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Jonathan "Spanky" Davis gets some pointers at Saturday's Hooked On Fishing youth tournament at Lake Fork. (Monitor photo by Sam Major)

## Youth have reel fun at Lake Fork

By SAM MAJOR

Clear skies, free hotdogs, bike giveaways and complimentary wriggly worms welcomed folks to the annual Hooked on Fishing youth tournament on Saturday morning along the southern

shores of Lake Fork.

Swarming to the Sabine River Authority headquarters, 215 registrants from ages legally alive to those legal to drive competed to catch the heaviest bass, catfish, perch, crappie, and

turtles.

Former Dallas Cowboys players Kenneth Gant and Lincoln Coleman Jr. assisted Sheriff Tom Castloo in handing out the hardware

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## Officials express concerns over task force proposals

By ZAK WELLERMAN  
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Wood County commissioners and local officials addressed their concerns about proposed changes to the Wood County Industrial Commission (WCIC) at a May 31 workshop session.

A blue ribbon taskforce appointed by Wood County Judge Lucy Hebron has recommended changing the name of WCIC, reducing the size of its board and eliminating payments for cities that have provided the commission with financial support.

Hebron appointed to the taskforce 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 taskforce'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.

One of the first topics was

the removal of cities' financial contributions.

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. For fiscal year 2018-19, Alba paid in \$1,000; Hawkins, \$2,006; Quitman, \$3,187; Winnsboro, \$5,391; Yantis, \$609; and Mineola, \$7,089.

Robinson explained that since WCIC is a county organization it should be funded entirely through the county.

Simmons added that the committee wanted to re-

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## Sanderson Farms announces wage increases; employment level at Mineola facility totals 25

By HANK MURPHY  
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Sanderson Farms, which recently opened production facilities in Mineola, Lindale, Tyler and Winona, announced significant increases in compensation to workers effective June 2.

"Sanderson Farms has always taken pride in employing the best people the workforce has to offer. We

recognize that if we are to continue competing for and retaining these exceptional people, our compensation package must also be among the best available," Lampkin Butts, president and chief operating officer of Sanderson Farms, said in a prepared statement.

The company, the nation's third largest poultry producer, began operations in Wood and Smith County in

late January to early February.

In Mineola, where a feed mill is located, the company currently employs 25 people with one open position, said company spokeswoman Anna Neel. Sanderson Farms employs 61 workers with two openings at its hatchery in Lindale, and it employs 31 people with

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The Alba-Golden class of 2019 stands in unison one last time for the school alma mater. (Monitor photo by Hank Murphy)

## Alba-Golden graduates enter new stage of life

By HANK MURPHY

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Forty-nine graduates of Alba-Golden High School concluded their public school education, which was 12 years in the making, as they collected their diplomas the night of May 31 at Wagstaff Gymnasium

in Tyler.

The evening belonged to the happy graduates and their proud families, who lingered in the warm night air, long after the red mortar board caps were flung, for congratulatory hugs, high-fives and photographs.

High School Principal Michael Mize said he was "in-

spired and excited" about the future of the Alba-Golden Class of 2019 before certifying that every one of them had completed the necessary coursework to earn a diploma.

In an upbeat address, class salutatorian Nathan-

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## Quitman Class of 2019 makes its final walk

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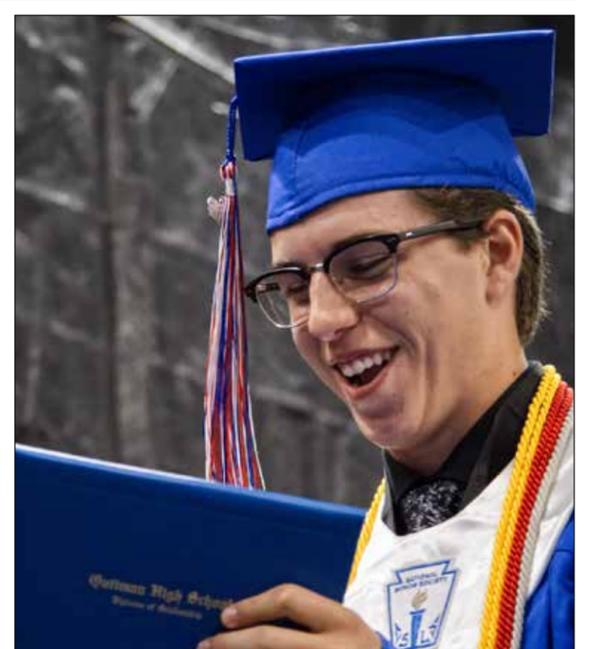
Sixty-two Quitman graduates walked across the stage in Delbert Ballard Gym from high school into adulthood last Friday night.

The night featured speeches and celebrations from faculty, family and friends.

Quitman High School Principal Dana Hamrick told the graduates that life is often like the rehearsal they went through the day before the ceremony. There will be bumps in the road, but "in the end, we stick with it."

She advised them to know

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Top photo: Riley Cameron (center) celebrates with valedictorian Abigail Dobbs (left) and salutatorian Lillie Danner. Bottom photo: Jacob Day reacts to receiving his diploma at Quitman High School graduation. (Monitor photos by Sam Major)

### This Week in Your Neighborhood

The monthly Bread of Life breakfast fundraiser will be from 7:30 to 9:30 a.m. on Saturday, June 8. The breakfast will be held at Mineola First Assembly of God on U.S. Hwy. 69.

JK Business Services, located at 304 N. Main St. in Quitman, will host a ribbon-cutting on Friday, June 7 with door prizes and refreshments.

Faith Baptist Church in Quitman will host its Faith Outside the Walls End of School Year Block Party Friday, June 7, from 7-8:30 p.m. at the parking lot, 405 S. Hart. The party

is free to attend. Food and drinks along with popcorn, lemonade and cotton candy will be served and door prizes will be awarded.

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.

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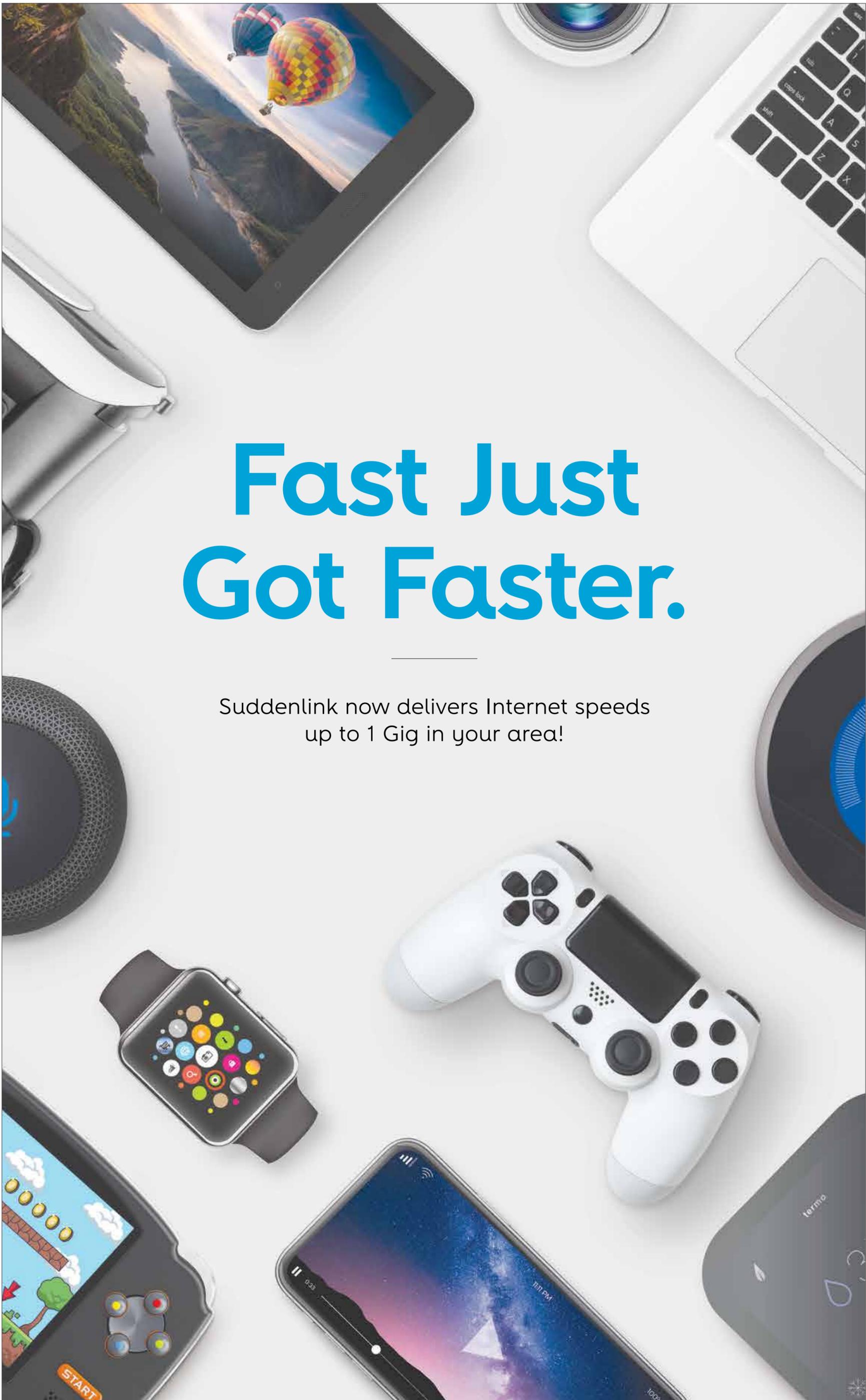
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New DAC officers include, from right to left, Regent Lucille Glibreath, Vice Regent Barbara Gillies, Recording Secretary Lynda Stanley, Chaplain Teresa Bentley, Corresponding Secretary Georgia McClain, Treasurer Mary Sockwell and Registrar Sharon Logan.



