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WCIC board members air concerns over task force

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Members of the Wood County Industrial Commission (WCIC) Board of Directors expressed concerns last week that misinformation is circulating in regard to how WCIC money is allocated throughout the county.

Those concerns and others were raised at a March 7 meeting in the wake of a commissioners' court workshop that tackled the special task force appointed for the purpose of examining the WCIC. At the March 1 workshop, Wood County commissioners discussed

the task force, which is charged with recommending ways to improve the WCIC. Commissioners have yet to take action on a resolution authorizing the task force.

On Jan. 11, newly elected County Judge Lucy Hebron announced plans to create the task force. A resolution authorizing the task force was tabled by commissioners on Feb. 22, and no action has been taken since.

According to a letter from Troy Robinson, who Hebron appointed as chairman of the task force, the goal of the panel is "to review the effectiveness and structure of WCIC for all citizens of Wood

County." No such review has been done since WCIC's inception, he claimed. Robinson further states that the goal is crucial because Mineola and Winnsboro are considering withdrawing from the WCIC.

The resolution authorizing the task force was not on last week's commissioners' agenda.

Hebron had no comment on March 8 about when the resolution will be on the agenda.

WCIC Executive Director Kiki Bettis stated, "As far as where it (task force) stands, you know I hate to say this, but I'm stuck back in the 'I don't know' stage."

Yantis representative J.R. Simpson said at last week's meeting that a misconception exists about where WCIC funding goes.

"They're saying that all the money goes to Lake Fork. I've probably had 400 emails since all this started, text messages and Facebook," Simpson said. "Everybody's mad. They're saying we send all the money to Lake Fork, and we don't support the other communities. I'm not sure what makes them think that."

The Industrial Commission decides where to direct Hotel Occupancy Tax (HOT) funds in unincorporated areas of Wood County

in an effort to promote tourism. The Wood County tax office collects the HOT taxes. An emphasis is placed on "heads in beds" when choosing where the funds go, such as multiple-day festivals or fishing tournaments at area lakes.

"They see the total number that's on our financials as far as HOT funds," Bettis said. "For example, our HOT fund list, the total, and they see who it's earmarked for and it's Lake Fork. What they don't understand is where that money comes from. Your city's money goes into the general fund,

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These former Texas & Pacific Railroad employees appeared at Saturday's celebration of 90 years of history for the T&P in Mineola. From left are Robert Stedry, Copper Hall, Monty Yocom, Mike Love, Don Cole, Doyle Milliron, Ricky Reed, Garland Mabe, Ken Smith, Johnny Ramirez, Danny Barnes, Bobby Littlefield, Troy Clower, Mike Roberts, Glenn Broom, Wayne Petrea, Burt Camp and Pete Donahue. (Photo courtesy of Jeanne May).

TRACKS OF HISTORY

Mineola shaped in part by T&P railroad

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Mineola's train heritage steamed into view Saturday in recognition of 90 years of Texas & Pacific Railroad history and the T&P employees who helped to shape the character of Mineola.

According to local historian and Landmark Commission Chairman Jim Phillips, the contribution of the Texas & Pacific to the development of Mineola cannot be overstated.

It was early 1929 when the T&P moved its railway terminal from Longview to Mineola, according to Phillips. He cited accounts from the Longview newspaper at the time, which reported that roughly 700 employees were being transferred to Mineola.

"That's the biggest impact that's happened to Mineola in its history," Phillips told a capacity crowd squeezed into the train depot. "Because you're talking economically, culturally, civi-

cally and even spiritually. Because you had 700 men, and that doesn't even count their brides and their families that moved here, scrambling to find rooms in January, February and March of '29.

The influx of newcomers caused a spike in school enrollment, prompting the school district to build East Ward Elementary, Phillips said.

"There would be new

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Newman, Phillips selected Woman and Man of the Year in Mineola

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Mineola educator and historian Jim Phillips and city Main Street director Doris Newman were named Mineola Man and Woman of the Year at the Mineola Chamber of Commerce's annual community awards banquet on March 7.

Before a packed banquet room at the Mineola Civic Center, Newman was announced by Cle Walton of the Mineola Lions Club. Phillips was introduced by Greg Hollen of the Rotary Club.

Newman and Phillips were among five major award winners recognized.

Walton described New-

man as a well-known, homegrown product who's been active in a number of community organizations and endeavors, her contributions sometimes overlooked.

"This nominee volunteers in numerous activities that are not mentioned, for she works quietly behind the scenes not taking any credit for helping the city grow," said Walton, noting that Newman worked at the Mineola Monitor (later the Wood County Monitor) for 30 years. "This person is passionate and it's obvious that she loves her city."

Walton recited words penned by Newman as part of her city job application: "I believe the livelihood of

our city is not a one-stop, short-term goal. It cannot be viewed as a situation of once arrived at we can kick back and leave our town's health on autopilot. It is an ongoing, evolving situation in which issues must be addressed, challenges should be met and projects carried through. We must continue to nourish and foster efforts of the volunteer boards that aid the historical preservation and promotion of our town."

Upon receiving the award, Newman stated: "I love Mineola, and there are a multitude of people out there who have made this town what it is. Mineola is a wonderful place because of each and every one of you."

In introducing Phillips, a member of Mineola High School's Class of 1980, Hollen noted that he oversees high school yearbook, advises the middle school's Junior Historians and teaches seventh-grade history as well as journalism. Phillips has taught in Mineola for 30 years.

Hollen called him "instrumental in instilling the love of history and pride in our community."

Phillips, who also chairs the Mineola Landmark Commission, "seeks to ensure that our residents learn and love all of our local history, especially focusing on the underserved commu-

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Doris Newman and Jim Phillips were named the Mineola Woman of the Year and Man of the Year at last Thursday's annual chamber of commerce banquet. (Monitor photo by Hank Murphy)

First United Methodist Church
March 17, 18, 19
Rev. Bob Johnson
Former Pastor of Mineola FUMC
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REVIVAL



Rotary Student of the Month

Quitman seniors Max Pddy (left) and Lille Danner were named the Quitman Rotary February students of the month. (Courtesy photo).



Joe Moore was honored by the Mineola Kiwanis club as the February Citizen of the Month. Joe serves as Distribution Chair for Mineola Caring & Sharing. This job entails buying the food for Mineola's needy and figuring how much of each food item that each family receives. Joyce Curry, Division 34 Eliminate Chair and Kiwanis Secretary presented the award. (Courtesy photo)

Corner Column

It should come as no surprise to anyone that there is no drought in our corner of the world.

The state drought index map recently (and for several weeks) showed the entire northeastern part of Texas as solid, bright blue (the lowest level) all the way out to places hundreds of miles away like Lubbock, San Angelo and Victoria.

There were a few places from the Big Bend west and in the far southern tip of the Rio Grande Valley, and a few small gaps on the High Plains around Amarillo that are not solid blue.

For Wood County, on a scale of 0-800, we were at 10, which means everything is virtually saturated. Zero would mean saturated ground to a depth of eight inches, whereas 800 would mean zero moisture left to that depth.

Those who can remember when those blue hues were orange and red not that long ago surely can't be too somber about the soggy ground.

Pretty much every lake within a few hundred miles is at or near capacity, if not above. The state's lakes are holding about 90 percent of the water they were designed for, and it's only when you get to the truly dry confines of West Texas where lake levels are still struggling.

