

Alba native produces documentary about race relations in Grand Saline

By HANK MURPHY
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Retired Methodist minister Charles Moore shocked his boyhood home of Grand Saline late the afternoon of June 23, 2014, when he set himself ablaze in a parking lot known as the Bear Grounds. He died later that day in Dallas, but

he'd left behind a letter explaining that self-immolation was his way to inspire action against social injustice. Moore, who was 79 when he took his own life, lamented that America in general and Grand Saline in particular had failed to repent for the sins of slavery and its aftermath and still bore the legacy of racial discrimination.

Through social media, James Sanchez heard about the tragic event about five minutes after it had happened, he said. At the time, he'd been researching a college dissertation on race relations. Ultimately, Moore's act of self-immolation would serve as the basis for that

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James Sanchez

IRON HORSE SQUARE Celebrations planned for new railroad mini track

The Mineola Landmark Commission has announced that the mini railroad track at Mineola's Iron Horse Square is completed and on Saturday, Dec. 15, free rides will be given to children and the public. Riders will be welcomed starting at 3:30 p.m. and going to 7:30 p.m. In the event of rain, the opening will be rescheduled to the following Saturday, Dec. 22.

Donations will be welcomed. Volunteer engineer training was Sunday, Dec. 9 and an inspection was scheduled for Dec. 10. Iron Horse Square Park is located on Front Street, just west of the Mineola Depot.

On Wednesday, Dec. 12 a ribbon-cutting and grand opening is scheduled as part of an invitation-only event. The Wednesday celebration will honor Mineola's philanthropic organization, the Meredith Foundation, which donated \$129,942 for the purchase of the train, constructed by Swanee River Railroad of Lufkin, and rails. Wednesday's celebration also will include the City Council and boards and committees involved with the purchase and construction.

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This Week in Your Neighborhood

- Quitman High School Spanish Club will be sponsoring a collection drive for the Rainbow Room in Quitman. Donations will be accepted until Tuesday, Dec. 18, and will benefit foster children in the Wood County area. You may call 903-763-8045 for information, or contact the Spanish Club sponsor, Mrs. Graham, at grahamm@quitmanisd.net. The students are collecting new donations of hats, gloves, socks, pajamas, underwear, jackets and coats in sizes from infants to teens. Small blankets, diapers and wet wipes will also be accepted.
- Stinson House will host a holiday open house on Dec. 13 from 5 to 7 p.m. featuring delicious holiday treats, live music and plenty of holiday cheer.
- Winnsboro ISD band will present a Christmas dinner and show on Dec.

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Handmade soaps and candle products from Sophie & Rose, the new bath and candle product shop coming to Quitman.

Bath, candle shop coming to Quitman

By ZAK WELLERMAN
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A natural bath and candle product shop will soon become a part of downtown Quitman.

The shop, Sophie & Rose, will be housed in the downstairs half of Reflections Hospice's former location at the corner of Goode and Main Street. Quitman Chamber of Commerce owns the building, and the business owners will rent the lower portion.

As for the upstairs, plans call for the chamber to move in at yet-to-be-determined date. President Alayna Moffett said the chamber has been focused on renovating the building and having their tenant ready for business.

The business is a mother and daughter team. Charlotte Barkley makes the products by hand, and her daughter, Billie Blackwell, oversees sales.

Blackwell and Barkley hope to open before Christmas, if possible. A soft opening event alongside the chamber is set for this Saturday, Dec. 15 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. The chamber will have a cookies and candy canes event at this time.

The name Sophie & Rose comes from Blackwell's daughter's two chickens, Sophie and Rose. Blackwell said she began selling her mother's products online and things evolved from there, which led them to find a brick and mortar location.

"We can't wait to get it open," Barkley said.

Customers will be able to watch the duo make the soap at the shop. They will have fishing and tourism themed items, bath bombs and plan to sell

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ELF PORTRAIT ARTIST



Curts delights in comical photo series

By ZAK WELLERMAN
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"As long as I'm making people laugh and smile, that's my goal."

Bringing people joy and giving them something to laugh at has been Teri Curts' mission since she gained a following by dressing as an elf and sharing photos of herself on social media.

Last year, the Golden resident dressed as an elf and climbed up on the mantle just for fun.

"I was in Walmart one day and I thought, 'I want to dress like an elf and get



Starting with her version of an Elf on the Shelf (see page 8A), Teri Curts' photos include homages to "Dirty Dancing" (left) and "A Christmas Story" (top). Curts' elf series has gained a following on social media. (Facebook photos)

on the fireplace mantle," she said. "I was just going to do it that one day, and people were like 'oh my gosh!'"

From there, the online enthusiasm just took off.

As this year's holiday season approached, people began asking when she would start sharing the photos again. Curts decid-

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A CUT ABOVE: Stylist and customers share close bond

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Next year will mark 50 years that Racheal Everett has been a hairstylist, and about half those years have been spent at Racheal's Style Shop in Mineola.

She's seen hairstyles come and she's seen them go - from the bob and bouffant to the pixie and page boy. Nowadays, she'll occasionally style something on the edgy side, like a spike look, or apply a color from the rainbow instead of the standard shades of brown, black, gray, auburn, white or blonde.

Her shop on East Broad Street still makes use of vintage bonnet-type hairdryers. It's a place of "no fussing and no cussing." And the walls and doors are taped and pinned with photos, newspaper clippings, obituary programs, anniversary notices and other reminders of people who have touched her life. "These are either men and women I know or kinfolk of people I know," she explained.

For its her customers, she says, that she finds most rewarding about running her

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Racheal Everett tends to a customer at her style shop in Mineola. Everett will be celebrating 50 years as a hairstylist next year and has spent about half of that time at her business in Mineola. She estimates her overall clientele at about 300, with 45 weekly visitors. (Monitor photo by Hank Murphy)



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UPPER SABINE VALLEY SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT DISTRICT

Negotiation process begins for Precinct 1 transfer station purchase

In last week's meeting, Upper Sabine Valley Solid Waste Management District board members gave approval for Executive Director Jerry Motley to negotiate prices for the purchase of the Precinct 1 transfer station.

The lease is set to expire next September. Renewal of the lease would be at a higher rate, or the district could purchase the roughly seven-acre property.

"Both options have been offered by the owner," Motley said. "Long term it's better to buy the property."

The board approved Motley's suggested offer of \$50,000 in addition to paying for

closing costs and land survey. They also allowed him to spend up to \$60,000 if they don't accept the offer. He believes he'll need a little room for negotiating.

Landowners suggested a selling price of \$60,000; however, they told Motley that offers could be accepted. Motley told the owners he would go to the board to discuss negotiations.

The Precinct 1 station is located near Yantis and it is the only privately held lease of the four precincts, he added.

In other business, 2019 Texas County and District Retirement System contribution

rates, which is the district's retirement plan, were approved by the board.

"It's offered to our employees as a benefit same as Wood County," Motley said. "The rate is that portion of our contribution to the employee's account."

Prior to October of this year, the district was a part of the county's plan, but both parties chose to not renew the annual agreement.

The employee policy manual was also approved. A list of paid holidays for the fiscal year 2018-2019 was approved. The district chose the same holiday list as Wood County-

ty. Also at the meeting, board members then went into executive session to discuss Motley's contract. After the closed session, the board voted to renew the contract for three years.

The fiscal year 2017-2018 year-end financial statement for the district was approved as well.

In the public comments section, a former district employee John Rupe addressed the board. He asked those in charge to talk to employees one on one.

-By ZAK WELLERMAN

Commissioners approve jail boiler system emergency repairs

In a special meeting last week, Wood County commissioners approved an emergency expenditure for repairs to the boiler system at the jail.

"We've been patching up the boiler system, which is the hot water system for the jail for the showers and all that," Precinct 4 Commissioner Russell Acker said. "It's gone down. We've patched it up."

Replacing the system has an estimated cost of \$60,000. Acker said jail standards give 48 hours for repairs to be approved, which doesn't leave the county enough time to solicit competitive bids.

The jail is expected to have more plumbing issues in the next few weeks. A consulting group is conducting an itemized study for the jail to address potential concerns, he added.

- By ZAK WELLERMAN

Letter to the Editor

Dear Editor:

Last October, while I was out of state, I received a phone message from Officer Jeremy Smith of the Mineola Police Department advising me of an incident at my home where someone had driven a car through my front yard, causing deep ruts, hitting a newly planted tree and damaging the border around it, and spraying mud across the front of my house.

When I returned home a few days later, I learned that Officer Smith had repaired the damage to the tree border as much as possible and had cleaned the mud off the front of the house!

In my 73 years, I have lived in six states and more than 20 communities, but never have I seen a community with as much caring as I find in Mineola, and I've never even heard of a police officer going to such lengths to right a wrong. In my opinion, Officer Smith deserves a medal!

Jean Koch, Mineola

Winnsboro man dies in car crash

Jimmie Allen Cooper Jr., 46, of Winnsboro died early Thursday morning from injuries sustained in a one-vehicle wreck in Camp County, the Department of Public Safety reported.

At 4:32 a.m., troopers responded to a crash on Texas Hwy. 11, five miles west of the city of Pittsburg in Camp County.

A preliminary crash investigation revealed that Cooper had been driving a 2000 Chevrolet Blazer west on Texas Hwy. 11

when he failed to negotiate a curve and drifted off the north side of the roadway. He over-corrected and veered sharply left, causing the vehicle to go into a side-skid and overturn. The vehicle left the south side of the roadway and ejected the driver.

Cooper was pronounced dead at the scene and transported to Erman Smith Funeral Home in Pittsburg.

The crash remained under investigation at press time.

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 Willful Crossing.
 HOLLY LAKE FIRE DEPARTMENT -first and third Tuesday at the fire station at Holly Lake Ranch.
 IRIS GARDEN CLUB-GOLDEN - first Monday, September-May, Golden United Methodist Church. 903-765-3000.
 KIWANIS CLUB - noon Tuesday, Mineola Civic Center Dogwood Room.
 THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS OF SAINT PETER'S THE APOSTLE COUNCIL #11933 - second Thursday, 7 p.m., at the church, 203 Meadowbrook Drive, Mineola. 903-569-3662.
 LAKE COUNTRY CLASSIC CAR CLUB - third Monday, 6:30 p.m. 903-850-2557.
 LAKE COUNTRY REPUBLICANS - fourth Tuesday, 6 p.m., Red Dome Smokehouse, Quitman.
 LAKE COUNTRY RV TRAVELERS - of Good Sam Int'l. Monthly, RV parks w/in 150 m. radius. 903-569-3677 or 3069.
 LAKE COUNTRY SYMPHONIC BAND - will resume rehearsals Aug. 6 at Mineola High School Band Hall. 7 p.m. 903-569-2300.
 LAKE FORK ROTARY CLUB - Wednesday, noon, at the Lake Fork Baptist Church on State Highway 515
 LAKE HOLBROOK ASSOCIATION - first Saturday, February, May, August and November, Harold Simmons Community Center, 5:30 p.m. directors, 6 p.m. all members and guests welcome. 903-569-0223.
 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.
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 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., Peralto's Restaurant. Contact any Lions Club member to donate your

used eyeglasses for recycling to the needy.
 QUITMAN PILOT CLUB - third Tuesday, 6:30 p.m., Quitman Public Library. 903-383-5075.
 QUITMAN ROTARY CLUB, Thurs., noon, ETMC 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 mkyoung97@peoples.com.net
 WOOD COUNTY 4-H HORSE CLUB - Business meeting, Monday, 2 p.m., Wood County Extension Office.
 Wood County Aggie Moms - 1st Tuesday, 6 p.m., 903-539-7049 or Wood County Aggie Moms Facebook page.
 WOOD COUNTY APPRAISAL DISTRICT - Quarterly, third Thursday, 8 p.m., appraisal district office. Open to the public.
 WOOD COUNTY CENTRAL HOSPITAL DISTRICT - third Monday, 5:30 p.m. (every three months).
 WOOD COUNTY COMMISSIONERS COURT - every other Friday, Commissioners Court, Quitman, 10 a.m. 763-2716.
 WOOD COUNTY CRIME STOPPERS - every other month, third Monday, 6 p.m., Wood County Justice Center courtroom. The public is invited. 903-763-2201 or 903-569-6294.
 WOOD COUNTY DEMOCRAT CLUB - fourth Thursday, Quitman Public Library, at 6:15 p.m. 903-383-7036 or www.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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Alba council delves into building codes, easements

Infrastructure planning dominated the Dec. 3 Alba regular city council meeting. City Attorney Jim McLeroy and Schaumburg & Polk project manager Travis Reed contributed to substantive discussions regarding building codes and easements, respectively.

