize
Northside Baptist Church
 1718 N. Pacific, Mineola
 903-569-3872
 Steve Prestridge, Pastor
Rose Hill Baptist Church
 1420 CR 2460, Mineola
 (903) 569-5746
 Pastor Jeff Thompson
Sand Springs Baptist Church
 3208 C.R. 2330, Mineola
 (903) 569-9350
 Pastor Nick Kerry
Silver Lake Baptist Church
 150 E Hwy. 80, Mineola
 (903) 569-2433
 Pastor Mike Sullivan
St. Paul Missionary Baptist Church
 304 S. Stone St., Mineola
 (903) 569-8722
 Pastor Demethris T. Boyd

Forest Hill Baptist Church
 1880 TX-37, Quitman
 (903) 967-3420
 Pastor Fred Morrow
Mt. Calvary Baptist
 1119 E. G. Goode St., Quitman
 903-967-2392
 Darrell Pixley
Muddy Creek Baptist
 FM 69, Quitman
 903-967-3384
 Jerry Williams
Myrtle Springs Baptist
 2185 FM 2225, Quitman
 David Cook
 903-878-2504
New Life Baptist Fellowship
 7365 Main St., Quitman
 903-763-1405
 Charles Brewster
Rock Hill Baptist
 3543 FM 2966, Quitman
 903-878-2762
 Ken Goodson
Whispering Hope Baptist Church
 155 S Farm Road 14, Quitman
 (903) 967-3149
 Pastor Eddie Slaton

CHURCH OF CHRIST
Church of Christ
 111 Winnsboro, Quitman
 903-763-5544
 Del Ussery

Church of God in Christ
Mt. Calvary Church of God in Christ
 209 Bookman St., Quitman TX
 (903)780-097
 Pastor Bobby H. Jones

JEWISH
Bethel Temple Fellowship
 680 CR 2150, Quitman, Texas
 (940) 206-5830
 Rabbi Linda Gutierrez

LATTER-DAY SAINTS
Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints
 1128 E. Goode St, Quitman
 (903) 967-3533
 Bishop Dean Brown

METHODIST
Brock's Chapel Methodist
 207 Clark Street, Quitman
 903-763-4062
 Linda McCullough
First United Methodist
 406 E Lane St, Quitman
 (903) 763-4127
 Rev. Keefe Cropper
Liberty Methodist
 E. Goode St. Hwy. 154, Quitman
 (903) 967-7691
 Rev. Keefe Cropper

NON-DENOMINATIONAL
Church on the Rock
 302 S Main St, Quitman
 (903) 763-4588
 David Jackson
Country Fellowship of Wood County
 709 Oakwood Dr • Quitman
 Andrew McQueen
Living Water Fellowship
 2574 FM2088, Quitman
 (903) 967-2000
 David Hartley
Wood County Cowboy Church
 3435 FM 2088, Quitman
 903-535-9155
 Chase Pope

PENTECOSTAL UNITED
Victory Fellowship
United Pentecostal Church
 1600 N. State Hwy. 37, Quitman
 (903) 967-2628
 Pastor Keith Clark

Sulphur Springs
LUTHERAN
Our Savior Lutheran
 1000 Texas St, Sulphur Springs
 (903) 885-5787
 Timothy Eden

Winnsboro
BAPTIST
Cartwright Baptist
 267 CR 4896, Winnsboro
 903-967-2818
 Pastor: Bro. Cody Mize
Crossroads Baptist
 1314 CR 4870, Winnsboro
 Pastor Terry Bolton
East Point Baptist
 5029 FM 2088, Winnsboro
 Bro. James Scott
Perryville Baptist Church
 9429 E. FM 851, Winnsboro
 903-725-7729
Little Hope Baptist Church
 CR 3990 and CR 3984, Winnsboro
 430-502-5855
 Pastor James Young Jr.
Sharon Baptist
 176 CR 4890, Winnsboro
 903-629-7202
 Perry Shirley

CATHOLIC
St. Ann's Catholic
 1010 W. FM 515, Winnsboro
 903-629-7889
 Mani Mathai

CHRISTIAN
Central Christian Church
 110 Sage St., Winnsboro
 903-342-5883
 F. Kevin Hollowell

METHODIST
Perryville Methodist Church
 FM 852, Perryville
 8 Miles SE of Winnsboro
 Glenda Mendoza

PRESBYTERIAN
First Presbyterian
 302 S Chestnut St, Winnsboro
 (903) 342-3011
 Rev. Dr. Jerry Carpenter

Yantis
BAPTIST
County Line Baptist
 6380 FM 2966, Yantis
 903-383-2148
 Pastor Rodney Christ
Covenant Reformed Baptist
 FM 515 & 852, Yantis
 Pastor Tony Jackson
First Baptist, Yantis
 100 Church St., Yantis
 903-383-2393
 Pastor Craig Vance
White Oak Baptist
 116 PR 5922, Yantis
 (903) 383-2310
 Pastor Jimmy Rogers

SEVENTH DAY ADVENTIST
Seventh Day Adventist
 1904 Old Tyler Hwy., Mineola
 903-569-6930
 Pastor Richard Rose

Quitman
ASSEMBLY OF GOD
 First Assembly of God
 909 E. Goode St., Quitman
 903-763-2901
 Pastor Ken Otwell

BAPTIST
Clover Hill Baptist
 FM 69, Quitman
 903-967-7440
 Pastor Mark Thompson
Ebenezer Baptist
 FM 14, Quitman
 903-967-2848
 Pastor John Skelton
Faith Baptist Church
 405 S Hart Street, Quitman
 903-492-3535
 Pastor Mike Midkiff
First Baptist, Quitman
 301 W. Lane, Quitman
 903-763-4142
 Rev. Gabe Martin

NEW HOPE BAPTIST CHURCH
 3855 FM 1801, Mineola
 (903) 569-3760
 Pastor Michael Mize
Northside Baptist Church
 1718 N. Pacific, Mineola
 903-569-3872
 Steve Prestridge, Pastor
Rose Hill Baptist Church
 1420 CR 2460, Mineola
 (903) 569-5746
 Pastor Jeff Thompson
Sand Springs Baptist Church
 3208 C.R. 2330, Mineola
 (903) 569-9350
 Pastor Nick Kerry
Silver Lake Baptist Church
 150 E Hwy. 80, Mineola
 (903) 569-2433
 Pastor Mike Sullivan
St. Paul Missionary Baptist Church
 304 S. Stone St., Mineola
 (903) 569-8722
 Pastor Demethris T. Boyd

BIBLE INDEPENDENT
Lake Country Bible Church
 1402 N Pacific St, Mineola
 (903) 569-5730

CATHOLIC
St. Peter the Apostle Catholic Church
 203 Meadowbrook, Mineola
 903-569-3665
 Pastor Lawrence Love

CHRISTIAN CHURCH
First Christian Church
 Disciples of Christ
 209 North Pacific, Mineola
 903-569-2537
 Pastor Rick Son

CHURCH OF CHRIST
Broad St. Church of Christ
 440 West Broad, Mineola
 903-569-2046
Golden Church of Christ
 Golden
 903-768-2712
North Loop Church of Christ
 326 W FM 564, Mineola
 903-569-3117
 Clark Dugger
Jameson Church of Christ
 22022 FM1253, Mineola
 (903) 569-0516
Mineola Church of Christ
 1621 N. Pacific, Mineola
 903-569-5571
Southside Church of Christ
 527 Read St., Mineola
 903-569-6812
 Malcolm Duncan

EPISCOPAL
St. Dunstan's Episcopal
 800 N. Johnson, Mineola
 903-569-2478
 The Rev. Thomas A. Pantle

JEHOVAH'S WITNESSES
Jehovah's Witnesses
 Hwy. 69 South, Mineola
 903-569-6370

METHODIST/ CHRISTIAN
EPISCOPAL
East Chapel CME Church
 723 South Pacific, Mineola
 903-569-3624
 Pastor - Leonard Spurling



Tiffany's Restaurant
"My-O-My the Pie"
 271 CR 1558 • Alba
903-765-2087
 Open Daily 5 a.m. to 9 p.m.