I keep reminding myself that by August it can be dried out with deep cracks formed. I grew up in black clay country where you could break a leg in those cracks.

The drought of 2011 comes to mind, when about the only grass left green at our place was directly above the septic tank's laterals.

While we claim no credit for being able to influence Mother Nature, there is a bit of history when it comes to job changes.

Not long after taking on my second newspaper job, the county was hit by a 100-year flood. And then another hit only nine months later.

Roll ahead a decade or so when I interviewed and took a job just a couple hours north of the aforementioned Valley.

It rarely rains here, the publisher told me. By the time he had shown us the town and headed back to drop us off at our hotel in Corpus Christi, it was raining so hard he had to pull over. And only a few weeks after I started work, the city was hit with a driving rain storm that had the locals remembering the last time a hurricane made it that far inland.



PHIL MAJOR

I can't say with certainty that every move has been met with excessive rainfall, but you tell me what the weather has been like around here since Jan. 1. I'm beginning to wonder if the hill next to our office ever stops seeping.

February is not supposed to be the wettest month of the year. It's supposed to rain maybe two or three times, not every two or three days.

I assume the creeks and rivers eventually drain to the Gulf and the pastures get a chance to dry out. But I don't know that for a fact. Perhaps we should check cattle for webbed feet.

I do know that typical rainfall increases as you move from west to east in this part of the world.

The trees and plant life are heartier here. Folks from areas where we lived on the west side of the Interstate 35 corridor can't stay here long without becoming claustrophobic. They like to see the horizon, or they become disoriented.

Of course, one potential downside to lots of rain is healthy vegetation which, if and when it does dry out due to summer drought or natural death at the end of its life cycle next winter, means plenty of fuel for wildfires. Let's hope that's not the case this year.

I've seen up close the destruction that can be wrought and never want to witness that again. A good friend was severely burned trying to protect his home and was lucky to live to tell about it.

And the stress it puts on the first responders and their equipment can extract a heavy toll.

If April showers bring May flowers, can someone tell me, please, what benefit do we get from February flooding?

BASKETBALL NOTE

Before we get too far away from the high school basketball season, it should be noted on the record that it took some pretty good competition to oust Mineola teams from the state playoffs.

The Chapel Hill girls, who beat Mineola in the fourth round, and Dallas Madison boys (third round winner) went on to win their respective state championships. Chapel Hill recorded the rarest of feats, with an undefeated season.

PERSONAL NOTE

It's good to know that Wood County communities recognize the contributions of local newspapers – specifically its editors. On successive Thursday nights we witnessed Larry Tucker in Quitman and Doris Newman in Mineola being recognized as outstanding citizens. We couldn't agree more with those selections.

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.

EASTER 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

FIENDS OF THE LIBRARY - second Tuesday, Quitman

FIENDS 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.

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 Wilful 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 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. 903-629-2114

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.

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 a.m.

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.

Tower going up in Golden

Golden is receiving a new communications tower.

InSight Wireless and Towers of Virginia is constructing a 300-foot, wide-based triangular communications tower at the location of the previous 400-foot tower on County Road 2922.

Although the new tower is 100 feet shorter than the previous tower, it possesses greater carrying capacity.

The old tower was load-maximized and could support no additional antenna. A temporary truck-mobile tower is being used until the replacement tower is put in commission.

According to the on-site installers, the footings from the old tower still met federal specifications and are being reused.

Construction is about a quarter complete. The installation should be completed in several weeks. Construction is being complicated by the cramped location adjacent to electrical lines, homes and other



A new communications tower is under construction in the Golden community.

structures.

A large crane is obligated to stand-off approximately 80 feet, a less than optimal lift position, due to the site

constraints.

The construction crew is based in Albuquerque, N.M., and is being temporarily lodged in Emory.

Mineola trustees explore district's priorities in goal-setting workshop

By PHIL MAJOR

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After leading the Mineola School Board in a team-building exercise at last week's goal-setting workshop, facilitator Randy Hancock, a retired superintendent, gave examples of how that exercise – balancing 12 nails on the head of another nail – translated to what occurs in public education.

The challenges faced by educators can be "things you think can't be done," Hancock said.

Educators are the best at achieving the unachievable, he said.

It takes balancing what you need to do with what you can do – and the biggest drawback is resources.

There is also a stigma in education about failing (as board members did sever-

al times before solving the puzzle), but that is how you learn, he said.

Oftentimes the attempt to solve a problem involves going at it directly, rather than looking around for other possible solutions – as was the key to solving the nail puzzle.

Leaders want to attack a problem head-on, he said, but sometimes the solution lies elsewhere.

Among the challenges faced by school districts such as Mineola's is an inability to compete, financially, for the best teachers in the Dallas-Fort Worth area. That means growing your own, he advised.

The biggest inequality in public education involves resources for new facilities. Only fast growing districts can afford them, Hancock said.

The board then delved into its previous strategic

plans from 2016, which board members agreed needed tweaking.

They evaluated the district's vision statement, mission statement and core values in areas of student achievement, personnel, finances, facilities, community and safety.

They agreed that the safety of students and facilities should be a separate goal.

Security has been the focus of several recent moves by the board and administration.

The proposed goals will be brought to the board at an upcoming meeting for formal adoption.

Hancock noted that the goals are to be established by the board, while how to achieve them is the job of the administration.

He reminded the board that they're in the business of children, and if they forget that, they are off track.

Holly Brook schedules quarterly blood drive

The call has gone out to Hawkins-area churches: Invite your congregation to donate blood to the Carter Blood Center on March 31 at Holly Brook Baptist Church, Hawkins, just after the morning worship service.

The blood center will accept blood from all donors who are qualified. Blood donations can benefit anyone who uses the blood bank.

Holly Brook Baptist has held blood drives since 2012 when a serious need arose for blood to benefit a

church member. Since then, the church has scheduled a blood drive on the fifth Sunday of each quarter. Staff from the Carter center draws blood from noon to 3 p.m.

To give blood, a donor must:

- Be at least 16 years of age (with parental approval);
- Be at least one day symptom-free of colds, flu, or not feeling well;
- Weigh a minimum of 110 pounds;
- Not be taking an-

tibiotics and certain other medications. Acceptable medications include vitamins or allergy medicine, blood pressure medicine, thyroid replacement, female hormones, anxiety or high cholesterol medications and many others.

A list of guidelines is on the Carter center website: www.carterbloodcare.org/pdf/DonorGuidelines.pdf

Call the church office for more information, 903-769-2091. The church is located at 3219 S. FM 2869, Hawkins.

Alba council considers plan to address multiple residences on water accounts

By PHIL MAJOR

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Alba City Council took steps last week to address city water customers who are in violation of regulations that require a water service account for each residence.

Paul Kelbe, water and wastewater superintendent, said a quick review of potential violations numbered at least 15, possibly more.

He gave as an example a residence with a water tap that then had another residential structure added, to be occupied by a family member. Rather than pay the expense of a new water tap, water service was added onto the existing resi-

dential line.

He explained that once the family member is no longer residing there, the property owner could then lease it, becoming a landlord and required to have a separate account.

The council voted unanimously to proceed with a proposed ordinance that would require such users to sign up for master meter accounts, which would be charged 50 percent more than the regular residential base rate of \$24 per month.