## DAC chapter elects officers for coming year

The Robert Dibble Chapter of the Daughters of the American Colonists recently met in Mineola and elected new officers for the coming year.

The National Society Daughters of the American

Colonists is a society whose members are descendants of a man or woman who rendered patriotic or civil service to the American Colonies prior to July 4, 1776. Members share the devotion to country and the principles

upon which it was founded that inspired ancestors.

For more information or questions about becoming a member, contact Sharon Logan at sharonlogan@gmail.com or the National Site at NSDAC.org/membership.

## FARMS

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three openings at its truck shop in Winona. At its large facility in Tyler, the company employs 957 workers in processing and 61 in production, according to Neel.

Sanderson Farms' Tyler division is still ramping up to full capacity, therefore the

number of employees will grow as that process continues, Neel said.

With implementation of the pay increase, hourly line operators who have been employed with Sanderson Farms for at least 90 days will be compensated at an increased rate of at least \$15 an hour, according to the company. The new pay scale for Sanderson Farms truck drivers will span from

\$20.35 to \$22.90 per hour, with hourly maintenance employee pay ranging from \$19.95 to \$27.45.

On average, the company's hourly employees will earn more than teachers' assistants, nurses' assistants, bank tellers and security guards, said the company, which based its statement on 2018 wage data from the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics.

## Sponsors needed for Arboretum's July 20 5K and Fun Run

Athletes of all ages and those who enjoy the outdoors are invited to mark their calendars for the Miss Ima 5K and Fun Run, benefiting the Wood County Arboretum and Botanical Gardens.

Sponsors for the July 20 family friendly event are still needed at all levels, which range from \$100 for bronze, \$200 silver, \$300 gold and \$500 platinum.

Entities signing on as a silver level sponsor and above can receive their business logo printed on the backs of racing T-shirts, plus other benefits, but donations need to be received by Wednesday, June 19. The event starts and ends at the Arboretum, 175 Governor Hogg Pkwy.

"This event celebrates the 150th anniversary of the Stinson House and Miss Ima Hogg, who was instrumental in preserving the house her grandfather built," said Deanna Caldwell, president of Friends of the Arboretum, a 501(c)(3) nonprofit that oversees the grounds. "The Arboretum is proud to be a caretaker and preserve this piece of Wood County his-

tory."

The Wood County Industrial Commission, Jalapeno Tree, Republican Women of Wood County, G&S Sales, Quitman Chamber of Commerce, Texas Farm Bureau Insurance, Monica Cook State Farm Insurance, Quitman Animal Clinic, Strazincky Insurance Agency, First National Bank, Walmart (Mineola), Wood County Electric Cooperative and Mineola Antique Fair are among the first to sign up as sponsors.

Amounts are tax deductible up to the amount allowed by federal law and receipts will be provided. For more details on the various sponsor levels and benefits, call 430-235-5461 or email woodcountyarbo@gmail.com.

Race day check in starts at 7:45 a.m. for the half-mile Kids Fun Run and Walk. Entry fees for the fun run, designed for young athletes ages 10 and younger, are \$5 per person.

Older children and adults are eligible to test their skills in the 5K Run/Walk and a chance at winning a \$50

prize. Check in for that race begins at 8 a.m. and there is a \$25 fee to enter.

Medals and refreshments will be given to participants of each race. To register online, visit www.woodcountyarbo.org. Checks are accepted and should be made payable to the Friends of the Arboretum, Inc. The mailing address is Friends of the Arboretum, Inc., P. O. Box 1395, Quitman TX 75783.

The 23-acre arboretum is home not only to the 1869 Stinson House, but also a host of other attractions, including a walking trail, gazebo, sensory garden and special planting areas for shade loving species and water conservation. Timed tours of the home will be scheduled on race day.

Proceeds benefit the arboretum and its various programs, such as the annual Valentine's Dinner and Nature University. To learn more about the Arboretum, plus special events, tribute opportunities, classes, reservations and projects, visit www.woodcountyarbo.org or email woodcountyarbo@gmail.com.

## Corner Column

On more than one occasion I have read about animals, such as snakes, seeking higher ground during all this wet weather.

But the top of our office front door, really? Did he think the water would get that high?

And on the day the paper comes back from the press, no less. That's no way to attract customers.

I'm not certain how long the fellow had been there when I spotted him, or whether anyone came in while he was there.

We were having a casual conversation with a visitor in the front lobby when I noticed the metal grate over the front door seemed to have taken on some ornamental flourishes that I did not remember.

As I tried to remain engaged in the conversation, it began to dawn on me that what I was seeing through the



PHIL MAJOR

tinted glass was not normal.

When it first hit me that it might be a snake, and a rather sizable one, I tried to talk myself out of that notion.

But soon I had to take a few steps that way to confirm, and found myself eye to eye with what turned out to be a five-foot or so rat snake.

Now I am a big believer that certain snakes are good for the environment, and I won't assist one in meeting its demise unless it is A. poisonous and B. near my domicile.

A few copperheads met their untimely end by doing just that at our last residence, but rat snakes, et al, are usually left to their own devices. I mean, after all, what's wrong with something whose chief intent is to decrease the population of rodents?

Why in the world this one wandered, apparently from the wooded area just a few steps from our door, up the metal grate about five or so feet from the ground is beyond me. I cannot imagine it had a prayer of capturing anything edible up there. There were no bird nests or

obvious places for mice to be, so it's a real puzzle.

It took a bit of gentle prodding from a broom handle to convince him that he did not need to be on my door, nor even on the adjacent window, and eventually decided that heading down was his best bet and then back toward the aforementioned wilds nearby. Once there it soon blended into the surroundings.

It's an area that appears like it might harbor plenty for him to eat. And it wasn't like it was flooding that day, though heaven knows the area around the building has been blessed with plenty of moisture these past few months.

We're beginning to wonder if Monitor might mean "a river runs through it" in another language.

I do know that other definitions of monitor include a type of large lizard and a famous Civil War ironclad ship that battled the south's Merrimack at Hampton Roads.

Hmmm. Reptiles and water. Could be something to this.

# 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 CAFE, 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 and paper accepted, only.  
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.  
MLOTA LINE 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, Stithin' 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. Adminis-

tration 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 936-635-6656  
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.

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# Gooden outlines Republican priorities for Congress

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Wood County's new congressman, Lance Gooden of Terrell, stopped in Mineola Wednesday morning, May 29, to visit with constituents over coffee at McDonald's and update residents on what's happening, and in many cases not happening, in Washington.

Gooden, who was elected last November and took office in January, noted that the portion of Wood County that is in the 5th Congressional District is the eastern-most part. It stretches to some of the areas in eastern Dallas County, where he said "people are very different."

Gooden said his top two priorities are winning back the U.S. House of Representatives for the Republican Party and making sure that President Donald Trump gains reelection.

Gooden, who succeeded eight-term Congressman Jeb Hensarling, said things have changed since the last time Hensarling spoke in Wood County. The Republicans lost their majority in the House.

The 2018 elections were not kind to Republicans, Gooden said. But he noted that 30 of the 41 districts that swung from the Republicans to the Democrats were

swayed by a total of 18,000 votes, with some by margins of only a few hundred votes.

As a result, the Democrats hold the chairs of all the committees.

Gooden, who followed Hensarling onto the Financial Services Committee, said that while Hensarling served as the committee chairman, that role now is held by Democrat Maxine Waters.

Immigration is the top issue, Gooden said, but the Democrats refuse to address it because they know it is a losing proposition with the party's liberal wing.

Moderates know it is important, Gooden said, but the Democratic Party in Washington has been "high-jacked" by the far left.

"This is why nothing happens with the Democratic majority," he said.

Some of the new Democratic members of the House have said they came to Washington to govern but have been caught up instead in rhetoric about impeaching the president.

He said the Democrats are making the same mistake Republicans made after taking over the House in 2010 when Barack Obama was in office. They were more focused on thwarting the president than passing meaningful legislation, and it backfired with Obama's



First-term U.S. Congressman Lance Gooden, Republican from Terrell, addresses constituents at the McDonald's in Mineola last week during his tour of the several district cities during the Memorial Day recess. (Monitor photo by Phil Major)

reelection in 2012.

And now history is repeating itself with the Democrats.

They seem more focused on whether to impeach the president than working on legislation.

Impeachment proceedings would result in a partisan vote in the House followed by exoneration in the Senate, Gooden explained, which could be a boost for Trump in 2020.

Gooden talked about one bill he has filed concerning sanctuary cities and another he plans to file requiring

DNA testing for persons trying to immigrate who claim they are bringing their children.

Gooden said there have been cases where there was actually human trafficking involved, with the children not related to the person attempting to bring them into the country.

Gooden said that any legislation that appears to be bipartisan sees Democrats adding provisions that Republicans cannot support.

One of their aims is to target Republicans in swing districts to get them to sup-

port or oppose legislation that can be used as a tactic in the next election.

Gooden pointed to the importance of the 2020 elections in the Texas state house, which will determine which party will be in control when Congressional boundaries are realigned following the 2020 U.S. Census. He said that after the results off the 2018 election, the Democrats need only nine more seats to regain control of the state house.

