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Mayor Kevin White and mural artist Lauren Pitre cut the ceremonial ribbon during Saturday's mural dedication ceremony in downtown Mineola. Joining them are various civic leaders, dignitaries and supporters for the project. See Page 7 for more photos. (Monitor photo by Hank Murphy).

Mineola mural draws praise during dedication ceremony

By HANK MURPHY
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An expansive work of art described as a mirror reflecting "views of some of the most beloved, historic and most beautiful facets of our community" received its formal stamp of approval Saturday afternoon in downtown Mineola.

The approximately 3,000-square-foot mural at Broad and Line streets sprang from a desire by civic leaders to beautify the city's downtown, and its design was inspired by school children tasked with developing a concept. The mural reflects Annalee Cook's overall design and Braxton Pool's imposing "Beasts of the East" locomotive element. The artistry was supplied by 2011 Min-

neola High School graduate Lauren Petrie with help from fellow UT-Tyler artist Sam Edwards.

"It was really fun to work on, and we really loved how encouraging the community was throughout the process," said Pitre, who was commissioned by the Main Street board. "Hopefully I'll continue to use my art throughout the city. I'm glad to be a Mineolan."

The city's Main Street program director, Doris Newman, declared the mural to be "one of the most beautiful additions to our downtown, ever. The mural has been the most overwhelmingly positively received thing that I've ever seen in our town. It's as if you're looking at a Mineola-shaped mirror, enjoying views of some of the most beloved, historic and most

beautiful facets of our community."

A crowd estimated at about 100, including city, school, county and state dignitaries enjoyed a few numbers from a Mineola High musical ensemble led by band instructor Dago Gonzales.

Pitre's high school art teacher, Kari Callison, said she was struck by how many people she saw in the crowd with whom she went to high school, and, like her, returned to give back to Mineola.

"It's exciting to see that Lauren has done the same thing," Callison said, adding that Petrie "has found her way back home to give to us in a very real way."

"It's so funny, ironic that in high school she really didn't like painting very much. And now here we

are celebrating her stunning mural that really represents Mineola so well. I'm grateful to have had a small part in Lauren's career," Callison noted.

Mayor Kevin White thanked all those involved in organizing, fundraising and publicizing the mural. He then addressed the students and young people in attendance. Not only does the colorful artwork represent Mineola's history but also its spirit of progress and community pride, the mayor said.

"So this is not a symbol of just the past of Mineola, this is a representation of all that we do here to make Mineola the quality place that we want to live at, and that y'all want to come home to and live at too."

Study finds city can support another hotel

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Mineola can support a 74-bed hotel as "a needed addition to the current lodging stock," according to a feasibility study commissioned last year by the Mineola Economic Development Corp. (MEDC).

"Basically, the news is that we certainly can accommodate another franchise hotel in here," said Mercy Rushing, executive director of the MEDC and Mineola's city manager. "They felt like it would be successful."

The study by Source Strategies Inc. of San Antonio bases its findings on opening a Sleep Inn/MainStay Suites brand hotel on one of four potential locations in the city. According to Rushing, a Holiday Inn Express also is a possibility.

"So we'll be pursuing developers; in fact we've got one or two who are interested," Rushing said.

The study examined Mineola and the surrounding area.

"The average hotel room See HOTEL Page 8

Ministerial Alliance hosting unity walk on MLK Day

The Mineola Ministerial Alliance (MMA) will host a unity service in recognition of the Martin Luther King holiday on Jan. 21. The service will begin at 10 a.m. at the gazebo located on Commerce Street in downtown Mineola.

After a brief welcome by Mayor Kevin White, the unity walk will leave the gazebo, traveling north on Johnson Street to First Baptist Church, where the service will continue.

The theme for this service is "Pressing Forward for

Progress!" A host of MMA representatives will take part in the service, including those from First United Methodist Church, Church of the Nazarene, First Christian Church, St. Paul Missionary Baptist Church, and New Life Pentecostal Church.

Pastor Demetrius Boyd of St. Paul Missionary Baptist Church will deliver the keynote address. Choirs from First Baptist and St. Paul Missionary will sing musical selections. Refreshments

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This Week in Your Neighborhood

Quitman's Athletic Booster Club will host a fall sports reception honoring high school athletes this Thursday, Jan. 17 at 7 p.m. in the QHS auditorium. The event will celebrate the accomplishments of students participating in volleyball, cheer, football and cross country.

The Wood County Arboretum and Botanical Gardens is presenting a January workshop, "Spring Into Gardening," with Holly Ross this Saturday from 9 a.m. to noon. It's the perfect time to get ready for your spring garden. The cost is \$35 and will cover prepping your garden beds, making your own compost, finding the best mulch for your garden and growing your own plants from seeds. To enroll visit www.woodcountyarbo.org. Beverages and light snacks will be provided.

After traffic stop, man kills self at Quitman service station

By ZAK WELLERMAN
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After being stopped by police, a man took his own life in the parking lot of a Quitman gas station Friday evening, according to the Quitman Police Department.

A Wood County Sheriff's dispatcher alerted Quitman police of a possible suicidal/homicidal subject travelling to the city with a firearm. QPD officers conducted a traffic stop at the Exxon station on South Main Street, according to a news release from the Quitman Police Department. The man, after

being non-compliant and refusing commands by police, killed himself. He was the sole occupant of vehicle, according to a press release from QPD.

"During the course of the traffic stop the driver produced a handgun while seated in the vehicle and took his own life," the QPD release states. No one else was harmed by the man.

Police on Monday were withholding the man's name pending notification of his family and further investigation. He was not a Texas resident, according to Quitman Police Chief Kelly Cole.



Nature Preserve hosts E150 cycling challenge

A pair of bicyclists grind out the final 15 minutes of the E150 cycling challenge Sunday at the Mineola Nature Preserve's mountain biking course. The E150 was not a traditional race but a competition to see how many laps a rider can make in 2.5 hours. Elite Bicycles sponsored the event. The Nature Preserve now boasts several bike repair stations, recently installed as part of a grant project. Mineola's mountain biking course is described by E150 organizers as short and fast with a mix of single and double track, giving riders plenty of opportunities to pass. Sunday's cool, overcast weather was more accommodating to riders than spectators. The event drew roughly 75-125 visitors. (Monitor photo by Hank Murphy).



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Corner Column

Forgive us our omissions and commissions.

The late Bill Glassford wrote those words – just before selling us his weekly newspaper – after the editor who had been operating the paper for 15 years suddenly left. Glassford was forced to resume its operation, well past his 70th birthday.



PHIL MAJOR

I have remembered his words for almost a quarter-century, and they have rung true especially these past few weeks.

Rarely is a transition of the sort involved with a purchase of a complex business simple or without hiccups.

You put out one fire, and two more pop up – on a good day.

The good news is that the light at the end of the tunnel is not likely Amtrak or a Union Pacific freight.

Still, it has been frustrating to fight fires instead of making the rounds and getting acquainted.

But it will be well worth it. For the first time in I'm not quite sure how long, the Wood County Monitor will be locally owned and locally managed. And it will no longer be a part of a chain or group. Everything but the actual printing will occur right here. More on the benefits of that later.

I am well aware of the history of newspapers in East

Texas. Some of them are owned and/or operated by folks with whom we have been friends for decades. The history of the various chains that have or do own community papers in the region is also well known to us.

I remember when two men with ties to the former Dallas Times Herald swept through these parts buying up family-owned newspapers to create Westward Communications. The face of newspapers in this part of the world forever changed.

I won't bore you with the details of the various ownership groups, but roll forward to recent weeks when a series of circumstances led us to an opportunity to return to newspaper ownership.

Right about now you may be questioning our sanity, and we get that. It's not the same business I started in all those decades ago when the ink was still fresh on my diploma, or for that matter during our two prior stints in ownership roles.

I'm not sure there are more challenges, but there are definitely different challenges.

But we would not be making such a move were we not confident in the strength of community newspapers, many of which are still thriving, and the strength of the communities that we are going to call our home base.

We have had the good fortune to visit this area regularly going back more than 25 years, from shows at the old Piney Woods Pickin' Parlor to a visit to the wonderful nature

preserve, golf at beautiful Lake Fork and shopping and eating in local establishments.

We have also gotten to know some of the folks over the years who have been involved with area newspapers and consider many to be friends.

Both our families have East Texas roots, and you will hear more about later as well.

For now we are working as hard and as quickly as we can to pull all the paper's resources back to Wood County – a task which has not always gone as smoothly as we would have liked.

To those whose first impressions have been a result of things falling through the cracks, please understand that none of it has been intentional or for a lack of trying.

Things will get leveled out in a few weeks, a routine will be established, and we will forge ahead.

We have the good fortune of a staff who has a deep and abiding appreciation for this business and these communities, and they are helping to make the transition as smooth as possible.

I was particularly moved by the outpouring shown to editor Larry Tucker when he announced his cancer diagnosis and treatment.

That affection told us something we really already knew – the folks in this area are some of the best on the planet.

We can't wait to be a part of that.

Letter to the Editor

Dear Editor:

I experienced the goodness and kindness of a complete stranger last week.

I had left my purse at a restaurant. I returned to the restaurant only to discover my purse was gone and the counter personnel did not have it. I immediately began trying to determine who to notify: the bank, credit card company, drivers license replacement.

A very special person

found my purse and made it his mission to return it. Staff Sgt. Riley returned the purse to my house and gave it to my grandson.

Thank you Staff Sgt. Riley. You made my Christmas extra special by showing me there are exceptional people in this world who are willing to go the extra mile to help a stranger. God bless you and thank you for your service.

Ellen Jackson

Preserve to host Kids' Trout Fishing Day

On Saturday Feb. 9, Bridge Bob's Pond at Mineola Nature Preserve will be the site of a Kids' Trout Fishing Day. The event will run from 9 a.m. until noon.

Anglers are encouraged to bring their rods, reels and bait, to take a chance at catching some of the 1,250 rainbow trout to be stocked by Texas Parks & Wildlife Department (TPWD). Whole kernel corn, Berkley power bait, and small spin-

ners are generally the favorite baits for trout.

Because this event is sponsored in part by TPWD, a special exemption will be in effect. Adults helping kids fish for trout are exempt from the normal license requirements. All other anglers must have a freshwater fishing license. There is no minimum size limit on rainbow trout, but the daily bag limit is five per person. The Nature Preserve is

located on Wood County Road 2724 just south of Mineola. For more information, call TPWD at 903 593-5077. Information about the Kid's Trout Fishing Day and other Nature Preserve information can also be found at www.mineolana-naturepreserve.com.

The event is sponsored by TPWD, the city of Mineola, local merchants, civic organizations, and many individual contributors.

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will be served afterward.

The MMA looks forward to the entire community coming out and participating in a show of unity and a spirit of peace in honor and tribute to the legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King. Members of the MMA pray that all who can, will come out to show their hearts and desire to continue working together and press forward for progress.