The per-gallon usage charge would remain the same after the \$36 base rate. Sewer rates would similarly be effected inside the city limits, with a 50 percent increase to the base rate.

Council members questioned what the city would do once the residents are sent a letter and they don't respond to the new regulations.

Kelbe indicated that if needed, the city can consider cutting off water to the residences to gain compliance.

The council also canceled the May 4 election as none of the three seats on the ballot are contested.

Mayor Sonny Hass will serve another term, as will Alderman Larry Harris. Don Heinert will assume the other council seat, which his wife, Mayor Pro Tem Marja Heinert, is not seeking again.



Kelly B's open at Country Club

Kelly Bates and Vic Savelli cut the ceremonial ribbon signifying the grand opening of Kelly B's Main Course restaurant at the Mineola Country Club on Feb. 28. Although Kelly B's is located at the Country Club, you do not have to be a member to dine at the restaurant. (Courtesy of Mineola Chamber of Commerce).

Quitman ISD adds mobile app, upgrades website

Adapting to the increased use of smart phones, Quitman Independent School District recently added a brand new mobile app and updated its website.

"We know that families are using smart phones as a primary means to communicate. That's why we've created an app that is cus-

tom-built for mobile," according to the QISD Facebook page.

The app features sport scores, event schedules, cafeteria menus and staff information. There are also push notifications to let users know of important issues or events.

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Dr. Elliott,

We just wanted to say thank you for the caring and compassionate health care you have provided over the years to us. However, on Christmas Eve this year you gave us an extra special present. We came to see you for some standard testing and Doug asked about some pain he had been having in his chest. Immediately you used your EKG and analyzed his heart and determined he needed to get to the hospital in Tyler right away. Over the next couple of days Doug had a heart procedure that saved his life.

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Quitman Health Science students speak during the 2019 Piney East Perkins Spring Consortium Meeting and Student Showcase held at the Union Grove Lion Center. (Photo courtesy of Sherrie Callahan).

QHS health science students showcase courses at consortium

Four Quitman Health Science students, AnaBella Watson, Aleigh Farnham, Alyssa Creed, and Dalton Brandon, gave a presentation to other district administrators, teachers, and students Feb. 20 at the 2019 Piney East Perkins Spring Consortium Meeting and Student Showcase at the Union Grove Lion Center.

Each student highlighted course opportunities offered at Quitman High School.

AnaBella Watson's presentation was on the Principles of Health Science and the Athletic Training Program. She discussed the program's history and activities. She closed her presentation by stating, "Getting the word out about the Athletic Training program is important because it allows people the opportunity to learn more about the medical field and know that it's not just being a doctor or

nurse."

Aleigh Farnham and Alyssa Creed presented on Health Science and Health Science with Clinicals at UT Health. This program allows the students to job-shadow at several local medical facilities in Quitman: UT Health Quitman Hospital, Christus Clinic Quitman, Quitman Chiropractic and Acupuncture, and Brookshire's Pharmacy.

Creed commented, "Going to the showcase and having the chance to go through this program has been such an amazing experience."

Dalton Brandon's presentation was on the Pharmacy Technician course and Health Science Practicum. He discussed the depth of knowledge that the pharmacy course requires and some of the actual experiences he has encountered during his time in the program.

Brittany Emerson is the Health Science teacher and adviser for these students.

"We have a very unique Health Science program at Quitman. We have excellent partnerships with the healthcare facilities in our community, and we give our students many opportunities for certifications and trainings. All in preparation for a future career in the medical field," she said. "I think it is important to present our program to other schools, so that we can all learn and grow from each other; ultimately benefiting all students."

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Three-year-old Mineola boy dies after reportedly falling

A 3-year-old Mineola boy died Saturday, March 9, at Dallas Children's Hospital after reportedly falling on March 6, according to Mineola police.

On Wednesday, March 6, EMS and Mineola Fire Department first-responders were dispatched to a

residence on West Buchanan Street in reference to a 3-year-old child who had fallen. Upon their arrival, the child was unconscious and transported to UT Health in Tyler. The child was then flown to Dallas Children's Hospital, according to police.

The child remained in critical condition at Children's until Saturday, March 9, when he succumbed to his injuries and passed away. An investigation involving the Mineola Police Department and Child Protective Services is ongoing, according to police.

Quitman man enters federal plea deal

Daniel Wayne McCormick, 42, of Quitman has entered into a plea agreement with the U.S. Attorney's Office in Tyler on charges of sexual exploitation of children.

No sentencing date had been set as of March 11.

McCormick was arrested in August on 10 counts in connection with producing explicit videos of a minor engaging in sexual acts, according to a federal indictment. A federal criminal indictment handed down in November alleges that McCormick "did employ, use, persuade, induce, entice and coerce" a minor to "engage in sexually explicit conduct for the purpose of

producing visual depictions of such conduct."

Ten videos recorded on dates ranging from June 18 to Aug. 17 were seized by authorities. McCormick's laptop, among other things, was used to produce the videos, the government alleges.

On Aug. 19, McCormick was charged in Wood County with indecency of a child, two counts of invasive visual recording, possession or promotion of child pornography and sexual assault of a child. He was transferred to Gregg County because of the federal indictment. Gregg County has an agreement to hold federal inmates.



MCCORMICK

McCormick faces a prison sentence of no less than 15 years and no more than 30 years.

Mineola Pilot Club to stage murder mystery dinner

Setting for the event is the dining room of an old luxury hotel sometime after the Cold War ended.

Doors will open at 5:30 p.m. with dinner at 6 p.m., giving extra time to explore the MHS Anchor Club's "Pretty Purses" and to buy tickets for "Bucket" items donated by local businesses and Pilot members.

The gently used and new purses will be \$20 each and will raise money for the Anchors' service projects, such as the Easter Egg Hunt and BrainMinder coloring books for Mineola kindergarten students. A lucky

dinner guest will win a designer purse.

For the price of \$2, a number of large prizes (Bucket items), such as a year of performances at Lake Country Playhouse, farmhouse interior décor, gift cards for restaurants and businesses, Adirondack chairs and an outdoor fire pit are just a few of the items available to win. Individual tickets are \$30, which includes dinner and the "Quantum of Malice" murder mystery. Reservations for tables of six, eight or individuals are available by calling 903-343-7570.

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Wood County Sheriff's Report

MARCH 5

Deputies were dispatched to Holly Hill Circle near Hawkins at 8:20 a.m. in reference to a disturbance where an assault occurred. This case has been forwarded to investigators.

Deputies spoke with a reporting party at 11:03 a.m. in reference to fraud that occurred on CR 1660 near Alba. This case has been forwarded to investigators.

Deputies spoke with a reporting party at 1:58 p.m. in reference to forgery that occurred on CR 4568 near Winnsboro. This case has been forwarded to investigators.

Deputies were dispatched to HWY 80 near Hawkins at 10:41 p.m. in reference to disorderly conduct. Deputies spoke with all parties involved and cleared the incident.

Between the dates of Feb. 27 and March 5, Wood County sheriff's deputies responded to multiple agency assists that included the following: Child Protective Services, Mineola Police Department and Quitman Police Department.

MARCH 4

Deputies spoke with the reporting party at 10:21 a.m. in reference to a possible theft on FM 17 near Alba. Deputies gave the reporting party advice and cleared the incident.