Gooden said he will be helping the Republicans raise money for reelection

campaigns and stumping for the president once his own party primary is completed next March.

He said the goal is to reach out to people who have not normally participated in government.

Gooden fielded questions on Social Security, border security and voter fraud before heading out to additional stops in the district during the Memorial Day break.

"Hearing from all of you makes me think I'm not crazy," Gooden said, after some of the things he hears in Washington.

## Flying Hoboes historical marker approved

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Wood County commissioners approved Wood County Historical Society's request to apply for a state historical marker at the west side of the county courthouse Friday.

The marker titled "The Flying Hoboes" would honor the first two African-American aviators who flew across the United States, Wood County Historical Commission Chairman Lou Mallory said.

One of the aviators, Thomas Cox Allen, was born in

Quitman, she said.

According to The New York Times, in 1932, Allen partnered with J. Herman Banning to fly 18 days from Los Angeles to New York. Allen died in 1989 at age 82 in Oklahoma City.

In other action, commissioners passed a resolution authorizing New Hope Cultural Education Facilities Finance Corp. to finance Autumn Wind Independent and Assisted Living in Winnsboro for the Quality Senior Housing Foundation of East Texas Inc. The housing foundation is financing the cost to acquire Autumn

Wind in Winnsboro.

Commissioners approved a resolution authorizing the submission of a request to the Texas Comptroller of Public Accounts for a portion of Unclaimed Capital Credits (UCC) from electric cooperatives servicing Wood County citizens.

An interlocal agreement with the county and the city of Yantis was approved for road work and repairs and mowing at the sewer plants and water well easements through Dec. 31.

The high bid offer from April Stephens for tax sale struck off property cause

No. T-3815 was approved. A tax deed from Roy and Cindy Oliphant for cause No. T-3854 and a tax deed from Juan Torres for cause No. T-1090 were approved.

The court approved a proclamation declaring May 2019 as Elder Abuse Awareness Month in Wood County.

Revised lake rules and a Lake Quitman concession agreement were tabled.

Also, approved by the court was a public hearing to revise Lots 2 and 3R, section 8, of Holly Lake Ranch subdivision set for July 12 at 10 a.m.

## Quitman's Driver graduates from UCO

Madeline Clarke Driver of Quitman earned a Bachelor of Science degree in general studies from the University of Central Oklahoma (UCO) this spring.

Driver is among 1,937 students who graduated from

UCO in spring 2019.

UCO has 121 undergraduate programs and 76 graduate majors to offer from its main campus in Edmond, Oklahoma for the university's approximately 15,000 students.

## Four make LeTourneau Dean's List

Four LeTourneau University students from Wood County were named to the spring 2019 Dean's List and President's List for their high grade point averages.

Ruth Holland of Hawkins and Harrison Gomez of Winnsboro qualified for the Dean's List. Both students are pursuing a Bachelor of Science degree in mechanical engineering. Those on the Dean's List must have

a GPA between 3.5 and 3.99 for the semester.

Joe Parnell of Quitman and Tori Hudson of Winnsboro qualified for the President's List. Parnell is pursuing a Bachelor of Business Management degree and Hudson is pursuing a degree in kinesiology. Those on the President's List must have a perfect 4.0 GPA for the semester.

## Robertson makes Harding Dean's List

Bailey Robertson, senior elementary education major from Winnsboro, is among more than 1,200 Harding University students included on the Dean's List for grades achieved during the spring 2019 semester.

To be eligible, a student must carry 12 or more hours with a 3.65 or higher grade-point average and no incompletes. Harding University is a private Christian university located in Searcy, Ark.

## Winnsboro Center for the Arts receives \$10,000 grant

Winnsboro Center for the Arts (WCA) has received an Art Works grant of \$10,000 from the National Endowment for the Arts (NEA).

The award stems from \$80 million in grants approved by the NEA as part of the endowment's second major funding announcement for

fiscal year 2019.

The Winnsboro grant is for a six-week musical theatre summer program for children in rural East Texas. Art Works is the endowment's principal grant-making program. The agency received 1,592 Art Works applications for this round and will

award 977 in this category.

"These awards, reaching every corner of the United States, are a testament to the artistic richness and diversity in our country," said Mary Anne Carter, acting chairman of the National Endowment for the Arts. "Organizations such

as Winnsboro Center for the Arts are giving people in their community the opportunity to learn, create, and be inspired."

This is the first time the NEA has awarded a grant to a Winnsboro organization, according to WCA President Mary White.

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## Wood County Sheriff's Report

### May 22

Deputies conducted a traffic stop on CR 4870 near Winnsboro at 2:54 a.m. William Luscomb, 38, of Yantis was arrested for outstanding warrants.

Deputies were dispatched to Winding Trail near Hawkins at 5:46 a.m. in reference to criminal trespass. Known actors were in the reporting party's residence without authorization.

Deputies were dispatched to Holiday Village Drive near Quitman at 12:43 p.m. in reference to a burglary. Someone stole several items from the reporting party's camper trailer. This case has been forwarded to investigators.

Deputies were dispatched to FM 1804 near Mineola at 1:56 p.m. in reference to theft. Deputies spoke with all parties involved and cleared the incident.

Deputies were dispatched to CR 3588 near Winnsboro at 2:26 p.m. in reference to criminal trespass. Deputies issued a criminal trespass warning and cleared the incident.

Deputies were dispatched to Main Street in Yantis at 2:42 p.m. in reference to criminal trespass. Deputies issued a criminal trespass warning and cleared the incident.

Deputies were dispatched to HWY 154 near Quitman at 2:50 p.m. in reference to a possible assault. This case is active.

### May 23

Deputies were dispatched to Pacific Street in Hawkins at 12:39 a.m. in reference to a disturbance. Deputies spoke with all parties involved and they were separated for the night.

Deputies were dispatched to HWY 69 near Mineola at 7:34 a.m. in reference to theft. Someone stole the reporting party's vehicle. This case has been forwarded to investigators.

Deputies conducted a traffic stop on CR 3811 near Hawkins at 3:17 p.m. Mitchell Beall, 26, of Hawkins was arrested for unlawful possession of a firearm.

### May 24

Deputies were dispatched to CR 4570 near Winnsboro at 12:15 p.m. in reference to criminal mischief. Someone damaged the reporting party's lawnmower.

Deputies conducted a traffic stop on HWY 154 near Quitman

at 9:56 p.m. Rocky Hoffman, 32, of Quitman was arrested for alleged possession of a controlled substance.

### May 25

Deputies responded to a suspicious vehicle on HWY 154 near Yantis at 1:28 a.m. Machan Meade, 22, of Yantis was arrested for alleged public intoxication.

Deputies spoke with the reporting party at 11:56 a.m. in reference to terrorist threat on HWY 37 near Quitman. Deputies gave the reporting party advice and cleared the incident.

Deputies responded to a suspicious person on FM 14 near Quitman at 1:57 p.m. Sean Garza, 30, of Corpus Christi was arrested for alleged possession of a controlled substance.

Deputies were dispatched to CR 3440 near Hawkins at 2 p.m. in reference to a reckless driver. Deputies located the vehicle and cleared the incident.

Deputies spoke with a reporting party at 7:38 p.m. in reference to a possible burglary on CR 3520 near Hawkins. Deputies gave the reporting party advice and cleared the incident.

Deputies were dispatched to CR 3164 near Quitman at 11:56 p.m. in reference to a noise complaint. Deputies advised the individuals to lower the volume of the music and cleared the incident.

### May 26

Deputies were dispatched to FM 779 near Alba at 1:23 a.m. in reference to a dispute. Parties were separated for the night.

Deputies were dispatched to FM 49 near Hawkins at 4:14 a.m. in reference to burglary. Someone stole several items from the reporting party's residence. This case has been forwarded to investigators.

Deputies were dispatched to CR 1947 near Yantis at 7:55 a.m. in reference to theft. Someone stole an inflatable raft. This case has been forwarded to investigators.

Deputies responded to a suspicious person on HWY 69 near Mineola at 9:26 a.m. Deputies issued a criminal trespass warning and cleared the incident.

Deputies were dispatched to HWY 37 near Mineola at 9:45 a.m. in reference to a reckless driver. Deputies located the ve-

hicle and cleared the incident.

Deputies were dispatched to CR 1610 near Alba at 6:54 p.m. in reference to a noise complaint. Deputies advised the individuals to lower the volume of the music and cleared the incident.

Deputies were dispatched to CR 2260 near Mineola at 9:50 p.m. in reference to a reckless driver. Conner Henson, 19, of Gilmer was arrested for allegedly driving while intoxicated.

### May 27

Deputies were dispatched to FM 2869 near Hawkins at 8:26 a.m. in reference to a burglary. Someone stole several items from the reporting party's storage building. This case is active.

Deputies were dispatched to FM 2869 near Hawkins at 8:52 a.m. in reference to a dispute. Parties were separated for the day.

Deputies were dispatched to Lake Holbrook at 1:17 p.m. in reference to theft. Someone stole the reporting party's phone. This case has been forwarded to investigators.

Deputies were dispatched to FM 779 near Mineola at 1:45 p.m. in reference to criminal mischief. A known person damaged a vehicle. This case is active.

Deputies were dispatched to CR 3340 near Hawkins at 2:48 p.m. in reference to criminal mischief. Someone attempted to break into a residence. This case is active.

### May 28

Deputies were dispatched to CR 1416 near Quitman at 9:59 a.m. in reference to criminal mischief. Someone damaged a building. This case has been forwarded to investigators.

