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Ministerial Alliance speaks out about murder trial delay

New judge to preside over 2014 case

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Nearly 4½ years since the tragic night of June 15, 2014, the man accused of killing Christopher James Griffin outside a convenience store in Mineola has yet to stand trial for murder.

Meanwhile, the judge who had been presiding over the case, 402nd District Judge Jeff Fletcher, confirmed to the Wood County Monitor last week that he has recused himself.

The leadership of the Mineola Ministerial Alliance recently weighed in on the state of affairs, scheduling a community prayer meeting to address the situation and registering their concerns about Wood County's criminal justice system.

Jason Walters, 45, is charged with murder in the death of Griffin, who was 18 when he was shot behind the EZ Mart on Pacific Avenue. Authorities allege that Walters and another man got into an argument inside the store and decided to settle their differences outside. Walters retrieved a gun from his truck before heading to the back of the store, according to police. He later fired the gun, striking Griffin, who was not a party to the original altercation, in the neck. Walters was indicted on a charge of murder in September 2014.

The trial, originally set for August 2015, has faced repeated delays, the most recent in late October.

After a postponement this spring, Fletcher explained in late May that "something

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Jason Walters, 45, (left) is accused of killing Christopher Griffin, 18, on June 15, 2014. The trial, originally set for August 2015, has faced repeated delays, the most recent in late October.

County D.A. must decide to accept new term by Jan. 1

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Under the cloud of a Texas Rangers investigation, Wood County District Attorney Jim Wheeler has until Jan. 1 to decide whether he'll lay claim to another term in office or relinquish the post.

Wheeler has been absent from his office since October, when Longview Judge Alfonso Charles of the 124th Judicial District appointed Upshur County District Attorney Billy Byrd as acting prosecutor in the case involving Wheeler. Charles' action stemmed from a complaint against Wheeler that Byrd turned over to the Texas Rangers on Oct. 9, according to the Department of Public Safety.

Through an open records request, the *Wood County Monitor* has sought information about the nature of the complaint. The DPS would not release any information concerning allegations against Wheeler. A DPS attorney stated: "Because this is an ongoing investigation, the release of potential evi-

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This Week in Your Neighborhood

- Alba's Christmas parade and Santa on the Square, which was scheduled for Dec. 8, have both been canceled.
- Quitman-Lake Fork Kiwanis Club will have its annual Christmas parade "A Fantasy Christmas" on Dec. 8 at 2 p.m. beginning at Quitman High School and ending at Governor Jim Hogg City Park.
- Quitman Christmas Sharing Plus distribution day will be this Saturday, Dec. 8 at 8:30 a.m. at the CS

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Santa and Mrs. Claus wave to the crowd Saturday evening from aboard a fire truck during the Mineola Chamber of Commerce's annual Christmas parade. A crowd estimated at close to 1,000 people lined Broad Street to take in the festivities, which included dancers, a marching band, and beautifully lit floats. SEE MORE PHOTOS, PAGE 11. (Monitor photo by Hank Murphy)

Agencies urge $500,000 for Mineola Nature Preserve repair

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Mineola's Nature Preserve may undergo a $500,000 restoration project courtesy of a pollution investigation out of Bowie County and a bankruptcy award against the owner of the former Kerr-McGee Chemical Corp.

"That's huge for us," said City Manager Mercy Rushing, who noted that the project has drawn support from the city, county and the local delegation to the state legislature. Rushing said the proposal is still subject to final approval after public comment and review, which began last week.

The restoration plan includes planting hardwood trees and preventing the spread of invasive species, drainage work to improve the natural flow of water, and grinding or mulching large wooded debris piles in the southeast portion of the 2,911-acre preserve, according to an executive summary prepared by a collection of state and federal agencies.

Rushing announced to the City Council on Nov. 26 that the Nature Preserve is among five environmental restoration projects eyed for funding through a $21.3 million court award. The case stems from a release of hazardous substances into streams from the former Kerr-McGee wood treating plant at Tex-

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ABOVE: Imagery from the Wood County Appraisal District of the Mineola High School football field, which can be found at woodcad.net. TOP: Imagery produced by aerial digital mapping company Beacon Aviation Inc. of the Mineola High School football field.

Soaring to new heights of mapping

Beacon Aviation sets its sights to county-wide aerial imaging

By ZAK WELLERMAN
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Beacon Aviation Inc. has been going "out on a wing and a prayer" since its founding 25 years ago. Marty Gould, vice president of Beacon, says taking chances is nothing new for the digital aerial mapping company located at the Wood County Airport.

The company uses planes, camera equipment and mapping to determine elevations and important map information for mining, oil and gas, the Texas Department of Transportation and rural water districts. Now, they've amped up their technology and want to contribute to Wood County local government. This year, Beacon is creating high-resolution imagery for all of Wood County.

With a recent investment in technology called direct geo-referencing, imagery is now high quality, produced faster and less expensive, Gould stated.

"On speculation we have mapped all of Wood County. We want to reposition ourselves as county wide mapping service and our first mapping is Wood County, which makes sense because it's home and we've already had great success with it, Gould said. "We've already had several clients that have purchased our imagery."

Beacon is also looking at mapping airports across the state and region.

"We would like nothing more than for the county to use our imagery that is second to none. We would like taxpayer dollars to be

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Wisener Field felt like home to fledgling aviation company

Marty Gould began Beacon Aviation in 1993 after leaving his job as head of information systems at the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation Resolution Trust Corporation in Houston.

In 1995, he and his family of six relocated to the Mineola area, arriving in a 40-foot RV that also served as a makeshift home.

"We showed up in the Lindale area with a one-ton truck, an RV and two airplanes. We located literally

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Quitman parade, tour of homes this weekend

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Mineola Community Bank

From Mineola with love

Gift boxes headed to troops in Afghanistan

By HANK MURPHY
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U.S. military personnel serving in Afghanistan will receive dozens of boxes filled with Christmas treats from Mineola, courtesy of Ellen Jackson and First United Methodist Church.

On Saturday, church volunteers gathered at the church's Ministries Center to prepare shipping boxes full of snacks and candy, toiletries and hygiene products, socks, pudding, cards and games, and many other items.

Jackson, the organizer of the event, said the goal was to ship 50 boxes. The boxes were expected to be mailed out Monday and arrive at a base in Afghanistan in time for Christmas.

She remembered being struck by a comment made by her son, who served in Iraq. He told that some soldiers serving in Iraq didn't receive anything from home at Christmas.

More than 8,000 Americans are still serving in Afghanistan. Jackson was able to tap the generosity of fellow parishioners at First United Methodist to make sure at least some American service members there will receive Christmas gifts from home.

"People in the church donated the items and money for postage; they just stepped up to the plate," she said.

Once they arrive in Afghanistan, the boxes will be handled by the base chaplain, who is expected to put them out in a common area, and the troops will be able to help themselves.

Ellen Jackson and her father, Neil Harle, at Saturday's packing event at First United Methodist Church's Ministries Center. The church is sending about 50 boxes filled with various treats to American troops in Afghanistan. (Monitor photo by Hank Murphy).

Left to right: Barry Smith, Cheryl Conaway, Jeff Hall (factory manager), Andy Trauger, Donna Spann (director of development and communications for East Texas Food Bank), Jeremy Mathews, Jeri Goswick, and Charles Ridgeway. (Courtesy photo).

Ozarka celebrates Giving Tuesday with food bank donation

Ozarka 100% Natural Spring Water celebrated Giving Tuesday last week by donating $5,000 and a truckload of bottled water to the East Texas Food Bank. On Nov. 27, Ozarka and its parent company, Nestlé Waters North America, made the donation to the food bank in Tyler and Ozarka employees volunteered afterward. Giving Tuesday is meant to promote being charitable and celebrate philanthropy. Since 2012, it is celebrated the Tuesday after Thanksgiving in the United States. With its plant located in Hawkins, Ozarka hopes its donation will assist families in East Texas who are living with food insecurity. The company has partnered with the food bank since 2003.

"Supporting our local communities is a priority for our company," Jeff Hall, Ozarka factory manager, said. "Since 2003 we have partnered with the East Texas Food Bank and we are pleased to help again on Giving Tuesday. On behalf of our 230 employees in Wood County, and more than 1,300 statewide, we are grateful for the good work that is being done here to assist families in need. We are proud to support the East Texas Food Bank again."

East Texas Food Bank gives to more than 252,900 clients in 26 counties in the region.

"The holiday season is a particularly important time of need for our families," Dennis Cullinane, CEO of the East Texas Food Bank, said. "This donation and delivery of bottled water could not have arrived at a better time. We are so fortunate and thankful for our long-standing partnership with Ozarka and their continued support of the work that we do each day."

For more information on how to help the hungry, reach out to the food bank on the website, easttexasfoodbank.org.

WOOD COUNTY COMMUNITY CALENDAR

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

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

ALBA LADIES CLUB - fourth Tuesday, 6:30 p.m., Alba Community Center. 765-2573

ALBA LIBRARY/MUSEUM BOARD – third Monday every other month,, 4 p.m., library building. Everyone welcome.

ALBA-GOLDEN SCHOOL BOARD - second Monday, 7 p.m., high school library., 768-2472.

ALBA-GOLDEN YOUTH FOUNDATION - second Tuesday, elementary gym, 7 p.m. All welcome.

ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS - Sunday and Monday, 7 p.m., Friday 8 p.m., Wednesday noon; Women's Group Mon. 11 a.m.; St. Dunstan's Episcopal Church, Mineola.

ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS - Wednesday and Saturday, 7:30 p.m., 404 S. Main Street, Quitman.

ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS – Gateway Group, Tues. & Sat. 7 p.m. Puckett House, 109 Kilpatrick Street.

AL ANON - Thursday, 7:30 pm; St. Dunstan's Episcopal Church, Mineola.

ALZHEIMER SUPPORT GROUP (sponsored by Pilot Club) first Monday, 11 a.m., Red Dome restaurant in Quitman, 903-569-5237.

AMERICAN LEGION POST 296 and Auxiliary - fourth Tuesday, 6:30 p.m., Highway 80, three miles east of Mineola. 903-569-0348. All are invited.

AMERICAN LEGION POST OF WINNSBORO - first Tuesday, 6:30 p.m., 102 West Broadway, in Winnsboro. 903-752-0913 or 903-7675338.

APET (Animal Preservation of East Texas) Thrift Store - Dog Gone Good Stuff, 915 S. Pacific Street, Mineola, Thursday-Saturday. 903-569-0505 or 903-563-9542.

BOY SCOUT TROOP #36 QUITMAN - meets Sunday, 4:30 p.m., Scout House behind First United Methodist Church. Danny King, 903-521-5930.

BOYSCOUTS TROOP 385 MINEOLA - Tuesdays 7 p.m., Mineola Methodist Education Bldg. New boys/alums welcome! Chris Jennings 903-569-3531

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

BOY SCOUTS TROOP 379 WINNSBORO - Tuesdays 7 p.m., City Bldg @ Walker Park. New boys/alums welcome! Sherry McGovern 903-335-9744

BREAD OF LIFE MINISTRY FOOD PANTRY - Humble Baptist, first & third Tuesday 1-4 p.m.

BREAKING FREE - meeting place for families and friends of addicts and alcoholics. Monday, 7 p.m., 971 E. Goode St., Quitman, 903-497-6149.

CELEBRATE RECOVERY - a support group for those with various hurts, habits or hang-ups, every Monday, 6:30-9 p.m., Church On the Rock annex building at 302 S. Stephens. 903-763-4588.

THE CORVETTES OF WOOD COUNTY – First Saturday of the month at 9 a.m. Richie's Grill, corner of U.S. 80 and FM 14 in Hawkins. Open to any Corvette owner.

