Lindale man dies in car-bicycle accident

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A car-bicycle accident Saturday just after noon claimed the life of a Lindale man on Highway 69 about two miles south of the Sabine River bridges.

The Lindale Fire Department received the call to the accident at 12:30 p.m. Saturday, the Texas Department of Public Safety also responded to the scene which was in Smith County.

According to the investigating DPS trooper, the bicyclist was attempting to make a left turn and was hit by the car. No fur- ther information was available to the Monitor yet by DPS by press time, but the bicyclist was a Lin- dale man, Tom Marty, who was a charter member of the Mineo- la Texas Cycling Club. Mr. Marty was pronounced dead at the scene by Smith County Prf. 5 Jus- tice of the Peace Jamie Cowart.

A Ford Focus was stopped in the northbound lane of traffic with skid marks for several yards. Mr. Marty’s bicycle landed in the middle of the grassy median while Mr. Marty fell on the left shoulder of the northbound lane. Reportedly there may have been conflicting statements about the cause of the accident, but an in- tact pair of sunglasses believed to be Mr. Marty’s were found in the middle of the grassy median. The scene where the collision happened. Several passersby stopped and tried to administer cardio pulmonary resuscitation to Mr. Marty to no avail.

Emergency responders recovered the bicycle that Tom Marty was riding on Saturday on Highway 69 about two miles south of the Sabine River bridges.

Quinnman Hard Hat Party wins state TDA award

When winners for the 2017 Downtown Association President’s Awards Program were announced Sept. 14 in Austin, a Quin- man celebration was among the winners.

Quinnman’s Hard Hat Party on the Pad was named a winner of the Spirit of Downtown award. This award recognizes local projects and pro- grams that contribute to overall downtown revi- talization, and the awards program recognizes outstanding pro- jects, places, and people of Wood County downtown and is sponsored by the Texas Downtown Associa- tions. Judges commented they loved the way the community celebrated its city, the downtown groundbreaking, under the concept of development initia- tives and thought the event could be easily replicated by other communities.

“The event was so successful that we were sele- cted for the Spirit of Downtown award,” ad-

Jaxon Holland presents vests to officers, families

With a great deal of celebration Saturday, the realization of Jaxon “Hoss” Hol- land’s goal of buying special bulletproof vests to allow local law enforcement of- ficers to return home to their families at the end of their work days is now seen. Recipients of the vests were called to the stage one-by-one to get their vests while their families stood with them as they did so.

The first of 4 bulletproof vests was made to Wood County Sheriff’s Deput- y Nick Smith by his brother and Hawkins Police officer. Thirteen-year- old Holland reached his goal of raising $42,449,435 and the Econom- ic Development Corporation $42,449,435 in sales tax revenue with a budget of 7 1/2 percent in- crease in sales tax revenue for the year. The city’s history shows fiscal year-to-date sales tax rebate payments of almost $2 million – the highest in 10 years. The 2016-2017 fiscal year rebates were 6.16 percent higher than the previous year. City Administrator Mercy Rushing said, “We’re doing a balanced budget. The amount of the revenues, that’s what we’re going to spend.”

The tax rate was the subject of public hearings which was required to hold to the fact that even though it is the same rate as last year, the city will receive more tax revenue due to appraisals going up. See AWARD, Page 7A

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Letter to the Editor
To the editor,
It is truly a difficult task to grasp the self-serving behavior of our local political leaders. I personally believe that you are asking the people to do what you do not do yourself. I think I know why.

Sincerely,
[Signature]

[Note: The above letter is an example of how a letter to the editor might appear in a newspaper. The text in brackets is not part of the actual letter, but rather serves as a guide for the editor.]
Friends of Lake Holbrook host another successful fish fry

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Wood County students among top five 4-H, FFA essay winners

Jeniti Jackson of Quitman and Blaine Moore of Winnieboro will be acknowledged at a special ceremony on Saturday at the Titus County Fair in Mount Pleasant.

The competition garnered more than 500 submissions, of which five winners were selected to be honored during a special ceremony at the Titus County Fair on Saturday, at 2 p.m. in addition to a commemorative plaque. The five winners will walk away with a TSC gift pack.

