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Wood Co. sales tax rebates up in 3 cities

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Alba, Yantis and Quitman all saw increased sales tax revenue in their February rebates from the state comptroller's office. These allocations are based on sales made in December by businesses that report tax monthly.

Alba received \$19,326.25 in sales tax revenue from December 2017, which is nearly \$4,000 more than the city made in December 2016. The increase is 24.44 percent compared to the previous year.

Yantis received \$8,221.69 in sales tax revenue from December 2017. That number is 2.55 percent higher and is around \$200 more than the same month last year.

Quitman received \$60,291.53 in sales tax revenue from December 2017, which is nearly \$1,100 more than December 2016. The increase is 1.89 percent compared to previous year.

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Seven-year-old Sam Borchardt of Mineola happily shows off the trout he just landed while fishing at the Mineola Nature Preserve Saturday morning. Despite a cold front and off-and-on drizzle, determined fishermen of all ages gathered along the banks of Wyatt Pond to reel in some trout that had been stocked. This free children's fishing day is an annual event sponsored by the city of Mineola and Texas Parks & Wildlife Department. (Monitor photo by Doris Newman)

Are you prepared?

Quitman Fire Department hosts awareness meeting

By **LARRY TUCKER**
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Are you and your family prepared for an emergency situation? What would you do during a tornado, flooding or lengthy power outage?

The Quitman Fire Department held a meeting on Jan. 22 to discuss just those types of emergencies and others at the fire station. Firefighter Mike Gilmore helped organize the event. "Due to the Texas weather cycle we decided we should do this because where else can you go sub-freezing temperatures and a foot of snow to tornados and floods in the same week?" Gilmore said.

Adam Thurman, Lindale, made the presentation to approximately 25 people. Thurman is a preparedness expert and owner of a preparedness and outdoor recreation store, Zion Gear, in Lindale.

Thurman stressed having a plan for emergency situations is at the top of the list in being prepared. "When you are talking about preparedness in emergency situations, having your mind in the right frame from a preparedness mindset is the first and most important

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Hoops action heats up as regular season ends. See Section B

Adam Moore reports to spring training for Tampa Bay Rays

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Saturday morning Adam Moore rolled out from Royse City to spring training in Florida as he begins his 12th year in Major League Baseball as a Tampa Bay Ray.

Moore, a 2002 Mineola High School graduate, is "still living the dream" he said last week. He

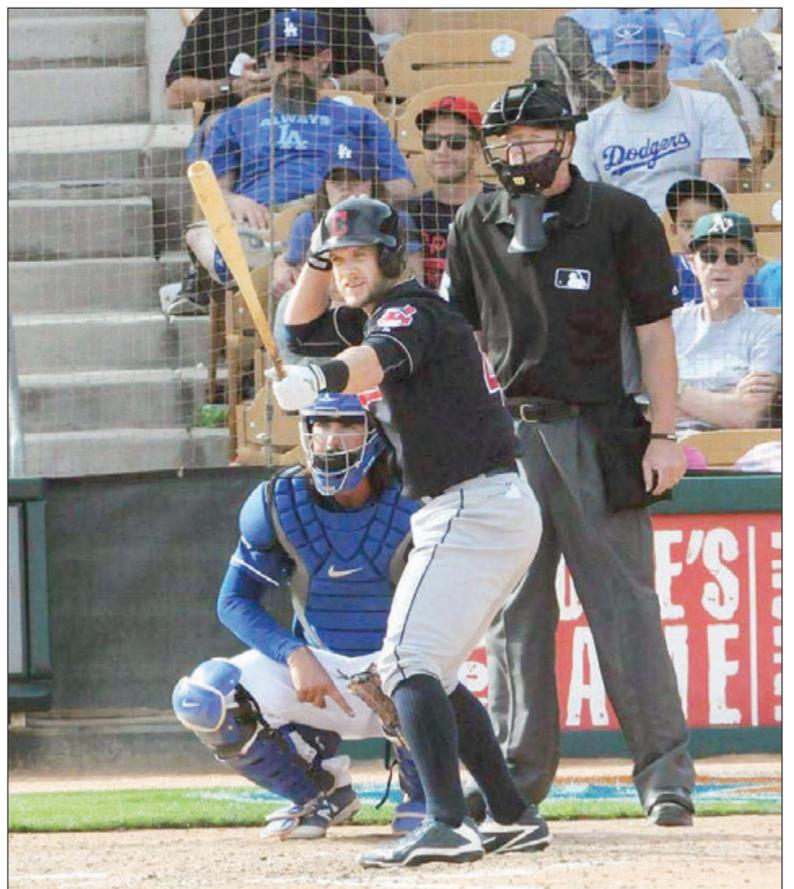
now lives in Royse City.

"I'm just so blessed to be able to continue my dream to play this game, and to be paid while doing it."

During the dozen years he's played professional baseball, this will be the first time he's gone to spring training in Florida. It's always been in

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Mineola's Adam Moore has spent the last three seasons with the Cleveland Indians but has reported to the Tampa Bay Rays spring training in Florida. (Courtesy photos)



Hawkins School Board votes to call bond election

Staff Report

The Hawkins School District Board approved the call for a bond election with a total value of \$5 million dollars to be held within the district on Saturday, May 5. The unanimous approval occurred at Thursday's regular meeting of the board conducted at the Hawkins School District Administration Building.

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Alba council sets election for three aldermen positions

By **LARRY TUCKER**
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The Alba City Council set an order for a general election to elect three aldermen during their regular February meeting last Monday.

Dianne Haisten and Lindy McCarty were named as election clerks and Melba Kelly as election judge. The three seats open are Tammy Kirkpatrick, Jonathan

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'DOUBLEWIDE, TEXAS' OPENS THIS WEEKEND



From left, Tonya Slayton, Cynthia Russell, Carly Loughmiller and Beth Walker rehearse a scene from "Doublewide, Texas" which will open this weekend at Lake Country Playhouse in Mineola. SEE STORY PAGE 9A. (Courtesy photo)

This Week in Your Neighborhood

- Carter BloodCare is asking all healthy and eligible blood donors to give blood on Friday. There are two locations in Quitman to give blood this week including the Wood County Electric Cooperative from 7:30 to 11 a.m. and Dairy Queen from noon to 3 p.m.
- Rotary recycling day will be from 9 a.m. to noon in the Walmart parking lot.

The Texas Forestry Service will host a native tree identification session Saturday from 9 to 11 a.m. at the arboretum

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Alba

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Mize and Larry Jones. Kirkpatrick has already filed to run for re-election. Jones has picked up the necessary paperwork, but has yet to file. Newcomer Robert Kraemer has also filed. The deadline for filing is this Friday at 5 p.m. Mize has not filed for re-election as of Monday morning.

The council decided to change the way they handle council meetings when it comes to consent agenda items. "We attended a Quit-

man City Council meeting and they had these specific items under the consent agenda. Those items consist of items that are up for approval or denial every month, like the minutes of the previous meeting, the financials and the department reports," City Secretary McCarty said. "In an effort to move along a little faster, we decided to try it. We can approve all of that with one motion." A motion was made to approve the consent agenda and the change was approved unanimously.

In another action, the council approved for McCarty to proceed with the development of

online payments for the utility department and municipal court. The company facilitating the process, Heartland, will receive four percent of the payment. There is no cost to the city for the service. "This is basically a convenience for the customer. There will be a link online for water and sewer payments," McCarty said. "Bright Star uses this system and they are very pleased with it. I get a lot of inquiries about paying online. I think people like the convenience of doing it online."

In another matter, the council approved RV park specifications presented by Michael Willey.

The citizen comments portion of the meeting was moved to the last agenda item. Former mayor, Ted Levitt,

addressed the council. "I'm not surprised the city council has decided to try and stifle citizens' ability to express negative opinions, to expose your incompetence and your determination to do as you please in violation of federal and state laws, city ordinances, policies and procedures by cutting the time a citizen can speak during the public comments section from five minutes to three," Levitt stated. "For over 30 years, five minutes has been the acceptable time limit in the city. Now, you feel the need to change that. When this council was seated a year ago, I tried politely to show you what you were doing wrong in an effort for you to spend the time and energy necessary to your job correctly. That didn't work.

I tried to embarrass you into doing the job and that didn't work.

"Now you are trying to shut me up by limiting the time a citizen gets to speak at a council meeting I have stayed off social media up till now to keep from embarrassing you and the city, but after what you are doing tonight, I am determined to expose everything and anything I feel you have done wrong on social media. I will now start writing letters to the Rains County Leader, Wood County Monitor and the Tyler paper. Instead of listening to what I and others citizens have to say as constructive criticism, you have decided to do what you have done tonight which is to try and stifle public comment. Shame on you."

Correction

In a story on the Wood County Honor Court last week's edition, Daniel Anderson, chief operating officer of the East Texas Area Council, was referred to as Daniel Alexander and Armstrong. We regret this error and apologize to Mr. Anderson.

Letters Policy

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Sales tax

From page 1A

Mineola, Winnsboro and Hawkins all saw decreases in their sale tax income compared to the same time last year.

Mineola businesses earned \$210,200.21 in sales tax revenue, which is just under \$4,000 less than last year. The decrease represents a 1.82 percent loss.

Winnsboro businesses earned \$93,914.78

in sales tax revenue, which is just under \$5,000 less than last year. The decrease represents a 4.68 percent loss.

Hawkins businesses earned \$31,032.75 in sales tax revenue, which is just over \$800 less than last year. The decrease represents a 2.63 percent loss.

Texas Comptroller Glenn Hegar announced last week he will send cities, counties, transit systems and special purpose taxing districts \$911.9 million in local sales tax allocations for February, 6.2 percent more than in February 2017.

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.
 DUPLICATED BRIDGE ACBL games - Wednesday and Friday, 10:30 a.m., Masonic Lodge, 882-1335.
 EASTERN STAR - Quitman Chapter 695, 3rd Tues., dinner 6:30 p.m., meeting 7:30. Flora Lodge in Quitman. 903-638-6420.
 ETMC Quitman - needs volunteers. Great opportunity to meet people while helping your community. Contact Judy Johnson, 903-383-3433
 FANNIE MARCHMAN GARDEN CLUB - third 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., Red Dome Smokehouse, Quitman.
 LAKE COUNTRY RV TRAVELERS - of Good Sam Int'l. Monthly, RV parks w/in 150 m. radius. 903-569-3677 or 3069.
 LAKE COUNTRY SYMPHONIC BAND - will resume rehearsals Aug. 6 at Mineola High School Band Hall. 7 p.m. 903-569-2300.
 LAKE FORK ROTARY CLUB - Wednesday, noon, at the Lake Fork Baptist Church on State Highway 515
 LAKE HOLBROOK ASSOCIATION - first Saturday, February, May, August and November, Harold Simmons Community Center, 5:30 p.m. directors, 6 p.m. all members and guests welcome. 903-569-0223.
 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) - i302 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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Candidates slow to file for some city, school races

Filing for some of the seats in local city council and school board races has been slow with the Friday deadline quickly approaching.

The deadline to file is 5 p.m. Friday at the city halls of each of the cities and administration buildings of the school districts.

In Quitman, three aldermen seats are available. The incumbents are Susan Resnik, Jack Robinson and Kevin Gilbreath. As of Monday, Resnik and Robinson have been the only two who have filed.

In the Quitman School Board election, incumbents Royce Patterson, Michael Hipp and Jeremy Smith are up for re-election and each one of them has filed. As of Monday, no one else has filed for those seats.

In the Mineola City Council

election, all three incumbents have filed for reelection. They are Ward 1, Sue Jones; Ward 2, Jayne Lankford and Ward 3 Novada Bigham.

In the Mineola School Board election five candidate application packets have been picked up, but as of Monday at press-time only the incumbents have returned their packets. They are Board President Regan Brandon and Jill Quiambao.

In the Yantis School Board race, the seats open are those currently held by Stacy Wetzel, James Van Winkle and Jeff Quinn. To date, no one has filed to run for the Yantis board.

There are three city council seats open in Yantis. They are currently being held by Kenneth Kincaid, Reed Gammill and Betty Jenkins and as of Monday, no

one has filed for those seats.

The seats of Alba City Council incumbents Tammy Kirkpatrick, Larry Jones and Jonathan Mize are open. As of Monday, only Kirkpatrick has filed for a seat on the council.

For Alba-Golden School Board, only incumbents Joe Carr and Mike Ragsdale have filed for their positions which are the only ones up for election.

For the Hawkins City Council and mayor's election, Mayor Howard Coquat is not seeking reelection. His position is being sought by Tom Parker. Place 1 Alderman Sherry Davis has said she will not seek reelection. Cody Jorgenson had filed for that position. Place 3 Alderman Debbie Rushing has not filed for reelection and Silas Franks and Stephen Lucas have filed for that position.

Mineola Rotary Club plans candidate forum

The public is being invited to an opportunity to learn about issues and candidates facing the voters in Mineola at a citywide Wood County candidate forum Tuesday at St. Dunstan's Episcopal Church.