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.
 ALBALADIES CLUB - fourth Tuesday, 6:30 p.m., Alba Community Center. 765-2573
 ALBA LIBRARY/MUSEUM BOARD - third Monday every other month, 4 p.m., library building. Everyone welcome.
 ALBA-GOLDEN SCHOOL BOARD - second Monday, 7 p.m., high school library, 768-2472.
 ALBA-GOLDEN YOUTH FOUNDATION - second Tuesday, elementary gym, 7 p.m. All welcome.
 ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS - Sunday and Monday, 7 p.m., Friday 8 p.m., Wednesday noon; Women's Group Mon. 11 a.m.; St. Dunstan's Episcopal Church, Mineola.
 ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS - Wednesday and Saturday, 7:30 p.m., 404 S. Main Street, Quitman.
 ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS - Gateway Group, Tues. & Sat. 7 p.m. Puckett House, 109 Kilpatrick Street.
 AL ANON - Thursday, 7:30 pm; St. Dunstan's Episcopal Church, Mineola.
 ALZHEIMER SUPPORT GROUP (sponsored by Pilot Club) first Monday, 11 a.m., Red Dome restaurant in Quitman, 903-569-5237.
 AMERICAN LEGION POST 296 and Auxiliary - fourth Tuesday, 6:30 p.m., Highway 80, three miles east of Mineola. 903-569-0348. All are invited.
 AMERICAN LEGION POST OF WINNSBORO - first Tuesday, 6:30 p.m., 102 West Broadway, in Winnsboro. 903-752-0913 or 903-7675338.
 APET (Animal Preservation of East Texas) Thrift Store - Dog Gone Good Stuff, 915 S. Pacific Street, Mineola, Thursday-Saturday, 903-569-0505 or 903-563-9542.
 BOY SCOUT TROOP #36 QUITMAN - meets Sunday, 4:30 p.m., Scout House behind First United Methodist Church. Danny King, 903-521-5930.
 BOYSCOUTS TROOP 385 MINEOLA - Tuesdays 7 p.m., Mineola Methodist Education Bldg. New boys/alums welcome! Chris Jennings 903-569-3531
 BOY SCOUTS TROOP 180 WINNSBORO - Tuesdays 6:30 p.m., Church of Christ. New boys/alums welcome! Tex Willis 903-816-0638
 BOY SCOUTS TROOP 379 WINNSBORO - Tuesdays 7 p.m., City Bldg @ Walker Park. New boys/alums welcome! Sherry McGovern 903-335-9744
 BREAD OF LIFE MINISTRY FOOD PANTRY - Humble Baptist, first & third Tuesday 1-4 p.m.
 BREAKING FREE - meeting place for families and friends of addicts and alcoholics. Monday, 7 p.m., 971 E. Goode St., Quitman, 903-497-6149.
 CELEBRATE RECOVERY - a support group for those with various hurts, habits or hang-ups, every Monday, 6:30-9 p.m., Church On the Rock annex building at 302 S. Stephens. 903-763-4588.
 THE CORVETTES OF WOOD COUNTY - First Saturday of the month at 9 a.m. Richie's Grill, corner of U.S. 80 and FM 14 in Hawkins. Open to any Corvette owner.
 COUNSELING CHRISTIAN GUIDANCE CENTER - 903-850-3858 or ibarnes@texascellnet.com.
 CUB SCOUTS PACK 391 HAWKINS - meets Sundays, 5 p.m., Scout Hut, FUMC. New boys, alums welcome. Scott Randall, 903-203-7901.
 DAUGHTERS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION - first Saturday except June, July, August and December, 12 p.m. Harvest Acres Baptist Church, 460 NW Loop 564, Mineola. 903-343-1474.
 DAUGHTERS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION, John Hogg, Sr. Chapter, 3rd Monday except June, July, August & December, 1 PM. Holly Hall, Holly Lake Ranch. 903-520-8697
 DELPHIAN LITERARY CLUB - first Wednesday, 569-6794 or 569-3586.
 DRUG AND ALCOHOL AWARENESS - 7 p.m. Friday, Seventh Day Adventist Church, Ronny Polley 768-2992.
 DUPLICATE BRIDGE ACBL games - Wednesday and Friday, 10:30 a.m., Masonic Lodge, 882-1335.
 EASTERN STAR - Quitman Chapter 695, 3rd Tues., dinner 6:30 p.m., meeting 7:30. Flora Lodge in Quitman. 903-638-6420.
 ETMC Quitman - needs volunteers. Great opportunity to meet

people while helping your community. Contact Judy Johnson, 903-383-3433
 FANNIE MARCHMAN GARDEN CLUB - third Wednesday, September - May, Mineola Civic Center, 9:30 a.m. Visitors welcome. Charla Martin, president, 903-638-6389
 FLORA MASONIC LODGE #119 - first Tuesday at the lodge hall, Highway 37, Quitman. Covered dish - 6:30 p.m., meeting 7:30 p.m. Study nights for members each Thursday, 7 p.m. at the hall.
 FOREVER YOUNG ACTIVITIES CENTER - Wednesday and Friday, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Fitness exercises, bridge, lessons, Bingo and card games.
 FOUKE-LAKE HAWKINS CRIME WATCH - third Thursday, 7 p.m., Fouke Community Center
 FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY - second Tuesday, Quitman.
 FRIENDS OF THE MINEOLA MEMORIAL LIBRARY - first Wednesday, 1 p.m., Mineola Library, 569-2767.
 GED CLASSES, FREE - Sand Spring Baptist Church. Monday and Tuesday, 9 a.m. to noon, or 6-9 p.m. 903-768-3239 or 903-569-9350.
 GED FREE PREPARATORY CLASS - each Thursday 4 - 6 p.m. concurrent with QISD calendar. Quitman Public Library, 202 E Goode St, Quitman 903-975-5745
 GIRL SCOUTS MINEOLA TROOP 3 - building girls of courage, confidence, and character, who make the world a better place! All girls kindergarten-12th grade welcome! Monday, 5:00-6:30 pm, September-May, Broad Street Church of Christ Annex, Crystal Arcand 903-705-2459
 HAINESVILLE COMMUNITY CENTER - second Tuesday, 6 p.m. Members bring a covered dish and enjoy an evening of fellowship. The center is located at FM 49 and 778, 903-769-1091.
 HAINESVILLE VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPT. - second and fourth Thursday, 7 p.m., Firehouse downtown Hainesville.
 HAWKINS LIONS CLUB - second and fourth Tuesday at the depot in Willful Crossing.
 HOLLY LAKE FIRE DEPARTMENT - first and third Tuesday at the fire station at Holly Lake Ranch.
 IRIS GARDEN CLUB-GOLDEN - first Monday, September-May, Golden United Methodist Church. 903-765-3000.
 KIWANIS CLUB - noon Tuesday, Mineola Civic Center Dogwood Room.
 THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS OF SAINT PETER'S THE APOSTLE COUNCIL #11933 - second Thursday, 7 p.m., at the church, 203 Meadowbrook Drive, Mineola. 903-569-3662.
 LAKE COUNTRY CLASSIC CAR CLUB - third Monday, 6:30 p.m. 903-850-2557.
 LAKE COUNTRY REPUBLICANS - fourth Tuesday, 6 p.m., Red Dome Smokehouse, Quitman.
 LAKE COUNTRY RV TRAVELERS - of Good Sam Int'l. Monthly, RV parks w/in 150 m. radius. 903-569-3677 or 3069.
 LAKE COUNTRY SYMPHONIC BAND - will resume rehearsals Aug. 6 at Mineola High School Band Hall. 7 p.m. 903-569-2300.
 LAKE FORK ROTARY CLUB - Wednesday, noon, at the Lake Fork Baptist Church on State Highway 515
 LAKE HOLBROOK ASSOCIATION - first Saturday, February, May, August and November, Harold Simmons Community Center, 5:30 p.m. directors, 6 p.m. all members and guests welcome. 903-569-0223.
 MEMORY CAFE, a time for stimulating memory, meets weekly on Thursday in the craft room at Holly Brook Baptist Church from 11:45 to 2 p.m. Lunch is provided. Various activities are offered each week, including games, moderate exercise, art, and music. People in the area are invited. There is no charge. For more information call 903 769-2091
 MINEOLA BAND BOOSTERS - second Tuesday, 7 p.m., in high school band hall. All parents invited.
 MINEOLA LIONS CLUB - second and fourth Thursday, noon, Mineola Country Club, 903-638-1596; 903-569-3340.

MINEOLA MARINE CORPS LEAGUE Det. #1278, 3rd Tuesday, 6 p.m. meal, 7 p.m. meeting, American Legion Building, 2015 E. Hwy. 80, Mineola, 903-497-3030.
 MINEOLA SCHOOL BOARD - third Monday, Admin. Bldg., Loop 564, 7 p.m.
 MINEOLA CITY COUNCIL - fourth Monday, 5:30 p.m., City Hall. Public welcome. Call City Hall for changes in November and December because of holidays.
 MINEOLA HIGH SCHOOL ATHLETIC BOOSTER CLUB - last Monday, 6 p.m., high school lobby.
 MINEOLA HISTORICAL MUSEUM ADVISORY BOARD - third Tuesday, 4 p.m., city hall. 569-6944. Public invited.
 MINEOLA MASONIC LODGE - second Thursday, dinner at 6:30 p.m., meeting at 7:30 p.m. All Masons invited. 569-2608.
 MINEOLAREBEKAH 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 - Thursdays, 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.

To add a listing to the calendar, email editor@woodcountymonitor.com or news@woodcountymonitor.com or call 903-569-2442 or 903-763-4522

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From left, Derek Spitzer of Texas Parks and Wildlife Department law enforcement dive team; Sam Anderson, TPWD dive team; Sabine River Authority board member Jeff Jacobs; Capt. Clint Brown of TPWD dive team; SRA board member Mac Abney, SRA board member Janie Walenta; John Vick, district director for Texas Sen. Bob Hall; SRA board member Jeanette Sterner; and Austin Taylor of TPWE

Grant allows area game wardens to upgrade dive team equipment

By ZAK WELLERMAN
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Through assistance from the Sabine River Authority of Texas, local game wardens will be able to upgrade their dive team equipment.

Texas Parks and Wildlife Foundation was awarded a community assistance program grant on Jan. 9 as a part of the SRA fiscal year 2019 Economic Development Initiative.

The grant of \$10,000 will go toward the purchase of six dry-suits for Texas game

wardens to use for dive team operations. The check was presented at the SRA of Texas Lake Fork Division office.

"The project to purchase six dry-suits for the Texas Game Warden Underwater Search and Recovery Dive Team is an initiative that SRA supports in its efforts to help the Texas state game wardens provide services to assist citizens throughout the basin. SRA looks forward to working with the foundation in the future as we continue to focus on

increasing the economic vitality of the Sabine River Basin," David Montague, SRA executive vice president and general manager, said in a letter to the Texas Parks and Wildlife Foundation.

Dive team members at the presentation said most of their work consists of victim recovery tasks.

Funds for the grant to the Texas Parks and Wildlife Foundation were approved by SRA board members in December.

Wood industrial commission OKs board training workshop

By ZAK WELLERMAN
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During the regular January meeting last week, the Wood County Industrial Commission board voted to bring in an educator for directors to gain a better understanding of economic and tourism development.

The board approved an economic development workshop from Alysia Cook of Opportunity Strategies. This one-day planning session for the WCIC has a fee of \$1,497. Opportunity Strategies teaches economic development and strategic planning with entities, such as governmental bodies, chambers of commerce and other development groups.

Also at the meeting, members were presented with a separate proposal from Cook on strategic planning and business retention. No action was taken at this time.

Carol Taylor, Wood County tax assessor, discussed how Hotel Occupancy Tax (HOT) receipts with the Texas Comptroller's Office are not shared publicly. Due to state legislation, the tax assessor has to make an open records request to obtain the information.