Since 2007 the city of Alba has managed city development through an overly complex zoning ordinance. After review of the present ordinance, McLeroy offered an opinion that the management of Alba's future development lay not in a zoning ordinance but rather in the adoption of a family of international building codes. Most importantly, for a city that deals in building maintenance issues daily, McLeroy strongly recommended the International Property Maintenance Code.

City Secretary Lindy McCarty stated the city had recently been approached by a resident who was a retired inspector of Bureau Veritas, a worldwide testing, inspection and certification firm. He offered his services to the city. Having a resident inspector

available and creating a building permit process were identified as logical next steps in city development. Responding to a question from council member Tammy Kirkpatrick, McLeroy recommended consulting with the inspector to identify the most logical building codes appropriate for Alba. Once that is complete, he stated, an ordinance governing the process could be drafted expeditiously.

The council agreed that the present zoning ordinance will remain in force until proper building codes can be identified and reviewed. Council member Larry Jones highlighted the problematic issues of enforcing building codes in a small, rural town such as Alba. "We have been struggling to get a coherent code with common-sense solutions that won't cost our residents a lot of money," he stated.

Regarding street easements, Reed opened the discussion by stating, "We must be confident about where we are ... cutting in new ditches can be problematic." The discussion hinged on preparatory work required before

commencing the drainage work anticipated from a Texas Community Development Block Grant. Reed noted that the city did have a plat map, but that this map had to have been properly filed with the county and supported by defining documents. Although a predictive easement regulation does exist that supports cleaning out ditches, the creation of new ditches often presents issues.

Council member Larry Harris offered that soliciting written permission from all residents of a particular street should easements become necessary may be a viable option. Jones added that creating a standard street easement will never be standard.

Reed stated, "We are in the scoping phase and we need to identify right-of-way issues."

McLeroy added, "We must define the project and scope the predictive easements."

The discussions revealed that this pre-project planning is absolutely vital to avoiding delays and avoiding costly legal entanglements.

Inside and Outside the Picket Fence

BY JAN WHITLOCK

Those of us who volunteer at the Quitman Arboretum would like to wish our friends and neighbors a merry Christmas and happy holiday season. Your support and continued appreciation of our efforts to beautify through gardening and restoration have been overwhelming.

The greens have been cut, the lights have been hung, the house is dressed up, and the season has begun. Please be our guest on Thursday, Dec. 13 for the annual Christmas Open House. Light re-



Quitman Arboretum and Botanical Gardens

freshments and seasonal music will be offered from 5 until 7 p.m. at the Historic Stinson House.

We look forward to seeing old and new friends at this festive event. In case you were wondering, the coffee is on.

CHRISTUS clinic in Mineola adds new nurse practitioner

Patients in need of primary care in Northeast Texas have a new resource at CHRISTUS Trinity Clinic Mineola with the addition of Amarina O'Byrne, FNP.



Amarina O'Byrne, FNP

"In the Mineola area and around Northeast Texas, CHRISTUS Trinity Clinic understands that there is a real need for capable, compassionate health care providers to take care of families and individuals on a daily basis," said Kristi Stern, administrative director of operations for CHRISTUS Trinity Clinic in Mineola. "Our patients in this community are very important to us, and we are committed to expanding our team here. Ms. O'Byrne is a highly skilled, experienced and capable provider ready to meet their day-to-day health care needs—seeing patients Monday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday each week."

O'Byrne received a Bachelors of Science in Nursing from the University of Texas at Tyler and a Masters of Science in Nursing from the University of Texas at Arlington. An East Texas native, O'Byrne moved to Dallas-Fort Worth after college, but came back to her hometown to raise her children. O'Byrne loves family medicine because it allows her to see patients of all ages and aims to treat all of her patients as if they were her own family.

"As a family nurse practitioner, I am trained to work with both children and adults in the family practice and clinical setting, and I really focus on preventive care," said O'Byrne. "Working with my patients and their community on maintaining health and wellness over the long term is something I am very passionate about. From monitoring health and wellness, to treating minor acute illnesses for people of all ages, I am excited to be a part of this incredible Mineola community and to serve the patients here."

Mineola Memorial Library Notes

BY LIBRARIAN MARY HURLEY

The year is winding down quickly. Do you need some inspiration for a holiday meal or a craft? Stop by the Library and see if we have a book that can help solve your dilemma.



Our annual board meeting will be Thursday, Dec. 13 at 4 p.m. We hope you will attend to learn who the board members are and what the Library has accomplished this past year.

At 5 p.m., after the board meeting, we will have our annual Open House hosted by the Friends of the Mineola Memorial Library. Finger foods and

punch will be available, and we will have musical entertainment and a visit from a friend from the North Pole.

We do hope you will join us at both events.

The Library will be closed Saturday, Dec. 22 so that our staff may spend time with their families. We will reopen on Wednesday, Dec. 26 at 9 a.m.

Two book clubs will be meeting this month. The Library book club will meet Thursday, Dec. 20 at 6 p.m. to discuss Charles Dickens' A Christmas Carol. We've all seen a movie, but how many have read the book? Join us for a discussion about this holiday tale and discover our next read.

East Texas Library Friends will

meet on Dec. 29 at 2 p.m. to discuss John Grisham's The Innocent Man. Go to goodreads.com and find the East Texas Library Friends group for the address of the meeting in Rains County.

We wish all of you the very merriest of holidays. We hope to see you soon. Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

Donations have been made to the Library by the Wood County Democrat Club and numerous individuals giving books and funds toward the Book Drive for Caring & Sharing.

The Mineola Memorial Library is a 501(c)3 non-profit and your donations are tax deductible.

Quitman

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men's products in the future.

"We're excited to be here," Blackwell said.

Barkley has been a Wood County resident for about 10 years. Blackwell lives in McKinney but she has a lake house in the area.

Chamber interim Executive Director Elizabeth Neuens said the addition will make the corner a pretty showcase.

"We want to help with the face of Quitman," Moffett said.

Lone Star Renovations is working as the contractor for updating the building. Renovations include flooring, lighting, electrical, painting, windows and the roof exterior. BTH Bank has also assisted with the project.

Moffett said the downstairs should be complete by Christmas.

In other chamber news, job postings for the executive director position will be done in the new year. The chamber is also looking to fill a few vacancies for seats. Ballots to nominate people for vacancies will go to chamber members soon. Moffett said the chamber is recommending for businesses to nominate proactive, strong people to help local communi-

ties and businesses.

Taste of Quitman drawing has been rescheduled to this Saturday at 1 p.m. at Sophie & Rose. The raffle is giving away gift cards from local restaurants at a cost of \$10 per ticket.

The chamber leadership wants to establish relationships with members and they'll be planning for next year's events in the coming weeks, such as the Dogwood Festival, annual chamber banquet, golf tournament and other events, according to Neuens.

The plan is to be a lot more proactive and physically present in the community and listen to members and take action based on their input, Neuens added.

Race

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dissertation and later a documentary film examining race relations in Grand Saline.

The documentary "Man on Fire" will be broadcast at 9 p.m. on Dec. 17 on PBS as part of the network's Independent Lens series. The film already has been shown

at UT-Tyler and it premiered at the Slamdance Film Festival in Park City, Utah. It has received the International Documentary Association Award.

Sanchez, co-producer of the documentary, has an insiders' perspective. His grandfather founded Lake Fork Baptist Church. He grew up in Alba, attending kindergarten through sixth grade there. Sanchez

then moved to Grand Saline, where he attended seventh-grade through high school. Today, Sanchez holds a doctorate and is an assistant professor of writing and rhetoric at Middlebury College in Vermont.

Filming for "Man on Fire" began in 2016, about a year after he'd crossed paths with a professional film director in Austin. The film focuses on the final day of Moore's life and is not meant to be a biography.

"I wanted his story to be a vehicle to better understand the issues of race and racism in Grand Saline," Sanchez said. "Most of the story is about the history of Grand Saline and how people consider race and racism. Do they think it's racism or not?"

The film takes a "neutral approach and lets the people of Grand Saline speak for themselves," he noted.

Through the course of filming, about 50 people were interviewed, including some from Mineola's black community, Sanchez said. Ultimately, the documentary features interviews from roughly 20 people.

"I would say the hardest part was getting people in front of the camera," he said, especially people from Grand Saline.

Some of the older folks in town remembered him from his football days playing for the Indians, and they were a bit more receptive, he recalled. Others who knew him could be a bit leery.

"I had pretty liberal views when it comes to race," he

said. However, doing a "hit job" on the town was never his intent.

He believes people in Grand Saline will be "pleasantly surprised when they watch the film."

Regarding the question of Charles Moore's sanity, Sanchez said, "I feel very confident saying he was not mentally ill." Moore thought his actions would prompt "this big conversation" about race in Grand Saline, Sanchez stated. Ultimately, however, "He didn't get the response he wanted."

MEALS ON WHEELS

THIS WEEK'S MENUS:

Thursday, Dec. 13 - Chili Cheese Hot Dog, Parslied Potatoes, Hot Dog Bun, Gingerbread Cookie, Milk, Ketchup

Friday, Dec. 14 - Lemon Pepper Chicken, Field Peas, Hot Pineapple Tidbits, Texas Bread, Milk

Monday, Dec. 17 - Taco Meat, Lettuce and Tomato, Ranch Beans, Flour Tortilla, Hot Cinnamon Applesauce, Milk, Taco Sauce

Tuesday, Dec. 18 - Hamburger Patty, Sliced Cheese, Lettuce and Tomato, Hawaiian Baked Beans, Hamburger Bun, Hot Oranges and Pineapple, Milk, Mustard, Ketchup

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Create your own path in your East Texas garden

In East Texas Gardens

By Lin Grado

Most of the country has put their gardens to sleep by December, not to be revisited until spring. But in East Texas, we're so glad for the break from the summer heat that we will start a new garden project on any nice day. My project for this fall (yes, it's still fall) is to upgrade one small path in my garden from mulch to brick.

The most basic purpose of a path in a garden is to get you safely from point A to point B. I come from a line of practical, frugal people. Our paths were direct lines made out of concrete or flagstone that moved us through the yard – a straight sidewalk from the back porch to the alley or from the back porch to the front of the house. They were just wide enough for a wheelbarrow or a wagon (or a bicycle with training wheels) with as few turns as needed to get to your destination. When it was time to carry groceries to the house, or shovel snow in the winter, we were grateful for the direct routes.

But paths can also be a design element in the garden. Their shape and their material can direct the course and

speed of visitors through your garden. Wider paths encourage people to meander slowly, side-by-side, while narrow paths hurry us along. Straight paths suggest a more formal garden and walking with purpose, while curved pathways are informal and suitable for strolling. Plan your paths with a destination – a garden bench, a gate, a fountain, a specimen plant – so that visitors are rewarded for following the path. Position a focal point hidden around a curve to add a feeling of surprise to the journey.

The materials used in a path are part of the design as well. After my knee replacement, I realized that my primary functional paths – from the driveway to the door, for example – needed to be more solid footpaths; I changed the material from mulch to flagstone and brick. At the Arboretum in Quitman, most of the paths in the garden areas are grass, but they are subject to disruption by armadillos and gophers. We hope to upgrade them now that the hog damage has been repaired. Many public gardens have concrete or asphalt paths



This flagstone path leads directly to the front porch of the Stinson house in Quitman. Below right: The mixed stone and turns on the path invites you to walk slowly and pay attention. Below left: The path outside the IDEA garden is edged in stone and plants.

for the main walkways, for accessibility, with smaller paths of flagstone or decomposed granite.

In your home garden, your paths can be pebbles, gravel, stone, mulch, brick, or swept dirt – almost any surface you can imagine. Each has a different feel under your feet, and many such as gravel can add sound to your garden walks. There is an area at the IDEA garden in Tyler that

showcases several different materials that can help you decide what to use in your path. Consider mixing the materials in your design to add more interest to your path – brick and gravel, or cobblestones and pebbles. If you mix materials, make sure you integrate both all along the path, so it doesn't look like you ran out along the way.

