

ALBA-GOLDEN

Trustees approve campus gun carry

Following a closed session, the Alba-Golden school board unanimously approved a number of school employees to carry firearms on campus at the Nov. 12 regular board meeting. For obvious security reasons no more specific information was forthcoming regarding the initiative. Superintendent Dwayne Ellis commented, "It was an unfortunate but necessary measure to take in today's times."

Also by unanimous vote, the board granted pursuit of a waiver for the 2019 summer feeding program at the school. The summer feeding program, known as the Seamless Summer Program, is required by the state for schools having greater than 50% student population from economically-disadvantaged households. Alba-Golden is approximately 55% eco-

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Boosting security ongoing at MISD

By HANK MURPHY

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The Mineola Independent School District last week was taking the final steps in establishing a certified campus police department, and Officer Cody Castleberry was to be sworn in as police chief.

Castleberry, a former Mineola city police officer, took over the reins of campus security in September. He will be joined on the force by a second officer. Superintendent Kim Tunnell said she expects interviews for that position to commence the second week of December.

"Hopefully by January we'll have things in place. We'll have both officers, one for each of the campuses," Tunnell said.

The school district and the city also have hammered out a cooperative agreement in regard to

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This Week in Your Neighborhood

- Thanksgiving Day Lunch, Thursday, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.; open to the community. First United Methodist Church Ministries Center, 612 N. Newsom, Mineola.
- The City of Quitman Leaf Machine will begin picking up leaves on Monday, Nov. 26. The leaves must be raked out to the curb and any containing other types of trash, brush, sticks, car parts, etc. will not be picked up.



Mural Signing Ceremony

The Mineola mural at Line and Broad streets in downtown was signed Monday by two kids who helped design it. Annalee Cook, 17, (center photo) was a high school freshman when she was credited with the mural's overall conceptual design. Braxten Pool, 10, (left photo) was a second-grader when his "Beast of the East" idea was chosen as a design element. The mural was painted by local artist Lauren Petre (with Annalee and Braxten in right photo), a Mineola High School and UT-Tyler graduate, and Sam Edwards, also a UT-Tyler product. The kids signed the mural before an acrylic sealer was to be applied. (Monitor photos by Hank Murphy).



From left to right: Caring Hearts Hospice employees Leslie Batts, Andrea Jones, Meagan Moody and Katrina Davis stand with one of their purple drop-off boxes they made for the Purple Santa community gift drive. (Photo from Caring Hearts Hospice)

Caring Hearts Hospice shows local senior citizens love with gift drive

By ZAK WELLERMAN
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Senior citizens are often one of the forgotten groups during the holidays. They may be all alone or have very little visitors.

Caring Hearts Hospice in Mineola is putting together a Purple Santa gift drive benefitting local senior citizens this holiday season to show seniors they are loved.

Katrina Davis, Caring Hearts volunteer coordinator and community ambassador, said they want to remind our friends in the community that all lives and every moment matters.

"We all know how nice it is to be remembered and felt important and our elderly is no different," Davis said. "Our goal is to spread holiday cheer by collecting items such as warm blankets, gloves, socks, hygiene products, space heaters,

heated blankets, books, chair activities and/or trinkets in new condition for our local senior citizens."

Caring Hearts will be delivering gifts from community members to Mineola, Quitman and Grand Saline senior citizens in nursing homes and assisted living facilities. Santa, who will be dressed in purple to represent the color of Caring Hearts Hospice, will hand deliver the gifts as Christmas nears.

Boxes will be given out for the community to place gifts in them for the senior citizens. Purple donation boxes were given to each drop-off site on Friday, Nov. 16 and the boxes will be collected on Dec. 14.

The following businesses are drop-off locations: Caring Hearts Hospice in Mineola, Mine-

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Shop Local Mineola campaign kicks off Nov. 23

The Shop Local Mineola campaign kicks off this week, and folks can win prizes by patronizing their local businesses when enjoying a meal out or shopping for holiday gifts.

The campaign covers purchases made between Nov. 23-Dec. 28. To participate, you must make purchases at local restaurants and retail businesses ("mom and pop" operations with no "big box" stores or supermarkets). Enter to win prizes by

taking a picture of your receipt, your purchase and where you got it and post it to Facebook with #ShopLocalMineolaTX. Or you may take your receipt or a copy to either Mineola Community Bank's main branch, their Brookshire's branch, the Chamber of Commerce or City Hall.

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Train at Iron Horse Square could be rolling by mid-December

By HANK MURPHY
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The "Harry Meredith Special" will be hauling passengers around the confines of Iron Horse Square in Mineola by the middle of December if crews succeed in laying down the quarter mile of track in time.

Late last week, volunteers from the Landmark Commission were setting cross-ties and laying track at the five-acre Iron Horse Square Park next to the Mineola train depot. The Harry Meredith Special, a three-car train with a capacity for 36 passengers, will bear Union Pacific markings. The railroad, which owns the property designated for Iron Horse Square, is leasing it at no charge.

On Saturday, the Mineola Landmark Commission and Iron Horse Square Committee in-

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A crew uses pry bars last week to help situate the track at Iron Horse Square Park in Mineola. Crews were putting down track for the miniature "Harry Meredith Special" train, which will carry passengers along a quarter mile route. (Courtesy photo).

Quitman man dies in crash

Laurence Dale Banks, 64, of Quitman died Thursday from injuries received in an automobile crash south of Quitman, according to the Department of Public Safety.

At 2:31 p.m., troopers responded to a two-vehicle crash on Texas Hwy. 37, 2.1 miles south of Quitman. A preliminary DPS crash report indicates that Banks, who was driving a 1996 Dodge Ram, was stopped in the southbound lane of Texas Hwy. 37 to turn left onto a private drive while the driver of a 1999 Plymouth Voyager, Dawson Emory Sims, 19, of Quitman was traveling south on the same roadway. Sims failed to control his speed and struck the Dodge pickup, causing both vehicles to travel into the west ditch, according to the DPS.

Banks was transported to UT Health-Tyler in critical condition, and he later died at the hospital. The preliminary report does not indicate that Sims was injured or transported.

The crash remained under investigation on Friday.

Tucker's Turf

By Larry Tucker

Mineola and Wood County lost a real 'character'

I have been living in Wood County off and on since 1981. I have been coming to Wood County since my birth in 1950. In that time I have had the opportunity to meet many unforgettable people.



I met Bobby Dan through summer baseball and his Mineola Bomber organization, which became one of the state's premier baseball operations over the years. For many years it was the American Legion Bombers. Over the years it developed into more than one team and included several age groups.

Bobby Dan took his teams all over the Southwest and would go just about anywhere he could find competition. His teams won state and national recognition. His former players have played professionally, and many have a college education through his efforts on their behalf. David McNichol from Grand Saline said, "A lot of us would have never played college baseball had it not been for Bobby Dan."

He was a uniquely interesting person with a dry sense of humor who probably forgot more baseball than the rest of us will ever know. He based his teams out of Mineola, but players came from all over East Texas to wear a Bomber uniform.

Mineola Athletic Director Luke Blackwell said Bobby Dan will

be missed. "There is just no way Bobby Dan can ever be replaced. He meant so much to the kids and people of our school district. He had a servant's heart and was always doing things for others," Blackwell commented. "He did all the things behind the scenes that nobody else really knew about. He made sure our kids had everything they needed in the way of rings and snacks and things for out-of-town trips. He always had a couple of barbeques for the coaches. He had an incredible gift for organization, and he made sure everything was done exactly right. I could never overstate his value to our program and this district."

Many of his former players entered the coaching field. My son Cory is one of them. Cory is now a softball coach at Lake Highlands High School after a stint as head baseball coach. "I enjoyed playing and learning the game of baseball from this man. When he invited me to play with the 'big guys' when I was just 13, I was so excited," Cory noted. "And even though we may have had our differences in the last year I played for him, I respected him. What I didn't understand

then, I do now, because I know he saw more in me than I could see in myself, and that was his way of pushing me to become more confident in my abilities."

Kyle Slaton, a former Mineola Yellowjacket and National High School Baseball Coach of the Year at Nashville, Ark., played for Bobby Dan. "He was an American Legion legend. He loved his players and loved the game of baseball. There were some great times in my life playing for the Mineola Bombers," Slaton observed. "He will be missed by many."

Texas A&M University head baseball Coach Rob Childress from Harmony was one of Bobby Dan's Bombers. Childress' catcher was a big guy named Doug Lindsey, who played professionally for many years, I believe in the Philadelphia Phillies organization. Lindsey was legendary for the mammoth homeruns he blasted as a high schooler at Harmony and for the Bombers. One night I saw Lindsey knock out the lights in Mineola on the little league field which was beyond the left field fence of the Bombers field some 400 feet away with one of his moon shots and

Bobby Dan just said, "That ain't nothing, you ought to see him when he really hits one."

Frankston High School legend Paul Coleman, who played in the St. Louis Cardinal organization, was one of Bobby Dan's guys. Coleman set hitting records in Texas that still stand today. If I'm not mistaken, Lindale phenom Pat Mahomes, not the Kansas city quarterback, but his dad, played for the Bombers and went on to a successful pro career as a pitcher primarily with the Twins, but also the Mets, Red Sox, Rangers and Pirates.

Even in the past couple of years, you could always find Bobby Dan at one of the Mineola athletic facilities feverishly working to make sure concession stands were working smoothly and special projects were getting done. He was known for his fish frying expertise and making sure everybody had plenty to eat during the spring track meet in Mineola.

Bobby Dan Speights was definitely a one-of-a-kind man, a damn good man. He will be missed by many. I miss him already. Rest in peace my old friend.