The event will be in the church's Parish Hall and will begin with a "meet-and-greet" at 5:30 p.m. The forum is scheduled to start at 6 p.m.

The candidates for Wood County judge, district clerk and Pct. 2 justice of the peace will be present to help inform voters for their decisions regarding the upcoming election.

Early voting begins Tuesday and the primary election will be March 6. All candidates for these positions are Republicans; therefore all seats will be determined in that party primary.

St. Dunstan's Church is located at 800 North Johnson Street.

This week

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at the back of Jim Hogg Park in Quitman. The session will be on native tree identification. The cost of this two-hour session will be \$25.

- The Bread of Life

Food Pantry is holding an all you can eat breakfast at the Broad Street Church of Christ on Saturday from 7:30 to 9:30 a.m. Donations for adults are encouraged at \$7 for adults and \$4 for children. All the proceeds will benefit the Bread of Life Food Pantry.

Early voting begins Tuesday; Election Day March 6

Special from **TERRELL AARONSPER**
Election Worker

Primary Election Day is actually Tuesday, March 6, but early voting begins at the Wood County Courthouse in Quitman on Tuesday. Branch location early voting will also be available at four locations on different days.

Primary elections are put on by political parties to determine which candidates will appear on the ballot in the General Election, Nov. 6. The General Election in November is put on by the county, operating under rules set by the Texas Secretary of State's office. The candidates advanced by this primary election will be voted on in the General Election and the winner will assume the contested office.

When you go to vote, a sign will direct you to the table with the appropriate party's ballot, Republican or Democrat. By requesting a specific party's ballot you are not declaring that you are a member of that party, nor are you obligated to vote for their candidates in the General Election. You can vote only one ballot in the primary.

Besides the candidates on your ballot, you will find a number of "propositions." These are not laws or amendments to the Constitution. These are simply statements of principle regarding specific issues about which the party would like your opinion. The propositions on each party's ballot are different.

When you choose a party's ballot, you choose to vote for their candidates and their proposition to the exclusion of all others - in the primary. There is no provision for mixing the contents of one ballot

with that of another.

Candidates who are victorious on the primary ballot generally do not assume office unless they are also victorious in the General election in November. There are, however, exceptions to this rule. First, a candidate running unopposed on his party's ballot (and no candidate from another party is running for that office) will automatically assume the office since there is no opposition to their candidacy. In Wood County the race for criminal district attorney falls in this category.

In the case where multiple candidates in a primary are all running on the ballot of a single party (no other party offering candidates in that race) the winner of this primary then is effectively elected to office as in the November General Election they will be running unopposed. An example of this would be the race for county judge in Wood County.

The Schedule

Early voting will be on the first floor of the courthouse from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 20 through Friday, March 2, except Saturday, Feb. 24 when you may vote from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. and Sunday, Feb. 25 when there will be no early voting.

For voter convenience, remote early voting from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. is scheduled for the following days and locations: **Winnsboro** area - Feb. 20 & 21 - Winnsboro City Auditorium (Hope Lane in the park), **Mineola** area - Feb. 22 & 23 - First United Methodist Ministries Center (612 N Newsom), **Hawkins** area - Feb. 26 & 27 - Hawkins community Center (301 Lynch Street) and **Holly Lake Ranch** area - Feb. 28 & March 1 - Holly

Lake VFD (126 Private Road 7869). On voting day, March 6, all of the usual polling locations will be open from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. - there will be no voting at the courthouse on Election Day.

Citizens are encouraged to take a government issued photo ID and voter's registration card. A Texas drivers license will get you through the line the quickest because the equipment used at all polling locations can usually read the "QR code" on the back to bring up registration information. Other forms of ID are legal and acceptable but may require longer to process. You may bring in a "cheat sheet" to remind yourself of how you wish to vote at the voting machine, but you must take it with you when you leave; do not throw it in the trash at the polling location.

Further, those who go to the polls are advised not to wear or take any campaign materials into the polling location. Campaign hats, pin and buttons must be removed. Campaign literature should be left in one's car or thrown in the trash outside. A campaign tee-shirt will win a person a trip to the bathroom where they can turn the shirt inside out before returning to the polling location.

Remember the election workers cannot legally discuss any candidate or proposition on the ballot in the polling location. They are there to assist in using the equipment to cast ballots. A voter is not required to vote in every race or on every proposition on the ballot; leave that area blank if you wish. Anyone who has any complaints about any rules or laws or how the government in gener-

al is functioning, should not expect that an election worker can change any of these. These complaints and comments are best directed to the people we elect to office. First time voters and those unfamiliar with the equipment will find election workers on site to assist you to make sure your ballot is properly cast.

Results from the election are generally posted on the county's website www.mywoodcounty.com as early as the evening of the election. A person can also use this site to find out which voting precinct they are in, if they are currently registered, to see sample ballots and much more. Look under "Departments," "Election." Informed voters determine the future. We look forward to seeing you at the polls.

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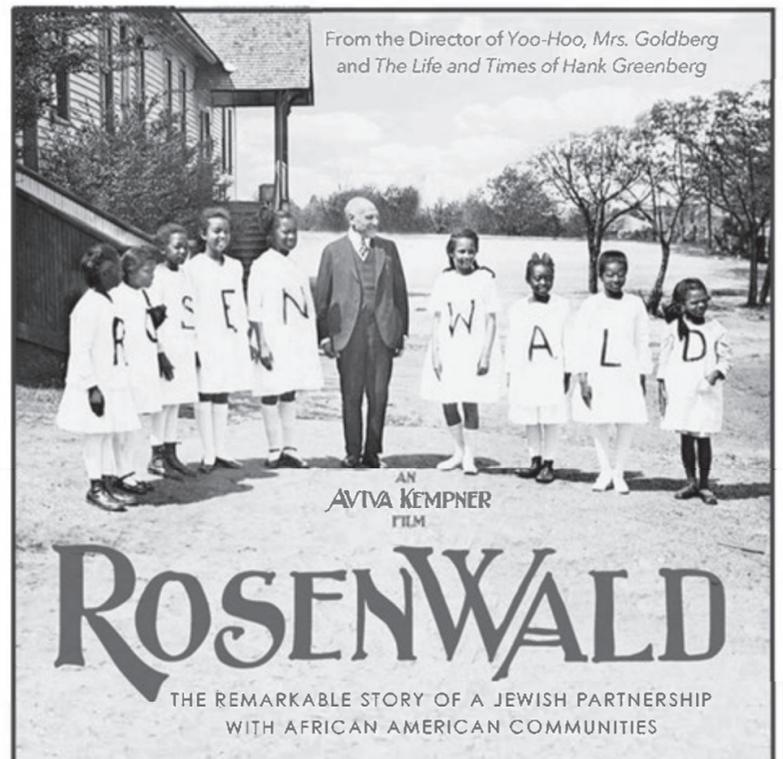
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The Mineola Historical Museum & Wood County Historical Commission celebrate Black History Month on February 20, 2018.



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County commissioners approve six sheriff department personnel moves

By **LARRY TUCKER**
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Several personnel actions were approved by the Wood County Commissioners Friday morning, with six of those coming from the Wood County Sheriff's Department.

Deputy Cody Burge will fill a jailer position in place of Ricardo Ortiz who was promoted from jailer to deputy. Patrol Lieutenant William Burge was moved to a deputy position. Deputy Matthew Peacock was promoted to patrol sergeant and Melissa Pollard was promoted from patrol sergeant to patrol lieutenant replacing William Burge. In another action Criminal Investigations Division Sergeant Donivan South resigned his position with the department.

In another personnel move Georgia Cameron was hired as secretary-office manager in the office of County Judge Bryan Jeanes, replacing Maria Devine who was discharged.

A public hearing will be held March 9 at 10 a.m. concerning the county taking over maintenance of Private Road 5927 in Pct. 1. The road will be given a new road number identifying it as a county road and residents' addresses will be changed accordingly.

In other matters commissioners:

- approved payroll of \$330,131.31; a budget amendment in the elections office for \$8,060; health and dental claims of \$126,387.41; accounts payable of \$344,610.91 and direct claims paid \$179,740.18;
- approved rental agreements with the Winnsboro Civic Center for temporary branch early voting, primary election day, run-off election and the November general election;
- approved an order authorizing Texas Independence Day fireworks sales Feb. 25 through midnight March 2 and
- approved overnight permits for County Roads 1306 and 1320 in Pct. 1 and 3860 and 3865 in Pct. 3.

Alba-Golden ISD Third Six Weeks Honor Rolls

Alba-Golden honor rolls for the third six week period were:

**HIGH SCHOOL
ALL A'S**

Grade 12 – Jennifer Allen, Lina Al-Turkistani, Frederick Arenas, William Barnett, Sarah Boykin, Jessica Cockrum, Kaleb Day, Hannah Ellis, Shane-a Gallimore, Jacqueline Gonzalez, Michael Hartin, Cameron Hockett, Aspen Howard, Luke Kindle, Bailey Lafont, Kurtis Luff, Makayla Melton, Nicholas Murray, Taylor Nichols, Lindsey Roberts, Rheagan Wilcoxson, Cameron Zant;

Grade 11 – Virginia Carson, Nathaniel Kumm, Elijah McGahee;

Grade 10 – Caitlin Baker, Brianna Carney, Laynie Culp, Jacob Dailey, Savannah Edwards, Talon Howard, Hope Nelson, Ann Pendergrass;

Grade 9 – Isabella Crawford, Elizabeth Crittenden, Morgan Dorner, Cameron Galyean, Abigail Hallman, Reese Michaels, Bree Allie Rolen, Jack Taylor, Rylee Wilcoxson, Leighanna Wiley;

A's and B's

Grade 12 – Preston Arrington O'ne-

al, Kenzie Chadwick, Corey Clanton, Shawn Davis, Jaidyn Dvorak, Joel Kratzmeyer, Ross Michaels, Jimmy Moore, Graceann Mullins, Isaac Pickering, Kaylee Sly, Ty West, Brynna Whatley;

Grade 11 – Dylan Arenas, Destiny Baker, Madison Bizzell, Johnnie Bowers, Stormi Britton, Lauren Crump, Ramsey Curts, Savannah Greenlaw, Thomas Hammond, Jacoby Harle, Alexis Johnson, Gabriel Mullen, Macie Pendergrass, Koerth Ragsdale, Mason Ragsdale, Angela Rios, Ashlyn Rogers, Kaden West

Grade 10 – Jordin Barnhart, Eddie Caffey, Nayeli Camacho, Fatima Cerito, Jose Cortes, Mason Fitzgerald, Cody Graves, Elizabeth Hallman, Donny Humphreys, Jayden Letsch, Bralee Littlejohn, Riuxan Liu, Kelly Ortega, Justina Peterson, Vincent Pierce, Samantha Rambsel, Braden Reynolds, Gabriel Reynolds, Christiana Roberts, Matthew Rogers, Cory Rush, Lindsey Tackett, Hayden Weissert, Cory Whatley, Meagan Williams;

Grade 9 – Jose Camacho, Jessica Chapa, Kayli Covey, Blake Douglas, Wil-

liam Hartin, Rejinia Hyatt, Delvian Jones, Katherine Kellis, Kyle Kennedy, Michahel Kumm, Sage Mizer, Nathan Sowell, Ethan Steck, Skylar West, Caden Wiser, Hannah Wright, Kalli Wright;

**MIDDLE SCHOOL
ALL A'S**

Grade 8 – Ashtyn Browning, Cassidi Burris, Hannah Gurley, Koby Kleam, Diego Osornio-Rios, Jacqueline Penaflo, Thai Peterson, Olivia Teel;

Grade 7 – Mia Backer, Christian Brehm, Walter Campbell, Shyann Gaines, Kevin Inman, Kylie Kleam, Samuel Louderman, Luke Morrison, Eli Nivison, David Osornio, Jerry Skinner, Cade Stovall, Skyler West, Amber Young;

Grade 6 – James Castleberry, Seth Converse, Tate Converse, Drake Duplechain, Grace Knight, Bailey Pennington, Hudson Wright;

A's and B's

Grade 8 – Denver Beck, Jace Boykin, Madisyn Bryant, Andres Camacho, Jacoby Chaney, Aaron Crampton, Elijah Davis, Kason Gaby, Michael Gas-

kill, Shawn Gaskill, Savannah Gurley, James Hallman, Kylie Kennedy, Jade Kruse, Austin Martin, Elizabeth Mcspadden-Pollard, Aurora Melton, Dylan O'Quinn, Angelica Ortega, Paisele Pendergrass, Karlee Robertson, Ford Tannebaum, Jack Tannebaum, Lindsey Terry, Thomas Weissert;

Grade 7 – Crimson Bryant, Gavin Dailey, Allani Davis, Carlee Dooley, Conner Gibson, Robert Hartley, Alexander Johnson, Brock Koch, Cacie Lennon, Landry Lewers, Levi Littlejohn, Connor Mason, Jessie Mitchell, Brayden Randolph, Bryce Rush, Danielle Seman, Brady Shrum, Jerry Skinner, Sofia Tannebaum, Caden Thomas, Sierra Weed, Annaliese Whitecotton, Cason Wiser, Kamrin Wright;

Grade 6 – Braxton Birchfield, Bailee Bishop, Josie Britt, Kenley Carr, Haley Crutchfield, Payton Dickinson, Kirstin Fish, Stephen Hallman, Kirsty Jackson, Jasmine Jones, Jett Kruse, Erin Langston, Dustin Marical, Jasmine Martinez, Zoey Mcspadden-Cox, Terry Nelson, Marissa Rojo, Luke Sutton, Kalli Trimble, Megan Wallace, Jana Weddle, Julia Wolfe.