Deputies spoke with the reporting party at 10:53 a.m. in reference to criminal mischief on CR 2951 near Mineola. Actors or actors unknown damaged the reporting party's property. This case is active.

Deputies spoke with the reporting party at 6:01 p.m. in reference to suspicious circumstances on CR 4740 near Winnsboro. Deputies advised the reporting party that extra patrol would be provided.

MARCH 3

Deputies responded to a suspicious person on HWY 80 near Hawkins at 2:38 a.m. Triston Salter, 19, of Hawkins, was arrested for unlawful possession of a firearm by felon and public intoxication.

Deputies were dispatched to FM 852 near Winnsboro, at 10:54 a.m., in reference to an assault. This case has been forwarded to investi-

gators.

Deputies were dispatched to FM 69 near Quitman at 2:50 p.m. in reference to criminal mischief. Actors, or actors unknown, damaged the reporting party's property. This case is active.

Deputies were dispatched to CR 2430 near Mineola at 3:41 p.m. in reference to an unauthorized use of a motor vehicle. A known actor took the reporting party's vehicle without consent. This case has been forwarded to investigators.

Deputies were dispatched to HWY 80 near Hawkins at 6:24 p.m. in reference to a disturbance. Deputies spoke with all parties involved and cleared the incident.

Deputies conducted a traffic stop on FM 2659 near Hawkins at 10:35 p.m. Bobbie Wagner, 37, of Gilmer, was arrested for possession of a controlled substance, Penalty Group 3; possession of a controlled substance, Penalty Group 1; and tampering with or fabricating physical evidence with intent to impair.

MARCH 2

Deputies spoke with the reporting party at 10:59 a.m. in reference to theft that occurred on HWY 80 near Hawkins. Deputies gave the reporting party advice and cleared the incident.

Deputies were dispatched to FM 515 near Yantis at 11:03 a.m. in reference to theft. Actors, or actors unknown, stole a sign from the reporting party's property.

Deputies were dispatched to CR 4740 near Winnsboro at 3:39 p.m. in reference to a disturbance. Justin Gillis, 31, of Winnsboro, was arrested for assault causing bodily injury and family violence as well as possession of a controlled substance.

Deputies were dispatched to CR 2840 near Mineola at 10:19 p.m. in reference to shots fired. Deputies made contact with the individuals and cleared the incident.

MARCH 1

Deputies were dispatched to FM 14 near Hawkins at 12:44 p.m. in reference to criminal trespass. Prior to the deputies' arrival, the individual had left the scene.

Deputies were dispatched to Indian Gap near Quitman at 3:13 p.m. in reference to a dispute. Deputies spoke

with all parties involved and cleared the incident.

Deputies were dispatched to CR 2298 near Mineola at 6:38 p.m. in reference to an assault. This case has been forwarded to investigators.

Deputies conducted a traffic stop on FM 779 near Alba at 8:36 p.m. Robert Hodgson, 42, of Quitman, was arrested for manufacture and delivery of a controlled substance and tampering with and fabricating evidence with intent to impair.

FEBRUARY 28

Deputies spoke with a reporting party at 3:09 p.m. in reference to a scam that occurred on CR 2425 near Mineola. Deputies gave the reporting party advice and cleared the incident.

Deputies spoke with the reporting party at 5:29 p.m. in reference to a possible burglary on CR 2263 near Mineola. Deputies advised the reporting party that extra patrol would be provided.

Deputies were dispatched to FM 515 near Yantis at 7:58 p.m. in reference to a reckless driver. Deputies searched the area, but were unable to locate the vehicle.

FEBRUARY 27

Deputies spoke with a reporting party at 11:11 a.m. in reference to a scam that occurred on FM 2869 near Winnsboro. That case has been forwarded to investigators.

Deputies spoke with a reporting party at 2:57 p.m. in reference to harassment on CR 2263 near Mineola. Deputies gave the reporting party advice and cleared the incident.

Deputies were dispatched to Kickapoo near Quitman at 5:32 p.m. in reference to a terroristic threat. Deputies spoke with all parties involved and cleared the incident.

Deputies were dispatched to PR 6394 near Alba at 11:05 p.m. in reference to a disturbance. Jaxson Lane, 19, of Edgewood, was arrested for possession of drug paraphernalia.

Deputies were dispatched to CR 4645 near Winnsboro at 11:33 p.m. for a burglary. Actors, or actors unknown, stole several items from the reporting party's residence. That case has been forwarded to investigators.

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69 South.

Officers pursued the vehicle through Lindale, and a Lindale officer joined the pursuit at Interstate 20. Once the pursuit got into Tyler's city limits, it was terminated because of the time of day and traffic.

Officers had pursued the vehicle for 26 miles. Eventually, DPS started another pursuit with the vehicle and followed it into Gregg County, where DPS was able to get the vehicle stopped.

A 31-year-old woman from New Windsor, N.Y., led police on a chase across three counties before she was finally stopped by DPS troopers in Gregg County and arrested.

Diane Bartoszak was arrested March 5 on a felony warrant issued for evading arrest with a motor vehicle, according to Mineola police.

At 5:42 p.m., Mineola police were alerted that a reckless driver was coming into the city on West Broad Street. As the officers were

headed toward the city limits, the vehicle was observed by the officers in their lane of traffic, eastbound in a westbound lane. The officers turned around on the vehicle but the driver refused to stop.

The driver ran two red lights and turned southbound on South Pacific Street. Officers caught up to the vehicle in the 1900 Block of South Pacific, and then the vehicle turned onto the ramp on Loop 564, made a U turn and headed south on

Mineola Police Report

MARCH 6

7:44 a.m. A death investigation was conducted at Autumn Winds Assisted Living when a 91-year-old man was found unresponsive in his residence. CPR was performed by the Fire Department and EMS. Justice of the Peace Pct. 2 Janae Holland pronounced the resident deceased. No autopsy was ordered.

12:33 p.m. An officer issued a verbal warning to a person soliciting without a permit on Commerce Street.

6:46 p.m. A resident on North Pacific Street reported that someone came to his door and knocked. When the resident went to the door, he found that his vehicle had been egged.

7:32 p.m. A motorist was reported driving without lights. An officer stopped the vehicle on South Pacific Street.

8:19 p.m. A wallet was found and turned in on North Pacific Street.

8:44 p.m. A verbal disturbance was reported on Francis Street between a man and woman. The man reported his girlfriend would not let him in the residence. The two were separated for the night.

MARCH 5

10:31 a.m. Officers stopped to check on a man who was working on a vehicle on West Broad and found him to be wanted out of Van Zandt County for possession of a controlled substance. Dustin Alan Sewell, 35, of Mineola was arrested for the warrant.

11:15 a.m. A restaurant on East Broad Street reported someone throwing household trash in the Dumpster behind the restaurant.

1:17 p.m. An assault by contact was reported that occurred in April of 2018 at the Todd and Sargent Construction site on Loop 564.

2:57 p.m. Officers assisted on a medical call on Phillips Street. The resident was transported to the hospital by EMS.

5:19 p.m. A reckless driver was reported traveling at a high rate of speed and turned into Brookshire's parking lot.

7:35 p.m. An officer assisted the Fire Department on a gas smell reported on Bromberg Street.

7:42 p.m. A reckless driver was reported traveling at a high rate of speed on Loop 564. Wood County S.O. was contacted.