The Employees of
Watkins Insurance Group
 urges everyone to attend
 the church of their choice!

Low Funeral Home
 1102 E. Goode • 763-2242
 Dwayne & Lucy Lowe
 Quitman, Texas

Hughes Appliance & Air Conditioning
 1305 W. Broad - Mineola
 903-569-5440 or 903-569-6903



DISCOUNT BUILDING MATERIALS
 602 E. Goode • 903-763-2931
 BUILDING MATERIALS - FLOORING SHINGLES - SHEET METAL
 DOORS CABINETS - WINDOWS
 Open Monday-Saturday 8 a m to 5 p m

For all your insurance needs
Dunahoe Insurance Agency
 617 N. Broad • 903-569-6137

Autumn Wind Assisted Living of Winnsboro
 903-342-3388



MINEOLA • 903-569-5437



903-763-4711 • www.coventryfinancialtexas.com

Keepit Mini Storage
 Hwy. 69N (Next to KMOO)
903-569-0400
 Keypad Entry - 5'x10' to 10'x30' • Locally Owned
 Climate Control Units Available
 10X10 & 10X20

SUPPORT OUR AREA
 CHURCHES WITH AN AD
 IN THIS LOCATION



DOW AUTOPLEX
 Full Service GM Dealer
 Sales Mon.-Fri. 8 - 6 Sat. 9 - 5
 1313 Hwy. 69 S - Mineola
903-569-2621

Compliments of
Kemp-Meek Manufacturing Co. Inc.
 Mineola, Tx.
"Strong churches make strong communities"

Blessed are those who fear the Lord
Psalm 128:1

Behold, the Lord comes to save his people; blessed are those prepared to meet him.
Matthew 25:6

Monitor classified ads

Merchandise for Sale

Garage Sales
Grand Saline, 1402 N. Oak St., Thurs.-Sat., May 23-25, 8a.m.-4p.m. Huge four family yard sale: 1000s of items, too many to list. Tools, furniture, knickknacks and household items, priced to sell.

Quitman, 109 Meadowbrook Ln., Thurs.-Sat., May 23-25, 7a.m.-5p.m., 870-820-8660. Odds and ends and furniture.

Quitman, 1489 CR 3220, Sat.-Sun., May 25-26, 8a.m.-5p.m. Moving Sale.

Rentals

Business Property
Office space for rent. Under new management. \$300.00 monthly. 903-245-4326.

Mobile Homes
Mobile homes for rent 3 bedroom 2 bath single wide, 2 bedroom 1-1/2 bath single wide. No pets allowed. 903-850-3570.

Rental Services
Let us take the worries out of managing your rental property. M&M Property Management, 903-569-9881.

Employment For Grounds Keeper

Mineola ISD is looking for an individual to help keep up the grounds, trimming and mowing. It is a full time position with benefits.
For additional information, contact Rickey Browning at 903-369-6513.

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 150, 151 and 152, Section 4, within Holly Lake Ranch Subdivision.
The public hearing is set for Friday, June 14, 2019, 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.
/s/ Lucy Hebron
Wood County Judge

Notice of Bid Acceptance

City of Mineola

The City of Mineola will receive and accept bid proposals for **Preparation, priming and painting of the Gazebo in Downtown Mineola.** Proposals will be accepted until 10:00 a.m. on Friday, May 31st. Proposals should be delivered to the Main Street Director at P.O. Box 179, Mineola, Texas or hand delivered to the same office located at 300 Greenville Ave., Mineola, Texas. All proposals shall be clearly marked as proposal for **Preparation, priming and painting of the Gazebo in Downtown Mineola.** Bid specifications may be obtained from the office of the Main Street Director as indicated above or call (903)569-6183.
Doris Newman, Main Street Director

INVITATION TO BIDDERS

Sealed bids will be received by **Ramey Water Supply Corporation** for the construction of the **Glen Thurman Development Improvements** at the office of **Ramey Water Supply Corporation** whose mailing address is **P.O. Box 58, Mineola, Texas 75773** and physical address **3400 Co Rd 2330, Mineola, TX 75773** is until **June 6, 2019 at 10:00 a.m.** and then publicly opened and read aloud.
Project will include, but not limited to the following:
Plans, Specifications and Bidding Documents may be obtained from the office of the Engineer:
Velvin & Weeks Consulting Engineers, Inc.
930 East Corsicana Street
P.O. Box 1007
Athens, Texas 75731
(903) 675-3903
for the cost of \$100.00 per set (non-refundable) for a hard copy and electronic copies are at no charge.
The **Ramey Water Supply Corporation** reserves the right to reject any or all bids and to waive any formalities.
No Bidder may withdraw his bid within 60 days after the actual bid opening date.
Ramey Water Supply Corporation
(Owner)

REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

City of Mineola is accepting proposals for RFP 10-19 TPA Administration, Specific and Aggregate Stop Loss Re-Insurance, Fully Insured and Level Funded Medical options. Specifications may be obtained from Brinson Benefits. Proposals will be accepted until 10 A.M. local time, June 5, 2019, at 4851 LBJ Freeway, Suite 900 Dallas, Texas 75244, at which time they will be publicly opened. All proposals received will be presented to the Insurance Committee, at which time the City reserves the right to accept, negotiate, amend, accept and/or reject any or all bids.

Country Trails

Wellness & Rehabilitation

— Offering FREE CNA Classes —

With New Shift Differentials F/T CNA's & F/T LVN P/T Beautician

Contact **Candy Janes HR**
Clark Spencer Adm.
903-962-7595
1638 VZCR 1803 • Grand Saline, TX 75140
EEOC/M/F/D/V

Now taking applications for

Mineola Seniors II

Low Rents w/No Income Limit Restrictions
Must meet our Resident Selection Criteria
1136 N. Newsome ~ Mineola, Texas

If you are a single person or a family, with at least one household member **55 years or older**, call or email to see if you qualify for one of our **energy efficient 1 bedroom units leasing for \$440.**
These are all electric units & WE pay your water, trash and sewer!!!

