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5-year-old Jamieon Hunt said that he wanted to offer a prayer after handing residents of Autumn Winds Assisted Living gloves, socks, and Valentine's Day cards. "Amen, and You're a good God, and we're grateful," Hunt said in ending his prayer. See more photos on page 2A.

(Monitor photo by Brynna Williamson)

Bevill v. City of Quitman, et al. case dominated Quitman City Council meeting

BY BRYNNA WILLIAMSON
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The Quitman City Council met Thursday, Feb. 12 to discuss the Bevill v. City of Quitman, et al. case just eight days after they met to discuss it on Feb. 4.

The case stemmed from what Terry Bevill claimed was a wrongful termination in 2017. Bevill, the former Quitman Police Captain,

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Wood County Sheriff's deputy, DPS trooper shot, subject killed in warrant attempt

BY BRYNNA WILLIAMSON
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A Wood County sheriff's deputy, a Texas DPS trooper and a suspect were shot Saturday, Feb. 14 during an attempt to serve six felony warrants, according to the Wood County Sheriff's Office. The suspect, Cody Lee Henderson, 45, later died.

The Sheriff's Office has withheld the names of the officers.

Several deputies and DPS personnel went to a home north of Quitman, south of the intersection of FM 515 and FM 2966, to execute the warrants, Wood County reported. The wanted subject, who was inside the house, began firing at officers from a semi-automatic weapon, hitting the officers.

After attempts to get the subject to exit and surrender, the residence was breached, knocking a large hole in the end of the house. The suspect continued to fire at law enforcement, who returned fire.

The Sheriff's Office noted that they also used tear gas and nego-



A file mugshot of the suspect, Cody Lee Henderson. Above-right, A Google Maps view of the suspect's house previous to the forced entry. (Courtesy photo)

tiations in an attempt to get the subject to surrender for several hours.

The Sheriff's Office said that the suspect was ultimately "transported to Quitman Hospital where he was pronounced deceased."

Both wounded officers were reported in "critical but stable condition." The deputy sustained multiple wounds, while the trooper had a lower extremity injury, according to DPS. The officers were expected to make a

full recovery as of the morning of Feb. 16.

The incident also brought the Wood County Special Response Team and the Texas Rangers.

The wanted subject had the following warrants on his record:

Unauthorized use of a motor vehicle.

Unlawful possession of a firearm by a felon.

Theft of firearm.

Evading arrest with a vehicle.

Two warrants for possession of controlled substance.



The sun sets over Mineola as hungry visitors line up to try food from the Greet Bites food truck during the Valentine's Farmers Market held at Sorelle Farms on Thursday, Feb. 12.

At right, Kaylee Swoape of Golden performs an acoustic set at the market.

See more photos, Pages 9A and 14A. (Monitor photos by James Taylor)

Mineola plans America250 celebrations

BY BRYNNA WILLIAMSON
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July 4th, 2026, is the 250th anniversary of the signing of the Declaration of Independence.

To celebrate the anniversary, or the "Semiquincentennial," Mineola is putting on a real show.

The America250 informal committee met at city hall on Wednesday, Feb. 11 to give updates on each member organization's plans for the event.

Many local organizations and individuals are working together to offer a celebration that is above and beyond. Participants include the Mineola Civic Center, the Lake Country Playhouse and the Historic Select Theater, the Mineola Memorial Library, Wisener Field Airport, the Rotary Club, the Mineola League of the Arts and the Kiwanis Club.

Current plans include a parachuting event at the football stadium; a laser light show from the theater; a giant canvas dart painting and free watermelon from the Mineola League of the Arts; a fly-in and pancake breakfast from Wisener Field; a 22-foot "Red, White, and Cool" waterslide, cornhole, giant Jenga, etc. at the Civic Center; a reading of the Declaration of Independence by women in period costume from the Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR) Elizabeth Denton English Chapter, and more.

There will, of course, be fireworks.

The activities are intentionally being planned at different times of day - including some planned for July 3 - so that people who want to attend several events don't feel rushed.

"I really like things being spread out, because people feel rushed if you have so many things at one time," said Doris Newman, the Mineola Main Street Manager/Historic Preservation

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Utility bill assistance applications open for East Texas nonprofit

A mobile delivery unit for GET-CAP (Greater East Texas Community Action Program) Energy Assistance will be at 212 E. Goode St in Quitman on Feb. 24 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. According to a press release, the organization helps the qualifying elderly, disabled, and

working poor obtain assistance for high utility bills. The mobile unit will answer questions and provide applications.

"We encourage households to apply for assistance, as we know the need is great," said Program Manager Teresa Jones. "We are

making a special effort to reach people who have never applied. Multiple months of assistance could provide relief into the hot summer months."

For more information, visit the GETCAP website at www.getcap.org or call 800-621-5746.

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Students given new opportunities at Mineola ISD

BY JOHN ARBTER
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There is a new curriculum in the Career and Technical Education (CTE) program at Mineola High School. This fall, a Business, Marketing and Finance branch was commissioned.

A long familiar face at Mineola ISD, 'Coach' Jason Goodson leads the program. Goodson and his students have made an excellent start.

"We have 62 students presently in our branch classes," Goodson reported.

The branch of Business, Marketing and Finance is composed of four parts, each represented by a stand-alone class: Sports Marketing and Entertainment, Social Media Marketing, Entrepreneurship, and the Principles of Business. It is one of twelve CTE programs available at Mineola High School.

The objective of each of these programs is to build a level of expertise within participating students that will make them immediately competitive in the global marketplace. Often, that will result in obtaining an industry-wide certification in a recognized discipline.

For sophomore Lawson Ollive, interest in the branch was practical – he intends to pursue a business degree in college.