Remembering black history

Tuesday documentary shines light on 'Rosenwald Schools'

On Tuesday a screening of the film "Rosenwald Schools" will be held at the First United Methodist Church Ministries Center in Mineola, recognizing the eight Rosenwald schools in Wood County. The program will begin at 1 p.m. and there is no charge. The public is welcome and encouraged to attend.

As part of Black History Month observances, the screening of this film recognizes the efforts of Julius Rosenwald, the president of Sears, Roebuck and Company, who underwrote this program after reading about the program and dream of Booker T. Washington. Rosenwald soon began the program through which schools were built and new furniture and books were provided so that black children would receive a proper education.

The event is cosponsored by the Mineola Historical Museum and the Wood County Historical Commission.

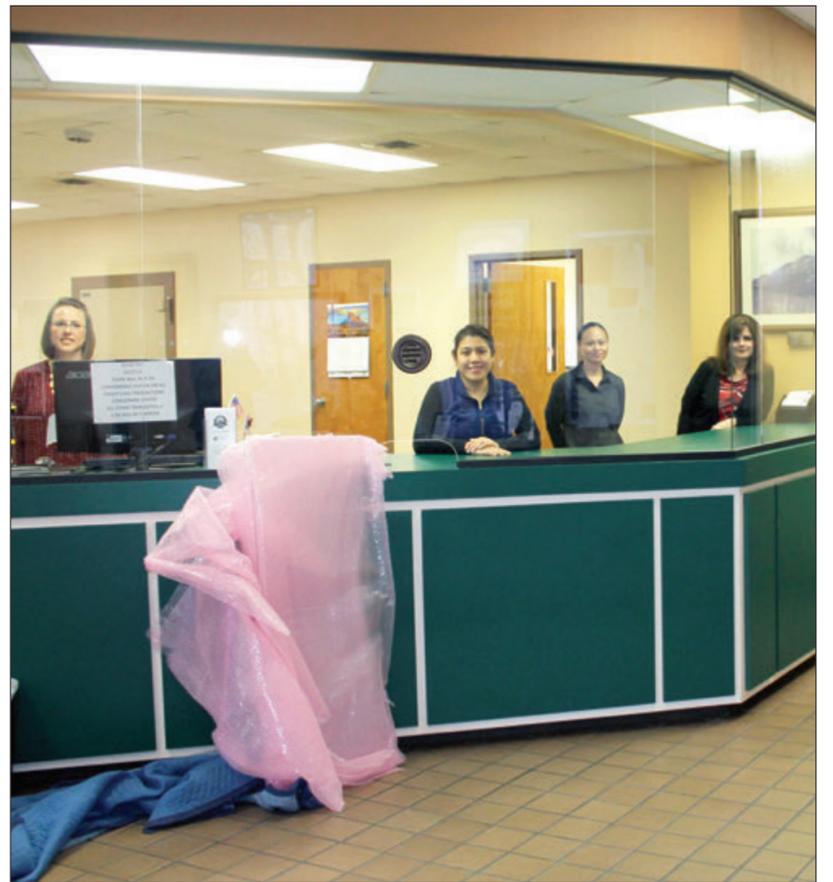
"We particularly want to invite anyone who had family or friends who at-

tended a Rosenwald School," said Lou Mallory, chairman of the Wood County Historical Commission.

The Fouke Community Center is a former Rosenwald School and a historical marker was received in 2014 commemorating the site. This school was built in 1922 and another was built in Hawkins in 1927. Two women with ties to Mineola and Hawkins, Withell Hall and the late Jewell McCalla, attended these schools.

Both McCalla and Hall attended college and taught school in the county for many years. McCalla's teaching career was in public schools while Hall taught in public schools and completed her career at Jarvis Christian College. McCalla and her husband, M.C., attended St. Paul Baptist Church. She was active in church and historical groups, as well as numerous organizations in Hawkins. McCalla's aunt, Lillian Richard, was an Aunt Jemima portrayer. Hall's father was the caretaker for the Little Sandy Hunting and Fishing club and she was reared there.

The FUMC Ministries Center is located at 612 North Newsom Street in Mineola.



While security measures were still under construction, the city hall staff is now separated from the public by a security glass wall. Staffers shown, from left, are Financial Director Cindy Karch, Martha Escovedo Martin, Judy Stuckey and Margret Quintana. (Monitor photo by Doris Newman)

State-mandated security measures being installed at Mineola City Hall

During the last three weeks, work crews have been busily installing security devices at Mineola City Hall.

The city council was informed by Municipal Judge Kyle Waggoner during a workshop last month that the Texas Legislature passed Senate Bill 1913, requiring offices where municipal court is being conducted to have security devices in place. Waggoner pointed out that while the municipal court deals only with class C misdemeanors, a few people still get disgruntled due to proceedings.

Many of the changes were already in place last week and include a security wall that eliminates free access to city hall offices to the public. City hall visitors will also find the women who

provide customer service separated by a wall of glass that adjoins the counter.

City Administrator Mercy Rushing reinforced that these and other measures were required by the state. Among the security additions, she noted, is a camera and audio recording inside the council meeting chambers.

Rushing noted that the actions are necessary and that the city hall staff, from time-to-time, deals with complaints. She recalled one incident in which an irate person spit in the eye of one of the staffers behind the counter.

Rushing said the city wanted its citizens to know that the people who work at city hall, as well as the public when they attend city council meetings, are safe.



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Little Max Borchardt's (holding fishing rod) dejection over not having caught any fish quickly dissolves after he lands his first trout and his mother, Veronica, congratulates him. His dad, Joshua, tends to business unhooking his catch and big brother Sam, who had already caught his limit, stands by. Max had persevered and caught his first trout that morning. Coats, umbrellas and ponchos were all part of the cold, damp Saturday morning fishing essentials. (Monitor photo by Doris Newman)

City of Mineola's leaf vacuum truck out of commission

City of Mineola residents who want to have their leaves picked up will need to bag them, or wait until the leaf pickup truck gets repaired.

The city of Mineola's leaf truck is out of commission. The truck first went in the shop in December for repairs. After the city began using it, another part broke two to three days later and it has been in the Dallas repair shop since.

Parts for repairs have been shipped from Vermont to the Dallas shop that works on the trucks. City Administra-

tor Mercy Rushing said that it is difficult to get parts in Texas because very few cities offer the pickup service to their communities. "Most bag them and let trash companies pick them up," she said. "That's why they don't have parts laying around within the state of Texas."

Public Works Director William Crump said that the shop received all of the parts for the repairs except one last week. They are still waiting on that one part.

Rushing said the city had looked into renting a leaf truck and said there are none in Texas; a rental truck would have had to be brought in from another state. Rushing said that even if the city had been able to pay for this, the rental leaf trucks are all already in use due to the number of statewide weather issues this year.

For now, the city is advising residents to bag their leaves and put out for the trash pickup. The trash service trucks will pick up a limited number of

the bags. If the resident has more than that, they can call the city and as crews have time, they'll pick up the bags.

Asked if there is anything residents need to know to help keep the truck from getting broken, Crump said many people have piles of rocks or limbs in their yards on which they put their leaves and that isn't good for the giant vacuum truck. He doesn't know if that caused the current problems, but he does know that isn't good for the equipment.

Mineola Police Report

Mineola police reports for the past week included:

Feb. 7 – A resident of Lakeside Place reported a missing necklace.

At 3:58 p.m. there was a report of a driver speeding past a school bus that was dropping off children. The officer was unable to locate the vehicle.

Police arrested Annabella Marie Miller, 17, Mineola at Walmart for theft after personnel at the store reported catching her placing make-up items in her purse.

A welfare concern was reported when an elderly man was walking near the road on McDonald Street. An officer gave him a ride.

Just before 9 p.m. a resident of West McDonald Street called police because she was suspicious about two men who came to her door wanting to give her a book.

A vehicle stop just before 11 p.m. on South Pacific street led to finding an elderly missing man out of Nacogdoches. An officer assisted in getting the man and his car to police department and called a family member to pick him up.

Feb. 6 – At 3:34 a.m. police received a call to a welfare concern on Loop 564 near Walmart. A concerned driver reported that an 18-wheeler was stopped in the westbound lane and the driver was incoherent. An officer checked on the man and found that he was asleep while sitting in the lane of traffic. Emergency medical responders were called and cleared him of any medical issues. He pulled into Walmart and slept.

A woman reported fraudulent charges on her debit card at Walmart.

A counterfeit \$10 bill was reported by personnel at Subway.

Officers assisted with a medical call on North Line Street.

Feb. 5 – A man reported receiving a scam attempt in the mail because he wanted to make other citizens aware of it. He said he received three checks in the mail with instructions to deposit them and then to buy iTunes cards with part of the money, to be sent back to the scammer.

Feb. 4 – there was a report of a suspicious vehicle at Lakeview Bible Church at 12:06 p.m., circling the parking lot with a covered license plate. However, an officer was unable to find the vehicle.

At 1:49 p.m. an officer assisted the fire department and EMS at O'Reilly's parking lot when an elderly man fell and hit his head on the concrete. He was transported to the hospital in Quitman and then to a Tyler hospital.

Police took a complaint of a reckless drive coming from Lindale. However, they were detained by the train. The witness said that the vehicle dropped off someone at the train depot and headed back in the direction of Lindale.

Around 8 p.m. a woman reported seeing a child who appeared to be 7 or 8 years old running in the area of 1200 North Pacific Street without an adult. An officer couldn't find the child.

At 10:49 p.m. there was a report of a pursuit entering into Wood County from Van Zandt County and then entering the city limits. The officers blocked traffic while Van Zandt County officers pursued the vehicle. The vehicle then left the city

limits and headed toward Lindale.

A welfare concern was reported by a woman who was Skyping with an elderly man on North Newsom Street and said he appeared sick. The man was contacted and EMS was contacted.

Feb. 3 – There was a report of a reckless driver coming in from Highway 37, failing to maintain a single lane. But an officer watched and didn't see any violations, noting it was an elderly couple.

Another reckless driver was reported coming into the city from the east on Highway 80, but the vehicle turned off on to a county road before reaching the city so the sheriff's department was notified.

Feb. 2 – Police arrested Sam Ali Teymoupour, 37, Mineola, on South Pacific Street for disregarding a traffic light, expired registration and driving while license invalid (enhanced). He was stopped at 3:07 a.m. for running a red light.

An officer assisted with an 18-wheeler fire at Loop 564 and Highway 80 at 7 a.m.

There was a complaint about a couple begging for money at Taco Bell, as well as at Northgate Plaza. An officer went to find them but couldn't locate them.

At 3:50 p.m. there was a report of a kidnapping but after a swift response by officers, it was found to only be an argument. An officer gave one of the people involved a ride to another location for a couple of days.

There was a report about a vehicle in the Pizza Hut parking lot with beer cans on the hood. An officer checked on the owner of the vehicle and found no signs of intoxication.

Mineola Fire Report

Reports from the Mineola Fire Department from Feb. 1 through Feb. 5 included:

Building fire: Feb. 7 at 505 Rosemary Lane and 144 County Road 2745;

Camper/recreational vehicle fire: Feb. 3 at 331 CR 2261, Feb. 7 at 246 CR 2951;

Grass fire: Feb. 2 at 2287 West Highway 80, Feb. 4 at 850 CR 2724, Feb. 5 24722 CR 460;

Medical assist: Feb. 1 at 1708 South Highway 69; Feb. 3 1249 Farm-to-Market 1799, Feb. 4 at CR 2290 and 105 Debby Lane, Feb. 5 at 615 South Pacific Street, Feb. 6 at 415 West Kilpatrick

Street;

Motor vehicle accidents with injuries: Feb. 2 at 11:48 a.m. at FM 49, Feb. 6 at 3:26 p.m. at 2200 North Pacific Street;

Motor vehicle accidents with no injury: Feb. 7 at 3:48 at the intersection of West Patten Street and Loop 564.

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Wood County Sheriff's Report

Wood County Sheriff's Department activities for the time period of Jan. 17-12 are as follows:

Jan. 23 – Deputies were dispatched to county Road 1416 near Quitman at 12:08 a.m. on a 911 abuse call. They arrested Ernest Brown, 60, Quitman, for possession of marijuana and silent abusive cal/ electronic communication to 911 services.