Taylor said she and WCIC Executive Director Kiki Bettis will continue working together to find what all

lodging groups should be paying in county hotel taxes by finding who's paying the state taxes to the comptroller.

Letters will eventually be issued to notify those hotel owners how much they should be paying. Delinquent remittances will be turned over to the Wood County District Attorney's Office.

In partnership with the Quitman Development Corp. (QDC), the board also approved sponsoring a 30-second commercial during the Honey Hole All Outdoors TV show to bring awareness to the Lake Fork area. QDC and WCIC will split the total cost of \$12,500 evenly.

Honey Hole is a fishing and outdoors show on Fox Sports Southwest, and those sponsoring will receive sponsorship rights and segment logo placement for 26 episodes to air in quarter three or four of this year. Clients also receive logo placement. All Outdoors TV will film the commercial this spring.

In his report, WCIC Chairman Gerald Elliott said the designated meeting place of First United Methodist Church in Quitman is working well.

In the executive director's report, Bettis said the bylaw

amendments approved in the December WCIC meeting regarding mission and vision statements, absenteeism and membership reduction were all tabled by the Wood County Commissioner's Court on Dec. 14.

Bettis said the amendments could possibly be back on the court agenda at the end of the month.

Officials in Mineola and Winnsboro brought their concerns about a proposed reduction in the number of WCIC board representatives to county commissioners. As larger towns, both felt they should have larger representation on the WCIC board, Elliott said. Had commissioners approved the membership reduction, all cities' representatives would have gone from three to two. Elliott stated a smaller board would be more effective while also not diminish any community's voice.

Director Neal Duncan said Mineola Mayor Kevin White wants to meet with the other mayors of the county before commissioners act on any changes. Director Martha Scroggins told the board that Quitman Mayor David Dobbs agrees with having equal representation for each community and thinks it's a good idea for the mayors to meet.

Commissioners OK bank letter

By ZAK WELLERMAN
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The Wood County Commissioners Court on Jan. 11 approved a resolution to obtain an irrevocable documentary blanket letter of credit from BTH Bank to the Railroad Commission of Texas for the purchasing of road oil.

BTH Bank has agreed to issue the letter in the amount of \$25,000 to fulfill this requirement.

Pledged securities for Wood County were approved by the commissioners.

In other business, commissioners:

Approved road permit #2173 in Precinct 4 for standard logging was approved.

Tabled a TransUnion agreement for the TLOxp Online Services in order to find additional information and pricing. TLOxp is a data system that gives subscribers rapid access to information about driving records,

vehicle records. It is useful in verifying addresses, employment histories and other information about people. The county currently uses the Lexis Nexus data system to search these records.

This item was brought to the court on Dec. 28 by Precinct 2 Constable Kelly Smith to use the services for his office. Commissioners wanted to research pricing for the county to possibly replace Lexis Nexus.

Commissioners also acted on a number of personnel moves. They approved the promotion of Kimberly Carpenter from part-time to a full-time administrative assistant/court administrator in 402nd District Judge Jeff Fletcher's office effective Jan. 1. Amberly King was hired as deputy clerk in Huston's office effective Jan. 2. Donna Graves was discharged from the deputy clerk position in District Clerk Donna Huston's office effective Jan. 2.

Commissioners approved Dusten Spence received a salary increase as an IT department technician effective Jan. 5. They also approved Richard Tucker's hiring as a jailer at the Wood County Sheriff's Office effective Jan. 5.

Wes Criddle retired from his clerk positions at the Justice of the Peace Precinct 2 effective Dec. 31. Lynn Sanders resigned from his jailer position at the sheriff's office effective Dec. 23. Andrew Diemert was discharged from his deputy at the sheriff's office effective Dec. 20. Deanna McCullah was hired as part-time in the Wood County District Attorney's Office effective Jan. 2.

Commissioners approved payroll of \$378,108, health and dental claims of \$62,757, accounts payable of \$489,353, and a budget amendment of \$1.17 million for road and bridge road oil.

Alba City Council OKs rezone for new business

Alba City Council acted to support the development of a new commercial storage facility during the Jan. 7 regular council meeting.

By unanimous vote, council agreed to rezone Tract 2 of the Gibson Addition at 110 W. Holley St. from residential to commercial use. Tract 2 adjoins Tract 1, which fronts Holley Street/Highway 182. The expand-

ed property will soon house the new business venture called Downtown Storage.

In the only other action before the council, Resource Management and Consulting of Paris was re-awarded the contract for administrative services associated with the upcoming citywide drainage project. The management firm requested re-submission of the contract

due to a systemic error. All procedural aspects of the re-award were completed in step.

Council member Marja Heinert chaired the meeting and was accompanied by council members Larry Jones, Tammy Kirkpatrick and Robert Kraemer. Mayor Sonny Hass and council member Larry Harris were absent.

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'Blood Moon' viewing Jan. 20 at Nature Preserve

The Astronomical Society of East Texas in conjunction with the Mineola Nature Preserve will host a total lunar eclipse viewing at the Nature Preserve on the evening of Jan. 20.

The moon will move into Earth's shadow, causing the moon to look darker and eventually reddish (Blood Moon) before moving out of the shadow. The eclipse begins at 8:36 p.m.; it will

totally eclipse the moon at 11:11 p.m. and will be over at 1:48 a.m. Monday. The moon will be at its closest to the Earth during the eclipse, so it will also be a Super Moon.

Try to arrive by 8 p.m. so viewing will not be interrupted by car lights. Please park on the west side parking because viewers will be in the east parking area.

This event could be im-

pacted by weather. Should be skies be cloudy or if rain falls, the event will be cancelled.

For more information, see the Society's website: www.asetexas.org or its Facebook page or text to 903 520-7338.

And if you are familiar with the Nature Preserve, the coyotes will be probably be howling at the eclipse.

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Raleigh Rhodes win national 4-H art contest
 Congratulations to Wood County 4H member Raleigh Rhodes, who was recently named a winner in an art contest sponsored by the National 4H Council. Raleigh is pictured here with his original design that was selected to be part of the collage of winners for the month of March in the 2019 National 4H Calendar. Congratulations Raleigh. (Courtesy photo).

Womian jailed in store theft

A 28-year-old Lindale woman was arrested on Jan. 4 after she allegedly reported a missing child at Walmart and then left the store with more than \$500 in stolen merchandise, according to Mineola police.

Shelbi Lynn West, 28, of Lindale was arrested on suspicion of theft over \$100 and under \$750, according to police.

At about 2:20 p.m., Walmart reported that a woman called for a "Code Adam," which is a code phrase for a missing child. Store employees checked surveillance video and determined that she did not enter the store with a child. Walmart then reported the woman left the store with stolen merchandise. Officers stopped her on East U.S. Hwy. 80.

After further investigation, police determined that she had stolen over \$500 in merchandise.



Final week's Shop Local winner

Mercy Rushing, (right) director of the Mineola Economic Development Corp., presents the final week's Shop Local winner April Intelhouse a \$500 check. Intelhouse's son Jaxon and daughter Kaylie were present for the occasion although the owner of the business, Bryan Mendez, was unable to be present. The winning receipt was from a purchase which Intelhouse had made at Bryan's Cheesecakes. The campaign was sponsored by Mineola Main Street and Mineola Economic Development Corp. and saw a total in \$1,600 awarded to customers of Mineola businesses. More than 1,200 receipts were submitted over the five-week campaign, which was intended to promote Mineola businesses.

Quitman Library Connections

BY LIBRARIAN DELENE ALLEN

January is "Get Healthy, Stay Healthy" month. If you have resolved to exercise, diet, or just be a better person, the library has the information and books you need to be successful.

There will be no free federal income tax assistance at the Quitman Public Library this tax season. The AARP Tax Aide office can help you locate your nearest free tax preparation site by calling 1-888-227-7669. The library will have printed 2018 Forms 1040, 1040 A, and 1040 EZ. Also, public computers are available at the library for patrons to file online during regular business hours. Public Wi-Fi is available 24/7.

The second Friday Acoustic Jam at the Quitman Public Library on Friday, Feb. 8 from 6 to 9 p.m. Musicians of all ages and musical levels are invited to join in with acoustical instruments only. Beginners are welcome to come early to workshop at 5



p.m. 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 to 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.

ADULT SERVICES

Rebekah Yeager and Virginia Hoffpauir invite students of all ages and skill levels to bring their own supplies and join the group for free crochet and knitting instruction each Thursday 2 to 4 p.m. in the library's main gallery.

Adult GED support services with

assistance provided by a state-certified instructor are offered each Thursday, 4 to 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: Jan. 16 - It's Wet and Cold! Jan. 23 - Snowman - What's His Story? Jan. 30 - Fun Day with Hot Cocoa and a Movie! Feb. 6 - Why We Have America?

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

Wood County, Texas Genealogical Society meets at 7 p.m. on Monday, Feb. 18. 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 hobby crafts and books to commemorate January as National Hobby Month. The items are on loan from Beverly Chamberlain.

NEW ARRIVALS

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Holly Brook happenings

Ladies Bible study to begin at Holly Brook Baptist

A ladies' Bible study will begin at Holly Brook Baptist Church on Jan. 23 from 9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.

The seven-week study will be based on Gideon by Priscilla Shirer. Those wanting to attend should sign up in the Family Life Center foyer. Call the church office for more information: 903 769-2091.

Date changed for quilting

Classes

Holly Brook Baptist Church will offer a quilting class starting Feb. 4 at 9 a.m. in the Craft Room of the Family Life Center. Previously the date was announced for January. Participants will learn how to make a "block of the month" for a quilt top to be completed at the end of 2019.

Call the church office for more information: 903 769-2091.

Women's retreat set for Feb. 16

Women of Holly Brook Baptist Church will have their annual retreat on Feb. 16 from 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Theme for the event is "Ladies' Legacy Retreat" with Shawn Baxter as guest

speaker. Tickets are \$20, lunch included. Call the church office for more information.

Trip planned to Ark Encounter Creation Museum

Saints Alive! the senior adult ministry of Holly Brook Baptist Church, is planning a group trip Sept. 8-14 to The Ark Encounter Creation Museum at Petersburg, Ky., near the Cincinnati/Northern Kentucky International Airport. There is a poster and sign-up sheet in the foyer of the Family Life Center. An information meeting will be held Feb. 10 at 5 p.m. in the Craft Room. Call the church office for more information: 903 769-2091.

Taters & Trimmings benefits museum

The Mineola Historical Museum's Taters & Trimmings fundraiser is set for Jan. 25 at First United Methodist Ministries Center, 612 N. Newsom St. in Mineola. The event runs from 10:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Dine at the Ministries Center, pick up your meal or have it delivered for free.

Choose your potato toppings, which include bacon bits, butter, grated cheese, jalapenos and sour cream. The meal also includes your

choice of brisket, grilled chicken or taco meat. The meal also includes tea and dessert. The cost is \$10.

You must order your Tater & Trimmings meal by Tuesday, Jan. 22. You can send orders via fax to the Mineola City Hall at 903 569-6183 or to the Main Street program at 903 569-6551. Or you may email your order to mainstreet@mineola.com. For more information, call 903 569-6183.