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 Tuesday, 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.
 AL ANON - 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, 6:30-9 p.m., Church On the Rock annex building at 302 S. Stephens. 903-763-4588.
 THE CORVETTES OF WOOD COUNTY - First Saturday of the month at 9 a.m. Richie's Grill, corner of U.S. 80 and FM 14 in Hawkins. Open to any Corvette owner.
 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. 903-343-1474.
 DAUGHTERS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION, John Hogg, Sr. Chapter, 3rd Monday except June, July, August & December, 1 PM. Holly Hall, Holly Lake Ranch. 903-520-8697
 DELPHIAN LITERARY CLUB - first Wednesday, 569-6794 or 569-3586.
 DRUG AND ALCOHOL AWARENESS - 7 p.m. Friday, Seventh Day Adventist Church, Ronny Polley 768-2992.
 DUPLICATE BRIDGE ACBL games - Wednesday and Friday, 10:30 a.m., Masonic Lodge, 882-1335.
 EASTERN STAR - Quitman Chapter 695, 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 SCOUTS MINEOLA TROOP 3 - building girls of courage, confidence, and character, who make the world a better place! All girls kindergarten-12th grade welcome! Monday, 5:00-6:30 pm, September-May, Broad Street Church of Christ Annex, Crystal Arcand 903-705-2459
 HAINESVILLE 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 Willif 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.
 MEMORY CAFE, a time for stimulating memory, meets weekly on Thursday in the craft room at Holly Brook Baptist Church from 11:45 to 2 p.m. Lunch is provided. Various activities are offered each week, including games, moderate exercise, art, and music. People in the area are invited. There is no charge. For more information call 903 769-2091
 MINEOLA BAND BOOSTERS - second Tuesday, 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, 8:30-11:30 a.m., 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.
 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.
 QUILTS OF VALOR GROUP, STITCHIN' ANGELS, meet the last Wednesday of the month at 10:30 a.m., 1118 N. Pacific St., Mineola, to make quilts for service members and veterans.
 QUITMAN 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., Perallo'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 Community 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 - Second Tuesday, 6 p.m., Quitman Public Library. 903-763-1210 or e-mail nkyoung97@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.wood-countydem.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 PCT. 2 CONSTABLE EXPLORERS - first Thursday, 6:30 p.m., Armed Texans Training Facility, 369 CR 2784, Mineola.
 WOOD COUNTY RETIRED SCHOOL PERSONNEL ASSOCIATION - third Monday, September-December, and February-April, 2 p.m. and in May at 5 p.m., Forever Young Activity Center, 402 S. Main St., Quitman. All retired school personnel are invited.
 YANTIS CITY COUNCIL - second Tuesday, 6 p.m., city hall.
 YANTIS SCHOOL BOARD - second Monday, 6 p.m. (executive session), 7 open meeting, school cafeteria.
 YANTIS/LAKE FORK LIONS CLUB - second Thursday, 6 p.m., Yantis Community Center.



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It's all about the kids

"It's all about the children," stated the newly approved permanent Yantis Schools Superintendent Tracey Helfferich. In fact, any conversation with the superintendent returns to caring for, teaching, and taking care of children. It is the hallmark of her 25-year teaching and school administration career.

After serving adjunct duties as superintendent for the past year, the Yantis School Board offered, and Helfferich accepted, the permanent superintendent position at a special board meeting last month. Helfferich commented the support from the board over the past year has been "simply amazing," and further offered that the district has made significant progress with the board's efforts.

Although hailing from Corsicana, the superintendent has called Sulphur Springs home for most of her life. She attended Texas A & M University in Commerce where she received her teaching certificate in Reading, and did further studies both there and at Texas A & M Texarkana for her principal and superintendent certifications. She and her husband, Jim, remain residents of Sulphur Springs.

Helfferich credits both her mother, who continues to teach at Blooming Grove School, and her children for leading her to a teaching profession. Helfferich explained "My mother was certainly the primary influence, but raising two daughters led me to the conclusion that I needed to continue to teach and develop youngsters". Once her

daughters became adults, Helfferich decided to pursue a principalship. After teaching at Cumby Elementary School for eighteen years, she went on to serve three years as their principal. She also credits and thanks her husband for supporting her career decisions.

The superintendent described a special quality in the young people at Yantis schools. After reflecting for a moment, she stated with certainty, "Genuine... they are genuine." She also described the incredible sense of caring and love which the teachers at Yantis demonstrate to their students. The sense of students belonging under her care was evident throughout the interview.

Helfferich described her desire to capitalize on the momentum in Yantis School to build and expand the relationships between the school and the greater Yantis community. The unique financial status of Yantis ISD, the tax base issue, the geographic dispersion of the local population, and a large percentage of economically-disadvantaged families are among the issues which require greater cooperation and understanding between the school and the community. The economic factors of available jobs and adequate housing in a district featuring a large population of retirees are issues which must be faced together, she stated. Acknowledging the challenges, Helfferich admitted she is a "people person" who loves to learn, a combination which will be necessary to meet these challenges.



Tracey Helfferich

Returning to fundamentals of schooling, the superintendent described her philosophy of teaching as based on the premise that every child must be taught individually. This philosophy may have its basis in Helfferich's experiences garnered while working as a Response to Intervention administrator at Cumby School, determining the educational needs and paths for young students.

Determining pathways for the 383 students and 54 employees of Yantis Schools is now her charge. Based on the passion and energy evident in the new permanent superintendent, there is no doubt the school will be moving forward. As Superintendent Helfferich exclaimed, "I love my kiddos!"

Quitman city council begins strategic plan process

By ZAK WELLERMAN
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Last week, Quitman city council took the first step into developing its next strategic plan.

City Administrator/Secretary Andrew Kloefkorn was given approval to search for a consulting firm, which would conduct a strategic plan review and comprehensive plan review.

Traylor & Associates was awarded the contract for grant management services for the application and administration (if awarded) of a 2019/20 Texas Community Development Block Grant. JCR Engineers was also approved as the project engineer for the TxCDBG implementation if the grant funds were approved.

TxCDBG comes from state funds and likely go toward improving city infrastructure.

Kloefkorn was approved as the City of Quitman representative for the Wood County Airport Board. The original action on the agenda was to have Lauren Maynard, court clerk and associate judge, share the seat with Kloefkorn as co-representatives.

Council members decided it would be better to just have one person serve and Kloefkorn being on the board would give better continuity of meetings.

Council approved a general services agreement between the City of Quitman and JCR Engineers, LLC. John Rimlinger of JCR Engineers was formerly employed with KSA. The city still has an agreement with KSA for its services.

However, Rimlinger noted that there would be no conflict with KSA and there are no financial obligations for the city with the agreement.

According to the agreement, the city is not obligated to use JCR Engineers and it does not restrict the city from using other professional groups for services. Fees and services will be negotiated for each project the city contracts

with JCR.

Council approved a new professional service agreement with U.S. Capital Advisors, who has been assisting the city with its finance issues.

REPORTS

In Mayor David Dobbs' comments, he said Christmas lights will be going up soon in the downtown area. Quitman's annual Christmas parade is set for Dec. 8 at 2 p.m. This year's route will begin at the high school and end at Governor Jim Hogg City Park.

Dobbs read a proclamation to make the week of Nov. 5 to 9 Texas Municipal Court Week in Quitman.

Quitman Development Corporation Executive Director Denea Hudman gave the QDC report to the council.

Hudman said The Shops at 107 are coming along and there are plans for a Dec. 1 sneak peek event. Going ahead of schedule, renovations for Quitman Animal Clinic are expected to be completed Dec. 15.

She and Jamie Wyatt of Colonial Construction attended the Texas Downtown Association conference. They taught a class on how to get businesses to come to small towns.

There are some prospects on the hook for lodging in the future, she added.

She emphasized the need to grow smart for Quitman. "We want to make sure we grow at the pace we need to," Hudman said.

There was no Wood County Industrial Commission report for this month's council meeting.

Consent agenda was approved with a small change to the Oct. 18 meeting minutes. Approval also included financial and budget reports as of Oct. 31 and October 2018 departmental reports.

Quitman Police Chief Kelly Cole said Christmas Caring and Sharing will be Dec. 8. Police academy graduation was Nov. 17.

Quitman Public Library Director Delene Allen said the li-

brary received \$13,000 in grant money for learning stations.

Kloefkorn added the council will need to have a special meeting in the next two weeks to discuss a water line project.

In the citizen comments section, Fred Morrow addressed the council over questions about how to receive a tax abatement and water line concerns.

Dobbs said he would meet with Morrow to go over the process of tax abatement and other questions.

Jerry Hirsch told the council he received a letter from East Texas Council of Governments saying his address changed from Wells Road to County Road 2110.

If his address changes, his concern is that law enforcement wouldn't know his home is in the City of Quitman. In the case of emergencies, Hirsch believed city police response time would be quicker compared to the sheriff's office.

County approves construction manager at risk for voting annex

By ZAK WELLERMAN
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Commissioners chose a construction manager at risk last week for the county's voting and early voting office to be built across the street from the courthouse.

JPJ Construction of Quitman was awarded the bid for the annex building project. JPJ was the only company to bid before the required deadline.

Court also approved the advertisement of bids for the Lake Hawkins RV Park lease agreement.

Precinct Three Commissioner Mike Simmons said the current contractor has decided to not renew; therefore, the county is seeking bids from other contractors.

Bids will be advertised on Nov. 21 and Nov. 28. They will be opened on Dec. 6 and awarded on Dec. 14.

Commissioners approved a capital rollover request for Precinct Three Constable Gary Dixon. He requested \$5,992.06 from last fiscal year to be rolled over to this fiscal year. This request is for a new car and needed up-fitting.

In a letter to the court, Dixon stated, "Due to the late delivery of the new county vehicle and the difficult scheduling requirements of the up-fitting provider in Sulphur Springs, a few installation items remained uncompleted."

Court approved the Nov. 6 general election canvass

results.

Elections administrator Laura Wise went over the results. There were 16,998 voters in total and 11,345 early voters. In 2014, the total vote count was at 11,437 voters.

Wise added that branch voting locations for early voting have been going well.