“The Great Neighbor essay contest added a fun component to this year’s Mobile Fair Tour,” said Phil Rogers, president of marketing at Tractor Supply. “The students involved in 4-H and FFA play such important roles in the communities we serve and we are privileged to have the opportunity to recognize them for their hard work and dedication.”

The fair continues throughout Saturday as families will have the opportunity to enjoy the 5,000-square-foot experience and join in recognizing 4-H and FFA youth who are making a difference in their communities.

Honouring, to oppose the bill to send federal aid to the 20,000 small farmers to those unfortunate victims of the flood in Houston. No doubt he thinks he is standing on some sort of principle that outweighs the suffering of one people. This is misguided. The bill is his compassion! It is something to consider in the election when he runs for re-election next year. Perhaps it’s time for a change.

James Goeppe

Letters
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Letterhead is the Texas-Oklahoma Kiwanis District Foundation Senior of the Year Award. She was the Quinlan Cider Club's woman-of-the-year award winner and a member of the Quinlan Chamber of Commerce. She is a 5.0 student and aivy honors student.

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With the football team coming off a state championship season in which the district allowed pop rally game every Friday during football season and the team losing nearly 20 players off the 2016 team, many parents believe fewer players needed would need to cut back, if not more support this season as the team tries to repeat its success.

The pop rallies have been used to pump up student-faculty and the community for the football game to follow that evening, the pop rallies to many people represent a long-standing tradition.

Dana Donoho, a parent of one of the Mineola football players spoke about the district’s decision to limit pop rallies to home games weeks during the season.

“Cutting out away game pop rallies is sending the wrong message to not only the players but to the students at the school. Doing this says that away games aren't as important to the school. It also says that this year’s team doesn’t deserve the same support and treatment last year’s team got,” Dana Donoho said during public forum at the board meeting last Monday.

President of the Athletic Booster Club Darlene Nicholson also spoke during public forum address the students.

“Football and pop rallies go together, pop rallies are a way for us as a community to show that we are supporting those young men who have worked extremely hard to prepare for these games each week,” Nicholson said.

Nicholson also added that the district should strongly reconsider allowing the pop rallies each Friday, and that the school should have them in the afternoon instead of in the morning as they are typically been.

These pop rallies are tradition; they are something parents, students, coaches and players all look forward to. There has been no stress on tradition,” Nicholson said.

Nicholson told the most recent pop rally prior to last week’s home game football game versus Brownwood.

In other news the district announced during their board meeting the school currently on schedule and progression as expected.

The board also announced that there is an 8.3 million balance left from the 2017 to 2018 budget, the current district enrollment is at 1,652 students, and that the elementary school has seen the highest percentage of attendance so far this year with 97.84 percent of students in attendance on average.

The district will also begin a hosting a marching band competition on Monday, Oct. 9 that will include over 20 schools’ marching bands.

Parent-teacher conferences were originally scheduled for that day, but have been now moved up to this coming Friday, Sept. 29 instead.

During the meeting the board also announced the recovery of a new grilling station at the football stadium and a donation from the class of 1971.

The board also approved the resignation from the Wood County Special Education Co-Operative of James White. All board members were present.
Ingram

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Ingram was married to Mike Ingram the previous night.

Ingram was arrested for a violation of a protective order. Disputes were dis- patched to CR 287 near Quitman at 11:24 p.m. between several guests that occurred inside a rental house on West Kilpatrick Ave. Disputes were dis- patched to CR 287 near Quitman at 10:48 p.m. on a report of a dispute. Disputes lo- cated those involved and cleared the scene.

Deputies were dispatched to CR 211 near Quitman at 6:47 p.m. on a report of an assault. A Criminal mischief was re- corded. This case has been referred to the district attorney.

Deputies were directed to PR 786 near Quitman at 7:35 p.m. on a report of an assault. A Criminal mischief was recorded. This case has been referred to the district attorney.

Deputies were dispatched to CR 1405 near Quitman at 2:30 p.m. on a report of a dispute. The people involved were separated and the scene was cleared.