Deputies spoke with the owner of a tractor that was taken on CR 2290 near Mineola. They said someone they knew had taken the tractor but had not returned it.

Property owners on CR 1600 near Alba reported that cast-iron hay rings had been stolen from their property.

Jan. 22 – Deputies were dispatched to Farm-to-Market 17 near Alba at 10:22 a.m. on a report of shots fired. Deputies searched the area, but were unable to locate any activity.

There was a report that in the area of FM 17 near Alba reported hearing gunshots but deputies weren't able to find anything.

A person on FM 515 near Yantis reported that cell phones were stolen from their residence.

The owner of property on CR 4815 near Winnsboro reported a generator welder was stolen from their property.

Jan. 21 – Deputies were dispatched to a report of a disturbance on CR 2840 near Mineola at 12:24 a.m. the people involved were separated for the night.

Deputies went to a home on Cr 4660 to perform an inquest after a 76-year-old man was found dead at his residence. No autopsy was ordered.

Deputies arrested Donald Delane, 55, Winnsboro, for aggravated assault after being dispatched to a disturbance on CR 4700 near Winnsboro.

Deputies performed an inquest at a home on CR 4870 near Winnsboro where a 77-year-old man was found dead at his home. The justice of the peace arrived and no autopsy was ordered. The

case has been forwarded to another agency.

Jan. 20 – Deputies cleared the scene at Holiday Village Clubhouse at 11:28 a.m. after responding to a disturbance and locating the people involved.

There was a report of harassment that occurred on CR 4200 near Winnsboro. Advice was given to the complainant.

There was a report of a theft on Private Road 5883 near Yantis where a boat was stolen. However, it was later recovered.

Deputies arrested Joseph McDowell, 31, Mineola on warrants and for burglary of habitation intend other felony after responding to a report of a dispute on FM 1804 near Mineola.

A property owner on Highway 69 near Alba reported a gun was stolen from their property.

Deputies arrested Teddy Oneal, 58, Quitman, for driving while intoxicated third or more after a traffic stop on Highway 154 near Quitman at 8:36 p.m.

Jan. 19 – Deputies arrested Shaquan Bell, 23, Quitman on warrants on Hart Street in Quitman.

They also arrested Kenneth Barnes, 44, Mineola, on a warrant on Pacific Street in Mineola.

A property owner on CR 3950 near Mineola reported tools were stolen out of their shed. This case has been forwarded to investigators.

A Yantis resident reported someone used their credit/debit cards without their permission. This case has been forwarded to investigators.

Deputies arrested Samuel Threadgill, 37, Alba, for possession of a controlled substance after stopping him on traffic on CR 1903 near Yantis.

Deputies arrested Joshua Pigott, 37, Grand Prairie, on a warrant, assault family violence, assault on a family member impeding breath with previous conviction.

Deputies arrested Dakota Ogle, 18, Yantis, on a warrant after re-

sponding to a report of a disturbance on Sells Street in Yantis.

Jan. 18 – Deputies responded to a report of a suspicious vehicle on Highway 37 near Mineola at 7:55 a.m. and arrested Andrew Moore, 35, Mineola, for public intoxication.

The owner of property on FM 17 near Alba reported that several items were stolen from their shop. This case has been forwarded to investigators.

A property owner on Highway 37 near Mineola reported hay bales were stolen from their property.

Jan. 17 – Deputies arrested Kevin Wood, 30, Grand Saline, as well as Shana Earle, 26, Yantis, both on warrants. Earle was also charged with tampering with evidence with intent to impair and possession of a controlled substance.

Deputies went to CR 1445 near Quitman at 9:21 p.m. after having a report of shots fired but weren't able to locate any source of the noise.

Between Jan 17 and 23, the Wood County Sheriff's Department investigators filed three cases with the district attorney, arrested two people on warrants and recovered \$750 worth of stolen property.

Regretfully, the information above is several weeks old: Wood County Sheriff Tom Castloo no longer sends his department's timely report to the Wood County Monitor. Though elected officials are required by law to provide equal access to public records in a timely fashion, Castloo provides the report to the Monitor several days after furnishing it to other media outlets. To acquire the public records which the sheriff is required to release under open government laws, the Monitor sends a weekly Public Information Act request to Castloo that, the Texas Attorney General's Office maintains, should be fulfilled "promptly, or as soon as possible without delay." The records above were sent to the Monitor eight days after the documents were requested.

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Tuesday, Feb. 20 - Breaded Fish w/bun, Sliced Cheese, Confetti Rice, Broccoli, Banana, Milk, Tartar Sauce
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Quitman Library Connections

BY LIBRARIAN DELENE ALLEN



During February, the Quitman Public Library is highlighting President's Day, Valentine's Day, National Heart Month and Black History Month with displays throughout the library. Stop by soon and it check out.

Two hiring events are scheduled this month at the library: Thursday from 10 a.m. – 1 p.m. hosted by Express Employment Professionals and Thursday, Feb. 22 from 10 a.m. – 1 p.m. hosted by Onin Staffing.

A diabetes workshop will be presented by Northeast Texas Health on Friday at 10:30 a.m. No pre-registration is necessary for this free workshop.

Medicare/Medicaid specialists will be available in the library's Shamburger Community Room to answer questions on Wednesday, Feb. 21 starting at 11 a.m. and then again from 3 – 5 p.m.

The library now has 2017 IRS income tax forms available but no printed instruction books. Also, there will be no free AARP tax assistance this tax season. Call the AARP helpline at 1-888-227-7669 to find the nearest free tax preparation site. Public comput-

ers are available at the library for filing online during regular business hours, and Wi-Fi is available 24/7.

Hours are Tuesday through Friday from 10 a.m. until 6 p.m. Call 903-763-4191 or visit our website at www.quitmanlibrary.org. Keep up with current events on our Facebook page at www.facebook.com/quitmanpubliclibrary.

Adult services

GED preparatory class meets each Thursday from 4 - 6 p.m. Students are guided independently according to an individually-designed study plan using the Steck-Vaughn method. Sign up at the library's front desk, or call for more information.

Knitting and crochet instruction class meets each Thursday 2 - 4 p.m. in the library's main gallery. Students of all ages and skill levels may bring their own supplies and join the group for this free class.

Children's services

QPL Story Time is each Thursday at 2 p.m. It is designed for young readers and home-schooled students. However anyone who wants to hear a great story is welcome. Upcoming themes: Feb. 15 "It's Mardi Gras! Valentine Party" with pizza and

games – Feb. 22 "Have You Heard What's Funny?" – Mar. 1 "What a Blustery Day!" – Mar. 8 "Caterpillars, Ladybugs and Butterflies."

Friends of the Library

The Friends invite everyone to bring a lunch and join them at noon on Tuesday, March 13, for an hour of friendship. Rhonda Harris Taylor will present "The Immortal Sherlock Holmes." Friends of the Quitman Public Library is an active group of volunteers dedicated to the growth and improvement of the library.

Genealogy

The Wood County Texas Genealogical Society will meet on Monday at 7 p.m. in the Shamburger Community Room. For more information, visit the group's Facebook page at <http://www.facebook.com/groups/woocotx>.

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 to connect to our library's vast collection of eBooks, audiobooks and streaming video..

Inside and Outside the Picket Fence

BY JAN WHITLOCK

I would like to begin by thanking the Pilot Club for recognizing our own Pam Riley for her contributions to the community at their annual Chili Cookoff in January.

The influx of new members to the Friends of the Arboretum has enabled us to continue with some old projects and, at the same time, place a few new irons in the fire.

The first meeting of Nature U was highly successful. We would like to thank Holly Ross for coming from Holly-Berry Farm in Canton to enlighten and educate us as we seek to garden organically. The next session will be held at the Arboretum



Quitman Arboretum and Botanical Gardens

on Saturday from 9 to 11 a.m. This program will be presented by Daniel Duncum of the Texas Forestry Service. Our study will focus on native tree identification using branching, structure, location, bark and growth habits. We hope you will join us as we stroll the acreage at the back of Hogg Park. The cost of this session will be \$25 and will last two hours. Information can be found on our website. You may reserve your

space there.

Valentine's Day, (today) will find us serving a gourmet dinner to our guests, at the Historic Stinson House at the Arboretum which has been turned into a romantic, candlelit, venue.

As Quitman continues to develop, we at the arboretum are proud to be part of this rejuvenation and look forward to new friends, new venues and new opportunities to serve the community. Thank you for your continued support – as a volunteer, as a friend, as someone who cares about the future of Wood County and particularly Quitman. Come on out and join us any Wednesday morning. The coffee is on!

Home Sweet Home

BY ANGIE MONK, WOOD COUNTY EXTENSION AGENT

February is Heart Health Month and according to the American Heart Association there are seven steps to follow to help control your risk for heart disease.

Get Active - Daily physical activity increases your length and quality of life. If you get at least 30 minutes of moderate physical activity each day (like brisk walking), five times per week, you can almost guarantee yourself a healthier and more satisfying life while lowering your risks for heart disease, stroke and diabetes.

Control cholesterol - When you control your cholesterol, you are giving your arteries their best chance to remain clear of blockage.

Eat Better - Healthy foods are the fuel our bodies use to make new cells and create the energy we need to thrive and fight diseases. The following are the American Heart Association's basic tips for better nutrition: Eat more fruits and vegetables; eat fiber rich whole grain foods; eat fish twice a week; cut back on added sugars; and track what you eat with a food diary



pressure is a major risk factor for heart disease and stroke. When your blood pressure stays within healthy ranges, you reduce the strain on your heart, arteries, and kidneys which keeps you healthier longer.

Lose Weight - You can successfully reduce your risk for heart disease by keeping your weight in a healthy range. Even dropping five to 10 pounds can have a positive impact.

Reduce Blood Sugar - Although diabetes is treatable and you can live a healthy life with this condition, even when glucose levels are under control it greatly increases the risk of heart disease and stroke. Remember to take all medications and/or insulin as directed by your doctor and remain physically active.

Stop smoking - Cigarette smokers have a higher risk of developing cardiovascular disease. If you smoke, quitting is the best thing you can do for your health. Smoking damages your entire circulatory system, and increases your risk for coronary heart disease, hardened arteries, aneurysm and blood clots.

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Holly Brook church reports upcoming activities

LADIES RETREAT

Women attending the Saturday retreat at Holly Brook Baptist Church in Hawkins will choose four break-out sessions from eight, including Bible Journaling, Wrap a Baby in Love, Get All Mixed Up, Photography,

Floral Arrangement, Creative Cupcakes, Gardening in East Texas and Colorful Coasters. Program theme for the day is "Embrace, Ecclesiastes 3: There is a time for everything, and a season for every activity under the heavens: ...a time to

embrace and a time to refrain from embracing..." Brenda A. Smith will be the speaker. The event will begin at 9 a.m. and end at 3:30 p.m. The ticket of \$20 per person includes brunch, lunch, and all materials.

SENIOR ADULT BIBLE STUDY

Chuck Zehnder, retired missionary to Kenya, will lead a three-day Bible study for senior adults at Holly Brook Baptist Church Feb. 26-28. Participants are asked to take their lunch. Drinks will be provided.

Zehnder is author of several books, is a former newspaper editor in Utah and is a hiker. He lived in Utah for 20 years before going to east Africa. He lives in Branson, Missouri.

MEN'S BREAKFAST

Men of Holly Brook Baptist Church, Hawkins, will meet for breakfast Sunday at 8 a.m. in the Family Life Center. Women of the church are invited.

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1 in Tarrant County on highway 199

5 TXism: "take a ___ off" (sit)

6 TXism: "getting ___ in the tooth" (aging)

7 elected criminal prosecutor (abbr.)

8 TXism: "cling like a tick to a dog's ___"

9 grown-ups

15 seat of Jackson County

16 TXism: "I'm ___ ___ trouble"

19 ___-Odessa metro area

21 TX Larry who sang "Junk Food Junkie" (1976)

22 TX Dabney Coleman 1982 comedy film with Dustin Hoffman

27 old TV sitcom: "I Love ___"

28 shred of torn cloth

29 Texas A&M "Corps of ___"

30 gas additive

32 "ween MD and XL

33 Sam Houston at Austin's death: "The father of ___ more"

36 TXism: "___ spittin' on the handle" (get to work)

37 TX Charley Pride's "Where ___ Put Her Memory"

38 song from "Dallas" series: "___ for Lost Time"

39 best imaginable

41 honky tonk light

42 ___ tree County, TX

45 the star atop the San Jacinto Monument weighs 220 of these

46 fed. ID no.

47 stats for Astro pitchers

48 TXism: "that ___ won't float" (disagree)

49 expelled from a property

52 TXism: "as numerous as oil ___ in Texas"

53 actress Gardner of 1952 TX-based western "Lone Star" with Clark Gable

54 Hawaiian "howdy"

55 this "Dutch" coached Sammy Baugh at TCU (init.)