10:49 p.m. An officer assisted on a medical call on West Blair Street. The resident was transported to the hospital by EMS.

MARCH 4

12:22 a.m. Loud music was reported on Bowdoin Street. An officer located a vehicle parked at a residence on Bowdoin with occupants

playing the loud music. The music was turned down.

1:47 a.m. A resident on Stone Street reported a man walking around her residence. An officer responded and found a male in the area because his vehicle had broken down and he needed assistance. He had been at the residence because he knew the resident. The man was transported to the Valero on South Pacific to stay until someone could pick him up.

1:03 p.m. A resident on Minwood Street reported fraudulent charges on their Valero fuel card.

7:39 p.m. An officer assisted EMS on a medical call involving a 2-year-old child on Wren Street. Upon officer's arrival, the child was OK. The child was not transported to the hospital.

10:42 p.m. An officer assisted a pedestrian by giving them a ride to CR 2302.

MARCH 3

12:32 a.m. Loud music was reported on West Blair Street. An officer responded and found the source. The resident turned the music down.

2:11 a.m. An employee for a transportation company called and reported two individuals she had picked up at Neon Moon club in Yantis were extremely intoxicated. The complainant reported the female rider became non-compliant with the rules against not smoking in the vehicle and she took off her seatbelt. The female started yelling and cursing the driver. The driver stopped at Walmart to let the two out and they continued to curse her, using vulgar language. The female reportedly kicked the door when she got out, which caused a small amount of damage to the door.

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ported a suspicious vehicle just sitting in the parking lot occupied by three males for at least an hour. An officer made contact with the subjects and determined they were waiting for someone to bring them gas money.

MARCH 1

8:46 p.m. A suspicious person was reported at the Civic Center. Some women reported a man driving a red Durango drove by them slowly a couple of times while they were walking. An officer responded to the area and the man was leaving the Civic Center when the officer arrived.

1:05 p.m. Officers assisted Wood County Constable Pct. 2 and his K-9 Juma when a family wished to have an area searched on South Johnson Street.

3:07 p.m. A man reported that he had got mad and threw a cup at his girlfriend's car. He was directed to the Andrew's Center for anger management and someone to talk to about his problems.

3:22 p.m. A welfare check was requested by out of town family members for a man that lived on West McDonald Street. An officer responded to the residence and determined the man did not live there anymore but a phone number was provided for him. The man contacted his family.

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FEBRUARY 28

12:37 a.m. An officer assisted EMS on a medical call on Wigley Street.

7:39 a.m. An employee at Walmart reported he had his personal phone stolen from the counter when he walked away for a minute.

10:08 a.m. A business on North Pacific reported a parking issue in the parking lot. An officer responded and had the occupant of the vehicle move it.

11:12 a.m. A hit and run was reported in the Taco Bell parking lot. An unoccupied vehicle was hit and the suspect drove away without stopping to give information.

5:03 p.m. A business owner on East Broad Street reported harassment from a customer.

9:45 p.m. A business on North Pacific Street reported finding a small baggie of marijuana in the bathroom. An officer responded and took possession of the marijuana for disposal.

10:41 p.m. An officer assisted a Wood County deputy on a vehicle search on South Pacific Street.

Mineola Fire Report

Confined chimney or flue fire: March 3, 9:08 p.m., 317 E. Buchanan St., Mineola.

Medical assistance: Feb. 28, 9:25 p.m., 209 CR 2460, Mineola; March 3, 10:49 p.m., 290 CR 2258, Mineola; March 4, 9:18 a.m., 875 CR

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Obituaries

**GEORGIA NELL TAYLOR ROBERTS
1936-2019**

ALBA – Funeral services for Georgia Nell Taylor Roberts, 83, of Alba, were Sunday, March 3, 2019, at the chapel, with Bro. Byron George officiating under the direction of Wilson-Bartley Funeral Home, Alba.

Burial was in Salem Cemetery, Alba.

Mrs. Roberts passed away Feb. 28, 2019, in Alba.

She was born Sunday, Feb. 23, 1936, in Alba, to the late Otis Dewey and Ethel Loree Gilbreath Taylor. Georgia married Billy Wayne Roberts and lived all of her life in Alba.

Survivors include her daughter, Ginger Sweeden of Alba; five grandchildren; 11 great-grandchildren; four great-great-grandchildren; and numerous other relatives and friends.

Georgia was preceded in death by her parents; husband; son, Tommy Glenn Deel; brother, Billy Joy Robinson; and sister, Ottie Lee Langford.

**HARRIET JANE WEHRY
1928-2019**

Harriet Jane Wehry, 90, of Yantis, passed away March 5, 2019, at her home.

Harriet Jane Wehry was born in Greenburgh, N.Y., on March 12, 1928, to Harry Jackson and Marguerite Allen. She was a homemaker and married to Ralph Wehry, who passed away in 1980.

She is preceded in death by her mother and father; daughter, Karen Gale Allen; and two sisters, Margarette and Barbara.

Left to cherish her memory are her two daughters, Janet Dale Tow of Longview and Susan Jane Hurley of Yantis; six grandchildren; and nine great-grandchildren.

Services for Mrs. Wehry are to be held at a later date.

**EVERETT MARSHALL "BUDDY" HILL
1942 - 2019**

Funeral services for Everett Marshall "Buddy" Hill, 77, of Edgewood were March 8 at Allan Fuller Funeral Home Chapel in Wills Point with Bro. Butch Cunningham and Bro. Robert Brown officiating. Interment was at Small Cemetery north of Edgewood.

Mr. Hill passed away March 5, 2019, at his residence in Edgewood.

He was born on Feb. 2, 1942, in Mineola, the son of Elmer Ernest Hill and Charlene Beatrice Alexander Hill. He was raised in Mineola, where he attended public school. On Jan. 26, 1963, he married his bride, Corine Lee in Edgewood.



Wood County 4-Hers Helena Bautista-Mathias (left) placed first in Intermediate Fruit & Vegetables and Amanita Bautista-Mathias placed second in Intermediate Nutritious Snacks in the District 4-H Food Extravaganza food show.

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Mr. Hill was formerly employed by LTV-Vought Aero-nautics Grand Prairie, retiring in 1997. After retirement, he became a full-time husband, father, grandfather and all around problem solver. He lived in Mineola prior to moving to Edgewood in 1973. In his spare time, he enjoyed working on cars and fishing.

Mr. Hill was a very faithful Christian who loved God very much. He always placed God first in his life, with his family a very close second. Whenever he was asked about anything he would always say, "It doesn't matter, as long as I have my three girls I'm happy." At night when it was time to go to bed, he made sure the four of us held hands beside the bed to pray God's blessings, healing and His will in our life. Daddy was the perfect example of what a husband and father should be.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Elmer and Charlene Hill.

Survivors include his wife of 56 years, Corine Hill, of Edgewood; two daughters, Brenda Clemons and Donna Fields, both of Edgewood; two brothers, Butch and Billy, both of Mineola; four grandsons; five great-grandchildren; and numerous nieces and nephews.

In lieu of flowers, please make donations to Rose of Texas Hospice, 1510 E Grande Blvd., Tyler, Texas 75701.

**DONALD RAY MCDANIEL
1930-2019**

Donald Ray McDaniel of Golden died March 2, 2019.

