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A Hainesville firefighter prepares to go in to assist Mineola firefighters battling a house fire Friday morning eight miles east of Mineola. (Monitor photo by Doris Newsman)

Neighbor's alertness saves woman's life

By DORIS NEWMAN
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"It's a terrible way to get to meet your neighbors," a winded Mike Nance said as he stood watching firefighters continuing to work on extinguishing the blaze that destroyed Aaron and Tammy Stanford's home Friday morning.

The blaze appeared to have gutted the interior of the spacious brick home on County Road 2774, about 8 miles east of Mineola.

A call was placed to the Mineola dispatcher at 10:20 a.m. Friday morning and the Mineola Fire Department, Wood County Sheriff's Department and Mineola Police Department responded.

"I hate to admit I've been here a year and never met them," Nance said. His home is northwest of the Stanfords's, just across a pasture. "Me and my wife was sitting on the back porch drinking coffee and we heard glass

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QUITMAN CITY COUNCIL

Members approve potential buyer's special use permit

By LARRY TUCKER
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Quitman City Council members acted on an agenda with just two action items Thursday night.

The council approved a special use permit to Roland Banks, a potential buyer of the property south of the square which used to house Precision Hardware. The special use permit was needed for Banks for parking in a fenced in area behind the building. Banks intends to use the building for his office and the existing chain-link fence area behind the building as a place to keep his cleaning and stripping equipment as well as parking his fleet of escort pick-ups. The Planning and Zoning Commission approved the request during a Nov. 9 meeting.

In the other action item, the council approved

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This Week in Your Neighborhood

- Claw Daddy's restaurant in Mineola will host a free Thanksgiving dinner for all interested attendees. The meal will be served from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.
- FUMC Quitman is having a special Thanksgiving dinner for seniors Thursday beginning at 1 p.m. in the JOY Hall at no cost. Reservations need to be made and if you need a ride call 903-763-4127.
- Neon Moon Restaurant and Social Club (formerly East Fork) is having their annual "Project Give Back" Thanksgiving dinner Thursday from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. The meal is free and they hope you will bring a non-perishable food item and/or an unwrapped toy for Christmas.
- The Yantis-Lake Fork Lions Club is having their annual community-wide free Thanksgiving dinner at the Yantis School Cafeteria Thursday from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

Large crowd quizzes Wood Co. officials at Town Hall event

By LARRY TUCKER
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A full house in the Wood County District Courtroom heard from four Wood County elected officials in a Town Hall setting last Tuesday evening.

Former Mineola Mayor Rodney Watkins was the moderator for the evening. District Judge Jeff Fletcher Wood County Sheriff Tom-

my Castloo, State Representative Cole Hefner and a late arriving State Senator Bryan Hughes were on hand to answer questions from the crowd numbering approximately 200.

Each elected official was given the opportunity to give a summation of their jobs since taking office at the first of the year. After ques-

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Dr. Beverly Waddleton asks a question to Sen. Bryan Hughes about mental health issues in rural areas at the Town Hall meeting held at Wood County Courthouse last week. BELOW: A large crowd gathered in the district courtroom at the Wood County Courthouse last Tuesday evening for the Town Hall meeting. (Monitor photos by Larry Tucker)



Building demo on hold for holidays

By DORIS NEWMAN
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The removal of the 1888 Building has been rescheduled to avoid complications with holiday activities, including free Thanksgiving dinner, downtown.

Tricia Carver said Thursday that the decision has been made to wait until Dec. 3 to begin taking the building down. A historic building demolition expert advised them they would need to close parts of both streets due

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(Monitor photos by Doris Newman)



From several inches to touching the building next door — Randy Carver said the fact the 1888 Building is "out of plumb" (not straight vertically) — is one indicator of its deficiencies. LEFT: The wall on the south side of the building bows. It's difficult to see but can be detected by looking at the very top edge of the building against the sky.

Harder nominated for Good Works Award

Dr. Lana Harder, a Mineola High School graduate of the class of 1996, was one of five civic and business leaders who were selected as finalists for the annual Good Works Under 40 awards presented by the Dallas Morning News and The Dallas Foundation.

The program spotlights up-and-coming leaders under the age of 40 who are working to improve Dallas' future.

Harder did not receive the award but was honored to be named as a finalist.

Lana is a pediatric neuropsychologist at Children's Medical Center and associate professor at the University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center. She has been a volunteer for Dallas Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA) for eight years and serves as a CASA in her current Junior League of Dallas commu-



Dr. Lana Harder

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Tucker's Turf

By Larry Tucker



LARRY TUCKER

Thanksgiving is a special time of the year for me. There have been three major "happenings" for me in the past 20 years, each involving Thanksgiving week.

On November 3, 1997 I went into the hospital for acute alcoholism. I was an outpatient at the behavioral center in Tyler for almost three weeks when I got the call I had been accepted into a rehabilitation program at Serenity House in Fredericksburg. My sweet and kind parents had never given up hope for me although I caused them, my children and my friends so much pain over 20 years of being addicted to alcohol. Once I figured out this little white powder cocaine could keep me up, I could drink even more. Meth was not that big of a deal at that time, although I dabbled with that too. I snorted cocaine, I smoked cocaine and I put a needle in my arm to get even higher on cocaine. I even tried heroin, but did not care about it because I preferred to be "high" instead of "low."

Vodka was my drink of choice. You know you are a true alcoholic when you go from the expensive bottles to the \$9.99 half gallons. I loved my vodka and drank it day and night, 24 hours a day, seven days and nights a week. How I survived is a mira-

cle. I used to buy old cars because I knew I would eventually have a wreck.

My folks made the seven-hour drive to get me to Fredericksburg. I spent that cold November Thanksgiving in recovery with 12 other men who were addicts and alcoholics sequestered in an old house just south of downtown Fredericksburg. I made friends and joined a brotherhood of fellow ragamuffins aligned by our addictions. In my month's stay, approximately 25 guys came and went. I did keep up with two or three of them, but that didn't last long. Most of them were already using again before New Year's Eve.

We did have a grand Thanksgiving meal that November in 1997, but as I sat alone in my bed that evening, I cried knowing it was the first time in my 47 years I would not be with my family. It was a hard reality.

I left Serenity House the week of Christmas and somehow made it back to Quitman sober. That was 20 years ago. I'm still sober, but I won't lie to you and say it has been easy or say I have not had a beer or two, because I have. But, I have not been drunk and I have not relapsed in that time. I have those 12 steps to keep me honest and I genuinely live one

day at a time.

The next Thanksgiving imprinted in my heart is the passing of my Mom, Libby Stedry Tucker, November 20, 2006. It was a somber week at the Tucker house that Thanksgiving. My Mom had cancer and just when we thought she was getting better we found out she had leukemia.

She had been suffering for a couple of years. I was blessed to have been able to move back to Quitman and was a coach at Yantis. Living with Mom and taking her to her doctors appointments were times I revere and really got to know this grand woman even better. My sister spent the final year of my Mom's life taking off of her job as a teacher at Linden-Kildare at least once a week to come and go with us to Mom's appointments. My good friend Lisa Burchfield at Yantis helped me get through the times without missing a full paycheck and best friend Nell French was always there when needed. My brother was in Germany serving as a United States Air Force Colonel and deeply involved in security matters for our country, yet he was able to make it home in the final week.

I was in my first year as the head basketball coach

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ment for or against political candidates. Letters of a political nature will not be accepted for the last edition prior to the election as well.

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Letters to the Editor

To the editor,

Are you old enough to know that a song that lingers in the hearts and minds of people for decades was not written for money or fame? The "Star Spangled Banner" or the National Anthem is one of those songs. A song

that rings or lingers in the hearts and minds of people was written because of a profound experience or event that should be remembered. The flag of The United States of America is always

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WOOD COUNTY COMMUNITY CALENDAR

2nd FRIDAY ACOUSTICAL JAM - second Friday 6 - 9 p.m., Quitman Public Library, 202 E Goode St, Quitman 903-975-5745
 ALBA CITY COUNCIL - first Monday, 6:30 p.m., City Hall.
 ALBA LADIES CLUB - fourth Thursday, 6:30 p.m., Alba Community Center. 765-2573
 ALBA LIBRARY/MUSEUM BOARD - third Monday every other month., 4 p.m., library building. Everyone welcome.
 ALBA-GOLDEN SCHOOL BOARD - second Monday, 7 p.m., high school library, 768-2472.
 ALBA-GOLDEN YOUTH FOUNDATION - second Tuesday, elementary gym, 7 p.m. All welcome.
 ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS - Sunday and Monday, 7 p.m., Friday 8 p.m., Wednesday noon; Women's Group Mon. 11 a.m.; St. Dunstan's Episcopal Church, Mineola.
 ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS - Wednesday and Saturday, 7:30 p.m., 404 S. Main Street, Quitman.
 ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS - Gateway Group, Tues. & Sat. 7 p.m. Puckett House, 109 Kilpatrick Street.
 ALANON - Thursday, 7:30 pm; St. Dunstan's Episcopal Church, Mineola.
 ALZHEIMER SUPPORT GROUP (sponsored by Pilot Club) first Monday, 11 a.m., Red Dome restaurant in Quitman, 903-569-5237.
 AMERICAN LEGION POST 296 and Auxiliary - fourth Tuesday, 6:30 p.m., Highway 80, three miles east of Mineola. 903-569-0348. All are invited.
 AMERICAN LEGION POST OF WINNSBORO - first Tuesday, 6:30 p.m., 102 West Broadway, in Winnsboro. 903-752-0913 or 903-7675338.
 APET (Animal Preservation of East Texas) Thrift Store - Dog Gone Good Stuff, 915 S. Pacific Street, Mineola, Thursday-Saturday. 903-569-0505 or 903-563-9542.
 BOY SCOUT TROOP #36 QUITMAN - meets Sunday, 4:30 p.m., Scout House behind First United Methodist Church. Danny King, 903-521-5930.
 BOYSCOUTS TROOP 385 MINEOLA - Tuesdays 7 p.m., Mineola Methodist Education Bldg. New boys/ alums welcome! Chris Jennings 903-569-3531
 BOY SCOUTS TROOP 180 WINNSBORO - Tuesdays 6:30 p.m., Church of Christ. New boys/ alums welcome! Tex Willis 903-816-0638
 BOY SCOUTS TROOP 379 WINNSBORO - Tuesdays 7 p.m., City Bldg @ Walker Park. New boys/ alums welcome! Sherry McGovern 903-335-9744
 BREAD OF LIFE MINISTRY FOOD PANTRY - Humble Baptist, first & third Tuesday 1-4 p.m.
 BREAKING FREE - meeting place for families and friends of addicts and alcoholics. Monday, 7 p.m., 971 E. Goode St., Quitman, 903-497-6149.
 CELEBRATE RECOVERY - a support group for those with various hurts, habits or hang-ups, every Monday, 7 p.m., Church On the Rock annex building at 302 S. Stephens. 903-763-4588.
 COUNSELING CHRISTIAN GUIDANCE CENTER - 903-850-3858 or ibarnes@texascellnet.com.
 CUB SCOUTS PACK 391 HAWKINS - meets Sundays, 5 p.m., Scout Hut, FUMC. New boys, alums welcome. Scott Randall, 903-203-7901.
 DAUGHTERS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION - first Saturday except June, July, August and December, 12 p.m. Harvest Acres Baptist Church, 460 NW Loop 564, Mineola. 903-629-7837.
 DELPHIAN LITERARY CLUB - first Wednesday, 569-6794 or 569-3586.
 DRUG AND ALCOHOL AWARENESS - 7 p.m. Friday, Seventh Day Adventist Church, Ronny Polley 768-2992.
 DUPLICATE BRIDGE ACBL games - Wednesday and Friday, 10:30 a.m., Masonic Lodge, 882-1335.
 EASTERN STAR - Quitman Chapter 695, 2nd Tues., dinner 6:30 p.m., meeting 7:30. Flora Lodge in Quitman. 903-638-6420.
 ETMC Quitman - needs volunteers. Great opportunity to meet people while helping your community. Contact Judy Johnson, 903-383-3433
 FANNIE MARCHMAN GARDEN CLUB - third Wednesday, September - May, Mineola Civic Center, 9:30 a.m. Visitors welcome. Charla Martin, president, 903-638-6389
 FLORA MASONIC LODGE #119 - first Tuesday at the