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15 16 17 18

19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28

29 30 31 32 33 34 35 36 37

38 39 40 41 42 43 44 45 46 47 48

49 50 51

52 53 54 55

28 "nothing ___"

31 "___ and void"

34 "Fanthorp ___ State Historic Site" in Anderson, TX

35 "mi casa es ___ casa"

37 TX-born Roger Miller's "___ Me"

40 "I'm in the ___ for Love"

43 short haircut: "___ cut"

44 Little Texas sang "Some Guys ___ the Love"

50 "___ to fame"

51 TXism: "dot the i's and cross the ___"

DOWN

1 "... ___ hail the mighty state"

2 TXism: "critter corral"

3 Capt. Richard King: "Buy ___ never sell"

4 UT's Harry Ransom Center has writing desk of this noted short story writer (var. middle name)

8 this Brickell is TX-born wife of Paul Simon

9 TX J. Frank Dobie's "Apache Gold ___"

10 Henry Wade was the ___ who prosecuted Jack Ruby (abbr.)

11 3rd largest univer. in TX

12 a deed gives this as to property (2 wds.)

13 sharp taste

14 TXism: "hits the ___" (satisfying)

15 EPA sets ___ standards for cars

16 pipeline from TX to New Jersey: "The Big ___"

17 wild cats in southern Texas

18 Sarah, Duchess of York

20 car

22 "best little puzzle in TX" (abbr.)

23 horse morsel

24 in San Patricio County on U.S. 77

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26 TXism: "pull up ___" (move)

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ABOVE: Celebrity waiters were Sam Curry, Joyce Williams, Dana Sadler, and members of the Mineola High School Anchor Club. Sadler won the trophy for most tips.

RIGHT: Linda and Charles Fry, honorary members of the Mineola Pilot Club, look over two of the wine baskets they donated for the auction. (Courtesy photos)



Mitzi Pearce, right, models the designer purse she won from the MHS Anchor Club fundraiser. Her name was randomly selected by Anchor Club President Kayla Keith, left, and announced by Anchor Advisor Janell Abbott.

Wood County 4-H wins big at District Food Extravaganza

Wood County 4-H members recently won top honors in many of the contests at the recent District Food Extravaganza where they competed with 4-H'ers from the 22 county district in East Texas. The event was held at Stephen F. Austin State University in Nacogdoches

Team Awards were: first place Junior Food Challenge- "Homecooking Hippies" - Jackson Wallis, Raleigh Rhodes, Kasey Rhodes, Maggie Finley. fourth place Senior Food Challenge- "Spice Girls" --Hannah Vance, Kierney Wallis, Jenna Haney. fifth place Mixed Age Food Challenge- "Diamond Divas" --Emma Gilbreath, Payton Applegate, Brianna Irby.

Food Show Individual Awards are as follows: Kasey Rhodes-first Place Jr. Fruits/Vegetables, Raleigh Rhodes-second place Jr. Grains, Jackson Wallis-fourth place Jr. Dairy, Helena Bautista-Mathias- fourth place Intermediate

Fruits/Vegetables, Kierney Wallis - second place Senior Dairy, Other Individuals in Food Show were Alexis Richey-Intermediate Protein and Jenna Haney-Senior Fruit/Vegetables.

Food/Nutrition Poster Contest awards are: Kasey Rhodes-First place Junior Poster, Raleigh Rhodes-third place Junior Poster, Hannah Bowles-third place Intermediate Poster, Kierney Wallis- second place Senior Poster, Jenna Haney - third place Senior Poster. Also competing in the Poster contest was Jackson Wallis.

Agriculture Product ID Contest awards were: first place Junior Team - Kasey Rhodes, Raleigh Rhodes, Jackson Wallis, Kasey Rhodes - first place Junior, Jackson Wallis - second place Junior, Kierney Wallis - second place Senior. Also competing in the AG/ID Contest were: Jenna Haney and Raleigh Rhodes



Wood County 4-H members show off the awards they won at the District Food Extravaganza. (Courtesy photo)

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Mineola Pilots hold 15th annual Valentine Dinner-Dance

The Mineola Pilot Club's 15th annual Valentine Dinner, Dance and Auction "Will You Be My Valentine" was held Saturday, Feb. 3, at the Mineola Civic Center.

Those attending danced to the songs of Dale Cummings and placed bids during a lively auction done by Sam Curry. The auction made \$1,835 from the sale of two wine baskets and a trip donated by Honorary Pilots Linda and Charles Fry.

John Abbott served as master of ceremonies. Celebrity waiters included Dana Sadler, Joyce Williams, Sam Curry and the MHS Anchor Club members. Sadler was awarded the trophy for most tips, with \$728 collected by all the waiters.

The Mineola High School Anchor Club, named Outstanding Tex-

as District, sold purses making \$425 with Mitzi Pearce winning a designer purse. Tickets were drawn for 12 items ranging from metal art by the Mineola FFA to Kacey Musgraves items to various types of baskets.

A Mineola Pilot Club spokesperson said the club appreciates the event sponsors.

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Mark 6:16-18

Obituaries

KAREN LESLIE ACKERMAN 1969-2018

WINNSBORO - A funeral service for Karen Leslie Ackerman, 48 of Winnsboro was held February 7 at First Baptist Church of Winnsboro with Dr. David Rose officiating.

Burial was at Lee Cemetery in Winnsboro.

Mrs. Ackerman died February 3, 2018 in Winnsboro. She was born March 26, 1969, in Kabwe, Zambia. She graduated from school in South Africa and worked in the hotel industry in Mpumalanga, South Africa. She was also an active member of the church.

She was preceded in death by her father, Abel Daniel de Lange and mother, Marjorie, Valorie D'Urban Robinson and brother, David Sebastian de Lange.

She is survived by her children, Samantha and Leon; her brother, Pieter; sisters, Marge of South Africa and Adrienne, Thailand and partner, Olke Jongsma, Texas.



BILLY MURPHY 1932-2018

WINNSBORO - A funeral service for Billy Murphy, 85 of Winnsboro was held February 9 at Beaty Funeral Home, Winnsboro, officiated by Rev. Perry Shirley.

Burial followed at Smyrna Cemetery in Winnsboro. Mr. Murphy died February 7, 2018, in Winnsboro. He was born June 4, 1932, in Winnsboro to Barney and Mariah Murphy. He was a mason, working in the construction industry.

He was preceded in death by his parents; a brother, Raymond Murphy and sister, Bonnie Loy.

Survivors include his wife of 64 years, Deloris Murphy; daughters, Regina Holmes and Sonja. Anderson, both of Winnsboro; sisters, Lila Kersey, Hughes Springs, Dollie Shirley, Winnsboro; brother, Walt Murphy, Leesburg; 10 grandchildren; 44 great-grandchildren and 16 great-great-grandchildren.

JAMES RALEY 1929-2018

WINNSBORO - A private family service for James Raley, 89 of Winnsboro will be held at a later date. Mr. Raley died February 9, 2018, in Winnsboro. He was born January 6, 1929 in Cartwright to the late Luther and Eula Raley. He retired from Trane where he was an electrician.

He was preceded in death by his parents and a stepson, Robbie Hill.

Survivors include his wife, Opal Raley; daughters, Becky Staller, Toni Beasley; four grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

CHARLES HOWARD REED 1938-2018

MINEOLA - A memorial service for Charles Reed, 79 of Mineola will be held at 1 p.m. Saturday, February 17 at Beaty Funeral Home near Mineola with Ronny Spence officiating.

Mr. Reed died January 31, 2018 in Quitman. He was born June 27, 1938 in Crystal City to the late Howard Reed and Joyce Estes. He was a retired office furniture salesman and a long-time substitute teacher for Mineola and Quitman schools and attended the First Christian Church in Mineola.

He is survived by Jane Wylie of Mineola; son, Randy Reed of Dallas and a grandchild, Delaney Reed of Stephenville.



MONTY JACK SMALL 1943-2018

TYLER - Services for Monty Small, 74, Tyler were held Monday, February 12 in Stewart Family Funeral Home Chapel with Rev. M.L. Agnew officiating.

Burial was at Rose Hill Cemetery in Tyler.

Mr. Small died February 8, 2018, in Tyler. He was born March 6, 1943, in Houston to Jack M. and

Naomi Small. He graduated from the University of Texas at Austin in 1966 with a degree in electrical engineering. During his careers he received many accolades, including Tyler Builder of the Year, Tyler Realtor of the Year, Mineola Chamber of Commerce president, Mineola Kiwanis Club president and board member of Mineola Community Bank. He retired from Mineola Community Bank.

He was preceded in death by his parents; sons, Russell and Jack Small as well as his brother, Don Small.

Survivors include his wife of 54 years, Mary Small and numerous other relatives.

If desired, memorials may be made to Hospice of East Texas, 4111 University Blvd., Tyler 75701; The Children's Miracle Network, 100 E. Ferguson, Ste. 800 Tyler 75702 or S.P.C.A. of East Texas, P.O. box 132899, Tyler 75713.



DON EUGEN SMITH 1925-2018

MINEOLA - A memorial service for Don Smith, 92 and wife, Peggy Smith 86, both of Mineola, Will be held February 24 at 1 p.m. at Beaty Funeral Home in Mineola.

Mr. Smith died January 6, 2018 at Hospice of East Texas in Tyler. He was born October 8, 1925 in Longview to Joe and Ciddle Smith. He served in the Navy as a gunner's mate on the U.S.S. Sands, ADP13. After serving in the Navy he worked for Southwestern Bell Telephone and retired after 39 years.

He was preceded in death by his parents; brothers, Joe, Jr., Everett, Glenn, Bobby and sister, Mary Margaret; children, Pat Patterson and Beverly Prestidge.

Survivors include his brother, Dr. Lamar Smith; sister, Dorothy McCreary; five grandchildren and 4 great-grandchildren and several nieces and nephews.

Mrs. Smith died January 25, 2018, at Hospice in Tyler. She was born February 2, 1931, to C.M. and Annie Mae Rogers. She was a homemaker and member to TOPS group.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Don. E. Smith; parents, C.M. and Annie Mae Rogers; brother, Rayford Bolin and two children, Pat Patterson and Beverly Prestidge.

Survivors include five grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

The couple was married over 70 years and raised several grandchildren and great-grandchildren.



LESLIE BRUMLEY 1965-2018

PICKTON - A memorial service for Leslie Brumley, 52 of Pickton was held February 10 at Beaty Funeral Home in Winnsboro with Henry Suche and Jim Horton officiating.

Mrs. Brumley died February 5, 2018, in Tyler. She was born December 14, 1965 in Grand Saline to Robert and Polly Schepp. She was an office manager/bookkeeper for 30 years.

She was preceded in death by her father, Robert Schepp and stepfather, Hollie Swatsell.

She is survived by her husband, Steve Brumley; sons, Marlin McPherson, Tanner Brumley and Chayton Brumley; daughters, Saxe Pierce and Skye Brumley, all of Pickton; her mother, Polly Swatsell; brother, Kent Schepp, and four grandchildren.

JACK CLEMENT FARRAR 1946-2018

ALBA - A celebration of life service for Jack Clement Farrar, 71 of Alba, will be held Sunday at the Alba Community Center from 1 to 3 p.m.

Cremation arrangements are under direction of Wilson-Bartley Funeral Home in Alba.

Mr. Farrar died February 7, 2018 at his home in Alba. He was born August 5, 1946 in DeKalb to Junior Lee and Lula Farrar. He served in the Navy during the Vietnam War.

He was preceded in death by his parents.

Survivors include his wife of 13 years, Kathy Farrar of Alba; son, Jack E. Farr, Dallas; brothers, Odie Farrar, Yantis, Paul Farrar of Pottsboro and Jerry of Alba and a grandson, Alex Farrar.



Expert offers five tips for coping with death of a pet

The loss of a pet can bring as much grief as the loss of some human friends and family members.

This makes sense when you consider the role our animal companions play in our everyday lives. You cared for your pet's every need and, because they could not speak, you learned to communicate in other ways. Such caring builds intimacy similar to that found between a parent and their infant; love without conflict, jealousy, or any of the other complications found in most relationships. So when a pet dies, the depth of your grief reflects your loss of a special relationship.

"When we lose a pet, we lose a relationship unlike any other," says Ken Dolan-Del Vecchio, a family therapist and author of *The Pet Loss Companion: Healing Advice from Family Therapists Who Lead Pet Loss Groups*.

"Many of us love our pets the way we love our children. But in the immediate aftermath of this unique loss, too often family members and friends say things like, 'Just get another one.' Instead of devaluing your grief over the loss of this important relationship, as others may advise, embrace your sorrow. Your grief is important, for it will lead you to healing and teach you important things about what matters most in life."