QUITMAN INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES — GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS YEAR ENDED AUGUST 31, 2018

Data Control Codes	10			98 Total Governmental Funds
	General Fund	Other Governmental Funds		
REVENUES				
5700	Local and Intermediate Sources	\$ 4,871,654	\$ 1,377,089	\$ 6,248,743
5800	State Program Revenues	6,442,106	143,044	6,585,150
5900	Federal Program Revenues	31,838	699,515	731,353
5020	Total Revenues	\$ 11,345,598	\$ 2,219,648	\$ 13,565,246
EXPENDITURES				
Current:				
0011	Instruction	\$ 5,353,104	\$ 419,854	\$ 5,772,958
0012	Instructional Resources and Media Services	120,063	-	120,063
0013	Curriculum and Staff Development	149	-	149
0021	Instructional Leadership	95,329	-	95,329
0023	School Leadership	672,965	-	672,965
0031	Guidance, Counseling and Evaluation Services	141,512	-	141,512
0033	Health Services	106,923	-	106,923
0034	Student (Pupil) Transportation	341,332	-	341,332
0035	Food Services	23,377	555,346	578,723
0036	Cocurricular/Extracurricular Activities	611,835	118,835	730,670
0041	General Administration	518,837	-	518,837
0051	Plant Maintenance and Operations	1,530,784	42,490	1,573,274
0052	Security and Monitoring Service	7,784	-	7,784
0053	Data Processing Services	234,794	-	234,794
0071	Principal on Long-term Debt	-	534,000	534,000
0072	Interest on Long-term Debt	-	460,660	460,660
0073	Debt Issuance Cost and Fees	-	1,545	1,545
0081	Capital Outlay	444,553	360,656	805,209
0093	Payments for Shared Service Arrangements	301,922	-	301,922
0099	Other Intergovernmental Charges	115,901	-	115,901
6030	Total Expenditures	\$ 10,621,164	\$ 2,493,386	\$ 13,114,50
1100	Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues Over Expenditures	\$ 724,434	\$ (273,738)	\$ 450,696
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)				
7915	Transfers In	\$ -	\$ 1,000	\$ 1,000
8911	Transfers Out	(1,000)	-	(1,000)
7080	Net Other Financing Sources (Uses)	\$ (1,000)	\$ 1,000	\$ -
1200	Net Changes in Fund Balances	\$ 723,434	\$ (272,738)	\$ 450,696
0100	Fund Balances - Beginning (September 1)	6,052,877	1,773,341	7,826,218
3000	Fund Balances - Ending (August 31)	\$ 6,776,311	\$ 1,500,603	\$ 8,276,914

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Wood County Sheriff's Report

JAN. 8

Deputies were dispatched to CR 1681 near Alba at 1:45 a.m. in reference to an abandoned vehicle. Deputies located the vehicle and the incident was cleared.

Deputies were dispatched to CR 2100 near Quitman at 2:06 a.m. in reference to an alarm. Deputies located an electric fence battery pack that was indicating the battery was low.

Deputies were dispatched to CR 2353 near Mineola at 4:16 a.m. in reference to shots fired. Deputies searched the area, but were unable to locate any activity.

Deputies were dispatched to HWY 37 near Mineola at 8:12 a.m. in reference to a reckless driver. Deputies searched the area, but were unable to locate the vehicle.

Deputies were dispatched to CR 3114 near Quitman at 10:56 a.m. in reference to a disturbance. Shawn Warren, 36, of Quitman, was arrested for assault and an outstanding warrant.

Deputies were dispatched to CR 3990 near Winnsboro at 6:03 p.m. in reference to a dispute. Deputies spoke with all parties involved and cleared the incident.

Deputies were dispatched to CR 2298 near Mineola at 8:05 p.m. in reference to a theft. Actors, or actors unknown, stole a camper trailer from the reporting party's property. This case has been forwarded to investigators.

Between the dates of Jan. 2 and Jan. 8, Wood County Sheriff's Deputies responded to multiple agency assists that included the following: Mineola Police Department, Terrell Police Department, Adult Protective Services, Emergency Medical Services, Mineola Fire Department, Game Warden and Van Zandt County Sheriff's Office.

JAN. 7

Deputies were dispatched to FM 779 near Mineola at 1:31 a.m. in reference to a noise complaint. Deputies made contact with the individual and cleared the incident.

Deputies were dispatched to CR 2840 near Mineola at 1:36 a.m. in reference to an unauthorized use of a motor vehicle. Actors, or actors unknown, took the reporting party's vehicle without authorization. This case has been forwarded to investigators.

Deputies spoke with the reporting party at 10:19 a.m. in reference to harassment that occurred on CR 2279 near Mineola. Deputies gave the reporting party advice and cleared the incident.

Deputies were dispatched to CR 1947 near Yantis at 11:52 a.m. in reference to shots fired. Deputies located the individuals and everything was OK.

Deputies were dispatched to FM 17 near Alba at 2:15 p.m. in reference to a disturbance. Mark Zaloga, 32, of Alba, was arrested for assault causing bodily injury and family violence.

Deputies were dispatched to FM 17 near Yantis at 2:31 p.m. in reference to an unauthorized use of a motor vehicle. Deputies located the vehicle and cleared the incident.

Deputies were dispatched to Concho near Quitman at 5:19 p.m. in reference to a disturbance. Brandy Upchurch, 32, of Quitman, was arrested for assault by physical contact.

Deputies responded to a suspicious person on FM 2869 near Winnsboro at 11:23 p.m. Deputies located the individual and provided a courtesy transport.

JAN. 6

Deputies went out on an arrest/warrant service to CR 3120 near Quitman at 1:27 p.m. Deputies searched the area but were unable to

make contact with the individual.

Deputies were dispatched to CR 4290 near Winnsboro at 3:56 p.m. in reference to a burglary. Deputies spoke with all parties involved and determined it was a civil matter.

Deputies responded to a suspicious vehicle on CR 3130 near Quitman at 5:15 p.m. Deputies located the vehicle and the incident was cleared.

Deputies were dispatched to FM 1801 near Mineola at 7:32 p.m. in reference to shots fired. Deputies located fireworks and determined that was where the shots were coming from.

Deputies were dispatched to PR 5454 near Quitman at 10:19 p.m. in reference to a disturbance. Parties were separated, prior to the deputies' arrival.

JAN. 5

Deputies spoke with the reporting party at 9:47 a.m. in reference to a scam that occurred on Hwy. 37 near Mineola. Deputies gave the reporting party advice and cleared the incident.

Deputies were dispatched to FM 2966 near Quitman at 12:59 p.m. in reference to an animal complaint. Deputies located malnourished horses and this case has been forwarded to investigators.

Deputies were dispatched to Holly Trail near Hawkins at 2:36 p.m. in reference to a disturbance. Deputies spoke with all parties involved and cleared the incident.

Deputies were dispatched to CR 2843 near Mineola at 2:40 p.m. in reference to an inquest. A male, 64, was found deceased in his residence. The Justice of the Peace arrived and no autopsy was ordered.

Deputies were dispatched to FM 2088 near Winnsboro at 2:44 p.m. in reference to a theft. Actors, or actors unknown, stole several items from the reporting party's property. This case has been forwarded to investigators.

Deputies were dispatched to CR 4890 near Quitman at 8:14 p.m. in reference to a welfare check. Deputies searched the area, but were unable to locate the individual.

Deputies were dispatched to CR 4750 near Winnsboro at a 10:01 p.m. in reference to a welfare check. Stevie Needham, 22, of Winnsboro, was arrested for three counts of possession of a controlled substance. Stephen Pyron, 27, of Winnsboro, was arrested for three counts of possession of a controlled substance.

JAN. 4

Deputies spoke with the reporting party at 6:41 a.m. in reference to credit/debit card abuse that occurred on FM 49 near Mineola. Deputies gave the reporting party advice and cleared the incident.

Deputies spoke with the reporting party at 12:07 p.m. in reference to a terroristic threat on CR 2944 near Alba. Deputies made contact with the actor and cleared the incident.

Deputies were dispatched to FM 2869 near Hawkins at 1:32 p.m. in reference to theft. A known actor stole several items from a store. This case has been forwarded to investigators.

Deputies were dispatched to FM 1804 near Mineola at 5:16 p.m. in reference to criminal mischief. Deputies spoke with all parties involved and cleared the incident.

Deputies responded to a suspicious person on FM 14 near Hawkins at 9:04 p.m. Deputies located the individual and the incident was cleared.

Deputies were dispatched to Mesa Verde Path near Hawkins at 9:08 p.m. in reference to a burglary. Actors or actors unknown broke into and stole several items

from the reporting party's residence. This case has been forwarded to investigators.

JAN. 3

Deputies were dispatched to CR 4930 near Quitman at 11:51 a.m. in reference to an abandoned vehicle. Joes Wrecker towed the vehicle and the scene was cleared.

Deputies were dispatched to FM 49 near Mineola at 4:32 p.m. in reference to a disturbance. Courtney Menne, 21, of Mineola, was arrested for assault causing bodily injury and family violence.

Deputies were dispatched to FM 2869 near Hawkins at 5:16 p.m. in reference to an assault. Carly Loughmiller, 18, of Hawkins, was arrested for assault causing bodily injury and family violence.

Deputies spoke with the reporting party at 8:11 p.m. in reference to a dispute that occurred on PR 6963 near Alba. Deputies gave the reporting party advice and cleared the incident.

JAN. 2

Deputies conducted a traffic stop on Cumbie Street in Hawkins at 12:06 a.m. Courtney Taylor, 32, of Hawkins, was arrested for driving while license invalid with previous conviction/suspension without financial responsibility.

Deputies spoke with the reporting party at 1:06 p.m. in reference to criminal mischief on FM 2088 near Winnsboro. Deputies gave the reporting party advice and cleared the incident.

Deputies went out on an arrest/warrant service to CR 1660 near Alba at 2:28 p.m. Deputies searched the area but were unable to make contact with the individual.

Deputies were dispatched to FM 312 near Winnsboro at 3:14 p.m. in reference to criminal mischief. Actors or actors unknown damaged the reporting party's mailbox. This case has been forwarded to investigators.

Deputies were dispatched to CR 2168 near Quitman at 7:43 p.m. in reference to suspicious circumstances. Deputies spoke with all parties involved and determined it was a civil matter.

JAN. 1

Deputies were dispatched to CR 1970 near Yantis at 1:02 a.m. in reference to a disturbance. Someone damaged the reporting party's vehicle. This case has been forwarded to investigators.

Deputies spoke with the reporting party at 3:12 p.m. in reference to suspicious circumstances on FM 779 near Alba. Deputies advised the reporting party that extra patrol would be provided.

Deputies were dispatched to CR 1730 near Yantis at 4:14 p.m. in reference to a burglary. Someone stole several items from the reporting party's residence. This case has been forwarded to investigators.

Deputies were dispatched to FM 2088 near Quitman at 4:46 p.m. in reference to a burglary. Someone stole several items from the reporting party's property. This case has been forwarded to investigators.

DEC. 31

Deputies were dispatched to CR 4420 near Winnsboro at 12:03 a.m. in reference to criminal trespass. Deputies searched the area but were unable to locate the actor.

Deputies responded to a suspicious person on FM 778 near Quitman at 2:55 a.m. Patrick Robinson, 33, of Sulphur Springs was arrested for possession of drug paraphernalia.

Deputies went out on an arrest/warrant service to FM 2869 near Hawkins at 12:20 p.m. Lauren Young, 35, of Hawkins, was arrested for an outstanding warrant for theft and manufacture/delivery of a controlled substance.

Mineola Police Report

JAN. 9

At 9:04 p.m. an officer assisted a stranded motorist on North Pacific Street.