lodge hall, Highway 37, Quitman. Covered dish - 6:30 p.m., meeting 7:30 p.m. Study nights for members each Thursday, 7 p.m. at the hall.
 FOREVER YOUNG ACTIVITIES CENTER - Wednesday and Friday, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Fitness exercises, bridge, lessons, Bingo and card games.
 FOUKE-LAKE HAWKINS CRIME WATCH - third Thursday, 7 p.m., Fouke Community Center
 FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY - second Tuesday, Quitman.
 FRIENDS OF THE MINEOLA MEMORIAL LIBRARY - first Wednesday, 1 p.m., Mineola Library, 569-2767.
 GED CLASSES, FREE - Sand Spring Baptist Church. Monday and Tuesday, 9 a.m. to noon, or 6-9 p.m. 903-768-3239 or 903-569-9350.
 GED FREE PREPARATORY CLASS - each Thursday 4 - 6 p.m. concurrent with QISD calendar. Quitman Public Library, 202 E Goode St, Quitman 903-975-5745
 GIRL SCOUT TROOP #3 - Monday, 6 p.m., Broad Street Church of Christ Annex, 903-569-2610. All girls, kindergarten-12th grade welcome.
 HAINESVILLE COMMUNITY CENTER - second Tuesday, 6 p.m. Members bring a covered dish and enjoy an evening of fellowship. The center is located at FM 49 and 778, 903-769-1091.
 HAINESVILLE VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPT. - second and fourth Thursday, 7 p.m., Firehouse downtown Hainesville.
 HAWKINS LIONS CLUB - second and fourth Tuesday at the depot in Willful Crossing.
 HOLLY LAKE FIRE DEPARTMENT - first and third Tuesday at the fire station at Holly Lake Ranch.
 IRIS GARDEN CLUB-GOLDEN - first Monday, September-May, Golden United Methodist Church. 903-765-3000.
 KIWANIS CLUB - noon Tuesday, Mineola Civic Center Dogwood Room.
 THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS OF SAINT PETER'S THE APOSTLE COUNCIL #11933 - second Thursday, 7 p.m., at the church, 203 Meadowbrook Drive, Mineola. 903-569-3662.
 LAKE COUNTRY CLASSIC CAR CLUB - third Monday, 6:30 p.m. 903-850-2557.
 LAKE COUNTRY REPUBLICANS - fourth Tuesday, 6 p.m., Quitman Library, 202 E. Goode St.
 LAKE COUNTRY RV TRAVELERS - of Good Sam Int'l. Monthly, RV parks w/in 150 m. radius. 903-569-3677 or 3069.
 LAKE COUNTRY SYMPHONIC BAND - will resume rehearsals Aug. 6 at Mineola High School Band Hall. 7 p.m. 903-569-2300.
 LAKE FORK ROTARY CLUB - Wednesday, noon, at the Lake Fork Baptist Church on State Highway 515
 LAKE HOLBROOK ASSOCIATION - first Saturday, February, May, August and November, Harold Simmons Community Center, 5:30 p.m. directors, 6 p.m. all members and guests welcome. 903-569-0223.
 MINEOLA BAND BOOSTERS - second Tuesday, 7 p.m., in high school band hall. All parents invited.
 MINEOLA LIONS CLUB - second and fourth Thursday, noon, Mineola Country Club, 903-638-1596; 903-569-3340.
 MINEOLA MARINE CORPS LEAGUE Det. #1278, 3rd Tuesday, 6 p.m. meal, 7 p.m. meeting. American Legion Building, 2015 E. Hwy. 80, Mineola, 903-497-3030.
 MINEOLA SCHOOL BOARD - third Monday, Admin. Bldg., Loop 564, 7 p.m.
 MINEOLA CITY COUNCIL - fourth Monday, 5:30 p.m., City Hall. Public welcome. Call City Hall for changes in November and December because of holidays.
 MINEOLA HIGH SCHOOL ATHLETIC BOOSTER CLUB - last Monday, 6 p.m., high school lobby.

MINEOLA HISTORICAL MUSEUM ADVISORY BOARD - third Tuesday, 4 p.m., city hall. 569-6944. Public invited.
 MINEOLA MASONIC LODGE - second Thursday, dinner at 6:30 p.m., meeting at 7:30 p.m. All Masons invited. 569-2608.
 MINEOLA REBEKAH LODGE - first and third Tuesday, 11 a.m., 106 S. Line St. All Rebekahs welcome, 569-2776.
 MINEOLA ROTARY CLUB - Monday noon, Dogwood Room, Mineola Civic Center.
 MINEOLA ROTARY RECYCLING - third Saturday, 9 a.m. to noon, Walmart parking lot. Cardboard, paper and plastic accepted.
 MINEOLA SENIOR CITIZEN CENTER - 308 University, 9:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. 903-497-1162; Dominoes & other games.
 MLOTA LINE DANCE GUILD - Tuesday, 8:30 a.m., and Friday, 9:30 a.m.
 MLOTA FIBER/CRAFT ART GUILD - Wednesday and Thursday, 10 a.m. and 1:30 p.m., business meeting fourth Thursday, 9:30 am.
 MLOTA QUILT GUILD - first, second and third Thursday, 9:30 am; business meeting first Thursday.
 MLOTA PAINTERS GUILD - Wednesday, 10 a.m.; business meeting fourth Monday.
 MLOTA RUG HOOKING GROUP - first Thursday, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Beginners are welcome.
 MLOTA PHOTOGRAPHY GUILD - fourth Thursday, 6:30 p.m. All levels welcome., 903-569-8877.
 MLOTA SCULPTURE GUILD - Tuesday, 1 p.m. Business meeting first Tuesday.
 MONDAY NIGHT KNITS - 6-8 p.m. Monday, Golden Methodist Fellowship Hall. 903-768-2540.
 THE NAME CENTER (National Association of Marriage Enhancement) - 1302 S. Stephens, Quitman. Certified and experienced counselors by appointment to assist couples in Wood County. Free, donations are accepted. 903-763-1286.
 NORTHEAST TEXAS PARATROOPERS ASSOCIATION - third Saturday at 7:30 a.m. at Red Dome Smokehouse in Quitman.
 OPEN HEART MINISTRY - third Friday, 7 p.m., Mineola Civic Center.
 OVERCOMERS RECOVERY SUPPORT GROUP - Monday, 7-8 p.m., Whispering Pines Church of the Nazarene, located on CR 3811, Hawkins
 PARENT ADVISORY COUNCIL OF MINEOLA ELEMENTARY - first Tuesday, 8:15 a.m., elementary library.
 PARENTS ANONYMOUS GROUP - Tuesday, 6:30 p.m., First Baptist Church, Quitman. Children's program provided. 903-629-2114
 PILOT CLUB OF MINEOLA - second and fourth Tuesday, 6 p.m. Mineola Civic Center. 903-569-5237.
 PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY - at First Baptist Church in Quitman. First Tuesday 1-3:30 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. 903-763-8101.
 QUITMAN CHILD ADVOCACY GROUP - third Thursday, 10 a.m., 403 Conger in Quitman. The public is welcome.
 QUITMAN GARDEN CLUB - second Tuesday (except when on field trips), 2 p.m., Quitman library. quitmangardenclub@gmail.com. All are welcome.
 QUITMAN/LAKE FORK KIWANIS - Wednesday, noon, Faith Student Center, 403 S. Main St., Quitman. QUITMAN LIONS CLUB - second and fourth Tuesday, 6:30 p.m., Peralto's Restaurant. Contact any Lions Club member to donate your used eyeglasses for recycling to the needy.
 QUITMAN PILOT CLUB - third Tuesday, 6:30 p.m., Quitman Public Library. 903-383-5075.
 QUITMAN ROTARY CLUB, Thurs., noon, ETMC Com-

