

County elections administrator named in federal class-action suit

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Wood County Elections Administrator Laura Wise is among seven public officials in Texas being sued in their official capacities as part of a federal class-action suit brought by the Mexican American Legal Defense and Education Fund.

The suit comes in response to actions taken by Texas Secretary of State David Whitley, whose office in late January sent out notices to Texas counties concerning voter registration lists. Wood County is among many Texas counties that received lists of registered voters who reportedly provided the Department of Public Safety with a form of documentation that showed they were not citizens when they obtained Texas driver's

licenses or ID cards. About 95,000 names are on the list maintained by the Texas Secretary of State's Office. About 58,000 of those people had cast a ballot between 1996 and 2018. On Jan. 29, Wise's office sent out 21 notices to people registered to vote in Wood County.

Along with Wise, other defendants in the suit include Whitley, state Attorney General Ken Paxton, Gov. Greg Abbott, Austin County Tax Assessor-Collector Kim Rinn, Galveston County Tax Assessor-Collector Cheryl Johnson, and Smith County Election Administrator Karen Nelson.

The suit alleges that a plaintiff identified as Jane Doe No. 2 was sent a letter by Wood County notifying her that "there is reason to believe you may not be a United States citizen" and

telling her she had 30 days to prove citizenship or her voter registration would be canceled. The plaintiff, according to the suit, has since provided her naturalization papers to the elections office.

The suit alleges that counties in Texas have used "arbitrary and disparate standards" and that plaintiffs "are being treated differently depending on the county in which they reside."

The plaintiffs allege discrimination based on natural origin, violation of the Voting Rights Act, conspiracy to interfere with civil rights, violating protections against undue burden and the right to vote, and arbitrary and disparate treatment of voters.

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From left, educator and coach Tillman Cooke, Mineola Alderwoman Novada Bigham and actor Matthew Greer at last week's Black History Month presentation at the Addie E. McFarland Center in Mineola. (Monitor photo by Hank Murphy).

Greer and Cooke deliver remarks on black history at national, local level

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Two Mineola residents gave lessons in history to about 60 people who came to the Addie E. McFarland Center on Friday.

Stage and screen actor Matthew Greer focused his presentation on three African-Americans who blazed paths on the national political scene during the post-Civil War period known as Reconstruction. Educator and coach Tillman Cooke gave the audience a personalized version of

20th century history for African-Americans in Mineola. The presentations were sponsored by the Mineola Historical Museum board in commemoration of Black History Month.

Greer, whose acting credits include roles in the movies *Ruffian* and *The Mist* as well as parts in the television series *Friday Night Lights*, *Prison Break*, and *Walker, Texas Ranger*, highlighted the work of three men, Hiram Revels, Robert Elliott and Joseph Rainey. The three would rise to national office in the

years following the Civil War.

"These activists accomplished many objectives despite facing harsh racism and having their efforts undermined by white southerners who felt threatened by newly empowered black citizens," said Greer. "African-Americans saw many of the gains made during Reconstruction rolled back in the late 19th and early 20th century. The actions of these early African-Americans inspired those who fol-

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The Mineola High School robotics team with their device called the "Waker Upper," which is designed to alert hearing-impaired people to smoke. From left are Tanner Taylor, Caden Roberts, Matthew Carder and Jeremy Vaughn. (Monitor photo by Hank Murphy).

WAKE UP!

MHS robotics team develops fire alert system for hearing-impaired

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The high-pitched screech from a smoke alarm provides an unmistakable warning of fire. But how is a sleeping, hearing-impaired person supposed to be alerted to the danger at hand?

Four Mineola High School students built a product designed to tackle that problem. They call their invention the "Waker Upper."

The robotics team devised a system whereby a commercial smoke detector signals a mechanical device, which delivers rapid thumps against a headboard, causing it to vibrate and alert the bed's occupant.

Already, the team of Tanner Taylor, Matthew Carder and Caden Roberts, all

seniors, and junior Jeremy Vaughn has earned a first place at the UIL Area Robotics competition in Bullard on Jan. 26. They won the right to advance to the UIL State Robotics competition on April 26 in Austin, where they'll compete against a deeper field of participants and present their product to a panel of judges.

They will be judged on the actual product as well as how thoroughly they've documented its engineering. Judges also will take into account the team's savvy at marketing its machine, which includes creation of a webpage, a brochure, and a video commercial spot. The robotics team will market the "Waker Upper" under the mock company Battalion 12 Inc. Judges also will grade the team on oral presentations and how well

they respond to random questioning.

The concept of the "Waker Upper" originated with a visit to his grandma's house, Carder explained.

"I went to my grandma's house and I remember having to call her name a couple times until she heard me," he said. That got him to thinking. What would happen if an alarm went off and she couldn't hear it? He proposed his idea to his colleagues and they bought in. "We thought it would be an easy build," he noted.

The device, which is largely constructed of Legos, took several months to develop. The programming element took the longest to perfect. The "Waker Upper" employs a smoke alarm, which, in the presence of

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Local talent Woods signs to Sony Music

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Wood County country music artist Don Woods has taken the next big step in his music career by signing with Sony/SM1 Music Group.

The Quitman singer signed a distribution deal with the music group on Feb. 11. Woods has been a country musician for 12 years. He is working on his next album now.

Woods added he's "very excited about signing with SM1 Music Group/Sony Music and that he is looking forward to a long relationship with SM1 Music Group/Sony Music."

Woods has performed at many area festivals and music events. His album "90 Proof" is on iTunes and Spotify as well as his 2017 single, "Everyday Heroes."



DON WOODS

This Week in Your Neighborhood

There will be a grand opening and mixer for Kelly B's Main Course on Thursday, Feb. 28 at 5 p.m. at the Mineola Country Club. Come enjoy appetizers and see the new look of the Country Club restaurant. You do not have to be a member.

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Quitman junior to represent WCEC at Washington, D.C.

Cheyenne Williams, a 17-year-old junior at Quitman High School, will represent Wood County Electric Co-op (WCEC) at the Government in Action Youth Tour in Washington, D.C., in June. She is the daughter of Brandon and Shana Williams of Quitman.

At Quitman ISD, Williams is an active member of the Anchor Club, a youth community service organization. Williams also is enrolled in Health Science Clinicals, which provides opportunities for job shadowing at UT-Health East Texas in Quitman. Participation in this program has elevated her interest in the medical field, and she plans to follow this course of study after high school.

Outside of school, Williams travels to Plano frequently, where she trains and participates in competitive bowling. She is also an avid reader and enjoys fishing. An enthusiastic explorer, she has traveled extensively to places that include Ireland, England, Wales, Scotland, France, Switzerland, Austria, and Italy. Williams also is a member of the First United Method-

ist Church of Quitman and has participated in mission trips to Baton Rouge to assist with recovery efforts following a major flooding event.

As a delegate to Youth Tour, Williams will travel to Washington, D.C., with almost 160 teens from other Texas electric cooperatives, and they will join hundreds more from across the nation. She'll have the opportunity to meet congressional representatives and visit historic memorials and cultural centers.

The idea for Youth Tour originated with President Lyndon B. Johnson, who advocated for both rural electrification and youth development. In 1957, when he was still a U.S. senator, he suggested sending youth to Washington, where they could learn "what the flag stands for and represents." This evolved into a nationwide electric cooperative effort.

The trip will begin in Austin, where the participants will tour for a day and then fly to Washington. At the nation's capital, they will visit the Capitol, the Supreme Court, Library of Congress,



WILLIAMS

Washington National Cathedral, Arlington National Cemetery, George Washington's home at Mount Vernon, the Smithsonian Institute, the Holocaust Memorial Museum, and various other memorials and monuments.

WCEC is a not-for-profit electric cooperative with the mission of providing member-customers reliable electric service at a reasonable rate. WCEC serves over 35,000 meters in parts of nine counties throughout northeast Texas, including Camp, Franklin, Hopkins, Rains, Smith, Titus, Upshur, Van Zandt, and Wood.

Commissioners set workshop to address WCIC task force

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The Wood County Commissioner's Court on Feb. 22 tabled a resolution giving County Judge Lucy Hebron the authority to appoint a task force to research the Wood County Industrial Commission (WCIC) in light of a workshop this Friday on the matter.

The workshop for the commissioners to discuss the WCIC taskforce has been scheduled for Friday at 8:30 a.m. in the Wood County Commissioner's Courtroom. This meeting is open to the public.

On Jan. 11, Hebron announced the plans to create the task force to look into the background, history and possible changes that could be made to WCIC.

She explained the taskforce will be used as an "advisory group getting fresh ideas," and this initiative is about what can be done to make WCIC better.

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

The advisory group would submit any non-binding recommendations or im-

provements for the WCIC within 90 days and report back to the commissioner's court. Hebron confirmed the task force has met at least once.

The task force, if approved, would consist of BTH Bank Vice Chairman Troy Robinson, WCIC board member Neal Duncan, Winnsboro City Administrator Craig Lindholm, Mineola Chamber of Commerce President Vic Savelli, Mineola Mayor Kevin White and Precinct 3 Commissioner Mike Simmons.

Robinson, who is from Quitman and now lives in Mineola, would serve as the task force chairman.

Monitor moving publication days

The Wood County Monitor is moving its publication day to Thursday.

The change will become effective in March, according to Monitor Publisher Phil Major.

"This change will benefit our readers, our advertisers and our staff," Major said.

For readers, news events that occur on Monday nights, such as important school board and city council meetings, and the recent basketball playoffs, can make it into that week's paper rather than the following week. Also obituar-

ies will be more up-to-date with an extra business day to allow funeral homes to submit articles.

For advertisers, it will give the marketing staff the ability to work with businesses on Monday throughout the day, as well as other advertisers such as those hosting garage sales.

Previously, with deadlines on Friday, anything that came up over the weekend was difficult to get into the current edition.

And the move will also give the staff an extra week-day to get the paper ready

for printing.

This will mean that the newspaper will hit newsstands on Wednesday, rather than Tuesday. And subscribers accustomed to getting the paper in the mail on Wednesday will have it arriving on Thursday.

"I'm sure we will be getting several phone calls on March 6," Major said.

He noted that this new routine is the typical production schedule for the large percent of weekly community newspapers.

The Wood County Monitor welcomes letters to the editor

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, Mineola.

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.

BOY SCOUTS 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, Mineola, 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, Quitman. 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.

UT HEALTH 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. Quitman

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 Thursday, 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, 5-6:30 p.m., 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. 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 - rehearsals Thursdays at Mineola High School Band Hall. 7 p.m. 903-569-2300.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

MLOTA QUILT GUILD - first, second and third Thursday, 9:30 a.m.; 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., Peralta'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, UT Health Quitman 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 months, 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 mykyoung97@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 ARBORETUM & BOTANICAL GARDENS - garden workday each Wednesday 9 to noon, all levels of experience welcome. Come at 8:45 in the kitchen of the Stinson house for coffee. 175 Gov Hogg Pkwy, Quitman - the 2-story white house behind the pavilion at Hogg Park.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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People's Choice winners
The First United Methodist Church Youth Group received the People's Choice Award at Saturday's 2019 Mineola Kiwanis Club's Chili Cook-off. From left are Makayla Gould, Sophie Yarbrough, Riley Woodward and Emily Melvin. (Monitor photo by Hank Murphy).



Chili cook-off winners
The team from Wood County National Bank was named winners of the 2019 Mineola Kiwanis Club's Chili Cook-off, which was held Saturday at First United Methodist Church Ministries Center. Several hundred people attended the event, and money raised by the cook-off will go toward helping local youths. From left are Jerry Richardson, Zoe Isaacs and Jade Bowden. At right is Mineola Mayor Kevin White, who served as emcee. (Monitor photo by Hank Murphy).

County applies for Texas Homeland Security grant

By ZAK WELLERMAN
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Wood County Commissioner's Court on Feb. 22 authorized submission of an application to the Texas Department of Homeland Security for a grant to fund a light tower.