Dolan-Del Vecchio offers these tips for those grieving the loss of a pet:

Share your grief with empathetic friends. Spend time with people who understand your closeness with your

pet. Even some friends may be insensitive, so be careful to avoid "get over it" types of people. "Unfortunately, many people see animals as if they were non-living objects," Dolan-Del Vecchio says.

Attend a pet loss support group. Pet loss groups provide a concentrated dose of social support. Meeting with others who also grieve and share similar emotions can boost one's healing greatly.

Keep moving. Exercise is a healer. It boosts feelings of well-being and calm, improves sleep and brightens your mood.

Be creative. Whether you lean toward writing, scrapbooking, ceramics, photography or making collages, creative projects may contribute to healing.

Spend time in nature. Nothing quiets the mind and soul like a stroll through a park, nature preserve, or by the seashore. "The natural world brings special benefits when your heart has been torn by grief," Dolan-Del Vecchio says. "The sights, sounds, and smells of nature connect us to eternal, circular stories of life and death in ways that go beyond our usual thoughts and feelings, and this experience brings solace to many people."

"It's important to care for yourself when you're grieving your pet," Dolan-Del Vecchio says. "This requires some planning and acts of will, as grief can diminish energy and motivation. You can lessen your distress through self-care. Above all else, be gentle with yourself."

'Doublewide, Texas' opens LCP Season in Mineola

Lake Country Playhouse in Mineola will kick off the 2018 season with "Doublewide, Texas" this weekend at Select Theater.

Performance dates will be Friday, Saturday and Sunday as well as Friday-Sunday, Feb. 23-25. Shows on Friday and Saturday will start at 7:30 p.m. with Sunday matinees beginning at 2 p.m. The box office will open one hour prior to each performance. Admission is \$12 for adults and \$6 for students.

Mary Barlow is directing the play. The cast includes Cynthia Russell, Beth Walker, Tonya Slayton, Carly Loughmiller, Missy Armstrong, Daniel Armstrong, Luane Chancellor, Charlie Scovern and Richard Luna.

In this fast-paced comedy, the inhabi-

tants of one of the smallest trailer parks in Texas - four doublewides and a shed - are thrown for a loop when they realize the nearby town of Tugaloo is determined to annex them. And it's not as if they don't already have enough to deal with.

The mayhem of this Jones Hope Wooten comedy escalates as the residents attempt to secede from Texas, discover a traitor in their midst, and turn the tables in a surprising and side-splitting finale.

Discounts are available for groups of 10 or more. Call the box office at 903-569-2300 for additional information and reservations. Lake Country Playhouse is a nonprofit community theater, performing all its shows at the historic Select Theater at 114 N. Johnson Street.

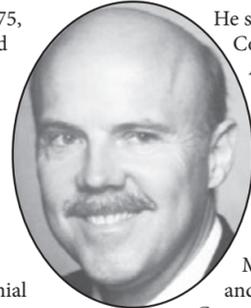
MICHAEL JOHN BRUCKNER 1942 - 2017

Michael John Bruckner, 75, of Wichita Falls, passed away on Sunday, February 4, 2018.

Memorial services were held Thursday, February 8, 2018, in Lunn's Chapel with Rev. Tom Medley officiating. Interment will followed in Lancaster, Texas. Arrangements were under the direction of Lunn's Colonial Funeral Home.

A son of the late Virginia (Shank) and Edward John Bruckner, Michael was born on October 11, 1942, in Chicago, Illinois. Michael graduated from Lancaster High School in 1960, and the University of Texas at Arlington in 1968 with a BBA in Finance. He served in the U.S. Army Air Defense Artillery from 1961-1964 in Arkansas, California, and Germany. He moved from Chicago to Lancaster, TX in 1948. He first married Kala Sue Boyington in 1966, having two children, Jon C. Bruckner and Jinger K. Bruckner. They were divorced in 1975. He married Susan R. Swann on August 6, 1981, and gained two step-children Karen S. Collins and R. Craig Swann.

Mike retired as Wichita County Treasurer in 2004. His prior working career was in the fields of accounting and investments.



He served on church, Chamber of Commerce, and American Heart Association Boards, and as past President of Burkburnett Rotary Club, Kiwanis Club of Mineola, Texas, and N. Central Texas Chapter of Sons of the American Revolution. He also served as Alderman in Mineola, Texas. Mike enjoyed playing trumpet and cornet in the Wichita Falls Community Band, Brian Frances Big Band, and the F & J Music Store "This Old Man Band".

He enjoyed singing in church choirs in Lancaster, Burkburnett, and Wichita Falls over the years. He loved to camp in State Parks with his wife, Susan, and meet family and friends there. He participated in athletics until slowed by a muscle disease since 1994. Prior to this, he ran twelve 26.2 mile marathons, several triathlons, and a 121 mile bike race from the Texas Capitol to College Station. Along with his parents Michael was also preceded in death by his brother, David Bruckner.

He is survived by his loving wife Susan Bruckner; son Jon, and daughter Jinger; his step-children, Karen and Craig; five grandchildren, Bruce Michael Bruckner, Jessica Payne, Austin Payne, Emily Collins, and Maya Barbee.

For those desiring, memorial contributions may be made to University United Methodist Church. Condolences may be sent to the family at www.lunnscolonial.com.

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thing everyone should start with. Your brain is your most important asset," Thurman explained. "What we consider the preparedness mindset is the continuous method of thought and actions centered around advancing the position of self-sufficiency. In layman's terms, it is a method of looking at the world around you and trying to come up with ways to deal with situations on your own with what you have, wherever you are with as little help or reliance on outside sources or people as possible."

A person never really knows when the unexpected can happen in their neighborhood. "We see it all the time. Whether it's spontaneous protest, tornadoes, flash floods, even a carjacking, there are any number of things that can and do happen every day, all around us," Thurman noted. "Preparedness is not at all about paranoia. It's all about foresight and prevention and making sure you are equipped and capable of taking care of yourself and your family. At the end of the day that is our responsibility. It all comes down to a plan."

He said people make plans every day. "If you think about it, you are making some type of plan each day without even thinking about it. You ensure your family is safe. You should have a plan, it could be an emergency route to get your kid home from school if there is a road closure, or if you get stuck at work and have a plan for someone to



Adam Thurman, owner of Zion Gear in Lindale, spoke to a group of local residents about being prepared in times of emergency. (Monitor photo by Larry Tucker)

pick up your kids," Thurman added. "You need to have situation awareness, a way to look at things happening around you, what's going on around you, what is happening next week, next month, and looking beyond what is happening right in front of you."

Thurman spoke about the Rule of Three in emergency planning.

"The Rule of Three is: You can survive three hours outside without shelter, survival outside in the elements; you can go three days approximately without water; and approximately three weeks without a food source," Thurman said. "We recommend using the Rule of Three as a good starting point

when you are preparing for packing your car or just what you might have around the house for a power outage. Calories are important in stressful situations. The body will burn more calories when you are under duress. It depends on your activity level. We recommend for an adult to start your planning with about 3,000 calories per day."

Food storage is an important issue. "You need to look at how many are in your family. What are the calorie needs for your family? If you are looking at storing food for a family of four, you are looking for approximately 12,000 calories per day," Thurman said. "Eat

what you store and store what you eat. There is no need to stock up on things you won't eat. If you don't care to eat something right now, you will probably have a rough time trying to eat it later when that may be the only thing available."

Water is an important element to survival. "Water is the most overlooked element of most preparedness plans. The human body can, on the average, survive about three days without water. The average person needs between one and three gallons of water per day depending on the outside temperature, the humidity, how active a person is and sometimes altitude plays a factor," Thurman said. "Water preparation is vital. You must look at the number of people in your home. A family of four would need to plan for approximately 12 gallons of water a day, and that is just for drinking. Water is a basic necessity. If your water is cut off tomorrow how far would you have to go for water?"

In Quitman, if bad weather makes someone have to leave their home for safety, there are two safe destinations. "People can always come up here to the Quitman fire Department. They just need to make sure they do not park in front of the big fire truck doors facing Goode Street," Gilmore said. "The basement at the Wood County Courthouse is also a site for those trying to find safe shelter."

Thurman stressed being prepared is not about being paranoid. "It's not about doomsday and being paranoid. It's simply about planning and looking at things realistically," Thurman said. "Planning just might save lives."

Hawkins

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The bond election is comprised of two propositions. Proposition A is a \$4.1 million dollar proposal for the construction, renovation and equipping of school buildings, the purchase of new school busses, and the purchase of classroom technology. Proposition B is a \$900,000 proposal for the installation of athletic field artificial turf. The motion was proposed by Board Member Ed Tunnell and seconded by Board Member Blake Warren.

In discussions, Board President Robbie White stated that as the previous two successful bond measures had been comprised of only one proposition, the success of this election will be determined by the ability to educate the public on the two propositions.

Additional bond election support measures approved at the meeting were the naming of Live Oak Public Finance as the financial advisor to the district, the selection of a construction manager-at-risk delivery methodology, delegation of certain project authorities to Superintendent Morris Lyon and designation of the

prevailing wage rates for Wood County. The approval of an interlocal agreement between the school district and the City of Hawkins will allow for a joint election. All bond election support measures passed unanimously.

Highlighting the board meeting was recognition of first grader Jace Evans, middle schooler Aspyn Beene and senior Emily Hodges as Students of the Month. Each student was recognized for their effort and achievements and received heartfelt applause from all present. Elementary School Principal Stephanie McConnell advised the board Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math (STEM) is now being introduced to the elementary school students, and Middle School Principal Jason Boyd described the highly successful Model United Nations events.

Chief Financial Officer Robby Fair introduced discussion of changing the district's fiscal year to July 1 through June 30, thus bringing it in line with the actual school year cycle of events. The superintendent called for the issue to be placed on a future agenda.

The call for a board election to elect two trustees for positions currently held by Blake Warren and Sam Hollingsworth was approved. The two positions will become

vacant at the end of their terms. The election will be held on the uniform election day of May 5. A full term for an elected trustee at Hawkins ISD is three years.

Lyon's efforts to create an Educational Foundation within Hawkins School District were strengthened by the approval of the firm Foundation Development Consultants as the contracted consultant for foundation development. Additionally, MEDSTOP, LLC of Longview was approved to be the contracted Telemedicine provider for Hawkins ISD.

After reconvening into open session after discussion in a closed session, the board approved the offer of one-year contract extensions to High School Principal Kelly Moore, Athletic Director Scott Evans, Middle School Principal Boyd and Elementary School Principal McConnell. A two-year contract extension offer to Chief Financial Officer Fair was also approved. All approvals were made unanimously.

Present at the meeting were board members Ashley Conner, Matthew Dacus, Ed Tunnell, Janice Vonner, Blake Warren and Robbie White. Board Member Sam Hollingsworth was not present.

The next board meeting is tentatively scheduled for Thursday, March 8.

Moore

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Arizona. "It'll be something new for sure," Moore said.

He learned about the deal early this month and said it was a bit of a surprise. He was "kind of gearing up for something else" after being in contact with his agent through the entire off-season. "Once they called me it was a complete surprise. I wasn't expecting it."

"I'm blessed to still get to play baseball for a living. It's super exciting." He knows that when he reports to Port Charlotte his performance in spring training will determine where he lands on the Rays' roster.

The last three years Moore has played for the Cleveland Indians organization, seasons about which he said he can't complain. "I've had better. I've had worse," he said. During that time, though, he gained an American Legion Championship ring.

Moore has been playing baseball since he was three years old on the fields at Mineola Youth Foundation and then for the Mineola High School Yellow-jackets where, among his accomplishments,

he had a school-record home runs. He also quarterbacked the football team. The seasoned catcher has played for the Seattle Mariners, the Kansas City Royals and San Diego Padres.

He played junior college ball for Northeast Texas Community College, redshirted at the University of Nebraska and the University of Texas at Arlington where he was 2006 Southland Conference Newcomer of the Year.

In 2006 Moore was drafted by the Seattle Mariners in the sixth round of Major League Baseball Draft.

Moore's parents, Harold and Laura Moore, still reside in Mineola and while there are many fans in his hometown, his family is his number one fans.

Soon to be 34 in May, Moore said that his body is "just feeling better and better the older I get. Obviously, I'm taking care of myself better at an older age and that's what keeps me on the field" as he is conscientious about his diet and exercise.

"It's just so cool. You don't see many guys staying in the game at 33, 34 years old." And as far as beginning the 2018 season in the Rays organization, he says, "It's certainly an honor."



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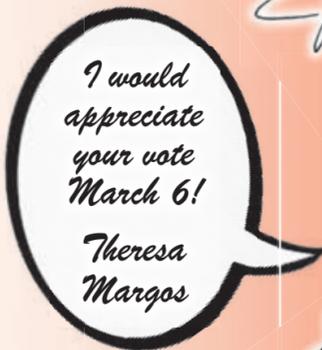
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Jenica Turner





Curtis London (center) pictured with his family as he signs his letter of intent to attend Austin College. (Monitor photos by Quinton Lilley)



Chandler Price (center) pictured with his family before signing his letter of intent to attend Franklin Pierce University in New Hampshire.