JAN. 8

At 7:47 a.m. an officer assisted with an accident at Loop 564 and CR. 2220. The accident was turned over to DPS.

At 9:59 a.m. an officer assisted EMS with a medical call at Walmart.

At 2:59 p.m. a theft of service was reported by Aaron's Rental when a customer rented property and did not pay for it, or return it.

At 4:19 p.m. an officer assisted with an accident that occurred at Loop 564 and 69 N. until DPS arrived.

At 4:40 p.m. a vehicle struck a meter box on West Broad next to Sonic and left without reporting the incident.

At 4:53 p.m. a man reported that he was selling property online and received a fraudulent cashier's check.

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At 6:36 a.m., a report was received involving two people walking down the street at Good Street and Wigley Street that were possibly intoxicated. An officer located three juveniles and transported them to a residence on Wigley Street and turned the two females over to one of the parents. The male lived across the street from where the three were located. He was sent home by the officer.

At 9:20 a.m. an officer responded to McDaniel Street on a medical call and assisted a family member and EMS in CPR on an unresponsive man. A 73-year-old man was pronounced deceased by Justice of the Peace Janae Holland.

At 1:08 p.m. a landlord was reportedly burning a mattress at a rent house on West Broad Street. The Fire Department was called to extinguish the fire.

At 1:24 p.m. Wood County S.O. asked for assistance in locating a stolen vehicle at a residence on Cheek Street. The vehicle was at the residence. An officer stood by until Wood County S.O. could take over the investigation.

At 6:54 p.m. a disturbance

was reported on McWhorter Street. Officers responded to the residence and found the disturbance to be verbal only. The two separated for the night.

At 8:10 p.m. an officer assisted with a medical call on North Johnson Street.

At 8:44 p.m. a disturbance was reported between a male and female at a residence on West Blair Street. Officers responded to the call and called EMS for the male subject that was having complications with a medical issue. The officer noted the argument was over the complications and everything was fine.

At 11:36 p.m. loud music was reported on Baker Street. An officer went to the residence and spoke with the tenant. The music was turned down for the night.

JAN. 6

At 1:18 a.m. a suspicious person was reported walking around in the 300 Blk. East Broad. The man was waiting on the train to make a stop at 9 a.m. An officer took the man down to the convenience store to stay and wait for the train.

At 3:53 a.m. a disturbance was reported on West Blair Street. The caller could hear a man and woman yelling. The officer found the noise to be a loud birthday party at Stone and West Kilpatrick Street. The officer spoke with the people at the party and told them to hold the noise down.

At 10:20 a.m. a cat bite was reported at the Wood Memorial Nursing Home. One of the residents was bit while out on the back patio. The cat is quarantined at the animal shelter for 10 days.

At 5:56 p.m. gunshots were reported at the Mimosa and Peachtree area. Officers patrolled the area but did not hear anything.

At 6:08 p.m. gunshots were reported again in the same area. Officers patrolled the area and spoke with several residents in the area that did not hear anything.

At 8:12 p.m. a resident on Meadowbrook reported someone knocking on their door wanting water

for their vehicle. The resident did not feel safe and notified the department. An officer responded and assisted.

At 9:45 p.m., an officer assisted with EMS when a cashier at a business on North Pacific had medical complications. The cashier was transported to the hospital by EMS.

JAN. 5

At 3:05 p.m. a disturbance was reported involving two males fighting behind a business on West Broad Street. Officers responded to the call and found the two males. Both said it was just a verbal argument.

At 4:35 p.m. an officer assisted EMS with an elderly woman that had fallen at her residence on Royal Lane. The woman was transported to the hospital.

JAN. 4

At 10:07 a.m. gunshot were reported behind Sycamore Street in a swamp. It was believed to be duck hunters. The game warden was notified to investigate.

At 12:38 p.m. a bank card was left at a convenience store. An officer picked up the card and delivered it to Mineola Community Bank.

At 9:31 p.m. kids walking around knocking on doors was reported on East McDonald Street. An officer located the juveniles and they did admit to ringing a doorbell. They were sent home for the night.

JAN. 3

At 2:56 p.m. a theft was reported at Walmart that occurred on January 2, 2019. The case is under investigation.

At 3:51 p.m. a hit and run was reported in the McDonald's drive through. A maroon suburban backed up into another vehicle. The suburban then left the parking lot without leaving any information. This is under investigation.

At 9:08 p.m., a child custody issue was reported on Meadowbrook Street involving two children. The children were returned to their father and both parties were told to contact an attorney if needed.

Mineola Fire Report

Building fire: Jan. 9, 2:09 p.m., 23236 Holly Road (Enchanted Lakes), Mineola.

Grass fire: Jan. 6, 2:41 p.m., FM 49, Mineola.

Medical assistance: Jan. 3, 8:21 a.m., 811 N Johnson St., Mineola; Jan. 3, 12:29 p.m., 1112 N. Pacific St., Mineola; Jan. 3, 1:10 p.m., 501 CR

2206, Mineola; Jan. 4, 9:23 p.m. CR 2425, Mineola; Jan. 5, 2:06 p.m., 155 CR 2843, Mineola; Jan. 6., 6:10 a.m., 178 CR 2298, Mineola; Jan. 6, 1:37 p.m., 142 CR 2460, Mineola; Jan. 6, 6:54 p.m., 240 CR 2784, Mineola; Jan. 7, 9:18 a.m., 211 McDaniel St., Mineola.

Motor vehicle accident with no injuries: Jan. 8, 7:45 a.m. W. Loop 564 & W. CR 2220, Mineola; Jan. 9, 7:01 p.m., N. Hwy 37, Mineola.

Unauthorized burning: Jan. 7, 1:19 p.m., 700 Blk. W. Broad, Mineola.

Quitman Pilot Club's Chili Cook-Off slated for Jan. 25

The Quitman Pilot Club's Chili Cook-Off will be Friday, Jan. 25 from 6-8 p.m. at the Carroll Green Civic Center in Quitman.

The entry fee for cooks is \$25 along with a \$25 gift card, or \$50 without a gift card. The gift cards will be used to build high-dollar raffle buckets that will be raffled off the night of the event. There are also several sponsorship opportunities. For the entry and sponsorship forms, visit the Quitman Pilot Club Facebook page to download, or email Quitmanpilotclub@peoplescom.net to request the forms.

Dale "The C" Cummings will keep the crowd entertained and energized. There will be a lively dessert auction, and awards for best chili, best booth, people's choice, and others.

Tickets to attend the fund-

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raiser are \$10 each for those 13 and older, and \$5 for those age 12 and younger. They will be available from any Quitman Pilot or on the night of the event at the door. Or email Quitmanpilotclub@peoplescom.net to arrange for tickets.

All funds raised at the event will support the non-profit and all-volunteer Quitman Pilot Club, and the stated mission of providing education for the prevention of traumatic brain injury and offering services to those suffering from brain-related disorders, such as Alzheimer's, stroke, and autism. Bicycle safety,

Project LifeSaver and Special Olympics are just a few of those efforts so important to the health, safety and quality of life for our community members.

Chairwoman Paige Eaton said of the event: "This fundraiser generates a large portion of the funds needed for the programs we support. We are filled with gratitude for the way the community and our sponsors support and embrace the cook-off. In addition, it's one of the most fun events of the season, and all of us Pilots can't wait to see who earns this year's trophies and bragging rights!"

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Maeson Beck
Payton Covington-Jones
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Cayden Jones
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Aubrey McQuilliams
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Victoria White
Terry Yang

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Ag News

Dealing with exposed tree roots

By SHANIQUA DAVIS
It happens over time. That beautiful tree that is such an asset in the landscape, that provides wonderful shade in the best possible place, will have its roots growing up above the lawn.

These exposed roots can hamper mowing efforts and even be a walking hazard. Tree roots anchor the plant and provide the means of taking up water and nutrients. Even though we talk of "deep-rooted" trees, most would be surprised at

just how shallow much of a tree's roots are. Even pines and pecans, known for their incredibly deep taproot, have many feeder roots just beneath the surface spreading in all directions. It is these lateral, feeder roots that grow over the years that cause problems on the surface. While some species naturally are shallow, other factors exacerbate their exposure. Soil eroded from beneath a tree's established roots will protrude greatly. Compacted soils also increase the likelihood for a tree to have protruding roots.

Most likely in much of our area, shallow soils will force tree roots to the surface. The limited depth of topsoil may encourage trees to have very visible root systems. It is true that the best cure would be prevention. Moving forward in your landscape plans, select smaller trees and plant them at least four feet away from paved surfaces. Many have tried to cut off the roots that are above ground. This is highly injurious to the tree and creates opportunity for insect and disease to enter the wound. Repeated pruning efforts will hamper a plants ability

to grow effectively. One simple fix is to add an inch or two of soil around the problem area and re-plant grass. This should be considered a short-term solution. As a tree continues to grow, the problematic roots will continue to grow in diameter and will eventually protrude from the soil again. Another solution is to remove the grass from under the tree and keep it mulched. This may greatly reduce the amount of lawn in a smaller yard and will require repeat applications of mulch each year.

Perhaps the best and most permanent solution is to transform that area into a shade tolerant ground cover. Additions to that area include Asiatic jasmine, ferns or liriopie (commonly called monkey grass). The addition of a shade loving ground cover as mentioned above would certainly take some effort but will grow around the tree for years co-existing with the problematic roots quite nicely.

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YANTIS INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES — GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS YEAR ENDED AUGUST 31, 2018

Data Control Codes	10 General Fund	50 Debt Service Fund	Other Governmental Funds	98 Total Governmental Funds
REVENUES				
5700 Local and Intermediate Sources	\$ 3,153,900	\$ 238,913	\$ 81,267	\$ 3,474,080
5800 State Program Revenues	764,205	5,819	23,948	823,972
5900 Federal Program Revenues	11,396	-	293,089	304,485
5020 Total Revenues	\$ 3,959,501	\$ 244,732	\$ 398,304	\$ 4,602,537
EXPENDITURES				
Current:				
0011 Instruction	\$ 1,930,415	\$ -	\$ 137,809	\$ 2,068,224
0012 Instructional Resources and Media Services	6,752	-	-	6,752
0013 Curriculum and Staff Development	4,629	-	-	4,629
0023 School Leadership	273,851	-	-	273,851
0031 Guidance, Counseling and Evaluation Services	35,325	-	-	35,325
0033 Health Services	56,005	-	-	56,005
0034 Student (Pupil) Transportation	122,176	-	-	122,176
0035 Food Services	5,335	-	213,499	218,834
0036 Cocurricular/Extracurricular Activities	121,606	-	47,523	169,129
0041 General Administration	315,095	-	-	315,095
0051 Plant Maintenance and Operations	412,396	-	-	412,396
0052 Security and Monitoring Service	859	-	-	859
0053 Data Processing Services	114,219	-	328	114,547
0071 Principal on Long-term Debt	-	145,000	-	145,000
0072 Interest on Long-term Debt	-	26,250	-	26,250
0073 Debt Issuance Cost and Fees	-	350	-	350
0093 Payments for Shared Service Arrangements	102,491	-	-	102,491
0099 Other Intergovernmental Charges	80,615	-	-	80,615
6030 Total Expenditures	\$ 3,581,769	\$ 171,600	\$ 399,159	\$ 4,152,528
1100 Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues Over Expenditures	\$ 377,732	\$ 73,132	\$ (855)	\$ 450,009
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)				
7915 Transfers In	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 14,021	\$ 14,021
8911 Transfers Out	(14,021)	-	-	(14,021)
7080 Net Other Financing Sources (Uses)	\$ (14,021)	\$ -	\$ 14,021	\$ -
1200 Net Changes in Fund Balances	\$ 363,711	\$ 73,132	\$ 13,166	\$ 450,009
0100 Fund Balances - Beginning (September 1)	1,561,913	647,092	16,185	2,225,190
3000 Fund Balances - Ending (August 31)	\$ 1,925,624	\$ 720,224	\$ 29,351	\$ 2,675,199

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Obituaries

JERL LOIS BERRY 1945-2019



Jerl Lois Berry, 73, died Jan. 7, 2019. Mr. Berry was born March 3, 1945 in Quitman to Lenzy and Ella Berry. Jerl graduated from W.B. Clark High School. In 1966, he married Carolyn Berry, and they had three children.

