

Caring & Sharing brightens holiday for hundreds of families

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First United Methodist Church's Ministries Center was abuzz with activity Saturday morning as families drove into the parking lot to collect toys, turkeys, hams, food and household items to make their holidays a little brighter.

In its 35th year, Caring & Sharing has tapped the generosity of the community and the labor of approximately 75 volunteers to fulfill its mission of helping the less fortunate.

Board president Beverly Spike said Caring & Sharing intended to serve 245 families this year, fewer than in previous years. She attributed the decline in families requesting assistance to a stronger economy. On the flip side, donations were up, she noted.

For about 2½ hours Saturday, cars and trucks rolled up to the loading site, where volunteers loaded boxes filled with stockings and toys for children as well as plenty of food and household supplies.

"We try to get families through Christmas and the two weeks with

the kids being home, when they don't have the benefit of the lunches at school," Spike said. "So we try to be mindful of what those parents need for those two weeks."

This year's endeavor called for about 1,400 empty boxes, which were obtained from Brookshire's, along with generous pricing on food and household items. The company also allowed Caring & Sharing to borrow shopping carts to haul food and toys.

Among the volunteers Saturday

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Jaxon Holland and Michelle Hernandez wheel boxes filled with food, stockings and toys out to the loading zone Saturday at First United Methodist Church's Ministries Center. The two were among the scores of volunteers who helped make this year's Caring & Sharing event a success. (Monitor photo by Hank Murphy).



(left) The Harry Meredith Special bursts through a giant paper sign last week as it emerges from Steck Station to make its maiden journey at Iron Horse Square Park in Mineola. (right) The Harry Meredith Special made its inaugural run last week at Iron Horse Square Park in Mineola. The miniature train will be a permanent fixture at Iron Horse Square Park on West Front Street. Among the first passengers aboard the train were members of the Meredith Foundation, which committed \$129,942 for the project, and Brian Steck, whose ETAS Metal Roof & Wall Systems designed the train barn and donated materials for it. The engineer was Glen Thurman, a local contractor who supervised the construction of the track. (Monitor photo by Hank Murphy).



Harry Meredith Special makes debut

Individuals and organizations instrumental in bringing the train to Iron Horse Square

The Mineola City Council

The Landmark Commission

The Meredith Foundation – primary benefactor

Brian Steck– Designed train barn (aka Steck Station) and donated materials

Gordon Tiner – Electrical system

Union Pacific Railroad

Glen Thurman – Oversaw construction of the track

Countless volunteers

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The city's dedication of the Harry Meredith Special last week completed the parlay of Mineola's early history into a heritage tourism attraction for years to come.

In its maiden trip, the little yellow passenger train left Steck Station, blared its horn, and circled Iron Horse Park with three carloads of dignitaries on Dec. 12. Three days later, the public at large got its first experience with city's newest railroad.

"This is such an exciting day for our community," Landmark Commission Chairman Jimmy Phillips said during last week's dedication ceremony. "It represents so many people who have come together to create a place that is special to all of us. From our beginnings in 1873, people have always loved trains. ... Both my grandfathers, W. Phillips and H.L. Malone, were engineers for the T&P, and we're just all fascinated by this. ... This is like getting a toy train at Christmas, and it's just going to be great

for our community."

Bringing the train to fruition was a more than three-year effort that originated with the Landmark Commission in February 2015. Several months later, the initiative was OK'd by the City Council. The project received funding from the Meredith Foundation in February 2017, the train was ordered from Swanee River Railroad in April 2017, and it was completed in November 2017.

Work on Steck Station commenced in April of this year and it was finished in September. In October, volunteers under the direction of Glen Thurman began laying track, and the track was completed in December. Finally, the electrical work was completed on Dec. 7 through the generosity of Gordon Tiner.

Like it has in so many instances in Mineola, the Meredith Foundation provided the bulk of the financial wherewithal (\$129,942) to complete the project.

Lou Wagener, chairwoman of the Meredith Foundation, spoke briefly at the dedication, and she praised the many volunteers who spent time on the en-

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QHS athletes bring holiday cheer to Wesley House

By ZAK WELLERMAN
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Quitman high school athletics is utilizing off-season time to teach kids the importance of community service.

Quitman ISD Athletic Director Bryan Oakes said the athletic department has established groups within the off-season program to promote competition, including in the realm of community service.

"Unlike most athletic programs, we incorporate a wide array things in our competition, one being community service. Our guys constantly have opportunities to increase points for their teams by volunteering for these," Oakes said. "This particular activity served in two ways: who did the best and how many were willing to work on it. The reason we promote community service acts is, first the importance of giving back to a community that

supports you as an athlete, secondly to establish a culture that promotes servant leadership." For the service aspect, groups teamed up to decorate three Wesley House residents' doors.

A former member of the athletic training department and current Wesley House employee Justina Daliva told the coaching staff



Wesley House resident Betty Dickerson sits next to her decorated door made by Quitman High School athletes.



Wesley House resident James "T-Bone" Ponder sits next to his decorated door made by Quitman High School athletes.

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'Man on Fire' air date changed

The Dallas-area PBS has changed the air date for James Sanchez's film documentary "Man on Fire" to Jan. 28 at 10 p.m. The film examines race relations in Grand Saline in the aftermath of Charles Moore's shocking decision to self-immolate in June 2014. The scheduling change was announced after last week's edition of the Wood County Monitor had been distributed.

Commissioners thank Jeanes for his service to Wood County

By ZAK WELLERMAN
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Last week's meeting marked the last Commissioners Court session for County Judge Bryan Jeanes. To honor him, he was presented a plaque for his 16 years of service to Wood County.

"It's a pleasure to work with these guys. This is truly a family. I am a cog in the machine. It's been a privilege to serve all of you," Jeanes said.

County Judge-elect Lucy Hebron will step into the role on Jan. 1.

In other news, commissioners awarded the Lake Hawkins RV Park lease agreement contract to Ryan Ea-

ton.

The court approved the Juvenile Probation Department's trade-in of a 2004 Chevrolet Trailblazer for a new 2018 Ford Escape. A Wood County Sheriff's Office's trade-in of six 2014 Dodge Chargers for three new vehicles was also approved.

The CodeRED Weather Warning service for Wood County was approved for 2019 renewal. This service issues alerts from the National Weather Service to those who are signed up for the program, Wood County Fire Marshal and Emergency Manager Tully Davidson said.

Bylaw amendments of the Wood County Industrial Commission were

tabled due to concerns from commissioners, Jeanes said.

Road permit #2172 for standard logging in Precinct 4 was approved.

A public hearing for the revision of lots 236, 264 and 265, section eight at Holly Lake Ranch was set for Jan. 28 at 10 a.m.

William B. Baade made a presentation about the denial of his pay order for serving as an attorney pro tem. Baade said he requested \$275 an hour for his work, which was above the approved payment.

He agreed with the denial by Jeanes because his request was not in

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EARLY DEADLINES FOR NEXT TWO WEEKS

Due to the coming holidays we will have early deadlines. Deadlines for the December 26 paper will be December 20 at noon for editorial and ad copy. The deadlines for the January 2 paper will be December 27 at noon for editorial and ad copy.

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2019 Calendar

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deavor.

"It just proves that when we work together, we will succeed," she told a crowd of supporters that packed Steck Station.

Project chairwoman Joyce Williams of the Landmark Commission took a moment to remember Harry Meredith, the man who made so many worthwhile additions to Mineola possible.

"He was a tremendous, community-minded man and his legacy will live on in Mineola for hundreds of years to come," she said.

City Manager Mercy Rushing said the addition of the train is just one more element of the city's overall commitment to improving quality of life.

"We have a dream, and our dream is to better our place of Mineola. Our dream is to have a vibrant community, not just for now but for our future generations to follow and be proud to say I am Mineola."

Switching hats, she also spoke as executive director for the Mineola Economic Development Corp. The train and the Iron Horse Square Park project represents "another economic development component to position Mineola as a destination city for heritage tourism for ages to come. That is our goal."

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accordance with the fee schedule for court-appointed attorneys. Baade urged commissioners to follow the schedule for all appointed attorneys. Baade will submit a new pay order request, and Jeanes said he would be happy to review it.

The following items were also approved by the court:

-Cole Hudson was hired as a deputy at the Wood

County Sheriff's Office effective Dec. 17;

-Andrew Morrison was transferred from jailer to jailer-sergeant at the Sheriff's Office effective Dec. 8;

-Elaine Lewis retired as the assistant auditor effective Nov. 30;

-Toni Ogg was hired part-time as the deputy district clerk effective Dec. 3;

-Payroll of \$462,066.59;

-Health and dental claims of \$76,840.83;

-Accounts payable claims of \$877,551.10.