munity Room, N. Hwy. 37.
 QUITMAN CITY COUNCIL - third Thursday, 5:30 p.m.; city hall.
 QUITMAN SCHOOL BOARD - 2nd Monday, 6 p.m. Administration Building.
 REPUBLICAN CLUB OF WINNSBORO - fourth Monday, 7 p.m., 903-342-0575.
 REPUBLICAN WOMEN OF WOOD COUNTY - third Monday, 11:30 a.m., Red Dome, Quitman, 903 383 2121.
 SINGING AT THE FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH OF HAWKINS - fourth Sunday, 2-4 p.m.
 SCOTTISH RITE - Wood County Scottish Rite Club meets third Thursday of odd month, 6:30 p.m., Red Dome Smokehouse meeting room. 903-253-3635.
 STROKE SURVIVORS & APHASIA CLUB OF EAST TEXAS - fourth Wednesday, 6-7 p.m., First Baptist Church Quitman, 903-878-2392.
 TEXAS INMATE FAMILIES ASSOCIATION - second Tuesday, 6:30-8 p.m., First Christian Church Tyler, Broadway & Loop, 903-839-2349.
 TOASTMASTERS INTERNATIONAL - Garden Valley chapter, Thursdays on Mercy Ships property, 5:30-6:30 p.m. 903-882-0887.
 TOPS GROUP - Thursday, 8-11 a.m., Harvest Acres Baptist Church, NW Loop 564, 569-1240, 569-2415.
 UPPER SABINE VALLEY SOLID WASTE DISTRICT - every three months on third Monday, Wood County Courthouse, 5:30 p.m., 903-763-2123.
 UTU AUXILIARY MORNING STAR LODGE #851 - third Monday (except July and August), 11:30 a.m.
 VFW LADIES AUXILIARY #7523 - third Sunday, 1 p.m., Recruiting new members. 569-2228.
 VFW POST #7523 - third Wednesday, 6 p.m., Karaoke every Friday, 8 p.m. 569-2228.
 WHYTE DOVE WRITER'S GROUP - first Tuesday, 6 p.m., 407 N. Stephens in Quitman. 903-763-1210 or e-mail mkyoung97@peoples.com.net
 WOOD COUNTY 4-H HORSE CLUB - Business meeting, Monday, 2 p.m. Wood County Extension Office. Wood County Aggie MomS - 1st Tuesday, 6 p.m., 903-539-7049 or Wood County Aggie Moms Facebook page.
 WOOD COUNTY APPRAISAL DISTRICT - Quarterly, third Thursday, 8 p.m., appraisal district office. Open to the public.
 WOOD COUNTY CENTRAL HOSPITAL DISTRICT - third Monday, 5:30 p.m. (every three months).
 WOOD COUNTY COMMISSIONERS COURT - every other Friday, Commissioners Court, Quitman, 10 a.m. 763-2716.
 WOOD COUNTY CRIME STOPPERS - every other month, third Monday, 6 p.m., Wood County Justice Center courtroom. The public is invited. 903-763-2201 or 903-569-6294.
 WOOD COUNTY DEMOCRAT CLUB - fourth Thursday, Quitman Public Library, at 6:15 p.m. 903-383-7036 or www.woodcountydem.org.
 WOOD COUNTY GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY - third Monday, January through May and September through November, 7 p.m., Quitman Public Library, Shamburger Community Room. For 903-763-4191 or 967-2458.
 WOOD COUNTY HEALTH DEPT. IMMUNIZATION CLINIC - Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, 9-11 a.m., and 1-3 p.m., third Monday, 1-6 p.m. Public Health Department offices, 213 W. Bermuda, Quitman, 763-5406.
 WOOD COUNTY HOSPITAL DISTRICT - second Monday, 7 p.m., hospital conference room in Quitman. Public invited.
 WOOD COUNTY 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.
 WOOD COUNTY TEA PARTY - first Monday, 7 p.m., Quitman Library
 YANTIS CITY COUNCIL - second Tuesday, 6 p.m., city hall.
 YANTIS SCHOOL BOARD - second Monday, 6 p.m. (executive session), 7 open meeting, school cafeteria.
 YANTIS/LAKE FORK LIONS CLUB - second Thursday, 6 p.m., Yantis Community Center.



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Fannie Marchman Garden Club honored at museum

The Fannie Marchman Garden Club, the woman it was named for and its contributions were honored with a commemorative sign at the Mineola Historical Museum.

A dedication of the sign and reception were held at the museum last Tuesday afternoon.

In 1936 Nan Adrian organized a nucleus of "mature Mineola area ladies" as a garden club. One woman suggested naming the club for Marchman, who loved flowers and always maintained a lovely garden. The club was federated with Texas Garden Clubs in September 1937.

The sign is complete with a restored photo of Fannie Marchman that was located at Gene's Photography. Garden Club President Rosemarie Kastrau read a brief history of Mrs. Marchman for whom the club was named.

"Thank you to Sharon for having the passion regarding Mineola's history," Kastrau said. "When she indicated her plan to recognize the garden club's 81 years, and asked for background on Fannie Marchman, it became a journey of scant archives, and investigative sleuthing. With the help of some friends who were experienced in traveling the genealogy pathways, we were able to trace her journey from Atlanta to Dallas, and her life in Mineola during the latter part of the 1800s through early 1900s.

Kastrau said when the garden club began in 1936, "The friends whom she had made chose to honor her kindness, sense of community and love of flowers, by so naming the club for her."

"On behalf of our past members, from the club's inception to our current members and future members, we much appreciate this recognition," Kastrau



Members of the Fannie Marchman Garden Club and the Mineola Historical Museum Board took part in a dedication of a marker and refurbished sign honoring the garden club's contributions to the community. (Monitor photos by Doris Newman)

said. "For all the broken fingernails, sore backs and creaking knees, it is my hope that the club will continue its mission, as stated on this wonderful sign, which Sharon has rehabbed." The sign to which she was referring was formerly the one that had been in the mini park at the intersection of Highways 69 and 37 which club members maintained for decades.

"In most clubs, outgoing officers pass along a gavel or a baton," Kastrau said. "In the garden clubs, we

pass along shovels," she said as she thanked Chamblee again.

With that, a colorful bouquet of flowers which included a purple iris, was presented to Chamblee. Chamblee said she accepted the appreciation on behalf of the Mineola Historical Museum Board which "allows me, gives me the freedom, to do a project. And so I appreciate your trust in me to do this."



Wood County Commissioners run through short agenda

By LARRY TUCKER
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Wood County Commissioners ran through a 12-item agenda in six minutes as they head into the Thanksgiving holidays.

Commissioners approved six personnel actions. Those included four from the Wood County Sheriff's Department with LaDawn McGee moving from jail / commissary clerk to deputy where she will make \$21.05 per hour; Joshua Stevenson from jailer to jailer/ commissary clerk making \$18.93 per hour; Robert Pate hired as jailer at \$18.27 per hour replacing Paul Norris and Benjamin Tucker George resigned as a deputy.

In other personnel actions, Rebecca Watson was moved from temporary to part-time at \$12 per hour in the Elections Department

and in Pct. 3, Michael Anderson was given a raise to \$12 per hour as a part-time employee at Lake Hawkins.

In another matter, commissioners approved the canvassing of the Constitutional Amendment election where 1,834 Wood County residents voted out of 29,319 registered voters. Each of the seven amendments passed in Wood County.

In other actions, commissioners approved:

- A joint primary election services contract between the Wood County

Election Administrator and Democrat and Republican chairs for the Wood County joint primary election and joint primary runoff election if necessary.

- Acknowledgement of the Juvenile Probation Department balance sheet and activity report.

- Indigent burial support of \$350 to Beaty Funeral Home.

- Payroll of \$349,303; health and dental claims of \$66,717; accounts payable of \$57,0693; and direct claims of \$273,568.

Mineola set to host various Christmas events next month

The city of Mineola and various other groups will be hosting holiday events throughout the month of December.

The events start Dec. 1 with Main Street Lighting and Decorations in downtown. Also that same night at the Mineola Civic Center is hosting a Christmas Jamboree Dinner Dance will be held from 6 to 10 p.m.

Dec. 2 the Mineola League of Arts Bazaar will be held door to the event open at 10 a.m. The Mineola Tour of Homes will also be held that day from 1 to 4 p.m.

Following the tour

of homes, the Mineola Christmas Parade will begin at 5:30 p.m. in downtown Mineola. This year's theme is "Texas Toyland." Interested groups or businesses who want to join in the parade need to fill out an application, the application deadline is Nov. 28. Applications are available at the Mineola Chamber of Commerce. For additional information call 903-569-2087.

The parade route will start on Highway 80 going west, turn on Lankford Street past the Mineola Community Bank and end near the gazebo.

Dec. 10 and 12 the Lake County Symphonic Band will perform "Winter Fantasy" held at 7:30 p.m. both nights.

Shoppers in Mineola can also win up to money Dec. 2 through Dec. 25 by shopping at locally owned Mineola stores. Interested applicants need to take a picture of their purchase with a receipt with the hashtag #shoplocalmineolaTX. Then drop your receipt off at one of three locations - Mineola City Hall, Mineola Community Bank or Mineola Chamber of Commerce.



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Town Hall

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tions were received from the audience, each official was given a few minutes for closing remarks.

Questions on a variety of topics were asked including the methamphetamine problem in Wood County, law enforcement at Holiday Village, mental health in the state, Deep Water Horizon payments, the Alamo, feral hogs, business taxes and descriptions of what is liberal and conservative.

There was concern about the meth problem in the county. Hughes was the first to offer an answer. "Back in the day we used to think about the meth labs out in the woods. I'm sure there

are some still back there, but now more and more, meth is being cooked overseas and brought across our southern border," Hughes noted. "We understand this is a federal problem to deal with. Representative Hefner and I have both been on the border with the DPS in those boats going up and down the river (Rio Grande). We know we need more boats, more planes and some of those border crossings are going somewhere else."

Castloo spoke about the problem. "The meth problem is going to kill a generation and possibly two. We have people with extremely low tolerance and have addictive behaviors. You have people who don't have any kind of moral compass whatsoever," Castloo said.