Deputies were dispatched to CR 1688 near Alba at 2:54 p.m. in reference to a disturbance. Courtney Menne, 22, of Mineola was arrested for outstanding warrants.

Deputies were dispatched to FM 2088 near Quitman at 11:30 p.m. in reference to a disturbance. Leigh Ann Nipp, 43, of Quitman was arrested for an alleged assault causing bodily injury and family violence.

Between the dates of May 22 and May 28 Wood County Sheriff's deputies responded to multiple agency assists that included the following: Mineola Police Department, Winnsboro Police Department and Emergency Medical Services. Between the dates of May 22 and May 28 Wood County Sheriff's investigators obtained one arrest warrant and arrested the individual.

## Mineola Police Report

### May 23

2:40 p.m. An officer assisted SWEPCO and the Fire Department when a resident on Lakeside Place backed into an electrical fixture at their residence and the fixture was smoking.

4:32 p.m. Walmart reported a theft that was discovered by video surveillance.

### May 24

9:43 a.m. A woman reported being scammed out of several thousand dollars by a caller who continued to get her to buy green cards from the store and send to the scammer with money on them.

12:09 p.m. An 11-year-old was arrested for a burglary that was reported on May 17 on Newsom Street. The juvenile went into a family member's residence and took money from their residence on April 28. The juvenile was transported to Wood County Juvenile Probation.

1:25 p.m. An officer assisted EMS with an infant not responding. The infant was transported to UT Health in Tyler.

2:44 p.m. An officer assisted CPS on a complaint at a residence on Goodson Circle.

6:18 p.m. A restaurant on North Pacific Street reported having an irate customer who would not leave. An officer responded to the business and made the customer leave the property. The customer was issued a criminal trespass warning.

### May 25

10:48 a.m. John Dale Umbarger, 60, of Mineola, was arrested for alleged possession of marijuana less than two ounces when he was stopped on West Broad Street for no front license plate. The officer smelled marijuana when he approached the vehicle.

9:22 p.m. An officer responded to a call of fireworks being lit in the street on University Street. The officer spoke with a juvenile and a parent in reference to shooting fireworks in the city and issued a warning.

### May 26

10:15 a.m. A resident on East Broad Street reported medication missing and told police that he suspected his girlfriend of taking it.

1:18 p.m. A resident on Bowdoin Street reported being scammed out of several thousand dollars.

7:54 p.m. A welfare concern was reported when a caller observed an elderly woman riding a scooter in the roadway on West Broad Street. An officer responded and spoke with the woman, who stated she had just got the scooter and was trying it out. The woman was a close by resident.

### May 27

12:35 a.m. A welfare concern was reported in reference to a female making commits about hurting herself. Officers responded and took the female to the hospital for an assessment.

### May 28

10:39 p.m. Laura Renee Basick, 30, of Kemp, was arrested for theft of between \$100 and \$750. Basick had an outstanding warrant stemming from her allegedly stealing money from a resident at Autumn Winds while Basick was employed.

12:15 p.m. A convenience store on East Broad Street reported that a man attempted to buy merchandise with a counterfeit \$100 bill. The man walked out before the officer arrived.

6:03 p.m. A disturbance was reported at a residence on Wigley Street. When officers arrived they were told the female at the residence did not want her boyfriend to leave, so he pushed her out of the way and she fell. The female signed a waiver of non-prosecution. A family violence report was completed.

7:57 p.m. An officer assisted Wood County Constable Pct. 2 make an arrest of two individuals on drug charges just outside the city on Hwy. 80 East. Amanda Faye King was arrested on a Mineola police warrant for alleged manufacture and delivery of a controlled substance over 4 grams and under 200 grams, a first-degree felony.

### May 29

10:21 p.m. Officers attempted to locate something in the roadway on North Pacific Street that caused two vehicles to have flat tires. Officers were unable to locate anything.

## Mineola Fire Report

**Medical assistance:** May 24, 3:03 a.m., 2778 FM 1799, Mineola; May 24, 1:27 p.m., 416 E Broad, Mineola; May 25, 12:12 p.m., 5537 FM 1254, Mineola; May 26, 2:27 p.m., 809 Mimosa, Mineola; May 28, 12:35 p.m., 511 N. Newsom St., Mineola.

**Motor vehicle accident with**

**injuries:** May 24, 15:39 N. Hwy. 69 & N CR 2333, Mineola; May 27, 6:51 a.m., 28654 FM 1253, Mineola.

**no injuries:** May 25, 6:10 p.m., N. Hwy. 37, Mineola.

**Arcing, shorted electrical equipment:** May 23, 2:39 p.m.,

209 Lakeside Place, Mineola.

**Dispatched & canceled en route:** May 24, 3:46 a.m., 3471 Hwy. 37, Mineola; May 25, 3:42 p.m., 225 CR 2317; May 25, 11:52 p.m., 186 CR 2433, Mineola; May 28, 3:06 p.m., FM 1801, Mineola, May 29, 11:57 a.m., Hwy 69, Mineola.

## Mineolan celebrates a century of life

By HANK MURPHY  
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It was a century ago, and the year was 1919.

The 1919 Chicago White Sox were immortalized as the infamous "Black Sox" after throwing the baseball World Series to the Cincinnati Reds. President Woodrow Wilson was incapacitated by a stroke during the

final year of his presidency. The Treaty of Versailles, which officially ended World War I, was ratified by every combatant nation except the United States. And in Bowling Green, Ohio, a baby girl was born.

Those first three events have been consigned to the annals of history. That baby, however, remains with us today, and she celebrated her 100th birthday Sunday at the First United Methodist Church Ministries Center in Mineola. Close to 100 friends and family, including five generations, filled the fellowship hall in honor of matriarch Arlene Lobdell on her special day.

Arlene was born June 2, 1919. She was 10 years old with the advent of the Great Depression in 1929, and, she said, she still remembers that era. She also remembers the boys going off to serve during World War II. She married Vern Lobdell,

who she met at a Civilian Conservation Corps camp in Wood County, Ohio. Her fondest memories, she said, involve raising their four children – all of whom are alive today – and traveling with her husband, who died in 1999.

The Lobdells moved to Mineola in 1980, according to Arlene.

As for the key to her longevity, she said she just lives "day to day" and has never been seriously ill. Her only experience with real sickness was with the common childhood diseases.

Today she fills her time reading. Asked what she enjoys reading the most, Arlene replied, "I read anything that's in print."

She also noted the role of Wood County in her life.

"I was born and married in Wood County, Ohio, and I'll die in Wood County, Texas," she said with a smile.



Arlene Lobdell at her 100th birthday party.

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## Obituaries

**PATSY ALLEN**  
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Patsy Ruth Allen was born March 11, 1939 in Hillsboro, Texas. She had been a resident of Mineola since 1980 and was a member of First United Methodist Church. In earlier years, she worked for Dallas Times Herald, and more

recently, worked as the manager for Mineola Civic Center.

Patsy passed away at the age of 80 on May 20, 2019 in Quitman. She was preceded in death by her husband, Billy Allen; parents, Oides Chaney Birdwell & Mable Marzell Pritchett Birdwell; brothers, Jimmie Birdwell and Oides Everette; and sisters, Sue Anderson and Mary Stroud.

Survivors include her three sons, Rod Allen of Mineola, Jason Allen and wife, Angie of College Station, and Zachary Allen of Mineola; four brothers, Joel Birdwell, Ronnie Birdwell, Billy Birdwell and Tim Birdwell; sisters, Debbie Heckathorn and Kim Valdez; three grandchildren; and several nieces, nephews and cousins.

**SILVIA HERNANDEZ CAMPUZANO**  
1974-2019

Funeral services for Silvia Hernandez Campuzano, 45, of Mineola were Wednesday, June 5, at Beaty Funeral Home in Min-



eoala with Pastor Abiel Pruneda conducting. Burial was at Roselawn Memorial Garden in Mineola.

Mrs. Campuzano died Saturday, June 1, 2019, in Dallas.

She was born April 10, 1974, in San Sebastian, Mexico to Roberto Campuzano Bahena and Narcis Ortega Ortega. She is survived by her husband, Jose Jaime Hernandez; daughters, Melissa Montes Campuzano and Adriana Campuzano; sons, Jaime Hernandez and Eric Hernandez of Grand Saline; brothers, Alfredo Campuzano, Salvador Campuzano and Daniel Campuzano; sister, Ana Isabel Campuzano Contreras; one grandson; two nephews and two nieces.

**PAUL HICKS**  
1928-2019



Hicks was laid to rest following the service at Roselawn Memorial Gardens in Mineola.

Funeral service for Paul Hicks, 90, of Quitman, was held at 3 p.m. Saturday, June 1, 2019 at Lowe Funeral Home with Brother Fred Morrow officiating. Visitation was held one hour prior to service time. Mr.

David Paul Hicks was born at home in Wood County on Nov. 18, 1928 to Robert Erving and Bertha May (Rushing) Hicks. In Dallas on August 12, 1950, he married the love of his life, Doris Tinney Hicks. The two lived in Dallas for many years before returning to Quitman in 1963. Paul worked for Dallas Transit as a bus driver for 21 years and later was a dairy farmer for 25 years. He was a self-taught and very hard working man. He loved his horses and could talk about them all day. Paul was a devoted Christian and was a member of a church group that met at the Quitman Public Library.

Paul passed away early Wednesday morning, May 29, 2019.