This grant money from Texas DHS was used for radios two years ago, Wood County Fire Marshal/Emergency Management Coordinator Tully Davidson said. "We did a need assessment through the Fire Chiefs' Association. They agreed that a light tower would be something we'd like to apply for," Davidson said.

In other actions, an ad valorem tax agreement between Quitman ISD and Wood County was approved.

A like-kind item trade of a nine-year-old Caterpillar

rubber tire loader was approved to purchase a more up-to-date model.

After a public hearing, a resolution renaming Private Road 6309 to Wood County Road 2309 for county maintenance was approved by the court.

A public hearing for the revision of lots 5, 6, 8, 9 and 10, section 8 of Holly Lake Ranch was set for March 22 at 10 a.m. in the commissioner's courtroom.

Commissioners approved the high bid of \$600 submitted by Perdue, Brandon, Fielder, Collins & Mott LLP from Heather Scott for a tax sale struck off property. The property is located at Lot 1C, Block 35, Mineola Townsites on Giraud Street in Mineola. The property was struck off to Wood County in 1956. According to the law firm, the property value today is \$750.

Phase II of the archival

digitalization and indexing of real property records for the County Clerk's Office was acknowledged to be on public record.

Mandatory bullet proof wear policies for Wood County Constable and Wood County District Attorney's Office were tabled due to the need for a budget workshop.

Release and pledge of securities to BTH Bank was approved by the court. The following items were also approved in court:

- January Constable reports
- Jennifer Adamson was taken off the payroll as a dispatcher at the Wood County Sheriff's Office (WCSO) effective Feb. 15
- Jeremy Smith was hired as a deputy at WCSO effective Feb. 20
- Kay Phillips was hired

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Quitman ISD approves administrative contracts

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Quitman ISD trustees extended contracts to all of the district's administrative employees during last week's school board meeting.

The contract extensions included the following: Quitman Elementary Principal Mary Ann Nichols, Junior High Principal Chrystal Ballard, High School Principal Dana Hamrick, QES Assistant Principal Lance Morrow, QJH Assistant Principal Todd Shackelford, QHS Assistant Principal David French, Assistant Superintendent Angela Brown, QISD Athletic Director Bryan Oakes, Director of Finance Cayla Mars and Information Technology (IT) Director Scott Turner.

Superintendent Rhonda Turner, who received a five-year contract extension in January, emphasized the importance of consistency

in administration.

"Stability of leadership on the campuses, and at the district level is critical to the success of our school district. Specifically with our campuses it is important to have continuity and strong instructional leaders," Turner said. "QISD has invested time in growing our leaders, and will continue to push for the very best for our students."

Nichols, Ballard, Hamrick, Shackelford, Oakes and Brown's contracts were extended to 2021. French, Morrow, Turner and Mars' contracts were extended to 2020.

Also at the meeting, Mars briefed the board on the district's options for investments.

Trustees approved resolutions amending the authorized representatives with TexPool, First Public and BTH Bank to have up-to-date contact information.

Rutherford, Taylor and Company P.C. was selected as the district auditors for the year ending Aug. 31, 2019.

The second reading of Update 112 concerning updates to administrative policies was tabled.

Selection of procurement method for construction-related services for the tennis courts project was postponed. A standard form of agreement between the district and Harris Craig Architects was postponed as well.

Quitman Junior High robotics, UIL, One Act Play and art students were recognized for their awards and accomplishments during the student showcase.

In the superintendent's report, Turner told the board enrollment is doing well despite the flu and other illnesses going around.

Mars gave the financial reports to the board.



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- March 6th 12:00 noon Ash Wednesday Service (Beginning of Lent)
- March 6th 5:30 p.m. Christian Men's Fellowship
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- March 10th Begin Lenten Series WE BELIEVE: APOSTLE'S CREED
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- March 20th 5:00 p.m. Movie Night (Free to All)
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A Valentine gift for Bread of Life
 Left, Greg Hollen, a board member of Bread of Life Ministry, accepts a check from Southern Fried restaurant owner Ben Carter. Since he opened earlier this year, downtown Mineola restaurant owner Carter has wanted to find ways to give back to the community. Southern Fried has established a regional following since opening, and Carter, also the head chef, decided Valentine's Day would be special for customers and memorable for a local nonprofit. A portion of each food sale on that day was set aside to support Bread of Life Ministry, a Mineola food bank. The funds received by Bread of Life will be used to purchase additional food for its patrons. Carter expects to continue this type of support in the community for a number of local causes. Stay tuned for the March 16 initiative at Southern Fried in support of the Juvenile Arthritis Foundation.

Warrant yields eight arrests

Eight suspects were arrested recently when Wood County Sheriff's Office deputies conducted a narcotics search warrant in the Winnsboro area of Wood County.

The warrant is a part of an ongoing investigation into drug trafficking networks in Wood County and surrounding counties, according to Sheriff Tom Castloo.

Large amounts of methamphetamine and other narcotics, several vehicles, guns and roughly 9,000 rounds of ammunition were seized during the search.

"The investigation is currently active and we expect more arrests as the investigation unfolds. Our deputies have worked untold hours on this case and we believe we have made great

progress in stopping the sale of narcotics and associated crime, such as burglary and thefts in Wood County and surrounding counties," Castloo said. "This case also involves gangs and gang associates, guns and other related crimes. In the near future our deputies will be attempting to identify property which may be stolen."

The Sheriff's Office is working with other agencies like Texas Department of Public Safety and the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms and Explosives. Castloo expressed his appreciation for citizens helping the department.

"We understand that often citizens think we do not hear them when they give us information, but we do," he said.

GriefShare to start new series March 4

GriefShare, a grief recovery support group, will start a new series of seminars on March 4 at Holly Brook Baptist Church. The group meets weekly for 13 weeks on Monday afternoon at 2 p.m.

The Hawkins-area community is invited. The first class of the new year is wrapping up this week.

GriefShare is a Christ-centered support group designed for those who, through death, have lost family members, friends, and other loved ones. The series is free and there is no time limit on joining the group. GriefShare includes a workbook for each participant and a video during the

weekly meeting, followed by discussions. The videos feature experts speaking about grief and recovery. The videos are produced in television magazine format featuring interviews, case studies, and reenactments. People may begin attending the GriefShare group at any session. Each is self-contained and not in any sequence. Those who have attended some or all of the seminars are also welcome to repeat the series.

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

Antiques mall comes to Quitman

By ZAK WELLERMAN
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Quitman residents Angela Snyder and Billy Watkins have partnered to make their mutual passions of collecting at estate sales into an antique retail business.

Lane Street Collectibles, located at the corner of Lane Street and Winnsboro Street, will have its grand opening Friday. The antiques mall will be housed in a large 1930s-era home.

Vendors will sell furniture, flowers, records, autographed books, a variety of clothing and hats, collectibles and household items. There will be items for both men and women.

"My vision is to lease out booths so people can sell their stuff. If you've got stuff, don't store it, sell it, and join the Lane Street Collectibles family," Snyder said.

Snyder, who is a Quitman High graduate, retired three years ago after being a nurse; however, she didn't

want to stop working. She rented booths in area towns, such as Hawkins and Winnsboro, and then she decided to buy a place of her own to sell her items.

She and Watkins met online in 2016 and discovered they both enjoyed collecting. He graduated from Winnsboro and had past jobs in sales in Dallas, Tyler and other areas.

The antiques store will be a prime place for people to sell their goods, Watkins said. He added that it's about turning a hobby into a business.

There are currently four vendors from Wood County and neighboring areas; however, there are a few spots available, Snyder said.

They also have a mascot, a 2-year-old rescue dog named Snicker Doodle.

The hours will be from Wednesday to Saturday 10:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. For more information on Lane Street Collectibles call Snyder at 214-415-6266 or Watkins at 972-824-2004.



Collectible items provided by Billy Watkins in the "man cave" area of the shop. (Monitor photos by Zak Wellerman).



Some of the furniture and décor items one of the vendors will be selling at Lane Street Collectibles in Quitman.

Mineola Main Street Program meets national performance standards

The Texas Main Street Program (TMSP) of the Texas Historical Commission (THC) has recognized the Mineola Main Street Program for successful annual progress in carrying out national performance standards for a Main Street community.

The Mineola Main Street Program is one of 68 in Texas to be recommended this year. Winnsboro also was on the list.

Upon final approval by the National Main Street Center/Main Street America, these local programs will be announced as nationally accredited during the Main Street Now conference March 25-27 in Seattle.

"Our accreditation is a result of a comprehensive 10 Criteria Report the Main

Street office completed in December. It means we're meeting standards in carrying out Main Street's four-point approach, which are economic vitality, design, promotion and organization. Mineola is very happy to have earned this designation again," said Doris Newman, Mineola's Main Street program director.

"Since 1981, many Texas communities have participated in the Main Street network and used its preservation-based framework to generate positive economic gains for their local economies and the state," said THC Executive Director Mark Wolfe. "These positive strides happen because of local commitment to prioritize historic downtowns."

To achieve accreditation,

local programs provide evidence of annual progress under selection criteria, including engaged partnerships, staffing, volunteer efforts, preservation ethic, physical improvements in the district, and growth in program capacity. The state office also works with programs throughout the year providing services catered to local needs.

"The annual reporting process recognizes the hard work of local programs, and we commend the dedication of city leaders, program staff, local volunteers, and partners who make it possible," said Debra Drescher, TMSP state coordinator.

The TMSP began in 1981 as one of the first state-coordinating programs in the country. Local Main Street

programs focus on responsibly utilizing a community's historic assets for economic benefit and increased quality of life. During 2018, more than \$180 million was reinvested into Texas' 89 Main Street districts. Additionally, 427 small businesses and 1,480 jobs were created. During 2018, the state network reached an important milestone when \$4 billion in historical reinvestment was reached and surpassed.

The application to become a Main Street community will be available in late February. Applications are due July 31. For additional information about the national Main Street effort, visit mainstreet.org. For more information on the THC's Texas Main Street Program, visit thc.texas.gov/mainstreet.

Inside and Outside the Picket Fence

BY JAN WHITLOCK



Quitman Arboretum and Botanical Gardens

March is just around the corner. I wonder if you agree with me, it has been a long winter. I am ready to welcome spring with open arms. The wild plum trees have started to bloom and will be followed in short order by the many varieties of spring bloomers. Watch the dogwood buds begin to swell. Overnight they seem to explode into a beauty that is hard to describe. Many of these spring bloomers can be seen at the newly renamed

Wood County Arboretum and Botanical Gardens.

Our volunteers have been working on the waterwise bed. This is an interesting collection of plants that have

been grouped because of their need for little or no irrigation. This collection may be viewed in front of the property line between the Arboretum and the Carroll Greene Center.

A paved walking path gives the visitor easy access to these hardy specimens, many of which are gearing up for longer days and warmer temperatures. Perhaps you noticed, layers of cardboard were placed around the base of each

plant, then soaked with the hose and finally covered with a thick layer of mulch. This procedure helps with the reduction of pesky weeds as well as providing a healthy barrier between the roots of the plants and the scorching summer sun.

We are busy at the Arboretum every Wednesday. We would love to see you, and please check us out on Facebook. The coffee is on.

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Mineola Police Report

FEBRUARY 20

10:10 a.m. A landlord reported a theft report when tenants took two air conditioner units when moving out of a rent house on North Pacific Street.

11:43 a.m. A business on North Pacific reported theft from an employee who reportedly took cash from the safe to pay for a scam the employee received on her cell phone, ordering her to get green dot cards, or she would be arrested by the Marshal's Office. This is under investigation.

1:49 p.m. A business on Loop 564 reported finding a baggie of a white substance on the floor. An officer took possession of the narcotic to be destroyed.

6:44 p.m. An officer assisted a stranded motorist to move their vehicle off the roadway on West Blair Street.