Commissioners also approved the following:

-Constable reports for October

-annual renewal of the Stop Loss Insurance Agreement

-interlocal agreement with the City of Hawkins for flood plain management

-volunteer fire department contracts for fiscal year 2019

-annual renewal of the interlocal agreements for the Wood County Industrial Commission for fiscal year 2019

-Wood County road permit #2169 in precinct two for logging

-Wood County road permit #2170 in precinct three for logging

-Ricardo Ortiz and Leonardo Martinez both resigned from their deputy sheriff positions

-Ray Peavy, Donna Estes and Debra Carpenter were hired temporarily by Precinct Three Commissioner Mike Simmons

-Laura Meadors was hired part-time by Precinct Four Commissioner Russell Acker

-an amendment of \$425 for payroll from last pay period

-payroll of \$352,773.09

-health and dental claims of \$52,103.31

-accounts payable of \$300,202.79

-voided checks of \$20

-direct claims of \$11,381.46



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| Data Control Codes | 10 | | 98 | |
|---|---------------------|--------------------------|---------------------|-------|
| | General Fund | Other Governmental Funds | Governmental Funds | Total |
| REVENUES | | | | |
| 5700 Local and Intermediate Sources | \$ 3,218,108 | \$ 411,630 | \$ 3,629,738 | |
| 5800 State Program Revenues | 5,530,344 | 71,531 | 5,601,875 | |
| 5900 Federal Program Revenues | - | 611,739 | 611,739 | |
| 5920 Total Revenues | \$ 8,748,452 | \$ 1,094,900 | \$ 9,843,352 | |
| EXPENDITURES | | | | |
| Current: | | | | |
| 0011 Instruction | \$ 4,353,751 | \$ 348,859 | \$ 4,702,610 | |
| 0012 Instructional Resources and Media Services | 65,014 | - | 65,014 | |
| 0013 Curriculum and Staff Development | 166,572 | 38,795 | 205,367 | |
| 0021 Instructional Leadership | 74,751 | - | 74,751 | |
| 0023 School Leadership | 292,999 | 30,798 | 323,797 | |
| 0031 Guidance, Counseling and Evaluation Services | 204,729 | - | 204,729 | |
| 0033 Health Services | 37,472 | - | 37,472 | |
| 0034 Student (Pupil) Transportation | 751,400 | - | 751,400 | |
| 0035 Food Services | - | 408,400 | 408,400 | |
| 0036 Cocurricular/Extracurricular Activities | 358,174 | 98,998 | 457,172 | |
| 0041 General Administration | 508,003 | 260 | 508,263 | |
| 0051 Plant Maintenance and Operations | 1,146,657 | - | 1,146,657 | |
| 0052 Security and Monitoring Services | 15,237 | - | 15,237 | |
| 0053 Data Processing Services | 64,081 | - | 64,081 | |
| 0071 Principal on Long-term Debt | 213,506 | 80,000 | 293,506 | |
| 0072 Interest on Long-term Debt | 13,632 | 56,438 | 70,070 | |
| 0073 Bond Issuance Costs and Fees | - | 440 | 440 | |
| 0081 Capital Outlay | 103,445 | - | 103,445 | |
| 0093 Payments for Shared Service Arrangements | 231,439 | - | 231,439 | |
| 6030 Total Expenditures | \$ 8,800,862 | \$ 1,062,968 | \$ 9,863,830 | |
| 1100 Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues Over Expenditures | \$ 147,590 | \$ 31,912 | \$ 179,502 | |
| OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES) | | | | |
| 7914 Issuance of Non-Current Debt | \$ 352,312 | \$ - | \$ 352,312 | |
| 7080 Net Other Financing Sources (Uses) | \$ 352,312 | \$ - | \$ 352,312 | |
| 1200 Net Changes in Fund Balances | \$ 499,902 | \$ 31,912 | \$ 531,814 | |
| 0100 Fund Balance - Beginning (September 1) | 5,591,246 | 634,729 | 6,225,975 | |
| 3000 Fund Balance - Ending (August 31) | \$ 6,091,148 | \$ 666,641 | \$ 6,757,789 | |

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MISD achieves top rating in financial management

By HANK MURPHY

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Taxpayers should rest assured that the Mineola Independent School District is in robust financial health, that its transactions are transparent, and that its ledgers are clean.

In essence, that is the finding of the Financial Integrity Rating System of Texas (FIRST), which functions under the auspices of the Texas Education Agency. MISD received a financial accountability rating of

100, the highest score available. This marks the 16th consecutive year for the district to receive a perfect score. The rating reflects the 2016-17 school year.

The school financial accountability rating system ensures that school districts are held to account for their financial management. The system encourages public schools to manage their financial resources to provide the maximum allocation possible for instruction.

"We're very pleased that we continue to

have a strong financial rating," said MISD Superintendent Kim Tunnell.

Assistant Superintendent of Business William Bjork "does a phenomenal job tracking the money, Tunnell said.

In compiling its ratings, FIRST relies on a number of indicators, according to Tunnell. One of those indicators is transparency. "Our checkbook register is posted for anyone from the public to see," she noted.

Also, FIRST examines such things as whether the district spends within its means,

maintains an adequate fund balance and does proper reporting.

"We hit all those indicators," Tunnell said.

Aside from keeping the public trust, one practical benefit of achieving the highest rating from FIRST would be a high bond rating, which leads to a better interest rate on debt. The MISD, however, has no bonded indebtedness. A \$38.5 million bond issue failed in November 2017. Had the bond issue passed, the district would have had an AAA+ bond rating, according to Tunnell.

Guns

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nomically-disadvantaged. The small number of students (10-20) who had historically participated in the program over the past six years made the program fiscally and logistically inefficient and impractical. The need which the program served will be referred to the Mineola and Tyler food bank programs.

In other action, the board received a thorough package, documenting the school's English as a Second Language (ESL) program, for review. The comprehensive report included information on ESL teachers as well as comparative analysis between ESL and non-ESL students. No action was required nor taken by the board in this matter.

Hope Wiley was named secondary school student of the month while grade schooler Kinsey Koonce was so named for the elementary school. Daughter of Jason and Toni Wiley, sophomore Wiley is active in a multitude of school activities to include volleyball, National Honor Society, the Key Club, and the Fellowship of Christian Athletes.

Additionally, she works part time at the Happy Hearts Learning Academy in Emory.

Wiley was described as a "shining example for the whole school," an active student and mentor, and one who creates a positive and loving environment in all situations.

School board President Mike Ragsdale was joined by Board Members Joe Carr, Nick Kerry, Jackie Staley, Jason Stovall, and James Wilkinson. Board Member Brady Robinson was absent.

MISD

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their respective police departments. Both have signed a memorandum of understanding concerning interaction between the two agencies.

"The Mineola Police Department has been tremendous in this whole process. They've assisted with interviews, with sharing information, with coordination. I can't say enough about the partnership we have with them,"

Tunnell said.

Meanwhile, the school district continues to evaluate ways to make its facilities more secure.

"One of the big concerns from Officer Castleberry is the entrances, that they're still wide open. So we're going to have to look at a short-term (solution) and then have a discussion about a long-term fix for the facilities, which will be substantially more money," Tunnell said.

The MISD has budgeted \$187,487 for campus security this fiscal year.

"We're looking at additional security gates to slow or stop traffic. Right now, anyone can drive in to the back of the elementary school or behind the primary school. They have access to the playgrounds, so we need to secure that. It's just to protect our children. We're not trying to make it like a prison. But we've got to protect our kids."

Also, Castleberry has been making inroads in getting to know the students, she said.

"He's forming a relationship with the kids, having lunch with them and building those relationships. Because 90 percent of that job is preventative, only 10 percent is law enforcement," Tunnell noted.

Shop local

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Customers' names must be written on the backs of receipts with their telephone numbers and, if the receipt doesn't have the business' name printed on the front, then the name of the business must be written on the back as well. Receipts will be collected on Fridays and the drawings will be held and winners announced that day.



From left, Anchor Club members Anahi Aleman, Alyssa Arguijo, Maricela Garcia, Dawn Duplechein, Valeria Veloz, Bianca Delgadillo and Gisel Delgadillo stand with a Giving Tree they decorated. (Courtesy photo).

Christmas toy drive through Giving Trees begins

It is time again for the Caring & Sharing toy drive.

The Mineola High School Anchor Club has placed Giving Trees in several locations to help the Caring & Sharing community toy drive again this Christmas season.

The Giving Trees are filled with ornaments that contain the gender and age (from birth to 12 years old) of a needy child. Anyone wanting to help with this toy drive may take an ornament from one of the trees, purchase a game or toy with a value of at least \$15 appropriate for the child listed, and return the unwrapped gift with the ornament to any of the trees by Monday, Dec. 10. The tree locations are the Mineola High School

gym lobby, city hall, the chamber of commerce, Kitchen's, the Venues on Sycamore, Methodist Ministry Center, First Christian Church, and Brookshire's.

This is the 20th year the Anchor Club has helped Caring & Sharing with its toy drive. Last year over 200 toys were purchased for needy children through this process. This year more than 300 children are on the Caring & Sharing list to receive toys, so the Anchor Club is hoping to increase last year's number of toys collected.

The Anchor Club is a service organization at MHS that is sponsored by the Pilot Club of Mineola. Karina Bautista is this year's president and Janell Abbott is the club's advisor.



Expect tables to be filled with hand-crafted items made by local artists and artisans at the Mineola League of the Arts Christmas Bazaar. (Courtesy photo).

Holiday Tour of Homes Dec. 1

The Mineola Landmark Commission's annual Tour of Homes will take place Saturday, Dec. 1 from 1 to 4 p.m.

This year's tours will include the Chamber of Commerce Building at Johnson and Broad streets in downtown Mineola, the Hoke home on Line Street and the Wisdom home on Sycamore Street.

The Wisdom home is also known as the O.P. Pyle House, which is recognized as a historical property by the Texas Historical Commission. The Queen Annetyle house was built in 1903-04 by Owen Pinkney Pyle, an Arkansas native and editor and publisher of the Mineola Courier.

The Hoke home is the birthplace of Ima Hogg, daughter of James Hogg, the first native-born governor of Texas. She was born at the house in 1882.

For more information on the Tour of Homes, call 903 569-6183.

Mineola League of the Arts

Annual Christmas Bazaar set Dec. 1

Mineola League of the Arts will be holding its Christmas Bazaar on Saturday, Dec. 1 from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. There will be free hot cocoa served along with coffee and cookies.

There will also be an abundance of gifts from which to shop. League members have created wood carvings, stain glass, jewelry, indoor/outdoor glassware, paintings, knit and crochet hats, baked goods, photography and so much more. This would be an ideal time to do some serious Christmas shopping and enjoy some hot cocoa.

Also, the stage is set for photographs of your child with Santa napping among all the Christmas toys. You can order special prints for Christmas.

For more information, please call the League at 903 569-8877.