Deputies were dispatched to PR 784 near Quitman at 11:24 p.m. on an assault. A Criminal mischief was recorded. This case has been referred to the district attorney.

Deputies were dispatched to CR 287 near Quitman at 11:24 p.m. on a report of a dispute. Disputes lo- cated those involved and cleared the scene.

Deputies were dispatched to CR 3114 near Quitman at 6:58 p.m. on a report of a suspicious cir- cumstances. They located a stolen pick-up truck that was stolen.

Deputies were dispatched to Farm-to-Market Road 78 near Woodville at 15:25 p.m. on a report of an assault and cleared the scene.

There was a report at 12:34 a.m. on CR 3107 near Quitman at 11:24 p.m. on a report of an activity. Deputies were dispatched to respond to a report of a vehicle parked on Woodville Road at 09:02 a.m. and everything was ok.

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Deputies were dispatched to CR 4920 near Woodville at 7:00 p.m. on a report of a dog bite that occurred on CR 2200 near Quitman. The owner of the dog was located. The dog was on a leash and no injuries were recorded. The report was classified as a first offense. The case has been referred to the county sheriff for future disposition.

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Charity Singers celebrate 24th anniversary
The Charity Singers of Miners, Inc., will celebrate their 24th anniversary on Sunday at 3 p.m. at East Chapel C.M.E. Church.

The church is located at 1001 South Pacific Street and Rev. Darlene Collins is the pastor.

Other churches are asked to provide a choir or an group for an “A” selection, and also have a message from the past speaker my our new host will help us celebrate 24 years of mankind climbing,” said Cord Palmer, president.

Wood County Beekeepers to meet Oct. 3
The Wood County Beekeepers’ Association will hold its regular monthly meeting on Tuesday, Oct. 3, at 7 p.m. at the First National Bank Community Room at 315 North Main Street in Woodville.

Are you wondering about the health benefits of honey? For those who have never used honey before for their health, have you ever used it for medicinal purposes? Join us and find out how to use honey and when it is best to use it.

Dr. Scott Doten, D.O.

The church is open to all who wish to come and enjoy the fellowship of the community.

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THE TEXAS A&M AGRILIFE EXTENSION OFFICE IN WOOD, RAINS, AND VAN ZANDT COUNTIES WILL HOST A TRI-COUNTY PESTICIDE CONFERENCE AND PRIVATE APPLICATOR LICENSE TRAINING ON OCT. 10 AT 8:30 A.M. AT THE CALVILLO CENTER IN QUITMAN.

The conference will be held at the Calvillo Center from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. ETMC will provide lunch. There will be no cost for ETMC members. Any non-ETMC member must pre-pay $10.00 plus tax to the ETMC office before the meeting.

The conference is free to all who wish to attend. The public is encouraged to attend. Guests are always welcome and not limited to beekeepers or residents of Wood County. Feel free to bring a friend.
New officers installed for Mineola Kiwanis


New directives from Jerry Richardson and Brittany Hamilton were presented. Brief introductions included Dorecy Choate, Jo McCarty, Capt. Bill Brittain and Charlie Wright. Ascension College President-Elect Pam Thurman, Immediate Past President Kellam Newdell, Secretary Joyce Curry and Treasurer Sam Curry. Gary McKinley was awarded Kiwanian of the Year for his work for the Wood County Sheriff’s Department bulletin, which received first place honors at the T.O. District Convention in August. McKinley is also a devoted volunteer at Mineola Primary School.

At the Kiwanian of the Year celebration, Mary Lookadoo, far right, and Alex Reyes, on the left side of Wood County Sheriff’s Department Sergeant Justin Bowring, his wife Heather and young son Rider exit the New officers installed for Mineola Kiwanis

The money paid by the Mineola club for the award will be set aside in a fund to support neonatal tettus, which program is projects of Kiwanis International. The club in Mineola works with Youth Assistance Program, the Albin-Golden High School Kiwanis Club and Mineola Middle School Kiwanis Club.