7:56 p.m. A welfare concern was reported for a man who was in a business on two occasions on East Broad Street asking about getting a motel room for the night. The man was on foot and pushing a cart. The man was not there upon their arrival. Officers patrolled the area, looking for the man, but did not find him.

FEBRUARY 19

2:01 a.m. An officer checked on a juvenile female that was outside talking with a male subject at a residence on North Johnson Street. The parents were notified and the juvenile went inside for the night.

11:05 a.m. A business on East Broad Street reported a homeless man asking for a ride. An officer responded and utilized Ministerial Alliance to get the man a room for the night.

11:08 a.m. Aaron's Rental reported a theft of service when a person did not pay the rental or return the property.

1:01 p.m. A resident on Minwood Street reported someone had shot through a window during the night, possibly with a BB gun.

1:49 p.m. A welfare concern was reported from an ex-boyfriend in reference to his ex-girlfriend not answering the phone after taking some medication. Officers assisted EMS and the

woman was transported to the hospital.

2:42 p.m. Officers assisted EMS and the Fire Department on a medical call at a business inside Walmart.

5:30 p.m. A parent reported to the MISD Police Department that her daughter did not come home from school. After a brief search, the student was found in the Band Hall.

FEBRUARY 18

1:35 p.m. An officer assisted EMS when a woman fell at her home on North Newsum Street.

7:46 p.m. A sexual assault was reported and later found to occur in Wood County. Wood County S.O. was contacted to take over the investigation.

9:54 p.m. Walmart reported two males who were acting strange in the store. The two were criminally trespassing at the request of the store.

10:51 p.m. A disturbance was reported at a residence on North Pacific Street. A woman reported that she was telling her roommate to get her belongings and leave when the assault occurred. No injuries were reported and the woman decided to not file charges.

FEBRUARY 17

12:01 p.m. A reckless driver was reported on North Pacific Street that was unable to maintain a single lane of traffic. An officer located the vehicle at a business on East Broad Street shortly after.

1:49 p.m. A 9-1-1 was received from a woman wanting to know how to get someone out of her residence. A man took the phone and said that his brother owned the home and hung up. Several attempts were made to contact the person back without success. The call was found to be in Wood County. Wood County S.O. was contacted and met the officer at the residence. Wood County took over the call.

2:33 p.m. An officer assisted Wood County S.O., EMS and Fire with an accident at Loop 564 and FM 1254.

5:39 p.m. Walmart reported a theft. This is under investigation.

8:04 p.m. A welfare concern was reported by a father who wished for the department to check on his

children at a residence on East McDonald Street. An officer went to the residence but no one was there.

10:26 p.m. A man brought a woman into the lobby of the Police Department that needed medical attention. An ambulance was called and the woman was transported to the Emergency Room by EMS.

FEBRUARY 16

11:19 a.m. An elderly man fell while at a business on East Broad Street. EMS responded, but the family was going to take the man to be checked for injuries.

2:06 p.m. Walmart reported a theft. This is under investigation.

FEBRUARY 15

1:33 p.m. Mineola Community Care had an ex-employee criminally trespassed from the nursing home.

2:46 p.m. A welfare concern was reported for a man sleeping on the steps of the Humble Church on McDonald Street. When an officer checked on him, he said someone was coming to pick him up.

5:14 p.m. Michael Hugh Landrum, 32, of Mineola was arrested at Brenda Lane for several Smith County warrants. Officers went to serve the warrants, and Landrum took off running into a pasture. He was caught by one of the officers. DPS assisted on the arrest and transport.

7:30 p.m. A disturbance was reported on Baker Street. A resident reported his son assaulted him. When officers responded to the reported disturbance, the father said he was pushed by his son and he did not wish to file charges. No injuries were noted. A family violence report was completed.

FEBRUARY 14

9:59 a.m. A hit-and-run was reported in the Ace Hardware parking lot. After reviewing video it was determined to be a known person with a trailer on the back of his pickup. The man was contacted and insurance information was given.

10:12 p.m. Melissa Marie Salazar, 34, of Mineola was arrested on a Wood County warrant after the vehicle she was a passenger in was stopped for a traffic violation on North Pacific Street.

Wood County Sheriff's Report

FEBRUARY 19

Deputies were dispatched to CR 3369 near Hawkins at 9:23 a.m. in reference to an assault. This case has been forwarded to investigators.

Deputies were dispatched to CR 4660 near Winnsboro at 12:04 p.m. in reference to an unauthorized use of a motor vehicle. Someone took the reporting party's vehicle without authorization. This case has been forwarded to investigators.

Deputies were dispatched to CR 3220 near Quitman at 4:41 p.m. in reference to criminal mischief. Someone damaged the reporting party's property. This case has been forwarded to investigators.

Deputies were dispatched to CR 1534 near Alba at 11:09 p.m. in reference to a disturbance. Joshua Christian, 38, of Emory was arrested for permitting livestock to roam on a highway.

Between the dates of Feb. 13 and Feb. 19, Wood County Sheriff's deputies responded to multiple agency assists that included the following: Jarvis Security Department of Public Services Emergency Medical Services, and Quitman Police Department.

FEBRUARY 18

Deputies were dispatched to CR 3877 near Hawkins at 1:07 a.m. in reference to shots fired. Deputies located the activity and notified the game warden.

Deputies were dispatched to CR 2260 near Mineola at 12:25 p.m. in reference to a welfare check. Deputies located the individual and provided a transport to the hospital.

Deputies conducted a traffic stop on FM 2869 near Hawkins at 8:24 p.m. Jeren Liggins, 30, of Tyler was arrested for possession of a controlled substance, possession of drug paraphernalia, and possession of marijuana. Rakede Davis 46 of Hawkins was arrested for possession of drug paraphernalia and prohibited substance/item in a correctional facility.

Deputies were dispatched to CR 4627 near Winnsboro at 10:33 p.m. in reference to a disturbance where an assault occurred. This case has been forwarded to investigators.

FEBRUARY 17

Deputies responded to a suspicious vehicle on CR 4660 near Winnsboro at 12:16 a.m. Deputies located the vehicle and it was towed by Joe's Wrecker.

Deputies conducted a traffic stop on CR 2320 near Mineola at 1:13 a.m. in reference to an inquest. A female, 71, was found deceased in her residence. The Justice of the Peace arrived and no autopsy was ordered.

Deputies spoke with the reporting party at 2:05 a.m. in reference to suspicious circumstances on PR 5980 near Yantis. Deputies gave the reporting party advice and cleared the incident.

Deputies conducted a traffic stop on HWY 69 near Mineola at 6:30 a.m. Carrie Morrow, 46, of Mineola was arrested for outstanding warrants.

FEBRUARY 16

Deputies responded to a suspicious person on FM 2869 near Hawkins at 12:08 a.m. Deputies located the individual and provided a courtesy transport.

Deputies were dispatched to CR 4426 near Winnsboro at 1:14 a.m. in reference to a fire. Prior to the deputies' and fire department's arrival, the fire was put out.

Deputies spoke with the reporting party at 9:30 a.m. in reference to criminal trespass on FM 17 near Yantis. Deputies gave the reporting party advice and cleared

the incident.

Deputies were dispatched to CR 2906 near Mineola at 2:14 p.m. in reference to a disturbance. Deputies spoke with all parties involved and they were separated for the day.

Deputies were dispatched to CR 2281 near Mineola at 7:05 p.m. in reference to shots fired. Deputies located the activity and everything was OK.

Deputies were dispatched to CR 4470 near Winnsboro at 9:21 p.m. in reference to a disturbance. Deputies spoke with all parties involved and they were separated for the night.

Deputies were dispatched to CR 3639 near Hawkins at 10:08 p.m. in reference to a dispute. Deputies spoke with all parties involved and determined it was a civil matter.

Deputies were dispatched to PR 5551 near Alba at 10:08 p.m. in reference to a dispute. Deputies spoke with all parties involved and cleared the incident.

Deputies went out on an arrest/warrant service to Sissy Spacek Drive in Quitman at 9:48 a.m. Jannaye Bell, 19, of Quitman was arrested for an outstanding warrant.

Deputies were dispatched to Main St. in Yantis at 11:07 a.m. in reference to criminal trespass. Jacob Burgess, 27, of Yantis was arrested for assault.

Deputies were dispatched to CR 2774 near Mineola at 4:08 p.m. in reference to a burglary. Someone stole several items from the reporting party's property. This case has been forwarded to investigators.

Deputies spoke with the reporting party at 7:23 p.m. in reference to criminal trespass on CR 2117 near Quitman. Deputies gave the reporting party advice and cleared the incident.

Deputies were dispatched to CR 2279 near Mineola at 8:10 p.m. in reference to criminal mischief. Someone damaged the reporting party's residence. This case has been forwarded to investigators.

FEBRUARY 15

Deputies were dispatched to CR 4865 near Winnsboro at 12:44 a.m. in reference to a disturbance. Leslie Bruce, 38, of Quitman was arrested for assault causing bodily injury, family violence.

Deputies spoke with the reporting party at 8:28 a.m. in reference to a scam on CR 2620 near Mineola. Deputies gave the reporting party advice and cleared the incident.

Deputies were dispatched to CR 3260 near Quitman at 9:28 a.m. in reference to found property. Deputies located a stolen trailer and contacted the owner. It was towed by Joe's Wrecker.

Deputies spoke with the reporting party at 10:49 a.m. in reference to criminal trespass on CR 4200 near Winnsboro. Deputies gave the reporting party advice and cleared the incident.

Deputies were dispatched to FM 779 near Alba at noon in reference to an inquest. A male, 84, was found deceased in his residence. The Justice of the Peace arrived and no autopsy was ordered.

Deputies spoke with the reporting party at 12:16 p.m. in reference to fraud on CR 4586 near Winnsboro. Deputies gave the

reporting party advice and cleared the incident.

Deputies spoke with the reporting party at 5:22 p.m. in reference to harassment on CR 4885 near Winnsboro. Deputies gave the reporting party advice and cleared the incident.

Deputies were dispatched to FM 14 near Hawkins at 6:10 p.m. in reference to a disturbance. Taylor Christensen, 31, of Hawkins was arrested for assault causing bodily injury, family violence.

Deputies were dispatched to HWY 80 near Hawkins at 11:15 p.m. in reference to a disturbance. Parties were separated for the night.

FEBRUARY 14

Deputies were dispatched to HWY 154 near Yantis at 12:08 a.m. in reference to a disturbance where an assault occurred. This case has been forwarded to investigators.

Deputies spoke with the reporting party at 8:13 a.m. in reference to harassment on FM 852 near Winnsboro. Deputies gave the reporting party advice and cleared the incident.

Deputies spoke with the reporting party at 9:54 a.m. in reference to criminal mischief on FM 2869 near Winnsboro. Deputies gave the reporting party advice and cleared the incident.

Deputies were dispatched to CR 3940 near Hawkins at 10:52 a.m. in reference to theft. Actors or actors unknown stole several items from the reporting party's property. This case has been forwarded to investigators.

Deputies were dispatched to HWY 80 near Hawkins at 1:14 p.m. in reference to theft. Someone stole several items from the reporting party's property. Derion Smith, 21, of Dallas was arrested for outstanding warrants. This case has been forwarded to investigators.

Deputies were dispatched to CR 2796 near Mineola at 1:45 p.m. in reference to theft. Someone stole a goose neck trailer from the reporting party's property. This case has been forwarded to investigators.

Deputies were dispatched to CR 2700 near Mineola at 2:18 p.m. in reference to theft. A known actor stole electricity from a Wood County Electric meter. This case has been forwarded to investigators.

Deputies were dispatched to Greenbriar Cove near Hawkins at 4:07 p.m. in reference to theft. Deputies spoke with all parties involved and determined it was a civil matter.

FEBRUARY 13

Deputies spoke with the reporting party at 1:27 p.m. in reference to a scam on CR 2620 near Mineola. Deputies gave the reporting party advice and cleared the incident.

