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but goes around them anyway.*

Mignon McLaughlin, The Neurotic's Notebook, 1960



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Mineola Fire Dept., from left, Manny Morales, Nick Holland, Jamie Davlin, Mickey Hooks, Capt. Eric Hooks, Chief Javier Ortega, Asst. Chief Mark Hooks, Capt. Justin Clower, Asst. Chief David Madsen, Sec./Treas. Craig Gould, Josh Hearne and Eric Carrington. Not Pictured are Chad Bennett, Cody Clarke, Sean Callahan, Jaime Finley, Steve Finley, Clayton Hamlett, Omar Hernandez and paid only personnel Scott Melvin and Zack Allen.



Mineola Police Dept., from left, Detective Scott Gallimore, Officer Terri Cole-Altman, Capt. Dusty Cook, Capt. Joyce Box, Chief Charles Bittner, Officer Joel Moore, Detective Tommy Carden and Officer Jeremy Johnson.



Mineola Police dispatchers, back from left, Officer Tucker George, Lisa Overton, Brittany White; and, front, Merci Osbourn and Jessica Clayburn.

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The Hainesville Volunteer Fire Department has expanded over the years and is located on FM 49 in Hainesville. They have their fire department headquarters and also house the Sam White Educational Building which is the former First Baptist Church in Hainesville. The department was formed in 1979 and has over 20 volunteers. The department serves the rural area east of Mineola and west of Hawkins.



The City of Quitman appreciates all of our first responders that keep our community safe & secure, healthy & happy every day.

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Wood County Sheriff's Dept. and bailiffs
Wood County constables and K9 Juma
Winnsboro Police Dept.
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Mineola ISD police
as well as the following agencies who also have a presence in Wood County:
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Hawkins Fire Dept.
Hawkins Police Dept.
Ogburn Fire Dept.
Lands End Fire Dept.
Holly Lake Fire Dept.



Quitman Police Dept., from left, Chief Kelly Cole, Officer Joe Andrade, Cpl. Austin Milbourn, Lt. Mike Chilson, Officer Linda Williams and School Resource Officer Jim Rapp. Not pictured are Lt. Investigator John Farmer and Officer Corbin Hanner.



Precinct Two Constable Kelly Smith with drug and search dog Juma.



Quitman Volunteer Fire Dept., Quitman VFD, back from left, Scott Wheeler, Bentlie Griffith, Junior Stovall, Robby Clanton, August Walters, Zaqne Hradecky, Colton Otto, Greg Young, Wesley Price, Will Leake; and, front, Brad Newsom, Tino Elias, Kaleb Mosley, Marshall Newsom, Jason Gallender and Corbitt Shirley. Not pictured are Gary Simpkins, Ronnie Box, Cody Burge, Taylor Shelman and Patrick McKinney.



Winnsboro Police Dept.



Alba Police Dept. Sgt. Juan Ramirez and Chief Tim Koonce.



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Alba Volunteer Fire Dept., from left, Josh Mize, Shawn Newland, Donnie Burge, Jeremy Elliott, JP Allen, Jim Bailey, Sam Boyd, Alicia Mize, Johnathan Mize, Rebecca Jones, Jerry Frost and Dustin Tidwell. Not pictured Clay Cunningham, Anne Elliott, David Hughes, Mark Woodruff, Tim Westervelt, Norman Jernigan and in memoriam, Henry Hass.



The Coke-Pleasant Grove Volunteer Fire Department is now in a brand new facility located on FM 515 and FM 69 at the former location of the Coke General Store. The department was founded in 1990 and is west of Winnsboro serving the northern portion of Wood County. (Monitor photo by Larry Tucker)



Yantis Fire Dept., front from left, Andrew Bond, Brandi Reese, Deborah Crist, Justin Kornig, Brandi Fuller, Mike Fuller and Kat Stanton; and, back, Jeff Quinn, Mark Coker, Rick Reese, Wes Crist, Scott Evans, Nathan Crist, Zack Dulude and Chuck Cawthon.



Courthouse deputies/bailiffs (front row, from left) Lynn Bettis and Don Fortner; and (back) A.G. Sessions and La'Dawn Foley.



Mineola school resource officers Chief Cody Castleberry, left, and Officer Mike Hurst.

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