Junior Kingston Straznicki is fully involved in the entrepreneurship pathway. Remarkably, Straznicki is already an owner in two ventures: a vending machine company and a trailer renovation business.

Classmate Sesley High found that this CTE branch combined a number of her interests.

"It was a mixture of business and sports. While I intend on training to conduct post-traumatic stress disorder counseling and treatment, I have also been a very vocal sports fan," she said.

Perhaps the most visible and entertaining aspect of the new CTE branch is the launch of The Nest Game Day, a live-streaming YouTube feed.

It is indeed the intersection of business and sports. After some initial forays conducting pre-game shows before home football games, the students are now heavily involved in live-streaming home basketball games, including commentary and color. The live-streaming is done in The Nest.

There is quite a lot involved in successfully streaming a live broadcast. Goodson explained that there are video cameras and monitors to be readied and manipulated, a sound feed and mixing board to master, and operation of the Open Broadcast Software for bringing the production together. The group uses a NearStream wireless camera and NearStream driver to regulate the video.

Then there is the actual broadcast. The Nest operates with a play-by-play announcer and a color commentator. They normally swap duties at the half.

"You really get into a groove as the game goes along," said Straznicki about the announcing gig.



Lawson Ollive, Kingston Straznicki, Sesley High and Jason Goodson of Mineola's newly-created Business, Marketing and Finance CTE branch. (Monitor photo by John Arbter)

"It is much like having a long conversation."

High agreed, and added, "I don't really notice that what we are saying is being broadcast. It is just amazing to watch your friends competing on the court."

Both announcers admitted that they have to be fair in their broadcast; however, they never cease being Mineola fans. They listed rivalry games (against Quitman especially) and great individual moves (such as a Zane Strange dunk) as moments when their emotions can get away from them while announcing.

A live stream also results in significant gaps in the action, which must be filled. This is also an important part of the production, with students devising audio and video offerings to fill the time-outs and halftimes.

Goodson hopes to expand the streaming initiative. Yel-

lowjacket baseball and softball games present opportunities as well as their own challenges. The team is also looking at regular interviews of student leaders on campus and covering events other than athletics.

The CTE center being created in the old elementary school will have two rooms dedicated to the branch. One will house a 'green room' for production, and the other will be a combined classroom and interview set.

"We are also hoping to receive a grant, which will allow us to purchase more production equipment," Goodson said.

Mineola's CTE programs are supported throughout the community. Eight local firms participate in partnership and internship programs with the school.

It is this connection with the greater community which Goodson sees as the future of

the Business, Marketing and Finance branch and The Nest Game Day.

"We would like to see our broadcasts reach beyond the school into the public realm," he said.

The best advertisers for the new CTE branch are, naturally, those involved in the start-up. Ollive appreciated the opportunity to learn the variety of specialized equipment. Straznicki enjoys the experience of team building and honing the production into a well-oiled machine.

It is High, however, who may have summarized the benefits of the whole initiative best.

When commenting on the feedback she has received, High remarked, "People at school are so thankful when we interview them, because they get a chance to tell their story."

Telling a story – that is a pretty powerful thing.

St Paul MBC hands out goodies for Valentine's Day

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Left, friends Jamieon Hunt and Ivy Stallings, attendees at St. Paul Missionary Baptist Church, hold hands while they wait to hand Valentine's Day goodies to residents at Autumn Winds Assisting Living in Mineola. (Monitor photo by Brynna Williamson)



Right, St Paul MBC also handed out socks and gloves to residents. Pictured is resident Maureen Smalley trying on her gift. (Monitor photo by Brynna Williamson)



Jamieon Hunt hands Valentine's Day cards to resident Millie Danner. (Monitor photo by Brynna Williamson)

MINEOLA

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Officer. "And I really want people to feel not how we feel in modern times – where we just feel like we're multitasking, where we are balancing, we're juggling – and be able to enjoy the things that all of y'all are responsible for helping us to offer."

Newman said they welcome and are aiming for activities that are "something different... that's not the same thing that we always do."

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WOOD COUNTY COMMUNITY CALENDAR

ALBA CITY COUNCIL - first Monday, 6:30 p.m., City Hall.
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 Mineola-United Methodist Church (enter in-between buildings off McDonald, first door on right) Noon meetings - Monday is women's meeting, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday men and women. Evening meetings - Saturday, Tuesday, Thursday 7 p.m., men and women; Senior Center, 308 University, (corner of University and McDonald), Evening meetings, Sunday, Monday 7 p.m., Friday, 8 p.m.
ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS - Wednesday and Saturday, 7:30 p.m., 406 E. Lane Street, Quitman.
ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS – Gateway Group, Tues. & Sat. 7 p.m., Wed. noon, Methodist Church, 319 N. Pacific. Mona B. 903-569-6670.
ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS – Hawkins Love and Miracles Group, UMC Wesley House, Pine St., Wed., 6 p.m., Saturday, 10 a.m., speaker meeting each last Wednesday.
AL-ANON MINEOLA - Senior Center, 308 University, Thursday, 7:30 p.m., in-person or Zoom (ID 505-537-4690 PW 201220).
AL-ATEEN MINEOLA - Senior Center, 308 University, Thurs. 7:30 p.m., age 13-18, Questions-mineolaateen@outlook.com.
AMERICAN LEGION POST 296 and Auxiliary - fourth Tuesday, 7 p.m., Highway 80, three miles east of Mineola. 903-569-6481. All are invited.
AMERICAN LEGION POST OF WINNSBORO - first Tuesday, 5:30 p.m., 201 West Broadway, in Winnsboro, 214-502-4496.
APET (Animal Preservation of East Texas) Thrift Store - Dog Gone Good Stuff, 915 S. Pacific Street, Mineola,