The club in Mineola works with youth assistance program the full-time Kellam Newdell, left, Field Operations Manager, is the worldwide project for the Kiwanis Club, the Mineola Elementary School Kiwanian, the Mineola Kiwanis Club, and the Mineola Elementary School Kiwanian.

Tom McFarland received the 31 Vests 31 Days for Downtown Quitman.
However, anyone whose property value was not increased will not pay more in taxes however. No members of the public attended the hearings.

The budget included a three percent cost-of-living allowance for city employees, with a potential two percent increase for those who receive merit raises. The city administrator, chief of police and public works director were not included in the COLA raise due to having received their contracts considered and salaries formalized.

The budget was approved on a motion by Councilperson Nusia Bingham and a second by Alderman Jack Warden. The $2,500 budget was approved on a motion by Ward 3. The tax rate was held. The tax rate was raised by nine percent for all city employees, with a of-living allowance for the most of the underwriting homes and car washes.

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Constitution week program at QHS

By LARRY TUCKER

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Quitman High School was the site Thursday morning of a program emphasizing Constitution Week organized by the Jim Hogg Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution. The special speaker for the event was Rank MOSTENBOCKER, Holly Lake, who served in the United States Army as a medical lab technician and recently retired from Action company where he served as a graphic artist and vice-president of advertising. He is also the captain for Wood County for the Convention of States Project Texas.

Motsenbocker gave a history of the United States Constitution and challenged those in attendance to study and get educated about the Constitution. “Two hundred thirty years ago on Sept. 17, the formal signing of this document took place when 39 of 55 delegates signed. Never before had a nation been established on the concept the people ruled,” Motenbocker explained. “The government was based on the consent of the people. Our constitution is by far the greatest system of government in human history. However, it was not our first try at a national government. The Continental Congress was the government of the United States.”

Motsenbocker further talked about the Articles of Confederation which was drafted as the first government of our new nation. He went on to discuss the purpose of the document to establish justice; insure domestic tranquility (to make America peaceful); provide for the common defense (protect the states); promote the general welfare; and to secure the blessings of liberty.

Motsenbocker said the states were like 13 nations. “The United States was a nation united together by a common enemy. The war had left the country in ruins; 13 nations held together by a common purpose of the document to establish justice, to make America peaceful; to provide for the common defense; to promote the general welfare; and to secure the blessings of liberty. Motsenbocker said the states were like 13 nations. “The United States was a nation united together by a common enemy. The war had left the country in ruins; the state of the Articles of Confederation, they decided to keep the windows closed and the curtains drawn throughout the entire convention,” Motsenbocker declared. “James Madison took extensive notes and is called the Father of the Constitution.”

The issues were how the states would be represented, clearly dividing the powers between the states and central government, separation of powers and the election and powers of the president.

Motsenbocker discussed the first ten amendments as the Bill of Rights. He further encouraged the students and honored guests to get educated about the Constitution. “Freedom can’t be inherited, it must be earned. We earn it through diligence,” Motenbocker said. “Education is the key. Can’t emphasize that strongly enough. My time’s almost up, yours is just beginning.”

The posting of an ad was a part of the Constitution Day assembly at Quitman High School Thursday morning. Frank Roedebusch was the guest speaker at the Constitution Day program at Quitman High School. (Blaster photo by Larry Tucker)
**SPORTS**

**Lady Bulldogs stay perfect in district action**

By **LARRY TUCKER**

The Quitman Lady Bulldogs moved their district 12-3A record to an unblemished 5-0 by taking the final two matches of the first round this week at Mineola Tuesday and home against Grand Salino Friday.

Coach Ashlee Lingo’s Lady Bulldogs won Friday at home against Eustace 25-19, 25-13, 25-19 and on the road last Tuesday at Kemp 25-16, 25-20, 25-19. The wins gave the Quitman Indians a 23-7 season record and the 5-0 district slate.

Against Eustace, the first game was tied at 16-16 after a Madalyn Spears kill. Molly Tanner found a perfect ace to make it 12-10 and Quitman would never lose the lead. Leading 21-17 Eustace fought back, Kari Riley took a breakaway point from Cammie Hicks to make a powerful kill down the side-line to make it 22-17 leading to the first final 25-19 win.