COUNSELING CHRISTIAN GUIDANCE CENTER - 903-850-3858 or ibarnes@texascellnet.com.

CUB SCOUTS PACK 391 HAWKINS - meets Sundays, 5 p.m., Scout Hut, FUMC. New boys, alums welcome. Scott Randall, 903-203-7901.

DAUGHTERS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION - first Saturday except June, July, August and December, 12 p.m. Harvest Acres Baptist Church, 460 NW Loop 564, Mineola. 903-343-1474.

DAUGHTERS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION, John Hogg, Sr. Chapter, 3rd Monday except June, July, August & December, 1 PM. Holly Hall, Holly Lake Ranch. 903-520-8697

DELPHIAN LITERARY CLUB - first Wednesday, 569-6794 or 569-3586.

DRUG AND ALCOHOL AWARENESS - 7 p.m. Friday, Seventh Day Adventist Church, Ronny Polley 768-2992.

DUPLICATE BRIDGE ACBL games - Wednesday and Friday, 10:30 a.m., Masonic Lodge, 882-1335.

EASTERN STAR - Quitman Chapter 695, 3rd Tues., dinner 6:30 p.m., meeting 7:30. Flora Lodge in Quitman. 903-638-6420.

ETMC Quitman - needs volunteers. Great opportunity to meet people while helping your community. Contact Judy Johnson, 903-383-3433

FANNIE MARCHMAN GARDEN CLUB - third Wednesday, September - May, Mineola Civic Center, 9:30 a.m. Visitors welcome. Charla Martin, president, 903-638-6389

FLORA MASONIC LODGE #119 - first Tuesday at the lodge hall, Highway 37, Quitman. Covered dish - 6:30 p.m., meeting 7:30 p.m. Study nights for members each Thursday, 7 p.m. at the hall.

FOREVER YOUNG ACTIVITIES CENTER - Wednesday and Friday, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Fitness exercises, bridge, lessons, Bingo and card games.

FOUKE-LAKE HAWKINS CRIME WATCH - third Thursday, 7 p.m., Fouke Community Center

FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY - second Tuesday, Quitman.

FRIENDS OF THE MINEOLA MEMORIAL LIBRARY - first Wednesday, 1 p.m., Mineola Library, 569-2767.

GED CLASSES, FREE - Sand Spring Baptist Church. Monday and Tuesday, 9 a.m. to noon, or 6-9 p.m. 903-768-3239 or 903-569-9350.

GED FREE PREPARATORY CLASS - each Thursday 4 - 6 p.m. concurrent with QISD calendar. Quitman Public Library, 202 E Goode St, Quitman 903-975-5745

GIRL SCOUTS MINEOLA TROOP 3 - building girls of courage, confidence, and character, who make the world a better place! All girls kindergarten-12th grade welcome! Monday, 5:00-6:30 pm, September-May, Broad Street Church of Christ Annex, Crystal Arcand 903-705-2459

HAINESVILLE COMMUNITY CENTER - second Tuesday, 6 p.m. Members bring a covered dish and enjoy an evening of fellowship. The center is located at FM 49 and 778, 903-769-1091.

HAINESVILLE VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPT. - second and fourth Thursday, 7 p.m., Firehouse downtown Hainesville.

HAWKINS LIONS CLUB - second and fourth Tuesday at the depot in Willful Crossing.

HOLLY LAKE FIRE DEPARTMENT -first and third Tuesday at the fire station at Holly Lake Ranch.

IRIS GARDEN CLUB-GOLDEN - first Monday, September-May, Golden United Methodist Church. 903-765-3000.

KIWANIS CLUB - noon Tuesday, Mineola Civic Center Dogwood Room.

THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS OF SAINT PETER'S THE APOSTLE COUNCIL #11933 - second Thursday, 7 p.m., at the church, 203 Meadowbrook Drive, Mineola. 903-569-3662.

LAKE COUNTRY CLASSIC CAR CLUB - third Monday, 6:30 p.m. 903-850-2557.

LAKE COUNTRY REPUBLICANS - fourth Tuesday, 6 p.m., Red Dome Smokehouse, Quitman.

LAKE COUNTRY RV TRAVELERS - of Good Sam Int'l. Monthly, RV parks w/in 150 m. radius. 903-569-3677 or 3069.

LAKE COUNTRY SYMPHONIC BAND - will resume rehearsals Aug. 6 at Mineola High School Band Hall. 7 p.m. 903-569-2300.

LAKE FORK ROTARY CLUB - Wednesday, noon, at the Lake Fork Baptist Church on State Highway 515

LAKE HOLBROOK ASSOCIATION - first Saturday, February, May, August and November, Harold Simmons Community Center, 5:30 p.m. directors, 6 p.m. all members and guests welcome. 903-569-0223.

MEMORY CAFÉ, a time for stimulating memory, meets weekly on Thursday in the craft room at Holly Brook Baptist Church from 11:45 to 2 p.m. Lunch is provided. Various activities are offered each week, including games, moderate exercise, art, and music. People in the area are invited. There is no charge. For more information call 903 769-2091

MINEOLA BAND BOOSTERS - second Tuesday, 7 p.m., in high school band hall. All parents invited.

MINEOLA LIONS CLUB - second and fourth Thursday, noon, Mineola Country Club, 903-638-1596; 903-569-3340.

MINEOLA MARINE CORPS LEAGUE Det. #1278, 3rd Tuesday, 6 p.m. meal, 7 p.m. meeting. American Legion Building, 2015 E. Hwy. 80, Mineola, 903-497-3030.

MINEOLA SCHOOL BOARD - third Monday, Admin. Bldg., Loop 564, 7 p.m.

MINEOLA CITY COUNCIL - fourth Monday, 5:30 p.m., City Hall. Public welcome. Call City Hall for changes in November and December because of holidays.

MINEOLA HIGH SCHOOL ATHLETIC BOOSTER CLUB - last Monday, 6 p.m., high school lobby.

MINEOLA HISTORICAL MUSEUM ADVISORY BOARD - third Tuesday, 4 p.m., city hall. 569-6944. Public invited.

MINEOLA MASONIC LODGE - second Thursday, dinner at 6:30 p.m., meeting at 7:30 p.m. All Masons invited. 569-2608.

MINEOLA REBEKAH LODGE - first and third Tuesday, 11 a.m., 106 S. Line St. All Rebekahs welcome, 569-2776.

MINEOLA ROTARY CLUB - Monday noon, Dogwood Room, Mineola Civic Center.

MINEOLA ROTARY RECYCLING – third Saturday, 8:30-11:30 a.m., Walmart parking lot. Cardboard, paper and plastic accepted.

MINEOLA SENIOR CITIZEN CENTER - 308 University, 9:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. 903-497-1162; Dominoes & other games.

MLOTA LINE DANCE GUILD - Tuesday, 8:30 a.m., and Friday, 9:30 a.m.

MLOTA FIBER/CRAFT ART GUILD - Wednesday and Thursday, 10 a.m. and 1:30 p.m., business meeting fourth Thursday, 9:30 am.

MLOTA QUILT GUILD - first, second and third Thursday, 9:30 am; business meeting first Thursday.

MLOTA PAINTERS GUILD - Wednesday, 10 a.m.; business meeting fourth Monday.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

QUITMAN/LAKE FORK KIWANIS - Wednesday, noon, Faith Student Center, 403 S. Main St., Quitman.QUITMAN LIONS CLUB - second and fourth Tuesday, 6:30 p.m., Peralto's Restaurant. Contact any Lions Club member to donate your used eyeglasses for recycling to the needy.

QUITMAN PILOT CLUB - third Tuesday, 6:30 p.m., Quitman Public Library. 903-383-5075.

QUITMAN ROTARY CLUB, Thurs., noon, ETMC Community Room, N. Hwy. 37.

QUITMAN CITY COUNCIL – third Thursday, 5:30 p.m.; city hall.

QUITMAN SCHOOL BOARD – 2nd Monday, 6 p.m. Administration Building.

REPUBLICAN CLUB OF WINNSBORO - fourth Monday, 7 p.m., 903-342-0575.

REPUBLICAN WOMEN OF WOOD COUNTY - third Monday, 11:30 a.m., Red Dome, Quitman, 903 383 2121.

SINGING AT THE FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH OF HAWKINS - fourth Sunday, 2-4 p.m.

SCOTTISH RITE - Wood County Scottish Rite Club meets third Thursday of odd month, 6:30 p.m., Red Dome Smokehouse meeting room. 903-253-3635.

STROKE SURVIVORS & APHASIA CLUB OF EAST TEXAS - fourth Wednesday, 6-7 p.m., First Baptist Church Quitman, 903-878-2392.

TEXAS INMATE FAMILIES ASSOCIATION - second Tuesday, 6:30-8 p.m., First Christian Church Tyler, Broadway & Loop, 903-839-2349.

TOASTMASTERS INTERNATIONAL - Garden Valley chapter, Thursdays on Mercy Ships property, 5:30-6:30 p.m. 903-882-0887.

TOPS GROUP - Thursday, 8-11 a.m., Harvest Acres Baptist Church, NW Loop 564, 569-1240 , 569-2415.

UPPER SABINE VALLEY SOLID WASTE DISTRICT - every three months on third Monday, Wood County Courthouse, 5:30 p.m.. 903-763-2123.

UTU AUXILIARY MORNING STAR LODGE #851 - third Monday (except July and August), 11:30 a.m

VFW LADIES AUXILIARY #7523 - third Sunday, 1 p.m., Recruiting new members. 569-2228.

VFW POST #7523 - third Wednesday, 6 p.m., Karaoke every Friday, 8 p.m. 569-2228.

WHYTE DOVE WRITER'S GROUP - Second Tuesday, 6 p.m., Quitman Public Library. 903-763-1210 or e-mail mkyoung97@peoples.com.net

WOOD COUNTY 4-H HORSE CLUB - Business meeting, Monday, 2 p.m, Wood County Extension Office.

Wood County Aggie MomS - 1st Tuesday, 6 p.m., 903-539-7049 or Wood County Aggie Moms Facebook page.

WOOD COUNTY APPRAISAL DISTRICT - Quarterly, third Thursday, 8 p.m., appraisal district office. Open to the public.

WOOD COUNTY CENTRAL HOSPITAL DISTRICT - third Monday, 5:30 p.m. (every three months).

WOOD COUNTY COMMISSIONERS COURT - every other Friday, Commissioners Court, Quitman, 10 a.m. 763-2716.

WOOD COUNTY CRIME STOPPERS - every other month, third Monday, 6 p.m., Wood County Justice Center courtroom. The public is invited. 903-763-2201 or 903-569-6294.

WOOD COUNTY DEMOCRAT CLUB – fourth Thursday, Quitman Public Library, at 6:15 p.m. 903-383-7036 or www.woodcountydem.org.

WOOD COUNTY GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY - third Monday, January through May and September through November, 7 p.m., Quitman Public Library, Shamburger Community Room. For 903-763-4191 or 967-2458.

WOOD COUNTY HEALTH DEPT. IMMUNIZATION CLINIC - Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, 9-11 a.m., and 1-3 p.m., third Monday, 1-6 p.m. Public Health Department offices, 213 W. Bermuda, Quitman, 763-5406.

WOOD COUNTY HOSPITAL DISTRICT - second Monday, 7 p.m., hospital conference room in Quitman. Public invited.

WOOD COUNTY PCT. 2 CONSTABLE EXPLORERS – first Thursday, 6:30 p.m., Armed Texans Training Facility, 369 CR 2784, Mineola.

WOOD COUNTY RETIRED SCHOOL PERSONNEL ASSOCIATION - third Monday, September-December, and February-April, 2 p.m. and in May at 5 p.m., Forever Young Activity Center, 402 S. Main St., Quitman. All retired school personnel are invited.