Jerl served 21 years in the United States Air Force. He retired in 1986 with an honorable discharge. Jerl joined Muddy Creek Baptist Church at an early age. He later joined St. Paul Missionary Baptist Church and New Life Fellowship Baptist Church. Jerl was a member of the Distinguished Ladies and Gentlemen organization, 4B Riding Club and East Texas Riding Club.

Jerl leaves to cherish his memories his sons, Gerald Berry Sr. and Gareth Berry; daughter, Sabrina Berry Dean (James); grandchildren, Corby Berry, James Dean III, Gerald Berry Jr. and Sabria Dean; sister, Betty Epperson (Haywood); brothers, Michael Berry and Anthony Berry (Pam) and a host of nieces, nephews, and other relatives and friends.

He was preceded in death by his parents; sisters, Doris Jean Benton, Margie Booker and Rosie Berry.

DEWEY GALENA MOORE MCMAHON 1934-2019



GOLDEN - Funeral services for Dewey Galena Moore McMahon, 84, of Golden, were 2 p.m. Monday, Jan. 14 at the chapel, with Bro. Mack Swain officiating, under the direction of Wilson-Bartley Funeral Home, Alba.

Burial was in Golden Cemetery, Golden.

Mrs. McMahon passed away Friday, Jan. 11, 2019, in Tyler.

She was born Nov. 23, 1934, in Dallas to the late Addison Dewey and Roxie Mahalah Gayler Moore. Galena married Elmo Carlton McMahon on Nov. 29, 1952, in Rockwall. She went to school in Wylie, married and moved to Heath, moved to Dallas, and then moved to East Texas. She was a member of Golden Baptist Church and the Wood County Home Extension Club. Galena loved to work with her hands (crocheting, needlework, sewing, quilting, painting, and shelling peas and pecans). She loved to make peanut brittle and play Farkle.

Survivors include her sons, Danny McMahon and Jimmie of Winnsboro, Teddy McMahon of Lake Fork, and Sammy McMahon of Yuma, Az.; daughters, Ellen McMahon of Grand Saline and Tammy Wood of Edom; brother, Lonnie Paul Moore; seven grandchildren; and 15 great-grandchildren.

Galena was preceded in death by her parents; husband; sisters, Ima Joy Skinner, Edith Foy Nixon, June Fern Vaughn, and Roxie Mae Martin; and brother, Addison Dale Moore.

ARTHUR "DOUG" MYERS 1926-2019



Services for Arthur Douglas "Doug" Myers, 92, of Cleburne were Friday, Jan. 11 at Mineola Church of Christ with Mike Ferguson of the Mineola Church of Christ officiating. Burial was at Cedars Memorial Gardens. Funeral arrangements were under the direction of Beatty Funeral Home.

Mr. Myers passed away on Jan. 6, 2019.

Mr. Myers was born in Osceola, Texas, on March 23, 1926. Doug was married to Helen Ray Forman on Oct. 8, 1946. They were married 72 years.

Doug worked at Convair (General Dynamics) and Bell Helicopter in Fort Worth. Doug was a veteran of the U.S. Navy. He served in the Navy during World War II from March 1944 until February 1946. Doug recently moved to Cleburne after spending nearly 30 years in the East Texas town of Mineola.

Doug loved baseball and was an avid fan of the Texas Rangers. He coached youth baseball for several years and enjoyed gardening.

Doug is survived by his wife, Helen Ray Myers of Cleburne; daughters, Sherida Lynn Nichols of Naperville, Ill., and Valarie Myers Ramsey of Denver, Colo.; son, Douglas Ray Myers of Cleburne; and four grandchildren, Kristin Nichols Epstein Oswego, Ill., Julie Nichols Sorensen of Libertyville, Ill., Trey Douglas Myers of Nacogdoches, and Tyler Glen Myers of Cleburne; and three great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his father, Henry Arthur Myers; mother, Maybelle Myers; sisters, Oretta Barton, Mozelle Hight, and Alta Lowe; and brother, Dean Myers.

DAVID ADRIAN ROUNTREE 1962-2019



GOLDEN - Funeral services for David Adrian Rountree, 56, of Alba, are scheduled for 2 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 17 at First Baptist Church, Alba, with Bro. Fred Morrow officiating.

Burial will be in Concord Cemetery, Quitman, under direction of Wilson-Bartley Funeral Home, Alba. Visitation will be noon, Thursday, Jan. 17 at the church.

Mr. Rountree passed away Saturday, Jan. 12, 2019, at his home in Golden.

He was born Sept. 15, 1962, in Phoenix, Az., to the late Pat Lee and Patricia Evelyn English Rountree. He married Teresa Gayle Lyles on March 3, 1994, in Alba. David lived in Wood County most of his life after moving from Arizona. He was a mechanic and owned D's Automotive in Alba.

He is survived by his wife of 30 years, Teresa Rountree of Mineola; sons, James Preston Rountree of Golden and

Thomas Lee Rountree of Golden; sister, Tracy McKenzie of Golden; and several nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents.

LAWRENCE "LARRY" ARMSTRONG 1954-2019

Funeral services for Lawrence "Larry" Armstrong of Quitman, 64, were Jan. 3 at DFW National Cemetery.

Mr. Armstrong passed away Jan. 1, 2019. Mr. Armstrong was born April 10, 1954, in Lisbon, Ohio, to the late Lloyd "Army" Armstrong and the late Martha Armstrong.

Larry served in the U.S. Marines and U.S. Navy, accumulating 22 years of service.

He is survived by his wife, Glenora Armstrong; his daughter, Brittani Durham; sister, Ellen Collier; brother, Wilmer "Bill" Jones; sister, Louella Shoff; and sister, Linda Priest.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his stepmother, Ella Armstrong, and a sister, Marilyn Jones.

THAD MONTGOMERY SPENCE 1967-2019

Mr. Thad Montgomery Spence, 51, of Holly Lake Ranch passed away Saturday, Jan. 5, 2019, in Tyler.

Thad was born in Irving to Richard Wayne Spence and Joyce Spence on Nov. 14, 1967. Thad joined the Army in 1987 and served until 1991. He worked as a former police officer for the Cedar Hill Police Department.

Thad is survived by his mother, Joyce Moore and her husband, John, of Holly Lake Ranch; brothers, Tony Spence of Dallas, Jon Moore of Fate, and Luie Moore of Lewisville; a host of nieces and nephews and other family and friends.

Visitation was Jan. 11 at Beatty Funeral Home in Mineola. Burial was at Dallas-Fort Worth National Cemetery on Jan. 15.

EVELYN JEAN STEVENSON 1946-2018

Evelyn Jean Stevenson, (nee Blanks) 72, of Mineola, passed away Dec. 18, 2018, at Baylor All Saints Hospital in Fort Worth surrounded by family.

She was born Dec. 5, 1946, in Los Angeles, Calif. On Feb. 25, 1965, she married James Bryan "JB" Stevenson of Mineola, who precedes her in heaven.

She is survived by daughters Tammia Martin of Greenville, Sandra Branin of Tyler and Janet Creech of Mineola; grandchildren Sarah Hill, James "Breck" Martin, James Branin, Austin Kirk, Michayla "Lily" Martin, Colton Branin, Megan Kirk and Justin Creech, a great-granddaughter; and a brother, Troy Blanks of Irving.

Along with her husband, Mrs. Stevenson was preceded in death by her parents, Robert and Billy Evelyn Franklin of Denison; and a brother, Virgil Blanks of Houston.

Hebron announces taskforce to address WCIC future

By ZAK WELLERMAN
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Newly elected Wood County Judge Lucy Hebron on Jan. 11 announced plans for a taskforce to look into possible changes to the Wood County Industrial Commission.

"There's been some talk about the Wood County Industrial Commission and I would sort of like to give everybody a heads-up and let everyone know that my plans are to appoint what I call a blue-ribbon taskforce," she said. "A commission

of five people, outstanding community members here in Wood County, who will investigate and pursue the future of the Wood County Industrial Commission for this county."

WCIC is tasked with business retention and expansion as well as bringing in new businesses to the unincorporated communities of Wood County and promoting tourism throughout the area.

Hebron said the group is charged with looking into the background, history, possible vision and chang-

es that could be made to WCIC. She added that the appointments will be made in the near future.

She will ask them to take 90 days to complete a report of findings, and the taskforce will report back to Hebron and the county commissioners.

The Commissioner's Court will then discuss appropriate action to be taken regarding the commission.

"I do think it's an important function. It provides an important role in the development and encouragement of business here in the coun-

ty, that's why I'm asking them (the task force to be appointed) to do this very important job," she said. "If they contact you and ask for your opinion, I hope that you will be judicious with your opinion in the hopes you might provide it. It will be for the betterment of the Industrial Commission and also for the quality of life here in Wood County."

WCIC Executive Director Kiki Bettis said she has always been open to receiving comments and concerns on improving the commission. "As executive director, I

have always welcomed input from the public and the business community of the entire county.

WCIC meetings are open to the public to attend. The

meetings are held the first Thursday of the month at 6:30 p.m. at the First United Methodist Church in Quitman," Bettis said.



Band teacher Dago Gonzalez leads an ensemble of Mineola High School musicians during Saturday's mural dedication in downtown Mineola.



Artist Lauren Pitre addresses the crowd Saturday during the dedication of the Mineola mural, which she painted along with fellow artist Sam Edwards.

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Quitman runs past Alba-Golden

By LARRY TUCKER
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The Quitman Bulldogs evened their district record at 2-2 by defeating Alba-Golden 61-45 on the road Jan. 8. The Bulldogs were sparked by three players who scored in double figures: Trey Berry with 19 points, Jace Reid, 14, and Aiden Corrior, 10.

The win brought the Bulldog season record to 14-10 and district slate to 2-2 going into this week's game against Lone Oak.

The Bulldogs have a bye this Friday night before taking on district leader Edgewood on Tuesday Jan. 25.

Berry also had four assists, four rebounds, four deflec-

tions and three steals while Reid cleared the boards with eight rebounds, four assists, a pair of steals, one block and six deflections. Corrior was a force on the boards, bringing down seven rebounds.

Rounding out the stats for the Bulldogs were: Luke Pruden, eight points; Riley Flanagan, five points and a team high of nine rebounds; Cody Hawley two points and a pair of rebounds; Hunter Gilbreath, two points, five rebounds, one assist and one deflection; and Ben Burroughs, one point, an assist, a steal and three rebounds.