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were members of the Anchor Club of Mineola and the Key Club of Alba-Golden, both student service organizations.

"They're our only young blood, and they've been a big help," Spike said. All and all, the whole process Saturday ran like "a very well oiled machine," Spike noted.

Caring & Sharing is a communitywide effort that draws contributions from churches and fundraisers, such as its spaghetti dinner, the KMOO Radio auction and donations of aluminum cans.

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WOOD COUNTY COMMUNITY CALENDAR

2nd FRIDAY ACOUSTICAL JAM - second Friday 6 - 9 p.m., Quitman Public Library, 202 E Goode St, Quitman 903-975-5745

ALBA CITY COUNCIL - first Monday, 6:30 p.m., City Hall.

ALBA LADIES CLUB - fourth 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/alsums welcome! Chris Jennings 903-569-3531

BOY SCOUTS TROOP 180 WINNSBORO - Tuesdays 6:30 p.m., Church of Christ. New boys/alsums welcome! Tex Willis 903-816-0638

BOY SCOUTS TROOP 379 WINNSBORO - Tuesdays 7 p.m., City Bldg @ Walker Park. New boys/alsums 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.

MLOTA RUG HOOKING GROUP - first Thursday, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Beginners are welcome.

MLOTA PHOTOGRAPHY GUILD - fourth Thursday, 6:30 p.m. All levels welcome., 903-569-8877.

MLOTA SCULPTURE GUILD - Tuesday, 1 p.m. Business meeting first Tuesday..

MONDAY NIGHT KNITS - 6-8 p.m. Monday, Golden Methodist Fellowship Hall. 903-768-2540.

NORTHEAST TEXAS PARATROOPERS ASSOCIATION - third Saturday at 7:30 a.m. at Red Dome Smokehouse in Quitman.

OPEN HEART MINISTRY - third Friday, 7 p.m., Mineola Civic Center.

OVERCOMERS RECOVERY SUPPORT GROUP - Monday, 7-8 p.m., Whispering Pines Church of the Nazarene, located on CR 3811, Hawkins

PARENT ADVISORY COUNCIL OF MINEOLA ELEMENTARY - first Tuesday, 8:15 a.m., elementary library,

PARENTS ANONYMOUS GROUP - Tuesday, 6:30 p.m., First Baptist Church, Quitman. Children's program provided. 903-629-2114

PILOT CLUB OF MINEOLA - second and fourth Tuesday, 6 p.m. Mineola Civic Center. 903-569-5237.

PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY - at First Baptist Church in Quitman. First Tuesday 1-3:30 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. 903-763-8101.

QUILTS OF VALOR GROUP, STITCHIN' ANGELS, meet the last Wednesday of the month at 10:30 a.m., 1118 N. Pacific St., Mineola, to make quilts for service members and veterans.

QUITMAN CHILD ADVOCACY GROUP - third Thursday, 10 a.m., 403 Conger in Quitman. The public is welcome.

QUITMAN GARDEN CLUB - second Tuesday (except when on field trips), 2 p.m., Quitman library. quitmangardenclub@gmail.com. All are welcome.

QUITMAN/LAKE FORK KIWANIS - Wednesday, noon, Faith Student Center, 403 S. Main St., Quitman.QUITMAN LIONS CLUB - second and fourth Tuesday, 6:30 p.m., 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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Quitman Library Connections

BY LIBRARIAN DELENE ALLEN

Don't miss a special Christmas Story Time this Wednesday, Dec. 19. Beginning at 2 p.m., Elvis (instead of Santa) will perform and he will hand out scarves and teddy bears to the kids! Everyone is welcome regardless of age. Pizza will be served, but feel free to bring another one!



Quitman Public Library staff and volunteers would like to wish everyone a Merry Christmas! The library will be closed Monday, Dec. 24 and Tuesday, Dec. 25 for the Christmas holiday.

The Second Friday Acoustic Jam is Friday, Jan 11 from 6 – 9 p.m. Musicians of all ages and musical levels are invited to join in with acoustical instruments only. Listeners are always welcome at this free event. Contact Eugene Allen at 903-975-5745.

Patron cards are available for those who provide photo identification and proof of residence in Wood County. A guardian must sign for children ages 5-17. Hours are Tuesday through Friday from 10 a.m. until 6 p.m. Keep current at www.facebook.com/quitmanpubliclibrary and visit

the library's website at www.quitmanlibrary.org. Wi-Fi is available 24/7.

ADULT SERVICES

Knitting and crochet class will resume on Thursday, Jan. 3. Rebekah Yeager and Virginia Hoffpauir invite students of all ages and skill levels to bring their own supplies and join the group for free instruction each Thursday 2-4 p.m. in the library's main gallery.

Adult GED support services will resume on Thursday, Jan. 10. Assistance from a state-certified instructor is offered each Thursday, 4 – 6 p.m. in the library's public computer area.

CHILDREN'S SERVICES

Story Time meets each Wednesday at 2 p.m. Lillian Gray plans an educational hour filled with stories, crafts and plenty of fun. Upcoming events: Dec. 19 – Christmas Party with Elvis; Dec.26 – Holiday Break (no Story Time); Jan. 2 – Snow Globes; Jan. 9 – Who Sleeps During the Winter?; Jan. 16 – It's Wet and Cold!; Jan. 23 – Snowman – What's His Story?; Jan. 30 – Fun Day with Hot Cocoa and a Movie.

Story Time is designed for young readers and home-schooled students,

but anyone who wants to hear a great story is welcome. Call 903-763-BOOK (2665).

FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY

The Friends of the Quitman Public Library invites everyone to its next meeting on Tuesday, Jan. 8 at noon in the Thurman Shamburger Community Room. The Friends is an active group of volunteers dedicated to the growth and improvement of the library.

GENEALOGY

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

ON DISPLAY

In the lobby showcase is a collection of Snoopy memorabilia to commemorate on loan from Tonia Nix.

NEW ARRIVALS

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

Letters to the Editor

Dear Editor,

We would like to take this time to thank all who helped the Mercy Mall of Quitman and Myrtle Springs Baptist Church of Quitman in their effort to provide meals to families in need at Thanksgiving.

Thanks to the efforts of many volunteers and donations from members of Myrtle Springs Baptist Church, the Mercy Mall was able to meet the goal of 100 meals.

We would like to thank the Mineola Walmart for its support in this project. With a special thanks to the grocery manager Gregory, bakery manager Jeff along with Kristen and Katie, meat manager John also Lisa and Carol in customer service. Each of these individuals made special effort to be of assistance to us.

Gregory took time out of his day to help locate items, count, load and sort the dry goods needed. Jeff made sure that the pies and rolls we needed were available, and Kristen and Katie helped box and load them. Jeff worked with the supplier and arranged for a special delivery of the rolls. John worked with us making sure we were able to purchase the turkey gift cards needed, and Lisa scanned and loaded all 100 gift cards. Each of these went beyond what was expected of them to make this effort a success.

Also a special thanks to Tim Raemisch for making sure that the rolls needed for the meals were available and for donating 50 packages of rolls.

Once again the Mercy Mall and Myrtle Springs Baptist Church would like to thank each and everyone who helped make this project a success.

Janet Todo, director of Mercy Mall Quitman
Charles Boston, Myrtle Springs Baptist Church

WCEC awards \$6,000 in scholarships to non-traditional adult learners

Wood County Electric Cooperative (WCEC) is pleased to announce the 2018 Power Upward Scholarship contest winners. This program is for non-traditional adult learners pursuing post-secondary education. Each of the three winners described their field of study and future goals with an essay. The winners, selected by an independent judge, are: Mary Elizabeth Hunt, Winnsboro; Melissa Coats, Quitman; and Brandi Putman, Winnsboro.



Mary Elizabeth Hunt

Mary Elizabeth Hunt, secretary at Winnsboro Church of Christ, is the wife of Brian Hunt. The Hunts reside near Winnsboro and are the parents of two daughters. Hunt holds a Bachelor of Science

in Education. She stays involved with church activities and participates in an outreach program called Feed My Starving Children. Hunt is enrolled at the University of Texas at Arlington, where she is switching careers from teaching to pursue a Bachelor of Science in nursing.

Melissa Coats is an eighth-grade mathematics teacher at Quitman



Melissa Coats

ISD but has taught in the region for 22 years. She and husband Ty live near Quitman and are the parents of a son and a daughter. Coats is active at Mt. Pisgah Baptist Church, and she and her husband administer a scholarship fund they founded in memory of their son Jacob. She is pursuing her Master's in Educational Leadership from Lamar University,



Brandi Putman

Beaumont. She hopes, upon graduating, to continue serving in education through an administrative position. Brandi Putman, having spent 27 years as a teacher, is the district student services coordinator at Winnsboro ISD and is the mother of one son. She and her husband Brett live near Winnsboro. She is a member at Tinney Chapel United Meth-

odist Church, and she helps raise Texas registered Longhorns on the family farm. She is pursuing her Master's Degree at UT-Tyler. She plans to continue using her education to serve students in need of special services.