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ACROSS

1 output of Arlington GM plant

5 TXism: "sneaky ___ egg sucking dog"

6 ex-Cowboy coach Wannstedt

7 TXism: "a neon light ___" (inspired)

8 site of 1937 blast that killed 293 TX kids and teachers

17 ___ Frenos, TX

18 TXism: "___ than a dry land farmer needs rain"

21 "Cowpokes" artist (init.)

22 expression of relief

23 Highlands, TX: "Pearl of ___ Jacinto"

24 right-slanted letter

29 cowboy boots often are pointy ___

30 TXism: "he camps out in the ___ corner" (religious)

31 ex-Astro pitcher Drabek (init.)

32 TX Mickey Gilley's "A Headache ___ a Heartache Tonight"

34 sound at TX Motor Speedway

35 Bigfoot, TX named for this TX Ranger Wallace (init.)

36 TXism: "___ for bear" (equipped)

37 Huckleberry ___

38 prefix for chute, graph, or medic

39 TX Dennis Quaid 1987 comedy sci-fi film

41 some salsa

42 ___ tac toe

43 TXism: "a hard dog to keep under the ___"

44 a schooner in the revolutionary TX Navy

45 "coffin nail" residue

46 TXism: "___ (alone) ___ sight"

48 most soiled or obscene

49 plural of 33-down

50 TX Steve Miller's "Living in the ___"

51 TXism: "___ buster" (farmer)

52 Yankee state (abbr.)

DOWN

1 near Amarillo,

10 buried Caddies

2 TXism: "dead ___ ___ nail"

3 novel about Sam Houston & his wife Eliza Allen: "The ___ Bride"

4 this Sam won the Dallas Open in 1945

9 TXism: "no files ___" (attractive)

10 TXism: "I ___ that like a duck needs an umbrella"

11 TXism: "take a button and ___ a vest on it" (inflate)

12 savior of the Alamo, Clara (init.)

13 with "The," film by TX rancher Norris

14 TXism: "six of one, half a dozen of the ___"

15 prophetic sign

16 ___ Ebanos, TX

19 TX DPS speed detector (2 wds.)

20 with the rear forward

22 former star Cowboy safety, Darren

24 TXism: "keep ___ under your hat"

25 TXism: "got as much ___ do as a hibernating bear"

26 TX Jim Reeves' "___ I Losing You?"

27 in Jackson County on FM 616

28 TXism: "strike while the ___ hot"

29 old Dallas TV "Slam Bang Theater" host Icky

30 TXism: "busy as ___-armed paper hanger"

33 TX -born Robby Benson 1976 film: "___ to Billy Joe"

34 northern Dallas suburb

35 TXism: "___ so bad I could spit"

37 a divisive person

38 TX "Red" Adair and actor Newman

40 cattle "stingin' stick"

41 Glen Campbell was a TX Ranger in 1969 "___ Grit"

44 ___ D' Arc tree

47 dating status: "going ___"

Wood County Sheriff's Report

November 7

Deputies responded to a suspicious person on CR 2930 near Alba; at approximately 3:12 a.m. Deputies searched the area, but were unable to locate the individual.

Deputies were dispatched to Goode St. in Quitman, at approximately 4:27 a.m., in reference to an alarm. Deputies checked the building and it was secure.

At 4:30 a.m., horses were reported out on HWY 37 near Quitman.

Deputies were dispatched to CR 4554 near Winnsboro, at approximately 5:11 a.m., in reference to an alarm. Deputies checked the building and it was secure.

Deputies were dispatched to FM 2869 near Hawkins, at approximately 5:15 a.m., in reference to an alarm. Deputies checked the building and it was secure.

Deputies were dispatched to HWY 154 near Quitman, at approximately 5:31 a.m., in reference to an alarm. Deputies checked the building and it was secure.

Deputies were dispatched to FM 49 near Mineola, at approximately 7:42 a.m., in reference to an alarm. Deputies made contact with the owner of the building and determined it was an accident.

Deputies spoke with the reporting party, at approximately 12:39 p.m., in reference to an unauthorized use of a motor vehicle on CR 2460 near Mineola. Deputies gave the reporting party advice and cleared the incident.

Deputies responded to a suspicious person on FM 14 near Hawkins; at approximately 1:48 p.m. Deputies searched the area, but were unable to locate the individual.

Deputies were dispatched to CR 2195 near Quitman, at approximately 3:40 p.m., in reference to a welfare check. Deputies located the individual and everything was OK.

At 4:20 p.m., horses were reported out on FM 1647 near Winnsboro.

At 5:43 p.m., horses were reported out on FM 2966 near Quitman.

Deputies were dispatched to Suma near Quitman, at approximately 9:43 p.m., in reference to criminal mischief. Deputies located the damage, but were unable to locate the vehicle that caused the damage.

Deputies went out on an arrest/warrant service to FM 2225 near Quitman; at approximately 10:46 p.m. Deputies searched the area, but were unable to make contact with the individual.

November 8

Deputies were dispatched to HWY 80 near Mineola, at approximately 3:11 a.m., in reference to a reckless driver. Deputies searched the area, but were unable to locate the vehicle.

Deputies were dispatched to HWY 80 near Hawkins, at approximately 3:50 a.m., in reference to an assault that occurred. Curtis Govan, II, 22, of Dallas, was arrested for Assault Causes Bodily Injury.

Deputies were dispatched to CR 2620 near Mineola, at approximately 5:50 a.m., in reference to shots fired. Deputies searched the area, but were unable to locate any activity.

Deputies were dispatched

to FM 49 near Mineola, at approximately 10:14 a.m., in reference to a disturbance. Deputies issued a Criminal Trespass Warning and cleared the incident.

Deputies were dispatched to CR 1460 near Quitman, at approximately 10:16 a.m., in reference to a burglary. Actors, or actors unknown, stole several items from the reporting party's residence. This case has been forwarded to investigators.

Deputies spoke with the reporting party, at approximately 12:12 p.m., in reference to theft that occurred on HWY 80 near Hawkins. This case is active.

Deputies spoke with the reporting party, at approximately 1:35 p.m., in reference to credit/debit card abuse that occurred on CR 2700 near Mineola. Deputies gave the reporting party advice and cleared the incident.

Deputies spoke with the reporting party, at approximately 1:55 p.m., in reference to suspicious circumstances that occurred on CR 3164 near Quitman. Deputies advised the reporting party that extra patrol would be provided.

Deputies were dispatched to FM 779 near Alba, at approximately 2:49 p.m., in reference to a welfare check. Deputies searched the area, but were unable to locate the individual.

Deputies were dispatched to CR 2279 near Mineola, at approximately 3:21 p.m., in reference to a dispute. Deputies spoke with all parties involved and cleared the scene.

At 5:33 p.m., cows were reported out on CR 4200 near Winnsboro.

Deputies responded to a suspicious vehicle on CR 3987 near Winnsboro; at approximately 7:06 p.m. Deputies searched the area, but were unable to locate the vehicle.

Deputies were responded to a suspicious vehicle on FM 17 near Alba; at approximately 7:47 p.m. Deputies searched the area, but were unable to locate the vehicle.

Deputies responded to a suspicious vehicle on FM 17 near Alba; at approximately 8:06 p.m. Deputies located the vehicle and everything was OK.

Deputies were dispatched to CR 2700 near Mineola, at approximately 8:34 p.m., in reference to criminal mischief. Deputies located the actor and issue a citation.

At 8:45 p.m., cows were reported out on FM 2869 near Winnsboro.

November 9

At 2:56 a.m., cows were reported out on FM 2225 near Quitman.

At 6:56 a.m., cows were reported out on FM 2966 near Yantis.

Deputies were dispatched to CR 2810 near Mineola, at approximately 6:59 a.m., in reference to criminal trespass. Deputies searched the area, but were unable to locate the individual.

At 7:04 a.m., cows were reported out on CR 2942 near Alba.

At 7:05 a.m., cows were reported out on FM 2225 near Quitman.

Deputies responded to a suspicious vehicle on CR 2260

near Mineola; at approximately 7:25 a.m. Deputies located the vehicle and everything was OK.

At 9:25 a.m., cows were reported out on FM 2088 near Quitman.

Deputies spoke with the reporting party, at approximately 11:11 a.m., in reference to a theft that occurred on FM 852 near Winnsboro. This case is active.

Deputies were dispatched to CR 2360 near Mineola, at approximately 1:52 p.m., in reference to burglary. Actors, or actors unknown, stole a chainsaw from the reporting party's building. This case has been forwarded to investigators.

Deputies were dispatched to CR 2311 near Mineola, at approximately 2:52 p.m., in reference to a welfare check. Deputies searched the area, but were unable to locate the individual.

Deputies spoke with the reporting party, at approximately 5:17 p.m., in reference to theft that occurred on CR 2261 near Mineola. Deputies gave the reporting party advice and cleared the incident.

Deputies spoke with the reporting party, at approximately 6:07 p.m., in reference to a scam that occurred on CR 2298 near Mineola. Deputies gave the reporting party advice and cleared the incident.

Deputies were dispatched to Lake Quitman beach area, at approximately 7:40 p.m., in reference to a possible alcohol violation. Deputies located the individuals and determined there was no alcohol and cleared the area.

Deputies went out on an arrest/warrant service to Pacific St. in Mineola; at approximately 8:03 p.m. Summer Barnhart, 22, of Mineola, was arrested for an outstanding warrant.

Deputies went out on an arrest/warrant service to Pacific St. in Mineola; at approximately 8:53 p.m. Deputies searched the area, but were unable to make contact with the individual.

Deputies went out on an arrest/warrant service to Broad St. in Mineola; at approximately 9:14 p.m. Michael McFall, 30, of Mineola, was arrested for an outstanding warrant.

Deputies went out on an arrest/warrant service to CR 2200 near Mineola; at approximately 11:25 p.m. Deputies searched the area, but were unable to make contact with the individual.

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November 10

Deputies went out on an arrest/warrant service to CR 2298 near Mineola; at approximately 12:47 a.m. Deputies searched the area, but were unable to make contact with the individual.

Read full story online at
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Mineola Police Report

November, 8

12:43 a.m. A verbal disturbance between family members was reported on North Line Street. When officers arrived, one subject had left the property on foot after hitting a vehicle with another vehicle. The family member did not wish to file charges.

3:05 a.m. Several trucks were reportedly parked at the football field parking lot with several people standing outside their vehicles like they were going to fight. Officers responded to the area, but the vehicles were already gone upon the officer's arrival.