- Single story, barrier free design.
- Some units designed for handicap accessibility
- Private patio and storage
- Range & Refrigerator furnished
- Washer & Dryer connections
- Community room for activities
- Pets allowed with a deposit
- We accept Section 8 HUD Vouchers/Certificates

Set up an appointment today by calling
903-569-0733
or email: mineolaseniors@yahoo.com

INVITATION TO BIDDERS

Sealed bids will be received by **Ramey Water Supply Corporation** for the construction of **Well #10 at Plant 7** at the meeting office of **Ramey Water Supply Corporation** whose physical address is **3400 Co Rd 2330, Mineola, TX 75773** and whose mailing address is **P.O. Box 58 Mineola, Texas 75773** until **10:15 a.m. on June 6, 2019.**
Project will include, but not limited to the following:
• Construction of a 125±gpm water well complete with pump and electrical service
Bid Security, Performance and Payment Bonds shall be as set forth in the **INSTRUCTIONS FOR BIDDERS.**
Plans, Specifications, and Bidding Documents may be obtained from the office of the Engineer:
Velvin & Weeks Consulting Engineers, Inc.
930 East Corsicana Street
P.O. Box 1007
Athens, Texas 75751
for the cost of \$100.00 per set (non-refundable) for a hard copy and electronic copies are at no charge.
Ramey Water Supply Corporation reserves the right to reject any or all bids and to waive any formalities.
No Bidder may withdraw his bid within 60 days after the actual bid opening date.
Ramey Water Supply Corporation
(Owner)

No. 13,451

IN THE ESTATE OF § IN THE PROBATE COURT
DOROTHY JONES RUSSELL, §
Deceased § WOOD, COUNTY, TEXAS

NOTICE TO ALL PERSONS HAVING CLAIMS AGAINST THE ESTATE OF DOROTHY JONES RUSSELL, DECEASED

Notice is hereby given that original Letters Testamentary for the Estate of Dorothy Jones Russell, were issued on April 29, 2019 in Cause No. 13,451, pending in the Probate Court of Wood County, Texas, to Kelvin Ross Russell, Executor.

Claims should be sent to the office address of the Executor's attorney at 400 South Ervay Street, Dallas, Texas 75201.

All persons having claims against this Estate which is currently being administered are required to present them within the time and in the manner prescribed by law.

Respectfully submitted,
MILLER & BROWN, L.L.P.
By: /s/ Christopher Winiecki
J. ROBERT MILLER, JR.
State Bar No. 14092500
rmiller@miller-brown.com
CHRISTOPHER WINIECKI
State Bar No. 24107968
Cwiniecki@miller-brown.com

400 South Ervay Street
Dallas, Texas 75201-5513
214-748-7600
FAX: 214-204-9134
ATTORNEYS FOR EXECUTOR

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Notice is hereby given that original Letters Testamentary for the Estate of Michael Gene Zachary, Deceased, were issued on April 8th, 2019 in Cause No. 13,458 in the County Court of Wood County, Texas, to Janet Nelson Zachary.
The residence of the Independent Executor Janet Nelson Zachary is Wood County, Texas.
This post office address is: **Janet Nelson Zachary c/o: Bill Youngkin Attorney at Law Post Office Box 4806 Bryan, Texas 77805**
All persons having claims against this Estate which is currently being administered are required to present them within the time and in the manner prescribed by law.
DATED the 16th day of May, 2019.
By: /s/s BILL YOUNGKIN
BILL YOUNGKIN

Classified deadlines, prices:

Word ads 3 p.m. Monday, \$12 for 15 words and then 20-cents/word

Display ads Noon Monday, \$9/column inch

Call Brandi at 903-763-4522 or email classifieds@woodcountymonitor.com



WATKINS INSURANCE GROUP
P.O. Box 1188 Mineola, TX 75773 (Across from WAL-MART)
903-569-5115
www.watkinsinsurancegroup.com



Jonathan, Rodney & Nic Watkins

Discounts up to 40%

TEXAS CROSSWORD

by Charley & Guy Orbison
Copyright 2019 by Orbison Bros.

ACROSS

- TX Jack Valenti's film org.
- TXism: "best I ever wrapped ___ around" (delicious)
- "Great" dog ___ of the Apostles
- dir. to Coleman from Abilene
- TXism: "call ___ day" (quit)
- scenic ___ Park in New Braunfels
- rank of TX Chester Nimitz in WWII
- TX "Adopt- ___" program is to keep coastline clean
- SW of Denton on U.S. 377
- TXism for "meeting"
- TX Howard Hughes left a big one
- "Matagorda" (county) means "thick ___"
- AC outlet in TX houses or cars
- TXism for "boss"
- TXism: "___ drill" (disagree)
- TX 1987 Kentucky Derby winner
- TXism: "suits me to ___-thee well"

DOWN

- TXism: "___ ___" (angry)
- in Victoria County on U.S. 87
- TXism: "thinking ___ doing"
- Houston "World of Primates" residents branding
- TX Bob Wills trademark phrase (4 wds.)
- TXism: "heavy as the front end of a John ___"
- to hold in wonder a TXn flew scout plane for plane that dropped the first ___ bomb
- TX "Pistol Packin' Mama" Al (init.)
- "My ___ Sal"
- TX Steak and ___
- TXism: "happy as a kid on Santa's ___"
- TXism: "keeping my head ___"
- TX fiber festival: "Kid '___' and Lamas Too"
- TXism: "first light"
- Bowie's bed at the Alamo (2 wds.)
- TX Meredith ___ Rae
- TXism: "brains ___ box" (computer)
- former Dallas D.A. Wade (init.)
- TXism: "let '___ rip!"
- El Paso's 1st female mayor Azar (init.)
- governor from 1906 - 1910 (init.)
- TXism: "sticks like tar on ___"
- famous TX artist George H.W. to George W.
- TX high-tech co.
- author of book on Permian football: ___ Bissinger
- "Billy ___ Kid"
- TXism: "___ blazes a wide trail" (big)
- TXism: "___ ___ bones" (skinny)
- TX rancher Chuck Norris' "A Force ___" (1979)
- Possum Kingdom might have been ___ by FDR
- TX great center fielder Speaker "Mr. Sam" (init.)
- "Tyler Rose" running back (init.)
- "Cow-Cow Boogie" singer Morse
- TXism: "can't pass ___ station"
- (fuel guzzler)
- ___ about is fair play"

Lawn Service

Mowing, edging, shrub trimming, leaf mulching & blowing, flower beds, small garden tilling, trash & brush hauled. **903-520-5779**

Under \$200/ MONTH buys land at Lake Fork. 50x100'. Perfect for site built homes, mobiles/ RV's. (903)878-7265.

Buy lot 50x100' near Lake Fork, RV ready, \$1500 down and monthly payments under \$200 (903) 878-7265

Square Bales OF Coastal Hay FOR SALE

Also, two year old bulls, had shots & wormed twice a year. **903-520-5779**



Pepper Posse is **HIRING COOKS**

•Other Positions Available•
Apply in Person
2pm - 4pm Mon-Thur.
416 Broad St, Mineola



Quitman Junior High One Act team performs. Members of the Quitman Junior High One Act Play cast and crew bow to the audience after their dinner theater performance on May 16. The students presented the play "The Wizard of Oz" to the community.