Of the winners, WCEC CEO/General Manager Debbie Robinson said, "Each of these high-achieving ladies should be admired for pursuing their passions through education. Helping driven adults reach their full potential is the purpose of this WCEC adult scholarship program for members. I have no doubt our communities will be well-served by these students when they put their knowledge to use."

Quitman Arboretum changes name to Wood County Arboretum

By ZAK WELLERMAN
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To better reflect the services provided, Quitman Arboretum and Botanical Gardens will become Wood County Arboretum and Botanical Gardens.

Deanna Caldwell, president of Friends of the Arboretum, made the announcement at the Stinson House's holiday open house.

"We want people to understand we serve a wider audience and the community we serve," she said. "Like the Wood County Courthouse is in Quitman, we'd like to say the Wood County Arboretum is in Quitman."

She added that the website and emails for the arboretum will still connect with the name change.

Caldwell also announced two major 2019 projects for the arboretum, a reflection garden behind the Stinson House and iron fence in front.

She said the size and materials of the garden are being planned now. The design will incorporate the elements of fire, water, earth and air.

An iron fence was formerly at the Stinson House and Friends of the Arboretum hope to recreate it.

Waste district offers recycling for used Christmas wrapping

If you need a place to take your used Christmas gift paper and boxes, the Upper Sabine Valley Solid Waste Management District has a recycling center available seven days a week.

The service is free. Place the recyclables in appropriate marked bins. The recycling center is at 111 West Side Drive in Quitman. Hours are 7 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. every day.

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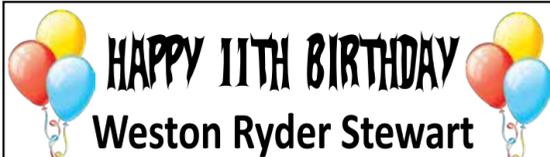
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COUNTY 4-H'ERS ADVANCE TO DISTRICT FOOD SHOW

Wood County 4-H held its annual 4-H Food Show on Monday, Nov. 26 for members who have been participating in the Food/Nutrition project. At the Food Show, the 4-H'ers were judged in an interview setting on the food they had prepared and the members knowledge of its nutritional value, food safety, and the MyPlate recommendations.

First-place winners are now eligible to advance to the District Food Show on Feb. 9. Event results are as follows:

Raleigh Rhodes-1st Place Jr. Fruit/Vegetables
 Jackson Wallis-1st Place Jr. Breads/Cereals

Rhett Cox-1st Place Jr. Nutritious Snacks

Helena Bautista-Mathias-1st Place Intermediate Fruit/Vegetables

Maddie Fetterolf-1st Place Intermediate Breads/Cereals
 Amanita Bautista-Mathias-1st Place Intermediate Nutritious Snacks

Kasey Rhodes-1st Place Intermediate Main Dish

Katelyn DeGorostiza-2nd Place Intermediate Main Dish
 Ashtin Tullos-Blue Ribbon Intermediate Main Dish

Peyton Kruckner-Blue Ribbon Intermediate Main Dish
 Jenna Haney-1st Place Sr. Fruits/Vegetables

Kierney Wallis-1st Place Sr. Breads/Cereals

Kaylee Smith-1st Place Sr. Main Dish

4-H Clover Kids also participating in the Food Show were: Jocelyn Cox, Lucas De Gorostiza, Sydney Rhodes, and Austin Tullos.

At the District 4-H Food Extravaganza on Feb. 9, Wood County 4-H will also have numerous members participating in the Food Challenge Contest, Food/Nutrition Poster Contest, Food/Nutrition Quiz Bowl Contest, and the Ag Product ID Contest.

Teel rejoins Alba-Golden school board

Trustees of the Alba-Golden Independent School District reconstituted the school board with the swearing in of Trustee Johnny Teel at the Dec. 10 regular meeting.

Teel had stepped aside from the board while a nepotism resolution regarding the employment of his wife was pending. In Teel's absence, Nick Kerry filled the seat. Kerry offered his resignation letter at the meeting.

Board President Mike Ragsdale and Superintendent Dwayne Ellis expressed gratitude to Kerry for his service. Ellis reminded Kerry the school "will continue to need good men to serve" and stated he hoped Kerry would pursue further service.

Following a brief closed session, the board acted on three items. In unanimous votes, the board approved the renewal of an inter-local agreement with Wood County, empowering the county to collect taxes on behalf of the school.

Secondly, and upon the recommendation of Ellis, the board approved the sale of a home at 1364 County Road 2377 to Brad Lennon. The home is located directly across from the junior high school on school property west of CR 2377. The sale is for demolition, removal

and land restoration only.

Lastly, the board voted to approve the incentive, retention and recruitment pay scale as proposed by Ellis. This approval should assist with ongoing staffing efforts in the district. This vote was 6-0 with Teel abstaining.

Residents Josh and Julie Cole proudly accompanied to the meeting their daughter Avery, who was recognized as December Elementary Student of the Month. Avery, a fourth-grader, was described as a model student who demonstrates academic excellence, a caring and empathetic nature, and strong leadership skills. Avery competes in the UIL Oral Reading competition and has a long-term goal of attending Texas Christian University. Comments from her teachers and principal illustrated the positive impact Avery has on Alba-Golden Elementary School.

Secondary school Student of the Month Cassidy Burris was unable to attend the meeting; she was participating in the One-Act Play Christmas Show.

Ragsdale and Teel were joined at the meeting by trustees Joe Carr, Brady Robinson, Jackie Staley, Jason Stovall, and James Wilkerson.

Christmas Eve worship slated at First Christian

A special evening of Christmas Eve worship will commence at 5 p.m. at First Christian Church in Mineola, 209 N. Pacific St.

Three gifted musicians will participate in the service: Jennifer Dubbs Pisarcik of Waco and formerly of

Mineola, Joe Wayne Reynolds of Quitman, and Ashlen Jackson of Quitman.

The service time is perfect for families, and the service is open to the community. Included in the worship will be special music (including solos, duets

and trios), scripture readings, Christmas carols, candle lighting and communion. No long sermon is scheduled.

It's the perfect way to celebrate the true meaning of Christmas.

Wood County extension service gives annual report

By ZAK WELLERMAN
 news@woodcountymonitor.com

Representatives from the Wood County division of the Texas AgriLife Extension Service gave their annual report for the year at last week's Wood County commissioner's court.

Angie Monk, family and community health agent, said they've worked with the local Women, Infants, and Children (WIC) program, Head Start, and Better Living for Texans. They've also been involved in food safety and offering alternatives to lessen screen time for kids.

Wood County 4-H member Jentri Jackson listed the accomplishments of the chapter. She has been a member for the organization for 10 years and says it helps people become better citizens.

Shaniqua Davis, agriculture agent and 4-H coordinator, went over projects of this year and plans for 2019.

She thanked the Wood County Master Gardeners for their volunteer work. She presented the volunteers with a mock check to show what they would have received if paid for roughly 4,982 hours.

At \$24.69 an hour, the

Master Gardeners would have been paid \$123,011.75.

Davis said her department worked on pond management, feral hogs, house flies and land ownership. For next year, she wants to bring more awareness regarding feral hogs and a virtual agriculture tour.

County Judge Bryan Jeanes thanked the Extension Service agents for their work.

"You guys provide so much for our citizens. The benefit is almost beyond explanation," Jeanes said.

Members of the Wood County Master Gardeners stand with their volunteer hour check in front of the Wood County commissioners after the Dec. 14 Commissioners Court meeting. (Monitor photo by Zak Wellerman).



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Wood Co. Sheriff's Report: Dec. 5 - Dec. 11

DECEMBER 11, 2018

Deputies were dispatched to CR 1813 near Yantis at about 9:16 a.m. in reference to theft. Someone stole livestock from the person's property. The case was forwarded to investigators.

Deputies spoke with a person at about 11:40 a.m. in reference to a scam that occurred on Lloyd St. in Yantis. They gave the person advice and cleared the incident.

Deputies were dispatched to FM 1643 near Quitman about 2:26 p.m. on criminal trespass. They searched but were unable to locate the person.

Deputies responded to a suspicious vehicle on PR 7477 near Hawkins at about 9:59 p.m. Adam Galyeon, 36, of Mineola was arrested for outstanding warrants.

Deputies responded to a suspicious person on CR 4845 near Winnsboro at about 10:23 p.m. They searched but were unable to locate the person.