Jacket football players moving to next level

By **QUINTON LILLEY**
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It's any high school athlete's dream to have the opportunity to play the sport they love at the college level and for two Mineola Yellowjacket Football

players that dream was realized Wednesday.

Senior offensive linemen Chandler Price and senior running back Curtis London signed national letters of intent to continue their football careers in college.

Price will be headed to Rindge, New Hampshire this fall to play NCAA division II sprint football at Franklin Pierce University. Price was a second team all-district center for the Jackets this year and moved to Mineola in 2017

from Sulphur Springs.

London is headed to Sherman this fall to play NCAA Division III football at Austin College. London was voted Co-Utility MVP, awarded to a player who plays multiple positions at the highest level

in the district. London has played on Mineola's varsity football team the last two seasons.

London ran for 419 yards and six touchdowns while adding 149 receiving yards and a touchdown.

Yantis teams sweep Avinger

By **LARRY TUCKER**
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The Yantis Lady Owls continued their hot streak with the fifth consecutive district win while securing a playoff spot with a 41-24 win at Avinger last Tuesday.

Yantis was set to play Fannindel in Commerce for bi-district at 7:30 p.m. Monday night at press time. The Lady Owls beat Fannindel 45-35 in a December pre-season contest.

The win over Avinger gave the Lady Owls the second place seeding for the playoffs. Ashton Burnett had the hot hand for Yantis at Avinger with 15 points. In the team effort, Maggie Hooker scored nine points, Montana Wetzel added eight, Sydney Williams seven and Maddie Hooker two.

Wetzel played her consistently solid floor game on both ends of the floor while the Hooker twins took care of the boards dominating in the rebounding segment of the game. Williams' hustle was a constant threat on defense for Yantis and Burnett added numerous steals to thwart the Lady Indians.

The win gave the

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ACADEMIC ALL STATE



Mineola's Cameron Sorenson (left) and Dalton Harris (right) both earned Academic All-State honors for their performance in the classroom for the fall 2017 semester. Sorenson and Harris both played football for Coach Luke Blackwell (middle). Sorenson earned the Elite 1st Team Academic All-State as a four-year starter at free safety, wide receiver and kicker. Harris earned Honorable Mention Academic All-State as a four-year starter at defensive back. (Photo by Quinton Lilley)

Lady Jackets end regular season with 52-36 win over Quitman

By **QUINTON LILLEY**
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In the final game of regular season district play and the final regular season home game for Mineola, the Lady Jackets used a hot start to earn a 52-36 victory over the Quitman Lady Dogs last Tuesday night.

In the opening six minutes of the game the Lady Jackets overwhelmed the Lady Bulldogs with their pressure defense causing multiple turnovers. After a 6-0 run leaving the score at 16-6 Quitman was forced to call a timeout.

Out of the timeout Quitman took some of the momentum back as they scored four straight points leaving the score at 16-10. Quitman's Molly Tanner capped off the four run with a mid-range jump shot as the quarter came to an end.

In the second quarter Mineola's Meghan Brewington got in to the action as she hit a long jump shot and then Sabria Dean followed up with a score of her own. With Quitman down 22-10 half-way through the quarter the Lady Dogs went on another 4-0 run as Tanner scored again on a jump shot to end the run. Dean and Tanner would then trade baskets as Dean

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Sneed leads Jackets past Quitman

By **QUINTON LILLEY**
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In their final meeting this season the Mineola Yellowjackets beat the Quitman Bulldogs 74-34 in Mineola Tuesday night thanks to a second half surge.

With Mineola preparing for a possible playoff run, Quitman found themselves down 15-8 early in the second quarter when Mineola's Sean Dennis finished off a layup plus the foul giving Mineola its first double-digit lead of the game at 18-8.

That play was followed up by Mineola's Davion Sneed who also scored a layup while being fouled as the Jackets looked to extend their lead even further. The 6'5" junior forward had one of best games in district as he would finish with a team-high 15 points.

After a score by Quitman, Cameron Sorenson got in to the action as he hit his first three-pointer of the game midway through the second quarter. Quitman then responded with some great ball movement as Luke Pruden and Josh Medlin combined for a great give-and-go play leading to Medlin's first basket of the quarter.

Mineola's Shaw

Mineola's Davion Sneed (32) scores two of his game-high 15 points in the first quarter against Quitman last Tuesday night. (Monitor photo by Quinton Lilley)

Franklin then went on a 4-0 run of his own as Mineola led 29-13 at the half.

In the second half Sorenson opened up a 5-0 run for Mineola as he hit his second three of the game off a solid assist from Connor Dobbs. On an ensuing play Dobbs

scored a breakaway layup that pushed Mineola's lead to 21 at 34-13.

After a timeout by Quitman, the Bulldogs got their first score of the second half to fall as freshman center Kalen Wilkerson scored on

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A-G's hot start does Mineola in

By LARRY TUCKER & QUINTON LILLEY

In a battle for the second seed representing District 12-3A in the state playoffs, the Alba-Golden Lady Panthers took an early 5-3 lead over the Mineola Lady Jackets on a pair of free throws by Ashlyn Rogers and never looked back. The Lady Panthers maintained a lead throughout the game which they won 59-47 Friday night in Quitman.

The win set up bi-district (UIL first round) games against teams from District 11-3A. Al-

ba-Golden took on Dallas Madison while Mineola faced Life Oak Cliff after Monitor press time Monday night.

The district champion Edgewood played Hampton Prep and fourth place team Scurry-Rosser tangled with the 11-3A champion Sunnyvale Lady Raiders Monday.

In the first quarter with that 5-3 lead, sophomore Lady Panther Sammi Rambsel swished a triple from the left corner to put Alba-Golden ahead 8-3. A put back by Alba-Golden's Kenzie Chadwick made it 10-3, but Mineo-

la freshman Tahjae Black hit a short jump shot her. Teammate Meghan Brewington made a pair of free throws to cut the Lady Panther lead to 10-7.

The Lady Panthers then responded with a bucket from Lindsey Roberts and Mineola's Sabria Dean got her first bucket on a 10-foot bank shot to make it a 16-11 first quarter score with Alba-Golden leading.

Alba-Golden opened up a 20-11 advantage on a put back after an offensive rebound by Ginny Carson and bucket by Chadwick. Dean put in a

long triple to cut the Lady Panther lead to 20-14 with 5:38 left in the half.

A Grace Bizzell bucket gave Alba-Golden a 24-14 lead, but the Lady Jackets cut the lead to 24-20 on three points each from Dean and Black. The Lady Panthers ended the quarter with a 7-0 run on a pair of free throws from Chadwick, a triple from Rambsel and a buzzer beating layup by Bizell. The Lady Panthers took a 31-20 lead in to the half-time break.

Alba-Golden opened up their largest lead at the end of the third quarter taking a 47-31 advantage into the final eight minutes.

Mineola Coach Tony Riley then decided to go to a pressure defense to speed up the pace, which seemed to favor the play of Dean, Black, Brewington and Tiara Stephens. The Lady Jackets cut the deficit to an eight points at 53-45 after buckets by Vanessa Spurgeon, Brewington and Black, but could not get any closer.

The Lady Panthers slowed the ball down, forcing Mineola to foul. In the final three minutes of play, the Lady Panther's Carson, Bizell and Ashlyn Rogers combined for 6-10 free throws to thwart the Mineola comeback attempt.

Alba-Golden spent much of the second half at the free throw line using ball control to force Mineola into fouling situations as the Lady Jackets had to play from behind on the scoreboard. After going 7-9 from the charity stripe in the first half, the Lady Panthers were 17-28 in the second half, ending the contest going 24-37 from the line. Mineola hit 13-21 from the foul

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Hawkins' Akim Richmond (23) drives past Big Sandy's Elijah Beard (2) during the first quarter Friday night. (Monitor photo by Quinton Lilley)

Big Sandy remains undefeated after sweeping Hawkins Hawks

By QUINTON LILLEY
sports@woodcountymonitor.com

With less than six miles separating Hawkins and Big Sandy, Friday night's boys basketball matchup became a highly anticipated rematch between two teams looking to secure a spot in the UIL playoffs.

While the first quarter saw the Hawkins Hawks take a three-point lead, the Big Sandy Wildcats used a huge second quarter to hit perimeter shots and turned the ball over repeatedly. After a score by Hawkins to cut the lead to 21-18 Big Sandy went on a 4-0 run extending the lead to 25-18.

The first quarter was hotly contested as both teams' offenses traded runs with Big Sandy taking a 13-8 lead midway through the first quarter.

After a timeout by Hawkins Coach Mike

Craft the Hawks responded with an 8-0 run as Cameron Taylor and Collin Barber each scored twice for Hawkins giving the Hawks a three point lead. The quarter would end with Hawkins up 16-13.

In the second quarter the Wildcats defense completely shut down Hawkins' attack. Big Sandy immediately went on a 6-0 run as they took the lead back 19-16. Throughout the game Hawkins struggled to hit perimeter shots and turned the ball over repeatedly. After a score by Hawkins to cut the lead to 21-18 Big Sandy went on a 4-0 run extending the lead to 25-18.

The Hawks' problems got even worse as their starting forward Tristian Garrett picked up his third foul and was forced to sit on the bench the remainder of the half. The Wildcats then took their seven-point lead in to the halftime break.

The Wildcats' defense held Hawkins to just two points in the entire quarter which ranked as the lowest scoring total for the Hawks in any quarter this season.

As the second half got underway the Wildcats hit a three to extend the lead to double-digits at 28-18. Both teams then traded baskets when Garrett hit a running floater, Taylor scored a layup plus the foul, and Taylor scored again on a bank shot cutting big Sandy's lead to 30-27.

But just as they did in the first half Big Sandy Responded to every run by Hawkins the Wildcats then went on a 4-0 run of their own forcing another Craft timeout with just under four minutes left in the frame.

Garrett went back in the game hit a deep wing three, and then Big Sandy's freshman point guard Elijah Beard hit a huge three to give the Wildcats another seven-point lead.

After another score from Garrett, he committed his fourth foul of the game and had to be taken out again due to foul trouble. The Wildcats

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Mineola's Tahjae Black (23) drives past Alba-Golden's Macie Pendergrass (10) during their match-up Friday night. (Monitor photos by Larry Tucker)

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The Yantis Middle School Lady Owls won their district championship this year. Team members include (front, left to right) Celeste Stewart and Evelyn Angel; (back, left to right) Cheyanne George, Briana Swaim, Madi Skaggs and Gaby Sandoval.

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Hawks

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took advantage going on another 4-0 run to close the third quarter as they led 43-33 heading in to the fourth.

In the fourth Big Sandy's defense showed up again as they forced bad shots and turnovers by the Hawks as the lead was pushed to 14 points halfway through the final period. While the Hawks attempted to make a run behind a three from both Taylor and Everin Gipson it would not be enough as the Wildcats cruised to victory in the final minutes.

Cameron Taylor led all scorers with 21 points while Tristian Garrett also added 13 for Hawkins. Elijah Beard led Big Sandy with 18 points and Josh Shipman also had a solid game over all scoring 16 for the Wildcats.



Hawkins' Tristian Garrett (5) surveys the floor during the first quarter against Big Sandy Friday. (Monitor photo by Quinton Lilley)



Sabrina Dean (3) goes up for a three-pointer over Quitman's Madalyn Spears (5) during the first quarter last Tuesday night. (Monitor photo by Quinton Lilley)

Lady Jackets

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scored three times and Tanner scored once before the quarter ended, at half-time Mineola led by 11 at 29-18.

Playing in her final game in the Jackets' nest (Mineola home gym) senior Vanessa Spurgeon scored first for Mineola in the third quarter. She followed that score with a three-pointer from the left wing as Mineola went on

a 5-0 run. Cyndi Butler got in to the action for Mineola as she scored five straight including a buzzer beating three-pointer that gave Mineola a 44-24 lead heading in to the fourth quarter.

Mineola went on to win as Dean led Mineola with a double-double scoring 24 points and grabbing 10 rebounds. In her final home game Spurgeon scored 14 points. Butler added eight, while Brewington had four. Rosie Marquez also playing in her last home basketball game, added three rebounds.



Sydney Williams (5) and Ashton Burnett (3) defend against Avinger earlier this year. Burnett led Yantis with 15 points in the season finale at Avinger last Tuesday. RIGHT: Yantis Bradley Potts (10) scored 26 points in the Owls 51-42 win at Avinger last Tuesday. (Monitor photos by Larry Tucker)

Yantis

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Lady Owls a district slate of 5-3 and 14-13 on the year.

Yantis boys 51 Avinger 42

It was a basketball game played without any introductions, cheerleaders and fans. Behind the offensive punch of Bradley Potts, the Yantis Owls beat Avinger 51-42 on the road.

The game was played to an empty gym because of a ruling handed down by University Interscholastic League officials Monday.