Quitman Library Connections

BY LIBRARIAN DELENE ALLEN

The Quitman Public Library Summer Reading 2019 begins June 5 with a kick-off party at Gov. Jim Hogg City Park, where we will discover "A Universe of Stories!" There will be lots of splash pad fun, water games, and bubbles, so bring your swimsuits and towels and prepare to get soaked. Stop by the library for your game card. Prizes will be awarded on June 26, so get that game card filled up!

Looking for a job? Jim Kinsel from Workforce Solutions of East Texas is at the Quitman Public Library each first Friday from 10 a.m. – 1 p.m. to assist job-seekers. The next workshop is Friday, June 7. No appointment is necessary.

Notary service is available at the library during regular business hours, but to guarantee an appointment, call 903-763-4191.

Visit the library's online catalog at <http://quitman.biblionix.com/catalog> and select "What's Hot" to see all the latest books, audiobooks, and DVDs ready to be checked out. Call us to sign up for email or text notifications to remind you when your books are due.

Patron cards are for Wood County residents with photo identification. A guardian must sign for children ages 5-17. Hours are Tuesday through Friday from 10 a.m. until 6 p.m. Keep up with current events on our Facebook page at www.facebook.com/quitmanpubliclibrary and visit our website at www.quitmanlibrary.org.



ADULT SERVICES

Rebekah Yeager and Virginia Hoffpauir invite you to free crochet and knitting instruction each Thursday 2 – 4 p.m. in the library's main lobby. All ages and skill levels are welcome.

Online GED test preparatory registration and course assistance is available on Thursdays (language arts) and Fridays (mathematics) from 10 a.m. – 6 p.m.

CHILDREN'S SERVICES

QPL Story Time is on break until Sept. 25. Special thanks to Peoples Telephone for sponsoring QPL Story Time crafts and activities.

FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY

Friends of the Quitman Public Library will reconvene in September after a summer break. Friends of the Quitman Public Library is an active group of volunteers dedicated to the growth and improvement of the library. Membership applications are available at the library's front desk

ON DISPLAY

In the lobby showcase is a display of "Botanicals" from the collection of nationally known artist Bart Soutendijk. Some of the pieces are available for purchase.

NEW ARRIVALS

Visit the library's online catalog at <http://quitman.biblionix.com/catalog> to see what is new. Download the OverDrive app to connect to our library's newest e-books, audio books and streaming video.

Texas Commission on Environmental Quality Public Notification Form for Wastewater Discharges Information about the Discharge

An unauthorized discharge or spill of wastewater has occurred from:

Wastewater Treatment Facility: Collection System: X

Facility Name: City of Mineola

Person to contact for information: Mercy Rushing 903-569-6183

Location of spill(s): South Hwy 69 and Loop 564

Estimated date and time of spill(s): 5-13-19 thru 5-14-2019 (24hrs)

Estimated volume of spill(s)(number of gallons): 200,000 Gals

Type of Spill (domestic, industrial, other): Domestic

Description of the area potentially affected, including down gradient and lateral distance from spill(s) site: Wooded area (Out of Town)

Suspected cause of spill(s): Heavy rain washed out foundation, causing sewer pipe to break.

List of actions taken including but, not limited to:

Notification of:

Appropriate local government officials: Yes. TCEQ Regional Office: 5

Containment of spill: Plugged and By-Pass mode

Increased monitoring of water supply systems: Yes

Initiation or completion of cleanup activities: Yes

Precautionary statements:

- Persons using private drinking water supply wells located within 1/2 mile of the spill site or within the potentially affected area should use only water that has been distilled or boiled at a rolling boil for at least one minute for all personal uses including drinking, cooking, bathing, and tooth brushing. Individuals with private water wells should have their well water tested and disinfected, if necessary, prior to discontinuing distillation or boiling.
- Persons who purchase water from a public water supply may contact their water supply distributor to determine if the water is safe for personal use.
- The public should avoid contact with waste material, soil, or water in the area potentially affected by the spill.
- If the public comes into contact with waste material, soil, or water potentially affected by the spill, they should bathe and wash clothes thoroughly as soon as possible.

MHS grad receives Rice Alumni Award

Sarah Lawrence College President Cristle Collins Judd, Mineola High School's 1978 class valedictorian, received one of five Distinguished Alumni Awards from her alma mater Rice University on May 11.

The Distinguished Alumni Award is presented by the Association of Rice Alumni (ARA) to graduates "who have advanced the interests and standards of excellence of Rice University through distinctive professional or volunteer careers."

"I am deeply honored to receive this recognition from my alma mater," Judd says of the award. "I count myself fortunate to have benefited from a terrific education at Rice, to have been the recipient of generous financial aid that made my education possible, and to have made friends and colleagues for life among my Rice classmates."

A 1983 Rice graduate, Judd earned both her bachelor's and master's degrees

in music from The Shepherd School of Music's five-year honors program. She holds master's and doctorate degrees in music from King's College, University of London. A highly regarded scholar of music of the Renaissance, Judd has received numerous fellowships and awards and regularly speaks on her research on campuses and at conferences.

In 1993, Judd joined the faculty of the University of Pennsylvania, where she rose through the faculty ranks and was the first woman tenured in the music department. A respected pedagogue, she was the inaugural recipient of the Dean's Award for Innovation in Teaching.

In 2006, Judd was appointed dean for academic affairs and professor of music at Bowdoin College, where she served for nine years. The first woman to be appointed dean, her tenure was marked by enhanced support for the arts, im-

proved academic facilities, a renewed focus on environmental and coastal studies, and a new program in digital and computational studies. Upon conclusion of her term, Bowdoin's Board of Trustees voted to name her Dean for Academic Affairs and Professor Emerita.

Prior to taking office as Sarah Lawrence College's 11th president in 2017, Judd served as senior program officer for Higher Education and Scholarship in the Humanities at The Andrew W. Mellon Foundation. In this role, she regularly convened leaders from across higher education and was responsible for grants and initiatives supporting colleges and universities, the arts, civic engagement, and the public humanities.

Cristle Collins Judd is married to Robert Judd, a 1981 alumnus of Rice University and executive director of the American Musicological Society. They have three daughters: Sarah, Hannah, and Katie.

CLERK OF THE COURT
DONNA HUSTON
PO BOX 1707
QUITMAN, TX 75783

PETITIONER'S ATTORNEY OR PETITIONER
BRADLEY CONWAY
BONIAL & ASSOCIATES PC
14841 DALLAS PARKWAY STE 425
DALLAS TX 75254

THE STATE OF TEXAS

TO: THE UNKNOWN HEIRS AT LAW OF MARY LOU JOHNSON, Respondent(s), Greetings:

"You have been sued. You may employ an attorney. You or your attorney are hereby commanded to appear by filing a written answer to the Plaintiff's Original Petition at or before 10:00 a.m. of the Monday next following the expiration of forty-two days after you were served this citation."

Said Plaintiff's Original Petition was filed in the 402nd Judicial District Court of Wood County, Texas on this the 29th day of March, 2019, in this cause numbered 2019-181 on the docket of said court, and styled,

FREEDOM MORTGAGE CORPORATION
VS.