He is preceded in death by his mother and father, Robert E. and Bertha M. Hicks; his second son, Douglas Allen Hicks; sister, Della Ruth Harris; and two brothers, Nor-

man Lee Hicks and Hollice Wayne Hicks. Left to cherish his memory are his wife of 68 years, Doris Hicks of Quitman; two sons, Norman Paul Hicks and wife Brenda of Quitman and Mark Edward Hicks and wife Tamra of Quitman; daughter, Cathy Nardecchia and husband Eddie of Quitman; daughter in law, Darlene Hicks of Quitman; 9 grandchildren, Brandy, Jason, Debrahle, Michelle, Michael, Katie, Brady, Daniel, and Brittany; 13 great-grandchildren; and several nieces, nephews, extended family and friends.

If desired, donations in memory of Paul Hicks may be made to Hearts Way Hospice. <http://www.heartswayhospice.org/about/donate/>

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Major ETX Computer Repair ribbon cutting. Matthew Johnson of Major ETX Computer Repair cuts the ceremonial ribbon alongside community members, Dogwood queens and Quitman Chamber of Commerce board directors on May 31. The computer repair business opened in February. (Monitor photo by Zak Wellerman)

## Inside and Outside the Picket Fence

BY JAN WHITLOCK

When volunteers appear to work in the gardens on a hot and humid Wednesday morning, you know their hearts are in their work.

June is a transition month for our gardens at the Arboretum and for your gardens in Wood County. Day lilies are taking their turn at dazzling us all. These hardy plants seem to produce "just one more bloom" as the days progress. Roses have been deadheaded and are ready to release a second show of color.

We have changed our Wednesday work time to cope with the summer temperatures. You can now



Quitman Arboretum and Botanical Gardens

find us weeding, mulching, irrigating, etc. from 8 to 11 a.m.

YOGA in the gardens started Tuesday, June 4 and continues, weather permitting, each Tuesday morning beginning at 8:30. More information can be found about this event on our website. A fee will be charged for

each class, and all levels of expertise will be addressed.

I am continuing to work out daily in anticipation of the Miss Ima 5K Run and Fun Run for kids scheduled for Saturday, July 20. I feel I am now qualified to run with the pre-K children. More about that at another time.

Creative U kicks off for the final session on June 22. Come on out and customize a terra cotta pot. All supplies will be included in the registration fee. You may register online. Hope to see you soon. The coffee is on.

## Life After Meth Ministry plans event, bike show in Alba

Life After Meth Ministries presents a family oriented event in downtown Alba Saturday, June 8, from 11 a.m. to dark.

The Alba City Council approved the event on Monday. Streets around the square will be blocked off for the event.

The day will include a motorcycle show, pie eating

contest, face-painting, food vendors, music, silent and live auctions and praise and worship.

Life After Meth President Kevin Moree said the first such event was held recently in Canton with an overwhelming response that drew 150 Christian bikers. He said this event could be twice as large. The group is

also partnering with local law enforcement agencies.

The ministry is headquartered in Alba and holds recovery meetings every Thursday at 7 p.m. at the Alba Civic Center.

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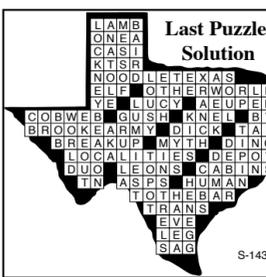
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## Public Notice

### Requesting Public Comment

Habitat for Humanity of Smith County known as HFHSC is requesting public comment about HFHSC applying for a "Section 533 Housing Preservation" grant from the United States Department of Agriculture. The grant will be used to repair homes of low to very-low income families in rural Anderson, Cherokee, Henderson, Rusk, Van Zandt, Wood and Smith Counties, Texas. This project involves the rehabilitation of one to twenty homes in rural Anderson, Cherokee, Henderson, Rusk, Van Zandt, Wood and Smith Counties, Texas. Typical ReHabitat projects will involve roof replacement, bathroom repair, kitchen repair, window repair, flooring replacement, safety issues, etc. All comments should be sent to Raimund Gideon, Habitat Humanity of Smith County, 822 West Front Street, Tyler, Texas 75702 by July 1, 2019.

NO. 13,358

ESTATE OF § IN THE COUNTY COURT  
JO ANN AUSTIN, § OF  
DECEASED § WOOD COUNTY, TEXAS

### NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Notice is hereby given that original Letters Testamentary for the Estate of JO ANN AUSTIN, Deceased, were issued on April 8, 2019, in No. 13,358, pending in the County Court of Wood County, Texas to SHIRLEY WHEELER IVY.

The residence of the Independent Executor is in Rains County, Texas. The post office address of the Independent Executor is c/o Richard E. Roberts, P.O. Box 70, Quitman, Wood County, Texas 75783.

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

DATED this 8th day of April, 2019.

RICHARD E. ROBERTS, Attorney for SHIRLEY WHEELER IVY, Independent Executor

## 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.

## PUBLIC NOTICE

City of Mineola

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF MINEOLA, TEXAS, CHANGING THE PRIMA FACIE SPEED LIMIT ESTABLISHED FOR VEHICLES TRAVELING ON A PORTION OF CITY ROADWAY ON FRONT STREET FROM PACIFIC STREET TO SOUTH STREET UNDER THE PROVISIONS OF TEXAS TRANSPORTATION CODE SECTION 545.356 (B-1) WITHIN THE CORPORATE LIMITS OF THE CITY OF MINEOLA. PROVIDING A PENALTY CLAUSE; PROVIDING A SEVERABILITY CLAUSE; PROVIDING A REPEALER CLAUSE; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

A full and complete copy of this ordinance can be obtained at the office of the City Secretary, 300 Greenville Ave., Mineola, TX. 75773.

## PUBLIC NOTICE

City of Mineola

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF MINEOLA, TEXAS, PROVIDING FOR A STOP SIGN CONTROLLING TRAFFIC ON SOUTH JOHNSON STREET AT THE INTERSECTION OF FRONT STREET WITHIN THE CORPORATE LIMITS OF THE CITY OF MINEOLA; PROVIDING A PENALTY CLAUSE; PROVIDING FOR A SEVERABILITY CLAUSE; PROVIDING A REPEALER CLAUSE; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

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**ACROSS**

1 TX bois \_\_\_ tree

5 TXism: "busy as \_\_\_ tender on Saturday night"

6 Astro Carlos Correa is from Puerto \_\_\_

7 KOYE-FM in Tyler was first this station in Palestine

8 anti-litter campaign: "Don't \_\_\_"

18 Marshall has yearly Fire \_\_\_ Festival

19 "nobody \_\_\_ law"

21 dir. from Athens to Mineola

22 \_\_\_ and Eve

23 many TX cities have a "\_\_\_ Luther King" street

24 TX Rico Rodriguez's "Modern Family," e.g.

29 TXism: "useless as a saddle on \_\_\_"

30 TX-based luxury hotel company

31 TX actor Rip (init.)

32 on appeal, a judicial mistake (3 wds.)

34 car rental company

35 TX Sam: Speaker of the House for 17 years (init.)

36 Gregg County seat

37 Astro infielder, Bregman

38 French liver paste

39 TX outlaw Sam Bass, e.g. (2 wds.)

41 sobriety test: "heel \_\_\_ walk"

42 "\_\_\_ riot, one Ranger"

43 guided excursions in the "Caverns of Sonora"

44 TXism: "can't \_\_\_ silk purse out of a sow's ear"

45 this forms female nouns

46 this Sandra was Gidget and Tammy

47 skin openings

48 \_\_\_ Bank of Texas no longer exists

50 TXism: "six of one, half a dozen of the \_\_\_"

51 TXism: "no flies on \_\_\_" (pretty)

52 make a mistake

53 TX Lisa Mc \_\_\_ was on GMA

**DOWN**

1 there were 3 of these, but only the first starred Liam Neeson (2 wds.)

2 Taylor County seat

3 bigot

4 \_\_\_ Plains, TX

9 Pecos Bill's horse: "\_\_\_ Maker"

10 SMU grad Wrenn Schmidt 2015 film: "\_\_\_ the Light"

11 \_\_\_ o' shanter cap

12 TX pro golfer, Blancas (init.)

13 Hollywood's first western film star

14 western actress Dale who was born in Uvalde in 1912

15 \_\_\_ scape requires little or no water

16 big cell phone service provider

17 TXism: "he could wear his work \_\_\_"

24 dir. from Abilene to Marble Falls

25 abbr. for "in real life" in cyberspace

26 fishing technique: \_\_\_ line

27 Montgomery County seat

28 body parts

29 vigilant

30 TXism: "don't cry \_\_\_ split milk"

33 fish appendage

34 bitter beers

35 satisfies

37 TXism: "take \_\_\_" (rest)

38 TX Ace Reid cartoon: "Cow, \_\_\_"

40 "good," south of the border

41 small mountain lake

44 tie a boat to a dock

47 This Lafitte was a Gulf pirate

49 TXism: "if it ain't true, \_\_\_ ain't a cow in Texas"

**TEXAS CROSSWORD**

by Charley & Guy Orbison

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## OPEN POSITION: WOOD COUNTY ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE Power Quality Technician

WCEC is currently seeking a qualified individual to fill the position of Power Quality Technician. This position performs the testing, installation, repair, and maintenance of metering devices and substation metering maintenance. This position is also responsible for investigating and resolving customer power quality issues including, but not limited to, blinking, low/high voltage and harmonics. Qualified applicants will have prior experience in electrical distribution metering or operations. Requirements for this position include a high school diploma or GED and a valid Class C driver's license. All employees are required to reside within the service boundaries of WCEC and adhere to the Code of Ethics and Standards of Conduct policy.