DECEMBER 10, 2018

Deputies were dispatched to CR 3978 near Winnsboro about 3:18 p.m. on a welfare check. They searched but were unable to locate the person.

Deputies went out on an arrest/warrant service to FM 14 near Quitman at about 3:39 p.m. Raymond Clark, 56, of Quitman was arrested for an outstanding warrant.

Deputies were dispatched to CR 3204 near Quitman at about 4:05 p.m. on suspicious circumstances. They issued a criminal trespass warning and cleared the incident.

Deputies were dispatched to PR 7986 near Winnsboro at about 6:14 p.m. to a dispute. Zachary Miller, 30, of Sulphur Springs was arrested for criminal mischief.

Deputies were dispatched to CR 1227 near Quitman at about 9:27 p.m. in reference to an incident. Stephen Harvey, 32 of Quitman was arrested for assault causing bodily injury family violence and prohibited substance in correctional facility alcohol/drug/phone/tobacco.

Deputies responded to a suspicious person on Hwy 11 near Winnsboro at about 9:52 p.m. They searched but were unable to locate the person.

Deputies responded to a suspicious vehicle on FM 515 near Winnsboro at around 11:06 p.m. They located the vehicle and everything was OK.

DECEMBER 9, 2018

Deputies were dispatched to CR 1560 near Alba around 12:05 a.m. on a noise complaint. Deputies searched the area but did not locate any activity.

Deputies responded to a suspicious vehicle on HWY 11 near Winnsboro about 12:14 a.m. They located the vehicle and everything was OK.

Deputies responded to a suspicious vehicle on FM 49 near Mineola about 3:59 a.m. They located the vehicle and everything was OK.

Deputies spoke with a person at about 10:25 a.m. in reference to harassment that occurred on Parish St. in Hawkins. They gave the person advice and cleared the incident.

Deputies were dispatched to FM 17 near Alba around 9:28 p.m. to a welfare check. They located the person and everything was OK.

Deputies responded to a suspicious vehicle on Hwy 80 near Hawkins about 10:13 p.m. they located the vehicle and everything was OK.

Deputies were dispatched to CR 4700 at about 11:16 p.m. on a disturbance. Every-

one was separated.

DECEMBER 8, 2018

At about 9:03 a.m. deputies searched the area of Kerry Circle in Quitman when out on an arrest/warrant service. Deputies searched but did not make contact with the person.

Deputies were dispatched to PR 7548 near Hawkins about 9:59 a.m. on an assault that occurred. Sean Garza, 30 of Hawkins was arrested for assault causes bodily injury family violence and possession of a controlled substance.

Deputies responded to a suspicious vehicle on CR 3250 near Mineola about 12:55 p.m. They located the vehicle and everything was OK.

Deputies spoke with a person at about 1:42 p.m. in reference to an unauthorized use of a motor vehicle on CR 1885 near Yantis. Someone took the person's vehicle without authorization. They gave the person advice and cleared the incident.

Deputies were dispatched to CR 3220 near Quitman around 5:19 p.m. on an abandoned 911 call. Adolphus Brown, 62 of Quitman, was arrested for assault causing bodily injury, family violence and resist arrest search of transport.

Deputies were dispatched to CR 2880 near Mineola at about 9:28 in reference to a welfare check. They searched but did not locate the person.

DECEMBER 6, 2018

Deputies were dispatched to CR 3803 near Hawkins about 1:53 a.m. on a disturbance. Those involved were separated for the night.

Deputies were dispatched to CR 2495 near Mineola about 6:28 p.m. on a welfare check. They searched but were unable to locate the person.

Deputies were dispatched to FM17 NEAR Alba about 7:14 p.m. on a dispute. They spoke with those involved and cleared the incident.

Deputies were dispatched to CR 3150 near Quitman about 8:04 p.m. on a welfare check. Deputies found the person and everything was OK.

Deputies spoke with a person at about 9:54 p.m. on harassment on FM 69 near Quitman. They gave the person advice and cleared the incident.

DECEMBER 5, 2018

Deputies were dispatched to Hwy 80 near Hawkins about 1:06 a.m. on disorderly conduct. They searched but were unable to locate the unruly people.

Deputies spoke with a person at about 1:42 a.m. on harassment on Lloyd St. in Yantis. They gave the person advice and cleared the incident.

Deputies responded to a suspicious person on CR 1246 near Alba at about 10:56 a.m. They located the person and everything was OK.

Deputies were dispatched to CR 3811 near Hawkins at about 12:49 p.m. on criminal trespass. They searched but were unable to locate the person.

Deputies were dispatched to Holiday Village Club House at about 3:06 p.m. on an assault. Joe Spiers, 57 of Quitman was arrested for assault.

Deputies spoke with a person around 6:51 p.m. on a noise complaint on PR 6604 near Mineola. They gave the person advice and cleared the incident.

Deputies were dispatched to CR 3144 near Quitman at about 11:25 p.m. on a dis-

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Mineola Police Report: Dec. 6-Dec. 12

DECEMBER 12, 2018

A hit and run was reported in the Walmart parking lot at 12:10 p.m. A witness left a note on the victim's vehicle indicating they witnessed a red vehicle hit his vehicle. This is under investigation

At 4:22 p.m. a reckless driver was reported coming into the city from 37 North. An officer located the vehicle and assessed the driving but did not witness any erratic driving.

At 5:14 p.m. another reckless driver was reported driving in and out of vehicle at a high rate of speed headed northbound on 69 South. An officer responded but did not locate the vehicle.

A resident on Buchanan Street reported the neighbor's visitors parking in her yard. An officer spoke with the man and told him not to be parking in someone else's yard.

DECEMBER 11, 2018

At 10:03 a.m. an officer assisted with traffic control on Stone and Broad Street when a water leak and ground erosion was reported.

An officer assisted EMS when a man was unresponsive at Brookshire's at 11:49 a.m. He was transported by EMS.

At 5:15 p.m. an employee with Facebook reported a welfare concern in reference to a man stating he wished to harm himself. Officers spoke with him at an address on Goodson Circle. He stated he did post some stuff on Facebook, but he did not intend to hurt himself. After officers spoke with the man they believed the man did not intend to hurt himself.

At 6:58 p.m. a resident on Second Street reported medication taken from her residence. This is under investigation.

DECEMBER 10, 2018

Wylie Police Department requested a welfare check on a resident on Stone Street at 5:45 a.m. The man's friend contacted Wylie P.D. when he became concerned. An officer went the residence and spoke with the person of concern and everything was fine.

At 8:27 a.m. a woman reported someone possibly taking mail from mailboxes on Gerald Street.

At 9:28 a.m. a business on East Broad Street reported a possible package found in cash given to a cashier. An officer found it to be an empty baggie.

At 10:24 a.m. a woman reported an assault that took place the night before at her boyfriend's residence on South Pacific Street. This is under investigation.

At 10:29 a.m. a man reported he was assaulted the night before by a man known to him. This is under investigation.

At 3:24 a welfare concern was reported for a man walking on East Broad that appeared

in poor health. An officer located him. The man said he had just had surgery and needed a ride. The officer gave him a ride to a residence. A woman was also reported to be walking, and she appeared to need help. The officer found her on North Newsom, and she said she was just out walking.

At 3:58 p.m. a woman reported she was sent to pick up a family member's child up at school and she was not there. The school resource chief knew where the child was and everything was fine.

DECEMBER 9, 2018

A woman reported a man was in the Walmart parking lot at 11:58 a.m. on Saturday, Dec. 8 driving an S-10 pickup. He drove up to her, made inappropriate comments and exposed himself.

At 2:26 p.m. a debit card was found in a bank ATM on North Pacific Street. It was returned to its owner.

A reckless driver was reported on Loop 564 failing to maintain a single lane of traffic. The officer was able to stop the vehicle on U.S. Hwy 80. The driver was fine with no signs of intoxication.

A disturbance was reported at a residence on East McDonald Street at 3:15 p.m. The complainant reported that her ex-husband was at her residence verbally abusing her. The ex-husband left when the person called police.

At 8:44 p.m. harassment was reported by a woman who said a co-worker was making inappropriate comments. She was encouraged to report this to her employer.

A resident on West Broad reported suspicious activity when a person was seen peeking into the front window of the resident at 8:44 p.m. An officer patrolled the area but did not find anyone matching the description.

DECEMBER 8, 2018

At 2:29 a.m. a reckless driver was reported to have turned into the Walmart parking lot. An officer found the subjects in the vehicle but did not witness any signs of intoxication.

At 10:03 a.m. a man on Thurman Street reported a repossession company was at his residence to get his vehicle, but he was not at home. He reported that a family member was sitting in the vehicle, and he wanted the tow truck to leave his property because it was tearing up his yard. An officer explained to the tow truck driver that this is a civil matter and the man requested him off his property. He also explained that the driver's company needed to get the proper paperwork to repossess the vehicle.