Wednesday-Saturday 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. 903-569-1250
AUTUMN TRAILS MODEL A CLUB – second Sunday, 1 p.m., various locations in Wood County. See https://autumntrailsmodelaforclub.com for latest info.
BREAD OF LIFE MINISTRY FOOD PANTRY - Humble Baptist, first & third Tuesday 1-4 p.m.
CELEBRATE RECOVERY - a support group for those with various hurts, habits or hang-ups, every Monday, 6:30-9 p.m., Church on the Rock annex building at 302 S. Stephens. 903-497-6149
CUB SCOUT PACK 385 - Tuesdays, 5:30-6:30 pm., Mineola Civic Center.
DAUGHTERS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION, Elizabeth Denton English chapter - first Saturday except June-August and December, 11 a.m. Harvest Acres Baptist Church, 1062 W Loop 564, Mineola. 903-841-0445, DAR.Regent.EDDE@gmail.com
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
EASTERN STAR - Quitman Chapter 695, 3rd Tues., dinner 6:00 p.m., meeting 7:00. Flora Masonic Lodge in Quitman.
EAST TEXAS FOOD BANK - third Wednesday, Bud Moody Stadium, Quitman; usually last Thursday, Meredith Stadium, Mineola, 10 a.m.-noon, free fresh food, no qualification.
EAST TEXAS WORKFORCE SOLUTIONS - first Friday at 10 a.m. at Quitman Public Library
FANNIE MARCHMAN GARDEN CLUB - third Wednesday, September - May, Mineola Civic Center, 10 a.m. Visitors welcome. Kim Hughes, president, 903-312-2455.
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, education-

al programs, entertainment, fellowship, Bingo and card games. 903-763-8201
FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY - second Tuesday at noon, Quitman.
GED TEST SUPPORT - each Thursday 4 - 6 p.m. concurrent with QISD calendar. Quitman Public Library, 202 E Goode St, Quitman 903-975-5745
HAINESVILLE VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPT. - second and fourth Thursday, 7 p.m., Firehouse downtown Hainesville.
HOLLY LAKE FIRE DEPARTMENT - first and third Tuesday at the fire station at Holly Lake Ranch.
KIWANIS CLUB-Mineola - noon Tuesday, Mineola Civic Center Dogwood Room.
KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS 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. 903-850-3858.
LAKE COUNTRY SYMPHONIC BAND - rehearsals Thursdays at Mineola Middle School Band Room. 7 p.m. 903-569-2300.
LAKE FORK SPORTSMAN'S ASSOCIATION - Second Tuesday, 6:30 p.m., Lovell's Restaurant, Lake Fork Marina. Public invited.
MINEOLA BAND BOOSTERS - first Tuesday, 6 p.m., middle school band hall. All middle and high school band parents invited.
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UPCOMING IN WOOD COUNTY

Early Voting for March 3 primaries
Feb. 17 – Feb. 27
Carroll Green Civic Center, Quitman

Black History Month Program
Feb. 19, 6 p.m.
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Quitman Chamber of Commerce hosts banquet

BY CARLEY TUCKER

The Quitman Chamber of Commerce honored community leaders, volunteers, educators, first responders and local businesses during its annual awards banquet last Thursday night, Feb. 12. They celebrated the people and organizations who help make Quitman a strong and connected community.

The theme was “Mardi Gras,” and community members showed their spirit by dressing in colorful purple, green and gold attire. Seth’s Lake Fork Creek Steak and Seafood catered the evening.

Emcee for the night was former Quitman Chamber President Mxcie Hurst. After welcoming guests, Hurst started off the evening with the recognition of outgoing and incoming chamber board members. Tony LeGrow was announced as the 2026 chamber president, with Brenna Russell serving as vice president and Debbie Mooney as treasurer. Ashley Day and Brittany Bessonett will continue as directors, joined by new directors Angela Kessler, Kynell Grimes and Jordan Davis. Outgoing board members, including former president Larry Norton, were thanked for their years of service and leadership.

Longtime volunteer Marlene Ovard was recognized for three years of service as ambassador coordinator. Known throughout the community for her dedication to chamber events and promotions, Ovard passed the role to Michelle Johnson and Jennifer Smith, who will serve as co-coordinators.

“It was truly an honor just to know that my ambassador program meant so much to the chamber,” said Ovard. “I’ll miss coordinating it, but I knew it was time for me to pass the torch to younger ladies with energy, who have new ways to grow the program.”

Ovard also announced Brenna Russell as the 2025 Ambassador of the Year, recognizing her consistent presence and leadership at chamber events.

The Clergy of the Year award was presented to Jarrod Yeager, associate pastor at Faith Baptist Church. The award was presented for his service to local youth, families and community organizations through ministry, mentoring and volunteer work.

Educator of the Year honors went to Kevin Clevenger, a science teacher with Quitman ISD, who



L-R, emcee and former Quitman Chamber President Mxcie Hurst, Woman of the Year Pam Bowdoin, and outgoing Quitman Chamber President Larry Lorton. (Monitor photo by Carley Tucker)

was recognized for the lasting impact he has made on students as he prepares for retirement. Clevenger thanked the community for allowing him to do what he loves and said that working with students has been one of the great joys of his life.

First Responder of the Year was awarded to Junior Stovall, a 30-year volunteer with the Quitman Volunteer Fire Department. Presenters praised Stovall’s decades of commitment, noting that volunteer service often comes at the cost of missed holidays, late nights and time away from family. His dedication and mentorship within the department were described as an example of servant leadership in the community.

Medical Professional of the Year honors went to Chandra Oud, a physician assistant at Christus Trinity Clinic, for more than two decades of compassionate care in family practice, pediatrics and community health.

“Miss Ila’s Community Spirit Award” recipient Brooke Rogers was recognized for her work as a local business owner and for her involvement in multiple boards and community initiatives that strengthen connections throughout Quitman.