He was born Dec. 9, 1930, in Chickasha, Okla. His family relocated to Napa-Sonoma, Calif., when he was 9 years old. He learned to fly Cessna airplanes while he was in high school.

He received a draft letter from the Navy, but a paperwork mix up occurred and they couldn't find his information.

He said he didn't want to be in the Navy anyway, so he quickly went to the Marine Corps Recruitment Depot and enlisted. He was chosen for Raiders, which was akin to the latter day Navy SEALs. After a couple of the soldiers died during training, the team was disbanded by Washington. He was then deployed to Korea, where he earned the Silver Star, the Purple Heart and multiple other commendations. He was a platoon sergeant, and after being hit by mortar fire and nearly losing his life, he was sent stateside.

He worked at North Island Naval Air Station as an aircraft electrician for a few years.

He spent seven years as a deputy with the San Diego Sheriff's Department. He relocated his family in 1970 to Irving, Texas, to own and operate four gas stations with

Do you know that feeling when you open the door first thing in the morning and you take a deep breath of fresh air? I was rewarded with a breath of spring! Finally, after what has seemed like a long and dreary winter to me, the wind, the birds, the soil, and the plants can sense the change.

Inside the picket fence you will see a beautiful tulip tree and many other signs of warmer weather and spring arrivals. May I digress for a moment? Do you know where these beautiful gardens are located? Here we go: Highway 37 to Quitman, turn onto the road heading into Hogg Park (across from Wood County Electric), continue down this park road as it winds around in front of

Inside and Outside the Picket Fence

BY JAN WHITLOCK



Quitman Arboretum and Botanical Gardens

the gazebo on the right, and slow down as you approach the George Bridge. You have arrived at the Wood County Arboretum and Botanical Gardens. Do you see the stately post-Civil War home in the distance? Welcome to the Stinson House!

Sorry about that brief pause in this week's report on plants and events. As you slowly drive along the park road watch for red-bud, clumps of oxalis, wild

violets, forsythia and camellia. These specimens have been tucked in alongside years of accumulated pine needles. Acidic soil can be a good thing when you know what will flourish in it. It is now time to park the car and walk around this beautiful setting. Information about educational and craft classes

can be found on our website, Facebook page and in this column. Have you registered for the Rainwater Harvesting class? There is a big plant sale coming in April. Stick with me, and I shall do my best to keep you updated. We work there on Wednesdays. Please join us. The coffee is on.

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WCIC

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not the hotel-motel fund. So they're talking oranges and apples."

Hotel tax funds within the incorporated areas go into the cities' coffers, WCIC Chairman and Winnsboro representative Gerald Elliott said.

"Those HOT funds are heavy on the Lake Fork side because that's where the money comes from. Winnsboro got money for the arts association, the Autumn Trails got money and they each have received money equivalent to the amount or more to the amount of money they contributed," Elliott said. "No city ever lacked at least getting back the money they contributed. Some years they get more and some years they get less."

Golden representative and WCIC Vice Chairman Dana Donahue said the Lake Fork area receives funding from HOT funds to attract future tourism. Not everyone understands the importance of plowing HOT money back into the larger bids, which draw the most visitors to Wood County. The cities may not understand that calculation.

WCIC funding comes from HOT taxes as well as from cities that contribute a sum based on population, which is separate from HOT funding. In addition, the WCIC receives unclaimed capital credits (UCC) from Wood County Electric Cooperative, which are distributed by the State Comptroller. Since about 2016, UCC funds have been distributed as grants to assist local businesses for economic development and tourism.

Bettis says she has provided information on WCIC when asked and is willing to answer questions.

"I'm just waiting for my turn to speak. I've provided this organization and others, upon request, that information," Bettis said. "Y'all are obviously in the know of that information. It is public record and it is transparent."

Quitman representative Sam Scroggins suggested giving the WCIC membership information about the industrial commission so they can accurately describe how funding works.

"I think we need to do something to get everybody in this commission armed with information," Scroggins said. "I mean I've tried to rack my brain about how we've divided up all the UCC funds because every community got some share of those based on what they requested and based on unanimous, if not almost unanimous, votes of the commission."

Some board members speculated that the cause of opposition to WCIC is linked to the Wood County Airport receiving \$50,000 in UCC funds in 2017-18 to assist with its expansion project. Meanwhile, the Sanderson Farms project in Mineola did not receive UCC funds.

Presentations on the airport and Sanderson Farms were heard by the UCC funds sub-committee, which recommended giving funding to the airport. The recommendation was accepted by the WCIC board. Previously, local businesses and organizations applied for UCC funds for various grants for economic development, including renovations, expansion, literacy

programs, etc.

"It seems to me this whole stink arose because last year we chose not to support the small businesses with UCC funds. Instead we had a choice between the airport and Sanderson Farms, and we chose the airport unanimously," Scroggins said.

Elliott agreed with the airport funding.

"...We believed it better to give UCC money to the airport as opposed to Sanderson Farms. (Mineola City Manager) Mercy (Rushington) had told us they (City of Mineola and Sanderson Farms) were going to do that whether we participated or not. They had their ducks in a row. This was going to help them, but they still saw their way to do it with or without our help. But the airport needed our money to help get started," Elliott said. "Consequently, we made a unanimous decision to help the airport do their feasibility study, so that money was given, that money was spent, and hopefully before much longer the airport will be extending. We saw the importance of that as far as countywide economic development, and that they need a place where jets can land."

Donahue stated that the decision to fund the airport instead of contributing to the Sanderson Farms project wasn't about a lack of support.

"It was a shame that Sanderson Farms project didn't get anything; I mean that was something that needed to be funded. It wasn't that we didn't support

project," she said. "We just didn't have the money."

Elliott explained how he was invited to the Winnsboro City Council in February to answer questions about the WCIC.

"I made a statement very specifically to the City Council, and you might be asked to do that as well to your representative organizations," Elliott told fellow WCIC board members. "UCC funds went somewhat equally into all the cities because those monies were the unclaimed capital credits that were for economic development, and those were given to businesses that made the request."

Since Elliott met with the Winnsboro City Council, they've been appreciative of him providing information on funding, he said.

Scroggins added that representatives should have similar conversations with their cities.

"All I'm asking for is talking points to help us get through the story you told your City Council," Scroggins said. "We all had the same set of facts. I think that could be very beneficial."

Bettis said the commission will continue its normal operations.

"Regardless, we need to continue doing business as usual with an emphasis on progressing this organization and county," she said.

"Great start with board training and hopefully next step will be some type of comprehensive or strategic planning."



Quitman golfer Lillie Danner plays a shot Monday, March 11 at the Alba-Golden Invitational held at Mineola Country Club. (Monitor photo by Sam Major)

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The eggs will be hidden

in Hawkins city park for the hunt that will start at 10 a.m. on April 20.

Everyone is invited to the egg hunt, an Easter tradition that traces its origins centuries ago. The egg is a symbol of life and rebirth and came to represent the resurrection of Jesus Christ.

As part of the festivities, there will be an inspirational message, fun activi-

ties for the children, and a casual atmosphere, where people may meet and get acquainted with each other. The community-wide event is part of Holly Brook's mission to "engage everyone to be God-focused, people-focused and transformed by the gospel," said Pastor David LeFlore.

The church will have two worship services on Easter

Sunday, April 21. The first will be at 8:30 a.m. and the second at 11 a.m. Sunday school will be at the usual time of 9:45 a.m.