Lady Panthers take pair of wins

By LARRY TUCKER
sports@woodcountymonitor.com

The Alba-Golden Lady Panthers kept their district title hopes alive with two strong defensive performances in wins over Grand Saline and Quitman last week.

The Lady Panthers got 20 points and five rebounds from Grace Bizzell in Friday's 52-21 win over Grand Saline. The Lady Panther pressing defense kept the Lady Indians at bay as they raced to a 28-12 first half advantage. The Lady Panthers came out strong in the third quarter going on a 20-8 run to make it a 48-20 game going into the final frame.

Other scoring came from

Kalli Wright with eight points, while Ginny Carson added six and six rebounds. Macie Pendergrass also had six points and four rebounds with Sammi Rambsel and Ashlyn Rogers each netting five points and Destiny Baker adding two.

Against Quitman, Carson led the way in the 40-22 win with 15 points and eight rebounds. The lady Panthers led 9-6 after one quarter and went to intermission with a 21-10 lead. Bizzell had 14 points, Rogers six, Rambsel three and Wright two.

The Lady Panthers have a big game at Edgewood Tuesday followed by a Friday night home contest against Rains.

Hawks takes down Beckville

By LARRY TUCKER
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The Hawkins Hawks kept pace in the district 16-AA basketball race with a 73-59 win over Beckville on Jan. 8.

The Hawks used a strong first quarter to take a 26-16 lead and never let the Bearcats back in the game.

The Hawks led 39-33 at intermission and took a 62-46 lead into the final eight minutes after a 23 point third quarter.

It was a true team effort on offense for Hawkins

with Camron Taylor scoring 18 points followed by Tritian Garrett with 15, Collin Barber, 13, Zach Code, 11, Akim Richmond, eight, Paeton Smith, five, Jayden Dacus, two and Tyson Cutley, one. Conde had three triples in the game while Garrett and Richmond had two each.

The Hawkins JV beat Beckville 34-23.

The Hawks were at home Tuesday against first-place Union Grove and travel to Harleton on Friday.

Gooden supports term limits legislation for House, Senate

U.S. Rep Lance Gooden last week signed as a co-sponsor to H.J.Res.20, a joint resolution which would amend the Constitution of the United States to impose term limits on elected officials in the House and Senate. The amendment would limit Members of the House to three terms, or six years, and Members of

the Senate to two terms, or twelve years. He is proud to announce this commitment to accountability and good government.

Regarding his action, Gooden stated, "For years, congressional action in Washington has been slowed by the undetermined attitudes of members that have been here for far

too long. On top of that, the overextended tenure of many elected officials increases their ties to special interests that inhabit the swamp - this occurs in both parties. The result is a legislative body that looks and sounds less like the communities it claims to represent with each new Congress."

"These problems have

existed in Congress for too long, and an overwhelming majority of Americans support the implementation of term limits to solve them. The time for action is now, and the resolution introduced by Sen. Cruz and Rep. Rooney is the first step toward addressing the issues that plague the United States Congress."

Record number of visitors take part in 2019 First Day Hikes

The chilly start to the New Year did little to discourage the 3,938 visitors that hit the trail at a Texas State Park for a First Day Hike on Jan. 1. Texas had the fourth highest participation in the country with the largest number of parks hosting events.

Visitors hiked, biked and paddled their way into 2019 at one of the 77 Texas state parks that hosted 124 events throughout the day. In total, participants trekked 7,086 miles statewide.

"We were so excited to see a record number of visitor's ring in 2019 with a First Day Hike at a Texas State Park," said Rodney Franklin, Director of Texas State Parks. "First Day Hikes have become a tradition for many

families and we encourage everyone to continue to explore the beautiful views and vistas found at parks statewide throughout the year."

The First Day Hikes events ranged from strolls on scenic trails, midnight walks, polar plunges, bike rides, and short treks with four-legged family members to more strenuous hikes for experienced visitors.

Mother Neff State Park, located near Waco, had the most participants with 393 visitors taking part in the four First Day Hike events held that day. Cedar Hill State Park near Dallas and Brazos Bend State Park near Houston weren't far behind. Several parks had more

than 100 people participate in a single event. At one event at Cedar Hill State Park, 275 visitors hit the trail.

Nationally, 1,270 guided First Day Hikes were offered from Alaska to Florida and park rangers hiked with more than 72,700 participants covering over 150,280 miles. This was a record number of hikers and events and included international participation from Canada, where they hosted 6 hikes for 185 attendees.

For more information about hiking or other activities in Texas State Parks, visit <http://www.texasstateparks.org>.

BBB warns against romance scams

New Year's resolutions aren't limited to hitting the gym or getting out of debt. Many also set a goal to find love in the new year. With hundreds of apps and internet-based companies available to help people who are seeking companionship, online dating has become a common part of the dating process. Likewise, scammers are taking advantage of those looking for love by creating tricking them into falling for someone who doesn't exist. Better Business Bureau serving Central East Texas (BBB) urges consumers to be on the lookout for online dating scams geared at taking money and identities from their victims.

How the scam works: The romance scam, also called "catfishing" is very similar to other types of consumer fraud; however, in this case the scammer's main tool is affection and eventually love. Targeting single and widowed men and women, love scammers are setting up fake profiles committing anywhere from three to twelve months to woo their victims into emptying their pockets. Oftentimes scammers claim to be in the military or working overseas as a reason to not meet you in person.

"Romance scam artists manipulate the emotions of

their victims," said Mechele Mills, president and CEO of BBB serving Central East Texas. "By using feigned devotion, they are often able to swindle thousands, and sometimes tens of thousands of dollars from their prey."

BBB warns consumers of the following romance scam operator tactics:

- They claim to be from the U.S., but they are overseas for business or family matters.
- They profess their love at warp speed, usually within 24-48 hours.
- They send gifts within the first few weeks of contact both to endear their victims to them as well as to confirm their victim's address.
- Many claim to have lost a spouse or loved one in a tragic accident.
- They insist you keep the relationship a secret.
- They always have an excuse for not being able to meet you in person.

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Gooden asks for no pay

U.S. Rep. Lance Gooden this week sent a letter to the Chief Administrative Officer of the United States Congress instructing him to withhold Gooden's salary until the shutdown has ended with the passage of a funding package signed by President Trump.

Gooden commented: "I asked the U.S. House of Representatives not to pay me while the government is shut down. While I believe that the Democrats need to step up to the negotiating table, I won't accept any of my salary until we fully fund the government. It wouldn't be fair to the



tens of thousands of federal employees in my district if their representative received a paycheck while families are struggling with this shutdown."

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NO. 13,401 ESTATE OF MILLIE GRIDER, DECEASED IN THE COUNTY COURT OF WOOD COUNTY, TEXAS NOTICE TO CREDITORS Notice is hereby given that original Letters Testamentary for the Estate of MILLIE GRIDER, Deceased, were issued on January 7, 2019, in No. 13,401, pending in the County Court of Wood County, Tex-

as to RICKY CARL BAILEY. 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 7th day of January, 2019. RICHARD E. ROBERTS, Attorney for RICKY CARL BAILEY, Independent Executor

NOTICE OF PUBLIC SALE of property to satisfy landlord's lien on January 25, 2019 at 10 A.M. Kept Mini Storage, 1113 CR 2220 Mineola, TX (Behind KMCO). Property will be sold to the highest bidder. CASH ONLY. Clean-up deposit of \$25.00 will be required. Seller reserves the right to withdraw property from sale. Property includes contents of: KRISTINA TIBBS - 2 Full Units; CATHERINE CHRISTIAN - household; AMY DAVIS - bicycles & misc; TRAVIS GILBERT - misc; HALEY PARRISH - baby bed. LORY GALLOWAY - full unit; JOE ANN MAYNARD - misc; UNIT #202 - table & chairs, clocks; UNIT #31 - dryer & misc. "Public Notice" 1600 *** 51464 "NOTICE A shareholders meeting of Mineola Community Mutual Holding Company will be held at the office of Mineola Community Bank, S.S.B. located at 215 West Broad, Mineola, Texas on January 23, 2019 at 8:00 a.m.

NOTICE TO ALL PERSONS HAVING CLAIMS AGAINST THE ESTATE OF JERRY BEN HARGRAVE Notice is hereby given that original Letters Testamentary for the Estate of Jerry Ben Hargrave were issued on January 7th, 2019, in Cause No. 13,396, pending in the County Court, Wood County, Texas, to: Marie Annette Hargrave Clanton. Claims may be presented in care of the attorney for the Estate addressed as follows: Estate of Jerry Ben Har-

grave c/o Jonathan Newsom LAW OFFICE OF JONATHAN A. NEWSOM 113 Jefferson Street Sulphur Springs, Texas 75482 All persons having claims against this Estate which is currently being administered are required to present them within the time and in the manner prescribed by law. Dated: January 8th, 2019 Jonathan A. Newsom Attorney for the Estate

NO. 13,399 ESTATE OF MICHAEL FALL, DECEASED IN THE COUNTY COURT OF WOOD COUNTY, TEXAS NOTICE TO CREDITORS Notice is hereby given that original Letters Testamentary for the Estate of MICHAEL FALL, Deceased, were issued on January 7, 2019, in No. 13,399, pending in the County Court of Wood County, Texas to CAROL FALL. 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 7th day of January, 2019. RICHARD E. ROBERTS, Attorney for CAROL FALL, Independent Executor

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Invitation to Bid

JPJ Construction is currently accepting proposals for the Wood County Annex Building Project.

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By **SHANIQUA DAVIS**
County Extension Agent

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As much as I've enjoyed these recent days of mild temperatures and sunshine, I know that we are just over two months away from our expected last average frost.

Yet if you want to get started on gardening this spring, you can start with some vegetables now in the middle of January by sowing seeds indoors. For those who want a jump on garden transplants such as tomatoes, peppers and more, you can do so by growing your transplants from seed.

In fact, if you start now, you would be exactly at the eight-week head start that some of our vegetables need. Others that take less time can still be started and will give you early production before the hot summer arrives.

By starting plants early, you can get a huge advantage on almost any vegetable that you can think of.

The investment can be very small. While it is possible to go a little wild on supplies, you should be able to get a few items to start hundreds of plants this year, next year and for years to come. And I guarantee that you can find everything you would need around your house and by visiting just a couple local garden centers. Consider the pros.

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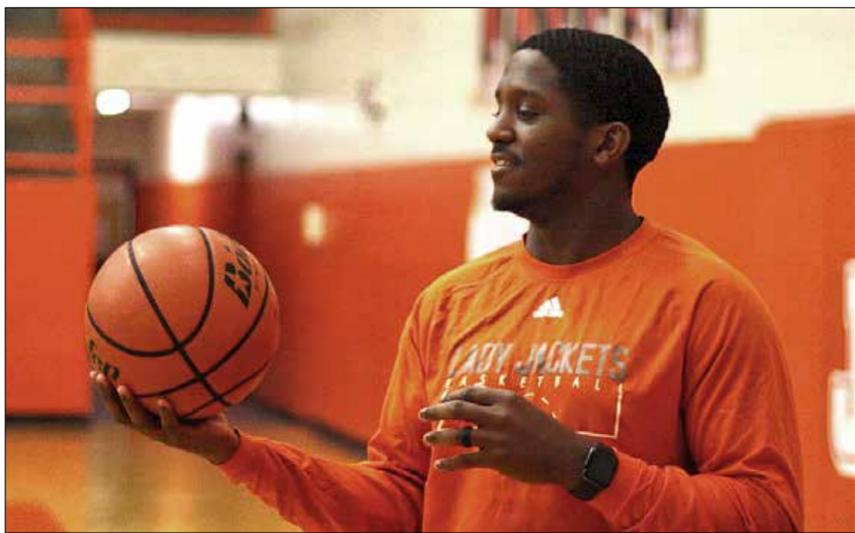


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Mineola Lady Jacket Coach Tony Riley

Riley stresses defense in leading Lady Jackets

"Ninety-four feet every game, the whole game... making chaos."