This award was renamed for Ila Wisdom, former Quitman Chamber director, who passed away in October 2022. Wisdom served the community in many capacities, but was known especially for her work starting the Hometown Christmas annual celebration.



L-R, Chamber Director and last year’s Man of the Year Clay Smith, Man of the Year Jerry Jackson and outgoing Quitman Chamber President Larry Lorton (Monitor photo by Carley Tucker)

Hurst next named Reflections Hospice as Small Business of the Year, for more than a decade of compassionate end-of-life care and ongoing community involvement across Northeast Texas. Republic Services received the Large Business of the Year award for providing waste and recycling services to the Quitman area while supporting environmental stewardship and community partnerships.

Woman of the Year honors went to Pam Bowdoin, whose extensive volunteer service includes work with the Quitman Development Corporation, the Quitman-Lake Fork Kiwanis Club, the Quitman Parks and Recreation Board and various community events, along with founding Paws of Kindness, a nonprofit fostering program for animals. Hurst noted that Bowdoin consistently supports local businesses and organizations and shows up wherever help is needed – often without recognition.

Last year’s Man of the Year, Clay Smith, presented this year’s Man of the Year award to Jerry Jackson for his decades of service to youth, agriculture and community organizations. Jackson has served on numerous boards and committees through the years and has been a strong supporter of youth programs, 4-H, junior livestock shows, and local school initiatives. He thanked the community for welcoming his family more than 30 years ago and said Quitman has been a place where they were able to build both a livelihood and a life.

A Night to Remember: Holly Brook Baptist Church Rolls Out the Red Carpet for ‘Night to Shine’

BY CARLEY TUCKER

Nearly 100 guests arrived to cheers, music, pom poms, and flashing smiles at Holly Brook Baptist Church on Friday, Feb. 13 for one of the best nights of the year: the Tim Tebow Foundation’s annual “Night to Shine.”

Night to Shine is described as a worldwide celebration designed for people with special needs. It is hosted by churches across the globe on the same evening each year. Holly Brook Baptist Church

is one of about a dozen churches in the Northeast Texas region to host the event, and this marks their third year opening their doors – and hearts – to the community in this special way.

From the moment guests stepped off their bus, they were treated like royalty. Volunteers helped guests get glammed up via hair and makeup stations before escorting them down a red carpet entrance worthy of any movie premiere. Some

guests waved shyly as they made their entrance, while others soaked up the cheers and applause. Every single one was celebrated.

Holly Brook Baptist Pastor David LeFlore said the red carpet moment never gets old.

“The best part is to see them come off the bus and walk down the red carpet,” LeFlore said. “It’s fantastic to see their face light up and just have fun and realize that people love them and care about

them. That’s what we’re here to do.”

Student Minister Ryan Jones agreed that the red carpet was his favorite moment of the evening.

“I love seeing the excitement in their faces when they realize everyone is cheering just for them,” Jones said. “That moment means everything.”

Once guests were inside, the night was filled with dancing, dinner and nonstop smiles. Each guest was paired with a personal

escort who stayed by their side throughout the evening, making sure they felt comfortable, included and free to have fun.

For parents and caregivers, the night of-

fered a rare chance to relax. They watched the event through a live video feed from a nearby room while enjoying dinner and connecting with others

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Wood County Commissioners approve grants

BY BRYNNA WILLIAMSON
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Wood County commissioners authorized an application for participation between the Wood County Sheriff’s Office and an affiliate company used by the Department of Justice (DOJ) Feb. 13.

The partnership would supply a grant which allows law enforcement to essentially borrow DOJ equipment for law enforcement use. The commissioners’ authorization requires that the sheriff submit a State Plan of Operation between the state and the Wood County Sheriff’s Office.

Commissioners also authorized Winnsboro’s branch of APET to apply for a spay and neuter program grant through the Texas Dept. of State Health Services. The grant money of at least \$50,000 must be paid by the county and then reimbursed. According to County Judge Kevin White, there is already a line item in the budget for APET, so front-

ing the money is not a problem.

The commissioners also discussed and approved an application for the House Bill 3000 Rural Ambulance Service Grant.

According to Wood County Fire Marshal Tully Davidson, the county will not be purchasing their own ambulance; rather, the grant would enable the county to purchase lifesaving equipment for the CHRISTUS and UT Health ambulances already present in the county.

Despite going into executive session for nearly double the length of their 15-minute open meeting, White said there would be no action taken afterward.

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Wed. Feb. 25 - Cheese Enchiladas with Con Carne Sauce, Black Beans, Country Vegetables, Grape Juice, Milk

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Wood County sales tax shows record high

Despite four of six cities showing lower sales than a year ago, Wood County taxing entities

came through the 2025 Christmas shopping season with record results.

Bolstered by Mineola and the county, the seven entities that collect retail sales taxes combined to earn \$1,056,192 as their shares of the tax, compared to \$1,025,308 last year.

Mineola showed a 9.5% gain over last year with \$354,995 collected compared to \$324,216 in 2025.

The February report primarily represents taxes collected by merchants in December and

reported to the state in January. The cities received their share from the state comptroller's

office in February.

All six Wood County cities collect a 1.5% tax, and the county collects 0.5%. Combined with the state's 6.25% tax, retail items are taxed at 8.25%.

Wood County collected \$343,858 this month compared to \$314,145 a year ago for a 9.45%

gain. Hawkins was the only other city with a gain for February, rising just over one percent from

\$56,598 last year to \$57,187 this year.

Alba dropped 13.4% to \$43,444, Quitman declined 5.5% to \$98,383, Winnsboro fell 9.34% to

\$141,107 and Yantis was down 15.5% to \$17,215.