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Mineola Fire Report

Medical assistance: Dec. 6, 7:44 p.m., 122 CR 2555, Mineola; Dec. 8, 9:37 a.m., 174 CR 2279, Mineola; Dec. 11, 11:51 a.m., 1224 N. Pacific St., Mineola; Dec. 11, 9:50 p.m., 26242 FM 1253, Mineola; Dec. 12, 9:37 a.m., 1380 CR 2330, Mineola, Dec. 12., 2:10 p.m., 849 CR 2275, Mineola.

with injuries: Dec. 8, 10:14 p.m., North U.S. Hwy. 69 and North CR 2275, Mineola.

Motor vehicle accident

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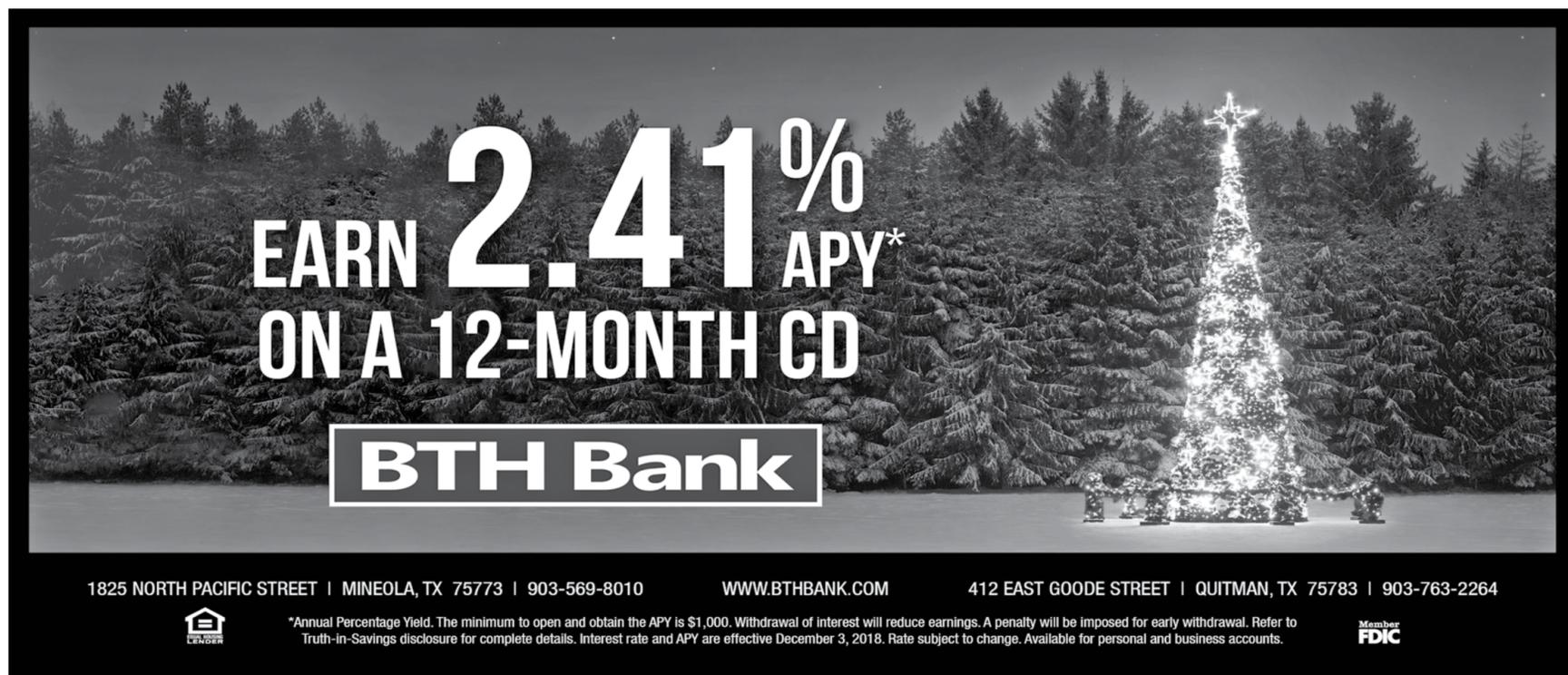


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'Jackets fall in close one to Kemp

The Mineola Yellow Jackets dropped a non-district match-up against Kemp, 46-43, in an excellently competed basketball game last Tuesday. The game featured two evenly matched, well coached, and fundamentally sound teams.

Neither team could dominate the other, and although there were short stretches of offensive success at each end of the court, it was to be stingy, hustling defenses which dominated the night. It took over two and a half minutes before Mineola sophomore guard Jonah Fischer scored the first points of the night on a nice drive. He added a second moments later.

Kemp expected the Mineola back court pressure, and after an initial turnover, handled it well. Once in the front court Kemp struggled to get in an offensive flow but warmed up as the game progressed.

Mineola suffered from hesitation in shot selection throughout the night. Several lengthy possessions consisted of foregoing good makeable shots in lieu of passing the ball further. A bit of frustration was evident due to the inability to create clearly open shot opportunities.

The first quarter ended in a 10-10 tie. Each team had settled in and had recognized they were in for a real fight.

Kemp took a lead early in the second period with nice inside play. The visitors from Kaufman County were beginning to hit the boards. Fischer put Mineola back in the lead 15-14 on another nice drive through traffic.

Mineola scored their first points off the press with 3 min-



Trey Sneed elevates for a jump shot.

utes left in the half. A nice drive and dish from Fischer to Sophomore Trey Sneed put the Jackets up, but Kemp hit a three-pointer to take a 20-19 lead into intermission.

Kemp slowly began to build a lead as the second half ground on. To say that every ball was contested is an understatement. This basketball game was a wrestling match.

The three-point shooting of Kemp and their aggressive guard play came to be matched against Mineola's mid-range shooting of wingers Sneed and Shaw Franklin. Franklin hit three beautiful soft fall-away jumpers from the lane in the second half.

Kemp was able to leverage their rebounding and built a 7 point advantage. A brief flourish of Mineola scoring closed the gap to 34-31 at the end of the 3rd quarter.

A couple of quick threes put Kemp up by seven early in the fourth. Franklin, Fischer, and George drew the home side closer. Assisted by some spotty Kemp shooting from the free throw line, Franklin scored to bring Mineola within a point, 44-43, with 27 seconds remaining.

Mineola failed to score in their next possession, and Kemp took the ball to the rim. Mineola put Kemp at the line where they went up by three. With 5 seconds to play, Franklin took the inbound pass and streaked down the right side. His tying shot attempt narrowly missed and bounded off the iron.

Minutes of basketball one could ever want to see. The junior guard took the ball to the rim. Driving off the key, she hit mid-range jumpers, layups, a scoop shot, a handful of free throws, and an elegant assist to teammate Jessiah Riley for a score. Several of those drives were off excellent screens set by junior Tiara Stephens. In the final seconds of the half she nailed a 3-pointer from the top of the key to draw the Lady Jackets within 9, at 31-22. It was a game again.

Coming out for the second half were the Lady Jackets we recognized. After promptly forcing two Edgewood turnovers, junior Cyndi Butler hit a 3-pointer and Dean a mid-range jumper to make the score 31-29.

What followed was an odd turn of play. Driving up the lane, Dean was whacked in the head by Bulldog senior Katy Pool. Dean was down for several minutes. Mineola Head Coach Tony Riley appeared to ask the referees for an official timeout and each squad regrouped before play continued. Dean nailed the two free throws, and the score was tied at 31 apiece.

The Bulldogs buckled down and on the strength of their offensive rebounding and outside shooting, rebuilt a

Lady Panthers split district games

By LARRY TUCKER
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After a sluggish 40-24 district opening loss to Edgewood, the Alba-Golden Lady Panthers got back on track Friday with a 58-50 win over Rains.

Against Rains, the Lady Panthers fell behind 16-14 in the first quarter, but came back with an 18-12 second quarter to take a 32-28 lead at intermission. Alba-Golden's relentless defense kept the Lady Cats just out of reach as the Lady Panthers took a 47-42 lead into the final eight minutes. The Lady Panthers subdued Rains in the final quarter and took the 58-50 win.

Alba-Golden hit on 20-32 free throws during the game. Macie Pendergrass hit on 7-10 free throws and led the Lady Panthers with 15 points. Ashlyn Rogers and Grace Bizzell each had 12 points and Ginny Carson added 11. Carson led the team in rebounding with 12 and Pendergrass added eight. Sammi Rambsel added eight points for Alba-Golden.

Against Edgewood, the Lady Panthers simply had a bad night on offense. Alba-Golden was down 11-3 after one quarter and 20-11 at the half. Things did not get much better on offense as the Lady Panthers scored 13 second half points while Edgewood tallied 20 for the 40-24 final.