THE UNKNOWN HEIRS AT LAW OF MARY LOU JOHNSON

A brief statement of the nature of this suit is as follows, to wit:

"Plaintiff is seeking a judicial declaration that, as recourse for default under that one certain voluntary security instrument, it may proceed in accordance with the terms of such security instrument and the Texas Property Code with the non-judicial foreclosure of that certain real property, to wit: ALL THAT CERTAIN TRACT OR PARCEL OF LAND SITUATED IN THE COUNTY OF WOOD, STATE OF TEXAS, BEING IN THE BAILEY MARTIN SURVEY, ABSTRACT NO. 396, BEING ALL OF LOT NO. 492, ALL OF LOT NO. 493, AND ALL OF LOT NO. 494 OF PART II OF SECTION VIII OF THE HOLLY LAKE RANCH SUBDIVISION, A PLAT OF SAID SUBDIVISION BEING RECORDED IN VOLUME 8, PAGE 4 OF THE PLAT RECORDS OF WOOD COUNTY, TEXAS AND BOUNDED AS FOLLOWS:

BEGINNING AT A 1/2 INCH STEEL ROD FOUND AT THE SOUTHEAST CORNER OF LOT NO 492, SAME BEING IN THE NORTHEAST CORNER OF LOT NO. 491, SAME ALSO BEING IN THE WEST BOUNDARY LINE OF LOT NO. 487, ALL OF PART II OF SECTION VIII OF SAID HOLLY LAKE RANCH SUBDIVISION;

THENCE SOUTH 64 DEG. 06 MIN. 00 SEC. WEST, 156.42 FEET TO A 1/2 INCH STEEL ROD FOUND IN THE NORTH BOUNDARY LINE OF LOT NO. 491, SAME BEING IN THE EAST RIGHT-OF-WAY LINE OF MULBERRY COVE; THENCE NORTH 24 DEG. 37 MIN. 00 SEC. WEST, CONTINUING ALONG THE EAST RIGHT-OF-WAY LINE OF MULBERRY COVE, 55.03 FEET TO A 1/2 INCH STEEL ROD FOUND AT THE MOST WESTERLY CORNER OF LOT NO. 492, SAME BEING THE SOUTHEAST CORNER OF LOT NO. 493;

THENCE NORTH 72 DEG. 09 MIN. 00 SEC. WEST, ALONG THE NORTH RIGHT-OF-WAY LINE OF MULBERRY COVE, AT 77.04 FEET PASSING A RAILROAD SPIKE FOUND AT THE SOUTHWEST CORNER OF LOT NO. 493, SAME BEING THE SOUTHEAST CORNER OF LOT NO. 494, AND CONTINUING ALONG SAME COURSE FOR A TOTAL DISTANCE OF 100.14 FEET TO A 1/2 INCH STEEL ROD FOUND AT THE NORTHEAST CORNER OF A 15 FT. WIDE ACCESS STRIP;

THENCE NORTH 71 DEG. 42 MIN. 00 SEC. WEST, 125.95 FEET TO A 1/2 INCH STEEL ROD FOUND AT THE NORTHWEST CORNER OF SAID 15 FT. WIDE ACCESS STRIP, SAME BEING THE SOUTHWEST CORNER OF LOT NO. 494, SAME ALSO BEING IN THE EAST BOUNDARY LINE OF A PRIVATE PARK;

THENCE NORTH 20 DEG. 04 MIN. 04 SEC. WEST, 50.00 FEET TO A 1/2 INCH STEEL ROD FOUND FOR AN ANGLE POINT IN THE WEST BOUNDARY LINE OF LOT NO. 494;

THENCE NORTH 18 DEG. 18 MIN. 00 SEC. EAST, 94.93 FEET TO A 1/2 INCH STEEL ROD FOUND AT THE NORTHWEST CORNER OF LOT NO. 494, SAME BEING AN INTERIOR CORNER OF THE PRIVATE PARK;

THENCE SOUTH 63 DEG. 53 MIN. 00 SEC. EAST, AT 102.14 FEET PASSING A 1/2 INCH STEEL ROD FOUND AT THE NORTHEAST CORNER OF LOT NO. 494, SAME BEING THE NORTHWEST CORNER OF LOT NO. 493, AND CONTINUING ALONG SAME COURSE FOR A TOTAL DISTANCE OF 234.95 FEET TO A 1/2 INCH STEEL ROD FOUND AT THE NORTHEAST CORNER OF LOT NO. 493, SAME BEING THE MOST NORTHERLY CORNER OF LOT NO. 492;

THENCE SOUTH 61 DEG. 57 MIN. 00 SEC. EAST, 137.47 FEET TO A 1/2 INCH STEEL ROD FOUND AT THE NORTHEAST CORNER OF LOT NO. 492, SAME BEING THE NORTHWEST CORNER OF LOT NO. 487;

THENCE SOUTH 1 DEG. 58 MIN. 00 SEC. WEST, ALONG THE WEST BOUNDARY LINE OF LOT NO. 487, A DISTANCE OF 21.00 FEET TO THE PLACE OF BEGINNING AND CONTAINING 0.993 OF AN ACRE OF LAND.

TRACT TWO:

ALL THAT CERTAIN TRACT OR PARCEL OF LAND SITUATED IN THE COUNTY OF WOOD, STATE OF TEXAS, BEING IN THE BAILEY MARTIN SURVEY, ABSTRACT NO. 396, BEING ALL OF LOT NO. 495 OF PART II OF SECTION VIII OF THE HOLLY LAKE RANCH SUBDIVISION, A PLAT OF SAID SUBDIVISION BEING RECORDED IN VOLUME 8, PAGE 4 OF THE PLAT RECORDS OF WOOD COUNTY, TEXAS AND BOUNDED AS FOLLOWS:

BEGINNING AT A 1/2 INCH STEEL ROD FOUND AT THE SOUTHEAST CORNER OF LOT NO. 495, SAME BEING IN THE WEST RIGHT-OF-WAY LINE OF MULBERRY COVE, SAME ALSO BEING THE NORTHEAST CORNER OF LOT NO. 496 OF PART II OF SECTION VIII OF SAID HOLLY LAKE RANCH SUBDIVISION, SAME BEING IN THE WEST RIGHT-OF-WAY LINE OF MULBERRY COVE;

THENCE NORTH 89 DEG. 29 MIN. 00 SEC. WEST, 141.63 FEET TO A 1/2 INCH STEEL ROD FOUND AT THE NORTHWEST CORNER OF LOT NO. 496, SAME BEING IN THE EAST BOUNDARY LINE OF A PRIVATE PARK; THENCE NORTH 20 DEG. 04 MIN. 04 SEC. EAST, 114.92 FEET TO A 1/2 INCH STEEL ROD FOUND AT THE SOUTHWEST CORNER OF A 15 FT WIDE ACCESS STRIP, SAME BEING THE NORTHWEST CORNER OF LOT NO. 495;

THENCE SOUTH 71 DEG. 45 MIN. 00 SEC. EAST, 127.26 FEET TO A 1/2 INCH STEEL ROD FOUND AT THE SOUTHEAST CORNER OF SAID 15 FT. WIDE STRIP, SAME BEING IN THE WEST RIGHT-OF-WAY LINE OF MULBERRY COVE, AND BEING THE NORTHEAST CORNER OF LOT NO. 495;

THENCE SOUTH 15 DEG. 04 MIN. 00 SEC. WEST, A LONG THE WEST RIGHT-OF-WAY LINE OF MULBERRY COVE, 71.82 FEET TO THE PLACE OF BEGINNING AND CONTAINING 0.281 OF AN ACRE OF LAND."