Deputies were dispatched to Loop 564 near Mineola at 2:33 p.m. in reference to criminal trespass. Deputies issued a Criminal Trespass Warning and cleared the incident.

Deputies conducted a traffic stop on FM 17 near Alba; at 4:56 p.m. Kristal Hodges 34 of Mineola was arrested for Possession of a Controlled Substance.

Deputies were dispatched to Winnsboro St. in Quitman at 7:23 p.m. in reference to a disturbance. Parties were separated for the night.

Mineola Fire Report

Medical assistance: Feb. 14, 2:42 p.m., 721 CR 2210, Mineola; Feb. 15 8:22 p.m. 713 Goodson Circle; Feb. 16 11:57 p.m., 24456 W. U.S. Hwy. 80, Mineola; Feb. 17 12:42 a.m., 469 CR 2632,

Mineola; Feb. 18 6:50 a.m., 380 CR 2211, Mineola; Feb. 18 12:01 p.m., 647 W. Broad, Mineola; Feb. 18 7:37 p.m., 306 Landers St., Mineola; Feb. 19, 2:44 p.m., 135 NE Loop 564, Mineola; Feb. 20 12:48 p.m., 135 NE Loop

564, Mineola; Feb. 20, 1:25 p.m., 451 CR 2311, Mineola; Feb. 20, 10:39 p.m., 1022 FM 2422, Mineola.

Motor vehicle accident with no injuries: Feb. 17, 2:31 p.m., Loop 564 and FM 1254, Mineola.

Constable's office cracks picnic table theft case

After an investigation of more than a week, a search warrant was executed on Feb. 22 in Alba in connection with the theft and vandalizing of picnic tables at Lake Holbrook, according to a news release from Precinct 2 Constable Kelly Smith.

Two of the tables were recovered. One was at the residence and another had been taken to the Sabine River in an attempt to dispose of it before law enforcement arrived, according to the news release.

The four suspects apparently got nervous and dumped the table when the constable patrol unit was observed in the area.

Another six tables from Lake Holbrooke will be replaced by the suspects and returned to Commissioner Jerry Gaskill. The individuals suspected in the picnic table crimes face a total of six criminal charges between the four of them, and one is a suspect in another crime committed in Wood

County. K9 Juma, a trained police dog, was utilized to search the residence. A small amount of contraband was located inside the residence unrelated to the initial offense. The ages of these suspects range from 17-21 and are all local Mineola residents, according to the constable's office.

Since September, K9 Juma has been utilized in numerous capacities such as presentations at schools across the county, school searches, drug seizures in traffic stops, hotel/motel open air sniffs and crime scene searches.

On Feb. 23, a late evening search warrant was issued after Juma detected contraband at a hotel in Wood County. Juma and Smith routinely walk the corridors and parking lots of hotels and motels, business parking lots, and businesses at the request of the business owners. Those patrols have led to drug seizures, fugitive apprehension, recovery of stolen vehicles and ar-

rests, according to the constable's office.

Juma alerted Smith to a room, and he drafted a search warrant affidavit. The Wood County District Attorney's Office and an investigator were consulted. This is believed to be one of the first search warrants issued in Wood County based on probable cause developed by a canine team, according to Smith. The affidavit was presented to Wood County District Judge Jeff Fletcher, who issued a search warrant. Mineola police arrived to assist and played a large part in the recovery of methamphetamine, marijuana and the apprehension of a Wood County fugitive.

Dustin McClain of Quitman and Melissa Salazar of Quitman were arrested for possession of a controlled substance 1-4 grams, a third-degree felony. Salazar also had two outstanding warrants out of Wood County with outstanding bonds totaling \$80,000.

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JAN PAUL "J.P." BENEDICT 1944-2019



A celebration of life for Jan Paul "J.P." Benedict of Alba was Thursday, Feb. 21 at Lake Fork Baptist Church with Bro. Perry Crisp officiating.

Mr. Benedict passed away on Feb. 14, 2019, in Texas.

He was born June 7, 1944, in Hastings, Mich., to Gretchen and Paul Benedict. He was a member of the Epsilon Nu Chapter of Psi Upsilon Fraternity at Michigan State University, Class of 1967. He graduated from MSU with a Bachelor's of Science degree in zoology/chemistry. J.P. was called to serve in the armed forces during his senior year of college and enlisted in the United States Army for Officer Candidate School. During his tour in Vietnam, he was first lieutenant and platoon leader of the 1099 Transportation Company, nicknamed the 1099th River Rats. He received the following citations/commendation awards: N.D.S.M, USM, VCM, ARCOM and two O/S bars.

After serving our country in the Vietnam War and receiving an honorable discharge, he pursued and obtained his Jurist Doctorate Degree at the Valparaiso School of Law in 1973. He was a member of the State Bar of Michigan and began his career as a prosecuting attorney for Ingham County, Mich., before going on to private practice until 2004.

J.P. and Brenda married in 1998. After moving to Texas in 2004, they purchased a Dairy Queen. J.P. was also an instrument rated, private pilot. He was an active member of the NCHA (National Cutting Horse Association), ACHA (American Cutting Horse Association) and WCHA (World Cutting Horse Association).

J.P. leaves behind his wife, Brenda of Texas; two sons, Tyler Ripley of Charlotte, Mich., and Travis Ripley of Lindale; three grandchildren; and his sister, Susan Benedict of Charlotte, N.C.

He was preceded in death by his parents and his brother, Peter Benedict, of Michigan.

Memorial contributions can be made in his honor to St. Jude's Children's Hospital, www.stjude.org. Arrangements are under the direction of Wilson-Orwosky Funeral Home. The online register can be signed at www.wilsonorwoskyfuneralhome.com.

BARBARA ANN JACKSON 1947-2019



Services for Barbara Ann Jackson, 71, of Mineola will be Saturday, March 2 at 10 a.m. at Spur On Ministries, 2670 S. State Hwy. 37 in Mineola.

Mrs. Jackson passed away Sunday, Feb. 17, 2019. She was born April 15, 1947, in Rockwall to the late Thomas and Elizabeth Canup. She was a member of Spur On Ministries in Mineola.

Mrs. Jackson worked for the Dallas Morning News until her retirement. She was known as the comedian of her family; she loved making others laugh.

She is preceded in death by her parents and one grandchild.

She is survived by her husband, Terry Jackson; sons, Tracy Compton and Donny Compton; stepson, Jesse Jackson; stepdaughters, Candy Hoskins and Tasha Jackson; 11 grandchildren; and seven great-grandchildren.

Barbara will be greatly missed by both, her family and church family.

In lieu of flowers, her family asks that you make memorial donations to Spur On Ministries, 2670 S. State Hwy. 37, Mineola, Texas 75773.

ROBBIE SCOTT 1991-2019



Funeral services for Robbie Scott, 27, of Mineola were Monday, Feb. 18 at Beaty Funeral Home in Mineola. Internment followed at Roselawn Memorial Garden in Mineola.

Mr. Scott passed away Feb. 14, 2019.

He was born on Sept. 30, 1991, in Dallas, the first-born son of Robert Douglas Scott and Kathleen Ann Scott.

He attended Mineola High School and graduated in 2010. He was enrolled in his third year of IEC while working as an electrician for Humphrey and Associates in East Texas. He was an avid lover of many sports, softball especially, so much so that he and his wife, Brooke, exchanged their vows on Nov. 10, 2018, at the Mineola High School softball field. He coached Little League T-ball and was a big fan of the Texas Rangers.

He is preceded in death by his grandpa, Norman Scott; grandparents, Edward and Alice Dexter; and his great-grandparents, Grover and Kathryn Scott and Jack and Gladys Brown.

He is survived by his, parents, Robert and Kathleen Scott; wife, Brooke Scott; brother, Bryan Sean Scott; grandmother, Jackie Scott; two uncles; an aunt; and many more family and friends.

Robbie was loved in his community and will be greatly missed by everyone who knew him. As said by his wife, "God needed Coach Robbie to teach the angels in heaven how to play baseball."

In lieu of flowers, his family asks that you make memorial donations in his honor to the Mineola Youth Foundation.

ROLAND GEE SENTER 1933-2019



Funeral services for Roland Gee Senter, 85, of Mineola were Friday, Feb. 22 at Beaty Funeral Home. Interment was at Roselawn Memorial Garden in Mineola.

Mr. Senter died on Feb. 18, 2019.

He was born in Lone Oak, Texas, on Sept. 23, 1933, to Clay Senter and Edna McVay. After graduating from Lone Oak High School and serving two years in the U.S. Army, Roland began his professional career with an entry-level job at Jones Blair Paint Co. in Dallas, and with hard work and self education he progressed through JBP, Sterling Lacquer and Western Specialty Coatings companies to become head chemist, plant manager and a top sales producer.

In 1977, he started his own company, Extrusion Finishing, with his wife, Linda. In 1983, they sold the company and began a new venture called Precision Industrial Coatings, which they sold in 1995. Roland continued in a sales position until he retired in 1997. Roland always had a desire to move back to his East Texas roots, so after selling the company Roland and Linda moved to Holly Lake Ranch, where they lived on the lake for nine years. In 2004 they moved to Mineola.

Roland was an all-around high school athlete, and his love of sports continued into his adult life. He played semi-pro baseball, was a Golden Glove boxer, and spent many years in competitive volleyball, racquetball, biking, weight lifting and bowling. He also loved to occasionally play a game of pool.

He is survived by his loving wife of 45 years, Linda Sue Senter; his daughter, Kathy Deener; son, Lanny Senter; stepdaughter Sherry Massey, stepdaughter Gina Hubbard and two grandchildren. He is also survived by his youngest sister, Cozzett Markham of Denver, Colo., and a host of

much loved cousins, nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by one brother, Frankie Joe Senter; three sisters, Marie Adair, Jewel Morrow, and his twin Rose Lee Caillouet; and four infant siblings.

Roland touched the lives of many with his sense of humor, and he was well known for his teasing and storytelling, but most of all his kind heart. He was a member of Mineola Church of Christ and a faithful servant of Jesus Christ.

BOBBY JOE FEATHERSTON 1935-2019



ALBA – Memorial services for Bobby Joe Featherston, 84, of Alba, are scheduled for 2 p.m. Saturday, March 2 at Cottonwood Assembly of God. Services are under the direction of the family, with Pastor Otis Lee officiating.

Cremation arrangements are under direction of Wilson-Bartley Funeral Home, Alba.

Mr. Featherston passed away Friday, Feb. 15, 2019, in Alba.

He was born Jan. 20, 1935, in Athens to the late Robert Lafayette and Lela Estelle Hodge Featherston. Bob married Nella Marie Braly on Dec. 12, 1991, in Golden. He served in the Navy during the Korean War and owned The Machine Shop in Golden. Bob worked with his dad in his machine shop and taught his son, Robert, who followed in his footsteps.

Survivors include his wife of 27 years, Nella Featherston of Alba; daughters, Ginger of Combine and Stacey Brown of Golden; five grandsons; one granddaughter; four great-grandsons; one great-granddaughter; one great-great-grandson; and numerous other relatives and friends.

He was preceded in death by his parents; son, Robert Glen Featherston; and sister, Dorothy Roome.

JACQUITA SUE CHADWICK 1940-2019



A celebration of life for Jacquita Sue Chadwick, 78, will be held at Sand Springs Baptist Church in Mineola, on Wednesday, Feb. 27 from 11:30 a.m. to 12:15 p.m. The service will be officiated by Pastor Nick Kerry and Bro. Jim Parker. The family will greet visitors at Beaty Funeral Home in Mineola from 2:15 p.m. to 4:15 p.m. Internment will be Thursday, Feb. 28 at 2:15 p.m. at Dallas-Fort Worth National Cemetery, 2000 Mountain Creek Parkway, Dallas.

She passed away Friday, Feb. 22 in Tyler.