Bizzell led Alba-Golden with 10 points and Rambsel added seven. Alba-Golden was 8-51 from the floor making only 15.7 percent of their shots for the game.

The Lady Panthers get back into district action with a Dec. 21 game at home against a Mineola team which is 2-0 in district after knocking off Edgewood.

Lady Jackets battle back from big deficit to down Edgewood

They just kept playing. The Lady Jackets overcame a huge hole they had dug for themselves and secured an exhausting victory over the Edgewood Lady Bulldogs last Friday, 57-50. The win put the Lady Jackets at 2-0 in district play, and more importantly provided a mettle-shaping challenge which will surely serve them well as the season progresses.

Edgewood led 23-4 with four minutes left in the first half. Mineola had committed 10 turnovers in the first 12 minutes of basketball and had a technical foul thrown in as well. They looked shocked and seemed to be in desperate straits. The press wasn't contributing, the host Bulldog offense was in rhythm, and Mineola just couldn't seem to remember the basics.

At that very juncture, it would have been easy to mail the rest of the game in. They didn't ... they just kept playing. Ever so slowly the confidence began to tilt toward the Mineola side. A break here, a bounce there, and an unshakable commitment by the Lady Jackets to keep playing hard. It worked, but it certainly wasn't easy.

The catalyst for this comeback was, predictably, Sabria Dean. After hitting a jumper to make the score 23-6 with 4:16 remaining in the half, she played one of the best four

9-point advantage. As the third quarter drew to a close, sophomore Tahjae Black had a follow-up from the lane which made the score 44-37 at the end of three quarters. The Lady Jackets forced five Bulldog turnovers in the third quarter as it appeared Edgewood was beginning to tire.

Mineola played a clean fourth quarter. They had no turnovers, and forced five from Edgewood. The energy favored the Lady Jackets. Butler had opened the quarter with a three, and Black contributed with an offensive rebound put-back from the lane. With five minutes to play, Dean hit a 3-pointer, giving Mineola the lead for the first time on the evening, 47-45. Riley played a huge role in the fourth, driving to the basket repeatedly and drawing fouls in the process. Mineola scored well from the line and held on to grind out the win 57-50.

The Lady Jackets won with persistence and dogged determination.

Hawkins downs Arp

The Hawkins Hawks had the hot hand in the first half taking a 43-22 lead at intermission leading them to a 73-64 win over Arp Friday night.

Arp had a big third quarter to get back into the game by outscoring the Hawks 25-11 and closing the gap to 54-47 after three quarters.

Tristian Garrett with 22 points and Caron Taylor with 20 led the Hawks in scoring. Jayden Dacus had 12 points on four successful three point shots. Collin Barber and Akim Richmond each added eight points while Paeton Smith added two and Chris Jackson one.

The Hawks open District 18-2A action at Carlisle Tuesday.

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Quitman's Trey Berry goes up tough for a shot in Quitman's game against Hooks on Saturday evening. (Monitor photo by Larry Tucker)

Bulldogs fall in third-place game

By LARRY TUCKER
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After winning their first three games in the annual Quitman Tournament on Thursday and Friday, the Quitman Bulldogs fell twice on Saturday. The Bulldogs lost in the tournament semi-finals to Rivercrest and fell to a very athletic Hooks team 59-50 in the battle for third place.

The Bulldogs started on target early against Hooks with Trey Berry, Justin Pruden and Jace Reid each hit a bucket to give Quitman a 6-2 advantage. Berry and Ben Burroughs hit back to back triples to give Quitman a 12-6 lead with 3:30 left in the quarter. Berry added a bucket at the end of the first period for the Bulldogs lead 14-11 going into the second quarter.

Pruden and Reid provided offensive spark and Riley Flanagan worked hard on the boards in the second quarter. Reid had a pair of three-point shots and free throw for seven points in the quarter while Pruden dominated under the

boards and put in six points. Flanagan hit a bucket as time ran down in the first half to make the score 40-36 with Quitman leading.

The Hornet full court pressure caused a few problems for the Bulldogs and Hooks on a 15-7 run in the third quarter to take a 40-36 lead into the final frame.

Quitman fell behind 53-44 but a Pruden bucket with just under two minutes left made hit a 53-46 deficit. Hooks regained a nine point lead at the 1:34 mark and spent the remainder of the game in a stall. A late Burroughs bucket made it a 59-50 final tally.

Pruden poured in 20 points, most coming during rugged play in the lane while Reid added 14.

The Bulldogs are now 6-5 going into district action Tuesday night at home against Grand Saline.

Winnsboro, who beat Quitman earlier in the week 55-50, took the Quitman Tournament championship with a victory over Rivercrest. The Red Raiders are 11-4 on the season.

High-energy Lady Jackets down Grand Saline

The Lady Yellowjackets overwhelmed the visiting Grand Saline Lady Indians 70-47 last Tuesday night in the opening round of district play. Unrelenting full-court defensive pressure and an elevated energy level marked the Lady Jackets' triumph.

The court generalship of Junior Sabria Dean directed the Jackets throughout the contest. Her basketball acumen, vision and skills were on display all evening.

A combination of Dean's leadership and the dynamic energy of Junior Jessiah

Riley, who was relentless in her game, established Mineola's dominance early. If Dean was the brains behind the victory, Riley was the heart.

Junior Cyndi Butler opened the scoring with two points off of a steal, and Mineola jumped out to a 9-0 advantage as Grand Saline struggled to break the Lady Jackets' press. The Jackets' hustling defense pressed all night. When Grand Saline managed to break it and get the ball inside, they scored, but throughout the night the Mineola press won the

majority of possessions.

Dean scored after securing her own offensive rebound and fighting back into the lane to make it 18-12 at the end of the first quarter. A beautiful assist from Dean to Tahjae Black for a score continued the action in the second quarter. That combination scored twice more on long outlet passes to make the score 28-16 as Mineola began to widen the margin. After a Riley drive into the lane and kick out to Butler for a bucket, the game went into the break with the score Mineola 35 Grand Saline 23.

The second half mirrored the first. The consistent play at such a high energy level is a testament to the Lady Jackets' conditioning and mental toughness. They were locked in all night; no gaps or let-downs in their play were evident.

Three baseline scoring drives by Dean opened the lead to 17 points midway through the quarter. Despite the margin, there was no quit in Grand Saline, and both teams battled for each possession and loose ball. At the end of three quarters, the score stood 50-32, Min-

eola.

Grand Saline transitioned to a zone defense to start the fourth quarter, but the Lady Jackets adjusted well and continued scoring apace. Black distinguished herself with a strong inside game in the final quarter.

Indicative of the whole night, Riley, who stands 5' 2", took the ball inside in the closing minutes and converted a three-point play. The joy demonstrated by her teammates on her

play spoke volumes about their sense of team. Riley followed up on the next possession when she chased down a loose ball from mid-court and slid across the lane, scooping the ball to a teammate for a score.

The Lady Jackets were engaged throughout the contest. The initial district effort indicates a promising district run for coach Tony Riley and his charges.

Commissioners approve jail plumbing emergency repairs

By ZAK WELLERMAN
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In a special meeting Monday, Wood County commissioners approved emergency repairs to the sewer system at the jail.

Precinct Four Commissioner Russell Acker said the sewer line had collapsed and the extent of the repairs is unknown. He expects the minimum cost to be \$5,000, but doesn't know how much it could run. The limit before having to go out for bids is

\$50,000.

Acker said the Texas Commission on Jail Standards allows 48 hours for repairs to be approved, which doesn't leave the county enough time to solicit competitive bids.

Doors

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about the opportunity to decorate doors.

"She knows that our coaching staff is always looking for community service projects to get our kids involved in and asked if we would like to participate," Oakes said.

Other volunteer activities include ringing the bell for the Salvation Army, the football team eating dinner at the Wesley House earlier this year, and helping a homeowner's association clear a dam at Clear Lakes last year, he added.

"We understand that sports are important; how-

ever, they are not what defines you and for most end after high school," he said. "With this in mind, we want to build a culture around core values that will carry you in life. When this becomes who you are, you will be successful in whatever it is that you choose, sports included."

Tammy Purdy, Wesley House executive director, said the residents enjoy seeing their doors decorated for the holidays.

"They love it. They get so excited about it," Purdy said. "They sit there and watch the kids. They get really excited about getting their doors done."

James "T-Bone" Ponder's door featured Santa's reindeer, Margaret "Margo"

Cobb's door was decorated with a snowman and Betty Dickerson's door showed Santa and an elf. The doors were judged for first, second and third places. Ponder's door came in first, Cobb's second, and Dickerson's third.