The six totaled income of \$712,333, a slight gain from last February's \$711,152 Christmas

sales. For the first two months of the year, only Alba and Yantis lag behind last year.

The six have combined for sales tax income of \$1,307,433, compared to \$1,232,678 a year ago.

Wood County collected \$627,623 in the first two months for a gain of 12.2% this year.

The seven entities have earned \$1,935,057 in 2026, up from \$1,792,056 last year.

Alba's income has dropped 10.44% this year to \$72,728.

Hawkins shows a gain of almost 10.6% to \$109,894.

Mineola is up 12.66% to \$642,039.

Quitman is ahead by 1.5% from 2025, with a total income of \$185,472.

Winnsboro has recorded a slight gain of less than one percent to \$268,040.

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Wood County Sheriff's Report

FEB. 4

Deputy Knox, criminal trespass, CR 2174. Property owner wanted subject trespassed from property, has had issues with him recently, trespass warning issued.

Mental health incident, CR 4770. Subject transported by EMS to receive treatment.

Sgt. Skinner, Deputy Williams, Deputy Nichols, stolen vehicle, Hwy. 37. Deputies unable to determine owner, case will be forwarded to investigations.

FEB. 5

Criminal Investigations Department, Lt. Milbourn, Sgt. Cox, Deputy

Swann, suspicious circumstance, CR 4560. Female came to caller's residence appearing intoxicated, said was in wreck, injured. Deputies located subject, discovered had been in wreck week before, but had walked to ex-boyfriend's house, assaulted him prior to deputies' arrival. Kim Sartin arrested for assault.

Sgt. Cox, suspicious person, Hwy. 154. Juvenile walked up to caller, said had been walking from Sulphur Springs; while deputies on scene, subject called, said grandson had run away again. EMS responded, cleared juvenile, transported back to residence.

Deputy Tustin, theft, Hawkins. Vic-

tim said had package stolen from front porch. Case will be forwarded to investigations.

FEB. 6

Deputy Smith, Deputy Holland, theft. Subject said delivered hay to customer, customer's checks bounced. Offense report completed.

Deputy Smith, request to speak by phone. Caller had questions regarding protection order; Deputy Smith learned caller's husband had assaulted her. Offense report, protection order completed.

Sgt. Rich, Deputy Beck, shots fired, CR 2378. Subject said had to defend himself. Deputies located male subject deceased. Criminal Investi-

gations Department, Texas Rangers notified.

Sgt. Rich, Deputy Vanatta, disturbance, PR 5534. Subject said brother assaulted family members in residence. Hunter Wasilew arrested for two charges of assault family violence, interference with 911 call, three charges of terroristic threat.

FEB. 7

Deputy Hammond, request to speak by phone. Caller said son being abused by grandmother who lives in Marshall. Caller advised to make report with appropriate agency, CPS contacted.

Sgt. Williams, Deputy Hammond, structure fire, CR 2168. Subject said

heard explosion, noticed neighbor's camper on fire. No one inside, fire marshal notified.

Abandoned vehicle, CR 4539. Subject said located abandoned vehicle on right of way of his property. Vehicle returned to subject entered as missing. Deputies searched area, located missing subject deceased in woods.

FEB. 8

Deputy Whisenhunt, dog bite, Hawkins. Subject said son bit by neighbor's dog while outside. Deputy Whisenhunt went to dog owner's location, no one answered door, follow-up will be completed.

See SHERIFF, Page 8A

Mineola Police Report

FEB. 7

3:11 a.m., N Pacific, suspicious person/vehicle; subject said heard crying, no distress heard by officer, all well.

3:40 a.m., assist other agency, CR 2430; fully engulfed structure fire at CR 2430/CR 2431.

8:28 a.m., welfare concern, N Newsom; subject can't reach something, has health problems, in hospital, all well.

8:56 a.m., reckless driver, N Hwy 69/city limit; car speeding, unable to locate.

10:59 a.m., theft, Baker; subject loaded pallet of caller's material on top of, inside vehicle, left, unable to locate. Caller said misunderstanding, subject sold scrap metal, not stolen.

1:28 p.m., escort, N Pacific/E Broad; funeral escort.

1:42 p.m., city ordinance violation, N Johnson; someone burning, meat smoker, all well.

2:01 p.m., assist other agency, N Pacific; water flowing in roadway, person across street washing parking lot, all well.

2:10 p.m., assist other agency, W Broad/Graves; with trooper at traffic stop.

2:50 p.m., public assist, S Pacific/E Commerce; crossing gates down, traffic backed up, Union Pacific distance away, fire department helped control traffic, road cleared.

3:25 p.m., reckless driver, N Hwy 37/city limit; truck unable to maintain lane, hit guard rail, stuff fell on vehicle floor, subject trying to pick it up, no signs of impairment.

6:21 p.m., reckless driver, Old Tyler Hwy; subject stopped to check mail while car behind, car swerved around, proceeded to speed up and down road while revving engine, unable to locate.

7:47 p.m., suspicious vehicle, E Blair; car driving around slowly, subject said can smell marijuana, unable to locate.

9:22 p.m., motorist assist, S Pacific; car clearing debris from road, removed.

9:34 p.m., motorist assist, E Buchanan/N Newsom; disabled motorcycle, driver close to home, will push.

9:38 p.m., vehicle stop, N Pacific; consent search on vehicle stop, no contraband found.

FEB. 8

12:05 a.m., vehicle stop, S Pacific/S Loop 564; vehicle occupant gave name Kimberlie Mouser, Kimberlie Mouser, no record found. Vehicle occupant Meagan Hudson said she had marijuana, contraband located, two subjects arrested, "Mouser" subject gave false information, real name Carmen Pickle, Hopkins County warrant found. Meagan Hudson arrested for possession of marijuana, hindering apprehension or prosecution; Carmen Pickle arrested for possession of controlled substance, failure to identify.