3:14 a.m. Two reckless drivers were reported on West Broad running together, and occupants of one of the vehicles threw a beer bottle at the other vehicle. Officers attempted to locate the vehicles but they were unsuccessful. Wood County S.O. was notified.

9:30 a.m. Officers assisted EMS and the Fire Department with a medical call on Landers Street.

2:22 p.m. A reckless driver was reported eastbound on East Broad Street that was unable to maintain a single lane of traffic. An officer located the vehicle at the city limits and followed it. The officer did not observe any violations.

2:56 p.m. A credit card abuse was reported when a man reported his Valero card was used in the Dallas area for a large purchase of fuel.

4:30 p.m. A reckless driver was reported at Broad and Pacific Street. The complainant advised the vehicle would slam on their brakes in front of her. An officer responded to the call but did not locate the vehicle.

Friday, November 9, 2018
4:24 a.m. An officer assisted with a motorist that was stranded. The officer was able to get the man's vehicle back on the road.

6:53 a.m. A man asked for assistance at his property just outside the city limits when he could see from his residence someone on camera at the entrance gate. An officer went to the location and stood by until a deputy arrived. The gate had been tampered with.

3:09 p.m. A theft was reported at Walmart. The vehicle was leaving the parking lot and the officer was able to get the suspect stopped. Shelby Elayne Adams, 22 of Mineola was a passenger in the vehicle and arrested for theft under \$100 when the officer found the merchandise in her purse.

7:33 p.m. A reckless driver was reported on Hwy. 37 headed southbound into the city. The caller reported the vehicle all over the roadway. Officers were able to get the vehicle stopped at Taco Bell parking lot. Kenneth Earl Wilkins Jr., 42 of Mineola was arrested for DWI.

10:54 p.m. A resident on North Newsom Street reported his ex-wife seen on camera moving the camera around on his property. Officers responded, but did not locate the suspect.

Saturday, November 10, 2018

8:14 a.m. An officer assisted First Responders and EMS when a man collapsed at the

Youth Foundation Park. The man was transported to a Tyler hospital.

11:36 a.m. A resident on Goodson Street reported she was having problems with a family member. An officer made contact with the family member and issued a directed patrol for the residence.

1:54 p.m. A customer at Walmart reported a man approached her in a white pickup and made inappropriate comments and exposed himself to her while sitting in his pickup.

1:58 p.m. A customer at Walmart reported a man in a pickup approached her and made inappropriate comments and exposed himself to her while sitting in his pickup. This is under investigation. Anyone having information on the suspect involved in the incident, or who was a victim of his comments, contact the police department. According to video surveillance, he was in the parking lot for at least 45 minutes, from noon till 12:45p.m. The vehicle is a silver or gray S-10 pickup with a tool box.

3:42 p.m. A theft was reported at Goodwill. Betty Sheliah Rodgers, 46 of Pittsburg was arrested for theft with two or more previous convictions.

5:14 p.m. A welfare concern was reported at the train depot when someone witnessed a man being harassed by another man. An officer responded to the call and spoke with the alleged victim. The man said he was fine and denied being harassed by anyone.

November 11

9:49 a.m. An officer assisted EMS on a medical call on Meadowbrook.

2:21 p.m. A hit and run was reported in the Walmart parking lot. The suspect has been identified.

2:26 p.m. A woman reported a suspicious man following her in a store on NE Loop 564. The man was gone upon the officer's arrival.

4:31 p.m. A hit and run was reported at Goodwill. This is under investigation.

5:21 p.m. A welfare concern was reported for a woman in the CVS parking lot when a vehicle was seen following her while she was walking. The vehicle reportedly left the parking lot and headed toward Lindale. An officer responded and gave the woman a courtesy ride to meet Lindale P.D.

6:11 p.m. A man reported his tire was damaged after crossing the RR tracks on South Pacific Street. Union Pacific was contacted and they sent someone to fill the hole on the tracks.

November 12

1:34 a.m. A large tree was reportedly down on East Broad Street. The officer determined it to be outside the city limits, but for the safety of the public the officer directed traffic until Wood County and TxDOT could report to the scene.

3:12 a.m. A man on Patten Street reported a woman at his door requesting to come in because it was cold outside. An officer responded to the man's residence. The officer knew the woman lived on University Street and took her home.

3:00 p.m. An officer assisted EMS on a medical call on Loop 564.

4:04 p.m. A bank on West Broad Street reported a vehicle sitting in the parking lot for an extended amount of time. An officer responded but the vehicle was gone upon the officer's arrival.

November 13

3:04 a.m. An attempted robbery was reported at the Valero on South Pacific Street. The clerk was outside when a young black male approached him with a handgun, wearing gloves with his face covered. The suspect went inside the store for a short period of time and came back out without getting anything, then left the premises on foot. The clerk was not harmed. This is under investigation. Anyone with any information should contact the Mineola Police Department or Crime Stoppers.

12:26 p.m. A welfare concern was reported for an elderly couple on Mimosa Street when neighbors could not get them to answer the door. Officers and fire department personnel responded to the call and found that the resident required medical attention, and he was transported to a Tyler Hospital by EMS.

10:05 p.m. A woman reported a vehicle burglary on Greenville Avenue. The vehicle was unlocked at the time. Two wallets with contents were taken from the vehicle. The officer found one wallet and contents while on the scene near the vehicle.

November 14

1:58 a.m. Officers assisted EMS on a medical call on Lakeside Place. EMS transported the resident.

11:07 a.m. A bicycle was found at Francis and West Broad Street. The bicycle was turned in by a citizen.

1:14 p.m. A resident on Elliott Street reported a man trespassing on her property.

3:48 p.m. Officers responded to Chaparral Street after dispatch received an open 911 line. EMS was contacted and the resident was transported to the hospital by EMS.



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Mineola Fire Report

Medical Assistance: Nov. 8, 8:58 p.m., 425 CR 2900, Mineola; Nov. 9, 2:40 p.m., 640 Padgett St., Mineola; Nov. 11, 7:18 p.m. 926 CR 2660, Mineola; Nov. 12, 4:53 p.m., 1231 NW Loop 564, Mineola; Nov. 11, 6:49 p.m., 115 E. Front St., Mineola; Nov. 13, 12:14 a.m., 260 PR 6643, Mineola; Nov. 13, 10:30 a.m., 135 NE Loop 564, Mineola; Nov. 13, 10:44 a.m., 309 Read, Mineola.

Dispatched & canceled en route: Nov. 8, 302 Landers St., Mineola; Nov. 9, 10:04 p.m., 310 W. McDonald St., Mineola; Nov. 13, 11:25 a.m., 632 PR 6665, Mineola; Nov. 13, 12:29 p.m., 809 Mimosa St., Mineola; Nov. 13, 3:52 p.m., N. Hwy 37, Quitman; Nov. 14, 2:08 a.m., 236 Lakeside Pl., Mineola.

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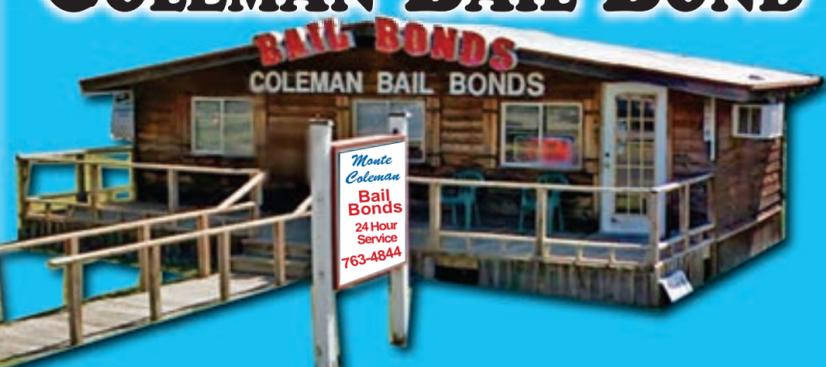
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Quitman Library Connections

BY LIBRARIAN DELENE ALLEN

The Quitman Public Library staff and volunteers would like to wish everyone a Happy Thanksgiving! The library will be closed Thursday, Nov. 22 and Friday, Nov. 23, 2018 for the Thanksgiving holiday.

November is National American Indian Heritage Month, and the library has highlighted this month-long event with a media display designed by Melissa Frosch.

The 2nd Friday Acoustic Jam is Friday, Dec. 14 from 6 – 9 p.m. Musicians of all ages and musical levels are invited to join in with acoustical instruments only. Listeners are always welcome at this free event. Contact Eugene Allen at 903-975-5745.

Patron cards are available for those who provide photo identification and proof of residence in Wood County. A guardian must sign for children ages 5 - 17. Hours are Tuesday through Friday from 10 a.m. until 6 p.m. Keep current at www.facebook.com/quitmanpubliclibrary and visit the library's website at www.quitmanlibrary.org. Wi-Fi is available 24/7.



ADULT SERVICES

Knitting and Crochet class will resume on Thursday, Nov. 29 after the Thanksgiving holiday. Rebekah Yeager and Virginia Hoffpauir invite students of all ages and skill levels to bring their own supplies and join the group for free instruction each Thursday 2 – 4 p.m. in the library's main gallery.

Adult GED support services will resume on Thursday, Nov. 29, as well. Assistance is offered each Thursday, 4 – 6 p.m. in the library's public computer area.

CHILDREN'S SERVICES

Story Time meets each Wednesday at 2 p.m. Lillian Gray plans an educational hour filled with stories, crafts and plenty of fun. Upcoming events: Nov. 21 – No QPL Story Time; Nov. 28 – "Clap Your Hands" with finger painting for craft activity; Dec. 5 – Polar Animals with paper crafts; Dec. 12 – Who is Santa Claus? We will write letters to Santa.

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

FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY

The Friends of the Quitman Public Library invites everyone to its "FOL Christmas, Cookies, Wassail and Caroling" party on Tuesday, Dec. 11 at noon in the Thurman Shamburger Community Room. This is an active group of volunteers dedicated to the growth and improvement of the library.

GENEALOGY

There will be no meeting of the Wood County TX Genealogical Society until after the Thanksgiving and Christmas holidays. Follow the society's Facebook page at <http://www.facebook.com/groups/woocotx>. For more information, contact David Gilbreath at 972-977-7988.