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Employment will be based on successful completion of drug screening and criminal background check.

Applications are available at WCEC headquarters located at 501 S. Main St., Quitman, TX and on-line at [www.wcec.org](http://www.wcec.org). Interested individuals should submit an application to Human Resources no later than June 20, 2019. This can be done in person, by fax to 903-763-5963 or by e-mail to [human.resources@wcec.org](mailto:human.resources@wcec.org). EOE/M/F/V/D



## Alba-Golden band leaders

Above, Head Drum Major Kelly Ortega (left) and Assistant Drum Major Christiana Roberts will lead the Alba-Golden High School band in 2019-20.

At right, new members of the Alba-Golden color guard are, from left, Michael Kumm, Lizzie Whitecotton, Donny Humphreys, Kaya McAninch, Nayeli Camacho (co-captain), Nikki Meade (co-captain), Jasmine Weed and Fatima Cerrito.



## Mineola permits to cost less with new building fee package

By HANK MURPHY  
editor@woodcountymonitor.com

Building and remodeling houses and commercial buildings in Mineola became less costly last week after the City Council acted on May 31 to lower a bevy of permit fees ranging from gates to grease traps.

As an example, a building permit for constructing a 1,800-square-foot house valued at \$130,000 will go from \$1,185 to \$360. The building permit for a 3,569-square-

foot commercial building valued at \$600,000 will drop from \$3,730 to \$892. The new fee schedule, which includes plumbing, electrical, mechanical, demolition, pools and more, went into effect May 31.

"Now it will be a lot cheaper to build a house in Mineola," Mayor Kevin White said.

The council's action moves Mineola in line with what nearby communities – Lindale, Winnsboro, Van, Gladewater, Canton, Big

Sandy, Wills Point – have done with fee structures, according to City Manager Mercy Rushing.

The primary reason for the lower fees is that the city will now base permit fees on square footage rather than valuation. New state legislation prohibits municipalities from basing fees on valuations. According to a memorandum from City Secretary Cindy Karch, the city's former fee schedule was complicated and in need of updating anyway, and the

new schedule makes Mineola competitive with neighboring communities.

Lowering permit fees will negatively impact the city's revenue. In 2018, the city collected \$42,684 in building permit fees, and it has collected \$38,521 so far in 2019, according to the city.

Still, city leaders view the changes as beneficial – making the city more "builder-friendly" for residents and commercial interests alike.

## Church sets revival

Mount Pisgah Baptist Church (located on FM 49 between Hainesville and Pine Mills) will stage a revival with Brother Malcolm Ellis from June 9 to 12.

He will be holding both Sunday services on June 9. Sunday morning services start at 11 a.m. and the evening service begins at 6 p.m. Services Monday through Wednesday will start at 7 p.m.

## Monitor classified ads

First Baptist Church Alba is accepting resumés for a **Church Secretary**. QuickBooks non-profit accounting experience required. Word, Excel and Publisher experience preferred. Approximately 32 hours per week. Salary is commensurate with experience. Email resumé fbcalba@peoplescom.net or fax 903-765-3713 NO CALLS PLEASE

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## Quitman Library Connections

BY LIBRARIAN DELENE ALLEN

QPL Summer Reading 2019 is happening the entire month of June, and we will discover "A Universe of Stories!" Fun activities are planned for each Wednesday, so stop by the library for your game card. Prizes will be awarded on June 26, so get that game card filled up.

Jim Kinsel from Workforce Solutions of East Texas will be at the Quitman Public Library on Friday, June 7 from 10 a.m. – 1 p.m. to assist job-seekers. No appointment is necessary.

The 2nd Friday Acoustic Jam at the Quitman Public Library on Friday, June 14 from 6-9 p.m. Musicians of all ages and musical levels are invited to join in with acoustical instruments only. Beginners are welcome to come early to workshop at 5 p.m. Listeners are always welcome to this free event. Contact Eugene Allen at 903-975-5745.

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> to see all the latest books, audiobooks, and DVDs ready to be checked out. 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 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](http://www.facebook.com/quitmanpubliclibrary) and visit our website at [www.quitmanlibrary.org](http://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 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 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 front desk

### 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 eBooks, audiobooks and streaming video.

Application has been made with the Texas Alcoholic Beverage Commission for a Mixed Beverage Restaurant Permit with FB and Food and Beverage Certificate by Kitchen's Hardware and Deli LLC dba Kitchens Hardware and Deli, to be located at 119 East Broad Street, Mineola, Wood County, Texas. Managing Members of said LLC are Corbie Doggett and Tomasito Garcia.

### PUBLIC NOTICE City of Mineola

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF MINEOLA AMENDING SECTION 8-5 AND SECTION 8-6 OF THE CITY OF MINEOLA CODE OF ORDINANCES, AMENDING PERMIT AND INSPECTION FEES FOR BUILDING CONSTRUCTION, PLUMBING, ELECTRICAL, MECHANICAL AND OTHER CONSTRUCTION OR MAINTENANCE AND REPAIR OF SUBCOMPONENTS OF CONSTRUCTION; PROVIDING FOR SUPPLEMENTAL AND CUMULATIVE PROVISIONS; PROVIDING FOR A REPEALER CLAUSE; PROVIDING FOR A SEVERABILITY CLAUSE; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

A full and complete copy of this ordinance can be obtained at the office of the City Secretary, 300 Greenville Ave., Mineola, TX. 75773.

## QUITMAN COMMUNITY INVITED



## Outside the Walls End of School Year Block Party

Friday, June 7  
7-8:30 p.m.

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NO. 13,286  
ESTATE OF § IN THE COUNTY COURT  
DAPHNE SMITH, § OF  
DECEASED § WOOD COUNTY, TEXAS

### NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Notice is hereby given that original Letters of Independent Administration for the Estate of DAPHNE SMITH, Deceased, were issued on April 30, 2018, in No. 13,286, pending in the County Court of Wood County, Texas to CLARA ZIEGLER.

The residence of the Independent Administrator is in Wood County, Texas. The post office address of the Independent Administrator is c/o Richard E. Roberts, P.O. Box 70, Quitman, Wood County, Texas 75783.

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

DATED this 30th day of April, 2018.

*Richard E. Roberts*

RICHARD E. ROBERTS,  
Attorney for the Estate

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# WCIC

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move the notion that one community might have more power over another because of higher payments. "We actually wanted it to be considered that everybody is working for the county as a whole and not their own," Simmons said.

Wood County Auditor Terri Sellars noted that the county contributes funds for the salary in addition to the cities. The county antes up \$25,000 toward the executive director position. The county would have to budget more for the salary to compensate for loss in revenue from the municipalities, Sellars said.

Other funds that go toward WCIC are the unclaimed capital credits (UCC) funds from the Wood County Electric Cooperative, which are distributed by the state comptroller. Since about 2016, UCC funds have been distributed as grants to assist local businesses for economic development and tourism.

Precinct 2 Commissioner Jerry Gaskill suggested using local Hotel Occupancy Tax (HOT) and UCC funds for the WCIC executive director salary.

The Wood County tax office collects the county portion of hotel taxes in the unincorporated areas, and the WCIC decides where to direct the funds.

HOT funds must be used for marketing and tourism purposes to promote heads in beds, which could fall under the category of compensation for the WCIC executive director.

Precinct 1 Commissioner Virgil Holland explained his concern about Lake Fork area businesses being hurt if HOT funds were used for a salary. A significant amount of HOT funds originate from Lake Fork events.

"The problem I have with the HOT tax is y'all want to use it for a salary instead of

supporting the businesses around Lake Fork and other businesses," Holland said. "But what are we going to do when people quit coming?"

Sellars noted there would be a significant amount of HOT funds remaining even if they were used for a salary, and there would still be UCC monies to fund projects.

Precinct 4 Commissioner Russell Acker also recommended the taskforce look into the Tyler Economic Development Corp., which gets its funding through donations as a nonprofit organization.

Another point of concern was the taskforce's suggestion to change the size and makeup of the WCIC board.

The taskforce recommends reducing the board from 21 members to seven. In addition, it suggests the seven members should be city economic development professionals or people with similar experience.

Robinson stated that WCIC board members should have experience in economic growth. He said economic development professionals are now prohibited from being on the board.

"It ought to be made up of those individuals that have experience and training in this sort of endeavor," he said. "So we think we should leverage that. In that way, the cities would be already participating by providing expertise."

According to present WCIC bylaws, elected officials are not eligible to sit on the board but can act as advisors. The bylaws don't mention city employees being prohibited to serve on the board.

Acker addressed the need to also have voting board members from areas outside of city limits.

"It's almost like saying we want the cities to vote on everything," Acker said. "We don't want to pay any money, but we're going to run

the county. It's like you want your cake and eat it too."

Robinson replied that the proposed change was intended to add more expertise in economic development.

"What we were really trying to do, Commissioner, was get (people) involved that have trained in these areas that could hopefully provide very good insight into what is already going on and what is being worked on in that city and it could provide a place for them to do collaborative work for the county," Robinson said. "It may appear to be that we have the cities voting, but that's not the way we want to do that."

Membership would continue to be appointed by the mayors and then approved by the county judge, under the taskforce's recommendation. The board would have at-large representation since there are not seven economic development professionals in the county and some might not want to serve, Robinson stated.

Acker noted that the WCIC Board of Directors attempted to reduce the board size prior to the taskforce's formation.

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 towns. 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.

County commissioners

tabled the recommendation on Dec. 14, and the matter has not been raised since.