She was born Aug. 9, 1940, in Plaska, Texas, to Alton and Mary West. She married to James M. Chadwick, and they lived in Irving until they built their dream home in Mineola in 1997, where they resided together. She was a member of Sand Springs Baptist Church and their Caring Hearts. She was a loving wife, mother, grandmother and great-grandmother.

She was preceded in death by parents, Alton Leon and Mary Alice West; her husband, James M. Chadwick Sr.; sisters, Doris Thompson, Deloris Halford and Joyce Shotwell; and son-in-law Gerald Stevens.

She is lovingly remembered by her sister, Peggy Brewer of Odessa; daughter, Cheryl Stevens of Irving; son, James M. Chadwick Jr. of Ben Wheeler; daughter, Rhonda of Irving; daughter, Pam Miellmier of Mineola; nine grandchildren; 12 great-grandchildren; and many other family members and friends.

Take precautions: Snakes will soon be on the move

It's almost springtime in Texas, which means snakes are beginning to slither away from their comfortable winter surroundings and are on the move.

Dr. Jill Heatley, associate professor of veterinary medicine at the Texas A&M University College of Veterinary Medicine & Biomedical Sciences (CVM), said active snakes could mean bad news for people and their pets.

Heatley and veterinarians in the Small Animal Hospital at the CVM are expected to see an increase in snakebite cases as the temperatures rise.

"If you believe your pet has been bitten by a snake, you need to seek veterinary care and the doctor can determine what kind of treatment is necessary," Heatley said.

"We have already seen snakebites in dogs this year," said Christine Rutter, a small animal critical care veterinarian in the Veterinary Medical Teaching Hospital. "One pet required significant care after being bitten by a coral snake, but is thankfully going to be fine. Coral snake bites and rattlesnake bites are uncommon, but are life threatening when they occur. Cop-

perhead and cottonmouth bites are extremely common during the summer, as are bites from grumpy non-venomous snakes."

A snakebite on a human can be painful — and also expensive.

It is not uncommon for a person bit by a venomous snake to have hospital bills up to \$50,000.

Hospital treatments can range from one day to several weeks, and include care for damaged tissues and antivenin treatments that can run into the thousands of dollars, according to Heatley.

Even nonvenomous snake

bites can cause serious infection.

Although snakes are found in most parts of the world — Ireland, Iceland and New Zealand are some of the few snake-free countries — only four types of snakes found in Texas are venomous: the coral snake, copperhead, rattlesnake and cottonmouth (also known as the water moccasin).

"The thing to remember about snakes is that they generally want to be left alone," Heatley said. "They are probably more afraid of you than you are of them."

Magazine honors Quitman

By ZAK WELLERMAN
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Quitman Mayor David Dobbs and the City Council recognized one of the city's recent achievements during last week's meeting.

Dobbs presented the certificate Quitman received from County Line Magazine for being named "Best Improved Town" in the publication's Best of the Upper East Side of Texas 2018 list. The article described the downtown revitalization and continued business growth in Quitman, such as apparel, restaurants and many others.

"That (most improved

town) has come with a lot of sweat from almost everyone, if not every one of you. Hopefully, not too many tears along the way," Dobbs said. "A lot of the infrastructure things that happen all the way to the point of Walter's work to inspect plumbing. It just all matters."

He mentioned how there has been great responses from people commenting about Quitman on Facebook.

"I've never seen so much positive chatter about things that are going, places to go and things to do," he added. "I just wanted to applaud all the efforts and I know that goes to many that are not here as well."

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 Matthew 25:6



This lost family quilt is pictured hanging on the wall at Granny's Quilts at 213 E. Goode Street in Quitman.

Shopkeeper looks for quilt owner

One Quitman shopkeeper is searching for the owner of a lost quilt brought into her store.

Joyce Reaper, owner of Granny's Quilts, was given a quilt by a man who found it in a house he purchased near one of the area lakes. The quilt has a person's

name and birthday in each of the fabric blocks.

She hopes to find at least one person who knows about the quilt and hopefully return it to the family.

The quilt is hanging on the wall of her shop.

Granny's Quilts is a new shop located at 213 East

Goode Street. The shop hours are from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Wednesday through Saturday.

To contact Reaper, you can reach her by phone at 903-737-0999. She sells handmade quilts, quilting materials and some baby items.



Lara Hope and husband Mark Goldpaugh, who are out of New York, performed an eclectic blend of music in Mineola on Feb. 20. They were preceded by Duane Mark and Company, as well as Rafael And Emmylou Espinoza in the Main Street-sponsored concert downtown. (Courtesy photo).

Chamber banquet March 7

The Mineola Chamber of Commerce announced that its annual awards banquet will be held Thursday, March 7 at the Mineola Civic Center.

Doors open at 6 p.m. and dinner begins at 6:30 p.m. Please come early to look and bid on all of our auction items. This year's theme is trains.

Come out and dine, play games, listen to music, bid on items, and recognize the people who make Mineola great. Tickets are \$32 per person and tables of six and eight are available as well.

To sign up, go to the Mineola Chamber of Commerce website and follow the Chamber Community Awards Banquet link. The chamber thanks its title sponsor Christus Trinity Clinic in Mineola.

Trust properties going up for sale in Mineola

Seven vacant lots will soon be for sale in Mineola as the city continues its effort to reduce its inventory of distressed and tax-delinquent properties.

The City of Mineola in conjunction with the Texas Communities Group LLC (TCG) will begin placing "For Sale" signs on available trust property within the city in the coming days. This project is a part of the cleanup effort spearheaded by the City of Mineola and the participating entities, the city said in a news release.

In March 2018, Mineola became among the first cities in East Texas to embark upon a program aimed at identifying its inventory of tax delinquent properties and expediting the process for which they can be returned to the tax roll.

The city has roughly 150 properties in that category, 90-95 percent of which are vacant lots, according to city Building Inspector Curt Myers.

Trust properties are lots and tracts of land that have been foreclosed upon to collect a tax lien due the local governmental entities, the City of Mineola, Wood County and Mineola ISD. These properties were put up for auction and went un-

sold at a tax sale. The properties are then "struck-off" to the entities, according to the news release.

The placement of the signs on available property will identify the properties available for purchase. There will also be catalogs disbursed within the community.

Anyone over 18 years old can submit a bid for a property. However, a successful bidder cannot owe delinquent taxes on other property in the county, owe an unpaid fine or fee to the city and/or county, and/or own other property in the city/county that is subject to existing penalties for codes enforcement.

You may place a bid online at www.texascg.com or you can simply go to the City of Mineola and submit a bid, which is the price you would consider paying for the property you wish to buy.

Should you meet the requirements listed above and your bid is sufficient and accepted by all entities, the property will be deeded to you upon receipt of the payment of your bid amount and fees to cover the cost of the deed and recording fees, which are minimal.

There is a saying, that one person's trash may be an-

other person's treasure. This is certainly the case with trust property. If you are interested in a property, there certainly is value to you. Maybe the property is next door and you can expand your yard or build a garage. Perhaps a property with a structure can be rehabbed into a profitable rent house. Never underestimate the power of an entrepreneurial mind. So, please notice the signs, look through the catalog, or go online and scroll through the properties.

The process to purchase these Trust Properties is relatively simple: submit the winning bid. The paperwork and recording is done for you. Returning property back to the taxpaying citizens of the community is one of the focal points of this joint effort.

LOCATIONS OF LOTS FOR SALE

1. 412 Freeman
2. 612 Stone
3. Second lot from Giraud located on Freeman
4. Giraud lot located between Baker and Freeman
5. Second lot off of CR 2810 on Lowe
6. Corner lot on CR 2810 and Lowe
7. Lot on Baker close to Hart

Source: City of Mineola

Ag News

Prepare to host garden pollinators

By SHANIQUA DAVIS

Planting clumps of bright, successively blooming flowers is a popular method for attracting foraging pollinators like bees and butterflies. Also knowledgeable vegetable and fruit growers know flowering edibles will entice them, too. Ornamental shrubs, trees, crops and vines will bring pollinators to your yard while at the same time provide nourishment for the family table.

Bees and many other species transfer pollen grains and seeds from one flower to another, fertilizing plants so they can thrive and produce food. The pollinators, in turn, are rewarded with the plants' sugary nectars.

When you sit down to eat a meal you can thank a pollinator, because a general rule is that for every three bites we take that food was provided by a pollinator.

Familiarize yourself with the pollinators common in your area and learn which plants they prefer.

By knowing what pollinators you have in your area

you can see what plants you can have in your garden that will not only benefit you but also the pollinators. Some pollinators are seasonal and are active only in the spring or summer times. While others, such as bumblebees and honeybees, are active all season long.

Some bees are generalists, seeking pollination with whatever flower is available, while others specialize in the types of blooms they seek.

Many pollinator species are in decline or disappearing because of habitat and forage losses, improper pesticide use, and disease and parasites.

You can install pollinator-friendly habitat if you want to help rebuild the pollinator populations. Many native plants that can support the increasingly endangered Monarch butterfly population also will help native bees.

Remember when you are planning your landscape for a pollinator bed it's important to have flower diversity not abundance.

Other typical pairings of edible plants and pollinators include:

- Squash, pumpkins, melons — squash bees, carpenter bees.
- Lowbush blueberries, blackberries and raspberries — bumblebees, sweat bees, mining bees, digger bees, mason bees.
- Tomatoes — bumblebees, sweat bees, carpenter bees.
- Thyme — bumblebees, honeybees, digger bees, mason bees, sweat bees, yellow-faced bees.

Pollinators other than bees include hummingbirds, moths, flies, ants, hornets and beetles. Many of these are inadvertent pollinators.

These animals will visit flowers to feed on their resources such as oils, nectar, pollen or petals and in doing so can pollinate the flower.

Shaniqua Davis is the county extension agent for agriculture and natural resources for Wood County. Her email address is Shaniqua.davis@ag.tamu.edu



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Spring races slated for Hawkins city and Winnsboro, Alba-Golden school districts

Due to the President's Day holiday, candidates for the May 4 election in the City of Hawkins, Alba-Golden ISD and Winnsboro ISD could not be confirmed in time for last week's issue of the Wood County Monitor.

Here are the final names for these entities:

Hawkins' aldermen up for election are Clara Kay (Place 2), Wayne Kirkpatrick (Place 4) and Norma

Oglesby (Place 5). Gregory Branson has filed for the Hawkins Place 5 alderman position. Wendy Haney has filed for the Hawkins Place 4 alderman position. Kay filed for her Place 2 seat.

Hawkins City Council met Monday to determine if an election will be held.

Alba-Golden Trustees Brady Robinson and James Wilkinson's seats are up for election. Incumbents Rob-

ley have filed a motion to dismiss, arguing that the character and magnitude of the plaintiffs' alleged injuries do not qualify as a substantial burden on the right

to vote. They also argue that the state's interest in safeguarding the integrity of the electoral process outweighs the alleged burdens on the plaintiffs.

"It would function better, and I feel that it could become a product," said Carder. "Right now the only other smoke detectors for someone hard of hearing are a strobe light (which could induce seizures) or a wasabi spray that causes extreme irritation to the mouth and eyes. And both cost between \$400 and \$600."

At least two members of the team - Carder and Roberts - said what they learned most by working on the project is how electricity functions.

The robotics team priced their invention at \$59.99, far less than two competing alarms for hearing-impaired people. The team believes its product would have real-world market appeal if the prototype was refined with stronger materials and advanced elec-

tronics. "Budget amendments for sale of surplus of \$197,047.50

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SUIT

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Wise declined comment on the lawsuit.

Abbott, Paxton and Whit-

ROBOTS

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smoke, activates a light. The robot's sensors detect the light and engage electric motors that cause two ball bearings to beat rapidly against a headboard. The lightweight device attaches to a headboard with Velcro. At the State competition, the team intends to employ a fog machine to simulate smoke.

COUNTY

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HISTORY

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lowed them and carved a path for civil rights leaders in the mid-20th century."

Revels in 1870 became the first African-American U.S. senator. He represented the state of Mississippi and won election to the seat left vacant by Jefferson Davis, president of the Confederacy.