YANTIS CITY COUNCIL – second Tuesday, 6 p.m., city hall.

YANTIS SCHOOL BOARD – second Monday, 6 p.m. (executive session), 7 open meeting, school cafeteria.

YANTIS/LAKE FORK LIONS CLUB - second Thursday, 6 p.m., Yantis Community Center.

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FYAC hosts annual tour of homes in Quitman on Sunday

Forever Young Activity Center will host its Home for the Holidays Annual Tour of Homes this Sunday, Dec. 9.

The tour runs from 1 to 4 p.m. and features Quitman homes and country store vendors. Tickets cost $12 and can be purchased at the center on Wednesday and Friday prior to the event from any FYAC associate or at the country store on Dec. 9.

The four featured homes are the Tanner Home (204 Paul Street), the Spiers Home (210 Paul Street), the Turner Home (278 CR 3200 or Earlene Drive) and the Dopson House (1960 East Highway 154).

Arnie and Jana Spiers' home has a winter wonderland theme featuring vintage Christmas ornaments as you travel down gingerbread and peppermint lanes. There will be more surprises as you walk through their doors.

Robin and John Tanner's home includes creative, out-of-this-world decorations and these unique designs can't be found in a store.

Deborah Dopson's home brings together of a combination of country charm and comfy living as well as a bohemian theme and eclectic décor.

Rhonda and Scott Turner's home has traditional reds along with farmhouse buffalo plaid décor in the main living areas. Heirlooms, such as iron pots with nature elements of pinecones and cedar, are also a part of the home. Their bedrooms are decorated in a snowmen, gold and glitter, romantic countryside theme. The Christmas tree features homemade ornaments from their children.

Each home will have visible signs to find the location. This year, houses are all within five miles of each other and two are within walking distance.

FYAC will have the country store and bake sale from noon to 5 p.m.

Vendors offer hand-made arts and crafts, jewelry, wood worker, handmade sewing items, Christmas gifts and home-cooked holiday specialties. FYAC associates will make the desserts. Door prize drawing for various prizes is set for 5 p.m. Those participating in the drawing do not have to be present to win.

- By ZAK WELLERMAN

Trial

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came to light in late April, early May" that he could not reveal but that required Wood County District Attorney Jim Wheeler to step down from the case. It was transferred to the Texas Attorney General's Office and to prosecuting attorney Thomas Cloudt. Fletcher said at the time that the trial would be held Oct. 29 if not sooner.

When asked recently for an update on the case, Cloudt said he could not discuss it.

Fletcher said he could not comment on his reasons for recusal. On Oct. 11, Judge Joe D. Clayton of Tyler was appointed to oversee the case by 124th District Judge Alfonso Charles of Longview.

"It's very unfortunate and disappointing that the Walters and Griffin trial has been delayed again," said Demetrious Boyd, pastor of St. Paul Missionary Baptist Church and vice president of the Mineola Ministerial Alliance. "It'll be five years next year and this is totally unacceptable. These families and this community deserve closure."

The Alliance intends to address the matter at a community prayer service scheduled for Martin Luther King Day on Jan. 21 at First Baptist Church.

'This in no way – from a community perspective – is a black thing or a white thing but a right thing.'

Demetrious Boyd, pastor of St. Paul Missionary Baptist Church

Paul Thomasson, pastor at First United Methodist Church and president of the Ministerial Alliance, said of the situation: "It appears to me that with the slaying of a human being and then the indictment of a human being, the distance between the death of the person and the trial of the person accused of slaying them should not be 4½ to five years away. The earliest possible trial now will be in 2019. I will be very, very interested in understanding the reasons why it apparently has been put off quite a few different ways and times for different reasons. I would think a long explanation would be well-received by the citizens of this county to know the reasons why."

Boyd expressed an overall lack of confidence in those in charge of the county's criminal justice system.

"The manner in which the case was handled; it's a total tragedy from the beginning to where it is now," he stated. "The misrepresentation of intents and the truth about some things that have gone on are pathetic."

The case serves as an example of why "it's important to elect people whom you can trust and that have the best interest of the community and fairness for all parties at hand. I think it's very unfortunate that that didn't happen like it should have," he said.

He stressed that the community at large has a vested interest in seeing the case brought to trial.

"This in no way – from a community perspective – is a black thing or a white thing but a right thing," Boyd said.

Regarding what he hopes to see accomplished through the prayer meeting, he said: "One of my hopes and goals through this peaceful prayer meeting is to see this – as horrible as it is – but also let it not be in vain. Let's use this as an opportunity to bring awareness and let it bring change to all of our relations across the board."

He added: "Forgiveness has already been extended from the families; we need closure, they need closure."

Quitman Christmas parade ready to roll Saturday

By ZAK WELLERMAN
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Quitman-Lake Fork Kiwanis Club will host its "A Fantasy Christmas" parade in Quitman this Saturday, Dec. 8.

This year's route starts at Quitman High School at 2 p.m. and ends at Governor Jim Hogg City Park.

The Wood County Honor Guard, the Dogwood queen and princesses, Quitman Volunteer Fire Department and several other fire departments will be among the parade participants.

Entrants should assemble in the back of QHS beginning at noon.

Only one live Santa is allowed in the parade and he will be riding on the Quitman Volunteer Fire Department fire truck. Judging of the floats will start at 1:30 p.m. Entrants who want to be considered must be in the designated area and ready at 1:15 p.m.

Since the parade is during the day, Kiwanis is asking people in the parade to throw candy or other items far enough so it lands off the roadway.

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This is just one of several classic cars on display Saturday at the Stinson House and Quitman Arboretum at Jim Hogg City Park. (Monitor photo by Larry Tucker).

Quitman Chamber plans for new director, location

By ZAK WELLERMAN
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Quitman Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors announced its plans for an executive director and moving to a downtown location.

President Alayna Moffett said Elizabeth Neuens will serve as interim executive director after Lauren Wilcox left the position.

"We were thankful to have Lauren Wilcox as part of the chamber as our executive director these one and half years but excited for her new journey she is endeavoring and wish her the best," Moffett said. "We will be in the coming weeks posting a job opening for this position as well."

Moffett also announced the chamber will be moving to Reflections Hospice's former downtown location at the corner of Main and Goode streets. The Chamber is working with Lonestar Renovations to complete some cosmetic improvements.

"Additionally, we have a new business coming to Quitman that will have their retail store in the downstairs portion of the building. We are very excited to have them, and I will be sending out more information about their business next week," she said in the email.

Reflections Hospice moved to the Lakewood Plaza shopping center in Quitman. Its new address is 502 E. Goode St. Ste. 2.

In other business, Quitman Chamber is looking to add board members to fill seat vacancies. There will be nomination forms available in December.

Neuens has been dropping off membership packets for 2019 along with a survey.

"We do ask you complete the survey and return it to us. This way we can review the surveys, plan, and take actions on your feedback," Moffett said. "That is very important to us, and we want to work together to help your business as much as we can."

CARING & SHARING DONATES $2,000 TO MINEOLA SCHOOLS

Caring & Sharing of Mineola made a $2,000 donation to the Mineola Independent School District at the Nov. 26 school board meeting. Each campus received $500 and the money will be placed in a benevolent fund for field trip fees, school supplies, clothing, shoes, and other supplies that students need. The district's four principals accepted the contribution. From left is Stacy Morris (Elementary School), David Sauer (High School), Becky Moore of Caring & Sharing, Kendall Gould (Middle School), and Jole Ray (Primary School). (Monitor photo by Hank Murphy).

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Christmas Sharing Plus events slated Saturday

Christmas Sharing Plus begins this weekend in Quitman with distribution day and a fish fry fundraiser.

Distribution day will be Saturday, Dec. 8. The Christmas Sharing team will meet at the CS food pantry building at about 8 a.m. Distribution will begin at 8:30 a.m. and should end by noon. The building is located at 603 Cliff St. in Quitman.

Before distribution, toys and food will be sorted by volunteers at work days, said Michelle Dobbs. These days will be posted on the Christmas Sharing Plus Facebook page.

Flora Masonic Lodge in Quitman will host its annual fish fry benefit for Christmas Sharing Plus on the same day. The event is from 4:30 to 7:30 p.m. Tickets cost $12.

QISD earns superior rating for its financial management

By ZAK WELLERMAN
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Quitman ISD received a perfect score for the management of its financial resources according to a recent report by the Texas Education Agency.

In the 2017-18 School Financial Integrity Rating System of Texas (FIRST) report, Quitman and other public school districts in Texas were rated on 15 financial factors to determine how well the districts were utilizing their funds.

The following financial management ratings are assigned to schools: superior, above standard achievement, meets standard or substandard achievement. Letter grades A, B, C or F are also determined from the FIRST report.

QISD received the superior rating.

"I believe all districts strive to achieve the superior rating," Quitman ISD Superintendent Rhonda Turner said. "I am proud of the perfect score, and I think it speaks well of the processes that are in place within the district. QISD will continue to work diligently to maintain the integrity of our business office."

FIRST encourages public schools to improve how finances are utilized to give the most funds possible for direct instructional purposes. Year 2017-18 ratings use financial reports from fiscal year 2016-17.

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Wood County Sheriff's Report: Nov. 21-27

NOVEMBER 21

Deputies spoke with the reporting party, at approximately 7:39 a.m., in reference to criminal mischief that occurred on CR 2351 near Mineola. Deputies determined this to incident to be a civil matter.

Deputies were dispatched to Fm 69 near Como, at approximately 8:39 p.m., in reference to a welfare check. Deputies located the individual and everything was OK.

Deputies spoke with the reporting party, at approximately 10:43 a.m., in reference to criminal trespass on CR 2900 near Alba. Deputies gave the reporting party advice and cleared the incident.

Deputies were dispatched to FM 515 near Winnsboro, at approximately 6:45 p.m., in reference to a welfare check. Deputies located the individual and everything was OK.

Deputies spoke with the reporting party, at approximately 7:58 p.m., in reference to terroristic threat that occurred on CR 3859 near Winnsboro. Deputies gave the reporting party advice and cleared the incident.

Deputies were dispatched to CR 3639 near Hawkins, at approximately 8:18 p.m., in reference to criminal mischief. Actors, or actors unknown, damaged the reporting party's fence. This case has been forwarded to investigators.

Deputies were dispatched to CR 2260 near Mineola, at approximately 11:14 p.m., in reference to a welfare check. Deputies searched the area, but were unable to locate the individual.

NOVEMBER 22

Deputies were dispatched to FM 312 near Winnsboro, at approximately 2:41 a.m., in reference to an alarm. Deputies spoke with the owner of the building and it was a false alarm.

Deputies were dispatched to CR 2325 near Mineola, at approximately 9:11 a.m., in reference to a disturbance. Marvin Evans, 67, of Mineola, was arrested for Assault Causes Bodily Injury, Family Violence.

Deputies were dispatched to Wild Goose Lane near Hawkins, at approximately 4:58 p.m., in reference to a burglary. Actors, or actors unknown, stole several items from the reporting party's residence. This case has been forwarded to investigators.

NOVEMBER 23

Deputies were dispatched to PR 5892 near Yantis, at approximately 9:04 a.m., in reference to an alarm. Deputies spoke with the owner of the building and determined it was an accident.

Deputies were dispatched to CR 2210 near Mineola, at approximately 10:38 a.m., in reference to a dispute. Parties were separated for the day.

Deputies spoke with the reporting party, at approximately 11:58 a.m., in reference to criminal mischief of CR 2310 near Mineola. Actors, or actors unknown, have been throwing eggs at the reporting party's residence. Deputies advised the reporting party that extra patrol would be provided.