"So there was an opportunity to reduce a number that you had. To have less voting members, so they could receive a quorum to vote on things," Acker said.

Duncan said the membership change by the WCIC board was tabled in consideration of the taskforce. Having seven board members was taken from the local government code concerning a county industrial commission. However, the board could increase in size if necessary, Duncan noted.

WCIC Executive Director Kiki Bettis explained the rationale for reducing the current 21-member board to 15. Seven members could focus on economic development, and the others could focus on tourism. The idea was to see how that flowed, and then look at reducing board membership later if the need arose.

Changes to membership could be done through amending bylaws, Hebron said. Acker suggested working with the existing board to change bylaws and board size.

Seeing the need for industry, Acker said having one group for tourism and another for industry might be beneficial.

In response, Savelli said a "higher level group of people" with experience is missing to move the county in the right direction.

White agreed the seven members would work toward creating economic plans, while other members would focus on tourism.

"They can meet during the day on the clock, that way we do not worry about vol-

unteers giving up their evenings. The distribution of HOT funds and things like that, the tourism board we talked about would be that," White said. "The seven people voting would more or less be the people working to develop economic plans, which it already says in the charter and interlocal agreement. Having those people write the plan would be better for those cities as far as participation."

Mercy Rushing, Mineola city administrator and Mineola Economic Development Corp. executive director, added her input into the conversation as a founding member of WCIC. She explained the original purpose as a county marketing arm.

On the membership, she said it becomes difficult to have a consensus with 21 members.

"You should always have enough people to do what you need to do," Rushing said. "I think that 80 percent of what you do is marketing and should be, and you do very little economic development. And that's okay if you have economic development from everywhere else; however, your title is misleading."

Also sharing his concerns, Michael Rogge, Lake Fork Chamber of Commerce president, thought changes to WCIC should be handled from within the body.

"It shouldn't be another bureaucratic type of organization to replace what we already have in place. It was stated that they tried to police themselves by reducing the board, which I thought was a great idea," Rogge said. Some communities, however, rejected that approach "because

they put more money into it than anybody else, so they thought they ought to have more representation," he added.

He noted that Lake Fork is an economic engine that has made Wood County what it is today through its tourism impact.

"A lot of people don't know this, but tourism is one of the biggest industries in the country. I don't care if it's Wood County or the United States," Rogge said. "It's one of the biggest industries in the country. That is where Wood County makes 95 percent of its money."

Martha Scroggins, a 10-year WCIC representative for Quitman, added that rules on membership regarding city employees were changed to avoid conflicts of interest between the communities in the county.

Hebron then suggested to Rogge that the WCIC board meet to go over its bylaws to revise membership size and requirements.

"I would submit to you that possibly the organization needs to sit back down at its usual meetings and look at their bylaws, take a look at this (taskforce report)," she said. "Go back to what the original intent was that Mercy told us about and really think about how you are going to make this better. I would encourage them to come back to the commissioners' court and maybe reurge or ask for approval of some new bylaws, whatever the consensus is they reach. Because that's really an internal governance issue that group needs to do in consideration with all their members, executive director and president."

## Lake Fork Weekly Fishing Report

This week met us with more storms and rising water. However, it did not affect the fishing very much. The water temperatures remained in the upper 70s and the water clarity remained stained.

Three different patterns worked well this week. The first was a watermelon/red Zoom Baby Brush Hog fished on a Carolina rig in 20 feet of water on main lake points and creek sub points. The next was the good ole Texas rig. We used California 420 Zoom Mag II worm with a 3/16 South bend slip sinker and an Eagle Claw L 045 worm hook to make up our Texas rig. We also dyed the tail of the Mag II worm chartreuse. The bass wanted the worm moved very slowly.

The final good technique this week was the wacky worm. We fished the chartreuse/pumpkin Zoom trick worm with a nail in the head in the duck week and Hydrilla. Again, you have to be very slow with your movement of the wacky worm.

The crappie anglers had to work for keeper crappies this week. The Bubba's Bait 1/8 ounce chartreuse crappie worked the best all week. The FM 515 bridges seem to be the best place to find keeper Crappie this week.

The white bass fishing slowed down this week. They are still stacked up main lake humps. We found that if you used a black and chartreuse Bubba's Bait crappie jig tipped with a minnow you still could catch a limit of white bass.

The catfish anglers are struggling to catch good catfish this week. Most of the good catfish anglers went to cut bait this week and moved into 15 to 18 feet around baited trees.

On our equipment list this week was our Ranger Z520c powered by a Mercury 250 Pro XS, Duckett rods, ABU Garcia reels, Stren line, Zoom Soft plastics, Buddy's Custom Baits, Bubba's Baits Crappie jigs and Strike King hard baits.

Here at J&M Guide Service we still have a few dates left open in June for guided bass trips. Give us a call at 903-413-6919 or e-mail us at bassmr@geusnet.com. Have a safe fishing week and be courteous to your fellow anglers and guides.

## Notice of Public Hearing on Wood County Appraisal District Budget

The WOOD COUNTY APPRAISAL DISTRICT will hold a public hearing on a proposed budget for the 2020 fiscal year.

The public hearing will be held on JUNE 20, 2019 AT 8:00 AM at WOOD CAD BOARD ROOM located at 210 CLARK ST. QUITMAN, TX. A summary of the appraisal district budget follows:

The total amount of the proposed budget.....	\$1,271,428
The total amount of increase over the current year's budget.....	\$39,140
The number of employees compensated under the proposed budget.....	12
The number of employees compensated under the current budget.....	12

The appraisal district is supported solely by payments from the local taxing units served by the appraisal district.

If approved by the appraisal district board of directors at the public hearing, this proposed budget will take effect automatically unless disapproved by the governing bodies of the county, school districts, cities and towns served by the appraisal district.

A copy of the proposed budget is available for public inspection in the office of each of those governing bodies. A copy is also available for public inspection at the appraisal district office located at 210 CLARK ST QUITMAN TX.

The phone number of the WOOD COUNTY APPRAISAL DISTRICT is: 903-763-4891. The address is: 210 CLARK ST. QUITMAN, TX.

## Congratulations to Steve Cates



After 39 years of devoted work at Wood County Electric Cooperative, Director of Member Services, Steve Cates is retiring on June 11<sup>th</sup>, 2019.

A Quitman native, Steve returned home to work at WCEC in 1980 after graduating from Stephen F. Austin with a Bachelor of Business Administration, and a short stint working in the oil and gas industry.

Steve's arrival at WCEC came at exactly the right time, as office computerization was being introduced. As technology progressed, Steve was instrumental in designing efficiencies and work processes that maximize service to our members. Throughout his tenure, no matter the time, day or night, he's made himself available to troubleshoot any issues.

Steadfastly loyal to the cooperative and to its members, Steve infused his every task with a "Do what's right" attitude and work ethic. Imbued with an uncommon intelligence and an analytical mind, coupled with his love of WCEC, Steve and his wonderful attributes will be profoundly missed.

A graduate of Quitman ISD, he and his wife of 40 years, Lanelle, still reside in his hometown. They have three daughters, Cara, Candi and Christi, and are the proud grandparents of four grandchildren. The Cates are long-time members of Forest Hill Baptist Church where Steve is a deacon. A great reader, and lover of baseball, we wish Steve the time to enjoy all the books he's ever planned to read (and that's a lot!), good ball games to watch, and the joy of spending time with his family and all he holds dear.

*Best Wishes Steve!*



# Alba, Golden abound with summer recreational opportunities

The blessings of living in rural communities in East Texas are due in part to the unique characteristics of each community. People and places make the community. So it is with Alba-Golden and the surrounding area when it comes to summer sporting activities. This is amply illustrated by four entities: the LET'S ROLL Skating Rink, the Alba-Golden Youth Foundation, Johnsonville Motocross Farm, and the Alba City Park.

## LET'S ROLL SKATING RINK

"I had a wonderful husband," stated long-time Alba resident Sandra Hester as she explained the history behind the skating rink. "I had my eye on this property for some time, and we bought it. I then shared my vision with my husband, Nolan, and we made it happen."

In March 2004, the LET'S ROLL opened for business. As Hester explained, the initial impetus of the endeavor was to provide a place for her four grandchildren to enjoy as well as to work throughout their development into adulthood.

The rink, just north of the FM 1799 and FM 779 intersection in Golden, has become much more than that; it is now a staple of the community. Open Friday and Saturday from 6-10 p.m., LET'S ROLL is a refuge for children of all ages to have fun.

Hester and her five employees provide oversight of the customers. "We have a series of rules, and they are enforced," she stated. Contemporary Christian, golden oldies and a little country music are played for the skaters. Reminders of proper conduct, such as the Ten Commandments, are posted on the walls. Wi-Fi is purposely unavailable.

Oversight is never more evident than at closing time, when the youngsters are lined up and dispatched to waiting cars once their parents



Sandra Hester, owner and operator of the LET'S ROLL skating rink in Golden.

ents are identified.

"I feel like they are all my kids," Hester admitted. With her Robinson family roots in the Grit area just west on 779, she offered, "Kids just need a place to come."

The rink offers a safe, clean, and well-monitored venue. A typical evening will see 100-120 skaters. Schools, churches and families often rent the venue for special events. A charge of \$150 secures the rink for two hours and includes the price of 15 skaters. Additional skaters are \$3 a head. A short-order menu, arcade and pool tables complete the facility. Families come from as far as Sulphur Springs, Hawkins and Lindale to enjoy the rink.

Although her four grandchildren are now leading productive lives on their own, Hester intends to open the doors of the LET'S ROLL as long as she is able.