As is more fully shown by Plaintiff's Petition on file in this suit. The officer executing this process shall promptly execute the same according to law, and make due return as the law directs.

Issued and given under my hand and Seal of said Court at office in Quitman, Texas, on this the 23rd day of April, 2019.

ATTEST:
DONNA HUSTON - CLERK
402nd Judicial District Court of
Wood County, Texas



By: Jennifer Mosher, DEPUTY

In East Texas Gardens

By Lin Grado



This beautiful oak leaf hydrangea in a yard by the spillway at Lake Lydia.

Blooming shrubs for late spring

Late spring in East Texas is filled with so much color, and shrubs can provide a long lasting backdrop of blooms – especially in rainy springs like this year.

One of my favorite large shrubs is the oak leaf hydrangea (*Hydrangea quercifolia*). This U.S. native plant has large, lobed leaves that resemble oak leaves, and cones of white blooms that remain on the shrub as they dry. Normally the blooms age to tan or brown, but the blooms of some varieties turn pink or even red as they age. This dramatic shrub will reach at least 10 feet in height, with an eight-foot spread. If this is too large for your garden, look for dwarf varieties like “Pee Wee” that will grow four feet tall by three feet wide. Oak leaf hydrangea can grow in full shade, but if you want the most blooms, try them in some morning sun and afternoon shade. As an added bonus, the shrubs are attractive long after the blooms fade: the leaves have gorgeous maroon fall color and the exfoliating bark provides winter interest.

Another tall shrub for the back of the border is fuzzy Deutzia (*Deutzia scabra*), a pass-along southern plant. Fuzzy Deutzia is covered with frilly double white or pink flowers that dangle from its arching branches. About the same size as oak leaf hydrangea, fuzzy Deutzia blooms in my shady garden, but would appreciate a little more sun. It’s said to be deer-resistant, although I can’t guarantee it if you live at Holly Lake Ranch. Fuzzy Deutzia (I love saying that name: ‘Doot-zia’) drops its leaves in the winter, so you might want to plant it mixed with evergreens or shrubs that have more winter interest. There are other Deutzias available in garden centers that are much smaller, so make sure you select the right variety for your garden.

Another large shrub for



The old-fashioned shrub with a funny-sounding name: Deutzia



These exotic-looking blooms adorn the perfectly hardy pineapple guava.

East Texas gardens is pineapple guava (*Acca sellowiana*). This evergreen shrub can be used as a screen in the border, with olive-green leaves backed in silvery-gray that can be pruned if desired, or limbed up to a tree form. The May blooms are spectacular – white, fleshy, reflexed petals with a rosy center surround bright red stamens topped with golden pollen that seems to sparkle. The edible petals have a sweet flavor and can be added to a salad. If you have more than one plant, you might get some tasty fruit in late summer, although I have never been so lucky. Pineapple guava grows best in full sun but blooms well in the part shade of my woodland gardens.

Finally, among my favorite late-spring bloomers is a smaller shrub (up to six feet tall) with marvelously fragrant blooms. Virginia sweetspire (*Itea virginica*) is a rounded shrub with sweet-smelling, spire-shaped blooms on gently arching branches. We grow sweetspire at the Wood County Arboretum & Botanical Gardens in front of the pergola leading to the walking trail. Sweetspire can be used for erosion control, as it naturally occurs on stream banks in east Texas. Try some of the commercially-available varieties like ‘Henry’s Garnet’, which has glorious fall colors of maroons and purples (best with more sun), and the compact ‘Little Henry’, which grows only two to three feet tall and wide with similar maroon fall color. This year I’m trying a variety called ‘Scentlandia’, promised to be the most fragrant of all sweetspires.

It’s easy to overlook shrubs at the nursery, especially if they’re not in bloom. But once you plant them in your garden, you’ll be rewarded with blooms for years to come, in your east Texas garden.

Persistence pays off with Ph.D from Texas Tech

By ROBERT STEIN

It took him three tries over a span of nearly three decades, but Todd Witt completed his doctorate in late 2018.

Witt, 56, graduated from Texas Tech University with a Ph.D. in curriculum and instruction with an emphasis in STEM education.

The father of three was ABD – all but dissertation – in two different doctoral programs at another university before reaching the finish line at Texas Tech’s College of Education.

Witt, who lives just outside Mineola and is the son of Yvie and J.W. Witt of Mineola, last tried to earn a Ph.D. in 1995, enrolling in a distance doctoral program in higher education administration at the University of Mississippi. But he dropped out of the program to focus on work and family after his wife got pregnant.

He quit an earlier attempt, begun in 1989, to earn a Ph.D. in aquatic toxicology from the University of Mississippi after growing concerned about the ethics of research he was doing there.

Witt says the degree is mostly symbolic at this point in his life, but it has led him to a unique career working as an education and outreach manager at Texas Freshwater Fisheries Center, a Texas Parks and Wildlife Department facility in Athens, Texas, where he creates educational experiences for children who tour the facility and its exhibits.

Witt said that completing the degree after nearly three decades was primarily a way to carry on his family

legacy of education and inspire his children.

Witt’s father, the son of an immigrant, and Witt’s mother, a descendant of Comanche chief Quanah Parker, were both first-generation college students who worked for 35 years in all levels of education.

“Really, the driver for me hasn’t been some big career path,” he said.

“It was so my family could say someone has taken it all the way to that level and finished a Ph.D. I wanted to complete the story of immigrants coming over and raising children who were able to attend college for the first time and then go into the education profession and give back.”

Witt would overcome one last obstacle on the path to his degree. Two of his children were diagnosed with severe illnesses while he was working on his dissertation, but Witt managed to help care for them and successfully finish his doctorate.

“Todd shows that committed students with the support of family, friends, fellow students and faculty – plus hard work and grit – can overcome odds to accomplish their dreams,” said Walter Smith, Helen DeVitt Jones professor of Education and Witt’s doctoral adviser.

“Sometimes Tech’s slogan of ‘from here it’s possible’ seems corny, but on behalf of our program’s students from 32 states and territories and five countries, Todd has shown that Tech really has made his dream possible.”

Witt researched outdoor, hands-on learning experiences while at Texas Tech.

Studies show the style of education, called “experiential learning,” promotes reflection and experimentation and helps solidify a lesson, Witt said.

In one project he created a “science camp in a bag,” essentially a portable science class for teachers in India.