Deputies were dispatched to FM 14 near Hawkins, at approximately 1:57 p.m., in reference to shots fired. Deputies located the individual with the firearm and determined the firearm was being shot in a safe direction.

Deputies were dispatched to CR 3234 near Quitman, at approximately 2:08 p.m., in reference to shots fired. Deputies searched the area, but were unable to locate any activity.

Deputies were dispatched to CR 3810 near Hawkins, at approximately 2:11 p.m., in reference to an alarm. Deputies spoke with the owner of the building and it was a false alarm.

Deputies were dispatched to PR 7536 near Hawkins, at approximately 3:18 p.m., in reference to theft. Actors, or actors unknown, stole a deer feeder from the reporting party's property.

Deputies responded to a suspicious vehicle on CR 2910 near Mineola; at approximately 5:50 p.m. Deputies searched the area, but were unable to locate the vehicle.

Deputies were dispatched to FM 779 near Alba, at approximately 6:04 p.m., in reference to a welfare check. Deputies searched the area, but were unable to locate the individual.

Deputies were dispatched to HWY 154 near Quitman, at approximately 6:28 p.m., in reference to a disturbance. Parties were separated for the night.

Deputies were dispatched to CR 2310 near Mineola, at approximately 7:26 p.m., in reference to criminal mischief. Actors, or actors unknown, have been throwing eggs at the reporting party's residence. Deputies searched the area, but were unable to locate any individuals.

Deputies went out on an arrest/warrant service to Broadway St. in Winnsboro; at approximately 8:25 p.m. Deputies searched the area, but were unable to make contact with the individual.

Deputies were dispatched to CR 2620 near Mineola, at approximately 8:50 p.m., in reference to shots fired. Deputies searched the area, but were unable to locate any activity.

Deputies were dispatched to CR 4579 near Winnsboro, at approximately 10:03 p.m., in reference to suspicious circumstances. Deputies searched the area, but were unable to locate any suspicious activity.

Deputies were dispatched to FM 14 near Quitman, at approximately 11:02 p.m., in reference to a disturbance. Stephen Coop, 23, of Austin, was arrested for outstanding warrants and Injury to Child/Elderly/Disabled with Intent to Causes Bodily Injury.

At 11:21 p.m., cows were reported out on HWY 80 near Mineola.

NOVEMBER 24

Deputies were dispatched to CR 1681 near Alba, at approximately 12:10 a.m., in reference to suspicious circumstances. Deputies searched the area, but were unable to locate any suspicious activity.

Deputies were dispatched to CR 3277 near Hawkins, at approximately 12:57 a.m., in reference to a noise complaint. Deputies advised the individual to lower the volume of the music and the scene was cleared.

Deputies were dispatched to FM 2966 near Yantis, at approximately 1:40 a.m., in reference to an alarm. Deputies checked the building and it was secure.

Deputies were dispatched to PR 5174 near Quitman, at approximately 2:46 a.m., in reference to a disturbance. Deputies spoke with all parties involved and cleared the incident.

Deputies were dispatched to Main St. in Yantis, at approximately 10:04 a.m., in reference to theft. Alanna Ramsey, 24, of Quitman, was arrested for Theft and two counts of Possession of a Controlled Substance.

Deputies were dispatched to Loyd Stret in Yantis, at approximately 11:11 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 were dispatched to CR 3148 near Quitman, at approximately 1:21 p.m., in reference to criminal trespass. Deputies advised the reporting party that this incident was civil matter.

Deputies were dispatched to FM 14 near Hawkins, at approximately 1:22 p.m., in reference to a burglary. Actors, or actors unknown, stole several items from the reporting party's vehicle. This case has been forwarded to investigators.

Deputies were dispatched to CR 2632 near Mineola, at approximately 2:32 p.m., in reference to an assault. Deputies spoke with all parties involved and cleared the incident.

Deputies responded to a suspicious vehicle on CR 3289 near Quitman; at approximately 2:32 p.m. Deputies searched the area, but were unable to locate the vehicle.

Deputies were dispatched to CR 4865 near Winnsboro, at approximately 2:45 p.m., in reference to criminal trespass. The actor left the scene, prior to the deputies' arrival.

Deputies responded to a suspicious person on Village Circle near Yantis, at approximately 3:13 p.m. Deputies located the individual and cleared the incident.

Deputies were dispatched to CR 2790 near Mineola, at approximately 4:39 p.m., in reference to criminal trespass. Deputies searched the area, but were unable to locate any individuals.

Deputies were dispatched to CR 1445 near Quitman, at approximately 6:40 p.m., in reference to a noise complaint. Deputies searched the area, but were unable to locate any activity.

Deputies responded to a suspicious vehicle on FM 182 near Quitman, at approximately 7:11 p.m. Deputies searched the area, but were unable to locate the vehicle.

Deputies were dispatched to CR 4865 near Winnsboro, at approximately 7:16 p.m., in reference to criminal trespass. A known actor was on the reporting party's property without authorization. This case has been forwarded to investigators.

Deputies were dispatched to CR 1560 near Alba, at approximately 10:47 p.m., in reference to a welfare check. Deputies issued Criminal Trespass Warnings and cleared the incident.

Deputies were dispatched to FM 514 near Yantis, at approximately 11:07 p.m., in reference to shots fired. Deputies searched the area, but were unable to locate any activity.

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Deputies were dispatched to FM 182 near Alba, at approximately 12:12 a.m., in reference to a noise complaint. Deputies located the activity and everything was OK.

Deputies conducted a traffic stop on Main Street in Yantis, at approximately 1:24 a.m. Jasmyn Williams, 33, of Yantis, was arrested for outstanding warrants.

Deputies were dispatched to CR 1562 near Alba, at approximately 12:56 p.m., in reference to an inquest. A male, 69, was found deceased in his residence. The Justice of the Peace was notified and no autopsy was ordered.

Deputies were dispatched to FM 182 near Quitman, at approximately 3:35 p.m., in reference to an assault. Deputies spoke with all parties involved and cleared the incident.

Deputies were dispatched to HWY 154 near Yantis, at approximately 5:45 p.m., in reference to a reckless driver. Deputies located the vehicle and everything was OK.

Deputies responded to a suspicious vehicle on FM 778 near Hawkins; at approximately 6:01 p.m. Deputies searched the area, but were unable to locate the vehicle.

Deputies were dispatched to FM 515 near Winnsboro, at approximately 9:07 p.m., in reference to a welfare check. Deputies located the individual and everything was OK.

Deputies were dispatched to CR 1950 near Yantis, at approximately 9:43 p.m., in reference to a welfare check. Deputies located the individual and everything was OK.

Deputies were dispatched to HWY 69 near Mineola, at approximately 10:46 p.m., in reference to a disturbance. Deputies spoke with all parties involved and cleared the incident.

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Deputies were dispatched to HWY 80 near Mineola, at approximately 12:56 a.m., in reference to an assault. This case has been forwarded to investigators.

Deputies were dispatched to CR 3599 near Winnsboro, at approximately 7:19 a.m., in reference to a dispute. Deputies spoke with all parties involved and determined it was a civil matter.

Deputies spoke with the reporting party, at approximately 10:35 a.m., in reference to a theft that occurred on HWY 37 near Winnsboro. Deputies gave the reporting party advice and cleared the incident.

Deputies were dispatched to FM 14 near Hawkins, at approximately 10:42 a.m., in reference to a theft. A known actor stole money from the reporting party's property.

Deputies spoke with the reporting party, at approximately 10:54 a.m., in reference to a scam that occurred on CR 1961 near Yantis. Deputies gave the reporting party advice and cleared the incident.

At 3:12 p.m., cows were reported out on CR 1460 near Quitman.

Deputies responded to a suspicious person on CR 1681 near Alba, at approximately 6:04 p.m. Tony Williams, 61, of Alba, was arrested for Silent Abusive Calls to 911 Service.

Deputies were dispatched to CR 1448 near Quitman, at approximately 7:14 p.m., in reference to an inquest. A female, 71, was found deceased in her residence. The Justice of the Peace was notified and no autopsy was ordered.

NOVEMBER 27

Deputies were dispatched to FM 1801 near Mineola, at approximately 1:29 a.m., in reference to an alarm. Deputies checked the building and it was secure.

Deputies spoke with the reporting party, at approximately 9:16 a.m., in reference to terroristic threat on CR 3854 near Hawkins. Deputies gave the reporting party advice and cleared the incident.

Read full story online at www.woodcountymonitor.com

Mineola Fire Report

Passenger vehicle fire: Nov. 20, 9:28 a.m., 1224 N. Pacific St., Mineola.

Medical assistance: Nov. 15, 12:59 p.m., 1050 NW Loop 564, Mineola; Nov. 16, 9:31 a.m., 243 Spring Lake Dr., Mineola; Nov. 17, 10 p.m., 310 N Graham St., Mineola; Nov. 18, 7:57 a.m., 415 CR 2205, Mineola; Nov. 18, 5:30 a.m. 704 CR 2230, Mineola; Nov. 18, 6 p.m., 1150 N Newsom St., Mineola; Nov. 19, 7:24 p.m., 186 CR 2437, Mineola; Nov. 20, 7:32 p.m., 369 CR 2774, Mineola; Nov. 20, 10:01 p.m., 704 CR 2230, Mineola; Nov. 23, 10:53 a.m., 311 Nuss Dr., Mineola; Nov. 24, 2:22 p.m., 1245 E Hwy 80, Mineola; Nov. 24, 5:53 p.m., 170 CR 2221, Mineola; Nov. 27, 5:11 p.m., 415 N Graham St., Mineola; Nov. 27, 6:35 p.m., 23622 Dogwood Trail (Enchanted Lakes) Mineola; Nov. 28, 8:14 a.m., 171 CR 2460, Mineola; Nov. 28, 10:29 a.m., 209 Circle Dr., Mineola.

Motor vehicle accident with injuries: Nov. 29, 3:13 p.m.

Motor vehicle accident with no injuries: Nov. 17, 10:33 a.m., FM 49, Mineola; Nov. 27, 6:23 a.m., E US Hwy 80, Mineola.

Search for person: Nov. 15, 7:35 p.m., 135 Autumn Winds Ct., Mineola.

Ga**s leak (natural gas or LPG):** Nov. 15, 5:54 p.m., 1122 Sycamore St., Mineola.

Aircraft standby: Nov. 16, 12:02 p.n., 1150 N Newsom St., Mineola; Nov. 27, 5:30 p.m., 1150 N Newsom St., Mineola.

Authorized controlled burning: Nov. 25, 11:37 a.m., CR 2610, Mineola.

Mineola Police Report: Nov. 20-28

NOVEMBER 28

An officer met with a woman on North Johnson in reference to a civil matter involving her daughter at 12:42 p.m. The officer found the daughter had walked away and spoke with her as well.

Bobby James Smitty, 25 of Minnesota was arrested for possession of a controlled substance under 1 gram and Raul Leonel Robles, 48 of Minnesota was arrested for possession of marijuana under 2 oz. after an officer stopped the vehicle they were traveling in on North Pacific at 11:55 p.m. for a traffic violation.

NOVEMBER 27

Aaron's reported theft of service from three customers that have not paid their lease and did not return the property. All customers were contacted and agreed to return the property.

A reckless driver was reported at 3:42 p.m. when a pickup turned onto the railroad tracks on South Pacific Street and then went across the tracks and turned in at Cade's. Officers responded and patrolled the area, but did not locate the vehicle.

A woman reported a welfare concern for a man that came to her residence on Buchanan Street acting strange and then walked off at 4:01 p.m. The man was last seen crossing the railroad tracks on Stone street. Officers found him on Stone Street. He was transported to the police department and then transported to a motel for the night through Ministerial Alliance.