10:31 a.m., welfare concern, S Johnson; subject has not heard from dad, who has health issues, since last Monday, all well.

10:47 a.m., vehicle stop, N Pacific; subject wanted on Min-

neola warrant for unpaid class C violation, just released from hospital, officer provided subject with court form for warrant, subject released.

12:02 p.m., assault, N Newsom; subject's child's father held down, assaulted subject, case report filed.

1:23 p.m., suspicious person, E Front; subject yelling at kids at park, trying to get to cross tracks and come to vehicle; subject said yelling at child to get off tracks, caller said his child was close to tracks, nothing further, no offense.

2:41 p.m., city ordinance violation, Turman; burning without permit, homeowner had just returned home, no smoke, unable to locate.

2:43 p.m., disturbance, Wigley/Ivey; subject yelling, swinging potential sledgehammer near duplexes, yelling stopped, no altercation took place.

4:36 p.m., criminal mischief, N Johnson; someone took chain off subject's four-wheeler, officer will issue directed patrol for residence.

FEB. 9

9:25 a.m., welfare concern, W Blair; 911 hangup, all well.

9:34 a.m., information, McWhorter; subject wants to make report of daughter's bus driver coming by her home to "check" on her daughter two hours after school lets out; subject said driver has come back for second time also, and that her daughter is scared of driver, who is also a grade teacher. Subject has met with school administrators and bus

barn personnel. Officer will fill in call notes, case report filed.

10:52 a.m., assist other agency, N Newsom; assist EMS and fire department with medical call, patient transferred to Lindale.

11:43 a.m., public assist, Graham; subject wants to speak with officer about laws on loud music, spoke with officer.

3:43 p.m., motor vehicle accident, N Pacific; minor accident, case report filed.

6:32 p.m., theft, McDaniel; subject said he thinks cousin broke into his house, unsure if anything taken, no charges wished, directed patrol will be issued.

8:02 p.m., welfare concern, E Front; subject got off train, waiting for ride from Hawkins that never came after several hours, contact made with ride, said subject told not to come, could not stay with her, subject will get train ticket back home tomorrow, taken to E Broad St.

9:06 p.m., disturbance, 300 Greenville; subject followed person to police department making threats for person's allegedly abusing his son, person said he never hit son, no offense, parties separated.

10:46 p.m., disturbance, Goodson; subject and brother fighting, no weapons, parties separated.

11:10 p.m., subject stop, N Pacific/Nancy; subject on bicycle with no lights.

FEB. 10

8:12 a.m., theft, Country Club Drive; items, trailer, fence

ing material taken from vacant home, case report filed.

8:55 a.m., found property, N Johnson; wallet found, owner retrieved from police.

2:15 p.m., subject stop, N Pacific; Cameron Shawn Bailey arrested on Smith County warrant.

3:02 p.m., reckless driver, W Broad; reckless driver, unable to locate.

3:13 p.m., assist other agency, Ivey; assist fire department and EMS with patient, subject left in their care.

4:51 p.m., welfare concern, E Broad; subject said trying to find out if person from Feb. 9, 8:02 p.m. case still at location, wanted officers to check.

5:14 p.m., runaway, W Patten; subject's juvenile son had appointment. Son ran into woods. Fire paged, Wood County Sheriff's Office brought in thermal imaging drone, EMS

contacted, Air One helicopter contacted, en route, subject sent recent picture of son to officers, drone from Van Zandt County en route, subject entered into National Crime Information Center (NCIC)/Texas Crime Information Center (TCIC), Smith County Canine unit en route, Smith County Sheriff's Office on scene, Game Wardens on scene, National Center for Missing and Exploited Children case opened, later closed for found juvenile, 911 callers said juvenile running down W Loop 564, officer detained juvenile, EMS on scene, juvenile taken to police department, taken out of NCIC/TCIC, juvenile probation contacted, juvenile released to Wood County Sheriff's Office, case report filed.

6:08 p.m., motor vehicle accident, case report filed.

See POLICE, Page 7A

Mineola Fire Department Report

FEB. 5

2:00 p.m., CR 2280, medical call; 6:51 p.m., CR 2280, citizen assist; 8:52 p.m., CR 460, medical call; 9:37 p.m., Dogwood, medical call

FEB. 6

10:33 a.m., CR 2775, vegetation/grass fire; 1:15 p.m., E Broad, no emergency: canceled; 1:19 p.m., CR 448, Lindale, wildfire/wildland fire; 3:47 p.m., CR 2430, room/contents fire

FEB. 7

3:38 a.m., CR 2430, structure fire; 1:38 p.m., FM 1253, vegetation/grass fire; 3:10 p.m., S Pacific, citizen assist; 6:00 p.m., CR 2800/CR 2820, no emergency, controlled burning, authorized; 10:11 p.m., CR 460, gas leak/gas odor

FEB. 8

11:17 p.m., CR 2332, vegetation/grass fire

FEB. 9

10:52 a.m., N Newsom, medical call; 12:47 p.m., FM 49, vegetation/grass fire; 2:39 p.m., Hwy. 80/FM 1804, motor vehicle collision; 4:51 p.m., CR 3270, vegetation/grass fire

FEB. 10

3:13 p.m., N Newsom, medical call; 5:38 p.m., W Patten,

lost person

FEB. 11

2:09 a.m., CR 2749, no

emergency: canceled; 2:53 p.m., Dogwood, medical call; 4:02 p.m., Stone, medical call

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Obituary

JOSHUA CALEB CRAIN



Joshua Caleb Crain, 23, of Grand Saline, Texas, passed away after a courageous battle with a rare brain tumor. Joshua faced significant health challenges beginning at age 14 and met each one with remarkable strength, faith and perseverance. He was a cherished patient at Children's Medical Center in Dallas, where he was known as a true warrior.