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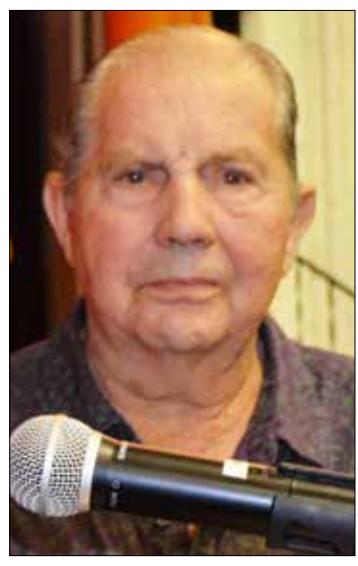
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nities. He helped launch the Iron Horse Square project this year," said Hollen.

In accepting the award, Phillips remarked: "It's very nice and I love Mineola. Mineola is a special place because of the people that have grown up here

and the people who have moved here. ... Thank you so much. Mineola is a wonderful community."

Karen Ellerbe of the Pilot Club described Humanitarian of the Year winner Michelle Epps as someone who adds "a lot of enthusiasm and positivity to our community." Although Epps and her husband have lived in Mineola only four

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ments for the county election office was approved.

A revised flood plain ordinance with a fine and permit fee of \$25 was approved. An updated Wood County Accident Prevention Plan was approved.

Charles Mohan was approved as a precinct 4 representative for Upper Sabine Valley Solid Waste Management District.

Commissioners agreed to exclude Osmolex ER from Wood County pharmacy benefits plan since there is a medical equivalent available to employees.

A public hearing was set for April 19 at 10 a.m. for the revision of lots 395 and 396, section 8, of Holly Lake Ranch.

Equip Online Auction to sell surplus equipment for precincts 1, 2, 3 and 4 on March 27 was approved by

the commissioners.

Mandatory bullet proof vest wear policies for Wood County Constable's and Wood County District Attorney's Office was acknowledged by the court. A policy is required for the county to receive a grant to assist in funding bullet proof vests. Open Meetings Act and Public Information Act training was also acknowledged.

The following items were also approved in court:

- Angela Albers was hired as Wood County criminal district attorney and resigned from her former position as first assistant criminal district attorney;
- Ray Peavy's temporary help ended for the Lake Hawkins RV Park effective Jan. 31;
- Debra Carpenter's temporary help was transferred from Lake Hawkins RV Park to Road and Bridge Precinct 3;

years, "they have made a huge impact on this community," Ellerbe said.

Epps, director of the Children's Ministry at First United Methodist Church, was the driving force behind October's Pumpkin Patch on North Pacific Street, a fundraising event never attempted before in Mineola. "The Mineola area came to enjoy the fun and

working here; it's going to carry Mineola for years as the largest employer," he said.

So 90 years later, Mineola is a city that still shows gratitude for the T&P's impact.

The T&P was established through a federal charter in 1871. It initially was expected to become a transcontinental railroad running between Marshall, Texas, and San Diego, Calif. The T&P merged with the Missouri-Pacific Railroad in 1976, and the line eventually merged with Union Pacific in 1997.

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High school golfers take on The Links at Lands End

Mineola and Quitman golf teams placed in the first tournament of the season on March 7 at The Links at Land's End. The par 71, 6,654-yard course presented a formidable challenge with a chilling wind steadily blowing off Lake Fork.

Hughes Springs won the girls team medal with a combined 418 score. Mineola placed second and Quitman third in the girls team competition.

Rains High School took the boys team trophy with a 391 combined score. Quitman finished in second with a 411, and Harmony rounded out the top three.

Hannah McKinney of Hughes Springs shot a 90 to take the girls individual title, and Dalton Graf of Redwater recorded an 86 to secure the boys title. Quitman's Josh Medlin placed third with an outstanding round of 89.

The second-place Mineola girls team consisted of Valerie Garcia (112), Ava Johnson (110), Makayla Mahlstadt (117), Makenzie



A high school golfer sends the ball over water during the Quitman Golf Tournament held March 7 at The Links at Lands End.

Mahlstadt (116), and Sunni Ruffin (117). Quitman's Rhiana Bradshaw (120), Lillie Danner (115), Abby Dobbs (115) and Julia Simpkins (114) captured the third-place medal.

Quitman's Dalton Brandon (119), Aiden Corrier (100), Josh Medlin (89) and Parker Simpkins (103) recorded the third-place finish. Quitman golf coach Mark Fatheree praised both his girls and boys teams.

The girls were district champions in 2018 and the boys were runners-up. Fatheree noted that two of his student-athletes were unable to compete due to a conflict with the Houston FFA show. Quitman Athletic Director Bryan Oakes was on site to render support for his teams.

The Alba-Golden Invitational was March 11 at Mineola Country Club. The Mineola Boys Invitational follows on March 18, also at Mineola.

Lady Panthers edge Quitman 2-1 in extra-inning classic

On an idyllic evening for softball, the Alba-Golden Lady Panthers defeated the Quitman Lady Bulldogs 2-1 in eight innings of excellent competition. The game was often a textbook example of solid fundamentals, timely hitting, superior defense and skilled pitching.

Alba-Golden's Brilee Littlejohn and Quitman's Alexis O'Neal each went the distance. Littlejohn gave up five hits, one walk and recorded five strikeouts. O'Neal surrendered eight hits, one walk and recorded three strikeouts.

The hurlers were locked in the whole night. They consistently placed excellent pitches in and just out of the strike zone. A predominant number of outs were produced by pop-ups or fly balls. In a game as closely contested as this, giving up only one unintentional walk each illustrates the control each pitcher exercised all night.

Following a resounding rendition of the National Anthem by Alba-Golden's announcer, coach and teacher Bobby Wells, Quitman was set down in order. In the bottom of the first, Lady Panther Ashlyn Rogers looped a ball into short left field for a single. She stole second, but the Panthers could not bring her home.

Lady Bulldog cleanup hitter Kendal Wiley provided fireworks to start the second. After working to a full count, Wiley crushed a shot to deep right-center field. Lady Panther centerfielder Rogers took two steps toward the centerfield fence and stopped. It was clear that this ball was far beyond the fences.

Lady Bulldog Tyann Harris advanced to second base after a walk and stolen base, but was stranded there to close the top half of the inning. Quitman had taken the lead 1-0.

Despite a lead-off single by Kalli Wright on a ball through the left side, Alba-Golden's offense could not answer in the second. In the third Alba-Golden was set down in order as Quitman's O'Neal found her rhythm.

The third inning produced two defensive gems. In the top of the third, with a Quitman runner on first, Alba-Golden's catcher Grace Bizzell picked the runner off first. In the bottom of the inning, the Lady Bulldogs defense produced

back-to-back defensive highlights. Quitman catcher Lexie Wilson moved out as if on fire to catch a pop-up midway down the first base line, while second baseman Lindsey Hornaday fielded a screaming one-hopper to close the inning.

Quitman stranded two runners in the top of the fourth. Wiley reached on an intentional walk (she would receive three intentional free passes on the night). Shelby Hayes stroked a ball through the gap in right-center for a double, which pushed Wiley to third. Littlejohn then got Madison Jacobs on a fly-ball to left field and Harris on a soft liner to the shortstop ending the threat.