The final step in designing a path in your gardens is deciding whether you need something to edge your paths. If your paths are gravel, pebbles, or mulch, you'll need something to keep it in place such as metal or rubber landscape edging, landscape pavers, or bricks. Aside from being functional, edging can also frame your paths, so look at a contrasting texture for your edging. Plant material in the garden can serve as the edging for your paths; low-growing or cascading plants, such as liriope or mondo grass, sedum, or purple oxalis, soften the path's edges. Pick plants that enhance the color of

the materials used. To edge my paths, I have used some uncommon materials such as wine bottles stuck in the ground; they're free, easy to install, and can be moved to adjust the flow of the path. Avoid using these where you might use power lawn tools, and make sure you put them at an angle to discourage mosquito breeding in water that collects on the bottom of the bottles.

There are some practical considerations if you're laying out a new path. Sometimes traffic seeks its own flow in the garden. I had designed two swooping paths that overlapped, resulting in a 'V' at the end of one bed. My dogs cut across that bed so much that I laid flagstone on their shortcut. I also laid brick in another section of the path with the holes up; it so bothered my dogs that they walked in the beds rather than on the path and I am redoing that whole sec-

tion. For best results, mark where your paths will be with a garden hose or spray paint, and live with it for a while to test the layout: run the lawn mower along the curves; push your wheelbarrow or pull your cart; walk along the path; and see if you need to tweak the layout. It's much easier to do before you set the path, and you'll be assured that your paths are functional.

How you design your paths will determine whether walking them is about the journey or the destination. What will you choose, in your east Texas garden?

Lin Grado is the garden manager at the Quitman Arboretum and Botanical Gardens. Email her at txgardengal@gmail.com with your gardening questions or suggestions for future columns. Lin is also available to answer your gardening questions at the Quitman Arboretum each Wednesday from 9 till noon.



Stylist

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style shop.

"It's the people. These people have seen me through some really hard times," says Everett, who characterized her customers as patient and gracious – traits that stick during good times and bad.

Although Everett can customize her work to whatever style a customer seeks, she sees herself as something of a traditionalist.

"I'm old school," she says. "I do regular cuts and a lot of them – a lot of regular colors. And for a lot of (customers) I do specialty colors. I do problem hair. I do things that a lot of the youngsters don't have the patience for any more. Finding a way for hair to look thicker when it's thin, finding a way for gray hair to keep the color on it. ... There are so many things we need for our age group, say from 40 up that a person who's 20 doesn't necessarily know how to address."

Sometimes customers rely on her experience and skill to address unique situations.

"She also has to figure out what to do with a person's hair when they've had chemo," says Barbara Morgan, a cancer survivor. "It changes it totally. That's something I leave in her hands. I don't have a clue of what to do with it. She works with me and we get it to where it's as good as we can."



A montage of photos and clippings dedicated to veterans hangs on the door at Racheal's Style Shop. (Monitor photo by Hank Murphy)

She called Everett's skill and willingness to work with her "a blessing."

Racheal's Style Shop has a client base of roughly 300, according to Everett. She knows that because she used to send out a Christmas card to every one of her customers. She sees about 45 regular customers every week, and some of those come twice a week. She cuts men's hair as well, and sometimes men use her shop for a place to play cards or plan for their next meeting. "You'd be surprised with the things that are planned in

here," she joked.

The age of her current clientele ranges from babies to age 96. She pointed to a photo on the wall of a deceased man. "This man here, I was doing his hair until he was 100."

On one door is a montage of clippings and photos dedicated to veterans.

"I'm pretty patriotic," she states. "We forget, we might be speaking Japanese or Chinese or something if it wasn't for our vets. I'm for our vets having everything they deserve and more – until there's not one on the street anymore."

One of the photos on that door is that of a young, shirtless man flexing his muscles.

She smiles and identifies the man as her late husband, Charles. The photo dates back to his time in the service. She and Charles and their four children moved to Mineola in 1992, coming over from Wills Point, and before that Dallas. The problem with Wills Point, however, is that it did not have a library, and her children had to go to Canton to use the public library.

"We started searching; we found Mineola, and loved it," she recalls, and having a library here cinched the deal.

Everett has no plans to quit styling hair anytime soon. If she ever lost the lease to her shop, she said, she'd set up a booth somewhere in Mineola and just keep cutting hair. She may not have a choice but to stay here in the hairstyling business.

Says Morgan, "I won't let her leave."



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Wood Co. Sheriff's Report: Nov. 28 - Dec. 4**DECEMBER 4, 2018**

Deputies were dispatched to FM 515 near Yantis about 8:37 a.m. in reference to an abandoned vehicle. They located it and everything was OK.

Deputies spoke with the reporting person about 9:56 a.m. in reference to a burglary on FM 69 near Yantis. They gave the reporting person advice and cleared the incident.

Deputies responded to a suspicious person on CR 3204 near Quitman about 1:09 p.m. They located the person and everything was OK.

Deputies were dispatched to Main Street in Quitman about 3:31 p.m. in reference to suspicious circumstances. Franklin Waddell, 64 of Quitman was arrested for possession of a controlled substance.

Deputies spoke with a person at about 6:01 p.m. in reference to a disturbance on CR 4420 near Winnsboro. They advised the reporting person that it was a civil matter.

Deputies were dispatched to FM 17 near Alba approximately 7:27 p.m. on a disturbance. They spoke with everyone involved and cleared the incident.

Deputies were dispatched to CR 175 near Yantis about 9:03 p.m. in reference to credit/debit card abuse. They spoke with everyone involved and cleared the incident.

Deputies were dispatched to CR 1950 near Yantis at about 10:01 p.m. on suspicious circumstances. They searched the area but were unable to locate any suspicious activity.

Deputies responded to a suspicious person on CR 2276 near Mineola about 10:25 p.m. They searched but were unable to locate the person.

DECEMBER 3, 2018

Deputies responded to a suspicious person on FM 69 near Alba at about 3:40 a.m. They searched the area but did not find the person.

Deputies were dispatched to Main Street in Yantis about 2:03 p.m. on an assault that occurred. The case was forwarded to investigators.

Deputies responded to a suspicious vehicle on West Oak Street in Yantis around 2:18 p.m. They located the vehicle and issued a citation.

Deputies were dispatched to Wild Pine Lane near Hawkins around 3:07 p.m. in reference to an incident. Lindsay Amett, 31 of Hawkins was arrested for abandonment / endangerment of a child, criminal negligence.

Deputies were dispatched to SPUR 514 near Yantis about 4:14 on a dispute. The people were separated.

Deputies were dispatched to FM 2869 near Hawkins about 5:42 p.m. on theft of prescription drugs. Stephen Zarcone, 26, of Tyler, was arrested for possession of a controlled substance and possession of a controlled substance, less than 28 grams.

Deputies were dispatched to CR 2325 near Mineola about 6:26 p.m. on a reckless driver. They located the vehicle and the person was transported home by a friend/family member.

Deputies responded to a suspicious vehicle on FM 312 near Winnsboro about 9:14 p.m. They located the vehicle and everything was OK.

Deputies were dispatched to CR 4470 near Winnsboro about 11:36 p.m. in reference to a dispute. Those involved were separated for the night.

DECEMBER 2, 2018

Deputies responded to a suspicious vehicle on Lake Holbrook Point at about 12:19 a.m. They located it and issued a citation.

Deputies went out on an arrest/warrant service to CR 4990 near Quitman.

Deputies were dispatched to CR 4560 near Winnsboro about 1:32 p.m. on a welfare check. They located the person and everything was OK.

Deputies spoke with a person who reported a suspicious circumstances at 2:10 p.m. Deputies gave the person advice and cleared the incident.

Deputies were dispatched to CR 3588 near Winnsboro about 4:12 p.m. on a disturbance. They spoke with those involved and cleared the incident.

Deputies were dispatched to FM 1799 near Mineola about 5:47 p.m. on a disturbance. They spoke with everyone involved and cleared the incident.

Deputies were dispatched to CR 1695 near Alba about 7:33 p.m. on a disturbance. Dustin Burge, 22 of Mineola, was arrested for assault causing bodily injury/family violence.

DECEMBER 1, 2018

Deputies were dispatched to CR 2696 near Hawkins about 12:17 a.m. to a fire. They searched the area but did not find any signs of a fire.

Deputies responded to a suspicious vehicle on Green Briar Trail near Hawkins about 1:15. They located the vehicle and everything was OK.

Deputies responded to a suspicious person on FM 1254 near Mineola about 2:03 a.m. Andrew Moore, 36, of Mineola was arrested for no drivers license.

Deputies were dispatched to CR 1522 near Alba about 7:28 a.m. regarding a harassment complaint. They spoke with all involved and cleared the scene.

Deputies were dispatched to CR 3990 near Winnsboro about 9:58 a.m. in reference to a disturbance. Those in-

involved were separated prior to the deputies' arrival.

Deputies were dispatched to FM 14 near Hawkins about 1:15 p.m. in reference to criminal trespass. They issued a criminal trespass warning and cleared the incident.

Deputies were dispatched to CR 1660 near Alba about 5:33 p.m. on an assault. The case was forwarded to investigators.

Deputies responded to a suspicious person on CR 2195 near Mineola about 5:44 p.m. They searched the area but were unable to locate the person.

Deputies were dispatched to CR 4990 near Winnsboro about 5:50 p.m. on theft. Someone stole several items of the person's property. The case was forwarded to investigators.

Deputies were dispatched to CR 1985 near Yantis about 8:10 p.m. on a burglary. Someone damaged and stole several items from the reporting person's property. The case was forwarded to investigators.

NOVEMBER 30, 2018

Deputies were dispatched to Orchard Street in Alba about 6:14 a.m. in reference to a dispute. The people involved were separated for the day and the incident cleared.

Deputies spoke with a person about 8:51 a.m. in reference to a scam that occurred on CR 2745 near Mineola. They determined no scam had occurred and cleared the incident.

Deputies spoke with a person at about 2:43 p.m. on criminal mischief on CR 1540 near Alba. They gave the person advice and cleared the incident.

Deputies were dispatched to CR 2754 near Mineola about 5:25 p.m. on a burglary. Someone broke into the person's residence and stole several items. The case was forwarded to investigators.

Deputies were dispatched to CR 1600 near Alba at approximately 7:01 p.m. in reference to a disturbance. Angela Barnhart, 44, of Alba, was arrested for assault causing bodily injury of a family/household member/impeding breathing/circulation.

NOVEMBER 29, 2018

Deputies were dispatched to CR 1585 near Alba about 8:21 a.m. in reference to theft. They spoke with everyone involved and cleared the incident.

Deputies were dispatched to CR 2150 near Quitman about 2:56 p.m. in reference to a welfare check. They searched but were unable to locate the person.

Deputies were dispatched to Hwy 37 near Mineola at about 3:39 p.m. on a disturbance. Tabitha Crow, 27, of Mineola, was arrested for assault causing bodily injury/family violence.

Deputies were dispatched to FM 514 near Yantis at about 4:15 p.m. on terroristic threat on FM 2225 near Quitman. They gave the reporting person advice and cleared the incident.

Deputies were dispatched to HWY 154 near Quitman at about 5:44 p.m. on a noise complaint. They located the activity and everything was OK.

Deputies were dispatched to CR 2934 near Alba at about 7:40 p.m. on a welfare check. They located the person and everything was OK.

Deputies responded to a suspicious person on FM 14 near Hawkins at about 9:04 p.m. They provided a courtesy transport and cleared the area.

NOVEMBER 28, 2018

Deputies were dispatched to FM 14 near Quitman at about 12:18 a.m. on a reckless driver. They searched the area but were unable to locate the vehicle.

Deputies were dispatched to CR 1895 near Yantis around 10:35 a.m. on a theft. A known actor did not pay the reporting person for a vehicle. The case was forwarded to investigators.

Deputies were dispatched on HWY 37 near Mineola at about 12:35 p.m. on suspicious circumstances. They searched but were unable to locate any suspicious activity.

Deputies responded to a suspicious person on FM 14 near Hawkins at about 2:43 p.m. They searched but were unable to locate the person.

Deputies spoke with a person at about 5:40 p.m. in reference to criminal mischief on CR 3450 near Hawkins. They advised the reporting person that extra patrol would be provided.

Deputies were dispatched to CR 3230 near Quitman at about 7:54 p.m. on an assault that occurred. The case was forwarded to investigators.