At 5:12 p.m. officers assisted EMS on a medical call on Graham Street.

A resident on Francis Street reported hearing gunshots at 8:29 p.m. An officer responded to the area and patrolled looking and listening for the source but did not hear gunshots or the source.

A woman reported a man walking with a rifle in his hand and another one on his back in the area of North Johnson and North Pacific Street at 9:13 p.m. An officer found a man at a store on North Pacific carrying paintball guns and a bag.

A suspicious person was reported parked in a vehicle at the McFarland Community Center at 10:40 p.m. An officer checked on the vehicle and found the driver to be sitting in the vehicle waiting on a text.

An officer assisted the fire department with a call regarding a possible gas order in a residence on North Pacific Street at 11:31 p.m. Everything was fine.

NOVEMBER 26

Officers assisted Wood County by securing a scene at 1 a.m. until deputies could arrive at the Budget Inn Motel on East Hwy 80 when a woman reported she had been assaulted by a man.

A disturbance was reported on Dubose at 8:49 a.m. when a man hit the caller's residence with a stick after the caller asked him to leave and he refused. The man was not there when officers arrived. The complainant requested a criminal trespass be issued to the subject. The criminal trespass was served.

A burglary of a vehicle was reported at 9:03 a.m. on Kings Lane when a pair of sunglasses and a girl's bag with dance clothes and shoes were taken. The vehicle was locked.

A backpack was found on North Line Street at 9:23 a.m. that was previously reported missing and will be returned to the owner.

A wallet was placed in the drop box at the nature preserve and was returned to the owner.

A woman reported she was helping a man get fuel for his vehicle that was stranded at 3:37 p.m. While doing so he stole her cell phone from her vehicle.

A business on East Broad Street reported a disturbance at 5:26 p.m. when a customer was refusing to pay for their food. An officer responded and found the disturbance to be verbal only and the customer paid for the food.

A welfare concern was reported at 7:53 p.m. when a caller reported a van with plastic on the windows to possibly be a human trafficker. The officer located the vehicle and knew it belonged to a local citizen that he was familiar with.

Michael Lee Watts III of Sulphur Springs was arrested for possession of drug paraphernalia when an officer made a traffic stop at 9:52 p.m. on NE Loop 564 for a traffic violation. Watts was a passenger in the vehicle and upon a search the officer found a syringe in Watts' sock.

Parents of a high school student reported a possible threat of their daughter at school the following day. The incident was swiftly investigated and found it not to be a direct threat. The school was notified and will handle the situation.

NOVEMBER 25

A 911 hang up was received at 12:12 a.m. in the Front Street area. Several attempts were made to contact the caller back and an officer patrolled the area attempting to locate the caller but no contact was made.

A welfare concern was reported at 1:17 a.m. for a 16-year-old male who had reportedly been at a party and had been involved in an altercation. The juvenile was located on McDaniels Street and turned over to his parents.

A disturbance was reported on Rainbow Lane at 1:57 a.m. When officers arrived they determined a neighbor got upset because several were gathered outside at another residence next door. The neighbor was cooperative and admitted to firing a gun because he was concerned for his safety. A citation was written for disorderly conduct for discharging the firearm.

A disturbance was reported at Newsom and Good street when a man reported he was shot at twice by a passing car on Newsom Street at 10:05 a.m. The man reported he had been threatened by the suspect in the past. During the investigation it was found to be a false report. Charges are pending for the false report; however, the threats are under investigation.

A runway was reported by the parents of a 15-year-old male at 1:36 p.m. The juvenile was found by officers at a residence on Wigley Street and returned to his parents.

A business on North Pacific Street reported their Dumpster lock was cut at 2:20 p.m. A directed patrol has been issued.

A disturbance was reported when a man reported a known subject tried to run over him at the intersection in town at 3:51 p.m. Officers responded and found what the man was reporting occurred in the county.

A welfare concern was reported by a mother who requested officers to check on her adult daughter who was at her boyfriend's residence on South Pacific Street at 7:54 p.m. Officers did check on her and she was fine.

A woman brought two cell phones to the department reported she had given a man a ride and he had left the phones in her vehicle. The man picked one phone up and said the other phone belonged to his boss. The boss was contacted and the phone was released to a family member.

A man reported a verbal disturbance between him and his girlfriend's roommate at a residence on Patten while the roommate was gathering her belonging at 11:16 p.m. The reporting party left the residence when the officers arrived.

NOVEMBER 24

A reckless driver was reported on South Pacific Street weaving in and out of traffic at 6:19 a.m. The vehicle turned off on a side street and was not located.

A stranded motorist reported she was out of fuel and needed help at South Pacific and the city limits at 8:48 a.m. An officer transported the woman to get a gas can and get fuel.

A welfare concern was reported by a mother in reference to her adult daughter going with a man to another state at 12:54 p.m. The mother then reported her daughter was back home safe.

A business on East Broad Street reported a suspicious male hanging around the parking lot at 5:56 p.m. An officer responded and was unable to locate the subject.

A welfare concern was reported when a 911 call was received by Wood County S.O. in reference to a vehicle traveling 30 mph on Hwy 69. At 5:56 p.m. The only description was a Louisiana license plates. An officer stopped a vehicle with the same plates but determined it was not the vehicle reported.

A caller reported she wished for an officer to conduct a welfare check on her friend that was a resident on Sycamore Street at 8:36 p.m. An officer made contact and determined that everything was fine.

Loud music was reported at a residence on Baker Street at 9:07 p.m. An officer responded and spoke with the residents that turned down the music.

NOVEMBER 23

Suspicious activity was reported on Baker Street at a residence the homeowner was thought to be out of town at 6:24 a.m. The caller said the lights were on and should not be. An officer responded and found the homeowner returned home early.

A welfare concern was reported when a woman was walking in the roadway and cars were going around her at 12:10 p.m. An offer responded to South Pacific Street and gave the woman a ride to her residence.

A witness reported a shoplifter at Walmart and provided a license plate number at 11:08 p.m. The department is working with Gilmer P.D. on the same suspects to recover property. Charges are pending.

At 11:43 p.m. Stephen Lee Coop, 23 of Austin was arrested on NE Loop 564 for two outstanding warrants out of Smith County for felony probation violations.

NOVEMBER 22

Officers assisted with an emergency medical call at the CVS parking lot at 2:32 a.m. A woman met EMS in the parking lot with a family member with a medical emergency. The family member was transported by EMS to a Tyler hospital.

A reckless driver was reported at 10:19 a.m. An officer located the vehicle and followed the driver. No offense was observed by the officer.

A purse was found at the train depot that remains at the department until an owner is located.

A reckless driver was reported to be unable to maintain a single lane at North Pacific and Greenville Avenue at 5:42. An officer responded to the area and attempted to locate the vehicle but was unable to.

A 911 call was received at 7:02 p.m., but the dispatcher could not understand the caller. The call was then lost and after attempting the contact several times the officer patrolled the area of Giraud but did not find the exact location of the call.

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Please submit your proposal of services and a statement of qualifications for the proposed services to the following address: **City of Quitman, Andrew Kloefkorn, City Secretary, P.O. Box 1855, 401 E. Goode St., Quitman, Texas 75783.**

Proposals shall be received by the City no later than 2:00 pm on Monday, December 17, 2018. The City reserves the right to negotiate with any and all individuals or firms that submit proposals, as per the Texas Professional Services Procurement Act and the Uniform Grant and Contract Management Standards. Section 3 Residents and Business Concerns, Minority Business Enterprises, Small Business Enterprises and Women Business Enterprises are encouraged to submit proposals.

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Friday, Saturday and Sunday, Dec. 7, 8 and 9, will be the final three performances of *A Doublewide, Texas, Christmas*, the hilarious sequel to February's *Doublewide, Texas*. Please note that this is not part of the 2018 season for Lake Country Playhouse. The show played to delighted audiences last weekend and this will be your last chance to join in the fun

Written by Jessie Jones, Nicholas Hope and Jamie Wooten, and directed by Mary Barlow Miller, the misadventures of the Crumpler family and friends again take center stage in the newest, and tiniest, town in Texas: Doublewide. While fighting county administrators over the legitimacy of their new civic entity, the Crumplers also enter in the highly competitive "Battle of the Nativities" with other towns in the county.

The production features Cynthia Russell, Tonya Slayton, Carly Loughmiller, Daniel Armstrong, Missy Armstrong, Charlie Scovern, Kay McEntire, Richard Luna and Luane Chancellor.

Friday and Saturday evening performances are at 7:30PM with Sunday matinees at 2 p.m. Tickets are $12 for adults and $6 for students. Discounts are available for groups of 10 or more. Reservations can be made by calling the box office at 903 569-2300.

Also, season tickets for the 2019 season are now on sale and make the perfect stocking stuffer! Lake Country Playhouse season tickets are $40 for all four plays next year. Season tickets for the Lake Country Symphonic Band are $20 for the four concerts, and are practically the only way to guarantee a seat for their sold-out performances. Season tickets may be purchased by calling the box office at 903 569-2300 and charging by phone with your VISA, Master Card or Discover cards.

Lake Country Playhouse is a nonprofit community theatre that performs its shows at the Historic Select Theater, 114 N. Johnson St., in Mineola.

- By MIKE HOLBROOK

Quitman FFA students serve teachers, classmates and community members at the annual Turkey Fry on Nov. 16 at the Quitman Ag Pavilion. Photo by Zak Wellerman

Quitman FFA team places 5th at State

A team of Quitman FFA students placed fifth place in the state FFA Greenhand Skills competition. Avery von Reyn, Kennedi Howle, Elizabeth Herring competed and earned fifth place in the contest on Nov. 29 through Dec. 1 at Sam Houston State University.

The Senior Skills and Junior Skills teams earned first place in the area contest. Students competed in the area LDE FFA contest on Nov. 14 at Texas State Technical College in Marshall. The following is the results for the area contest:

1st Place - Senior Skills- Jordyn Blalock, Julia Simpkins and Whitnee Wieher

1st Place- Junior Skills- Avery von Reyn, Kennedi Howle and Elizabeth Herring

3rd place - Radio Broadcasting- Josh Medlin, Jentri Jackson and Lucy Brannon

3rd Place- Junior Chapter Conducting- Harlie Haney, Wyatt Hightower, Katy Knutson, Brooklyn Marcee, Alexis O'Neal, Gavin Oakes, Sydney Reid and Matthew Smith

3rd Place- Public Relations- Keeley Glidewell, Lindsey Hornaday, Lucy Brannon and Shelby Hayes

4th Place - Senior Chapter Conducting- Wyatt Bashiom, Alyssa Creed, Aliegh Farham, Shelby Hayes, Branden Sessions, Brayden Sessions and Lexi Wilson

5th Place - Ag Advocacy- Brenley von Reyn, Jentri Jackson, Jordyn Blalock and Lexi Wilson

9th place - Ag Issues- Rhiana Bradshaw, Kasey Davis, Courtney McCollum, Kayla Munger, Crystal Plata, Brayden Sessions and Kendal Wiley

County applies for renewal of organ, tissue transplant policy

Last week, Wood County commissioners approved an application for renewal of the organ and tissue transplant policy through the county's health insurance provider, Brinson Benefits Inc.

County employees, their spouses and retirees are all eligible persons covered in this policy. According to the application, covered transplants include organs such as the heart, lungs, kidneys, pancreas, liver, intestine and bone marrow transplants.

In another matter, an order of assignment to appoint a presiding judge for 402nd District Court was approved by commissioners. Robin D. Sage, senior judge of the 307th District Court, was chosen to preside over 402nd District Judge Jeff Fletcher's divorce case. Alfonso Charles, presiding judge of the 10th administrative judicial region, signed the order of assignment on June 18. It was filed in district court of Wood County on Nov. 1.