In the second game, the Lady Bulldogs started strong and led by as much as 19-9 before finishing it 25-18. A cross court kill by Spears went unchallenged and ended the contest. The second game was Riley 17 digs, 10 blocks, Tanner five kills 11 kills, three ace, Cammie Hicks two kills, one ace, 33 assists from Quitman’s Abby Dobbs and nine kills.

Against Eustace the JV won 25-14, 25-16, 25-14.

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**Indians spear A-6 Pacers**

By **QUINTON LILLEY**

As a matchup of two undefeated teams the Alba-Golden Pacers could not overcome their slow start Friday, as they lost 40-0 to the Carlisle Indians.

Coming into the game as class 2A and 3A, both teams had been dominating their opponents in vastly different ways. The Indians typically use a spread offense running game to attack quick-ly while the Pacers use a more methodical option running game to milk the clock and score on methodical drives.

However, on Friday the Pacers were unable to overcome their 14-0 first quarter deficit. While the Pacers’ offense was unable to get in the red zone the entire game, the defensive backfield played a solid game as senior Freddie Arenas had an interception return.

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**Harmony Eagles fly past Quitman**

By **LARRY TUCKER**

The Quitman Bulldogs are looking forward to District 7-3A as they travel to Winnsboro to take on the 2-2 East Enders. The Bulldogs ended a rugged pre-season schedule by sniffing out the win from a high-flying Harmony Eagles team in a 72-0 loss.

Harmony, 6-0, took a 35-0 lead in the first quarter by D.J. Click and one each by senior Sebron Barnett Jr. and senior Skare. The Eagles in-crossed their lead to 60-0 load at halftime on a T.D. carry by Isaac Edwards, Skare’s second score and a 25-yard fumble recovery by Nick Hockel and a T.D run by Camer- on Oakes.

The second half was more of a stand-off. As the Bulldogs prepared to run back on the field to start the second half they found their side of the stands empty because the local fans had piled on the field level to encourage their team to continue fighting before heading back to the stands for the second half.

After neither team scored in the third quarter, Harmony put up points on a 19-yard scoring run by Marcus Davis and Hockel’s second defensive T.D, a 22-yard interception return. The Bulldogs could never get any momentum going against the rugged defenders of the Eagles.

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**Coaches corner**

**Mina**

As Mike Cheek steps down at Basin, we have a new football coach in place. Coach Tim Knowles is ready to lead the Yellowjackets.

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**Harmony Eagles’ late rally falls short against Brownsboro**

By **JAY VICKERS**

In what could’ve been a winnable game for the Mineola Yellowjackets on Friday night turned into another narrow loss to the Brownsboro Bears with a final score of 27 to 32.

After scoring late in the fourth quarter, to draw within five points with nearly three minutes remaining in the game, Mineola recovered their own onside kick at their own 46-yard line. There was time and there was momentum on the Jackets’ side to get a win against the bigger class 4A Brownsboro Bear team.

The game had been a struggle all night but Mineola had several chances to capital-ize. Dropped passes, turnovers and penalties occurred at inopportune times and the Yellowjackets spread many of their own chances for taking the game over. However with 2:47 remaining Mineola Quarterback Davis Franklin escapes to his right. (Photo courtesy Chad Parrish/Colin E. Grigsby Photo)
Lady Jacket trio showing potential in four set loss

By Quinton Lilly
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On paper a four-set loss seems like a routine suit for the Mineola Lady Yellowjackets who have yet to win a district game so far this season. However, anyone who was at the game that she was not satisfied but was pleased with the team’s performance in the last week.

“I know the scoreboard didn’t reflect a win, but I feel like we played really well on Tuesday night,” Van Cleave said after the game. “We did a good job of letting the mistakes roll off our backs and going after the next point, feel like we were really aggressive and our hustle was on point. We got a great job of staying positive and keeping our energy up,” Van Cleave said.