Witt also examined how field trip experiences can be used to help K-12 students perform better on Texas’ standardized tests, State of Texas Assessments of Academic Readiness (STAAR). While working on his Ph.D., Witt redesigned the activities at a non-profit camp in the Dallas-Fort Worth area where he was working called Sky Ranch.

Witt began aligning outdoor activities at the camp with state academic standards so students visiting on field trips were gaining knowledge that would help them on the science portion of STAAR, such as using a zip line to teach physics concepts like gravity, friction and resistance.

The redesign helped turn around a decline in visiting school districts, which had shied away as the emphasis on standardized testing in Texas increased over the years.

“As testing comes along, schools are more accountable for their time, and so they see field trips as a waste of time,” he said, “but there’s a lot of good you get from that kind of experience that has nothing to do with test scores.”

His dissertation examined the impact of the changes at Sky Ranch and found a clear boost in test scores among students who attended.

Now at the Texas Freshwater Fisheries Center, Witt



TODD WITT

is leading work on a five-year, multimillion-dollar plan to revamp the facility’s visitors center and exhibits in a similar fashion, he said.

“That’s a win-win,” he said. “It ensures children are learning what the center wants to teach, and it translates to success as a school is being held accountable so they can keep coming and doing these kinds of engaging activities.”

Witt’s advice to doctoral students who may feel they will never finish? Don’t give up. It’s never too late.

“Sometimes life gets in the way and it postpones the completion of the goal. Just don’t give up,” Witt said.

“The one thing I lived with from the day I stopped working on my first doctorate was regret that I did not refocus and finish it. I never knew the depth I was feeling that regret until the day I completed the degree and felt the difference.”

(Robert Stein is a media relations specialist for the College of Education at Texas Tech University. This article is republished with permission.)



Donors to the Hawkins ISD Education Foundation gathered for its first Prize Party on May 10. The foundation issued \$13,000 for teacher grants in its inaugural year of existence. (Courtesy photo)

Hawkins Education Foundation issues \$13,000 in teacher grants

On May 10, Hawkins ISD Education Foundation had its first ever Prize Party, issuing \$13,000 for teacher grants in its inaugural year of existence.

The Education Foundation was initiated by community members with a goal to support the teachers and students of Hawkins ISD with innovative learning that could not be funded adequately through the limited school budget. Board members have put in a lot of hard work and rolled up their sleeves to make this first year a huge success. The current board members are: Nancy Walker, Jurgen Simons, Morris Lyon, Sandra Endsley, Ashley Conner, Pat Harris, Al Harris, Rita O’Hara, Fletcher Walker, Jennifer Lucas, Jeri Holcomb, Wiley Vonner, Dare Kirklin, Tracy Thomas and Wende Haney.

The mission of the Education Foundation is to generate and distribute resources to enrich teaching, inspire learning and enhance op-

portunities for all students enrolled in the Hawkins Independent School District. The foundation was created to obtain alternative sources of the private-sector funding for the district, providing funds beyond the normal operating budget for educational programs and activities for students and staff. The foundation looks to fund innovative teaching grants, special needs of students, staff development, professional development scholarships, student scholarships, student-teacher recognition programs and permanent endowment funds through the donations made by private donors and businesses. The foundation to date has raised \$33,000 in donations.

Friday was an exciting day for all. The Prize Party created so much excitement and anticipation as the Elementary campus gathered for an assembly, they quickly realized that this was no ordinary assembly but a day to celebrate teachers

who submitted innovative grants to help each student have an enriched and innovative learning experience. While the grant writers had no idea if they had won, the anticipation grew as the winners of the grants were called out in front a crowd full of students and teachers. The High School and Middle School campuses were surprised in the individual classrooms of awarded teachers. Each grant winner was surprised with a large check, balloons and a T-shirt to celebrate the grant writer. The following six grant submissions totaling \$13,000 were presented on Friday:

1. Amanda Weiss (secondary campus) – Dual Credit
2. Trudy Atteberry (secondary campus) – Throwing on the Wheel
3. Cathy Kelley (elementary campus) – Ultimate Student Engagement
4. James Sprouse (secondary campus) – Drones in School
5. Joyce Taylor and Tam-

my Pack (elementary campus) – Outdoor Learning Center

6. Laura Cranford, John Michael Gattis, Marci Evans, and Joshua Trull (Elementary Campus) – Inspiring Curiosity

7. Fiona Davis and Stephanie Sullivan (Elementary Campus) – Young Publisher’s Project.

The Education Foundation would like to thank each and every one of the donors, both private and businesses, who have made our first year a success. We look forward to expanding our reach past grants and generating more funds to impact the students and teachers of Hawkins ISD in an even greater way. If you would like to give to the Hawkins ISD Education Foundation you can do so by dropping off donations at the school administration office or Hawkins ISD Education Foundation through PayPal

Pick up the phone and sell it with a classified in the Monitor 903-763-4522 or 903-569-2442



Fannie Marchman Garden Club Yard of the Month
The Fannie Marchman Garden Club has selected the home of Will and Barb Prather for Yard of the Month. They live at 243 CR 2430 at Lake Brenda. They recently purchased property adjoining their home, which was filled with weeds and briar patches. They are now transforming it into a garden. They have a lovely well house that looks like a chapel that even includes stained glass windows! Barb is the one in charge of plants, and she has lots of ferns, azaleas, iris, and other perennials. (Photo courtesy of the Fannie Marchman Garden Club)

Church hosting family forum

First United Methodist Church of Mineola will host an Alzheimer's and Dementia Family Education Forum from 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. on Saturday, June 8 at FUMC Ministries Center, 612 N. Newsom St. in Mineola. The forum will be presented by the Alzheimer's Association Dallas & Northeast Texas Chapter. There is no cost for attending, and it is open to anyone living in Northeast Texas.

The June 8 Family Education Forum will include the following two sessions: Understanding Alzheimer's and Dementia and Healthy Living for Your Brain and Body.

For more information, questions, or to register for this conference, call the Alzheimer's Association 24/7 Helpline at 1-800-272-3900 or at www.alz.org/events.



Molly the unicorn
Macey (right) and Marley Ramirez admire Molly the unicorn Friday evening at the Sound of the Swarm's second annual block party in downtown Mineola. MISD band director Chris Brannan told the school board Monday night that the block party was a great success. (Monitor photo by Sam Major)

QISD trustees OK sports medicine course

By ZAK WELLERMAN
news@woodcountymonitor.com

Quitman ISD trustees gave approval Monday for an "innovative" sports medicine program to be taught at the high school.

Sports medicine has been taught for the first time in the 2018-19 school year, but the program does not fit the description as "innovative."

According to the Texas Education Agency, "innovative" courses allow students to gain knowledge, skills and competencies above and beyond the essential knowledge and skills in the required curriculum.

Superintendent Rhonda Turner said school board approval is required for

an innovative course to be taught at the district.

QISD athletic trainer Scotty Almon explained the students work in a practicum setting to learn treatment plans for injuries, physical therapy, and improve healing rates for athletes. Students receive job assignments in class to become well-trained in protocol, medical equipment and working with patients.

Almon is teaching the course with three students. He said the optimal number would be six due to the hands-on nature of the course.

Courses available under an "innovative" distinction would include sports medicine levels one, two and

three.