Deputies were dispatched to CR 1858 near Yantis about 8:40 p.m. on noise complaint. They searched but were unable to locate any loud music.

Deputies went out on an arrest/warrant service on CR 2298 near Mineola at about 9:05 p.m. They searched the area but were unable to contact the individual.

Deputies were dispatched to FM 49 near Mineola about 9:44 p.m. in reference to an unauthorized use of a motor vehicle. A known actor took the reporting person's vehicle without authorization. The case was forwarded to investigators.

Deputies responded to a suspicious vehicle on Main Street in Yantis at about 10:28 p.m. Deputies located the vehicle and it was towed.

Mineola Police Report: Nov. 29-Dec. 5**DECEMBER 5, 2018**

At 10:10 a.m. a woman reported possible suspicious activity at her residence when she is not at home. An officer spoke with the complainant in reference of his findings.

An intoxicated driver had reportedly driven away from a residence on North Newsom Street at 4:08 p.m. Officers responded and patrolled the area the driver was reportedly headed but did not locate vehicle.

At 6:02 p.m. a caller reported a disturbance in a vehicle parked in the Walmart parking lot. The caller reported a man was hitting a woman. Officers responded to the parking lot and patrolled the area but did not locate the vehicle.

Union Pacific Railroad employees reported three people walking on the tracks at Commerce and South Pacific Street at 8:39 p.m. Officers responded to the area but were unable to locate anyone on the track.

DECEMBER 4, 2018

At 8:27 a.m. a report was filed by Walmart in regards to a Nov. 24 theft. A witness saw a subject take items from Walmart. Asset protection was not available at the time to review security footage. An investigator has been working with Gilmer police because the same subjects stole from Gilmer's Walmart, and they are in custody. Some of the items stolen from Mineola Walmart were recovered by Gilmer police. Warrants will be issued for the suspects involved.

At 10:03 a.m. a welfare concern was reported when a man said he had not heard from his mother-in-law, who had a 2-year-old with her. The man called back and said he did make contact and everything was OK.

A woman brought her juvenile son that has been disrespectful to her to the department so an officer could talk with him at 10:55 a.m. After speaking with him, the officers recommended she talk to his probation officer and let him know.

At 11:06 a.m. Aaron's reported three cases where the customers were late on payments but did not return the property to the store. All three customers were contacted by an officer and they agreed to take care of the issue.

An investigator met at the high school to speak with a complainant in reference to possible child abuse.

A citizen reported several teenage boys gathering behind McDonald's and it appeared they were going to fight at 2:06 p.m. A carload of the boys left before officers arrived. No physical violence took place.

At 3:39 p.m. James Calixto, 17, of Mineola, was arrested on Front Street for a local failure-to-appear warrant.

A woman reported getting some unwanted texts from her ex-husband at 4:34 p.m. A direct patrol was issued for her residence.

At 9:09 p.m. a reckless driver was reported traveling in and out of traffic at a high rate of speed. An officer stopped the vehicle at Greenville and Pacific Street. The officer found no signs of intoxication.

Loud music was reported at a residence on Graves Street at 10:43 p.m. An officer responded to the call and had the residents turn the music down.

DECEMBER 3, 2018

At 3:36 a.m. Wood County S.O. requested help locating a male, stating he was on foot just outside the city limits of Mineola and was being chased by a pack of dogs. Wood County located the person.

At 10:35 a.m. a disturbance was reported when a caller reported a man and woman walking down North Pacific. It appeared they were fighting. An officer responded to area and found the two. The male said it was just a verbal argument and the female

would not cooperate with the officer.

Union Pacific Railroad employees reported a man standing on the tracks near West Broad Street and Cheek Street at 1:54 p.m. An officer responded to the area but did not find anyone.

At 6:30 p.m. Dollar General reported receiving a counterfeit \$20 bill. The bill was taken for evidence and it is under investigation.

A welfare concern was reported when a woman found a Facebook post of a juvenile with injuries at 9:16 p.m. An officer made contact with the juvenile and found the injuries were old and everything fine.

DECEMBER 2, 2018

At 12:09 a.m. an officer made a traffic stop on NE Loop 564 and found some juveniles in the vehicle. The officer released the juveniles to their guardians.

A man on West McDonald Street called 911 at 4:58 a.m. to report his child's mother was at his residence intoxicated and trying to take the child with her. An officer responded and the female was taken to her residence by the officer and released to a responsible adult.

Central Baptist Church on Line Street reported a man sleeping on the steps of the church at 7:50 a.m. An officer responded and found the man was in town visiting a girlfriend and they had an argument so he was waiting for someone to pick him up.

At 9:36 a.m. a 911 open line was received in the 300 block of Line Street that appeared to be a child playing with the phone. Officers went to the location but the resident said it did not come from their residence. The resident called back and reported that an infant had the phone and must have called.

A man at Autumn Wind Apartments reported he was assaulted by a family member with an umbrella at 9:43 a.m. when they were leaving to go to church. This is under investigation.

At 5:52 p.m. a man turned in a key card that was found during the parade. The owner was notified and key card was returned.

At 6:48 p.m. a disturbance was reported on West Buchanan Street. The resident reportedly hit one of the subjects when they refused to leave his residence. An officer responded but the resident was not there. A female did not wish to file charges and signed a waiver of prosecution.

At 7:48 p.m. a reckless vehicle was reported. An SUV pulling a trailer did not have lights on the trailer or the back of the vehicle. An officer stopped the vehicle on Loop 564.

DECEMBER 1, 2018

At 1:20 a.m. a woman on Johnson Street reported she returned home and had broken her key off in the door of her residence. An officer responded and attempted to help but was unable to get the key out. The woman called for assistance from another party to get the key out. The officer then assisted the resident by unlocking her vehicle to get another house key to gain access to the house.

At 1:37 a.m. dispatch receive a 911 hang up call. When the number was called back a woman said she had cut her hand but she did not need any assistance and hung up. Dispatch called the number back and spoke with a man who said his girlfriend cut her hand and they were walking to the police department to get an ambulance for her. The two made it to the police department and EMS was waiting for her.

At 3:41 p.m. a vehicle displaying loud music was reported on Francis Street. An officer responded but the vehicle left before the officer's arrival.

At 7:01 p.m. a woman reported her 6-year-old son went into the restroom at Walmart and a man followed him. She felt it to be suspicious by the way the man was acting. Video surveillance was reviewed and the boy was asked about the incident by the officer. They boy did not reveal any suspicious activity by the man.

At 7:07 p.m. a resident on Heritage Drive reported someone knocking on her door, off and on, for five to 10 minutes. Whoever was knocking would not say anything, so the resident requested an officer in the area to see if someone was walking around. The officer patrolled the area but did not see anyone.

NOVEMBER 30, 2018

At 6:24 A.M. EMS requested assistance from an officer on a medical call on McDaniel Street.

At 6:35 a.m. a resident on Ivey Street reported she had some family staying with her and the father of the children showed up to take them. An officer responded but the father was gone on his arrival.

Wood County reported receiving a 911 call at 9:46 a.m. about a reckless driving headed southbound into the city on Hwy. 37 in a white car. An officer responded but did not locate the reckless car.

At 6:11 p.m. a burn ban violation was reported on Carolyn Street. The responding officer had the man put out the fire.

Read full story online at www.woodcountymonitor.com

Mineola Fire Report

Brush fire: Dec. 5, 4:04 p.m., 166 CR 2261, Mineola.
Medical assistance: Dec. 1, 4:45 a.m., 296 CR 2276, Mineola; Dec. 1, 11:17 a.m., 509 McWhorter St., Mineola; Dec. 5, 1:15 a.m., 2085 CR 2700, Mineola.
Motor vehicle accident with no injuries: Dec. 3, 5:45 a.m. W. U.S. Hwy 80, Mineola; Dec. 3, 4:11 p.m., W. U.S. Hwy 80 & W CR 2840, Mineola.
CO detector activation due to malfunction: Nov. 30, 11:06 a.m., 417 W. Blair St., Mineola.

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Matthew 25:6

Obituaries



JOSEPH LAWRENCE BIRD
1953-2018

On Nov. 29, 2018, Joseph Lawrence Bird succumbed to his battle with cancer at his home surrounded by his loving family. Joe was an avid outdoorsman and a devoted husband, father, brother, grandpa and friend.

He was born on Aug. 23, 1953, in Grand Saline to the late Adrian Bird and Grace Bird. He was a retired mechanical superintendent for Praxair in Hawkins.

Joseph was preceded in death by parents and brother, Don Bird.

He is survived by his wife, Anita Bird of Hawkins; son, Steven Bird; daughters, Jody Monroe of Caddo Mills, Tami Isaacs of Hawkins, Kimberlee Anderson of Lindale, Angela Heffner of Hawkins; brothers, Ray Bird of Winnsboro and Rodney Bird of Hawkins; four grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren.

Visitation was Dec. 7 at Beaty Funeral Home in Mineola. Funeral services were Dec. 8 at Beaty Funeral Home with T.D. Wilt conducting. Interment followed at Rock Hill Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, the family has requested donations be made to the Kidney Cancer Coalition at www.beatkc.com.



BENJAMIN GORDON CATHEY JR.
1951-2018

QUITMAN-Funeral services for Benjamin Gordon Cathey Jr., 67 of Quitman, were held Dec. 4 at Lowe Funeral Home Chapel with Tim Yeager and Norman Hicks officiating.

Burial followed at Quitman City Cemetery.

Mr. Cathey died Nov. 30, 2018, in Tyler. He was born Nov. 16, 1951 in Kingsport, Tenn., to Benjamin Gordon Sr. and Mary Cathey.

He graduated from Quitman High School and went on to attain a degree in HVAC repair, which he utilized to build Cathey Air Conditioning. He was a Christian and served his community by serving as president of the Quitman Chamber of Commerce, president of the Quitman Youth Foundation, president of the Quitman City Cemetery Association, Honorary Santa many years for Quitman Fire Department, secretary for the Wood County Farm Bureau and honored Quitman Citizen of the year for 2000.

Survivors include his wife of 41 years, Shelly Cathey, Quitman; son Bryce Cathey, Quitman; daughter, Mary Larkin Cathey, Austin; brother, John Robert Cathey, Dallas; and many close relatives and friends.

In lieu of flowers the family kindly requests donations be made to the American Heart Association or local charity of your choosing.



JOSEPH MERREL CRAWFORD
1924-2018

QUITMAN-Funeral services for Joseph Merrel Crawford, 94, Quitman were held November 20, 2018, at the First United Methodist Church in Quitman with Rev. Keefe Cropper officiating.

Burial followed at Quitman City Cemetery.

Mr. Crawford died November 17, 2018, in Grand Saline. He was born August 17, 1924 in the Dry Creek Community in Hunt County to Joseph Angelo and Virgie Crawford. He worked for LTV and designed the elevator mock-up for the space shuttle before retiring in

1980. He served in the Army Air Corp during World War 11 as an electrical specialist working on the B-17 ; was a 32nd degree Mason and member of First UMC in Quitman.

He was preceded in death by his parents; brothers, Emmitt Donald, Marlin Presely and Odess Franklin; and sisters, Elsie Marie, Ercy Marie and Ovela Christine.

Survivors include his wife of 52 years, Ann Crawford of Quitman; three sons, Joseph, Jr., Kenneth Ray of Grand Saline and Jerry Crawford of Lubbock; one daughter, Pamela Burges of Grand Saline; two sisters, Vera Haynes of Rockwall and Edna Thraillkill of Livingston; seven grandchildren; 13 great-grandchildren and six great-great grandchildren and extended family.



SHERRY LYNN HARRIS
1949-2018

Mrs. Sherry Lynn Harris, age 69 of Quitman, passed away on Sunday, Dec. 2, 2018, in Tyler. She was born on Jan. 15, 1949, in Garland to George Hoyt Camp and Billie Cater Camp. She was a housewife and member of First Baptist Church of Quitman.

Sherry was preceded in death by her husband, Dickey Alan Harris on June 26, 2009; son Jeffery Lynn Harris, and great-grandson Boston Zimmerman.

She is survived by her parents, George Hoyt and Billie Marie Camp of Quitman; daughters, Stacey Snider of Alba and Kimberly Criner; and her husband, Dennis of Tyler; brother, James Camp of Virginia; four grandchildren, three great-grandchildren; and numerous nieces, nephews and great-nieces and -nephews.