## ALBA-GOLDEN YOUTH FOUNDATION

As Dale Sutton, president of the Alba-Golden Youth Foundation, explained, "Unlike some of our neighboring communities, our youth

foundation administers spring baseball and softball as well as Pee Wee football and Little Dribblers' basketball programs." The slate keeps a bevy of volunteers and the foundations' seven-man board busy all year round.

About 200 Alba-area youngsters are playing in the youth leagues of the Texas Teenage Baseball/Softball Association. Through the much-appreciated assistance of Alba-Golden school, the foundation uses the high school softball field as one of the diamonds. The foundation owns a small adjacent diamond but must play their 14 and under home games in Mineola.

"We need about 20 acres somewhat centrally located," Sutton said. Plans have already been drafted for a four-diamond complex that would accommodate all age groups and be optimized for tournament play. Sutton has discussed a grant possibility with the Texas Rangers Baseball Club, should a willing seller be identified.

Sutton, who has four children playing spring ball,

understands the value of organized baseball and softball on youth development. "I am a 1996 Mineola grad," he stated, "and benefitted directly from the efforts of people like Mike Bowles and George Melvin. When I see youngsters who I have coached and their faces light up, it makes all the work worthwhile."

## JOHNSONVILLE MOTOCROSS FARM

About four times a year, the buzzing of bass boats around Lake Fork is trumped by the sound of high performance motorcycle engines. Located off of County Road 1900 between the east and west reaches of Lake Fork, Johnsonville Motocross Farm hosts American Motorcycle Association (AMA) sanctioned races. Proprietors Cole and April Johnson have made a name for themselves by developing a competitive motocross track of the highest quality.

What began as Cole Johnson's personal hobby slowly and surely evolved into the success that is Johnsonville today. After being prodded by friends and fellow racing

enthusiasts, the Johnsons opened Johnsonville in September 2011.

Improvements to the course continue apace, as the Johnsons do all the design, dirt work and improvements themselves. It is a labor of love.

The approximately one mile circuit features numerous motocross challenges, including jumps, doubles, one triple, tabletops, and two whoops. The track is loamy dirt mixed with sand, an excellent combination for the sport.

This year Johnsonville hosted three days of the Loretta Lynn Qualifiers, an AMA national level race. Approximately 1,000 people attended. Round one of the MotoMasters Vet Series was also held at Johnsonville in March. Round six of MotoMasters is scheduled for Saturday, Sept. 21.

The MotoMasters event includes all levels of skill, beginners to professionals, and a range of engine sizes from 51cc to 450cc. Unmodified or "limited" bikes will also be raced. Admission for spectators is \$10.



The Johnsonville Motocross Farm just south of Yantis hosts national level qualifying races.

Mitigating race dangers remains at the forefront of the Johnsons' planning. "We have paramedics at every event," Johnson stated, "and we use a number of flaggers to alert the racing field of any difficulties on the circuit."

April Johnson voiced great appreciation of the community involvement before and during race weekends, comparing the local effect to that of a big fishing tournament. She commented, "We receive just great community support," and she cited Pam Lee, manager of the Scenic 515 Cabins, as an example of that support.

"We welcome anyone in the community to come out to the races - just give me a call," she proudly offered.

## ALBA CITY PARK

The Alba City Park just east of Highway 69 is getting quite a facelift. A state grant will allow replacement and refurbishment of the playground equipment and mulching of the whole area.

Additionally, a concrete walking path should be completed this June, once the spring rains stop and allow finishing ground work. The path will have easy access for strollers and wheelchairs, and will loop the whole area.

City Secretary Lindy McCarty noted that the park improvements are designed to benefit the young and the old in the community.



A young tee-baller receives some coaching at an Alba-Golden Youth Foundation game.



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At left, A.J. Hardy of Quitman shows off a catfish. A.J. reeled in the largest turtle in the 9-12 age group at 3.77 pounds. Above, Ryan Ringgold of Alba casts his line as Briana Ringgold of Golden waits for a bite. (Monitor photos by Sam Major)

## FISH

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to 18 outstanding anglers. Cash Harrison from Celina pulled in a 6.38-pound catfish, netting him the overall

prize for the largest catch in any age or classification.

Champions of the category from birth to 4 years included Memphis Washburg with a .97 pound bass, Brady Mays with a 2.9 pound catfish, Emali Lane with a .39 pound perch, and

Karen Tipton with a 4.55 pound turtle.

For the 5-8 year-olds, the top trollers were Cooper Swift with a 2.64 pound bass, Tucker Azlin with a 5.48 pound catfish, Lane Al-len with a .43 pound perch, Jarhett Thompson with a .7

pound crappie, and Jesse Pe-trea with a 2.7 pound turtle.

The 9-12 year-olds were lead by Alizja Blasingame with a 2.88 pound bass, Cash Harrison with a 6.28 pound catfish, Royal Mo-nacan with a .4 pound perch, Ella Glover with a

.89 pound crappie, and A.J. Hardy with a 3.77 pound turtle.

Rounding out the field, the 13- to 16-year-old fish-ers weighing in the stoutest catches were Micah Alexan-der with a 2.53 pound bass, Rebecca Jackson with a

3.07 pound catfish, William Flournoi with a .24 pound perch, and Zach McLemore with a 4.09 pound turtle.

Sponsors include the Wood County Sheriff's Dept., Texas Parks and Wildlife and the Sabine Riv-er Authority.



Alba-Golden graduate Sopheakpronith Sorn and her family, Kuy, Sophea, Jayden, Tommy, Jason and Sann. (Monitor photo by Hank Murphy)

## GRADS

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iel Kumm stated that the people he encountered at Alba-Golden High School "have impacted my life in nothing but positive ways" and he told his classmates that "each of us has the potential to do something great, not only in our lives

but the lives of others."

Valedictorian Grace Biz-zell noted that her high school years contained many ups and downs, and she thanked her family and those of her classmates "for supporting us every step of the way." She urged her fel-low graduates to "celebrate what you've accomplished, but look at what an inspira-tion you can be for others." Quite a few Alba-Golden

students graduated with a head start on their futures.

Counselor Julie Cole noted that many students in the Alba-Golden Class of 2019 graduated not only with a high school diploma, but also left as college sopho-mores through the school's dual-credit program with Tyler Junior College. Two students graduated with an associate's degree from the college.



A chicken house was among the structures damaged by a tornado east of Winnsboro on the afternoon of Wednesday, May 29. (Monitor photo by Hank Murphy)

## Tornadoes cause damage in county

Two tornadoes ripped through areas of Wood and Franklin counties on May 29, causing extensive damage to several homes and chicken houses about four miles east of Winnsboro. No deaths or injuries were reported.

The National Weather Service (NWS) confirmed that an EF-2 tornado touched down east of Winnsboro and an EF-0 tornado, the weak-est classification of twister, touched down near the FM 17 and FM 515 intersection,

roughly five miles south-west of Yantis at 3:36 p.m. also on May 29.

Teams from the NWS, Red Cross and Wood County Emergency Management found damage between County Roads 4420 and 4430 east of Winnsboro consistent with an EF-2 tornado. An EF-2 can have winds of 111-135 mph and cause consider-able damage. An EF-0 torna-do packs winds of 65-85 mph and can cause light damage. Damage to about 12 struc-

tures was reported east of Winnsboro. A single-wide mobile home was destroyed in the Winnsboro area and a double-wide sustained ex-tensive damage near Alba. Widespread downed trees and power lines were re-ported from both storms.

The American Red Cross was assisting two families.

The EF-0 cyclone traveled 3.38 miles and over the west portion of Lake Fork as a waterspout, returning to land near FM 515.



Quitman graduates close out the ceremony with the annual hat toss.

## QHS

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who you are, what your pur-pose is, know who and what is in front of or behind you and always find your joy in life.

"I'm proud of you," Ham-rick said. "I wish you all the best."

As a class, the graduates have earned over \$1.15 mil-lion in scholarships and fi-nancial aid awards.

Salutatorian Lillie Dan-ner encouraged her fellow graduates to make their own decisions and find the best path for them.

"Sometimes this path is not an easy one and it takes hard work, the testament of

your faith and the develop-ment of your character. Ev-eryone here knows that life will not be easy, but it's how we react to the bumps in the road that determines our course. The world has many ideas of who we should be and paths we should take, but it is our choice to define our own paths."

Valedictorian Abby Dobbs shared a quote from the mu-sical, Hamilton: "What is a legacy? It's planting of seeds in a garden you never get to see."

"Quitman is our garden and we've been planting

seeds for quite some time. You might not believe peo-ple will ever think about you when you depart from this station of life, but you have impacted someone's exis-tence at one point or anoth-er," Dobbs said. "When em-barking on this next chapter in our lives, remember the things we say, the actions we take part in, the people we associate with are all being observed by someone or somewhere."

She also advocated for graduates to do something good for the world they are stepping into.

## TIME TO GET CRACKIN'!

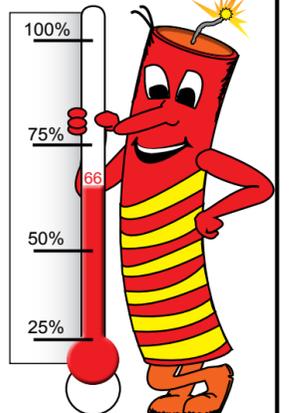
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- \* 7 p.m. Flag Retirement Ceremony by Boy Scouts.
- \* 8 p.m. Lake Country Symphonic Band entertains with patriotic music.
- \* 9 p.m. FIREWORKS!



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