Quitman Eagle Scout Jacob King receives a flag which has flown at the capitol in Austin for his accomplishments as a scout. He is a member of Boy Scout Troop 36 in Quitman. (Monitor photo by Larry Tucker)

"I'm sure everybody in here knows somebody where grandparents are raising grandkids and maybe their great grandkids. Meth has torn society down to absolutely nothing. We need to install some type of moral compass in the kids and teach them right from wrong. We have got to pay attention to what is going on around us folks."

"We have to give our youth some kind of sense of direction. If you see a problem, take some action. Call your preacher, call a law enforcement officer. We want children running to us rather than away from us. Help us so we can help them."

Fletcher added his thoughts. "One of the things I try to do is to

make it so dang miserable around here to deal meth that you just won't want to do it. It's basically the root of nearly every problem we have here. It seems like about 95 percent of what we hear in court has to do with meth in concert with the sheriff's department who tees them up, we try to kick them off the planet," Fletcher claimed. "That enables the community, including teachers and parents, to have hope that we can keep people like this away from our kids. I was raised old school when there were severe consequences but we can't treat like that anymore. As a community we are trying to punish them as hard as we can. If they come in here (the courtroom),

and sit at these tables up here, something bad is going to happen to them. That's what I was hired to do and that is what we are going to do."

A resident of Holiday Villages asked about the lack of presence of law enforcement and why nothing is done about problems at the gated community. Castloo offered a response. "The Texas Constitution prohibits law enforcement from patrolling gated communities. That is private property. We cannot go out there and patrol the roads. Traffic laws for the state of Texas don't apply to that property," Castloo explained. "If there is a crime being committed, and if we have credible information, we respond out there. It's not up to us, it is very well-stated in the Texas Constitution. It's like Holly Lake Ranch, we can't patrol out there either. I know you have problems out there, I really do and we have been out there and have made quite a few arrests out there. What you need to do out there is hire security."

Another question concerned the upcoming departure of House Speaker Joe Strauss and his replacement. Representative Hefner addressed this question. "I have researched this issue. Back in the special session in August when we knew

Sen. Strauss was not going to seek re-election, myself and 13 others signed on to a letter asking the Republican Caucus to discuss a process whereby we can select a Republican candidate to be Speaker of the House," Hefner reported. "There are 150 members of the House. One of the members is the presiding officer over the House. The Democrats will huddle up in their caucus and put their votes behind their choice and the Republicans will do the same thing. As rural East Texans, we would like to see the most conservative candidate possible, especially somebody from a rural area so they would understand our feral hog and other issues important to us."

There were a total of 19 questions and answers in the almost two hour meeting. Watkins asked the crowd if they wanted more events of the same nature and there was an overwhelming positive response to do it again.

Ending the evening on a lighter note, Hefner read a proclamation honoring Castloo on his 60th birthday. The local sheriff received a walker complete with yellow tape and a flashing light from Fletcher. Eagle Scout Jacob King also received a flag from Hefner which had flown at the capitol in Austin for his accomplishments in the Boy Scouts.

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Building

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to the height of the building "just to be safe."

She said they were hoping to not have to close that much of surrounding area, but the demolition expert told her, "When you remove one part, sometimes other parts move. You don't want a catastrophe to occur." The expert advised that a space equal to the height of the building needs to be blocked off. The Carvers had originally planned to have the first phase of demolition completed by Dec. 1 to prevent interruption with the Dec. 2 Christmas festivities.

"I did not want to take that building down. It broke my heart," Tricia

Carver said. She said they explored many different routes, including even creating a building inside a building. But that was not to be, and there are worries about the buildings on both sides of them as well.

Carver's brother-in-law, Randy Carver, took some time Wednesday to point out some of the deficiencies of the building. He said they were told by an inspector that even a small earthquake could cause the building to fall.

The Carvers had their own expert look at the building and then went before the Mineola Landmark Commission about the historic structure. The city brought in the Texas Historical Commission whose architect said that it wasn't repairable and should be torn down. The Mineola City Council gave the official approval of the demolition in a called meeting two weeks ago.

Prior to this new development, Carver had been working on the building about two months and had removed walls that separated the structure into three shops. During his work, one of the things he discovered was an old pair of stockings in the north wall. Those will be placed in a shadow box, he noted. "I'm always looking for old things," he



The 1888 Building's colorful history includes having been a brothel very conveniently located close to the railroad tracks. It's been said the women who worked there hung out the windows of the building. This is the view from the second floor windows of the railroad tracks and intersection.

said. Tricia said they were examined and they were silk - from the 1929-1930 era when the material was considered a commodity because it was used to make parachutes. She figures that might have been the reason the owner decided to hide them.

From the bottom floor, Randy Carver pointed out two holes in the brick wall that he said were bullet holes shot by Bonnie and Clyde. He also pointed out the beams

that support the second floor were resting on a wall that is not stable. The south facing wall is bowed, another bad sign, he noted.

The building is a separate building from those beside it, although the roof of the building on the east side is joined to it. On the west side, Carver pointed out the space at ground level between the 1888 Building and Lee James' Country Store building. "Are you familiar with level and out of plumb," he asked. Out of plumb means something isn't straight vertically. At sidewalk level there are several inches of space, almost enough to squash a soft drink can into, which steadily decreases toward the top of the building where the buildings are touching.

Carver noted that his sister-in-law has done a great deal of research and has big plans for the building which will house the 1888 Café and Pub. They have obtained the original double doors from the west side that were on someone's house and the building sign that was found in a barn. Tricia Carver said she has learned that the building had a "kind of basement, room cellar," that had items crammed inside it. She said the original construction was started in 1886.

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ACROSS

- to study at the last minute for the exam
- TXism: "dry" (no oil)
- TXism: "bien" (good)
- many TXns fought against the author of "Kamp"
- TX Perot was a salesman for singer Boone who was in Dallas-filmed "State Fair"
- TX Ginger won this for film "Kitty Foyle"
- many TX restaurants have a Tex-Mex
- TXism: "half out of my wits"
- TXism: "the bucket" (a little)
- Cowboys 1993 Super Bowl ring has three of gold
- tequila-like drink with a worm
- TXism: "smells like dog"
- ex-Maverick coach John Mac
- in Bowie County on U.S. 82
- TX Janis Joplin album "Thrills" (1968)
- boutonniere holder
- TXism: "you did it"
- across the bay from Galveston
- Houston-filmed "Cowboy"
- loss of reputation
- UT's Hans Dersch won a gold medal in 1992 by swimming the stroke
- Dublin, TX has big Patrick's Day gala
- bikini top
- this Katzman was executive producer of TV's "Dallas" (familiar name)
- Dallas dog Benji's real name: Benjamin of Courtney
- not new
- jubilant delight
- toothpaste type
- dir. to Fort Worth from Abilene
- Aransas Pass festival "Shrimpo"
- pepper plant used pure sugar
- 1990 blast killed 17 at Houston area Chemical Company
- TX critic Rex
- TXism: "useless as a saddle on a"
- ex-Cowboy LB Darrin (init.)
- Houston cancer center: "Anderson"
- TXism: "got finger" (nervous)
- gallon hat
- "bear" south of the border
- types of art by film "San Antonio" (1945)
- old Dublin Dr Pepper plant used pure sugar
- 1990 blast killed 17 at Houston area Chemical Company
- TX critic Rex
- TXism: "useless as a saddle on a"
- ex-Cowboy LB Darrin (init.)
- Houston cancer center: "Anderson"
- TXism: "slippery as an"
- 3-hand card game
- Batman is the "Crusader"
- actress Smith in film "San Antonio" (1945)
- "howdy"
- "for example" abbr.
- Adolf author of 7-across (init.)
- Stars arena surface
- "menu mamma" gratuity
- ticket remains
- TX Ginger Rogers 1939 role: "Castle"
- Aggie marchers without the "A"
- "piece of cake"
- George H. W. to George W.
- 2nd div. of Bible
- TX medalist shot-putter
- Dennis Brown
- Bell ice cream is made in Brenham
- CSA general: Robert

DOWN

- in 1989 killed 23 Phillips workers in Pasadena, TX
- in Falls County on highway 77
- bird at Bentsen Rio Grande State Park:
- TXism: "orlie"
- TXism: "lead cinch" (certain)

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Mineola Police Report

Mineola police reports for the past week included:

Nov. 15 – A woman on Sycamore Street reported someone threw a brick through her vehicle window.

Police arrested Gerardo Balades, 32, Mineola, at the Mineola Motor Lodge for public intoxication.

Nov. 14 – At 8:25 a.m. Child Protective Services reported an incident of a man leaving two small children in a vehicle at the football stadium on Friday, Nov. 10. Upon investigation it was determined that some students saw the children in the vehicle with the door unlocked. The students checked the children and found them to be okay. Two citations were issued to the father of the children.

There was a report of criminal mischief on Goodson Circle when a man got mad because a woman wouldn't let him in the apartment and he kicked the door frame, causing damage to the door.

An assault was reported on Second Street between a man and a woman, but the woman refused to file charges. No injury as sustained.

Nov. 13 – At 12:52 a.m. the dispatcher received multiple 911 hangup calls from a residence on Cage Street. An of-

ficer found a child was playing with the phone.

At 3 a.m. an officer received a complaint about loud music on McDaniel Street. The residents were told to turn their music down.

An officer assisted the sheriff's department with an assault on County Road 2503.

Police arrested Chad Everett Heitzman, 47, Mineola, for a minor traffic violation. He was stopped by an officer for a headlight out on Meadowbrook and was found to be drinking, with open containers in the vehicle. A citation was issued for the open containers.

A woman reported her fiancé was assaulted by his uncle but he didn't want to file charges.

Nov. 12 – At 12 a.m. officers were called to Taco Bell on a possible intoxicated driver. The officers located the vehicle with two people sitting in the Walmart parking lot. After the determination of intoxication the officer allowed someone to pick them up and take responsibility for them.

Police arrested Jeanna Kristel Sanders, 42, Saginaw, for possession of a controlled substance and possession of marijuana after an officer noticed a sus-

picious vehicle in the Walmart parking lot at 2:28 a.m.

A disturbance was reported on Stone Street. When officers arrived one party had left the scene. Officers found it was only an argument.

An employee at Kitchen's Hardware and Deli reports she had been assaulted the previous day while at work by another employee. The matter is under investigation.