"This person represented one of the grandest thoughts of the 19th century: The equality of all men before the law," said Greer.

Robert B. Elliott of South Carolina was born in England and stood out for his strong oratory skills and passionate support for compulsory public education. Elliott faced many challenges in Congress because of his dark skin and being "more radical in his passionate support for civil rights."

After Elliott and other black congressmen were refused service in Washington, D.C., he supported a bill that would ban such forms of public discrimination.

Joseph Rainey, who was born into slavery, was the first African American to serve in the U.S. House of Representatives as well as

the first black American to preside over the House. Rainey also was the longest-serving African American during Reconstruction.

"Although the fight for civil rights did not end in the 19th century, the work of courageous black Americans such as Revels, Elliott and Raines helped to introduce a new democratic order and forever change the political and social landscape of the United States," Greer told the audience.

Cooke, who spent 38 years as an educator at such places as Jarvis Christian College, Stephen F. Austin University, Robert E. Lee High School and Mineola High, note that Mineola "is where I found my sweetheart."

"We came up during a time when segregation was exactly what it was - segregation. No ifs, ands or buts about it. We ran into a lot of problems."

History, he explained, is an unvarnished record of the past - both the good and the bad.

"There are so many instances of things that have happened here that you just don't forget about these things," Cooke said.

He recalled being labeled a "radical" for helping to form the Local Association for Black People during a particularly chaotic time. He also recalled the time

shortly after school desegregation when his future bride went in to use the shower and "the white girls would run out; they didn't want to be in the shower with her at all."

Said Cooke: "You had to live during that period of time. There are so many things I could tell you. As far as the history of Mineola is concerned, you take the bitter with the sweet."

One of those sweeter moments was in 1971, when Doretha Martin became the first black valedictorian of Mineola High School, he said.

And Cooke also recalled that in 1967 "there was a scrappy little running back, and if he got about four or five yards on you, you weren't catching him from behind. In fact, he is in the Mineola Hall of Fame."

That running back is Johnny Bigham, who once scored six touchdowns in a game against Quitman, and who was in attendance at the presentation. He attended Mineola's first integrated high school class in the year 1966-67. He believes integration was a good thing.

"I wouldn't take nothing for it," he said of his experiences at Mineola High. "I think it was a great thing, and I want to thank everybody involved."

Quitman Chamber of Commerce hosts banquet

Featuring a Mardi Gras Texas style theme, the Chamber of Commerce of Quitman will host its annual awards banquet on Feb. 28 at Carroll Green Civic Center.

The event will be from 7 to 9 p.m. Individual tickets cost \$20 and a table of 10 is \$200.

Individuals and businesses will be honored.

There will be prizes, an

auction, photo booth and fun. For more information, contact Chamber Executive Director Elizabeth Neuens at 903-763-4411 or qtmnccoc@peoplescom.net.

Wood County Monitor classified ads

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Miscellaneous
Announcement

MASSAGE THERAPY now at Endless Summer Tan & Glam, 1120A North Pacific, Mineola. For appointment call 903-638-5627.

Granny's Quilts (We put you under cover) opening Feb. 27, 9am to 5pm, Wednesday through Saturday, 213 E. Goode St., Quitman, TX 903-737-0999.

Garage Sales

Garage Sale 296 CR 2276, Holbrook Meadows. 3/2 Sat. 8a.m.-? Home decor, rolltop desk and chair, little bit everything including kitchen sink. Cash Only.

Public Notice

CLERK OF THE COURT DONNA HUSTON PO BOX 1707 QUITMAN, TX 75783 PETITIONER'S ATTORNEY OR PRETTITIONER THUY FRAZIER MCCARTHY HOLTHUS LLP 1255 WEST 15TH STREET STE 1060 PLANO, TX 75075

THE STATE OF TEXAS To., THE UNKNOWN HEIRS AT LAW OF WILLIAM ABSHIER, DECEASED, Respondent(s).

Greetings: "You have been sued. You may employ an attorney. You or your attorney are hereby commanded to appear by filing a written answer to the Plaintiff's Original Petition at or before 10:00 a.m. of the Monday next following the expiration of forty-two days after you were served this citation."

Said Plaintiff's Original Petition was filed in the 402nd Judicial District Court of Wood County, Texas on this the 21st day of June, 2018, in this cause numbered 2018-336 on the docket of said court, and styled, DEUTSCHE BANK NATIONAL TRUST COMPANY, AS TRUSTEE FOR MORGAN STANLEY ABS CAPITAL 1 INC, TRUST 2004-NC8, MORTHGAGE PASS-THROUGH CERTIFICATES, SERIES 2004-NC8, Plaintiff

v. LISA FINE A/K/A LISA MARIE ABSHIER, AND THE UNKNOWN HEIRS AT LAW OF WILLIAM ABSHIER, DECEASED, Defendants IN RE: 599 GREEN MEADOW TRAIL BIG SANDY, TEXAS 75755 A brief statement of the nature of this suit is as follows, to wit:

Plaintiff Deutsche Bank National Trust Company, As, Trustee For Morgan Stanley ABS Capital 1 Inc. Trust 2004-NC8, Mortgage Pass-Through Certificates, Series 2004-NC8, its successors and assigns, by and through its attorney of record, Thuy Frazier of McCarthy & Holthus, LLP, 1255 West 15th Street, Suite 1060, Plano, Texas 75075, brought suit against Lisa Fine a/k/a Lisa Marie Abshier, and the Unknown Heirs at Law of William Abshier, deceased and any other person claiming any subordinate right, title, interest or 599 Green Meadow Trail, Big Sandy, Texas 75755 and legally described to wit: LOT 300, OART IV, HOLLY RANCH, A SUBDIVISION OF WOOD COUNTY, TEXAS, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT OF SUBDIVISION FILED ON VOLUME 5, PAGE 48 OF PLAT RECORDS OF WOOD COUNTY, TEXAS.

As is more fully shown by Plaintiff's Petition on file in this suit. The officer executing this process shall promptly execute the same according to law, and make due return as the law directs.

Issued and given under my hand and Seal of said Court at office in Quitman, Texas, on this the 7th day of February, 2019.

ATTEST: DONNA HUSTON-CLERK 402nd Judicial District Court of Wood County, Texas

By: Jennifer Mosher, Deputy

Public Notice

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

The revision includes lots 5, 6, 8, 9, and 10, Section 8, within Holly Lake Ranch Subdivision.

The public hearing is set for Friday, March 22, 2019 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 they so desire. Lucy Hebron Wood County Judge

PUBLIC NOTICE
CITY OF ALBA
TEXAS COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT PROGRAM

The City of Alba is giving notice of the City's intent to submit a Texas Community Development Block Grant Program grant application for a Community Development Fund grant request of \$275,000 for drainage improvements in along portions of Kirby, Annie, Mockingbird, Simpkins, College, Higginbotham, Farrington, Shoemaker, Osborne, Mills and Campbell streets within the City of Alba.

The application is available for review at the Alba City Hall during regular business hours.

PUBLIC NOTICE
CITY OF QUITMAN
TEXAS COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT PROGRAM

The City of Quitman is giving notice of the City's intent to submit a Texas Community Development Block Grant Program grant application for a Community Development Fund grant request of \$275,000 for water system improvements in the City of Quitman. The application is available for review at City Hall during regular business hours. Para obtener una copia, comuníquese con Andrew Kloefkorn al 903-763-2223.

INVITATION FOR BIDS

Wood County Central Hospital District, Quitman, Texas will receive sealed bids for a single contract until **Thursday, March 21, 2019 at 5:30 pm** for a project entitled Renovations for UTHET Air 1 at Wood County Central Hospital District, Quitman, Texas 75783 which is approximately 1,182 sf of primarily interior renovation and cosmetic work. The project includes millwork, metal studs, ceramic tile, resilient flooring, carpeting, painting, suspended acoustical ceilings, lockers, MEP, and fire sprinkler. The project is located in the clinic south of the hospital.

Plans are available from: **Chris Johnston, Architect Tyler, Texas www.chrisjohnstonarchitect.com (903) 566-9444**

and at the AGC-CMD plan room in Shreveport, La.

Copies of the documents may be obtained by General Contractors for a deposit of \$100 for each set for up to five sets. Deposit is refundable upon return of bid documents in good condition within seven days after the date of bids. Extra sets may be obtained for the cost of reproduction and handling.

Bid security of 5% of the bid shall be submitted with each bid. The bid security may be a bond or cashier's check.

The successful bidder will be required to furnish and pay for satisfactory performance and payment bonds.

The project will require Workman's Compensation and Liability Insurance.

The owner reserves the right to reject any or all bids and waive any formalities or irregularities in the bidding.

Owner Contact: Marion Stanberry (903) 763-0520.

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Real Estate

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15 to 24 months old, had shots & wormed twice a year. Also, square bales of coastal hay for sale. **903-520-5779**

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Entire contents of pristine home in Holly Lake Ranch upscale decorative items, kitchen, furniture.

March 1st 9-4 **252 Green Meadow Trail**
March 2nd 9-1 469-766-6809 or 903-565-9123 for gate entrance

READ the BIBLE

NOTICE TO BIDDERS

BID NUMBER 2019-005: Wood County is requesting bids to move and dispose of a house and any other structures located at 207 South Smart Street, Quitman, Texas by Commissioners Court approval on February 8, 2019. Bidder should use unit pricing.

LEGAL REFERENCE: Texas Local Government Code, Section 262.025.

SPECIFICATIONS: Available from Wood County Commissioners Office, Courthouse 2nd Floor, 100 N. Main, Suite 211, P.O. Box 938, Quitman, Texas 75783 or call Kari Perkins, Commissioners Office at 903-760-1007.

SEALED BIDS: Must be received on or before March 6, 2019, at 2:00 P.M. and will be opened at that time. Bid Award will be March 8, 2019, at 10:00 A.M. during the regular Commissioners Court Session. Court reserves the right to reject any or all bids.

PAYMENT: Wood County to make payment on completed order within 30 days after receipt of invoice.

BID BOND: Not required.

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This lovely (approx. 3500 sq. ft.) home, offered by Cathy Shipp, is for sale; contents & consignments must go: Extra-long din. table; lovely buffet; leather sofa; very large entertainment unit; rugs; art work; home accessories; match. club chairs; red leather wingback; other misc. chairs; coffee table; ottoman coffee table; large Sony TV; lamps; blue & white selections; costume jewelry; love seat & matching oversize chair; stainless steel refrigerator; wash. & dry.; books; tapestry; king bed frame; queen bed, shelf, & chest; ext.-lg. mirror; Queen Anne TV armoire; luggage; bookcases; many clothes & shoes; records; CD's; movies; games; desk & shelving units; Elfa storage; child's table & two "baseball" stools; large planters; crosses; Willow Tree carved figures; sleeping bags; camo clothing; bicycles; sport equipment; BBQ grill; souvenir baseballs; Dutch ovens; ice chests; patio furn.; log rack; igloos; Scott spreader; sooooo much more!!!
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Mineola eighth-grade district champs. Kneeling – No. 14 Alex Barriga; sitting - Coach Goodson, left to right behind Coach Goodson are Isaiah Gardner, No.2 Adam Blalock, No.1 Hunter VanDover, No.20 Conner Gibson, No.12 TJ Moreland, No.15 DJ Newsome, No.10 Dawson Pendergrass, No.4 Bobby Collins, No.11 Brady Shrum, No.5 JJ Gandy, No.3 JaMarcus Kennedy, and Coach John VanDover.

Yellowjackets middle-schoolers win second consecutive district hoops title

The eighth-grade Mineola Yellowjackets dismantled Lone Oak in the semifinals 61-21, and then defeated Edgewood in the championship game 35-23 to become district champs over the weekend of Feb. 16. The

middle-school tournament was hosted by Grand Saline. The Yellowjackets were led by TJ Moreland's 18 points and Dawson Pendergrass's 19 rebounds. A suffocating Yellowjackets defense held the Bulldogs

to just 16 points with about a minute left in the game. The win gave the young Yellowjackets back-to-back district championships, with big things expected in high school. The team posted a season record of 15-3.