A brawl at the end of the Jan. 19 Yantis and Avinger contest resulted in the suspension of players on both teams

and was played in front of officials and school administrators only. The boys game was played first, followed by the girls contest which was open to the public.

With the win, the Owls are one win away from securing their second consecutive district crown after an undefeated district slate and trip to the region semi-finals last season where they fell to eventual state champion Lipan.

Potts, who has been hampered by a knee injury, put the team on his back scoring 26 points. He got double-digit scoring help from Will Graham who had 11 points and Dallas Scott who hit for 10. Tucker Hathcoat and Josh Moreland each had two points.



A-G

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line for the game.

The Lady Panthers consistently drove the lane into defensive traffic, were fouled and went to the line. Alba-Golden made one fourth quarter shot from the field, a long three-pointer by Bizell, but they hit on 9-16 final quarter charity tosses.

Alba-Golden used a balanced offensive attack, Rogers had 15, Rambsel added 12, Bizell poured in 11 and Chadwick scored 10 to lead the way.

Mineola got 21 points from Dean and 11 points from Black.

With the win Alba-Golden wins the season series 2 to 1 with both teams winning on their home floor and A-G winning the neutral site game Friday night.



Alba-Golden's Ginny Carson (13) looks inside to make a play in Friday's game played in Quitman. (Monitor photo by Larry Tucker)

Mineola

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a layup plus the foul. Dennis then answered for Mineola with a score of his own while Garrett Peek scored at the other end for Quitman.

With the Bulldogs down 38-18 Quitman's sophomore point guard Trey Berry hit one of his two second half threes as he tried to keep his team

in the game.

However the effort wasn't enough Tuesday night as Sorenson drove and finished another layup and then Sneed went back to work inside scoring on back-to-back plays to close the third quarter.

While Sneed led the Jackets with 15, Sorenson and Franklin added 11 points, while Jonah Fischer added 10 to round out the double-digit scoring for Mineola.

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Invasive giant salvinia found at Lake Nacogdoches

Texas Parks and Wildlife Department (TPWD) inland fisheries staff found a total of 30 acres of invasive giant salvinia in multiple locations at Lake Nacogdoches Feb. 5.

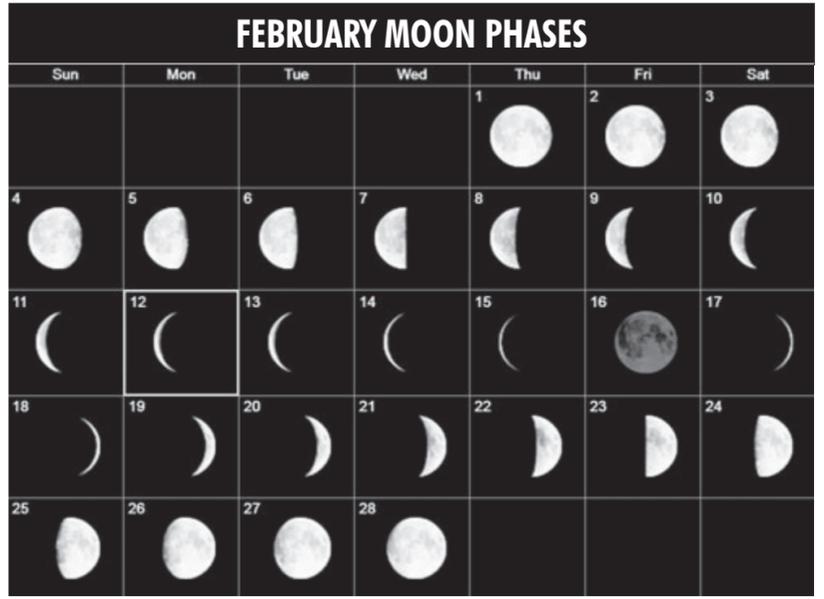
Within days of the discovery of a half-acre of giant salvinia at the Yellow Bank Creek cove, the TPWD Brookeland aquatic habitat enhancement team (AHE) deployed to the reservoir and found a larger infestation where Little Bayou Loco enters the reservoir. Those areas will be treated with a combination of giant salvinia weevils and careful application of contact herbicide on larger mats of the inva-



sive plant. It's likely the giant salvinia traveled to Lake Nacogdoches by way of a visiting watercraft in the summer of 2017, Findeisen added. Similar to the most recent infestation at Lake Fork, staff believe there is enough giant salvinia scattered throughout the lake that eradication would be almost impossible at this point. All boaters should

learn to identify giant salvinia as well as other invasive species that occur in Texas waters. Most importantly, boaters should remember to clean their boats and trailers before leaving the boat ramp. Transporting giant salvinia, along with other invasive species, is prohibited by law and punishable by a fine of up to \$500 per violation.

Boaters and property owners are urged to clean, drain, and dry their boats and trailers in between trips and to report additional infestations outside of the affected areas by calling (409) 698-9121 or emailing AquaticInvasives@tpwd.texas.gov.



Lake Fork Weekly Fishing Report (Feb. 5-11)

By JOHN MORRIS

It was great to back to work here at beautiful Lake Fork, Texas. It has been a very cold start to the year with water temperatures still in the lower 50s and the water clarity is really good.

The bass fishing is fair using black and blue jigs, chartreuse and white chatter baits and Rayburn red rattle traps. This week our fish were caught in 5 to 12 feet of water. No matter what bait you choose make sure you run or move it very slowly. On our Black and Blue jigs, we used the Net-Bait black/blue PACA Craw as a trailer. Cut about an inch off of the tail of the PACA Craw then thread it onto the hook of the jig. Works great!

On the chatter bait, we used a Smash-Tech Custom Baits 3 and 1/2 Smash Tail Jr. as a trailer. It gives the chatter bait

great vibration and moves a lot of water.

The crappie fishing was good this week. The crappie are stacked up around the bridges. Bubba's Baits 1/8 ounce white with an orange tail crappie jig is still working well. When the crappies stop biting the jig, tip it with a minnow. Works every time!

The white bass are in one of two places. They are either in 40 foot of water or around the bridges with the crappie. Take your time and you will find some good white bass in both places. Bubba's Bait Crappie jigs work the best.

The catfish fishermen are also having success this spring. Look for them in 18 to 24 foot of water over isolated brush pile and old trees. Cut bait work the best this week.

The bass spawn is just around the corner. Stay warm fishing this week.

Texas game wardens add search and rescue drone

Texas game wardens are adding a new set of eyes in the sky - an Unmanned Aircraft System or UAS - they say will enhance their ability to quickly and safely survey hard to access areas during natural disasters and search and rescue operations.

The new drone, a DJI Inspire 2, was donated through the Texas Parks and Wildlife Foundation's Gear Up for Game Wardens program, which has generated over \$100,000 in private donations thus far to fund purchases of specialized equipment for state game wardens.

"It will definitely be deployed during disaster events and search operations," said Game Warden Pilot Lt. Brandon Rose. "We're limited from using our helicopter and airplane if weather is bad. With this drone we

may be able to search for missing persons in situations where we can't use the manned aircraft. During those down times, this craft could be the difference maker in getting help and saving lives."

The new game warden UAS can attain a maximum speed of 58 mph and can go from 0 to 50 in 5 seconds with a range of about 4 miles.

Campbell went on to add, "The UAS will enhance our ability to quickly locate and guide rescuers to victim locations, and we also see the potential of the UAS as a training tool, as well as helping with reconstructing boat accident scenes."

The UAS will be based out of Texas Game Warden Region 7 in Temple, but available for deployment statewide.



NOTICE OF GENERAL PRIMARY ELECTION, REPUBLICAN PARTY

To the Registered Voters of the County of , Wood Texas:

Notice is hereby given that the polling places listed below will be open from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m., March 6, 2018, for voting in a general primary election for the Republican Party to nominate federal officers, Members of the State Legislature, and state, district, county and precinct officers; and for the purpose of electing county and precinct chairs.

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Issued this the 24 day of Jan, 2018. *Jane [Signature]*
 Signature of County Chair

NOTICE OF EARLY VOTING AT BRANCH POLLING PLACES

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February 26-27, 2018	Hawkins Community Center 301 Lynch St Hawkins, Tx 75765	8am-5pm
Feb. 28-March 1, 2018	Holly Lake Ranch VFD 126 PR 7869 Holly Lake Ranch, TX 75765	8am-5pm

Laura Wise, E.A.
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February 26-27, 2018	Hawkins Centro Comunitario 301 Calle de Lynch, Hawkins, TX 75765	8am-5pm
Feb. 28-March 1, 2018	Holly Lake Ranch Bomberos Voluntarios 126 PR 7869 Holly Lake Ranch, TX 75765	8am-5pm

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BY VIRTUE OF A WRIT OF EXECUTION issued out of the 402nd District Court of Wood County, Texas, in a certain cause numbered Case #2017-204. On the 3rd day of January A.D. 2018, styled: Jerry Rasnick and Raynelle Murray vs. James Phillips, Individually and D/B/A J&L Roofing and Construction, to me, as Civil Deputy directed and delivered, I have levied upon this 4th day of January A.D. 2018 and will between the hours of 10:00 A.M. and 4:00 P.M. at approximately 10:00 A.M. on the first Tuesday in April A.D. 2018, it being the 3rd of said month, at Wood County Court House Quitman, TX of said Wood County, proceed

Public Notice

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Sheriff Tom A. Castloo
Wood County, Texas
By Bonnie Sepulvado Civil Deputy

Public Notice
Notice is hereby given that a public hearing has been set to accept Private Road 5927 for County Maintenance.
The hearing is set for Friday, March 9, 2018 at 10:00 A.M. in the Commissioners Courtroom. All persons interested in the acceptance of Private Road 5927 for County Maintenance may appear at the hearing with opposition should they so desire.
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Seniors, Take Flu Season Seriously

By Patricia Danflous

You entered your sixties feeling great. Sure, your eyes aren't what they used to be, your hearing is not as sharp as it was in your fifties, and getting up and down off the floor with the grandkids is somewhat challenging. And now you have to worry about Influenza, a contagious respiratory illness with the potential to be severe and life threatening.

Unfortunately, the aging process also comes with a weakening immune system, making it more difficult to fight disease. If you are 65 plus, the flu can be especially dangerous. According to the National Council on Aging, statistics show that those over 65 account for over half of the hospitalizations related the flu, and almost all flu-related deaths. When combined with pneumonia, the flu is one among the top ten leading causes of death in the United States for seniors.



Take precaution and schedule a flu vaccination as early in the season as possible. Studies show that older adults see greater benefits when they are among the first to receive the vaccine – and they are typically given priority if there is a vaccine shortage. Talk to your family physician about the timing of your flu immunization and your options. A higher-dose vaccine is available to address weakened immune systems.

The flu vaccine is particularly important for those with chronic health conditions such as heart disease or diabetes, which condition may worsen as a result of the flu. The U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention reports that the best way to help prevent the flu is with an annual flu vaccination. It is estimated that during the 2014-2015-flu season, almost 58,000 hospitalizations were avoided among those 65 and older who were vaccinated.

Good news – the flu vaccination is covered by Medicare with no copay.

Remember, even though you have received a flu vaccine you are not completely immune. How do you know if you have the flu or just coming down with a bad cold?

A cold comes on gradually; beginning with a slight sore throat or a few sneezes which worsens as they days go by. Flu symptoms come on suddenly. You could go to bed feeling fine and wake up with the flu.

Influenza signs include:

- a temperature around 100.4 degrees or higher
- sore throat
- shivering chills
- severe muscle or body aches especially in the legs, arms and back
- headache
- nasal congestion
- extreme fatigue and weakness

Schedule your flu shot soon or check with your doctor if have questions about when you should receive this year's immunization.

Ditch the Bar & HANDLE THE RESISTANCE!

By: Tami Charbonnet

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LIVING GREEN GUACAMOLE

By Lauren Amerson

INGREDIENTS:

- 1 avocado
- Juice from ½ lime
- ¼ cup tomato (diced)
- 2 Tbsps. sauerkraut or pink sauerkraut
- 1 inch jalapeno,
- minced, no seeds
- ¼ cup onion (diced)
- 1 Tbsp. fresh cilantro (chopped)
- ¼ tsp. salt (optional)
- ¼ tsp. black pepper
- Garnish: ¼ cup fresh cilantro (chopped)



PREPARATION:

1. Cut avocado in half. Discard pit. Scoop flesh out with a spoon and add to mixing bowl.
2. Squeeze the juice from the lime. Add to the mixing bowl.
3. Chop the tomato, onion, and cilantro. Add to mixing bowl.
4. Mince the jalapeño, then add to mixing bowl.
5. Measure and add all remaining ingredients (sauerkraut, salt, pepper). Add to mixing bowl.

DIRECTIONS:

6. Add all ingredients to a mixing bowl, stir together until well mixed.
7. Transfer to a serving dish.
8. Garnish, serve and enjoy!



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