ON DISPLAY

In the lobby showcase is a collection of military memorabilia to commemorate Veteran's Day. The items are on loan from Beverly Chamberlain.

NEW ARRIVALS

Visit the library's online catalog at <http://quitman.biblionix.com/catalog> to see what is new. Download the OverDrive® app to connect to our library's vast collection of eBooks, audiobooks and streaming video.

Yantis council OKs engineering firm

By unanimous action the Yantis City Council selected Hayter Engineering of Paris as the designated engineering firm for planning and eventual execution of a \$275,000 Texas Community Development Block Grant. The grant which will be funded in 2019 – 2020 and executed in 2021 will fund wastewater improvements for the city. Professional Engineer Tyler Creamer will be the Hayter Engineering Project Manager for Yantis. Hayter Engineering was selected from a group of three competitors at the November 13th regular council meeting.

In an effort to simplify city finances, the council also voted to approve the consolidation of outstanding loans with City National Bank of Yantis, including the obligation of an additional \$50,000 to the loan. The additional amount is required to complete installation of digital meters throughout the Yantis water supply grid. The consolidated loan will be on a four year payment schedule of approximately \$5000 per month.

Due to recent commercial development initiatives, the city council recognized the need to codify fees and rates for commercial wa-

ter and sewer connections. Council approved fees and rates for a 2 inch commercial water connection as \$1000 tap fee, \$200 installation fee, and \$600 deposit. The fees and rates will be added to the information sheet which accompanies a water application. Mayor John D. Norris, III, reported the Texas Rural Water Commission offers a free survey of water rates, which may be a course of action for the city in the future.

Newly-hired part time office assistant Blanca Rodriguez was recognized before the council. City Secretary Tonya Norris praised her work ethic and commented that she has been a great addition to the city.

October was thankfully a slow month for the fire department. The department responded to 19 calls, conducted a Fire Prevention Demonstration at Yantis School, and assisted with the Patriot Challenge competition. Water Manager David Freeman reported on the problematic sewage system inflow problem from all the recent rains. He also reported a 50 % decrease in the ongoing water loss tabulations.

Council will next convene for their annual Christmas Dinner on December 11th. The dinner will be enjoyed at the Yantis Cafe. The next regular council meeting will be in January.

Mayor Norris was joined at last week's meeting by Council Members Reed Gammill, Kenneth Kincaid, Cory Ogle, and Bruce Summer. Council Member Betty Jenkins was absent.

REMEMBERING 100-YEAR ANNIVERSARY OF WWI



Chief Aviation Electrician's Mate Randy Griffith Jr. of Yantis stands with the amphibious assault ship USS Makin Island's (LHD 8) duty section five and salutes the national ensign during a ceremonial bell ringing to commemorate the 100-year anniversary of the end of World War I. Bell ringing ceremonies were held throughout the Department of the Navy to remember the brave men and women who served and paid the ultimate price in the Great War. (U.S. Navy photo by Mass Communications Specialist 3rd Class Jeremy Laramore).

Su sentenced to 80 months in embezzlement case

TYLER – Lina Su, 49, formerly of Hawkins and recently of Mineola, was sentenced to 80 months in federal prison and ordered to pay \$1.82 million in restitution by U.S. District Judge Thad Heartfield.

She was sentenced Nov. 15 after pleading guilty in June to two counts of wire fraud and one count of money laundering.

Lina Su, also known as Lina Perkins, is a naturalized citizen from Taiwan, according to the U.S. Attorney's Office in Tyler. She was a financial controller splitting time between Hawkins and Los Angeles.

Information presented in court revealed that in March 2017, Su made unauthorized wire transfers from VIG Furniture bank accounts into an account she controlled at City National Bank in Sulphur Springs. In 2015 and 2016, she also made unauthorized transfers from Airport Van Rental and ACE Medical Transport bank accounts into her personal checking account. In addition,

she used funds from those companies' accounts to make personal credit card payments, purchase land, and pay contractors constructing her home in Wood County. Altogether, Su embezzled and transferred over \$1.8 million from the California companies, according to the Justice Department. Su was indicted by a federal grand jury on Dec. 13, 2017.

Su ultimately cooperated with investigators and entered into an asset preservation agreement with the U.S. Attorney's Office. The agreement required her to pay restitution to her victims by liquidating her assets. As part of her plea agreement Su agreed to forfeit all right to her real property and vehicles.

This case was investigated by the Internal Revenue Service-Criminal Investigation Division and prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorney Jim Noble with assistance from assistant U.S. Attorney Robert Wells.

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Mineola softball ace Anna Westberry has signed to pitch for Division I Southeastern Louisiana University in Hammond, Louisiana, where she will begin playing in 2019. She is pictured here with family, coaches, and teammates. She posted a 14-7 record with a 1.89 earned run average and 147 strikeouts in 115 innings of work on the way to earning 2018 District 12-3A Pitcher of the Year honor. Westberry was named team's defensive MVP as a junior after helping MHS to region quarterfinals. She also is on the Mineola cross country team and in the marching band. Her new college coach, Rick Fremin said this about Westberry, "Anna is a lefty with good velocity on her pitches. Her athletic ability and her high softball IQ will allow her to be a very successful pitcher in our conference."



Quitman High School softball star Kendal Wiley signed a national letter of intent to play collegiately at Vernon College. She is pictured here with her parents (left to right) Tyron Hale (step-father), Haley Hale (mother) and Jeremy Wiley (father).

Mineola Country Club SENIOR GOLF REPORT

Results from Mineola Country Club Thursday Senior Golf Scramble on November 15, 2018:
FIRST PLACE WITH A SCORE OF 59 (-12) Bill Lochow, David Cartwright, Bill Stone, Moe Jarvis
SECOND PLACE WITH A SCORE OF 61 (-10) Mike Cearley, Mike Casselman, Stoney Burke.
Closest to the pin: #5 David Cartwright, #9 Mike Cearley, #18 Mike Cearley

District 12-3A announces honor team

By LARRY TUCKER
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Two Quitman players and one Alba-Golden Lady Panther were named with superlative honors on this year's 12-3A All District volleyball squad.

Seniors Madalyn Spears of Quitman and Alba-Golden's Ginny Carson were tabbed as "Co-Hitter of the Year." Quitman's Shelby Hayes was named as the "Setter of the Year."

Named to the First Team were Ann Marie Pendergrass, Alba-Golden; Jentri Jackson and Ava Burroughs, Quitman; and Meghan Brewington and Cyndi Butler of Mineola. On the second team were Macie Pendergrass and Madi Bryant of Alba-Golden and Sabria Dean, Mineola.

Making the All District Academic team were: Quitman - Abby Dobbs, Madalyn Spears, Julia Simpkins, Jentri Jackson, Maddy Whitehurst, Shelby Hayes, Lindsey Hornaday, Lucy Brannon and Ava Burroughs; Alba Golden - Destiny Baker, Madisyn Bryant, Ginny Carson, Laurie Crump, Laynie Culp,



Madalyn Spears



Shelby Hayes

Abigail Hallman, Bralee Littlejohn, Ann Marie Pendergrass, Macie Pendergrass, and Hope Wiley; and Mineola - Abby Hagan, Tahjae Black, Kelsey Brewington, Alyssa Lankford, Valerie Garcia, Sabria Dean, Cyndi Butler and Tiara Stephens.

Named Honorable Mention were: Mineola - Tahjae black, Kelsey Brewington and Tiara Stephens; Quitman - Julia Simpkins, Lindsey Hornaday, Emma VanBecelaere, Abby Dobbs and Maddy Whitehurst; Alba-Golden - Destiny Baker, Laynie Culp, Abigail Hallman, Brale Littlejohn, Macie Pendergrass, Hope Wiley, Kayli Covey, Kaylee Angleton, Kelly Wright and Alexis Johnson.



Ginny Carson

VOLLEYBALL ALL-DISTRICT SELECTIONS:

First Team All District:

- *Meghan Brewington
- *Cyndi Butler

Second Team All District:

- *Sabria Dean

Honorable Mention

All District :

- *Tahjae Black
- *Kelsey Brewington
- *Tiara Stephens

Academic All District:

- Abby Hagan
- Kelsey Brewington
- Meghan Brewington
- Cyndi Butler
- Sabria Dean
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- Tahjae Black
- Valerie Garcia
- Alyssa Lankford
- Emily Wiley

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Tuesday, Nov. 27 - Beef with Peppered Gravy, Garlic Whipped Potatoes, Mixed Vegetables, Wheat Bread, Nutty Buddy, Milk

Wednesday, Nov. 28 - Swedish Meatballs, Chuckwagon Corn, Cranapple Cobbler, Wheat Bread, Milk

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'Jackets bow out to Jefferson in bi-district, 41-22

It was going to take a near perfect performance for Mineola to upset Jefferson in the bi-district play-off last Friday night at Pine Tree Pirate Stadium. An error-prone first half, an inability to stop an explosive Jefferson offense, and a significant field position challenge throughout the game foiled Mineola's plans for the upset as the Bulldogs triumphed 41-22.

Penalties derailed the first three Mineola drives of the night. Fifty-five yards in penalty yardage erased the opportunity to get on the board first and take the momentum. The scoreless first quarter was there for the taking, but neither side was able to capitalize.

Once Jefferson did begin to warm up to the challenge, the quick strike nature of their offense showed itself. Three of the six Jefferson scores on the night were generated from drives of less than 5 plays. No Jefferson drive went longer than 9 plays. Mineola, conversely, scored on drives of 10, 12 and 12 plays covering 75, 99, and 75 yards respectively.

The field position battle was decidedly one-sided. The average starting field position for the Yellowjackets was the Mineola 20 yard line, while the average starting point for the Bulldogs was the Jefferson 40 yard line. Despite an 80 play to 56 play advantage, Mineola burned over 50 %

of those play calls reaching their own 40 yard line. With each team possessing the ball ten times, the field position dilemma weighed heavily in Jefferson's favor.

Despite an initial 14-yard burst from Running Back Trevion Sneed over the right side on the opening play from scrimmage, Mineola could not overcome the penalties and punted away their first possession. Jefferson embarked on an 8-play, 68-yard drive behind the powerful running of junior Dee Black and the speed of senior wide-out K'von Smith. On a 2nd and 4 from the Yellowjackets 18 yard line, Black broke through the line but lost the ball while executing a spin move. In the first break of the game, Mineola took over at their own 9 yard line.