In other business, commissioners also approved an indigent funeral. Court's approval was for a direct cremation at Croley Funeral Home in Hawkins.

A public hearing for the revision of lots 49 and 50, section two at Holly Lake Ranch subdivision was set for Dec. 28 at 10 a.m.

Dana Bundick was appointed to the Upper Sabine Valley Solid Waste Management District.

The following agenda items were also approved:

-Road permit #2171 for precinct four for logging;

-Michael Allison resigned from his deputy position at the Wood County Sheriff's Office effective Nov. 29;

-Ronnie McMillon, Jr. was hired as a deputy at the Wood County Sheriff's Office effective Dec. 8;

-Lindsey Price changed positions from jailer-sergeant to deputy at the sheriff's office effective Nov. 24;

- Bradley Cox changed positions from jailer-sergeant to deputy at the sheriff's office effective Dec. 8;

- Tyson Oaks changed positions from jailer to jailer-sergeant at the sheriff's office effective Nov. 24;

-Treasurer's reports were approved for August and September. Signatures for August will be submitted at a later date due to the month's documents not being in the commissioner's court packets;

-payroll of $369,603.37

-health and dental claims of $39,864.01

-accounts payable of $270,576.01.

- By ZAK WELLERMAN

Quitman Elementary students stand in line for hot chocolate after the second annual Turkey Trot on Nov. 28. Kindergarten through fifth grade students participated in the walk during their P.E. class time at the elementary track. Photo from Allison McKinley

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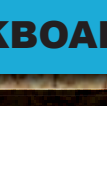

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Holly Brook to present Christmas musical

"Come and See; Go and Tell," a musical to be presented by the Celebration Singers of Holly Brook Baptist Church, Hawkins, unveils the story of Christmas with an invitation for the listener to know that the Savior is born. The first of two performances will be on Dec. 9 at the 11 a.m. worship service; the second will be Dec. 10 at 7 p.m. The performances are open to the public.

The musical asks, "What kind of king would lay his riches aside and come as a servant?" Few noticed. There was no parade, no celebration. Original songs and familiar songs of the season tell the story of Christmas as they lead to an invitation to come and behold the king, a king born to bring light and salvation to a lost people. After worshipping him at the manger, the musical tells us we must go and spread the good news: the savior is born!

Call Holly Brook Baptist Church for more information. The church is located at 3219 S. FM 2869, Hawkins; telephone 903-769-2091. The website is www.hollybrookbaptist.org

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Preserve

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arkana in Bowie County, which operated under various ownership for 98 years.

After the Kerr-McGee pollution became evident, the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ), Texas Parks and Wildlife, Texas General Land Office and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service struck a settlement with Tronox LLC, parent company of Kerr-McGee, in 2008. The parties agreed to cooperate in an assessment of environmental damage caused by years of pollution into Days Creek, Waggoner Creek and Howard Creek. But in 2009 Tronox filed for bankruptcy and the government agencies took sole control of the assessment, which determined that aquatic life in the streams and at some adjacent sites had been adversely impacted. The bankruptcy court awarded $21.3 million in compensation, according to the executive summary.

In the 1980s, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service identified the Nature Preserve and several adjacent tracts as having bottomland hardwoods that should be protected. Because of its diverse habitats, the Nature Preserve hosts a rich variety of wildlife, including the potential for protected species similar to those found near the Kerr-McGee site, the summary noted. Those species include birds, fish, reptiles and mussels. "… Improvements in the preserve would increase habitat quality and thereby benefit several species, including protected species," the summary stated.

In April 2016, Cary Hilliard, chairman of the Sabine-Neches Resource Conservation & Development Area Inc., and Alan Haynes, an early proponent of the Nature Preserve and then vice-chairman of the Sabine-Neches group, lobbied the Mineola City Council to seek a grant through the TCEQ after news hit of the $21.3 million available for restoration work.

"They polluted for a long time," Hilliard, speaking in 2016, said of the Kerr-McGee plant. "Destroyed a lot of trees and some water and so forth and they paid a $20 million fine .... "The state of Texas decided what we're going to try to do with it is try to restore some of the things that they destroyed in Bowie County and all the counties around it, which includes Wood and Van Zandt. All of Sabine-Neches (watershed) is in it."

The City Council ultimately approved the grant application, and a professional grant writer collaborated with Rushing, Hilliard and Haynes in composing the grant.

Along with the Mineola Nature Preserve project, the agencies propose spending $5.9 million on habitat acquisition at Caddo Lake; $9.8 million for Days Creek enhancement and restoration at Cowhorn, Howard, Swampoodle and Waggoner creeks; $2.2 million for Neches River bottomland forest conservation; and $1 million for Talbot Prairie and forest land acquisition.

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Mapping

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He called this latest tech a game-changer. They're also using geographic information system (GIS) capabilities to deliver a complete aerial intelligence package.

Beacon teamed up with BIS Consulting to make the mapping available on the Cloud for the world to view.

Gould envisions the county's map being available from a multitude of platforms.

Gould noted that Beacon's mapping capabilities can help the county through revenue generation, tax assessment, utilities, law enforcement and real estate. Police and fire department can access the maps in their vehicles to see how to enter and exit areas during emergencies. Utilities officials can see resources for water, electricity and sewer. School districts can be mapped to provide security measures.

"Pulling all of this good information into a powerful GIS allows for the rapid dissemination to occur, whether that be for the expansion of our airport's runway or the planning needed to enhance our Mineola Nature Preserve, or the development of a new park on our beautiful Lake Fork, or the creation of a new TxDOT overpass within our county… it all becomes easy to share," he said.

Todd Richardson, I-20 Team real estate broker, said the aerial imagery produced by Beacon would be a great service to the Lindale Rural Water Board, which he serves on.

"After serving on the LEDC (Lindale Economic Development Commission) some years ago, I believe having detailed aerials would have been very helpful. The aerials you provide would be great for current and future planning," Richardson said in an email to Gould. "I am excited Lindale Rural Water system will be using your company to help us save money in our day-to-day operations and also assist us with future planning."

Richardson added that having Beacon Aviation would also benefit the appraisal district in Wood County.

"We usually just go to Google Maps or another source. It would be great to have your (Gould's) work available for us," Richardson said.

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Beacon

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where the Cracker Barrel is now. We had friends that owned it and they allowed us to park there as I tried to figure out where I would base my operation," he said.

He secured a contract with Citgo pipeline and wanted to find a place near the center of the pipeline. He met Wood County Airport President Randy Bateman, who told him about the Mineola's Wisener Field airport. Henry Wisener and Bateman were instrumental in the success of Beacon Aviation.

"Upon doing so (moving to Wisener Field), I felt like I was at home. He (Henry Wisener) was absolutely critical to our success because he allowed us to set our job trailer up on the airport and two airplanes sitting on the airport front yard," Gould said.

He then squeezed the family and his office into the RV at the airport for nearly a year. The business was stationed at Wisener from 1995 to 2016 when they moved to the Wood County Airport in the summer.

While flying to Sour Lake, Texas, to pick up the southern end of his Citgo East Texas pipeline, Gould prayed to God for help in his business, and that the answer to that 9,000-foot prayer was looking out of the aircraft as never before, with a new desire and passion to "let the world see what I see," he recalled.

"It was there that all of my life experiences came together, from expensive aviation certifications and hours, to a career in the Fortune 500 high tech world, to my love for photography. Once these three areas of my life merged, my small business took off. I will always be thankful to Christ my savior and provider, and the good people here in East Texas he has so richly blessed me and my family with," Gould said.

- By ZAK WELLERMAN

QUITMAN POLICE ACADEMY HOLDS GRADUATION CEREMONY

Eight students graduated from the East Texas Police Academy Quitman campus on Nov. 17 at the Caroll Green Civic Center. The academy is held by the Quitman Police Department. Students spent 750 hours in class to graduate. On Nov. 20, they all passed their state test, Quitman Police Chief Kelly Cole said. Javier Amador, Anna Bailey, Mark Cockrell, Bradley Cox, Cole Hudson, Ryan Neville, Lindsey Price and Linda Williams all graduated from the academy. After graduating and passing their state test, they will search for jobs in law enforcement. About 250 people attended this graduation ceremony. The next police academy class will start Feb. 4. Pictured front row left to right: Ryan Neville, Lindsey Price, Anna Bailey and Javier Amador; back row left to right: Linda Williams, Cole Hudson, Bradley Cox and Mark Cockrell.

PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE
CITY OF YANTIS
TEXAS COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT PROGRAM

The City of Yantis will hold a public hearing at 5:15 p.m. on December 11, 2018, at City Hall, 103 City Circle, Yantis, TX regarding the submission of an application to the Texas Department of Agriculture for a Texas Community Development Block Grant Program (TxCDBG) grant. The purpose of this meeting is to allow citizens an opportunity to discuss the citizen participation plan, the development of local housing and community development needs, the amount of TxCDBG funding available, all eligible TxCDBG activities, and the use of past TxCDBG funds. The City encourages citizens to participate in the development of this TxCDBG application and to make their views known at this public hearing. Citizens unable to attend this meeting may submit their views and proposals to Mayor John D. Norris at City Hall. Persons with disabilities that wish to attend this meeting should contact the City at (903) 383-2610 to arrange for assistance. Individuals who require auxiliary aids or services for this meeting should contact the City at least two days before the meeting so that appropriate arrangements can be made. Para más información en español, comuníquese con la ciudad al (903) 383-2610.

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Quitman goes to 2-2 with win over Kerens

By LARRY TUCKER
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Led by the hot hand of Jace Reid, the Quitman Bulldogs raced past Kerens on Tuesday, Nov. 27, for a resounding 75-69 win to raise their early season record to 2-2.

Reid was near flawless, scoring 40 points, hitting on seven of eight three point shots, and eight of 11 two-point buckets. He also had 11 rebounds to record a double-double, and he also drew a charge.

Teammate Trey Berry was perfect on two-point field goals, going 5-5 and adding two free throws for 12 points. Riley Flanagan and Aiden Corrior added eight points each. Luke Pruden added four points and River Chaney tallied three for Quitman.

Quitman took a 36-20 lead to the locker room at intermission. Kerens mounted a comeback in the second half, scoring 49 points, but the Bulldogs hung on to score 39 of their own for the 75-69 final tally.

Head coach Jim Reid was pleased with the Bulldog's effort against Kerens. "I was very impressed with the way in which we came out and played from the start against a very good and athletic team. We have been struggling over the past two games with starting strong. The team game that we played was incredible. We assisted 23 of 29 made shots, which is an outstanding assist percentage along with taking four charges," Reid explained. "We didn't quite finish the way we wanted and made the game a little closer than it should have been because of a few missed free throws, bad shot selection and turnovers. However, we never lacked in effort and hustle, and it is probably just the 'old coach' wanting the boys to be perfect early in the season. I love coaching these boys. They have a lot to learn and it will take a bit considering we don't have any seniors, but I am confident that this team will continue to play hard and improve."

The Bulldogs opened their season with a 64-26 thumping of Harleton on Nov. 16 at Ballard Memorial gym. Four Bulldogs scored in double figures with Reid hitting for 18 points, Berry, 13, with Flanagan and Pruden each adding 10. Reid also had nine rebounds, six assists and five steals. Berry had six rebounds while Pruden hit the boards for five.

Quitman roared to a 16-4 first-quarter lead and never looked back, taking a 33-18 lead at the half. The Bulldog defense took over in the second half, holding Harleton to just eight total second-half points while scoring 31 markers.