Visitation was Dec. 5. at First Baptist Church of Quitman. Funeral services followed at First Baptist Church with Rev. Jack Terry and Rev. Gabe Martin conducting. Interment was to be at Golden Cemetery in Golden.

CLOVIS E. ROBERTS
1942-2018

GOLDEN - A memorial service for Clovis E. Cave Roberts, 76, of Golden, will be held at a later date by the family and church under direction of Wilson-Bartley Funeral Home, Alba.

Ms. Roberts died Dec. 4, 2018, in Tyler. She was born March 4, 1942, in Golden to the late Roland O. and Ethel Cave. She was raised in Golden, lived in Dallas and then 24 years in Golden. She was a member of Pilgrim Rest No. 2 Baptist Church.

She was preceded in death by her parents; daughter, Cathy Farley, and sister, Launice Estoll.

Survivors include her daughter, Lisa Roberts of Winnsboro; brothers, James (Carl) Cave of Arizona and Jerry Mack Cave of Golden; sisters, Mary Rose Deuson of Golden and Linda Hass of Alba; four grandchildren; and eight great-grandchildren.



SHEILA MAY WILLIAMS
1929-2018

MINEOLA-Funeral services for Sheila May Williams, 89, of Hainesville, were held December 6, at St. Dunstan's Episcopal Church in Mineola with Thomas Pantel officiating.

Burial followed at Concord Cemetery.

Mrs. Williams died December 3, 2018. She was born May 16, 1929, in Gateshead, England. She came to Texas in 1947 and married Thurman Williams whom she had met in England when he

served in the U.S. Army Air Force during WW 11.

She was a member of St. Dunstan's Episcopal Church and through the years she was a Sunday school teacher and active in ECU and altar guild.

She was a member of The Tyler British Club where she had a chance to have tea and chat with other British women in the area.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Joseph and Eva Neilson; her husband, Thurman Williams; an infant son and grandson, Jason Stanley.

Survivors include three children, Sandra Juroska, Midlothian; Dr. Michael Williams, Tyler and Margaret Stanley, Hainesville; a sister, Audrey Lonnborg and brother, Derek Neilson residing in England; six grandchildren and 12 great-grandchildren.



JACKIE WILSON
1945-2018

Funeral service for Jackie Wilson, 73, of Quitman, is scheduled for 2 PM Saturday, December 8, 2018 at Lowe Funeral Home with Danny Meeks, Brother Perry Crisp, and David Allen officiating. The family will receive friends for one hour prior to service.

Jackie Nell Wilson was born in Wolfe City on July 24, 1945 to Jack and Eythel Wallace. She graduated from Garland High School in 1963 and married the love of her life, Jack Wilson, on October 3, 1968. In the early 1990's the two moved from Garland to Quitman. She worked at Wood County National Bank for 10 years and was a member at Lake Fork Baptist Church.

Jackie always balanced her life between working and raising a family. She was a loving and dedicated mother and wife. She served on the PTA, was a Den Mother, and helped coach baseball little league with her husband. It was important to Jackie that each child who wanted to play had a chance so she would drive out of her way to pick kids up for practice who had no other way of getting there, and even took their uniforms home to wash and repair them. She never missed an event. She was there for every dance and twirling class, piano and flute lesson, and every drill team, baseball, football, motocross, and soccer practice.

After her retirement, Jackie enjoyed raising cattle with her husband at their home on Lake Quitman, and spending time with her family and grandchildren.

Jackie passed away December 4, 2018 in Quitman.

She is preceded in death by her parents, Jack Simpson Wallace and Eythel (Davidson) Wallace; two siblings, Patsy Cashion and Rodney Wallace; and one son, Rodney Wilson.

Left to cherish her memory is her loving husband of 50 years, Jack Wilson of Quitman; two sons, Robby Wilson and wife Franquelina of Dallas and Steve Wilson of Paris; daughter, Therese Wilson of Quitman; siblings, Linda Applegate, Roy Wallace, and Randy Wallace; and three grandchildren, Diego Wilson, Santiago Wilson, and Rodrigo Wilson.

Bennie Ray Pennington

Funeral services for Mr. Bennie Ray Pennington, 78, of Quitman were held Sunday, Dec. 2 at Hope Family Fellowship in Winnsboro with Marcus Brown, friend, and Ben Miller officiating. The family received friends prior to the service at the church. Burial followed in Black Oak Cemetery in Hopkins County.

Bennie was born March 7, 1940 near Clarksville, Texas, to Ben and Nelcean (Trent) Pennington and died November 29, 2018 at his home in Quitman. He worked for John Deere 32 years in the financial department, served in the US Army National Guard, was a member of Hope Family Fellowship in Winnsboro and a rancher.

Left to cherish his memory are his wife of 56 years, Barbara Darlene Pennington, Quitman; son Nathan Wayne Pennington and his wife Andra, Winnsboro; grandson David Michael Pennington and his wife Crystal, Alba; granddaughters Amber Gray and husband Phillip, Winnsboro, and Samantha Bourland and husband Kelly, Winnsboro; six great-grandchildren: David Cole Pennington, Bailey Pennington, Addison Hope Gray, Tenlee Grace Gray, Luke Paul Keith Gray and Dakota Bourland; and brother James D. Pennington and wife Carolyn of New Boston.

Bennie was preceded in death by his parents, son David Ray Pennington and sister Linda Woodruff.

Pallbearers were James Pennington, Glynn Loftin, David Cole Pennington, Phillip Gray, Todd Woodruff and Scott Williams. Honorary pallbearers were Luke Gray and David Michael Pennington.



Quitman families benefit from Project Wishbone

Families in Wood County served by Monarch Utilities, a subsidiary of SouthWest Water Company, received ready-to-cook food baskets for Thanksgiving this year as part of the Project Wishbone program launched in 2012 to qualified Monarch customers who may not be able to afford a traditional Thanksgiving meal.

Recently, pre-registered customers in Quitman received a basket filled with everything needed to prepare the family dinner. Monarch employees distributed the food baskets to their customers, who chose between turkey or ham and

included traditional dainty side dishes.

"This is the seventh year we've carried out Project Wishbone, an amazing program that allows us to give back to local families we serve across the state, who otherwise would not have been able to afford a Thanksgiving meal," Ronniea Tycer, director of communications and customer care at SouthWest Water Company, said. "We're grateful to be able to continue to serve those in need during the holiday season."

This year, SouthWest Water Company distributed a total of 132 food baskets in 23 Texas counties.

Train

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The Harry Meredith Special includes a locomotive and passenger cars. The mini train resembles the Union Pacific trains that travel on the real railroad tracks just a few yards to the north of Iron Horse Square.

Materials for the train barn were donated by Brian Steck's ETAS Metal Roof & Wall Systems in Mineola. Work on electrical needs was provided by Tyndell Electric. Local contractor Glen Thurman volunteered to supervise the construction and hundreds of volunteer hours were spent building the track. Other private donations have been given and the Landmark Commission has sold

fence sections, as well as other merchandise and held fundraisers to help on the cost of the project.

The train is just one aspect of Iron Horse Square Park undertaken by the city's Landmark Commission. The project is about two years in to a five-year plan that includes a pavilion for loading and unloading of passengers and a replica of Mineola's interlocking tower, possibly one of the oldest signaling towers in the state.

Santa Claus has accepted an invitation and will pay a visit to the Dec. 15 celebration on Front Street as well.

Freddie Lee Epperly

November 21, 1939 - December 5, 2018



Funeral services for Freddie Lee Epperly, 79, of Lake Fork, Alba, TX were held December 8, 2018 at First Baptist Church of Yantis, TX with Rev. John Glover of Burleson, TX, officiating and Rev. Craig Vance, and Rev. Shannon Hassell, assisting. Visitation was held at at FBC-Yantis Fellowship Hall prior to service. Pallbearers were the deacons of First Baptist Church of Yantis. Interment was held December 10, 2018 at Fairview Cemetery in Pampa, TX.

Freddie passed away on Wednesday, December 5, 2018 in Tyler, TX. He was born on November 21, 1939 in Shamrock, TX, the son of Lawrence Edward and Lizzie Bernice Dunlap Epperly. He married Dana Cantrell on June 27, 1964 in Pampa, TX. She survives. He served in the United States Army (ASA) for three years at the start of the Viet Nam War. He worked for Southwestern Bell Telephone as an Outside Plant Facilities Engineer for 30 years.

In addition to his wife Dana, Freddie is also survived by daughter, Cyndi Hassell and husband, Shannon of Lake Cypress Springs, Scroggins, TX. Two grandsons, Daniel Lee Hassell of Irving, TX and Caleb Lloyd Hassell of OBU University in Arkadelphia, Arkansas. One step-brother Greg Engel of Columbia, MO, Three half-brothers, Stan Epperly and Larry Epperly, KS and Raymond Epperly and a half-sister, Starr Ann Epperly Buur, CA.

Fred was preceded in death by father, Lawrence Edward Epperly, mother, Bernice Engel, and step-dad, Oscar Engle, and step-brother, Joe Engel.

Memorials may be made to First Baptist Church of Yantis at P.O. Box 207, Yantis, TX 75497 or First Baptist Church of Mt. Vernon at P.O. Box 637, Mt. Vernon, TX 75457 or First Baptist Church at Pampa, TX. Arrangements are under the direction of West Oaks Funeral Home. www.westoaksfuneralhome.com



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ROTARIANS LEARN ABOUT HUMAN TRAFFICKING



Wood County Judge-elect Lucy Hebron, right, and Amy Monsivais of the El Paso County Attorney's Office confer at a recent meeting of the Mineola Rotary Club. Monsivais shared some of the creative methods her office uses to curb human trafficking, and she offered tips for local officials to spot trafficking. She noted that a feature of the human trafficking trade is that women who do not speak English are forced to work at places such as nail salons or massage parlors. Here, they also are forced to take part in the sex trade and live as indentured servants as a silent community of victims.

Events

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13 from 5 to 7 p.m. at the Winnsboro High School auditorium. Tickets are \$10 each.

- Free train rides will be given Saturday at Mineola's Iron Horse Square. Riders will be welcomed starting at 3:30 p.m. and going to 7:30 p.m.
- Santa will be at the Little Red House behind the Mineola Museum. He will be there from 11 a.m. until 3 p.m. on Saturday, Dec. 15.

WCIC board approves bylaws amendments

Wood County Industrial Commission members approved bylaw revisions for membership, absenteeism, and its mission and vision, during the December meeting in Quitman.

Through an amendment, board membership would be reduced by roughly a third.

The change set city representation to no more than two persons nominated by the city's mayor. Previously, it had been three.

At-large representation, which is appointed by the county judge, was reduced to one person from Golden, one from Holly Lake Ranch area and one from Jarvis College. Previously, Jarvis and Holly Lake Ranch had two representatives. Golden's representation stayed the same. Eventually, the board will be reduced to roughly 15 members.

Chairman Gerald Elliott said the reduction is designed to make the board more effective.

"With a smaller board, I think most board members feel a greater responsibility," he said.

"This size of a board is workable. We can all sit, we can all discuss. If we put

about another five or six other people in this room it just starts a little nutty," board member Joanne Wisdom said.

Board member Neal Duncan suggested leaving this change to the next commissioners' court, where there is a new judge. Size of representation allows for communities to be represented when people have work, family and emergencies, Duncan added.

WCIC Executive Director Kiki Bettis said she spoke with County Judge Bryan Jeanes and County Judge-elect Lucy Hebron, who will begin her term Jan. 1, on this issue.

"I did approach this with the current county judge and reviewed it. He does not foresee a problem and advised that I talk to the incoming judge because this will partake into her tenure. She did not foresee a problem either," Bettis said.

Regarding absenteeism, the board chose to remove the word consecutive in terms of missing meetings. Bylaws stated that members could not miss three consecutive meetings without notice in a fiscal year. Now, board members can not miss three or more meetings without notice.

In another change, the commission's mission and vision statements become two separate sentences.

Wood County commissioners must give approval. The proposed amendments were submitted by Bettis to potentially be on Wood County Commissioners

Court's agenda this week, Dec. 14. First United Methodist Church in Quitman was chosen as the standard board meeting location. It was considered a fairly centralized location.

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In his chairman's report, Elliott suggested looking into training and seminars to assist the board in its work. Alysia Cook of Opportunity Strategies, who helped Quitman Development Corp. and the City of Quitman in strategic planning, was recommended to assist in training.