Although having averted the Bulldog score, the Yellowjackets could not move the ball and once again beset with penalties, punted. Jefferson took over at their 38 yard line and tested the Mineola secondary. Two deep throws from senior quarterback Trey Hodge were just overthrown by a step. Jefferson executed their only punt of the game.

The ensuing Yellowjackets possession netted 17 total yards in 12 plays, as both sides executed sloppily. Mineola benefitted from a running into the kicker penalty by Jefferson on a 4th down punt, but the advantage was neutralized



Mineola's sensational sophomore running back Trevion Sneed (23) gains yardage behind the blocking of Cameron Wise (52). Sneed had 180 yards on 23 carries and average of 8.0 yards per carry against Jefferson in bi-district. (Photo by Gene's Photography/ETimages.us)

by four Mineola penalties during the possession.

The Bulldogs took control in their first possession of the second quarter, marching 63 yards in nine plays. A questionable pass interference call placed the ball in Mineola territory, and Jefferson executed a wide receiver screen to the stand-out performer of the night senior wide out T.Q. Jackson who took it 21 yards for the score.

Mineola put together an excellent drive behind the

running of Sneed and senior quarterback Shaw Franklin. Franklin capped the 75 yard scoring drive with an outstanding back shoulder throw to classmate Cameron Bowman. With a 1:20 left on the clock in the half, the score was knotted at 7 - 7.

A Mineola squib kickoff put the Bulldogs deep in their own territory and Mineola was beginning to sense some momentum. Jefferson answered; they needed just 58 seconds to take the lead for good. An open receiver on a go route should have scored on the first play of the drive, but the ball was underthrown and the Yellowjacket secondary was able to close for the tackle. Quarterback Hodge went 3 for 4 on the drive while tailback Black took a draw play up the middle from 6 yards out for a score.

Jefferson took a 14 - 7 advantage into intermission. It was a competitive, hard fought half. The sense however was that Mineola had more opportunity than they

took advantage of.

Mineola began the second half with an unsuccessful on-side kick which gave Jefferson the ball near midfield. Nine plays later Hodge hit Jackson on a 12-yard out route in the end zone for a score. The next four possessions held promise for each side and kept the outcome in question.

The Yellowjackets powered out to midfield behind five consecutive carries by Sneed, who finished with 170 yards on 21 carries. The Jackets suffered the first of their three second half turnovers when the Bulldogs secondary jumped a crossing route and intercepted a Franklin pass.

Three plays later Jefferson was sitting on the Yellowjackets goal line courtesy of a 40-yard post route completion to Jackson and a Smith jet sweep. For the second time on the night, the Yellowjackets defense forced a turnover on the goal line as Jefferson coughed the ball up on the 1 yard line.

With 5 minutes left in the

3rd quarter and down 21 - 7, the Yellowjackets could sense an opportunity. They bore down hard. Led by the complimentary running skills of Franklin and Sneed, and aided by a wide receiver screen which drew a dead ball foul from Jefferson, the Jackets methodically advanced down the field. Franklin hit a crossing route from 14 yards out to cap an epic 99-yard Mineola drive and make the score 21 - 13. Junior Dalton Rodgers scooped up a low extra point snap, and bailing out of his holder position around the right edge, outraced the Bulldog defense to the corner of the end zone. Mineola had closed the gap to 6 points early in the final quarter.

Again the Mineola on-side kick failed, giving Jefferson the ball at their own 46 yard line. Black took the next hand-off 54 yards through the right side to the end zone. The touchdown burst the momentum bal-

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District 10 3A DII shows strength

By LARRY TUCKER
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Going into the 2018 football season the new alignment of District 10-3A DII coaches knew the new alignment would be tough. The district's four playoff teams proved just how tough they can be by taking out all four opponents in bi-district.

District champion Harmony ripped Bells 56-21 while Troup dismantled Par-

is Chisum 50-16. Winona upset number one seed Cooper and Grand Saline took out Blue Ridge 23-0.

Things get a lot tougher in the area round. Grand Saline must face Class 3A number one team in the state Newton. Harmony will travel to Pirate Stadium in Longview while Troup takes on Waskom at Tatum's Eagle Stadium and Winona keeps their hopes alive at Lobo Stadium in Longview against 9-2 Corrigan-Camden.

A ROUND FOR THE VETS



As a way to say thank you to U.S. military veterans, the Mineola Country Club offered all area veterans a free round of golf during its third annual veterans' tournament on Friday, Nov. 16. Various prizes were awarded and the veterans were treated to a meal afterward. (Monitor photo by Cherie McIvain).

Ben J. Kerr, III Announcement

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Wood County will hold a public hearing at 5:15 p.m. on November 26, 2018, at the office of Fouke Water Supply Corporation, 156 F.M. 1254, Mineola, TX 75773 regarding the submission of an application to the Texas Department of Agriculture for a Texas Community Development Block Grant Program (TxCDBG) grant. The purpose of this meeting is to allow citizens an opportunity to discuss the citizen participation plan, the development of local housing and community development needs, the amount of TxCDBG funding available, all eligible TxCDBG activities, and the use of past TxCDBG funds. The County encourages citizens to participate in the development of this TxCDBG application and to make their views known at this public hearing. Citizens unable to attend this meeting may submit their views and proposals to County Judge Bryan Jeanes at the Wood County Courthouse, 100 Main St., Quitman, Texas 75783. Persons with disabilities that wish to attend this meeting should contact the County at (903) 763-2716 to arrange for assistance. Individuals who require auxiliary aids or services for this meeting should contact the County at least two days before the meeting so that appropriate arrangements can be made. Para más información en español, comuníquese con el condado al (903) 763-2716.



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Meredith Special

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vited people to sign a railroad tie as a way to commemorate the laying of the rails and become a part of Mineola's future railroad history.

"Iron Horse Square Park, we feel, will be a destination tourism attraction for the City of Mineola for many years to come," said Mercy Rushing, executive director of the Mineola Economic Development Corp. The park will relate to the community's railroad heritage, allowing people to identify with the city's railroad past as well as experience it.

"It is an exciting project for Mineola and Wood County," Rushing added.

Joyce Williams, vice chair of the Mineola Landmark Commission, said that Iron Horse Square "will be a historical railroad park that nobody else in this part of Texas has."

The park will showcase Mineola's railroad history and the rail companies that once carried freight and people to the city. "We'll have things from Texas-Pacific, from the Missouri-Kansas-Texas (Katy), and from the International & Great Northern, and from the Missouri-Pacific. The five-year project is in year two of its development, according to Williams.

Iron Horse Square is a joint project involving the Landmark Commission, the city's Parks and Open Spaces Board, the Chamber of Commerce, and the City of Mineola. It is funded by the Meredith Foundation as well as fundraisers such as Movies in the Park, the Hobo Stew and the sale of Iron Horse fence plaques that sell for \$500 each. So far, the Landmark Commission has sold 60 plaques, according to Williams.

The project also has benefited from a contribution of materials from Brian Steck of ETAS, a Mineola company that sells components for metal buildings. Those materials, with labor supplied by the Landmark Commission, were used to construct a building that will serve as a temporary depot for passengers embarking on the Harry Meredith Special.

Long-range plans for the park call for a covered pavilion at the east end of the park, where passengers will embark and disembark. Also on the design board is a pedestrian footbridge over the Union Pacific Railroad connecting Commerce Street parking with the Union Depot and Iron Horse Square. Another feature that planners hope to incorporate will be a walking/jogging path around the perimeter of the park, sporting historical signage that depicts Mineola's roots as a railroad town.

For more about the Iron Horse Square project or to donate, go to ironhorsesquare.org.

Holly Brook announces holiday events

In observance of the Thanksgiving holiday, Holly Brook Baptist Church and the Family Life Center, Hawkins, will be closed Nov. 22 and Nov. 23. There will be no evening service on Sunday, Nov. 18, Wednesday, Nov. 21, and Sunday, Nov. 25.

CHRISTMAS MISSIONS BEGIN

Holly Brook Baptist Church has launched its annual Christmas mission projects for a South Texas church and orphanages. Clothes for all ages are being collected in the Family Life Center until mid-December. These will be taken to Good Shepherd Baptist Church in Brownsville and orphanages in Matamoros, Mexico.

Church members also are filling plastic "shoeboxes" for age-appropriate children at both locations. Shoeboxes are available now from the Family Life Center and are due back, filled, at the church on Dec. 9. Each box will contain a child's name and age, and an instruction sheet.

A group from the church will travel to Brownsville Dec. 17-20 to deliver the shoeboxes and the clothing. Those interested in traveling to Brownsville may contact the church office.

HOLLY BROOK SINGERS TO PRESENT CONCERT

"Come and See; Go and Tell" is the name of the Christmas concert to be presented in two performances at Holly Brook Baptist Church, Hawkins.

The first performance will be on Dec. 9 at the 11 a.m. worship service; the second will be Dec. 10 at 7 p.m. at the church.

Call Holly Brook Baptist Church for more information on any of these activities at 903 769-2091.

Obituaries

DONALD HAL EDWARDS 1949-2018

QUITMAN-Donald Hal Edwards of Quitman died November 9, 2018, in Hospice of East Texas in Tyler. He was born August 1949 in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.

He grew up in Jet, Oklahoma and was in the U.S. Navy during the Vietnam War.

He was preceded in death by his father, Hal Edwards, mother, Dorothy McEachern, grandmother, Birdie Fisher and a brother, Charles Edwards.

He is survived by his wife, Sue; son Brian Nylund and Jason Edwards; a daughter, Ericka Holt; brothers, John and Mark McEachern and friends and extended family.



ROBERT DANIEL SPEIGHTS 1941-2018

Mr. Robert Daniel Speights, age 77 of Mineola, passed away on Monday, Nov. 12, 2018, in Tyler. He was born on Nov. 7, 1941, in Mineola to the late Henry Speights and Rosemary Francis Speights.

He was a retired probation officer with Wood County and was a member of First United Methodist Church of Mineola. He was a member of American Legion Post 296 and worked with the Mineola Youth Baseball Foundation for many years. He served on the board of the Mineola Youth Park and was proud to coach the Bombers summer league baseball team.