Joshua was a 2022 graduate of Van High School and enjoyed photography and theater. He had a natural gift for making others feel welcome, often leaving behind more friends than strangers. In a final act of selfless generosity, Joshua provided tissue samples to aid doctors in researching rare brain tumors, offering hope and answers for future children facing similar diagnoses.

Joshua was the firstborn child of promise through adoption to Brad and Heather Crain. He is survived by his sisters, Gracie Crain Ruiz and her husband Damian of Virginia Beach, Va. and Danielle Crain of McKinney.

Joshua leaves behind a legacy of strong faith in Jesus Christ, a joyful sense of humor and a servant's heart. Though deeply missed, his family does not grieve without hope, trusting in the promise that they will see him again.

Mineola Library Notes

BY LIBRARIAN MARY HURLEY

What a flurry of activity we had to start off February. We had Read to a Dog, with so many children interacting with our canine friends from Alliance of Therapy Pets;



we had two groups using the library for meetings; East Texas Perfectionists Book Club met that afternoon; and we had the Book Sale in the alley. This is not to mention that Saturday, Feb. 7 was also Take Your Child to the Library Day.

This past weekend, we had the American Girls Historical Reading Club meeting to learn about what adventures Rebecca

(1914) and Claudie (1922) might have had. Book Club for March is already full. Just before the rain, we hosted Toddler 2 x 2, which is once a month for those who cannot make Toddler Story Time during the week.

We continue to offer forgiveness in exchange for pet food donations, which will be shared between the Mineola Animal Shelter and APET. Have you taken care of your fine yet? Have you maybe even thought of paying it forward with a food donation to waive someone else's fines? There's still time;

we are collecting through 3 p.m. on Saturday, Feb. 28.

This week, we continue to host Toddler Story Time on Tuesdays at 9 a.m. and Preschool Story Time on Wednesdays at 10 a.m. Homeschool Heroes will meet for the second time this month on Friday, Feb. 20 at 10 a.m. Saturday, Feb. 21 will bring the East Texas Library Friends Book Club to the library to discuss their current book and to select books for the next three meetings. Feel free to join us at 2 p.m.

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Wood County Yesteryear

Wood County news from exactly 50 years ago, as seen in the Feb. 19, 1976 edition of the Wood County Democrat. See if you spot any of this nearly-identical news in this week's

Wood County Monitor...

"Professional Ambulance Service subscription drive Extended 10 More Days: Saturday, February 28, 1976:" a discussion about

ambulances in Wood County

"Three File For City Alderman"

"(Chamber of Commerce) Banquet Tickets On Sale"

"16 Students Make

TJC Honor Roll"

"Valentines decorated the Quitman Nursing Home..."

"American Bicentennial Litter Bag: Come In For Yours Today"

SHINE

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who understand the daily joys and challenges of caregiving.

For guests who needed a quieter space, volunteers had prepared a sensory room where they could take a break and regroup. Another classroom hosted the Canines for Christ Ministry, where therapy dogs provided calm comfort – and plenty of furry hugs – for anyone who needed one.

As the night unfolded, the dance floor filled with laughter and movement. Guests and volunteers showed off their best moves to songs like the Macarena and lip-synced along to crowd favorites like "Bye Bye Bye." The stage became a place for confidence, joy and self-expression, with cheers rising every time someone stepped into the spotlight.

LeFlore said Holly Brook's heart for special-needs ministry has grown steadily over the years. The church offers a Sunday School and Wednesday night class called Embrace created for people with special needs.

"I grew up in church and served as a youth minister where we had 50 to 60 special-needs individuals every Sunday," LeFlore said. "I just fell in love with them. When I came here, we had one special-needs person. I began to pray, 'God, if you bring the right people, we'll start a special-needs ministry,' and He did. This continues to grow year after year. We always gain at least one family after each of these nights."

According to the official Tim Tebow Foundation Facebook page, Night to Shine started as "a hopeful idea – a unique way to celebrate the foundation's fifth anniversary and honor individuals with special needs." What began as a small idea, however, has grown into a global movement. The first year included just 44 church-

es. This year, more than 120,000 guests attended celebrations in 76 countries, with 979 churches hosting events.

The focus at Holly Brook Baptist Church wasn't on the numbers, though, last Friday; it was on the smiles, the dancing and the powerful reminder that everyone deserves to be celebrated.



Special guest Monica walking the red carpet with her volunteer escort. (Monitor photo by Carley Tucker)



Special Guest Ashley having fun on stage dancing to the Macarena. (Monitor photo by Carley Tucker)

District Court hears guilty pleas

The 402nd District Court heard guilty pleas Feb. 5:

Randall Matthew Moore, Winnsboro, possession of a controlled substance (PCS), penalty group (PG) 1/1-B, one gram or more but less than four grams, third degree felony, five years in state prison suspended for community supervision 5 years, community service 160 hours, \$2,180 fine.

Whitney Nicole Maxwell, Mabank, driving while intoxicated, class B misdemeanor, dismissed; PCS PG1, four grams or more but less than 200 grams, second degree felony, deferred, community supervi-

sion 7 years, community service 240 hours, \$930 fine.

Brenda Delena Brittain, Pickton, theft of property, less than \$2,500 with two or more previous convictions, state jail felony, 2 years confinement in state jail suspended for 5 years community

supervision, community service 120 hours, \$1,554.85 fine.