Police arrested Jennifer Lynn King, 35, Mineola, for possession of a controlled substance. An officer pulled her over on Bromberg Street after seeing her sitting in her vehicle at a closed business and when the officer approached her, she left.

Nov. 11 – Police received a call about a stolen vehicle on North Pacific Street. The vehicle was located and confirmed to have been stolen out of Jacksonville. Jacksonville Police asked that the driver be identified and the vehicle was towed.

A woman reported that Relax Inn refused to let her stay because she had a service dog. An officer talked with the manager and the problem was resolved.

Personnel at Dollar Tree turned in a key holder with keys that had been found.

A woman was released to a friend after she was reported to be drunk at EZ Mart at 4:29 p.m.

A man reported several appliances removed from a duplex on West Kilpatrick Street. The matter is believed to be a civil matter.

At 8:48 p.m. the dispatcher received a call in which a man said he had two hostages and one had been shot in the stomach. After gathering information from the man, it was discovered his intent was to call Mineola, New York. The authorities in New York were contacted. It was later found to be an incident of "swatting," a deceptive call to authorities which sends police to another person's address based on the prank call.

Nov. 10 – A woman reported her son's car stolen by his girlfriend. It was found to be a civil matter.

Police checked on a woman who had reportedly made a suicide threat and found her to be fine.

Nov. 9 – Police arrested Jordan Thomas Allen, 23, Mineola, for possession of a controlled substance warrant out of Wood County. An off duty deputy contacted the police department when he saw Allen at Brookshire's and knew of an active warrant.

Wood County Sheriff's Report

Wood County Sheriff reports for the past week include the following:

Nov. 14 - Deputies were dispatched to Main St. in Yantis at on 3:45 p.m. on a theft. Thieves stole money from the property. This case has been forwarded to investigators.

Deputies were dispatched to County Road 2275 near Mineola at on 12:08 p.m. on an inquest. A male, 64, was found deceased in his residence. The justice of the peace arrived and no autopsy was ordered.

Deputies spoke with the reporting party at on 8:37 a.m. on criminal mischief that occurred on Farm to Market 852 near Winnsboro. Suspects damaged the pasture and fence on the property. This case is active.

Deputies spoke with the reporting party at on 5:27 a.m., on a burglary that occurred on Highway 154 near Quitman. Thieves stole money from the property.

Nov. 13 - Deputies were dispatched to FM 2869 near Hawkins at on 10:37 p.m. on a disturbance. Lauren Drews, 33, of Holly Lake Ranch was arrested for an outstanding warrant.

Deputies were dispatched to FM 1804 near Mineola, at on 3:11 p.m. on a burglary. Thieves stole several items from the property. This case has been forwarded to investigators.

Deputies spoke with a person at on 9:55 a.m. on a theft that occurred on PR 8562 near Winnsboro. Thieves stole a trailer from the property. This case is active.

Nov. 12 - Deputies conducted a traffic stop on CR 2880 near Mineola at on 7:26 p.m. Elier Hernandez-Marquez, 27, of Quitman was arrested for no drivers license.

Deputies were dispatched to Highway 80 near Hawkins, at on 5:48 p.m., on a disturbance. Khaylen Herrod, 20, of Cedar Hill was arrested for disorderly conduct.

Deputies spoke with a person at on 1:16 p.m. on a burglary that occurred on Highway 80 near Hawkins. Thieves stole multiple items from the vehicle. This case has been forwarded to investigators.

Deputies were dispatched to Highway 154 near Quitman at on 1:05 a.m. on criminal trespass. Christopher Dalton, 44, of Quitman was arrested for criminal trespassing.

Nov. 10 - Deputies were dispatched to CR 3230 near Quitman at on 2:09 p.m. on a burglary. Deputies were notified that the thieves fled the scene, prior to their arrival, but deputies located them on CR 3130 near Quitman. Christopher Dalton, 44, of Quitman was arrested for criminal trespassing.

Deputies were dispatched to CR 1992 near Yantis at on 12:50 p.m. on an assault. This case has been forwarded to investigators.

Nov. 9 - Deputies spoke with a person at on 6:38 p.m. on identity theft on FM 779 near Alba. Thieves opened credit card accounts under the person's identity. This case has been forwarded to investigators.

Deputies were dispatched to Private Road 8692 near Winnsboro at on 1:10 p.m. on an assault. Melanie Reyna, 31, of Winnsboro was arrested for assault causes bodily injury family violence.

Deputies were dispatched to CR 2205 near Mineola at on 10:52 a.m. on a theft. A known thief stole multiple items from the residence. This case has been forwarded to investigators.

Deputies were dispatched to CR 1840 near Yantis at on 9:56 a.m. on criminal mischief. Suspects damaged a gate on the property.

Deputies went out on an arrest / warrant service to Goodson St. in Mineola at on 7:03 p.m. Carl Hughey, 39, of Mineola and Dammion Murphy, 28, of Mineola was arrested for outstanding warrants.

Pct. 2 Constable's Report

Wood County Pct. 2 Constable Kelly Smith's activities for the month of August were as follows:

- 31 civil papers were served, attempted and / or processed (\$2,150 of service fees)

- Citations were issued for offenses directly related to public safety such as driving while license suspended, and drug paraphernalia

- Assisted the sheriff's office on a disturbance

- Worked and patrolled precinct county roads

- Testified in court

- Assisted Mineola PD with two disturbances

- Building checks were continued and I continue distributing door hangers so that citizens know their businesses are being checked

- Numerous vehicles were checked at the Lake Holbrook area

- Firearms classes/ defensive tactics classes were held in Mineola for Wood County and surrounding law enforcement agencies

- Justice of the Peace Court Bailiff throughout the month

- Assisted Mineola PD with a wreck and a welfare check.



Shelby Bettis talks to the Quitman city council about her upcoming trip to New York and the Macy's parade. (Monitor photo by Larry Tucker)

Council

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moving \$420,000 from the System Improvement Revenue budget line to the Utility Billing line item.

Mayor David Dobbs introduced Quitman High School senior Shelby Bettis who will be in New York City this week to participate in the Macy's Thanksgiving Parade. Bettis is the captain of the Quitman color Guard and was the only Texan chosen to be part of the color guard for the annual event. Dobbs and the council honored Bettis for achievement in being selected for the parade and sang "Happy Birthday" to the 18-year-old daughter of Lynn and Kiki Bettis of Quitman. Bettis spoke briefly to the council explaining how she was chosen for the honor.

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Mineola Fire Report

Mineola Fire Department calls for the past two weeks included:

Brush or grass fires – Nov. 5 at 6:36 a.m. the department dispatched to 22583 Walnut Lane, Mineola at Enchanted Lakes.

Building Fires – Nov. 5 at 2:25 a.m. at 22583 Walnut Lane Mineola and at 2:56 p.m. at 476 Mockingbird Alba.

Medical Assist – Nov. 2 at 130 Meadowbrook Drive Mineola. Nov. 3 at 1112 N Pacific Street and 135 NE Loop 564. Nov. 5 at 259 County Road 2770. Nov. 8 at 1505 N Pacific Street. Nov. 10 at 2193 CR 2700 and 135 NE Loop 564. Nov. 12 at 813 University Street. Nov. 14 at 1239 CR 2275, 1000 S Pacific Street, 752 Goodson Circle, 511 Meadowbrook Drive. Nov. 15 at 921 Sycamore Street.

Motor vehicle accidents – Nov. 14. At 7:59 p.m. at 1050 NW Loop Mineola.

Motor vehicle accidents with no injuries – Nov. 2 at 8:09 a.m. at N. Pacific Street and E Blair Street. Nov. 9 at 5:51 p.m. at N Highway 69. Nov. 14 at 1:06 p.m. at N Highway 37 and CR 2425.

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Quitman Library Connections

BY LIBRARIAN DELENE ALLEN

The Quitman Public Library will be closed Thursday and Friday for the Thanksgiving holiday.



Singer-songwriter and accordionist Jo-El Sonnier will be at the Quitman Public Library on Nov. 22 at 2 p.m. to share his love of music with the Story Time kids and to promote the new autobiography of his childhood, "The Little Boy Under the Wagon" written by his sister-in-law Shirley Strange-Allen. Copies of his book will be available for purchase.

There is a holiday collection of books for pleasure reading, movies with a holiday theme, and books with recipe and decorating ideas to make Christmas extra special. These displays are located near the check-out desk.

The next 2nd Friday Acoustical Music Jam is Friday, Dec. 8, in the library's community room. Acoustical musicians of all ages and musical levels are invited to this informal jam from 6 - 9 p.m. An open mic is set up for those who wish to perform. Listeners are welcome. Call 903-975-5745.

Patron cards are available for those residents who can provide proof of residence in Wood County and photo identification. A guardian must sign for children ages 5 - 17. Hours are Tuesday through Friday from 10 a.m. until 6 p.m. Visit the library's website at www.quitmanlibrary.org and keep up with current events at www.facebook.com/quitmanpubliclibrary.

Adult services

GED class will meet again on Thursday, Nov. 30 from 4 - 6 p.m. The class is designed to prepare adult students for the test in a classroom environment that is motivational. Students work independently at their own pace with a certified instructor assisting according to individual need. Sign up for this free class at the library's front desk or call 903-763-4191.

Children's services

Story Time will resume its regular schedule on Thursdays Nov. 30 at 2 p.m. with "When I Grow

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

Friends of the Library

The Friends invite everyone to bring a lunch and join them for an hour of friendship on Tuesday, Dec. 12 at noon as members welcome the Quitman Elementary School Choir led by Katrina Morrow. The Friends of the Quitman Public Library is an active group of volunteers dedicated to the growth and improvement of the library.

New arrivals

The latest books, audiobooks and movies that have been added to our collection can always be found by visiting our online catalog at <http://quitman.biblionix.com/catalog>. Download the OverDrive® app for access to countless eBooks and audiobooks from the Quitman Public Library. You may check out up to five online items for your choice of 7 or 14 days.

Celebration planned for Colvins' 50th anniversary

The 50th wedding anniversary of Vince and Sandy Colvin of Mineola will be celebrated with a party hosted by their children on Sunday, Dec. 10.