The Lady Jackets played arguably their best defensive game in weeks and their trio of underclassmen (Jaysee Riley, Sabria Dean and Tahjae Black) led the charge on offense.

With scores of 25-19, 25-22, 25-18 the Lady Jackets held leads in each of the last three sets while struggling to get off to quick starts in each set. Freshman middle hitter Tahjae Black sparked the Lady Jackets offense early on in the match as she contributed off the Mineola bench with six kills to go along with a huge block in the first set.

“I hope that she continues to improve, she has shown a huge improvement over two weeks’ time, (Black) has great potential, just has to continue to work to reach her full potential, she has her feet lit and has gained some confidence which is key. I believe she will only get better. She has done a tremendous job on the net getting touches off blocks, which will turn into total blocks as time goes on, (and) very proud of her,” Van Cleave said.

The Lady Jackets used comebacks in both the second and third sets after slow starts to make each set extremely competitive win-or-lose type.

The Lady Jackets lost their next two matches, however, they are still holding their own and are hoping to continue to see improvement as the season goes on,” Van Cleave said.

While the season has been a bit of a struggle for the Lady Jackets who have too many points consistent in our play. We have started to swing more so I hope that trend will continue, and I hope our serving with become more of a weapon for us,” Boyd said.

“Tight sets were great for the Lady Hawks’ key man to tie the fourth set at 24-24 late on Tuesday. Alli Boyd was a spark for the Lady Hawks’ key man to tie the fourth set at 24-24 late on Tuesday. Alli Boyd stepped up big with four aces when we were down 24-14 in the fourth set,” Boyd said.

However the team was unable to carry that momentum as they lost the next two matches ending that at 26-24. Hawkins was led by Jayce Cheshire with 11 kills and 10 blocks, followed by Emi Moore who had 10 kills and 13 blocks.

Ray Smith put up nine assists and Aly Long added three.

Alyssa Eddington and Smith both picked up nine digs each for Hawkins’ defense. Marazana Clark picked up six digs for the Lady Hawks.

“We are making steps in the right direction, we just haven’t been able to close out any of the matches. We have started to swing more so I hope that trend will continue, and I hope our serving with become more of a weapon for us,” Boyd said.

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Lake Fork Weekly Fishing Report (Sept. 18-24)

By BY JOHN MORRIS

It was another warm week here at beautiful Lake Fork. The water temperatures were stable at 85 degrees and the water clarity is stained. A sign that fall is not far away was that the eagles have returned to Lake Fork.

We changed things up this week with our baits. We went the Berkley Havoc: watermelon red and shad watermelon candy Bopper. For our wacky rig set-up, we used the tails of the Bottom Hoppers in chartreuse and put a nail in the head. Fish them in 2 to 4 feet of water over the grass. For our Carolina rig, we used the Havoc Craw For Lake Fork, the Bug and watermelon red colors. We did tip the clients with chartreuse. There are still some fish in 18 to 22 feet of water over brush piles. I noticed that some of the bass are starting to move up the creeks. That means that a small crankbait like a KVD 1.5 works well in the early morning hours when the Bass are chasing shad. The white bass were still hard to find this week and even harder to catch. We had to re-organize our tactics since we were in 27 to 30 feet of water on main lake points. The crappie fishing is great right now. We used bubble’s 1/8 ounce chartreuse with a white tail crappie jig tipped with a minnow. In 24 feet of water over very isolated brush piles to put good numbers of crappie in the boat. Have fun!

By JOSHUA HARRIS

The Hawkins Hawks remain winless this season after a pun-ishing 34-14 home loss to the Timpson Bulldogs Friday night. It wasn’t the first time the Bears have had a commanding win over the Hawks. In a previous contest the Bears won 35-14. Hawkins led the way for most of the first half. Timpson took a 16-14 lead after a 70-yard run from running Back Jordan Osby. However, shortly after that drive the game pace began to slow. With 48 seconds left in the first half the Hawks found the end zone again on a 40-yard run from Osby. Osby again found the end zone for the third time when he broke away for a 42-yard run making the score 32-14. While the Hawks were unable to come away with the victory they did have two players rush for more than 100 yards. Chris Jackson ran for 125 yards and Everin Gibson ran for 108 yards.