That's Mineola High School girls basketball head coach Tony Riley's philosophy on high school basketball. "Defense is my focal point," continued Riley. "Defense becomes offense." In his second year at the helm of the Lady Jackets, Riley is at the halfway mark of the 2019 campaign and is enjoying a successful year.

There is no doubt when speaking with the coach just how he feels about his charges. "I am blessed to be able to coach them," he stated, sitting forward in his chair. He described how most of his team have been playing basketball together since the third grade. "They are all best friends; they stick up for one another... they just love one another."

Riley's love of the game was nurtured as he grew up in Quitman and went on to play basketball at Lamar University for a year and

Western New Mexico University for three years. He joined the coaching staff in Mineola in 2014 serving as cross-country coach and as an assistant to the basketball and softball programs. Today, in addition to his basketball duties, Riley continues to assist in softball, teaches physical education and facilitates at the Alternative School.

He and his wife, Megan, are the parents of newborn son Trace (born on Dec. 28), daughter Cambry and son Silas. "My children are my blessings," the coach declared.

Riley credits his mother, who still coaches at Hubbard Middle School in Tyler, and his father, who has coached in the Little Dribblers program for 30 years, as the prime influences in his life. "I'm also a huge (Duke coach Mike) Krzyzewski fan," he added. "I admire how he relates to his players."

Turning back to his play-

ers, he credited them again at how they simply "give it all they got" and play hard from the opening whistle to the final buzzer. "They just fly around, and they do everything I ask of them," he remarked. The ability to do that does not come without a lot of hard work. "We run every day," he added, drawing out the word "every."

Looking ahead to the remainder of the schedule, the Lady Jackets will be focused on making adjustments and building confidence. Riley described how it is his responsibility to teach them the finer points of the game so that they may be able to adjust in the second half of the season.

For anyone who wants to be thoroughly entertained by watching a truly unselfish team compete as hard as they possibly can, come on out and watch the Lady Jackets. You will not be disappointed.



Yellowjacket Davian Sneed drives to the hoop in early action against Lone Oak.

Yellowjackets stomp Lone Oak 79-23

The Mineola Yellowjackets overwhelmed the visiting Lone Oak Buffaloes 79-23 in action on Jan. 8. Mineola leveraged their athleticism, height advantage and suffocating defense in dispatching the Buffaloes.

Sophomore Jonah Fischer opened the scoring with a 3-pointer and followed that up with a nice scoring drive to give the Yellowjackets a 5-0 start. Two Fischer assists, one to Winger Kelby Bruner and a second to post Davian Sneed, made the score 11-2 midway through the opening quarter.

Two offensive putbacks

by Kadavian George and nice scores by guard Conner Dobbs put Mineola in the lead 24-5 after one quarter. The Lone Oak squad was clearly overmatched in the contest.

Mineola forced 12 Lone Oak turnovers in the first half, with seven of those occurring in the second quarter. Mineola feasted on the breakaway opportunities. In addition to scoring by Shaw Franklin, Fischer, Davian Sneed and Bruner, Mineola's DeVante Stephens, Colt Marlow and Caleb Griffen also contributed points.

The score reflected a

34-point margin at commencement of the second half. The Yellowjackets would extend that to 56 points by the final buzzer.

The Yellowjackets platooned the first- and second-stringers throughout the contest. Of note were two special plays in the second half: a beautiful reverse lay-in by Bruner on a breakaway and a gorgeous assist from Stephens to Griffen for an inside score. Colt Marlow and Aiden Steward also put in solid performances in the second half.

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Lady Jackets defeat Lone Oak in barnburner

It was a street fight. From start to finish, the Mineola Lady Jackets and the Lone Oak Lady Buffaloes were locked in a desperate struggle, and it was fun to watch! The Lady Jackets overcame a 12-point deficit to regain the lead with 35 seconds to play and recorded a 46-41 win on Jan. 8.

The game started out slowly as each team couldn't really find their tempo. Mineola dominated the boards in the first quarter but gave the ball away with almost an equal number of turnovers. Sabria Dean chalked up the initial points on a nice three-pointer and followed with a beautiful assist to classmate Jessiah Riley, putting Mineola up 5-0.

Lone Oak's strategy against Dean was simply: pressure her at all times. The Mineola standout handled the pressure well but it did put the Mineola offense slightly out of synch. The Lady Jackets appeared somewhat hurried in their possessions, but they persevered through the early turnovers.

Dean then hit a three from be-

hind a corner screen off on in-bound play in the forecourt. In the next possession she provided a second assist to Riley. At the end of a quarter, Mineola led 10-6.

Defensively, the Lady Jackets were geared up. In the first half, Tahjae Black recorded two blocks, Dean had two blocks, and Riley was on the floor twice, beating the other nine players to loose balls. Riley's energy and all-around game was a huge part of this win.

The second quarter was the quiet before the second half storm. Lone Oak took the lead with 5:35 to play in the half with a three-pointer. Two successive threes followed as the Buffaloes opened up an eight-point lead. Mineola managed only six points in the quarter, all courtesy of Dean, and went into the break trailing 22-16.

The fireworks started early in the third quarter. Following two questionable fouls (a blocking call against Riley and an offensive foul against Dean) the referees awarded Mineola coach Tony Riley a

warning for his protest. Moments later a technical foul was called against Mineola. With 3:30 left to play in the third quarter the Lady Jackets found themselves down by 12.

Aggressive ball-hawking and solid play at the boards cut the lead to nine points, 34-25, at the end of the third quarter.

The deliberate play of the Lady Jackets in the late third quarter became desperate play in the fourth. An offensive rebound put-back by Tiara Stephens, a forced five second violation, and a bucket from Black on a Dean assist cut the deficit to 36-30 with four minutes to play.

Sabria Dean then took the ball to the basket and started drawing fouls. A string of free throws on successive possessions and a two-point score from Black tied the game at 39 with 1:25 on the clock. After a steal by Riley, a missed shot, and an errant three-point attempt by Lone Oak, Cyndi Butler ended the suspense with a three-pointer that put Mineola on



Mineola's Meghan Brewington rifles a pass in action against Lone Oak.

top.
Dean promptly stole the ball, and in the only unsportsmanlike act all night, she was thrown out of bounds by a frustrated Lone Oak player. The following flagrant foul free throws put Mineola up 43-39. Dean would hit three more from the foul line and give Mineola the win.

The game had a lot to offer, and it was as hard-fought a contest as one could ever want to see. This win was an endorsement of the Lady Jackets' conditioning, mental and physical. Well-conditioned athletes do not lose their composure, they play rock solid defense in the fourth quarter, and they hit their foul shots late in the game.

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Mineola's Shaw Franklin hits for two of his game high 17 points in the second quarter of the Yellowjackets 58-37 win over Quitman on Friday night. (Monitor photo by Larry Tucker).

'Jackets boys top Bulldogs, 58-37

By **LARRY TUCKER**
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The Mineola Yellowjackets broke open a tight first half defensive battle with a big third quarter in their 58-37 win over the Quitman Bulldogs Friday night at Ballard Memorial Gym.

The teams displayed tough defense in the first half as Mineola went to intermission holding a slim 20-18 advantage. The 'Jackets came out firing in the second half with Kelby

Bruner making good on a second chance after an offensive rebound to put Mineola up 26-20 early in the third quarter.

The 'Jackets relentless defense caused Bulldogs turnovers and led Mineola on a 22-10 third-quarter run giving Mineola a 42-28 advantage going into the final period. Mineola senior Shaw Franklin made a steal and finished it off with a powerful dunk as time ran out in the third quarter. Franklin had 17 points for the game

with Bruner adding 10.

Quitman was led by Trey Berry's 10 points with Luke Pruden scoring nine points and Jace Reid adding eight for the Bulldogs.

The Bulldogs faced Lone Oak at home on Tuesday and have a bye Friday night. Mineola was at home against Grand Saline on Tuesday and travel to Edgewood Friday for an important game with Edgewood in a fight for the district lead.

Lady Jackets down Quitman, 58-28

You can't game-plan against hustle. That was the problem facing the Quitman Lady Bulldogs as they faced the Lady Jackets on Friday night. A hustling full-court press dismantled the Quitman attack and earned the Lady Jackets a 58-28 victory.

Of course it isn't just hustle, a full-court press requires significant court awareness, a good sense of spacing, and an ability to recognize and close passing lanes. The Lady Jackets exercised those qualities throughout the contest.

Junior Jessiah Riley epitomized the effort of the Lady Jackets on the night. As usual she was the first one on the floor after any loose ball. This night she opened the scoring on the conversion of a turnover she forced, and followed that up with two free throws.

Quitman enjoyed some early success when they were able to get the ball inside and exploit their team height advantage. However their ability to move the ball into the forecourt limited the opportunities

to score. A 6-6 game half-way through the opening quarter became 14-6 at the end of the first as Mineola forced nine Quitman turnovers in the opening stanza.

Second-quarter action saw both sides committed too many fouls in an effort to steal or possess the ball. Four minutes from intermission Sabria Dean found Tahjae Black on a long outlet pass and Black finished strong to make the score 20-7.

The Lady Jackets did get the offense rolling, mostly using baseline drives and mid-range jumpers. The three-point shots were attempted sparingly with the Lady Jackets converting on three from long range in the half. Effective free throw shooting contributed to a 36-12 lead at the break.

Mineola had built a 12-8 rebounding advantage in the first half and this trend continued in the second half. A combination of Mineola's full-court pressure, aggressive driving to the basket, and rebounding wore down any Quitman

resistance. The score ballooned to 44-13 after Riley completed a three-point play from the line. At the quarter break the Lady Jackets were up 53-18.

In addition to the teamwork demonstrated in the application of the full-court pressure, the performance of sophomore Jaiden Gardner was notable. Gardner was called upon to do much of Mineola's ball handling in the second half, and despite not having much experience, she more than met the challenge.

For Mineola Riley had 14 points including 10-11 free throws while Dean added 12 points. Quitman was led by a pair of freshmen with Rainey Luman and Ava Burroughs each netting seven points.

Quitman was home Tuesday against Lone Oak and has a bye Friday. Mineola had an important contest with Grand Saline Tuesday at home and will be on the road at Edgewood on Friday.

Lady Hawks cruise past Big Sandy

Emily Moore scored 11 points, grabbed five rebounds and made a steal to lead Hawkins to a 50-22 victory over Big Sandy on Jan. 8.

Lynli Dacus also hit double digits, scoring 10 points for Hawkins. Harlie Conover netted two three-point-

ers as part of her eight-point night. Jaycee Cheshire had a big night on the glass with nine rebounds. Cheshire also posted eight points and blocked two shots.

Alyssa Eddington contributed five points, four boards and a steal; Christian Harris dropped in two

points and pulled down five rebounds, Logan Jaco came up with two points and two rebounds; and Carolyn Searer chipped in two points and a rebound.

The Lady Hawks won the junior varsity ballgame 44-11.

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