The party will be from 2-4 p.m. at Freedom Baptist Church in Mineola. Friends and family are invited through the press. The couple requests no gifts.

Vince and Sandy, formerly Turk, Colvin were married on Dec. 9, 1967 in the First United Methodist Church of Mineola. Both are Mineola High School and Tyler Junior College graduates. Sandy was a member of the Mineola Yellowjacket Band for which she was the head majorette and is also a former Apache Belle. Vince played bas-



The Colvins will celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary on Sunday, Dec. 10 at Freedom Baptist Church.

ketball and football for the Yellowjackets and was on the track team. He graduated from Sam Houston State University in Huntsville with a degree in criminology and deviant behavior. Sandy furthered her education in business at East Texas State University.

The Colvins have two daughters, Shelley Gilbert of Milton Keynes, England and Jodi Herring of Houston. Shelley is married to David Gilbert and they have two sons, Matthew, 9, and Alex, 8.

Vince is a retired State Farm agent in Mineola.

Prior to that he served as a Texas Department of Public Safety officer in Port Arthur for seven years. He began working with State Farm while in Port Arthur and they got the chance to return home to Mineola.

Sandy's hobbies include line dancing, traveling and church activities. Vince enjoys golf, fishing, flying and in the past, snow skiing. He has also been active in the community and was named Mineola Man of the Year. Among his activities were being a founding member of the Little Dribblers Basketball program in Mineola, a former member of the Wood County Airport Board and serving on the Mayor's Advisory Council for Mineola.



Vince and Sandy Colvin were married in the First United Methodist Church in Mineola on Dec. 9, 1967.

Inside and Outside the Picket Fence

BY JAN WHITLOCK

Just in case you were wondering, the decorating has begun at the historic Stinson House located at the back of Hogg Park in Quitman. The boxes and tubs that are filled with decorations of every color are being dusted off, sorted through, and our stalwart volunteers are ready to compromise everything their grandmothers taught them. They ARE decorating before the Thanksgiving turkey has been roasted.

Those of us who work in the gardens are getting ready for Feral Hogg Prevention - Stage One. We are preparing to install a permanent hog fence to see if we can discourage these wee beasts and turn them and their family members to another dining venue.

I do not believe I have ever made a request of my readers. This is that time. If you have any of the following materials you would like to donate to this worthy cause, here



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is my shopping list: three 100-foot rolls of welded wire mesh, one 50-foot roll of welded wire mesh, 46 6-foot T posts, three 80 lb. bags of concrete (Gate Posts), 200-count tie-wires and gate hardware.

To be honest with you, I would not recognize welded wire mesh from chicken wire. However, you might have just one or two six-foot T posts, gathering dust out in the barn or garage, that you would be willing to donate to this worthy cause. If so, please contact me at 972-978-9054. We will keep you posted on Facebook as to the actual installation date. I will not be on the installation team, but I will make sure the coffee is on.

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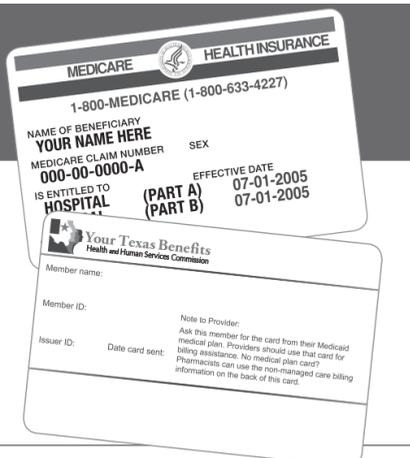
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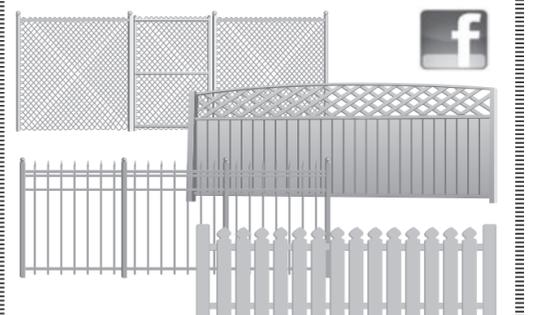


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L.C. Republicans announce essay winners

The Lake Country Republican Club recently awarded three area high school students scholarships for their winning essays in the Constitutional Essay contest. Area high school juniors and seniors were given the opportunity to compose an essay about the Constitution for a chance to win a scholarship. These stu-

dents were given their awards on Oct. 24 during the Lake Country Republican Club meeting held at the Red Dome Smokehouse and Grill in Quitman. First place winner was Carissa Bruton of Winnsboro who won \$200. Second place went to Brady Stone of Hawkins for \$150. Third place went to Allison Duke of Winnsboro for \$100.



Pictured from left to right are second place winner Brady Stone of Hawkins; Bob Kecseg, president of Lake Country Republican Club; third place winner Allison Duke of Winnsboro and first place winner Carissa Bruton of Winnsboro. (Photo courtesy Char Doonan)



Classical music group coming to Winnsboro

A trio of classical musicians who call themselves "Harpeth Rising" are currently on tour promoting their second album and will be performing at the Bowery Stage of the Winnsboro Center for the Arts on Saturday, Dec. 2 at 7:30 p.m. Tickets are \$36 reserved, \$26 general admission. Doors open at 7 p.m. Tickets are available online at www.winnsborocenterforthearts.com. The venue is located at 200 Market

Street in Winnsboro. For more information, call 903-342-0686. The concert is sponsored by Finders Keepers. The trio's previous release, "Shifted," debuted at number 1 on the Folk-DJ charts, and gained international exposure, leading to headlining slots at festivals including Kerrville Folk Festival (Texas), the National Folk Festival (Australia), Brevard Music Festival (North Carolina), Musicport Festival (England), and Costa Del Folk (Portugal).

Fire

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shatter. I told my wife, 'Man I hope nobody's breaking into their house.' And I got up on the porch and got to looking and I saw smoke. So I jumped in the truck and drove over here." It's quiet possible he saved Tammy Stanford's life by doing so. When he got there the flames were shooting out the front of the house. He went around to the back and "she was laying half-way out the back door with the birdcage laying on top of her. She couldn't move, she'd hurt her knee real bad

so I picked her up, carried her out away from the house and she was worried about her bird so I drug that birdcage out." He asked her if anyone else was at home and she said no. "I'm afraid, if I hadn't heard it, by the time they got here there was flames where she was laying," Nance said. Stanford was taken for treatment in an ambulance. The Hainesville Volunteer Fire Department was called for assistance with water. The Stanford's cat escaped from the house unharmed and it appeared the bird had survived as well. The cause of the fire was unknown at the time.



Diane Holmes, president of the Pilot Club of Mineola (left) honors Mineola Pilot, Loraine Epps as the club's Foundation Ambassador for 2017-2018 during a celebration of Pilot International Foundation Month. Epps has been a member of the Mineola Club for four years. She has served as club secretary and is currently vice president. She is married to Duane Epps and they have three children and two grandchildren, Hannah Grace and Jake. She works as office manager for East Texas Twisters and is involved with the Mineola Memorial Library Board and the First Baptist Church of Mineola. (Courtesy photo)

NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING TO DISCUSS QUITMAN INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT'S STATE FINANCIAL ACCOUNTABILITY RATING

QUITMAN INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT will hold a Public Meeting at 6:00 p.m. December 18, 2017 in the Board Room Elementary School 902 E. Goode Street, Quitman, Tx. 75783. The purpose of this meeting is to discuss Quitman's ISD's rating on the state's financial accountability system.

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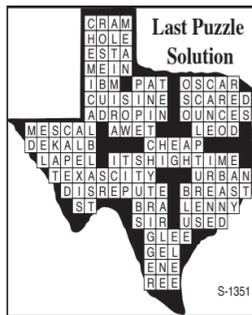
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at Yantis. It was on a Monday and in the morning, Mom made me promise not miss my game. We beat Fruitvale that night. I got home at 10 p.m. My sister was in the bed next to Mom fast asleep and my brother had fallen asleep in the back room. My cousin Elaine Gross had called and before hanging up she told me to tell her Aunt Libby she loved her. I got up and went to tell my Mom good night and found she had ascended to her heavenly home. She had made us (the three children) promise to have her service on a Saturday because she "did not want anyone to miss work on her account." If you knew my Mom, you would understand. She was the hardest working person I ever knew. She

was a working Mom my entire life. She worked so her kids and grandkids could have all those things she never got to have. Thanksgiving was special that year and always will be. I will never forget the outpouring of love from the community, old friends from Dallas and looking up to see my basketball team and many Yantis staff members there for me during the service the Saturday after Thanksgiving. The third special Thanksgiving is still having rewards for my life. It was 2008 and I had been going out with my future wife, Lorna, for a few months. She and my stepdaughter Holly wanted to go to Girard, Kansas for a Thanksgiving with her family. Since my Mom passed away and we sold the family home we started a new tradition of meeting on the Saturday

after Thanksgiving at my niece Wren Ovard's in Frisco. I was going to be alone Thanksgiving. I volunteered to stay at Lorna's so she would not have to board her two dogs. It was while I was there the thought came to me, "I could get used to this." By that, I mean I decided it would not be so bad to move back to Wood County with a woman I was falling in love with. I was living in Dallas and was the head boys basketball coach at A+ Academy. Lorna and I were trading out weekends coming back and forth to be together. It was that Thanksgiving holiday I decided I wanted to spend the rest of my life with this beautiful Kansas native who had come back into to my life after 25 years. I had known her before when we became friends when she would call me at KMOO to request Gary Stewart songs she could listen to while working

at Airborne. It was when she got back from her trip we started talking about making our relationship permanent. The next March we did just that and she has been my bride since then. We spend our holidays together now and Thanksgiving has become a time when I think back and am able to be thankful for my sobriety, for a Mom who is my guardian angel and a wife I love dearly. Life is grand and God is good. Have a blessed Thanksgiving!