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 NOTICE TO CREDITORS
 Notice is hereby given that Letters Testamentary for the Estate of HAZEL CHAMPION DENVER, Deceased, were issued on December 10, 2018, in No. 13,368, pending in the County Court of Wood County, Texas to CLARA ZIEGLER.
 The residence of the Independent Executor is in Wood County, Texas. The post office address of the Independent Executor is c/o Richard E. Roberts, P.O. Box 70, Quitman, Wood County, Texas 75783.
 All persons having claims against the Estate, which is currently being administered, are required to present them within the time and in the manner prescribed by law.
 DATED this 10th day of December, 2018.
 RICHARD E. ROBERTS

PUBLIC NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that a public hearing has been set for revision on the plat of Holly Lake Ranch

Public Notice

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.
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NOTICE OF INTENT TO ISSUE CITY OF QUITMAN, TEXAS CERTIFICATES OF OBLIGATION (2019)

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.

Samuel Webb
 Mayor,
 City of Quitman, Texas

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.

Date: December 4, 2018

L. Keller Mackie
 Foreclosure Commissioner
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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;

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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.

The Secretary of Housing and Urban Development will bid \$140,314.15.

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.

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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.

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Corner Column



HANK MURPHY

Earlier this year, about 43 miles northeast of Mineola in Monticello, a coal-fired power plant was mothballed. Two additional coal-burning plants, one southeast of Corsicana and another northeast of Austin, also closed in 2018.

Across the country, utilities intend to pull 11.4 GW (gigawatts) of coal-fired power plant capacity offline in 2018. The nation's power producers expect to eliminate another 19.8 GW of coal-fired capacity between 2018 and 2022. That's a lot of electricity. A gigawatt equals 1 billion watts, enough, depending on peak usage, to power 300,000 to 725,000 Texas homes. Since 2010, nearly 40% of the nation's coal-fired capacity has either been taken offline or slated for closure.

These facts alone point to coal's inexorable decline in the United States. But why are the utilities turning away from coal? Multiple reasons exist, but two enormous ones lie right here in Texas.

Despite its fading position in the U.S. energy mix, coal continues to be the planet's No. 1 source of climate-changing emissions. The Trump administration's newly released National Climate Assessment reports that summer heat waves are growing in intensity and duration, wild fires are becoming more intense and extensive, glaciers are melting, sea levels are rising, and droughts and floods are becoming more severe. In East Texas, climate change is expected to produce warmer, muggier summers; heavier downpours

(but an overall drier soil profile); greater risk of forest fires; increased susceptibility to pine bark beetles and other pests; more mosquitoes and mosquito-borne illnesses; and additional heat-induced stress on cattle.

The EPA under the Obama administration was not coal-friendly. EPA policy classified carbon dioxide – which, among other compounds, is released in abundance with the burning of coal – as an air pollutant. In the air quality arena, that policy vaulted coal from “juvenile delinquent” to “super villain”

status, and the electrical power industry now faced a gauntlet of expensive new regulations. Many of those regulations, however, were rolled back by the Trump administration, which is decidedly more amenable to coal.

Still, even with a rosier political and regulatory environment, coal production continues to ebb, and job formation registers barely a blip. That's because the forces still arrayed against coal are as formidable as the EPA and just as smitten with the color green.

Most of the leading rivals to coal come from Texas with names like XTO Energy Inc., Chevron and Devon Energy Production. The natural gas industry elbowed past coal years ago and now powers half the state's electricity. The gas and oil industry employs more than 369,000 people and pays wages and salaries totaling more than \$44 billion in Texas, dwarfing coal's economic footprint here.

In its beat down of coal, natural gas is joined by an unseen co-conspirator that loves wide open spaces and dispenses energy for free. Companies like TXU Energies, Cielo Wind Power and the Roscoe Wind Farm capture that energy, transform it, and sell it to the grid. With 18.4% of the state's power generation capacity, wind is challenging coal (19.5%) for the No. 2 spot. Companies have harnessed the winds of West Texas and built transmission lines to move energy from remote regions to population centers. Refined technology and falling costs are making wind power attractive to investors. In 2016, the fledgling industry created 23,000 jobs with total capital investment of \$38 billion. The second fastest growing job field in the United States is wind energy technician.

By far, Texas leads the nation in the production of natural gas and wind energy. (Only five nations in the world produce more wind energy than Texas). Almost single-handedly the state is thwarting coal's reemergence.

I empathize with the men and women who lost jobs at the power plant in Monticello, as well as those in coal country who've seen a way of life erased. But in America, coal will never again reign supreme. New powers lord over the energy landscape, and their kingdoms are here in Texas.

(Sources: Electric Reliability Council of Texas (ERCOT), U.S. Department of Energy, U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics, S&P Global Market Intelligence, U.S. Energy Information Administration, the Environmental Protection Agency.

PRECINCT 2 CONSTABLE'S REPORT

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I continue to work with the school district and build strong relationships with the kids and young adults to attempt to mentor them and provide some guidance where necessary. I have been asked to conduct training on several campuses to better prepare the teachers to protect their students. We have been conducting presentations and searches at schools across the county and had positive feedback from the school districts. The bus routes are being monitored to make sure that the kids getting on and off the buses are safe. Citations are being issued to those that choose to disregard the school bus stop signs.

The Explorer Program is well under way and we are finalizing the adult training that each lead-

er has to complete. We are in the process of finalizing agreements with Mineola PD, and Quitman PD to allow the Explorers to participate in community projects and ride along activities. Our first meeting will be held at the Armed Texans Training Facility in Mineola, where there is ample classroom space and training space available. This month we finalized some procedures and will be discussing them with other local police chiefs.

Perry Lipscomb of Mineola was arrested in Mineola on suspicion of possessing a controlled substance after a traffic stop. Lipscomb denied consent to search and K9 Juma was deployed. Juma indicated something was in the trunk of the car and alleged methamphetamine was seized.

During a traffic stop, Justin Tave of Quitman was arrested for an outstanding warrant. A passenger, Alissa Trotta of Mineola, was arrested on suspicion of possessing methamphetamine. K9 Deputy Juma assisted in the arrest.

A BMW was forfeited and awarded to the Constable's Office this month as a result of a drug arrest. The vehicle will be sold and the proceeds will be utilized for law enforcement purposes.

Other Precinct 2 Constable activities include:

- 60 civil papers were served, attempted and/or processed
- Justice of the Peace Court bailiff throughout the month
- 6 K9 callouts with successful deployments that have resulted in citations and arrests
- K9 Juma is trained daily and

attends weekly K9 training with several other K9 teams

• The local hotel and motel parking lots and common areas are being sniffed by K9 Juma with cooperation of the hotel managers and local agencies that have resulted in the seizure of drugs

• Assisted Mineola PD with a suicidal subject

• Motorist assist in front of Walmart

• Assisted Mineola Fire with a landing zone

• Answered a burglary alarm call at the Wood Shed

• Interviews were conducted with several citizens related to narcotic trafficking, burglaries and thefts in the area

• Citations are being issued for the possession of drug paraphernalia

• Citations were issued for offenses directly related to public safety such as driving while license suspended, minor in possession of alcohol and drug paraphernalia

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

• Worked and patrolled precinct county roads patrol was enhanced in the Golden and Lake Holbrook area and numerous contacts were made with citizens

• Numerous vehicles were checked at the Lake Holbrook area

• Firearms classes/defensive tactics classes were held in Mineola for Wood County and surrounding law enforcement agencies and for local churches for their safety.

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Matthew 25:6

A tribute to Ben Cathey

By Beverly Gunn

Our family first met Ben Cathey upon moving here in November 1990. I asked our realtor who was the best local heat/AC service business. Without missing a beat she said, "Call Ben Cathey!" And I did.

Immediately as Ben rang our doorbell and I invited him in, he was all smiles and began immediately sharing the Gospel of Christ Jesus - immediately. And his heart for Christ was so very visible and shone all through the house. I was taken with his faith, expressed simply but with such incredible joy. You do not see joy often to the degree you should. You see, it is joy in Christ that is an attractor of others to our faith and Ben Cathey displayed that joy unspeakably and full of longing, as the Bible states we should show a dying world.

Over the years I watched his faith grow and bloom, and saw many taken with his faith. In fact some two weeks ago, during the time our grandchildren were visiting, we passed Ben in his famous painted truck. All three wanted to know who drove that truck with its many colors, and I shared with them this man's faith in Christ and how just seeing that truck gave most of us joy and how it drew people to Christ as they got to know its owner and driver. "Cool," said the kids, "what a shared faith that is," they exclaimed!

Is one life enough to change the world? Our Christian faith is based on that theory, if you stop and ponder that. So, if I am asked can one life change the world, you know my answer will be Ben Cathey, who loved the Lord so much he wanted his world of Wood County to know Him and shared Him everywhere he went.