In other actions, the board voted to increase student lunch prices and a 10-year plan (2019 to 2029) for lunch pricing at all campuses. The price will increase from \$2.65 to \$2.75 for the 2019-20 school year. The price will stay the same for 2020-21, and afterward increase by 10 cents each year until the price reaches the free lunch reimbursement rate, which is \$3.31. That amount, however, could change with increased food cost.

In another matter, new QISD Board of Trustees goals were approved. The three goals are: QISD has monitoring systems and supports to ensure appropriate academic growth and

preparation of all students; recruit and retain quality teachers; foster a positive work environment for professional growth, teamwork and high morale.

Trustees called a special board meeting on July 29 to decide on a public meeting date to discuss the next fiscal year budget and tax rate.

The district's depository contract with BTH Bank was extended for a two-year term.

In her report, Turner shared preliminary drawings for the new tennis courts.

The board was also presented preliminary fifth and eighth grade STAAR math and reading scores.



Dobbs receives mayoral service award

Mayor Randy Dunn (right) gives Mayor Pro Tem David Dobbs (left) a plaque honoring his service as Quitman mayor from 2017 to 2019 at last Thursday's city council meeting. Dobbs was elected as an alderman during the May 4 municipal election and chosen to be mayor pro tem. (Monitor photo by Zak Wellerman)



Mineola Mayor Kevin White presents a proclamation to Mineola High School's Abeni Kratzmeyer at Monday's Mineola City Council meeting in recognition of her second class 3A state pole vaulting title. White proclaimed Monday, May 20 as Abeni Kratzmeyer Day in Mineola. (Monitor photo by Hank Murphy).



Abeni Kratzmeyer was recognized at Monday night's MISD school board meeting for her accomplishment in repeating as class 3A state pole vault champion. Her coaches described her as a dedicated athlete as well as fine student and an exceptional person. From left are school Trustee Kyle Gully, athletic director Luke Blackwell, Kratzmeyer, Trustee Daniel Louderman, coach Bill Self, and coach Kerry Van Cleave. (Monitor photo by Hank Murphy).

COUNCIL

From page 1

a building, formerly Mineola Plant Market. The MEDC approved purchasing the property last week.

Also Monday, Public Works Director William Crump told the council that repairs on an 18-inch sewer line near a creek south of town had been completed. The clay line rupture was discovered on May 13,

and is blamed on heavy rain washing out the pipe's foundation. In a public notice, the city estimates that up to 200,000 gallons of sewage spilled from the broken line.

A city crew got the rupture plugged on May 17, according to Crump, and the plugs were removed Monday as sewage once again flowed safely through line. He said the city should expect fines from the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality.

Crump told the council

that he fears the line will wash out again, and that it is too close to the creek. He recommends relocating it away from the creek at a cost of roughly \$150,000, money the city has in a reserve fund.

Crump praised the work of employees from several city departments in responding to the emergency. A generator had to be manned around the clock while the emergency was being dealt with. Among other things, city workers

mixed by hand five tons of concrete, he noted.

In other business, the council approved placing a stop sign to control traffic on S. Johnson Street where it intersects with Front Street. In addition, the speed limit along Front Street will be dropped to 25 mph where it stretches past Iron Horse Square. The changes come in response to concerns about additional pedestrian foot traffic along Front Street associated with the Saturday mini train rides.

REPORT

From page 1

the report."

The task force recommends renaming the commission the Wood County Economic Development Alliance (WCEDA) to more fittingly describe its purpose.

The group proposes reducing the size of the WCIC board to seven members made up of city economic development officials or other experienced individuals from all communities. These members would be appointed by the county judge after an evaluation. Members would still serve two-year terms. Currently, the WCIC board has about 21 representatives.

Under the recommendations, cities without a designated economic development director could be represented by an elected official or business professional nominated by their mayor and appointed by the county judge, per the task force proposal.

A county industrial commission must have no less than seven members, who are county residents and have interest in industrial development of the county, according to the Local Government Code.

According to WCIC bylaws, membership on the board consists of representatives from Alba, Hawkins, Mineola, Quitman, Winnsboro, and Yantis, as well

as at-large representatives. City mayors appoint three representatives for their town. The Wood County judge appoints one member from Golden and up to two from Holly Lake Ranch. Jarvis Christian College may appoint up to two representatives to the board.

In December, the WCIC board of directors recommended reducing the membership when amending bylaws. That recommendation would have given each city two board members plus one each for Jarvis, Golden and Holly Lake Ranch.

Another key task force recommendation is to eliminate the financial support cities pay to the WCIC.

As it stands, cities in Wood County pay a fee based on population, which goes toward the WCIC executive director's salary. For each resident, a city pays \$1.57. City governments sign inter-local agreements each year with the county, agreeing to the payment. For fiscal year 2018-19, Alba paid in \$1,000; Hawkins paid \$2,006; Quitman paid \$3,187; Winnsboro paid \$5,391; Yantis paid \$609; and Mineola paid \$7,089.

Duncan shared the need for Wood County citizens to have an outlet to share suggestions on how to improve the county. The task force developed a "Wood County Improvement Recommendation" document for people to submit issues to WCEDA and their recom-

mendation on how to fix the issue.

The form would then go through a process of committee review and later possible action by the economic development group, according to the task force created process.

In addition to the above mentioned recommendations, the task force also wants to create a new statement on vision, mission and guiding principles. It proposes a new organizational structure and executive director job description as well.

Organizational structure would entail the executive director serving as chief executive officer of WCEDA and reporting directly to the county judge. The board of directors would meet regularly to implement regional economic plans related to quality of life, Unclaimed Capital Credits (UCC) funds and tourism.

Two of the major roles in the WCIC are distribution of Hotel Occupancy Taxes (HOT) funds and overseeing UCC funds.

UCC funds are unclaimed credits from the Wood County Electric Cooperative distributed by the state comptroller. Since about 2016, UCC funds have been distributed as grants to assist local businesses for economic development and tourism.

The Wood County tax office collects the county portion of hotel taxes in the

unincorporated areas, while the Industrial Commission decides where to direct the funds. An emphasis is placed on "heads in beds" when choosing where the funds go, such as multiple-day festivals or fishing tournaments at area lakes.

Also in the report, the task force recommends updating the WCIC's bylaws to be in accordance with the Local Government Code. The task force looked at quality of life, such as public safety, transportation, education, government affairs, finance, health and human services, and arts and parks, and attached its findings to the report for reference.

Hebron recommended reviewing the report within roughly two weeks. Afterward, another workshop session would be held to further discuss the report. Commissioners were in agreement with her proposal.

Duncan expressed the task force's interest to answer questions about the report in the near future.

"We would also like to convey that it would be our pleasure to return in order to answer questions and offer more in-depth explanation and even commentary after the court has had time to thoroughly review the report," Duncan said.

As far as the report being available to the public, Duncan said there are tentative plans to have the full report available online.

Office manager needed for Quitman insurance agency

WE'RE HIRING!

Current license & experience desired but will train the right person

Good salary with bonus & commissions available

SEND RESUME TO
joe@clientsfirstinsurance.com