Avoid pruning oak trees from February through June

From February through June, oak trees should not be pruned or wounded to prevent the spread of oak wilt disease. Texas A&M Forest Service reminds Texans that it is especially critical to avoid pruning oaks in Texas counties affected by oak wilt.

oaks that have died of the disease during the previous summer and fall may produce spore mats under the bark that sap-feeding beetles may visit as a food source. These beetles may then fly to a fresh wound on any oak tree, infect the tree and start a new oak wilt infection center that can pass to adjacent oaks through root grafting.

Any new wound may be susceptible to infection including those produced by pruning, construction activities, livestock, land or "cedar" clearing, lawnmowers, string trimmers and storms. To decrease the attractiveness of fresh wounds to these insects, always cover or paint wounds on oaks, no matter the time of the year. Any kind of paint will accomplish this task.

When springtime comes, oak trees produce new leaves for the coming growing season. While the seasonal transition may leave oaks looking thin with yellowed leaves, new green leaves will soon emerge. At this time of year, red

All oaks are susceptible to oak wilt disease. Spring is the time of high fungal mat production, high insect populations and the highest susceptibility to disease for

Remember, it is extremely important to avoid wounding and pruning oaks from February through June.

Quitman seeking \$275,000 grant

By ZAK WELLERMAN
news@woodcountymonitor.com

Quitman City Council approved the application of a Texas Community Development Block Grant for a generator at the Stephens Street water substation during last week's meeting.

A generator would help residents in the area in the event of a power outage. Right now, there would only be one day's worth of water without a generator, City Secretary/Administrator Andrew Kloefkorn said.

If approved, the grant would provide \$275,000, while the city would give a local match of \$113,850.

The original plan was to use the grant to assist with sewer and water line improvements.

Roughly \$2.1 million would come from the city's funds and the grant funding would assist the project. However, the city's grant administrators, Traylor & Associates, advised against this because of potential red tape and environmental costs.

Mayor David Dobbs was named as Quitman's authorized representative in all matters pertaining to the application, and committing matching funds to the project.

Also at the meeting, Quitman Volunteer Fire Department's (QVFD) recommendation to finance its new Honeywell fire suits with Wood County National Bank (WCNB) was approved by

the council. Citizens National Bank and WCNB both submitted proposals, but WCNB had less fees.

In December, Fire Chief Scott Wheeler told the council that new fire bunker gear was needed due to the current set expiring this March. This equipment has 10-year life expectancy. QVFD's request to order the suits was approved in the December meeting. Normally these suits would have been funded by grants; however, QVFD did not qualify this year.

In another matter, the interlocal agreement between Wood County and the City of Quitman for mowing at the water treatment plant lagoons and some water and sewer right of ways was approved by the council. The county provides the labor and equipment under this agreement.

Also at the meeting, Dobbs, Randy Bennett and Steve Straznick's appointments to the Quitman Development Corp. board were approved. The new terms will expire in September 2020. Attorney for the City of Quitman Jim McElroy said that, according to legislation, board members serve until their successors are appointed by the City Council.

Kloefkorn gave the QDC report to the council. He addressed how he is working with QDC Executive Director Denea Hudman and other officials to improve the processes and internal paperwork

involved with economic development.

QDC is working to apply for a U.S. Economic Development Administration grant to use for a needed gas line in the Quitman Business Park, by the end of the first quarter of 2019, which would go toward the construction of Stichtin' Heaven. There is a contingency plan for the grant in place if the construction has more rain delays.

Quitman Animal Clinic recently held its grand opening event. Soft openings at the Shops at 107 are going well and there are plans to utilize the pass-through area for events to have more foot traffic and citizen friendly area.

A museum will possibly be coming to the Quitman side of the lake. Several businesses have also reached out to the QDC to find a place here, Kloefkorn added.

In citizen comments, Sam Scroggins addressed the need for sound system improvements at the Carroll Green Civic Center. He suggested adding six speakers, another sound board and more microphones.

In the mayor comments, Dobbs invited community members and youth to attend the city council meetings.

"I'd love to invite our citizens to come to our council meetings to see what goes on, including our youth," Dobbs said.

Dobbs also announced the early voting times.

Quitman FFA member nabs calf at stock show

Marcus Pollard, a member of Quitman FFA, caught a calf during Fort Worth Stock Show & Rodeo's Calf Scramble Feb. 7, earning a \$500 purchase certificate for a show heifer and the chance for up to \$12,500 in scholarship awards. Pollard is the son of John Pollard. Pollard's award was sponsored by Vintage Floors.

During each of 28 rodeo performances, the Calf Scramble gives 16 Texas 4-H and FFA members the opportunity to catch one of eight calves released during the show in one of the most thrilling and unpredictable events. Justin Boots and Texas Mutual Insurance Company are long-time supporters of the Calf Scramble. Participants who do not catch a calf receive a pair of Justin Boots, a practice that has seen more than 227 pairs of boots awarded annually.

The Stock Show's Calf Scramble scholarship awards range from \$500 to



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\$12,500, to participants who demonstrate dedication and hard work through monthly reports, and a final essay submitted to their sponsors and the Calf Scramble Committee. Pollard will use the purchase certificate to buy a registered beef or dairy heifer to raise and exhibit

at next year's Stock Show. This year, \$292,000 in calf scramble scholarships will be awarded to 67 students.

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Yellowjacket Kelby Bruner puts up a tough shot in bi-district playoff action against Harmony.

George controls boards in 67-46 Mineola win

Senior post Kadavian George hauled down 17 rebounds in Mineola's 67-46 bi-district win over Harmony Nature and Sports in Kaufman on Feb. 18. Dominating play by George, timely offensive production by Shaw Franklin and a stand-out game by Kelby Bruner contributed to the solid team victory.

Senior Davian Sneed won an excellent tip to commence action, but it would take almost two minutes before the first points of the night. George scored on an offensive rebound follow-up to open the scoring.

Both teams started slow. Although Mineola forced 10 first quarter turnovers, they also gave up five turnovers in the quarter. With 4:00 on the clock, and Mineola up 6-4, Coach Steadman whistled a time out and voiced his displeasure at the state of play.

George responded with a nice blocked shot inside and Sneed scored on a beautiful offensive follow-up. Franklin hit two short jumpers to end the quarter, but Harmony had matched Mineola in the first quarter, and the score stood 12-8 at the break.

With calls from the stands to "wake up!" the Yellowjackets did. They started the second quarter by going on a 15-0 run. A blocked shot by Sneed began the streak, which featured six points by Bruner on long breaks and an offensive follow-up by Sneed.

With approximately four minutes left in the half, Sneed was whistled for his third personal foul and slapped the floor in frustration. That act brought a technical foul and ended

Mineola's scoring run. Each team put 10 points up in the remaining four minutes and Mineola took a 35-18 lead into halftime.

The Harmony Tigers came out in the second half determined. Seven quick points closed the game to 35-25 before Mineola called a time out to regroup. George made a nice jumper coming out of the time out to settle the play. Harmony closed the margin to nine points shortly thereafter, but it was as close as they would get.

The Yellowjackets found their rhythm and produced a 12-0 run. A strong inside basket by George and a series of great offensive assists (Conner Dobbs to Bruner, Franklin to Bruner, Bruner to Franklin) contributed to the run.

Mineola had played a turnover-free quarter and had out-rebounded the opposition two to one. At the end of the third quarter the Yellowjackets had an 18-point lead, 52-34.

The final quarter saw even production from both teams. Midway through the quarter, George found Franklin on a backside cut in, one of the memorable plays of the night. Franklin and Bruner closed out the night with scores off of offensive rebounds.

It was a solid effort by the Yellowjackets in the opening round of playoffs. Although they did not meet their high standards throughout the contest, they were able to focus their effort and put together long stretches of excellent basketball for a 67-46 win. As always, Conner Dobbs provided quality minutes off the bench, as did point guard DeVante Stephens.

QISD employees honored as Bulldog Heroes

By ZAK WELLERMAN
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Two Quitman ISD employees were recognized for their service to the district at last week's board of trustees meeting.

Maintenance worker Chris Williams and math teacher Laura Driver received the Bulldog Hero Award.

Williams received the award for building a mobile chair for fourth-grader Angel Cortez.

For the full story on Angel's chair, see woodcountymonitor.com.

Driver was given the award for her return to teaching. She was serving as a math specialist at the elementary campus but returned to the second-grade classroom to fulfill an opening during the first six weeks of the school year.

"Both of these individuals exhibit the moral compass that we expect of our Bulldog team," Superintendent Rhonda Turner said. "They not only recognized and considered the needs of our students, but were both willing to step up and take action. They are what is great about QISD."

Lady Jackets pull off thrilling win over Howe

Heart-stopping action. A big deficit. A monumental comeback. Unshakable confidence. Extreme effort. Victory. All these words describe the Lady Jackets thrilling 36-35 win over the Howe Lady Bulldogs on Feb. 19.

The win sent Mineola through to the regional tournament and a date with the undefeated Chapel Hill Red Devils.

One characteristic of championship teams is the ability to prevail when they are disadvantaged or not performing as accustomed. So it was with Coach Riley's squad against Howe. Could they prevail when their most prolific scorer, Sabria Dean, struggled from the floor? Could they give up an average four inches in height between the two starting lineups and prevail? Could they hold the Lady Bulldogs nearly scoreless in the final period after Howe had put up 20 points in the third quarter? Could they erase a 10-point deficit in the final minutes?

Above all else, the game was a lesson in perseverance. The physicality of the game made the competition even sharper. Howe started with their strength and took the ball inside to secure a 4-0 start. A Jessiah Riley 3-pointer and a foul shot by Meghan Brewington tied the score with 3:00 to play in the quarter.

Two quick Howe scores, preceding and following a Mineola time out, made the score 8-4. The Lady Bulldogs added a free throw, while Mineola converted an offensive rebound courtesy of Jaycee Whitehead to make the score 9-6 at the quarter break.

Mineola pressed early and

forced seven Howe turnovers. The Lady Bulldog defense, however, suffocated the Lady Jackets in the offensive zone. Howe junior Jenna Honore was attached to Sabria Dean all night. The Lady Jackets stand-out scorer was contested at every turn and shot only 5-28 from the field.

The second quarter action was tight. Howe went up by five points after yet another inside bucket by junior Ally Harvey. Mineola was wearing out the offensive perimeter in their possession, but could not break an open look free. Dean got untracked by taking a rebound the length of the floor to score. She followed that with a nice jumper in the lane to draw Mineola within one point.

Each team struggled to create scoring in the second quarter. A beautiful assist from Dean to Alyssa Cannon and two Dean free throws put Mineola up 14-13 at the half.

The third quarter belonged to Howe. They outscored Mineola 20-9, putting up two inside scores and hitting four 3-pointers. Riley, Brewington and Butler scored from the field for the Jackets, with Dean adding a free throw. It was 33-23 after three quarters of play. All the momentum was with the Lady Bulldogs.

The final period started with an offensive foul call against Dean. Howe converted one free throw to make it an 11-point lead.

Then, it all changed. Tahjae Black tipped a pass away and chased it down for a turnover. Black's defensive play may very well have been the tipping point of the game. Dean then scored on a drive. Coach Riley whis-



Tahjae Black had a huge impact in the fourth-quarter comeback against Howe.

led for a time out.

After exchanging turnovers, Black put back an offensive rebound for a score and made it a 3-point play as she was fouled. With 4:48 remaining, Mineola was down by seven.

Mineola called on their old friend, the full court press, to lead the way down the stretch. Successive scores by Black on breakaways pulled the Lady Jackets within two points, 34-32 with 3:15 remaining. Six Howe forced turnovers in the final quarter cost them the game.