Our world lives in a deficit of people like Ben Cathey and others, who like him, show faith with an abundance of joy and lived out grace. So, I always ask God after we lose a person like Ben, "Lord, who will come now to live this out, and what can I do?" And I recommend each of you ponder that awhile. None of us could ever take Ben's place but we could do a much better job of living out our faith as he did.

In tribute of our dear friend, Ben Cathey, a lover of God in his faith lived for Christ Jesus. We will miss you, our friend.

BREE WHITLEY GAINER 1976-2018



WICHITA FALLS-A memorial service for Bree Whitley Gainer, 42 of Wichita Falls and relative of local residents, were held December 17, 2018 in Wichita Falls with Rev. David Akridge officiating.

Mrs. Gainer died December 8, 2018. She was born March 25, 1976. She was an advocate of Shriners Children's Hospital and a member of Daughters of the Nile, Shelomi Temple #43 and was honored Lady of the Potentate.

She was preceded in death by her father, Larry Greenway; grandparents, M.C. and Lillian Greenway and grandfather Raymond Rogers.

She is survived by her husband, Jeff Gainer, Wichita Falls; sons, Cade Mayo, Rein Mayo; stepson Curtis Gainer and honorary son, Bodie Oliver; her mother, Barbara Rogers of Chickasaw, Oklahoma; father, Charles "Dirby" Whitley; stepfather, Rerry Cashburn and wife Sue of Yantis; sisters, Jennifer Adams, Haley Ledrick, Misty Gregory, Burkburnett; brothers, Joshua Whitley, Larry Don Greenway; stepbrother, Casey Cashburn, father and mother in law Jack and Shirley Gainer and many extended family and friends.

In lieu of flowers the family requested donations to Spondylitis Association of America, 16360 Blvd. Ste. 100, Van Nuys, CA 91406

(spondylitis.org) or Shriners' Children's Hospitals in Houston or Galveston (shrinershospitalsforchildren.org).

CYNTHIA ALICE THOMAS 1947-2018

QUITMAN-Cynthia (Cindy) Alice Thomas, 71 of Quitman died November 26, 2018, at her home.

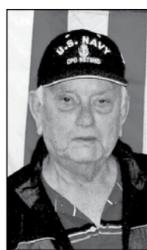
She was born in Alexander, Louisiana on February 18, 1947 to Dale Curtis and Mary Elizabeth Williams.

She moved to Quitman from Tennessee. She timed for the LA Rodeo Association for a number of years and had worked for Ameco in Tyler for the last 10-12 years.

She was preceded in death by her parents.

She is survived by her sister, Mary Beth Switzer of Sevierville, Tennessee.

EDGAR PAUL WADKINS 1938-2018



QUITMAN-Edgar Paul Wadkins, 80 of Quitman died December 10, 2018, in Tyler. He retired after 20 years in the U.S. Navy

He was preceded in death by his parents, Charlie A. Wadkins and Josephine E. McDowell; sisters, Charlene Sheets and Loretta Prescott.

He is survived by his wife, Catherine; sons, Francisco Wadkins of Little Rock, Paul A. Wadkins, North Carolina, Joe R. Wadkins of Texarkana and Charles Lewis; sister, Cathleen and 17 grandchildren and three great-grandchildren and friends.

He donated his body to

Obituaries

UT Southwestern Medical Center, therefore a memorial will be planned at another time.

JACK LEE 1930-2018

HOLLY LAKE RANCH-Dalton Jack Lee, 88 of Holly Lake Ranch died December 8, 2018 in Mineola.



He was born April 29, 1930, in Romayor, Texas to Robert Henry and Vilena Barrow Lee.

He served in the U.S. Air Force during the Korean conflict and was a Staff Sergeant. After being honorably discharged he went on to receive his BA in accounting and worked as a mortgage banker for many years before retiring.

He and his wife, Barbara moved to Holly Lake Ranch in 1993. He was a member of Holly Tree Chapel and the Men's Golf Association.

He was preceded in death by his parents and a brother, Robert A. Lee.

Survivors include his wife of 46 years, Holly Lake Ranch; four sons, James Randall and Robert M. Lee, both of Houston, Curtis R Lee of Spendor and Mark Lewis Lee of Chicago, IL; two daughters, Judy Lugo of Houston and Katherine Lee DeWitt of Bakersfield, CA; sister, Louise Nix of Seminole, FL; 16 grandchildren; 15 great-grandchildren and extended family.

Services for Mr. Lee will be held at a later date.

PAMELA ANNE OWEN 1943-2018



ALBA-Funeral services for Pamela Anne Beckmann Owen, 75 of Alba, were held December 14, 2018, at

Enon Baptist Church, Alba with Reggie Day officiating. Burial followed in Walden, Colorado.

Mrs. Owen Died December 9, 2018, in Alba. She was born September 15, 1943 in Denver, Colorado to the late Alston and Dorothy Beckmann. She lived in Rains County the last eight years. She was an interior decorator and rancher.

She was preceded in death by her parents and a sister, Caroline Beckmann.

Survivors include her husband of 38 years, Buck Owen of Alba; sons, Glen Owen, Mountain Home, Arkansas and Scott Garland of St. Louis, Missouri; twin daughters, Amy Espino of South Carolina and Heather Gonzalas of Jonesboro, Arkansas; brothers Bruce Beckmann of New Jersey, George Beckmann of New York and Eric Beckmann of Wasilla, Alaska; sister, Karen Schimpf of New Jersey; five grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

JOYCE GRAY 1941-2018



Joyce Gray, age 77 of Quitman, passed away on Thursday, Dec. 13, 2018, in Tyler.

She was born on Sept. 15, 1941, in Bailey, Texas, to the late Kenneth Baker and Jewel Caplinger.

She was a loving wife and mother who enjoyed caring for family. She was a member of Hubbard Chapel Baptist Church and also a part of their Women's Missionary Auxiliary. She was preceded in death by her parents; husband, Joe Gray; daughter, Tammy; and grandson, Chase Stepp.

She is survived by daughters, Kathy Mezzell of Mineola, Janet Arrington of Winnsboro, and Vicki Patton of Whitehouse; 15 grandchildren; and 22 great-grandchildren.

Visitation was Saturday, Dec. 15 at Hubbard Chapel Baptist Church. Funeral services were Saturday, Dec. 15 at Hubbard Chapel Baptist Church with Rev. Rick Ellington conducting. Interment was at Concord Cemetery in Mineola.

Holly Brook to offer quilting classes

Holly Brook Baptist Church will offer a quilting class starting in January. Participants will learn how to make a "block of the month" for a quilt top to

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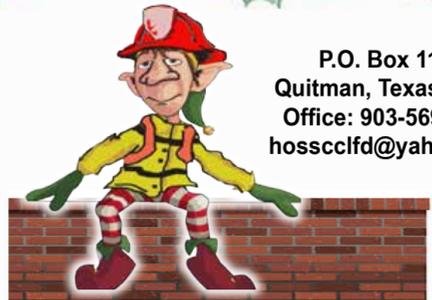
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Stinson House Holiday Open House
Liberty Bells of the Liberty United Methodist Church perform at the Stinson House holiday open house on Dec. 13. The event featured treats, live music and cheerful holiday decorations. (Monitor photo by Zak Wellerman).

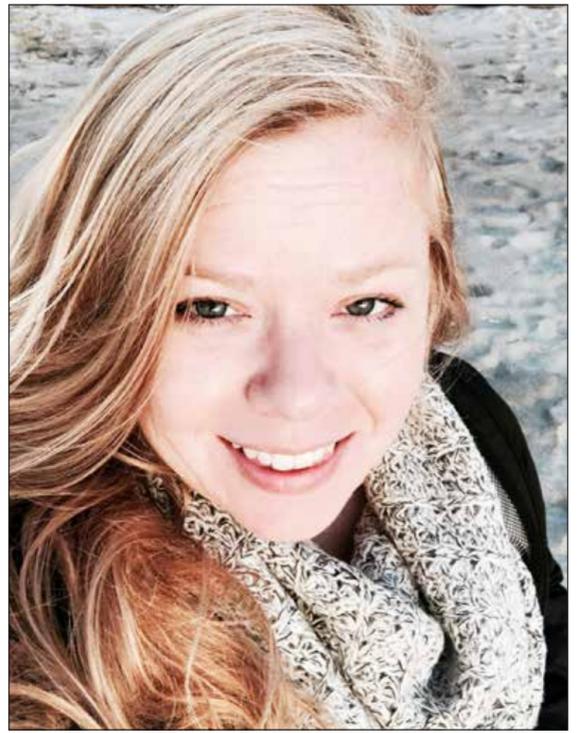
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