Letters

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recognized when this song is heard. It is believed that the Revolutionary War was the profound event that inspired the writer or writers to write and compose The United States of America's National Anthem. The song says something about a perilous fight. Terry Triplett

Dear editor:
My name is Shayna Warren. I grew up in

Monahans, where people knew your family and came a running if you needed anything. I lost my dog last night. He isn't just a dog, he helps me through panic attacks. I was distraught. But Quitman residents came to my aid and Jessica found him. I also want to thank Faith and Madison for going on Facebook to help and also the animal shelter in Mineola. If I ever had to move anywhere, I pick Quitman. God Bless each and every one of ya'll.
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Obituaries

HAROLD CARTER
1930-2017

WINNSBORO - Funeral services for Harold Carter, 87, of Princeton were held November 17 in Winnsboro with John Prom and Vince Hicks officiating.

Mr. Carter died November 15, 2017, in McKinney. He was born October 19, 1930, in Winnsboro to Harmon and Sally Carter. He was a retired truck driver, member of Harmony Assembly of God and the American Legion and served in the U.S. Navy during the Korean War.

He was preceded in death by his parents and a daughter, Sheila Carter.

Survivors include his wife, Marie Carter of Princeton; sons, Eric Carter of Winnsboro; son, Joel Richardson, Blue Ridge, Dick Roy of Westminster; daughter, Doris Donihoo of Princeton; sister Joan Lubbe of Richardson; 14 grandchildren; 23 great-grandchildren and two great-great-grandchildren.

BRENDA CARSON GEORGE
1945-2017

WINNSBORO - Funeral services for Brenda George, 72, of Winnsboro were held November 11 at Beaty Funeral Home in Winnsboro with Terry Carson officiating.

Mrs. George died November 8, 2017, in Longview. She was born September 22, 1945, in Winnsboro to Richard and Jimmie Lou Carson. She retired from Wood County Electric Cooperative and was a member of Smyrna Baptist Church.

She was preceded in death by her parents.

Survivors include her husband, Maburn George; sister, Deborah Kear, Winnsboro; brothers, Dwayne, Winns-

boro, Kerry, Sulphur Springs and Terry, DeKalb; a stepdaughter, Virginia Lee of Whitehouse; two grandchildren and numerous other relatives.

SHARON L. GRAY
1954-2017

WINNSBORO - A memorial service was held Saturday at Beaty Funeral Home in Winnsboro for Sharon Gray, 63, of Winnsboro.

Mrs. Gray died November 9, 2017 at her home. She was born in Quitman October 16, 1954 to the late Orville and Virginia Blalock. She was a lifelong resident of Wood County and a Baptist.

She was preceded in death by her parents; a brother, Charlie Blalock and granddaughter, Lacey McMinn.

Survivors include two sons, Cole and Travis Johnson, both of Yantis; a daughter, Megan Johnson, Yantis; two brothers, Michael Blalock of Winnsboro and Bob Blalock of Waxahachie; three sisters, Barbara Deaton, Winnsboro, Nelda Doss, Sulphur Springs, Carolyn Peterson, Lindale; seven grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

DAVID WILSON MCKENZIE
1947-2017

ALBA - Funeral services for David McKenzie, 70, of Travelers Rest, South Carolina, formerly of Alba, were held Saturday in Alba with Greg Wright officiating.

Burial followed in Pleasant Ridge Cemetery in Alba.

Mr. McKenzie died November 12, 2017, in hospice in Simpsonville, South Carolina. He was born April 19, 1947, in Mineola to the late Joseph and Francis McKenzie. He graduated from Al-

ba-Golden High School in 1965 and received his BBA and master's degrees from East Texas State University. He worked for Western Electric and AT&T before retiring in 1987.

He was preceded in death by his parents.

Survivors include his wife of 47 years, Teresa McKenzie of South Carolina; son, Chris McKenzie of Georgia; daughter, Amy Emery, South Carolina; a brother, Darrell McKenzie of Ben Wheeler; sister, Jo Ellen West of Alba; three grandchildren and other relatives.

Memorials may be made to Pleasant Ridge Cemetery Association, 139 RCR 2233, Emory 75440

DONALD LEE MOORE
1936-2017

WINNSBORO - Funeral services for Donald Moore, 80, Winnsboro, were held November 14 at Beaty Funeral

Home in Winnsboro with Charles Ethridge officiating.

Burial was at Harmony Cemetery in Winnsboro.

Mr. Moore died November 11, 2017, in Winnsboro. He was born November 23, 1936, in Wheeler to LeeRoy and Ila Moore. He was a retired inspector with Nordstrom Value Company in Sulphur Springs and a member of Pine Street Baptist Church.

He was preceded in death by his parents.

Survivors include his wife, LaNeitta



Moore of Winnsboro; daughter, Sharon Lee, Winnsboro; a son, Stephen, Sulphur Springs; brother, Dale Moore, Sulphur Springs; sister, Laquita Hankins, Winnsboro; five grandchildren and 11 great-grandchildren.

For those that desire memorials may be directed to the American Cancer Society.

MARIA V. TITTLE
1939-2017

MINEOLA - Visitation and rosary for Maria Tittle, 78, Mineola, were held Thursday with rosary prayer service at Beaty Funeral Home in Mineola.

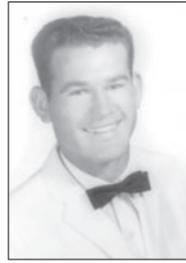
Funeral services were held November 17, 2017, at St. Peter's the Apostle Catholic Church, Mineola with Father Lawrence Love officiating.

Burial was at Roselawn Memorial Garden in Mineola.

Mrs. Tittle died November 14, 2017, in Tyler. She was born November 3, 1939, in Laredo to the late Felix and Learndra Carillo. She retired from AT&T and was a member of St. Peter the Apostle Catholic Church where she was a member of the choir and the Legion of Mary and Comitium Prayer Group.

She was preceded in death by her parents; a daughter, Geraldine Vasquez and grandchild, Kendall Vasquez.

Survivors include her husband, Ray Tittle, Mineola; sons, Jose Vasquez of Melissa; Carlos Vasquez of Forney; daughters, Elsa Jackson of Rowlett and Laurie Hellinghausen of Anna, Texas; sisters Bertha Sanchez, Laredo, Josefa Tenorio, Spring Branch, Juanita Cruz, San Antonio; 10 grandchildren and eight grandchildren.



Harder

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nity placement.

In her volunteer role, Harder visits abused and neglected children and helps children reach a safe, permanent home. Harder also serves on the

Dallas CASA board of Directors and Executive Committee.

Dr. Harder has served as a pediatric Neuropsychologist at Children's Medical Center in Dallas for the last nine years and also serves as the neuropsychology training director at CMC. She was a founding mem-

ber and is the current co-director of the CMC Pediatric Demyelinating Diseases Clinic where she and her team care for pediatric patients with rare autoimmune conditions. Harder's clinical and research interests are focused on cognitive and psychosocial outcomes for pediatric multiple

sclerosis and related conditions.

Volunteers complete extensive training, are sworn in by a judge, and assigned to a case of child maltreatment when a child has been removed from their home due to abuse or neglect. Working with children for many years, Lana encoun-

tered several instances of child maltreatment and bound by professional duty, made referrals to Child Protective Services (CPS).

"Even as a child psychologist making occasional CPS referrals, I never really knew what happened after a referral was made," Harder said.

"I wanted a volunteer experience that would allow me to have a meaningful impact on children in this extremely difficult and life-altering situation. In my role as a CASA, I get to know the child and visit them regularly, serving as a consistent and supportive adult in their lives until they reach a safe, permanent placement. My role involves getting to know all parties involved in the child's case and working to ensure the child's wellbeing related to their school, medical, social and psychological needs. Based on my understanding of the case, I make recommendations to the judge about what is in the best interest of the child.

"While serving as the Junior League of Dallas Project Chair for Dallas CASA in 2013-2014, I had the opportunity to serve a one-year term on the Dallas CASA Board of Directors. I was delighted when I was asked to join the board after that term ended and in addition, I now also have the privilege of serving on the Dallas CASA Executive Committee. My role has also included providing continuing education to CASA volunteers, using my professional skillset to highlight the impact of child maltreatment on brain development, with a focus on identifying problems and accessing resources for children in care. I have enjoyed opportunities to serve my individual cases as well as the overall mission of Dallas CASA."

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JOSEPH PATRICK LYNCH
1930 - 2017

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He was preceded in death by parents, Monroe and Juanita Mosher Lynch and two brothers, Benjamin Mosher Lynch and Michael Edward Lynch.

Survivors include his wife of 58 years, Betty Deason Lynch of Bryan, daughter Patricia Lynch and son-in-law Scott Hill of Bryan, son William John Lynch and wife Susan Wilson on Corsicana, TX, Michael and Kelly Lynch of Wilmington, Delaware, Samuel Hill of San Marcos, TX, Cyrus and Caitlyn Hill Askin of San Antonio, Tx, Matthew Lynch of Fort Rucker, Ala and 3 great grandchildren. Private services and burial will follow at later date.

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By CONSTABLE STEPHEN BOWSER

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Wood County, Texas
By Bonnie Sepulvado

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Jackets title defense ends in round 1

By **QUINTON LILLEY**
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Prior to this football season a lot of questions were swirling in the community about whether the 2017 Yellowjackets football team would be able to defend the State Championship from 2016 and with a new head coach, new quarterback and starters at multiple positions the team somewhat stumbled in to the UIL playoffs with a 5-5 record overall.

However as any coach will tell you the postseason is a new start and all previous bets are off once bracket play begins in the single elimination tournament that is the UIL state playoffs.

While many players felt this season would be an opportunity to show that this years team could repeat the success seen just a year ago when the team went 14-2 with 14 straight wins to end the year, the optimism was short lived as the Jackets were shut out of the opening round playoff game 27-0 at the

hands of the Hughes Springs Mustangs.

The Jackets who had previously shown an ability to overcome some of their slow starts on offense were unable to recreate that magic against the Mustangs who used a very similar game plan employed by the Mt. Vernon Tigers when they played Mineola - running multiple option run plays directly through the heart of the Mineola defense.

With the Jackets offense unable to pick up first downs on either of the teams first two drives of the game the Mustangs got going when they scored just as the second quarter got underway.