In the executive director's report, Bettis told the board that sales tax receipts are up for November in all six cities in Wood County.

The next meeting is set for Jan. 10 at 6:30 p.m. at FUMC Quitman.

- By ZAK WELLERMAN



Teri Curts' decision to take an Elf on the Shelf photograph has launched an ongoing photo series of funny photos. (Facebook photo)

Elf

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ed to have an elf photo each day from Dec. 1 to 24.

"I just did it being goofy and I had no idea that it would do this. I don't like taking my picture unless I'm acting goofy. I'm not one of those who likes to do selfies," she said. "You can only take my picture if I'm acting goofy. I'm serious when I have to be. People call me crazy Teri most of the time."

Most of the photos are "fly by the seat of my pants" ideas, but a few are

thought out.

She and her husband re-enacted the famous "Dirty Dancing" scene at Lake Holbrook over the summer for a recently posted photo. While being held aloft, she heard something pop – she assumes it was a cracked rib.

She's always thinking of what to do for photos throughout the year.

"There's really no theme, just goofy stuff. It's actually kind of stressful because I'm always thinking of what could I do next and I don't want to disappoint people," she added. "Some of them are funnier than others, but they're all pretty funny."

Curts said she's gotten several Facebook friend requests, and people have suggested getting on the local TV news. Overall, she said people think the photos are funny and they're getting a kick out of it.

"It's just getting the reactions from people and knowing I'm making them smile and laugh. It may be one part of the day. If they're having a bad day, I made them laugh," Curts explained. "It's something to look forward to the next day."

She also wants to show people who have gone through tragedy that it's OK to laugh. Her oldest son, Connor, passed away in February 2016.

"The holidays are hard for a lot of people. With our other two kids, I've got them knowing it's OK to still laugh. You have to go on. You can miss them every single day, but you've still got to live and have fun."

After Connor passed away, someone told her that even in the worst of times joy can still be found.

"I think about that a lot because joy can be found in anything," she said. "Anywhere there's joy, you just got to look for it. My motto since Connor passed away is to love what matters and that's my motto. Love what matters. My family's not the only one that tragedy has ever struck by no means. Everyone has a different horrible way I look at it, but they've got to keep on living, keep on keeping on. You have to. If you don't, you're going to be miserable all the time. Joy can still be found in any way."

She noted that Connor has had an impact on her elf photo series in some way.

"Mainly for Morgan and Ramsey, our youngest kids, just let them know it's OK to be sad, but you've still got to find things to be happy about," she said. "I know that Connor wouldn't want us to be moping around. He just wouldn't. Life's too short to not have fun and he liked to have fun."

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Alba-Golden, Quitman players on All District squad

By **LARRY TUCKER**
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Alba-Golden and Quitman each had players named to the District 10-3A DII post season honor team. Quitman's Justin Blalock received one of the superlative slots as Newcomer of the Year.

Alba-Golden's talented and versatile quarterback Zane Smith was named as the first team quarterback. Smith ran for 263 yards, threw for over 1,000 yards and booted nine point-after-kicks. He scored seven times and threw for 10 more. He also added three interceptions on defense. Also named to the first team as a lineman was Quitman's tough and talented Hunter Gilbreath, who rarely left the field while playing on both sides of the ball and special teams. Ryan Jackson of Alba-Golden made the first team defensive line.

Alba-Golden's Head Coach Derek Smith was pleased with the Panthers representation. "Thought by the number of All-District accolades we got as a team that AG received a lot of respect from the other district coaches," Smith observed. "I thought that Zane



Trey Berry,
Utility Player of the Year



Hugo Ramirez,
Special Teams Player of the Year



Hunter Gilbreath,
First Team Lineman



Justin Blalock, Co-Offensive Newcomer of the Year, Academic All District

for first-team QB and Ryan for first-team defensive end were very deserving, along with the other second team players who were selected. As you can tell, with the exception of Zane, Dylan,

and Zach Ferguson everyone will be back next year which also excites me. So future looks good!"

The Panthers Zack Ferguson and Quitman's Hugo Ramirez were named to the

Special Teams Player of the Year. Quitman's Trey Berry and Panther Jon Michael Chadwick were named Utility Players of the Year. The versatile Berry rushed for over 1,100 yards and had a 336 yard rushing game while scoring nine touchdowns. He also punted and played defense when needed.

On the second team for the Panthers were fullback Boedie Baker, receiver Tim Mitchell, offensive linemen Jacob Daily and Dylan Arenas. For Quitman, second team defensive honors went to Quitman's Dylan Coe as a defensive back and David Tarno made the team as a lineman.

Honorable Mention spots for Alba-Golden went to Shawn Gaskill, Chris Chabaud, Braden Reynolds, Zack Kellis, Michael Gaskill, Kyle Hammond and Justin Raymond. Quitman Bulldogs earning Honorable Mention were River Chaney, Gavin Derryberry, Luke Pruden and Riley Flanagan.

Earning Academic All district status for Quitman were Justin Blalock, Hunter Batchelder, River Chaney,

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Dalton Rogers, Special Teams Player of the Year

District 8-3A DI names elite team

By **LARRY TUCKER**
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The Mineola Yellowjackets parlayed a successful football season into post-season honors on the All-District team for 2018. Considering the deep talent in District 8-3A DI from district foes Gladewater, West Rusk, Sabine, Tatum, Winnboro and White Oak, it is an impressive statement from Coach Luke Blackwell's Mineola talent.

Blackwell was glad to see his players well represented. "When you finish in fourth place, sometimes it's difficult to get recognized on these teams. I think our representation just shows, not only the value these kids brought to our program, but also the positive impressions they made among our district teams," Blackwell explained. "Everyone knows that we play in a really tough district, and I was proud to see our kids get recognized for their abilities and accomplishments this season."

Although known for his running talents, Trevion Sneed was named as the district's Defensive Most Valuable Player for his rugged defensive play. Offensive Lineman of the Year honors went to Yellowjacket tackle Cameron Wise. River Simonek was named Utility Player of the Year and Dalton Rogers Special Teams Player of the Year.

In a district full of college prospects, Mineola Shaw Franklin was tabbed at first team quarterback and Cole Castleberry first team defense. Lineman Seth Kirk and tight end Wylie Franks made the second team offense.

Named Honorable Mention were: Brady Gully, Hunter Wright, Kaleb Griffin, Mark Burrell, Montrell Williams, Kobe Kendrick, Zane Bedford and Jackson Anderson.

Named Academic All District were: Jackson Anderson, Shaw Franklin, River Simonek, Cameron Wise, Zane Bedford, Cole Castleberry, Wylie Franks, Brady Gully, Montrell Williams, Dalton Rogers, Reid Hope, Dawson Elmore, Kobe Kendrick and Gustavo Sanchez.



Jon Michael Chadwick (#14) was named Utility Player of the Year, while Zane Smith (right) earned First Team Quarterback honors.





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Defense sparks Quitman boys to home victories

By LARRY TUCKER

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The Quitman Bulldogs parlayed a tough defense to key two home victories holding Overton to single digits in a 62-9 win Tuesday and coming back Friday for a 70-23 victory

over Dallas A+ Academy.

The Bulldogs host Winnsboro at Delbert Ballard Gym Tuesday followed by the Quitman Tournament this weekend.

Against Overton, Trey Berry had a game high of 25 points followed by Jace Reid's 17 and Luke

Pruden's 10. Ty Holland added four points while Ben Burroughs, Aiden Corrior and Cody Hawley each had two points. Defense was strong throughout the game holding the Mustangs to single digits in the 62-9 win.

Reid and Berry again provided the offensive

spark as the Bulldog defense shut down the A+ Knights. Reid hit for 23 points with seven rebounds and four assists. Berry added 20 points with six assists and five steals. Pruden added nine points and four rebounds. Also strong on the boards was Burroughs who collected nine rebounds and three points. Riley Flanagan brought down seven rebounds and scored four

points. Corrior had four points and four rebounds while River Chaney three points and a pair of assists and Hunter Gilbreath added four points and three rebounds.

After hosting Winnsboro Tuesday, Quitman will host a varsity and junior varsity tournament beginning Thursday at two locations, the Ballard Gym and the gym on the high

school campus.

The varsity will open the tournament at the high school gym Thursday against Como-Pickton at the high school gym and move to Ballard Gym for a 5:30 p.m. game against Cumby. The junior varsity will play at the high school gym at 10 a.m. and 2:30 p.m.

District play begins Dec. 18 at home against Grand Saline.

Hawks hold on to beat Hughes Springs

By LARRY TUCKER

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The Hawkins Hawks held off a Hughes Springs' fourth-quarter rally to score a 63-59 win over the Mustangs. The Hawks had the early hot hand, going up 39-18 at the half. The teams

battled evenly in the third quarter and Hawkins held a comfortable 52-32 lead going into the final quarter.

Hughes Springs went on an offensive roll and put up 27 points in the fourth quarter as the Hawks held on the win.

The Hawks had four play-

ers in double figures with Camron Taylor hitting for 16 points, Tristian Garrett and Collin Barber 13 each and Paeton Smith 11.

Hawkins won the JV game 45-29 over Hughes Springs.

The Hawks travel to Arp Friday and will open district play at Carlisle Dec. 18.

'Jackets take two of three

Mineola Country Club

SENIOR GOLF SCRAMBLE

Results from Mineola Country Club Senior Golf Scramble on December 6:

FIRST PLACE WITH A SCORE OF 57 (-14) Elroy Doggett, Stan Kinstley, Carlis Yelverton, C.K. Baker, Herschel Fry.

SECOND PLACE WITH A SCORE OF 59 (-12) Bill Lochow, Mike Wester, Bill Stone, Bob Hardin, Steve Alsbrooks

Closest to the Pin: #5 Mike Wester, #9 Ron Wilkerson, #18 Bill Lochow

The Mineola Yellowjackets took a pair of wins in the Great East Texas Shootout at Brownsboro. The 'Jackets took down Arp in the opener 72-55, fell to Lovejoy 48-39 and defeated Van 67-58. Mineola is on the road at Kemp Tuesday and again Friday at Wills Point.

Mineola will open district action at home against the Rains Wildcats Dec. 18.

Honors

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Riley Flanagan, Ty Holland, Josh Medlin, Brayden Miller, Gavin Oakes and Bryan Morris.

Quitman Coach Bryan Oakes was pleased with the Bulldog picks. "Overall, I am pleased by the Quitman Bulldogs selections for the 10-AAA all-district football

team. I think, for the most part, our guys received the awards they were deserving of. I think it shows where the program is headed and what the student-athletes are able to accomplish by working hard and buying into the program," Oakes commented. "I am extremely proud of senior offensive lineman #77 Justin Blalock being named Co-Offensive Newcomer of the Year. He was asked to play on the

junior varsity as a junior in order to refine his skill set and accepted this role without hesitation. This, in turn, was instrumental in the success we saw in the running game this year. I also think it is a testament to what type of young man he is and am so appreciative of his work ethic. I expect to see greater improvement in terms of success and the names that will be listed next year."

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You will need to retain the services of another attorney to represent you in the future. Please make arrangements to pick up your file, or have your file transferred to your new attorney before January 1, 2019. If you need a closed file after January 1, 2019, you can contact me at P.O. Box 1029, Quitman, Texas 75783 with your requests.

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Constable's Office equipped with nonlethal firearm

The Pct. 2 Wood County Constable's Office is hoping to save lives with the use of a new firearm and special ammo and free survival training to local law enforcement.

The gun looks a little like a "toy gun," featuring blue features. But the "Less Than Lethal" shotguns the Constable's Office uses are the real deal.

On each shift, instead of the normal, lethal shotgun, they are now carrying the "Less Than Lethal" shotguns and less lethal ammo rounds that are filled with hard rubber balls and bean bag-style rounds.

"Very, very painful. It's not going to feel good at all," said Constable Kelly Smith. "It's going to make you want to quit what you're doing."

The rounds are clear and labeled so we can see what is inside before the weapon is loaded. The guns are also



Source: Office of Precinct 2 Constable Kelly Smith.

labeled and colored a certain way so when the guns are fired there is zero confusion. We also do not carry lethal shotgun shells in the vehicle so there can be zero confusion. We utilize patrol rifles as a primary weapon, for accuracy.