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**Bulldogs**

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do think we played with a lot of effort. Offensively we are sort of looking forward to find the puzzle pieces to make it work. It’s been a difficult week this because we have had a lot of sickness,” Oakes acknowledged. “We had three different centers this week and that’s not good. It’s definitely more difficult when that realm has been difficult. It felt like Troy Berry had a good game. I’m really looking to understand what he needs to do and what we need to fix. It shows character to keep your head up and lay it all out to block a kick after you just got scored on again,” Oakes said.

Oakes and the Bulldogs are ready to start district play. “It’s a great opportunity for us to get a new start. I told the kids season one is over, that’s pre-season, and season two, which is district, begins this Friday night at Winnsboro. Season three is the playoffs and that’s what our goal will always be, to get to the playoffs,” Oakes asserted. “Hope-

fully, we will have some of our sick kids and in- jured kids back in full form this week. We will never go down to stop working hard and preparing hard each week. I worry about my kids because I want them to experience the success they deserve after working so hard,” Oakes continued. Winnsboro lost their first two games, but have won two in row beating Brownwood 27-19 on Saturday and Vernon 40-0 after beating Weimar 47-7. They are ready to start district play and are going to have to stop the vein Coe never quit. “Coach Pinnell (Steve) always does a good job getting his team ready. Their quarterback, Logan Cortez, is a good one. He has been hurt and they have had to use another quarterback. We are going to have to stop the vein of offense they have,” Oakes said. “They are still Winnsboro and will play tough on defense. It’s a rivalry game and we will continue to prepare to be successful in what we do and have a couple of good freshman they have moved up in skill posi-

**Jackets**

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Bears a fresh out of down. From there the Bears had four running plays that all stepped inside and hit the Yellowjackets were helped by a good game with no time-out remaining. The visiting Bearians ran out the clock to secure the win. Head Coach Luke Blackwell said about the late quarter rally, “It really felt like we had a lot of momentum. It was good to see the kids keep fighting and giving them- selves a chance to win. Franklin missed that last throw a little bit. He made some good throws during the game, but they had been stopped passes earlier in the game that could have helped win. We have the physical abili-

**Panthers**

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Son in the first quarter. Another bright spot for the Panthers was returning senior Dakota Melton started the game off with a 45-yard kick return and later had a kick return touchdown however, it was called back on an illegal block in the back. Carlisle was led by junior receiver Gerald Turner who had two touchdowns on the game. The Panthers will be back on the road this Friday against Riverstreet at 7:30 p.m.**

**Quintman**

**COACHES CORNER**

Quintman Head Football Coach 
Bryan Oakes

“We played hard last week against a very good football team. We have finished the first season (pre-season) and it is time to begin the second season (district), the one that determines whether we make it to the playoffs (playoff season). We are improving daily and look forward to squaring off against a familiar foe, Winnsboro.”

Quintman Head Volleyball Coach 
Ashlee Lingo

“I’m proud of our girls and their continued hard work and dedication to their team. Our district continues to be tough, but we have high goals that bring home a district championship to Quintman!”

**Minerals Runway Kick Track Send series during the first half of their game against Brownsboro. (Photo courtesy Chad Perkins/Crane County News)**

The next game for Min-

ets made the Bears pay for their mistake. From the 31 yard line on a first and ten, junior receiver Gerald Lingo, Cameron Bowman, for a touchdown pass to make the score 27-32. Brownsboro finished the night 9-22 passing for 140 yards, 2 touchdowns, 2 interceptions and 90 yards on the ground.

Miners has a bye-week coming up. Blackwell in-

icated this is good time for the week off. “These non-district games against bigger schools have been very tough games. We were presented with var-

ious challenges. We have several kids playing both ways. Our guys will be in shape for teams in their district. This week will be important to give time for our guys injuries to heal.”

The next game for Min-

ers will be on the road on Friday night against Fannin County Game time at Bud Moody Stadium will be 7:30 p.m.