He is survived by his wife, Deborah Speights of Mineola; son, Randall Speights and his wife Jennifer of Whitehouse; brother, Bill Speights of Mineola; sister, Kathryn Barlow of Mineola; and four grandchildren.

Visitation was Nov. 15 at Beauty Funeral Home.

Funeral services followed with Dr. Mark Neeley conducting. Interment was at Cedar Memorial Gardens in Mineola, with Rodney Harris, John Speights, Garrett Speights, James Boxley and Michael Speights serving as pallbearers.



FRANKLIN DELANE GRAVES 1931-2018

Franklin Delane Graves, 86, White Oak, died November 14, 2018. He was born September 20, 1932 in Seminole, Oklahoma to Edna and John Graves.

Funeral services were held at Croley Funeral Home Chapel in Gladewater on November 17, 2018.

Burial followed at the New White Oak Cemetery at White Oak Road and W. Whatley Road.

Mary "Jerry" Gearldine Crawford Gilmore

July 14, 1928 - November 17, 2018



Graveside services for Mary "Jerry" Gearldine Crawford Gilmore of Brownwood, Texas and formerly from Mineola, Texas were held Monday, November 19, 2018 at 10:30 am at Eastlawn Memorial Park with Richard Hetzel officiating. Mrs. Gilmore passed away Saturday, November 17, 2018.

Mary was born July 14, 1928 to Hiram Marshall Crawford and M. B. Morgan in Gouldbusk, Texas.

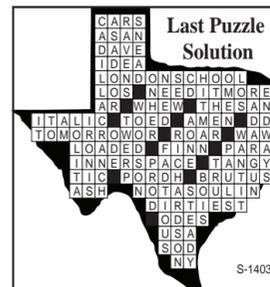
A graduate of Coleman High School, she worked as a retail clerk for J. C. Penney's in Coleman and Gibson's in Brownwood. On October 17, 1948, she married Joseph Oliver Gilmore, Jr. in Coleman, Texas. They celebrated 63 years of marriage. She was a member of First United Methodist Church of Mineola, Texas and a charter member of the Lake Brownwood First United Methodist Church. She was active in the United Methodist Women. Mary was always supportive of her children serving as a sponsor for church and school activities, PTA president and a friend. Her children and grandchildren were the main focus of her life.

She is survived by her daughter and son-in-law, Carla and Monty Edwards of Brownwood, and her son and daughter-in-law, Terry and Karen Gilmore of Oak Hill Va. and her son-in-law, Randall Thompson of Reston, Va. Also surviving are four granddaughters, Tami and Eric Denslinger of Lutz, Fl; Jennifer Edwards of Brownwood; Susan and Christopher Imbembo of Aldie, Va.; and Cary Gilmore of Oak Hill, Va.; One grandson, Jeff and Elizabeth Gilmore of Oak Hill, Va. and two great-granddaughters, Megan Denslinger and Morgan Kent and six great-grandsons, Evan Denslinger; George, Edward, Robert, and Frederick Gilmore and Anthony Imbembo, One sister Bettie Duus of Rockwood.

Mary was preceded in death by her husband, Joseph Gilmore, parents, Hiram and M. B. Crawford, a son, Larry Wayne Gilmore, and two daughters, Carol Marie Thompson and Sherry Lynn Gilmore.

The family requests in lieu of flowers that memorials be made to a charity of choice.

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Mineola FFA excels at leadership development

By ANTONIO VENTURA
Mineola FFA

Mineola FFA Members have been competing around the state over the last few weeks in a variety of contests intended to improve speaking, leadership and critical thinking abilities.

Teams competing at the Van Invitational Leadership Development contest on Nov. 5 earned top spots including the following places:

1st Place Senior Chapter Conducting, team members: Lin Dong, Antonio Ventura, Cam Ramos, Armando Veloz, Makay-

la Mitchell, Brianna Bethel, Jackson Vandover.

1st Place Public Relations: Sydney Johnson, Riley Johnson, Abby Kratzmeyer, Antonio Ventura.

1st Place Radio Broadcasting: Emily Jones, Autumn Wade, Jonah Fisher.

2nd Place Junior Chapter Conducting: Riley Donohoe, Olivia Toledo, Adrian French, Lanie Yager, Kaylie Roberts, Emily Melvin, Michelle Hernandez.

2nd Place Job Interview: Jonah Fisher.

2nd Place Senior Skills Demonstration: Alex Evans, Danny

Lockhead, Emily Andrews.

2nd Place Senior Creed Speaking: Kensie Shaft.

These teams are trained outside of school time and require dozens of hours of extracurricular work. The Senior Chapter Conducting team and Junior Quiz team are both advancing to the Area VI Contest on Nov. 14.

The program has benefited tremendously from a jump in enrollment in agricultural science classes from a total of 104 in the 2017-2018 school year to 202 this year. That total makes Mineola FFA the largest FFA chapter in Wood County.



The senior Chapter Conducting Team from Mineola High School is heading to state. Back row from left: Lin Dong, Antonio Ventura, Cam Ramos, Armando Veloz. Middle row: Makayla Mitchell, Brianna Bethel, Jackson Vandover. (Courtesy photo).



Quitman FFA students stand with the flags they won at the district meet in Grand Saline on Nov. 7. (Photo from Quitman FFA)



Faith Baptist Church, Quitman, held ground-breaking ceremonies Oct. 21 to begin the transformation of the former Tea Room restaurant into a larger worship area and construction of a new front entrance. Members of the building committee along with the Deacon body are (left to right): Jim Dozier, Carolyn Bryant, Pastor Mike Midkiff, Associate Pastor Jarrod Yeager and Kenneth Williams. The renovation and new construction is scheduled to be completed by Easter Sunday 2019. The project is being done by JPI Construction of Quitman and Jennings Architecture, Tyler. (Photo by Vicky Clark)

Quitman Rotary selects November students of month

Quitman seniors Jacob Day and Abby Dobbs were named the November Quitman Rotary students of the month.

Day is a member of the school band, One Act Play, Anchor Club, National Honor Society and tennis. His leadership roles include class president, student council treasurer and NHS historian. He was in the Region 3 Area Honor Band and regional qualifier for tennis last year. Day has also several acting awards in OAP.

After high school, he hopes to attend Tyler Junior College for two years and play in the Apache Marching Band. He then wants to

transfer to Texas A&M University and pursue a career in psychiatry.

He is the son of Ashley Rye and Steven Day.

Dobbs is involved in varsity cheer, volleyball, basketball, golf and FFA. She is the historian in NHS, Interact Club and student council. She has a few options for college, such as Texas A&M and Louisiana State University.

She plans to pursue a degree in veterinary medicine. After graduating vet school, she plans to move to a bigger city like Chicago, where she will open her own practice.

She is the daughter of David and Michelle Dobbs.



Jacob Day (left) and Abby Dobbs (right) are the Quitman Rotary students of the month for November.

Caring

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ola Chamber of Commerce, Freedom Baptist Church in Mineola, Speakeasy Coffee Shop in Quitman, Forever Young Activity Center in Quitman, Dairy Bar in Grand Saline and Dairy Queen in Mineola.

These gifts are meant to make the person feel special when they receive it and bring people a little Christmas cheer to make their holiday better, Davis added.

"Santa and his elves will deliv-

er wrapped gifts to nursing facilities and homes within Mineola, Quitman, and Grand Saline the week leading up to Christmas," she said. "These items will go to individuals in the community without discrimination of financial status. But, simply to those who could be reminded that they are loved, appreciated, and most importantly matter."

Davis hopes to find people who typically don't get a lot of visitors or don't have anyone to talk to during the holidays.

For more information about the gift drive, contact Davis at 903-520-7029.

Jackets

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loon, and made the score 28 - 15. Although there remained plenty of fight in the Jackets, to have Jefferson score on the first play of their possession after a Mineola 99-yard 12-play drive had a tangible effect.

The Yellowjackets worked hard to get the ball to midfield before a holding penalty set them back to their own 32. Facing a 2nd and 25 from their own 32 yard line, Franklin tossed a screen to Sneed

who rambled 47 yards down to the Bulldog 21 yard line. It was one of the best executed plays of the night. Three consecutive runs by junior Montrell Williams put the ball on the 2 yard line. Franklin then scored on a nice cut back option run. Once again Mineola had closed to within one score, 28 - 22, but time was running out.

Yet again, a failed on-side kick gave Jefferson a great start. From the Mineola 49 yard line, it took Jefferson four plays to find the end zone, with Jackson finding a seam in the defense from 5 yards out. An unsuccessful two-point conversion attempt left the score

34 - 22, and with 4 minutes to play it was obvious to all that the trading of scores would give Jefferson the game.

The Yellowjackets fought until the final play, but it just wasn't their night. Jefferson had a chance to kill the clock after snatching an interception in the final minutes, but chose rather to score. It was a classless act. The Bulldogs picked off Franklin again in the waning seconds, and the season ended.

The 2018 Yellowjackets football team left a lasting legacy. They never quit, they persevered, drew strength from one another, and moved forward.

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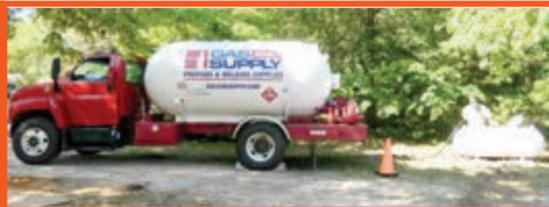
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"I was so unbelievably proud of our kids Friday night! Going into the game, most people had us as heavy underdogs to #4 state ranked Jefferson, but you would not have known that if you watched the game. I thought our kids played their best game of the year, and really exemplified the effort, attitude, and toughness they have worked so hard to build throughout this season. We did a great job of executing our game plan and giving ourselves a chance late in the game. Sometimes you need a little good fortune, and for us, we needed to recover an onside kick and just couldn't do it. Not many people get the opportunity to win their last game of the season, and that final loss is always an emotional time because of how much we all have invested in the process. I told the boys after the game to walk off the field with pride knowing that we gave everything we had and left everything on the field. I am so thankful for our seniors and proud of them and the tremendous impact they had on this team! I feel so blessed and proud to have the opportunity to coach these Jackets!"

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