Unlike tasers, which carry an average maximum distance of 25 feet, the new

guns can be used up to 25 yards away. Smith is a "Less Than Lethal" deployment instructor and a diversion device (flash bang) instructor. These tools assist in dispersing large crowds inciting violence, such as ones that have been encountered over the past couple of months, to minimize injury to citizens and officers.

Smith said the "Less Than Lethal" guns are to be utilized in situations where intermediate weapons like batons would be justified, if practical.

"There may be bruises, he could get a broken bone, but that's better than being shot," Smith said of a person hit by a "Less Than Lethal" round.

The Constable's Office believes it is one more tool that helps them protect and serve.

"This gives us an opportunity to not only safely go home at night but also gives us the opportunity to take

the guy into the custody with the least amount of injury so we can get them help they need," said Smith. "I will continually serve all of the citizens of Wood County and use the thousands of hours of training to stand beside our law enforcement leaders to keep them safe."

Smith is also offering free survival tactics training to all law enforcement officers in Wood County. Smith and Deputy Hammond are both certified in Gracie Survival Tactics, which is the application of Brazilian Jiu Jitsu for law enforcement. Smith has been training Wood County officers since 2000 and continues to have a passion for them going home to their families.

Smith was able to obtain grant funding for this year's recertification for Hammond and himself through ETCOG. Both Smith and Hammond continue to teach with

Chief Cole at the East Texas Police Academy Classes in Quitman and across East Texas.

"The training we provide is taught at professional departments around the world. I have been bringing this training home to Wood County for many years and continue to receive positive feedback on its results. We have officers attending from around the state, other counties and East Texas. It always a pleasure to get on the mats with our local heroes," said Smith. "As a

TCOLE board member at the Kilgore College Police Academy, the importance of this training is critical and a gratitude of thanks goes to Beverly Brooks for providing grant opportunities to our local officers through the East Texas Council of Governments."

The class is limited to law enforcement, law enforcement recruits, jailers, and correction officers. Follow Constable Kelly Smith's Facebook page or Instagram for training event times and details.

Stay vigilant against crime during holiday season

A holiday message from Chief Chuck Bitner

As the holiday season approaches quickly, so does the temptation of the criminal element in every community. The Mineola Police Department reminds you to make your home a hard target during the holiday season. Items left in the yard, such as lawn mowers, gardening equipment, bicycles, toys, etc., are easy pickings for the criminal. These items usually get stolen and resold and the monies used for buying gifts for the criminal's family.

Open garage doors and cars left unlocked are also easy targets. Remember to lock the doors and windows on your home when you leave, even if for a short time period.

If you plan a trip to a crowded shopping center, take along a friend or family member. Remain alert as to your

surroundings at all times. The thief is looking for someone who appears caught up in the hustle of shopping. Take a quick look around and in your car before getting into it. Try to have your keys in your hand and ready before approaching your car in the parking lot.

Finally, if you are going to be traveling during the holiday season, leave a few interior lights on and have your paper and mail stopped while you are gone. If you don't want to have it stopped, have a trusted friend or neighbor pick them up at regular intervals. A yard littered with unread newspapers, a mailbox full of mail or packages on your front porch is a dead giveaway that no one is home. Ask your neighbors to park a car in your driveway. The goal is to have your home appear as it is still occupied.

Lights and stereos on a timer are also a good idea. While traveling alone or late at night, let someone know what your route is going to be and what time you expect to arrive. Have someone come outside to meet you when you arrive late at night.

The Mineola Police Department offers residents a vacation house watch. This is a program that offers additional patrol watch of your residence when you are on vacation. Upon officer availability, your home will be periodically checked for its security. While this is no guarantee that your home will not be burglarized, it could offer you a little more comfort while you are away. The house watch forms are available at the Police Department.

Have safe and happy holidays from all of us at the Mineola Police Department.

Holiday Fun at the Historic Select Theater in Mineola

By MIKE HOLBROOK

The Historic Select Theater, the longest continuous operating movie theater in Texas, will be headquarters for holiday entertainment this Christmas season.

First off is the new adaptation of the beloved Dr. Seuss story How the Grinch Stole Christmas. Titled The Grinch, the movie will show Friday and Saturday, Dec. 14 and 16, at 7:30 p.m. There will also be a bargain matinee on Dec. 15 at 2 p.m.

The scene then shifts to music as The Lake Country Symphonic Band takes the stage for two performances of their Christmas concert, Seasonal Soundings. The concert will feature

soprano Jillian Brandon on two holiday numbers. Additionally, the band will present the world premiere of David Lovrien's An Irish Christmas Eve, composed especially for the band. Although the Sunday, Dec. 16 concert is sold out, seats are still available for the Tuesday, Dec. 18 performance. Tickets are \$7 for adults and \$5 for children 11 and under. Reservations are absolutely essential to guarantee your seats for the band concerts. The Sunday concert will be at 2 p.m. with the Tuesday night performance starting at 7:30 p.m.

On Dec. 20 at 7:30 p.m., Lake Country Playhouse will be presenting the classic film Miracle on 34th Street. Tickets are \$10 and may be purchased in advance.

For the arts lover on your gift list, 2019 season tickets to Lake Country Playhouse and The Lake Country Symphonic Band fit conveniently into any stocking and any budget. Lake Country Playhouse season tickets are \$40 for all four plays in the upcoming season. This is a savings of \$11 from the box office price. Tickets for the upcoming season for The Lake Country Symphonic Band are only \$20, a savings of \$10 off the box office. It is important to note that season tickets for the band will most likely sell the season out, so gets yours now before they are gone.

Season tickets may be purchased by calling the box office at 903.569.2300. The Historic Select Theater is located at 114 N. Johnson St., in Mineola.

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Public Notice

NO. 13,383
ESTATE OF MARJORIE L. SCHWEBEL, DECEASED IN THE COUNTY COURT OF WOOD COUNTY, TEXAS
NOTICE TO CREDITORS
Notice is hereby given that Letters Of Administration for the Estate of MARJORIE L. SCHWEBEL, Deceased, were issued on November 26, 2018, in No. 13,383, pending in the County Court of Wood County, Texas to TERRY M. CUMMONS and ROBERT LEWIS SCHWEBEL as Independent Co-Administrators. The residence of TERRY M. CUMMONS is in Wood County, Texas. The residence of ROBERT LEWIS SCHWEBEL is in San Patricio County, Texas. The post office address of the Independent Co-Administrators is c/o Richard E. Roberts, P.O. Box 70, Quitman, Wood County, Texas 75783. All persons having claims against the Estate, which is currently being administered, are required to present them within the time and in the manner prescribed by law. DATED this 5th day of December, 2018.
RICHARD E. ROBERTS

NOTICE TO CREDITORS
Notice is hereby given that original Letters Testamentary for the Estate of Robert Lafayette Phillips, Jr., Deceased, were issued on November 19, 2018, in Cause No. 13,391, pending in the County Court of Wood County, Texas, to: Sandra Kay Phillips. All persons having claims against this Estate which is currently being administered are required to present them to the undersigned within the time and in the manner prescribed by law. c/o: Bradley S. Campbell Attorney at Law 228 W. Broad Street Mineola, TX 75773 DATED the 2nd day of December Bradley S. Campbell Attorney for Sandra Kay Phillips State Bar No.: 03694040 228 W. Broad Street Mineola, TX 75773 Telephone: (903) 569-0000 Facsimile: (903) 569-1122 E-mail: bsc@clfpc.com

NOTICE TO CREDITORS
Notice is hereby given that original Letters Testamentary for the Estate of Herbert Joe Carroll, Deceased, were issued on December 3, 2018, in Cause No. 13,395, pending in the County Court of Wood County, Texas, to: PATRICIA ANN CARROLL. All persons having claims against this Estate which is currently being administered are required to present them to the undersigned within the time and in the manner prescribed by law. c/o: KYLE G. WAGGONER Attorney at Law PO Box 1152 Mineola, TX 75773

NOTICE TO ALL PERSONS HAVING CLAIMS
Administration of the Estate of ELIZABETH ANN ROBINSON, Deceased, has been commenced by the issuance of original Letters Testamentary to LISA DIANNE LEE on November 19, 2018, by the County Court of Wood County, Texas, acting in Cause No. 13393, styled In Re: Estate of ELIZABETH ANN ROBINSON, Deceased, in which Court the matter is pending. All persons having claims against the Estate are hereby notified to present them to the undersigned at the address shown below within the time prescribed by law. DATED: November 19, 2018. LISA DIANNE LEE, Independent Executor Estate of ELIZABETH ANN ROBINSON, Deceased c/o Holland & Endres P.O. Box 747 Tyler, Texas 75710

Public Notice

PUBLIC NOTICE
Notice is hereby given that a public hearing has been set for revision on the plat of Holly Lake Ranch Subdivision. The revision includes lots 49 and 50, Section 2, within Holly Lake Ranch Subdivision. The public hearing is set for Friday, December 28, 2018, at 10:00 A.M. in the Commissioners Courtroom. All persons interested in revision to this plat may appear at the public hearing with opposition should the so desire. Bryan Jeans Wood County Judge

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Notice is given that the City Council of the City of Quitman, Texas, shall convene at 5:30 o'clock p.m. on the 17th day of January, 2019, at the regular meeting place in City Hall, 401 E. Goode, Quitman, Texas, and during such meeting, the Council will consider the passage of an ordinance authorizing the issuance of Certificates of Obligation in a principal amount not to exceed \$2,200,000 to make additions, modifications and repairs to its water and wastewater systems, including, but not limited to, transmission lines and transfer pump; materials, supplies, equipment, machinery, and software; and contractual obligation for professional services, including services provided by engineers, architects, attorneys, financial advisors, accounting and fiscal agents; and to pay the cost of issuance (all of the foregoing referred to below as the "Project"). Such Certificates of Obligation shall mature and bear interest as determined by the City Council (not to exceed 7% per annum). Such Certificates of Obligation shall be payable from and equally secured by a lien on and pledge of the net revenues of the City's combined water works and sanitary sewer system and from taxes.

This notice is issued pursuant to the authority and direction of the City Council of the City of Quitman, Texas, and in accordance with the provisions of Texas Local Government Code Section 271.049. The Council will authorize the issuance of the certificates unless it receives a petition signed by at least 5% of the qualified voters within the City protesting the issuance of the certificates, in which case the issuance may be approved in an election ordered, held, and conducted in the manner provided for bond elections.

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NOTICE OF DEFAULT AND FORECLOSURE SALE

WHEREAS, on July 3, 2008, a certain Adjustable Rate Home Equity Conversion Deed of Trust ("Reverse Mortgage") was executed by FRAULINE PILLOW GRESHAM, as mortgagor in favor of FINANCIAL FREEDOM SENIOR FUNDING CORPORATION, A SUBSIDIARY OF INDY MAC BANK, F.S.B., as mortgagee and WOOD COUNTY TITLE COMPANY, as trustee, and was recorded on July 17, 2008 under Clerk's Instrument Number 00092416, Book 02336, Page 00751 in the real property records of Wood, Texas.

WHEREAS, the Reverse Mortgage was insured by the United States Secretary of Housing and Urban Development (the "Secretary") pursuant to the National Housing Act for the purpose of providing single family housing; and

WHEREAS, the beneficial interest in the Reverse Mortgage is now owned by the Secretary, pursuant to an assignment dated September 6, 2012, and recorded on September 14, 2012, under Clerk's Instrument Number 2012-11008 in the real property records of Wood County, Texas; and

WHEREAS, a default has been made in the covenants and conditions of the Reverse Mortgage in that the Mortgagors are now deceased; and

WHEREAS, the entire amount delinquent as of January 2, 2019 is \$301,974.33; and

WHEREAS, by virtue of the default, the Secretary has declared the entire amount of the indebtedness secured by the Reverse Mortgage to be immediately due and payable;

NOW THEREFORE, pursuant to powers vested in me by the Single Family Mortgage Foreclosure Act of 1994, 12 U.S.C. 3751 et seq., by 24 CFR part 27, subpart B, and by the Secretary's designation of me as Foreclosure Commissioner, recorded on October 15, 2007 in Dallas County under Clerk's File Number 20070369306, notice is hereby given that on January 2, 2019, at 10:00 AM local time or no later than three hours thereafter, all real and personal property at or used in connection with the following described premises ("Property") will be sold at public auction to the highest bidder:

LOT 8, BLOCK 51, MINEOLA TOWNSITES, CITY OF MINEOLA, RECORDED IN VOLUME 99, PAGE 336, DEED RECORDS OF WOOD COUNTY, TEXAS.