Quitman ran into a buzz saw on the road at North Hopkins as the hot-shooting Panthers took a 39-20 lead at intermission finishing with a 67-41 win.

Quitman traveled to the home of defending state champion Lipan for a tournament over the weekend. Quitman was scheduled to host Overton on Tuesday at press time and then head for the Van Tournament on Thursday through Saturday.

Quitman's Rylie Flanagan goes up to defend in a recent game at Ballard gym. The Bulldogs are playing in the Van Tournament this weekend. (Monitor photo by Larry Tucker).

Hawkins boys continue winning ways

By LARRY TUCKER
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The Hawkins Hawks came out firing against Tyler HEAT on Tuesday, Nov. 27, and kept up the pressure taking home a 63-48 victory.

The Hawks led 15-5 after one quarter and 32 to 16 at the half. The teams played even throughout the second half with the HEAT scoring 32 points and Hawkins 31 in the final two quarters.

For Hawkins Camron Taylor put in a team high of 21 points followed by Tristian Garrett with 12, Colin Barber and Akim Richmond nine each, Zach Conde five, Jaydon Dacus four and Chris Jackson three.

Three-point field goals for Hawkins were by Dacus (1) Garrett (2) Conde (1) Richmond (1) Taylor (1).

In the JV game Hawkins fell to the HEAT 32-22.

The Hawks opened tournament play at Hughes Springs on Thursday with a pair of games.

Hawkins routed New Boston 61-36 using a big 18-8 advantage in the second quarter to pull away from the Lions.

Hawkins scoring against New Boston was Garrett 18, Conde 15, Taylor 15, Dacus five, Collin Barber four, Chris Jackson two and Richmond two.

Three point field goals for Hawkins: Garrett (4) Dacus (1) Conde (1).

The Hawks took on host Hughes Springs in the second game building a 20-9 first quarter lead and never looking back speeding by the Mustangs 66-42. Hawkins built up a 19 point halftime advantage and coasted in the second half to blast Hughes Springs.

Scoring for the Hawks were Taylor with 20, Richmond, 16, Garrett, 9, Conde, 10, Collin Barber,8, and Dacus,3.

Three-point field goals for Hawkins: Dacus (1) Garrett (3) Richmond (2).

On Friday, the Hawks ran roughshod over Harleton 74-14 behind great defense. They were on offense by Taylor with 14 and Barber 13.

The Hawks were set to host Hughes Springs on Tuesday and travel to Union Grove this weekend for a tournament.

Area football players post impressive numbers

By LARRY TUCKER
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The football season for Wood County teams is now history, but several individual players from Mineola and Alba-Golden had stellar seasons. The Yellowjackets ended their season at 6-4 with a bi-district playoff game. The Alba-Golden Panthers ended at 5-4 with close losses to Winona (25-23) and Grand Saline (3-2) keeping them from a third-place finish and the playoffs.

MINEOLA

Mineola sophomore sensation Trevion Sneed led the area in rushing with 1,613 yards on 219 carries for an average of 7.4 yards per carry. Sneed hit touchdown pay dirt 16 times.

Senior quarterback Shaw Franklin gave the 'Jackets a dynamic running game, adding 1,209 yards on the ground on just 137 carries for an 8.8 yards per carry average while scoring 14 times. Franklin also hit on 46 of 113 passes for 715 yards and seven touchdowns. Montrell Williams added another 280 yards on 43 carries for a 6.5 yard per carry average while scoring three touchdowns.

The leading receiver for the 'Jackets was Cameron Bowman, who caught 15 passes for 282 yards and two touchdowns. Wylie Franks had nine catches for 160 yards and three touchdowns while Cole Castleberry caught eight tosses for 106 yards and one touchdown.

Leading scorers for the 'Jackets were Sneed with 98 points, Franklin, 86, and Gustavo Sanchez, who scored 30 on 27 extra point kicks and one field goal.

On the defensive side of the ball, Hunter Wright had 103 tackles, a 10.3-tackles-per-game average. Sneed had 82 tackles, Dalton Rogers, 81, River Simonek, 65, and Kaleb Griffin, 52. Castleberry led the team in pass break-ups with11. Griffin and Sneed each had 11 quarterback hurries.

ALBA-GOLDEN

The Alba-Golden Panthers went 5-4 and were three points shy of winning two more games and being in the state playoffs. Several Panthers had big numbers in the running game. Junior speedster Jon Michael Chadwick led the rushers with 813 yards on 59 carries for an 11.78-yards-per-carry average and six touchdowns, with his longest run 80 yards. Quarterback Zane Smith had a productive senior year, rolling up 263 yards on the ground and 1,073 through the air. Smith scored seven touchdowns and threw for 10 more. He also booted nine PATs.

Boedie Baker ran for 492 yards on 54 totes for a 9.11-per-carry average. Jacoby Harle added 450 yards and a 5.95 yards-per-carry average. Dylan Arenas ran for 407 yards on 39 carries for an average of 10.44 per carry.

The rugged Panther defense was led by the hard-nose play of Arenas, who had 110 tackles for an average of eight per game. Linebacker Tim Mitchell had 53 tackles and led the team with four sacks. Ryan Jackson had 58 tackles, Kyle Hammond, 47, Baker, 42, and Smith, 40. Smith also had three interceptions.

QUITMAN

The Quitman Bulldogs were lead on offense by Trey Berry's 178 carries for 1,173 yards and nine touchdowns. Josh Medlin, whose season ended early due to an injury, ran for 279 yards and two touchdowns.

Elisio Turcio came on strong in the final three games, running for 268 yards on 78 carries and scoring three times. The Bulldogs ran for just under 2,000 yards and 15 touchdowns in nine games.

Rylie Flanagan led the receiving corps with seven catches for 141 yards and two scores. Ty Holland also missed the last few games of the year but still managed eight catches for 83 yards. Dylan Coe added 12 catches for 66 yards and one touchdown.

Mineola Country Club: Senior Golf Scramble

Results from Mineola Country Club Thursday Senior Golf Scramble on November 29:

FIRST PLACE WITH A SCORE OF 55 (-16) Kent Mullins, Stoney Burke, Don Hinesly, Curtis Sims, Ron Hiner

(Tie) SECOND PLACE WITH A SCORE OF 58 (-13) Coach Fredrick, Jerry Massey, John Tanner, Larry Odonnell, Richard Shinn

(Tie) SECOND PLACE WITH A SCORE OF 58 (-13) Bill Lochow, Bill Stone, Terry Snider, Bob Hardin

Closest to the pin: #5 Jerry Massey, #9 Jerry Heard, #18 Jerry Massey

Yellowjackets dominate Sunnyvale

The Mineola Yellowjackets defeated Sunnyvale 56-33 on Thursday, Nov. 27.

The 'Jackets long-range shooting provided 21 points as they hit 7 – 22 in the game. Mineola was able to put up 56 field goal attempts and hit on 20 for a 36 percent clip. The free throw shooting left a little to be desired as they hit at a 50 percent rate, going 9-18.

The Jackets got off to a 22-18 early advantage, and then took control at 54-29 before finishing off the Raiders. Several 'Jacket players are just getting their "basketball legs" after advancing to the bi-district round in football. Mineola had a great team effort, getting 13 points from the bench.

Leading Mineola was Jonah Fisher with 13 points, nine from three-point range. Kadavian George had 11 points; Shaw Franklin, nine; Kelby Bruner eight; Trey Sneed, seven; Dede Sneed and Conner Dobbs, three; and with two points, Devente Stevens. Dede Sneed and George each hit double figures in rebounds with 10 apiece.

- By LARRY TUCKER

Mineola's Sabria Dean continues to have a stellar year for the Lady 'Jackets. The Lady 'Jackets fell to defending state champion Mt. Vernon in a close ball game last week. The Lady 'Jackets are 8-2 at this time. They will play in the Great East Texas Shootout at Brownsboro this weekend. (Monitor photo by Hank Murphy)

Hawkins ladies rip Cumberland, 63-22; JV claims 37-16 win

The Lady Hawks were victorious against Cumberland Academy 63-22 on Tuesday, Nov. 27, with the help of Lynli Dacus, who scored 15 points.

Harlie Conover put up three three-pointers and scored 11 points total. Two other players also added 10 or more points for Hawkins. Alyssa Eddington added 10 points. Also helping the effort for Hawkins were Christian Harris (6 points, 1 rebound, 2 steals), Jaycee Cheshire (5 points, 7 rebounds, 1 block), Aaliyah Davis (4 points, 2 rebounds, 2 steals), Logan Jaco (4 points, 4 rebounds, 1 block), and Emily Moore (2 points, 9 rebounds, 1 steal).

The Lady Hawks stormed to a 22-6 first quarter lead and built up a 41-13 lead by intermission.

They outscored Cumberland 22-9 in the second half leading to the 41 point win.

In the JV game Hawkins took a 37-16 win over Cumberland.

Three point goals for Hawkins: Conover (3); Dacus (2)

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The purpose of this meeting is to discuss Quitman Independent School District's rating on the state's financial accountability system.

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NOTICE TO CREDITORS
Notice is hereby given that original Letters of Guardianship were issued on November 15, 2018, under Docket No. 13,352-G, pending in the County Court of Wood County, Texas, to Hobart ("Bart") Earle Martin, IV, who was appointed permanent guardian of the person and estate of Eldonna Kay Martin.
Claims may be presented in care of the attorney for the Estate addressed as follows:
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Notice is hereby given that a public hearing has been set for revision on the plat of Holly Lake Ranch Subdivision.
The revision includes lots 49 and 50, Section 2, within Holly Lake Ranch Subdivision.
The public hearing is set for Friday, December 28, 2018, at 10:00 A.M. in the Commissioners Courtroom.
All persons interested in revision to this plat may appear at the public hearing with opposition should the so desire. Bryan Jeans
Wood County Judge

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Texas Commission on Environmental Quality

Notice of Concentrated Animal Feeding Operation Application
General Permit Authorization No. TXG920108

Application. Nico Jaap DeBoer, 19008 Farm-to-Market Road 3079, Chandler, Texas 75758 has applied to the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) under General Permit No. TXG920000 for authorization **to combine two existing dairy cattle facilities with Authorization Numbers TXG920108 (T & S Dairy) and TXG921238 (Johannes Degoede Dairy) under one Permit No. TXG920108** in Wood County, Texas. TXG920108 is currently authorized to confine 1,497 total dairy cattle, and TXG921238 is authorized to confine 1,124 total dairy cattle. The maximum capacity to be authorized in the significant expansion will be the sum of the two head counts (1,497 + 1,124 = 2,621 head total dairy cattle, all of which will be milking cows). The total land application area is 480 acres. The notice of intent and the nutrient management plan were received by TCEQ on March 20, 2018.

No discharge of pollutants into the waters in the state is authorized by this general permit except under chronic or catastrophic rainfall conditions or events. All manure and wastewater will be beneficially used on agricultural land.

The facility is located at 7880 East State Highway 154, Winnsboro, Wood County, Texas. The facility is located in the drainage area of the Little Cypress Bayou in Segment No. 0409 of the Cypress Creek River Basin. The following link to an electronic map of the site or facility's general location is provided as a public courtesy and is not part of the application or notice. http://www.tceq.texas.gov/assets/public/hb610/index.html?lat=32.761905&lng=-95.170065&zoom=13&type=r. For the exact location, refer to the application.

A copy of the notice of intent, the nutrient management plan, the Executive Director's technical summary, and the concentrated animal feeding operation general permit is available for viewing and copying at the Texas A & M AgriLife Extension Office, 618 South Main Street, Quitman, Texas 75783 and Texas A & M AgriLife Extension Office, 301 East Butler Street, Gilmer, Texas 75644.