It looked as though the home side was gearing up for some runs in the bottom of the fourth. Lady Panther Macie Pendergrass rocked the first pitch of the inning for a single. Littlejohn reached on a walk. The Lady Panthers executed a double steal to put the runners at second and third with no outs. There they would stay. O'Neal got Wright on a liner, Bizzell on a swinging strike out and Lauren Crump on a fly ball to center.

Quitman could not make use of Maddy Whitehurst's one-out liner into right, which had given them a baserunner in the top of the fifth. Littlejohn retired O'Neal and Hornaday to close the top half.

Lady Panther right fielder Laynie Culp started the rally which would tie the game. She slapped a hard shot through the left side leading off the bottom of the fifth. After a Kylie Kennedy fly-out, Rogers put down an excellent bunt, which sent Culp to second. Kayli Cover stepped up and placed a double in the gap to left-center, scoring Culp.

Pendergrass reached first on an infield single as she beat the throw at first. With runners at the corners, Alba-Golden was hoping to take the lead. A sharply hit ball to third was knocked down by Quitman third baseman Reiny Luman. Her long, strong throw just nipped Pendergrass at first in a close play. The Alba-Golden rally was over.

Quitman's Madalyn Spears slapped the first pitch of the sixth inning down the left field line for a double. An intentional walk to Wiley put two on with no outs. Hayes stepped in and Wright stroked a ground ball through the right side of the infield. Littlejohn was running and received the green light from the third base coach.

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Alba-Golden won, 2-1.

hit a hard ground ball to short. Covey fielded the ball and caught Spears on a tag between second and third. The Lady Panthers almost had a double play at second but fumbled the relay. Quitman left two on in the top of the sixth.

Alba-Golden went down in order in the sixth and seventh innings. Kennedy provided some excitement in the bottom of the seventh with a well-hit drive to deep centerfield that was hauled in by Spears.

Quitman put two runners on in the top of the seventh. Wilson reached on an Alba-Golden throwing error and ended up at second on the play. A Whitehurst bunt then pushed her to third. A short fly ball to right may have scored Wilson, but she was not sent. The throw in to the infield after Culp's catch indicated it was probably a wise decision as Culp's throw was on the mark.

Hornaday then hit a little pop up that fell between home and the pitcher's mound and became an infield hit. The Lady Panther defense seemed frozen by the play as the pitcher, catcher and third baseman all failed to field the ball. The Lady Bulldogs had runners at the corners with two outs. Spears battled to a full count before Littlejohn got her on a swinging third strike.

The game went into the eighth. A breeze kicked up and blew from right to left field, as if the game was about to change. After another intentional walk to Wiley, Quitman went down in order, setting up the Lady Panthers for an extra inning win.

O'Neil got Covey and Pendergrass to ground out to start the inning. Littlejohn stepped up and hit the first pitch between third and short for a single. She advanced to second on a passed ball (the only miscue by either catcher on the night).

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	RECORD	LAST GAME	NEXT GAME
ALBA-GOLDEN	1-1	MARCH 8 WIN VS QUITMAN	MARCH 14 VS GRAND SALINE, 4:00 PM.
MINEOLA	1-1	MARCH 8 WIN VS LONE OAK	MARCH 14 @ QUITMAN, 4:00 P.M.
QUITMAN	0-1	MARCH 8 LOSS @ ALBA-GOLDEN	MARCH 14 VS. MINEOLA, 4:00 P.M.

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Mineola's Alex Rojas delivers the match-winning shot against Cumberland Academy.

Yellowjackets edge Cumberland Academy 2-1

The Mineola Yellowjackets soccer team continued its winning ways with a 2-1 victory March 5 against the visiting Cumberland Academy Knights. Mineola made great use of the few offensive opportunities they generated, and held off significant Cumberland pressure throughout the night.

The first half was dominated by the Knights. Cumberland seemed to excel in the midfield and was adept at placing their passes just over the next Mineola line of defense.

The opening minutes of play saw two excellent scoring chances for Cumberland. The first was a low shot that Mineola goalkeeper Spencer Rhodes easily handled. The second was a rifle shot that forced Rhodes to make a spectacular save. The goalkeeper elevated and got just enough of his hand on the ball to push it above the crossbar.

It wasn't until the 20-minute mark that the Yellowjackets got a shot on goal. Following a Cumberland turnover, Liberio Perez put a low hard shot on goal which was saved by the Cumberland goalkeeper.

The Knights opened the score on a penalty kick in the 26th minute of play. Ad-

vancing up the left wing and cutting into the box, a Cumberland forward was sandwiched between Yellowjacket defenders Gustavo Sanchez and Omar Camacho. The referee awarded a penalty kick with no hesitation. An excellent penalty shot beat Rhodes low and to his right.

The majority of play in the first half was in the midfield and Cumberland offensive half. The Knights were winning the scramble for ball possession and were putting together significant passing combinations. The Yellowjackets could not find their rhythm and appeared hesitant to defend the pitch.

Mineola began to contest the midfield in the second half, and their aggressiveness increased significantly. Passes forward from the midfield became better placed and more frequent. Mineola began to threaten.

In the 52nd minute, Mineola attacker Alex Rojas streaked down the left side and was brought down as he entered the box. The referee whistled a kick from the penalty spot. Rojas dispatched the kick with authority, and tied the score.

With the game tied, each side played with more hunger. On a frigid night, there



Anna Westberry of Mineola deals against Lone Oak Friday, March 8. "Anna is a hoss in the circle, she wants to strike everybody out, and she's good at what she does," Head Coach Chandler Touchstone said of the senior pitcher. "She had a great night in the circle, she hit her spots." Westberry tallied 13 strikeouts with at least one each inning in the Lady Jackets' 6-1 win over the Lady Buffs. (Monitor photo by Sam Major)



Doubles action at the Alba-Golden Tennis Tourney on March 8.

A-G, Yantis players win at spring tennis tourney

Alba-Golden and Yantis earned titles at the second annual Alba-Golden Spring Tennis Tourney March 8.

Alba-Golden, Quitman and Yantis tennis players competed. According to Alba-Golden tennis coach Dana Wade, creative mixing of both skill level and school affiliation made for a great learning environment in the morning and excellent afternoon head-to-head competi-

tion.

The Yantis girls tandem of Ashton Burnett and Hope Dixon took the girls double title. Fellow Yantis schoolmates Maddie and Maggie Hooker earned second place.

The Alba-Golden boys double team of Byron Wade and Gabe Barnett earned the doubles title in round robin play. Jacob Harle and Nathan Kumm, also of Alba-Golden, finished second.

In double elimination play, Alba-Golden's William Hartin claimed the title with an undefeated performance. Yantis' Will Graham was the runner-up.

Alba-Golden's next varsity tennis tourney will be Monday March 18 at home against Grand Saline. The Quitman tennis team will travel to Van on Friday March 22 to participate in the Van varsity tournament.

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\$75 Per Person Entry Fee - \$25 of each entry fee will be donated to the NOCC; which is a 501 (C) (3) Charitable Organization

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Top 20 Big Fish Payouts

\$1,250 to the Top finishing C.A.T. Member

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- At a C.A.T. monthly meeting prior to the date of the tournament
- Mail in completed Entry Form
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- At LAKE FORK TROPHY LURES on the day of the tournament between 6am—7am
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