BEING THE SAME LAND SURVEYED BY RUBEN GREGG SAXON, R.P.L.S. NO. 5669, DATED MAY 12, 2008.

Commonly known as: 746 WIGLEY STREET, MINEOLA, TX 75773.

The sale will be held at the Wood County Courthouse, Texas at the following location: EAST DOOR (FRONT DOOR) OF THE WOOD COUNTY COURTHOUSE OR AS DESIGNATED BY THE COUNTY COMMISSIONER'S OFFICE or as designated by the County Commissioners Court.

The Secretary of Housing and Urban Development will bid \$301,974.33.

There will be no proration of taxes, rents or other income or liabilities, except that the purchaser will pay, at or before closing, his prorated share of any real estate taxes that have been paid by the Secretary to the date of the foreclosure sale.

When making their bids, all bidders except the Secretary must submit a deposit totaling \$30,197.43 in the form of a certified check or cashier's check made out to the Secretary of HUD. A deposit need not accompany each oral bid. If the successful bid is oral, a deposit of \$30,197.43 must be presented before the bidding is closed. The deposit is nonrefundable. The remainder of the purchase price must be delivered within 30 days of the sale or at such other time as the Secretary may determine for good cause shown, time being of the essence. This amount, like the bid deposits, must be delivered in the form of a certified or cashier's check. If the Secretary is the highest bidder, he need not pay the bid amount in cash. The successful bidder will pay all conveying fees, all real estate and other taxes that are due on or after the delivery date of the remainder of the payment and all other costs associated with the transfer of title. At the conclusion of the sale, the deposits of the unsuccessful bidders will be returned to them.

The Secretary may grant an extension of time within which to deliver the remainder of the payment. All extensions will be for 15-day increments for a fee of \$500.00, paid in advance. The extension fee shall be in the form of a certified or cashier's check made payable to the Secretary of HUD. If the high bidder closes the sale prior to the expiration of any extension period, the unused portion of the extension fee shall be applied toward the amount due.

If the high bidder is unable to close the sale within the required period, or within any extension of time granted by the Secretary, the high bidder may be required to forfeit the cash deposit or, at the election of the foreclosure commissioner after consultation with the HUD representative, will be liable to HUD for any costs incurred as a result of such failure. The Commissioner may, at the direction of the HUD representative, offer the property to the second highest bidder for an amount equal to the highest price offered by that bidder.

There is no right of redemption, or right of possession based upon a right of redemption, in the mortgagor or others subsequent to a foreclosure completed pursuant to the Act. Therefore, the Foreclosure Commissioner will issue a Deed to the purchaser(s) upon receipt of the entire purchase price in accordance with the terms of the sale as provided herein. HUD does not guarantee that the property will be vacant.

The scheduled foreclosure sale shall be cancelled or adjourned if it is established, by documented written application of the mortgagor to the Foreclosure Commissioner not less than 3 days before the date of sale, or otherwise, that the default or defaults upon which the foreclosure is based did not exist at the time of service of this notice of default and foreclosure sale, or all amounts due under the mortgage agreement are tendered to the Foreclosure Commissioner, in the form of a certified or cashier's check payable to the Secretary of HUD, before public auction of the property is completed.

The amount that must be paid if the mortgage is to be paid in full prior the scheduled sale is \$301,974.33, plus all other amounts that would be due under the mortgage agreement if payments under the mortgage had not been accelerated, advertising costs and postage expenses incurred in giving notice, mileage by the most reasonable road distance for posting notices and for the Foreclosure Commissioner's attendance at the sale, reasonable and customary costs incurred for title and lien record searches, the necessary out-of-pocket costs incurred by the Foreclosure Commissioner for recording documents, a commission for the Foreclosure Commissioner, and all other costs incurred in connection with the foreclosure prior to reinstatement.

Tender of payment by certified or cashier's check or application for cancellation of the foreclosure sale shall be submitted to the address of the Foreclosure Commissioner provided below.

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NOTICE OF DEFAULT AND FORECLOSURE SALE

WHEREAS, on October 25, 2010, a certain Adjustable Rate Home Equity Conversion Deed of Trust ("Reverse Mortgage") was executed by DEFOREST W. CRANE AND HELEN D. CRANE, as mortgagor in favor of MORTGAGE ELECTRONIC REGISTRATION SYSTEMS, INC. (MERS) AS NOMINEE FOR CHERRY CREEK MORTGAGE CO., INC., ITS SUCCESSORS AND ASSIGNS, as mortgagee and COMMONWEALTH LAND TITLE INSURANCE COMPANY, as trustee, and was recorded on November 17, 2010 under Clerk's Instrument Number 2010-00015146 in the real property records of Wood, Texas.

WHEREAS, the Reverse Mortgage was insured by the United States Secretary of Housing and Urban Development (the "Secretary") pursuant to the National Housing Act for the purpose of providing single family housing; and

WHEREAS, the beneficial interest in the Reverse Mortgage is now owned by the Secretary, pursuant to an assignment dated January 8, 2016, and recorded on March 16, 2016, under Clerk's Instrument Number 2016-3006 in the real property records of Wood County, Texas; and

WHEREAS, a default has been made in the covenants and conditions of the Reverse Mortgage in that the Mortgagors are now deceased; and

WHEREAS, the entire amount delinquent as of January 2, 2019 is \$140,314.15; and

WHEREAS, by virtue of the default, the Secretary has declared the entire amount of the indebtedness secured by the Reverse Mortgage to be immediately due and payable;

NOW THEREFORE, pursuant to powers vested in me by the Single Family Mortgage Foreclosure Act of 1994, 12 U.S.C. 3751 et seq., by 24 CFR part 27, subpart B, and by the Secretary's designation of me as Foreclosure Commissioner, recorded on October 15, 2007 in Dallas County under Clerk's File Number 20070369306, notice is hereby given that on January 2, 2019, at 10:00 AM local time or no later than three hours thereafter, all real and personal property at or used in connection with the following described premises ("Property") will be sold at public auction to the highest bidder:

EXHIBIT A

Commonly known as: 2289 STATE HWY 11 E, WINNSBORO, TX 75494.

The sale will be held at the Wood County Courthouse, Texas at the following location: EAST DOOR (FRONT DOOR) OF THE WOOD COUNTY COURTHOUSE OR AS DESIGNATED BY THE COUNTY COMMISSIONER'S OFFICE or as designated by the County Commissioners Court.

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There will be no proration of taxes, rents or other income or liabilities, except that the purchaser will pay, at or before closing, his prorated share of any real estate taxes that have been paid by the Secretary to the date of the foreclosure sale.

When making their bids, all bidders except the Secretary must submit a deposit totaling \$14,031.42 in the form of a certified check or cashier's check made out to the Secretary of HUD. A deposit need not accompany each oral bid. If the successful bid is oral, a deposit of \$14,031.42 must be presented before the bidding is closed. The deposit is nonrefundable. The remainder of the purchase price must be delivered within 30 days of the sale or at such other time as the Secretary may determine for good cause shown, time being of the essence. This amount, like the bid deposits, must be delivered in the form of a certified or cashier's check. If the Secretary is the highest bidder, he need not pay the bid amount in cash. The successful bidder will pay all conveying fees, all real estate and other taxes that are due on or after the delivery date of the remainder of the payment and all other costs associated with the transfer of title. At the conclusion of the sale, the deposits of the unsuccessful bidders will be returned to them.

The Secretary may grant an extension of time within which to deliver the remainder of the payment. All extensions will be for 15-day increments for a fee of \$500.00, paid in advance. The extension fee shall be in the form of a certified or cashier's check made payable to the Secretary of HUD. If the high bidder closes the sale prior to the expiration of any extension period, the unused portion of the extension fee shall be applied toward the amount due.

If the high bidder is unable to close the sale within the required period, or within any extension of time granted by the Secretary, the high bidder may be required to forfeit the cash deposit or, at the election of the foreclosure commissioner after consultation with the HUD representative, will be liable to HUD for any costs incurred as a result of such failure. The Commissioner may, at the direction of the HUD representative, offer the property to the second highest bidder for an amount equal to the highest price offered by that bidder.

There is no right of redemption, or right of possession based upon a right of redemption, in the mortgagor or others subsequent to a foreclosure completed pursuant to the Act. Therefore, the Foreclosure Commissioner will issue a Deed to the purchaser(s) upon receipt of the entire purchase price in accordance with the terms of the sale as provided herein. HUD does not guarantee that the property will be vacant.

The scheduled foreclosure sale shall be cancelled or adjourned if it is established, by documented written application of the mortgagor to the Foreclosure Commissioner not less than 3 days before the date of sale, or otherwise, that the default or defaults upon which the foreclosure is based did not exist at the time of service of this notice of default and foreclosure sale, or all amounts due under the mortgage agreement are tendered to the Foreclosure Commissioner, in the form of a certified or cashier's check payable to the Secretary of HUD, before public auction of the property is completed.

The amount that must be paid if the mortgage is to be paid in full prior the scheduled sale is \$140,314.15, plus all other amounts that would be due under the mortgage agreement if payments under the mortgage had not been accelerated, advertising costs and postage expenses incurred in giving notice, mileage by the most reasonable road distance for posting notices and for the Foreclosure Commissioner's attendance at the sale, reasonable and customary costs incurred for title and lien record searches, the necessary out-of-pocket costs incurred by the Foreclosure Commissioner for recording documents, a commission for the Foreclosure Commissioner, and all other costs incurred in connection with the foreclosure prior to reinstatement.

Tender of payment by certified or cashier's check or application for cancellation of the foreclosure sale shall be submitted to the address of the Foreclosure Commissioner provided below.

Date: December 4, 2018

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Local DAR chapter sends gifts to the troops

"As we prepare to enjoy the holidays, our hearts go out to you because we know being away from home is difficult and especially so during the holidays.

What you are doing for us is a great sacrifice that we remember and appreciate. If it weren't for service people like you, we wouldn't have the freedoms we have in our country. Thank you for leaving your family and homeland to protect our way of

life.

We are proud of you and will never forget your dedication. We wish you good health and a safe return to your home." – Susan Few and the members of the Elizabeth Denton English Chapter of the National Society Daughters of the American Revolution.

Unfortunately, at times this is the sacrifice which must be paid for the honor and recognition of freedom. Let us cel-

brate and remember those who choose to face this cost. The NSDAR chapter had its annual Christmas party and was able to send more than two dozen care packages to local East Texas military service members deployed overseas.

NSDAR is a nationally known nonprofit, nonpolitical, volunteer service organization for women that promotes historic preservation, education, and patriotism. The DAR is one of the world's largest and most active service organization.

DAR members are committed to volunteer service having served more than 12.5 million hours in communities throughout the world during the past three years. The Elizabeth Denton English Chapter is chartered in Mineola, but members are welcome from all areas. Any woman is eligible for membership if she is at least 18 years old and can prove lineal bloodline descent from a man or woman who aided the cause of American Independence.

For more information, please contact www.DAR.org, or contact Chapter Registrar Joelene Yates at email joelene Yates@yahoo.com.



Broad Street Corral at 121 W. Broad St. (above) won the category of Best Depiction of this year's Mineola Chamber of Commerce Christmas parade theme, which was Christmas Around the World. Between Friends (below) won the award for Best Spirit of Christmas, and the Broad Street Mall (bottom) distinguished itself as Most Festive. Mineola's downtown storefront windows are decked out for the holidays, and the Main Street program recognized three as part of its store window contest. Judges viewed all windows downtown and considered about 15 of them for the contest. They said it was a shame they couldn't all win. The judges were representatives from the Grand Saline Main Street program and the Grand Saline Chamber of Commerce. (Photos courtesy of Mineola Main Street program).



SHOP LOCAL WINNER



Rebecca Bohannon, center, was the winner of \$500 from the Shop Local Mineola campaign. While shopping in downtown Mineola, she visited Dairy Queen and her receipt was the first one drawn as part of this year's contest. Also pictured is Doris Newman, director of the Mineola Main Street program, and Dairy Queen owner Daniel Tucker. The campaign covers purchases made between Nov. 23 and Dec. 28.

THANKS FOR MAKING 2018 A GREAT YEAR!

And thanks for giving us the opportunity to protect what you have worked for. We look forward to serving you in 2019!



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