The Executive Director of the TCEQ has made a preliminary decision to approve coverage of this facility under General Permit No. TXG920000.

Public Comment. Written public comments may be submitted to the Office of Chief Clerk, at the address provided in the information section below, within 30 days of the date of newspaper publication of this notice. In addition, the public may request a public meeting. If significant interest exists, the Executive Director will direct the Applicant to publish a notice of the public meeting and hold the public meeting. The Applicant must publish notice of a public meeting at least 30 days prior to the meeting in a newspaper of general circulation in the county in which the facility is located. The Executive Director will consider all relevant information pertaining to whether the Applicant meets the requirements of the general permit and will issue a written determination as to any final action on the notice of intent for coverage under the general permit.

Information. Written public comments should be submitted to the Office of the Chief Clerk, MC 105, TCEQ, P.O. Box 13087, Austin, Texas 78711-3087 or electronically at http://www14.tceq.texas.gov/epic/eComment/. Please be aware that any contact information you provide, including your name, phone number, email address, and physical address will become part of the agency's public record. For additional information, about the application or the procedure for public participation in the general permit process, individual members of the general public may contact the Public Education Program at 1-800-687-4040. Si desea información en Español, puede llamar al 1-800-687-4040. General information regarding the TCEQ can be found at our web site at www.tceq.texas.gov.

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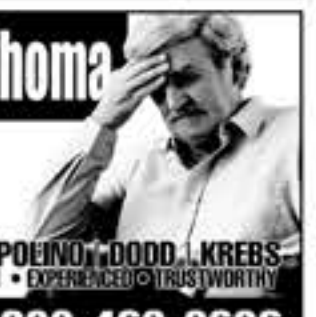
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Matthew 25:6

Obituaries

JACK BELL
1932-2018

ALBA-Funeral services for Jack Bell, 86 of Alba, were held Dec. 1 at Amazing Grace Fellowship Church, Alba, with Byron George officiating. Burial followed in Turner Cemetery, Emory.

Mr. Bell died Wednesday, Nov. 28, 2018, in Emory. He was born July 13, 1932, in Golden to the late Thomas and Lucy Bell. He lived all his life in Alba, was a rancher, the president of Bright Star Salem SUD and the president of Winnebago International Travelers.

He was preceded in death by his parents; wife of 56 years, Mae Ellen Bell; and brothers and sisters.

Survivors include his son, Rickey Bell, Emory; daughters, Judy Abbott of Princeton and Sheila Kay Floyd of Alba; sister, Ann Minor of Henderson; nine grandchildren; and 13 great-grandchildren.

MARY HARTLEY
1931-2018

MINEOLA – Funeral services for Mary Hartley, 87 of Mineola, were held Nov. 28 at Beaty Funeral Home, Mineola with Tom Goodwin officiating.

Burial followed at Cottonwood Cemetery in Golden.

Mrs. Harley died November 23, 2018, in Alba. She was born Nov. 5, 1931, in West Blocton, Ala., to the late James and Bessie Smith. She was a retired seamstress.

She was preceded in death by her parents and her husband, L.J. Hartley.

Survivors include sons, Eugene Hicks and Larry Hartley; daughter, Kay Withrow; brother, James stone; 10 grandchildren; and seven great-grandchildren.

RICHARD GARY JINRIGHT
1949-2018

ALBA – Memorial services for Richard Gary Jinright, 69, of Alba will be held at a later date by the family. Cremation arrangements are under direction of Wilson-Barkley Funeral Home, Alba.

Mr. Jinright died Nov. 25 in Alba. He was born Feb. 7, 1949, in Troy, Ala., to Cecil and Thelma Jinright. He started driving a truck at age 14 and retired in 2003.

He was preceded in death by his parents.

Survivors include his wife, Kelly Jinright of Alba; sons, Jason Jinright of Maurice, La., and Steven Jinright of Running Springs, Calif.; daughters, Carrie Ann Mardis of Hobbs, N.M., Jessaca Osborn of Alba, Constance Padgett of Alba, Dawn Crain of Calhoun, La., and Sherry Bridgeford of Anaheim, Calif.; sisters, Jean Cheek and Sandra Teasly of Wesson, Miss.; 13 grandchildren; one great-grand-grandchild; and numerous relatives and friends.

NANCY MARIE LAWRENCE
1924-2018

HOLLY LAKE RANCH – Services for Nancy Marie Lawrence, 94, of Holly Lake Ranch, Texas, were held Nov. 29 in Abilene City Cemetery in Abilene.

Mrs. Lawrence died Nov. 24, 2018, in Lindale. She was born April 7, 1924, in Abilene, to the late David Benchoff and Nannie Fenton. She worked in the oil industry for 40 years and then moved to East Texas near family. She was a member of First Assembly of God in Mineola.

She was preceded in death by her parents and brothers, Johnny and George Benchoff.

Survivors include daughter, Jacklyn Walker, Holly Lake Ranch; three grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

JAMES DANIEL MCDONALD JR.
1930-2018

TYLER-Funeral services for James Daniel (JD) McDonald, Jr., 88, of Tyler were held Sunday, Nov. 25 at Lake Fork Baptist Church, Alba, with Lee Poe officiating.

Burial followed at Pleasant Ridge Cemetery, Alba.

Mr. McDonald died Nov. 18, 2018, in Tyler. He was born Feb. 20, 1920, in Pioneer, La., to the late James Daniel Sr. and Mary McDonald. He was raised in Louisiana and moved to Dallas, where he worked as an airplane inspector at Aviall for 40 years, retiring in 1995. He was a member of Lake Fork Baptist Church in Alba.

He was preceded in death by his parents and seven siblings.

He is survived by a son, Ricky McDonald of Rockwall; daughters, Becky Poe of Flint, Susan McDonald, Dallas, and Cindy Baker of Rockwall; sisters Irene Bible of Delhi, La., and Pat Brown of North Richland Hills; six grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren.

Memorials may be made to Hospice of East Texas Homeplace, 4111 University Blvd., Tyler 75701.

GEORGE W. SAUNDERS

Our brother, George W. Saunders, left this life November 14, 2018. He now has a joyous reunion with his son, Loren, who predeceased him.

Four sisters will certainly miss him, as well as the 19 nieces and nephews, cousins and friends who enjoyed the special person he was. We are thankful for his life.

PATRICIA WILLIAMS
1935-2018

MINEOLA-Patricia Williams, 83 of Balch Springs, mother of Mineola resident, died Nov. 28, 2018, in Balch Springs. She was born July 24, 1935, in Benoit, Wis., to the late Harry and Martha Chilson.

A visitation was held on Dec. 1 at Beaty Funeral Home in Mineola.

She was a retired food service director and a Baptist.

She is survived by her husband, Malbry Williams of Balch Springs; son, Barry Williams of Quinlan; daughters, Cleta Martin of Mineola, Theresa Powell of Red Oak, Sheri Powell of Troup, Marsy Hollander of Denton, Rene Sanders of Chandler and numerous grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

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The Mineola High School Marching Band plays stirring Christmas carols as their hats and gleaming instruments sparkle with holiday lights during Saturday's parade. BELOW: Free horse-drawn carriage rides were offered throughout the day Saturday. The rides were sponsored by the Mineola Landmark Commission. (Monitor photos by Hank Murphy).

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Carol Ann Hawkins
1948-2018
QUITMAN

Carol Ann Hawkins of Quitman, Texas, passed away on November 24, 2018. A memorial service will be held on Saturday, December 8 at 1:30 p.m. at the United Methodist Church in Quitman, Texas.

She was loved by many and will be deeply missed.

Born October 16, 1948, in Baton Rouge, Louisiana, she was a retired bookkeeper. She was passionate and full of life, always there to listen or help in any way she could.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Jack Hawkins and her parents, Chester and Shirley Robinson.

She is survived by her daughter and son-in-law, Annette and Anthony Hardy and grandchildren, Stephen Harvey, Amanda Owens, Joseph Bilbo, Alanna Bilbo, Sierra Hardy and AJ Hardy. Also great-grandchildren, Molly, Cole, Miley, Charlie, Aislynn and Kale and many dear friends.

Donald H. Edwards
August 12, 1949 - November 9, 2018

Donald Hal Edwards of Quitman, Texas, was born in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma on August 12, 1949 and passed away on November 9, 2018 at Hospice of East Texas in Tyler.

Don grew up on a farm in Jet, Oklahoma where he learned hard work and to love the outdoors. He was in the U.S. Navy where he traveled the world and served during the Vietnam War. He loved his family and heritage, hunting, fishing, camping, guns and knives, motorcycling, and pretty much any outdoor activities. He was a member of the First United Methodist Church in Quitman

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

He is survived by his wife, Sue; son Brian Nylund and wife Kara and grandchildren, Lily and Jesse; son Jason Edwards; and daughter Ericka Holt and husband Allen; brothers John McEachern and Mark McEachern; long-time friend Duane Black; nieces, nephews, cousins and many friends.

He will be missed.

MINEOLA FOUNDATION DONATES TO MHS WELDING PROGRAM

The Mineola Foundation on Nov. 26 made a $12,460.78 donation to the welding shop at Mineola High School. Welding is one of many job-oriented programs run through Career and Technical Education (CTE) in Mineola. The Foundation has been a major benefactor of CTE in Mineola and previously contributed to the school's Auto Tech program. From left is Preston Mosher (student), Johnny Ramirez (student), Jackie Hays (teacher), Tristan Rychlik (student), Warren Brown, Glen Thurman, Adam Steck, Jean Meek, Waymon Ragsdale, Vince Colvin, and Brandon Williamsom (teacher). (Monitor photo by Hank Murphy).

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Wheeler

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dence would interfere with the investigation and prosecution of the case."

The DPS did, however, release the following basic information: Wheeler is being investigated for official oppression, which is a criminal matter. Ranger Richard Henderson, who received the letter from Byrd, is investigating the merits of the complaint.

In Texas, official oppression, which in most cases is a Class A misdemeanor, occurs when a public servant acting under color of their office:

(1) Intentionally subjects another to mistreatment or to arrest, detention, search, seizure, dispossession, assessment, or lien that they know is unlawful;

(2) Intentionally denies or impedes another in the exercise or enjoyment of any right, privilege, power, or immunity, knowing their conduct is unlawful;

(3) Intentionally subjects another to sexual harassment.

Wheeler did not respond to a recent inquiry by the *Monitor* seeking comment.

In October, Wheeler issued this statement: "After about 12 years in office, I am taking some time off. I'll make an announcement as to my intentions on January 1st after I complete this term."

In the Nov. 6 general election, Wheeler, who ran unopposed, was handily re-elected. If he declines another term, Gov. Greg Abbot will appoint a district attorney to serve until 2020, when an election would be held to fill Wheeler's remaining two years in office. Another election then would be held in 2022, according to the Texas Election Code.

This week

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food pantry building (603 Cliff Street in Quitman).

• Flora Masonic Lodge in Quitman will host its annual fish fry benefit for Christmas Sharing Plus on Dec. 8 from 4:30-7:30 p.m. Tickets are $12.

• Quitman Chamber of Commerce will have candy canes and cookies at Governor Jim Hogg City Park after the Christmas parade on Dec. 8.

• Speakeasy Coffeehouse will have photos with Santa Dec. 8 from 3:30 to 6:30 p.m

• Forever Young Activity Center in Quitman will have its annual Home for the Holidays Tour of Homes on Dec. 9 from 1 to 4 p.m. featuring Quitman homes and country store vendors. Tickets cost $12.

• Friday, Saturday and Sunday will be the final three performances of A Doublewide, Texas, Christmas, at the Historic Select Theater, 114 N. Johnson St., in Mineola. Check with the box office for times. 903 569-2300.