Riley stole the ball in the backcourt on Howe's next possession but was whistled for traveling after the steal. Her exuberance and frustration carried her away, as she was whistled for a technical foul for slamming the ball to the floor. Howe hit one free throw, scoring their second and only points of the fourth quarter. This highlighted the incredible defensive effort exerted by the Lady Jackets in the fourth quarter.

Dean drove the lane and scored to make it 35-34 Howe, with 1:56 to play. A wild sequence of play spanning both ends of the court resulted in Mineola rebounding the ball into the forecourt with 1:29 left. Mineola's shot missed, but Black pulled down the re-

bound. It was the key rebound of the night. Mineola called time out.

With the clock under a minute the inbounds play went from Dean to Cyn-di Butler to Riley to Black to Riley and back to Dean. Dean faked the drive, pulled up and nailed a mid-range jumper. Mineola had the lead 36-35 with 21 seconds on the clock.

Howe advanced the ball into the forecourt following a time out and looked inside for the score. Sophomore Katie Grogan drove the lane but lost the ball out of bounds. Mineola successfully inbounded the ball three times in the backcourt with Dean being intentionally fouled each time. A final half-court shot by Howe was amiss and Mineola recorded an unforgettable victory.

Coach Tony Riley summarized the epic win: "Just unbelievable. We had one of our worst offensive performances in a very long time. but defensively we came up huge down the stretch. Tiara Stephens, Jaycee Whitehead and Alyssa Cannon were outstanding defensively against those big girls. They were a big reason for our win. I tell my girls 'Why not us?' and they just go out and give it all they have."

Yellowjackets soccer team defeats Kemp

The Mineola Yellowjackets soccer team completed its first round of district play Feb. 19 with a 2-1 victory over Kemp at Meredith Memorial Stadium. The win gave the Yellowjackets a 6-1 record at the half-way mark of district play.

After the half-way mark, the Yellowjackets subsequently fell to Athens 1-0 in the opening game of the

return matches. On the season, Mineola has victories over Athens 4-3, Van 3-1, Bullard 4-0, Cumberland 2-1, Mabank 1-0 and Kemp. The two district losses on the season have come at the hands of Athens and Chapel Hill.

The next opportunity to see the soccer team at home is Mar. 5 against Cumberland.

Hendrix leads Panthers to 15-3 win over Winona

The Alba-Golden Panthers varsity baseball team dedicated Mike Poston Field with a 15-3 win over Winona on Monday Feb. 18. The Panthers' season opener featured a 4-for-4 night by senior Dalton Hendrix. Hendrix also collected five RBI in the opener.

Taking advantage of seven walks, Alba-Golden put up 12 runs in the bottom of the first inning.

Once the Winona pitching settled down, the Panthers added one run in the third and two in the fourth in-

ning.

Freshman Ford Tannebaum threw three innings for the Panthers. Junior Braden Reynolds made a two-inning appearance. Combined, the duo allowed five hits with 10 strikeouts and six walks.

The Panthers were in action Friday, Feb. 22 in Overton.

They played a daytime doubleheader at McLeod on Saturday Feb. 23, before returning home to host the Avery Bulldogs at 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 26.

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Yellowjacket Davion Sneed rejects a shot in playoff action against Leonard.

Yellowjackets advance with win over Leonard

The Mineola Yellowjackets produced one of their most consistent and error-free efforts of the year with a decisive 51-36 victory over the Leonard Tigers on Feb. 21 at Greenville Gymnasium. With the win Mineola advanced to the regional quarterfinals and faced the Trojans of Dallas Madison.

Leonard got on the board first with an offensive put-back in the opening moments. It was the only Leonard lead of the night. Yellowjacket wing Kelby Bruner tied the score on a nice baseline move.

The first quarter belonged to a hounding Mineola defense, which threw the Tigers off their game and frustrated them in the offensive zone. Yellowjacket senior Shaw Franklin led the defensive effort and was one step ahead of the Tigers offense all night.

Offensively, Mineola had a balanced attack on the night with Franklin, Bruner and Davion Sneed all in double figures. A Bruner jumper from a Jonah Fischer assist, a Davion Sneed basket on an assist from Bruner and a Kadavian George free throw put the Yellowjackets up 7-2 at the quarter break.

Mineola fans were excited to see Trevion Sneed back in action, the first minutes he has played since December. Sneed's physicality and quickness immediately made an impact to the team. His significant minutes on the court against Leonard gave no hint of any residual complications from his knee injury. The Yellowjackets appeared as confident and relaxed as they have all season. Certainly having Trevion Sneed back on the court contributed to this winning attitude.

Leonard came out of the break and quickly tied the score, 9-9, with two inside baskets and a 3-pointer. Mineola answered by embarking on a 10-0 run in the final three minutes of the half. Three Franklin scores, a George bucket off an in-bound play, and a beautiful reverse lay-in by Davion Sneed made the score 19-9. At intermission Mineola was up 21-11.

Mineola Head Coach Ryan Steadman had the Yellowjackets' defense pushing out to the 3-point arc and beyond the whole first half. This increased pressure severed Leonard's passing lanes and prevented them

from getting the ball inside. It also forced 11 Tiger turnovers in the first half.

A determined Leonard squad closed the margin to six points half way through the third quarter. After a time-out to settle the play, Mineola rattled off nine straight points to extend the lead. Trevion Sneed hit a mid-range jumper and a 3-pointer during this sequence. After two quick Tiger scores the game was 32-22 at the end of three quarters.

The fourth-quarter action started with Franklin scoring from 3-point range and successive blocked shots by Davion Sneed and George. Franklin then scored on a great move in the lane, and Trevion Sneed scored from a Franklin assist to open a 17 point lead.

Each team scored 12 points in the final four minutes of play. A beautiful Davion Sneed basket off a structured inbound play highlighted Mineola's performance on the night. The Yellowjackets executed in all aspects of the game, and they did so with a positive energy. It was one of their best efforts of the year, and a great launch into the regional quarterfinals.

Lady Hawks fall to Campbell at regional

The Hawkins Lady Hawks ended their season in the regional quarterfinals game on Feb. 19 with a 52-55 loss to Campbell.

Hawkins was led in scoring by Jaycee Cheshire with

14 points, seven rebounds, three steals and a block. Alyssa Eddington scored 13 points and dished out two assists. Lynli Dacus and Emily Moore both contributed seven points each.

Dacus added six rebounds and Moore added seven rebounds for the Lady Hawks.

The Lady Hawks finished their season with a 28-4 record.

Holly Brook church announces golf tournament

Holly Brook Baptist Church will host a golf tournament April 9 at the Holly Lake Ranch golf course starting at 11:30 a.m. A fee of \$5 per player covers the green fee and lunch.

The tournament is open to all men and women. Prizes will be awarded during the

meal. Non-players may pay the \$5 fee and eat lunch, but non-players are required to register by calling the church office at 903-769-2091.

Format for the tournament will be announced at the clubhouse at 11:30

a.m. on tournament day. Teams of four will include three Holly Brook Baptist Church members and one non-church member. The tournament is open to the Hawkins-area community.

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



Lady Jacket standout Sabria Dean puts up two of her 28 points in semifinal action against Chapel Hill.

Lady Jackets' season ends with loss to Chapel Hill

There was a reason the Chapel Hill Lady Devils came into the regional semifinal game against Mineola with a 33-0 record. They possess some unique talents seldom seen in high school basketball. Those skills were on display as they defeated the Lady Jackets 70-55, Feb. 22 in Prosper, ending Mineola's hopes of going to State.

Three unique aspects of the Chapel Hill game sealed the win. The ability of Chapel Hill guards to accelerate on the dribble after they cut to the basket was most influential. The back screening and slip screening games played by the Lady Devils were as good as one will see in any league. Lastly, the ability of the offensive players to sense when an opposing defender was overplaying them and being able to then adjust their attack was spectacular.

Despite these attributes, the Lady Jackets believed in themselves and battled throughout the game. Mineola had chances. A turning point late in the second quarter was left on the table.

After closing the deficit twice in the second half to within nine points, the Lady Jackets could not get any closer. An 8 for 22 free throw shooting performance doomed Mineola.

Chapel Hill jumped out front earlier thanks largely to six Mineola first-quarter turnovers. Sabria Dean put up 10 points in the opening quarter, and at the break the score stood 16-11, Chapel Hill.

The Lady Jackets changed their tactics in the second quarter and looked for fast-break points at every opportunity. The change in attack paid off. A Dean to Gardner

to Black break pulled the Jackets within one point at 20-19 with 3:52 to play in the half. After exchanging free throws, Tahjae Black stole the ball in the backcourt. Dean went up with two consecutive offensive rebound put-backs, but the ball would not fall.

The Lady Devils then exploded for a 10-2 run in the last two minutes of the half. In the middle of that run, Sabria Dean made a highlight reel defensive play. She sprinted the length of the court to catch a Chapel Hill breakaway and emphatically smacked the layup shot out of bounds. It was an awesome demonstration of the will to win. At intermission the score stood 31-22.

The Lady Devils extended their lead to 14 points early in the third period. The second half was a grind as Mineola fought hard to close the gap.

Twice they closed to a single digit deficit, but each time they did, Chapel Hill would score the ensuing six points.

Mineola could simply not make up the lost ground. Chapel Hill had too many scoring options and played a disciplined style. They gave up only six turnovers on the night, and hit 21 of 30 free throw attempts.

Sabria Dean tallied 28 points and concluded an amazing season with a great all-around game. The Lady Jackets provided Mineola with a source of great pride and a sense of accomplishment throughout the season.

Chapel Hill defeated Edgewood in the regional final game on the following afternoon, and will move on to the state tourney in San Antonio.

Edgewood bumps Winnsboro from hoops playoffs

The Winnsboro Lady Raiders dropped their regional semifinal game to the Edgewood Lady Bulldogs 45-36, Feb. 22 in Prosper. The Lady Raiders recorded an outstanding season and finish with a 25-11 overall record.

The semifinal provided great first-quarter action. Each side worked hard for their scores as there were no easy points to be had. Edgewood's stand-out guards Tabby Parker and Katy Pool scored in the opening stanza, while Winnsboro recorded points from seniors Sage Brown and Abi Nichols. At the quarter break the score was tied, 7-7.

After an exchange of turnovers to start the second quarter, Edgewood went on an 11-0 run. Frustration began to show in the Winnsboro squad and Head Coach Troy Wallace signaled a time out to regroup. It worked. Winnsboro climbed back in the game behind a nice bank shot from Rachel Pinnell and a converted score on a fast break. Senior Daryn McKee added two free throws to draw to within seven points with two minutes to play in the half.

Sophomore guard Laiken Allen hit two 3-pointers in the last minute of the half. Winnsboro went to the locker room trailing by four points, 23-19. Although the Lady Raiders had much difficulty unlocking the Edgewood defense it was anybody's game.

The third quarter proved to be the dagger for the Winnsboro Lady Raiders, as they could not get a shot to fall in the quarter and were outscored 12-0. It was too much to overcome. Notably Edgewood out-rebounded Winnsboro 14-4 in the quarter.

Winnsboro did not play poor defense; they were simply the victims of excellent Edgewood offense. Edgewood's Parker and Katy Pool, with the addition of a running jumper from Clara Pool, carried the Lady Bulldogs to a 35-19 lead at the end of three quarters.

The Lady Raiders closed the deficit to 11 points halfway through the final period, as they began to drive hard to the basket. With 4:35 remaining an incredibly wild exchange of play whereby the ball changed hands four times under the Edgewood basket was indicative of the struggle. There was time for Winnsboro yet.

It was just not meant to be. Every time Winnsboro seemed to be on the verge of a run, Edgewood found an answer. The Lady Bulldogs went 6 for 8 from the line in the final two minutes of play and recorded the 45-36 win.

Edgewood was defeated by a Chapel Hill (Mount Pleasant) 42-38, in the Region 2 championship game the following afternoon.

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