The second quarter would prove to be the Mustangs best quarter of the game as they would score two more times before halftime with their third touchdown score coming with just two second left in the half.

With Mineola down by 20 points as the second half got underway the Jackets were forced to essentially abandon their running game

that had been the lynchpin of their offensive scheme and pass the ball on early downs more often.

Two key turnovers also stymied the Mineola offense. A fumble by Cameron Sorenson on a screen pass and a fumble by Shaw Franklin in the rezone killed Mineola's two best drives after the first quarter.

The Mustangs went on to score again in the fourth after Franklin's fumble giving them a 27 point lead with just over eight minutes left in the game.

Franklin later threw an interception near the mid way point of the quarter which essentially sealed the loss for the Jackets.

Just under half this years' team were seniors this season and will be lost to graduation. However the team will return some of its major contributors from the 2017 season with quarterback Shaw Franklin, running back Trevion Sneed, right tackle Cameron Wise, defensive backs Wylie Franks and Cole Castleberry as well as receiver Cameron Bowman.



Defensive end Trevion Sneed tackles Hughes Springs quarterback during the second quarter. RIGHT: Receiver Cody Ford leaps up for a catch in second half against Hughes Springs. ABOVE: Receiver Cameron Bowman Catches a pass early in the third quarter of Mineola's game against Hughes Springs. (Photos by Gene's Photography)

Quitman blasts Fruitvale in basketball opener, 87-43

By **LARRY TUCKER**
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After a tight first quarter, the Quitman Bulldogs used a strong defense and a consistent offensive effort to pull away from the Fruitvale Bobcats and start the season with a resounding 87-43 home opening win. Coach Jim Reid substituted freely throughout the game in the overall team victory.

The Bulldogs will be without the on court services this year of last year's leading scorer, Garret Taylor, who sustained a severe knee injury in the final football game. Sophomores Jace Reid and Luke Pruden, with senior Garrett Peek, picked up the slack along with freshmen Kalen Wilkerson and Aiden Steward.

The Bulldogs got on the board first when the 6'6" Wilkerson was fouled and the freshman calmly hit both free throws. Reid followed that with a long three-point effort and two free throws to make it an early 7-0 lead for Quitman.

Peek hit on a pair of driving lay-ups to give Quitman an 11-3 advantage at the 5:08 mark of the first quarter. But the Bobcats fought back with three triples

of their own and the first period ended 21-16.

The pressure of the Bulldog defense and Coach Reid's constant rotation eventually wore down the feisty Bobcats. Peek hit two more shots early in the second quarter to make it 25-16 and the Bulldogs would go on 24-9 second quarter run to take a 45-23 lead at intermission. Peek and Reid each had 15 first half points.

In the third quarter, A.J. Dunn, Pruden and Wilkerson dominated the boards. Reid hit two shots and a free throw to give Quitman a 50-23 cushion. Wilkerson showed the savvy of a veteran when he hustled after two of his own missed shots and with a determined effort put in the third. Senior Dunn made his presence felt with a dominating defensive effort crashing the boards and forcing the Bobcats into turnovers. Josh Medlin added a solid defensive game with Riley Flanagan coming in to do a good job on the boards.

Steward had a strong second half scoring 11 of his 13 points, including seven in the final quarter. Reid had the hot hand for the game ending with a 27 point effort. Last year's district "Freshman of the Year" hit on three long range bombs and was 4-5 from

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A.J. Dunn (12) and Kalen Wilkerson (42) go up to stop a Fruitvale shot as Josh Medlin (22) and Jace Reid (33) back them up in Friday's 87-43 Bulldog win. LEFT: Jace Reid (33) makes a bucket under pressure against Fruitvale. Reid started the season with a 27 point effort. (Monitor photos by Larry Tucker)



Hawkins plays hard in 10-0 playoff loss to Riverside

By **DAN VICKERS**
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When the 2-8 Hawkins Hawks took the field against the 10-0 Riverside Rebels for the first round of the 2A-1 Region III playoffs on Thursday evening, there was hope for an upset win.

Although Hawkins played hard and with heart, those hopes were dashed in a contest that was held at Sam Parker

Field in Mount Pleasant.

The score was 57 to 0 in the fourth quarter before the Hawks would first hit pay dirt on a 3-yard run with 5:14 remaining in the game. The drive began late in the third quarter starting on their own 23-yard line. During that drive, on first and ten from the Rebel's 38-yard line, Chris Jackson burst out for a 30-yard run to the 8-yard line setting up the Hawk's for their first

touchdown.

With 15 seconds left in the game, Akim Richmond, was not to be denied as he kept the ball and ran hard for 20 yards for the game's final touchdown.

The undefeated Rebels showed why they were the top seed in the district, and Hawkins couldn't stop them. The game didn't play out the way that Hawkins wanted it to, but it was a great experience builder for this young team.

Lady Hawks' offensive woes lead to 56-30 loss to Arp

By **QUINTON LILLEY**
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The Hawkins Lady Hawks' offense was unable to get out of first gear during their game last Tuesday against the Arp Tigers as the Lady Hawks lost 56-30.

The Hawks didn't score double figures in any quarter during the game however their defense in the first and fourth quarters was impressive as they held Arp to single-digit scoring in both quarters.

Hawkins' guard Raeli Smith led the Lady Hawks in scoring with 11 points.

Also helping the effort for Hawkins was Emily Hodges who had nearly a double-double eight points and 12 rebounds, Alyssa Edgington had a solid game with four points and seven rebounds.

However the biggest bright spot for the Hawks was Emily Moore who had an astonishing 20 rebounds to go with four points and a steal.

Country club announces 2017 golf champions

Mineola Country Club Champions for 2017 were: Ladies Champion Tina Carroll, Ladies Senior Champion Dana Oatley, Ladies Super Senior Champion Deb Casburn and Low Net Champion Rob-in Averett.

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LEFT: Point guard Megan Brewington surveys the floor during the first quarter of Mineola's game against Lone Oak last Tuesday. ABOVE: Two Mineola defenders employ their full-court trapping defense early in the first quarter of their game against Lone Oak. (Monitor photos by Quinton Lilley)

Lady Jackets comeback falls just short in home opener

By **QUINTON LILLEY**
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In a game that saw the Mineola Lady Jackets down by as many as 19 points in the second half against the Lone Oak Lady Buffaloes a furious comeback was not enough to hold off Lone Oak as the Mineola girls lost at the buzzer 48-46.

With just over three seconds left the Lady Jackets seemed to have stolen a victory as Meghan Brewington put back an offensive rebound to put Mineola up 46-45. However Lone Oak's prayers were answered when their team hit a three-pointer that swished in just as the buzzer sounded.

Mineola Head Coach Tony Riley said he learned a lot of positive things about his team through last week's loss.

"The second half comeback showed my team's fight and heart to not give up. They kept scratching, fighting and played hard until the very end.

The outcome just didn't play in our favor. I felt like when we played aggressively on our press and it caused Lone Oak to play faster than they normally do. It caused them to turn the ball over which got us back in the game," Riley said.

The game was a tale of two halves as both teams exchanged blows in a back-and-forth affair that didn't see much scoring. Both teams used their pressure defense to turn the other offense over and both offenses struggled because of that. The first quarter ended with an 11-5 Lone Oak lead.

Lone Oak dominated the second quarter with offensive rebounding and hot shooting as they stopped pressing Mineola and instead used a half court 1-2-2 zone defense limiting Mineola's inside opportunities. Lone Oak took a 32-15 lead in to the halftime break.

In the third quarter Lone Oak struck first as they earned their biggest lead of the game

at 34-15, however that lead would grow no more as Mineola began to slowly chip away.

Freshman Tahjae Black had a huge third quarter as she scored six of her eight points in the period. Black finished the game with eight points, three rebounds and three steals. Jessiah Riley also had a great performance in the third quarter as she wrangled in multiple offensive rebounds giving the Lady Jackets extra possessions, something Lone Oak had been doing in the first half. Riley finished with nine points nine rebounds, a steal and an assist.

With six minutes left in the game the Lady Buffaloes' lead was only seven after Riley's steal and coast to coast layup. The fourth quarter belonged to sophomore point guard Meghan Brewington. She scored the last eight points for Mineola and ended with a team high 11 points, added two rebounds and two steals.

Brewington hit two huge three pointers, one at the two minute mark to cut the lead to four at 37-41 and another at the 30 second mark to cut the lead to one at 44-45. Brewington then hit a short jumper with just less than four seconds to go giving Mineola a 46-45 lead.

While the Lady Jackets were unable to win this game Riley says a little more offensive execution will go a long way towards Mineola winning games like this one later in the season.

"We are going to continue to work on our offense which wasn't very good last (week) and continue (to) improve on our defense," Riley said.

Mineola was playing without arguably their best player sophomore forward Sabria Dean who was sidelined due to injury. Dean is expected to play this week and should give the Lady Jackets the offensive attack they'll need going forward.



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Freshman Aiden Steward (5) hits for two of his 13 points in Quitman's season opening win over Fruitvale. (Monitor photo by Larry Tucker)

Bulldogs

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the charity stripe. Peek ended the night with 17 points followed by Pruden's 14, Stewart with 13 and Wilkerson with nine. Ben Burroughs added six points and gave the Bulldogs a solid defensive effort.

For Fruitvale, Gavin Sale had 26 points including four from three-point range. Preston Thompson added 10 for the Bobcats.

The Quitman Junior Varsity handily took down the Bobcat JV 47-7.

The Bulldogs were scheduled to play at Saltillo Monday at 1:30 p.m. and Avinger Tuesday at noon. The Bulldogs will not be at home again until they host a tournament at Ballard Memorial gym Dec. 7-9.



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Mineola Country Club SENIOR GOLF REPORT

Results from Mineola Country Club Thursday Senior Golf Scramble on Nov. 16 were a two-way tie for first place.

Team 1 was Jimmy Baughman, Gary Milam, Loy Frazier and Larry Jackson with a 58 for 13 under par.

Team 2 was Bill Louchow, David Cartwright, Mike Casselman and Richard Kleebauer with a 58 for 13 under par.

Closest to the pin: #5 Gary Milam, #9 Steve Raley and #18 Rod Waggoner.