Enrique Poma Ajanel, Longview, assault causes bodily injury family violence, class A misdemeanor, 1 day county jail, jail credit 164 days, \$500 fine, jail time cred-

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Janae Holland, Kiki Bettis, Hailie Moore wants to remind everyone the **EARLY VOTING starts FEBRUARY 17** at the Wood County Elections Annex Building located at 200 W. Bermuda St., Quitman, 903-763-2400.

The **LAST DAY to EARLY VOTE is FEBRUARY 27. PRIMARY ELECTION DAY IS MARCH 3, 2026!**

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Janae Holland, Kiki Bettis y Hailie Moore les recuerdan que la votación anticipada comienza el 17 de febrero en el Anexo de la Oficina Electoral del Condado de Wood, ubicado en 200 W. Bermuda St., Quitman, 903-763-2400. El último día para votar anticipadamente es el 27 de febrero.

¡EL DÍA DE LAS ELECCIONES PRIMARIAS ES EL 3 DE MARZO DE 2026!

PAID POLITICAL AD BY JANA E HOLLAND

Grand Jury hands down indictments

The Wood County Grand Jury handed down the following indictments on Jan. 28:

William Corey Berry, Tyler, assault causes bodily injury of a family member with a previous conviction, third degree felony, Aug. 16, 2025.

Anthony Joseph Blair, Mineola, interference with an emergency request for assistance, class A misdemeanor, Sept. 15, 2025.

Gabriel Lequinn Blakely, Sulphur Springs, possession of a controlled substance (PCS),

penalty group (PG) 1/1-B, less than 1 gram, state jail felony; tamper/fabricate physical evidence with intent to impair, third degree felony, Oct. 16, 2025.

Christopher Lynn Combs, Mineola, assault causes

bodily injury of family member with a previous conviction, third degree felony, Dec. 13, 2025.

Brittany Carlene Cox, Mineola, PCS PG 1/1-B, less than 1 gram, state jail felony, May 20, 2025.

Gary Ray Craddock, Mount Pleasant, unlawful possession of a firearm by a felon, third degree felony, Oct. 3, 2025.

Michael Ray Davis, Winnboro, assault of a family member, impeding breathing, third degree felony, Jan. 11, 2026.

Brandon Lee Ditmore, Marlow, Ok., PCS PG 1/1-B, less than 1 gram, state jail felony, Nov. 3, 2025.

Jesse Junior Dominguez, White Oak, theft of property,

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PLEAS

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it toward fine, fees and costs.

Devin Harper, Queen Creek, Ariz., PCS PG2, more than one gram but less than four grams, third degree felony, deferred, community supervision 4 years, community service 160 hours, \$1,180 fine.

Ryan Dwayne Clay, Hawkins, assault causes bodily injury of family/household member with previous conviction, third degree felony, 5 years confinement in state prison, jail credit 316 days, \$1,500 fine.

Tanner Jaydon Murphy, Topeka, Kans., theft of property, less than \$2,500 with two or more previous convictions, state jail felony, 20 months confinement in state jail, jail credit 256 days, \$2,000 fine.

Gregory Russell Guest, Alba, aggravated assault with a deadly weapon, second degree felony, deferred, community supervision 5 years,

community service 240 hours, \$1,000 fine.

Chad Ashley Dorner, Alba, aggravated assault with a deadly weapon, second degree felony, deferred, community supervision 3 years, community service 240 hours, \$500 fine.

Stanley Turrentine, Winnboro, fraudulent use or possession of identifying information, less than 5 items, state jail felony, 8 years confinement in state prison suspended for 5 community supervision, community service 120 hours, \$3,000 fine.

Joseph Gardner Chapman, Dallas, evading arrest/detention with a vehicle, third degree felony, deferred, community supervision 3 years, community service 160 hours, \$1,500 fine.

Bridgette Charlene Childress, Point, forgery - defraud of another elderly (three counts), third degree felony, 5 years confinement in state prison, jail credit 182 days, \$2,125 fine; restitution of \$125,

\$171 and \$200.

Adolphus Antonio Parker, forgery of financial instrument, state jail felony, 270 days confinement county jail, jail credit 165 days, \$500 fine.

Tandra Dawn Segars, Gonzales, tampering with physical evidence, third degree felony, 8 years confinement Texas Department of Criminal Justice, jail credit 115 days, \$1,000 fine.

Alexis Savannah Owens, Alba, abandon/endanger a child with criminal negligence, state jail felony, dismissed; injury to a child/elderly/disabled individual with intent to bodily injure, third degree felony, 10 years confinement in state prison suspended for 10 years community supervision, community service 120 hours, \$1,500 fine.

Brittany Carlene Cox, Mineola, PCS PG1/1-B, less than one gram, state jail felony, deferred, community supervision 5 years, community service 120 hours, \$2,680 fine.

POLICE

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cident, E Broad; subject said vehicle hit-and-run, all units out on missing juvenile, officer would come to residence to take report, case report filed.

10:11 p.m., information, 300 Greenville; subject had question about friend in bad relationship, will be contacted.

11:26 p.m., disturbance, Lowe; two subjects fighting, separated.

11:44 p.m., suspicious person, S Stone; when subject saw caller, started running away, unable to locate.

FEB. 11

11:59 a.m., warrant, NE Loop 564; subject said two people in store have warrants, one wanted for assault, officer walked store, searched parking lot for vehicle matching description, unable to locate.

1:36 p.m., found property, E McDonald; packages left on porch, wrong address, packages given to correct owner.

3:07 p.m., information, 300 Greenville; question about knives for juve-

niles, answered.

5:01 p.m., welfare concern, NE Loop 564; subject said very young children in vehicle, little girl in front seat, vehicle running, no violations observed.

5:35 p.m., suspicious person, W Broad; subject carrying backpack keeps coming into store at specific time, officer will issue directed patrol.

7:33 p.m., public assist, N Newsom; subject wants to speak with officer about possible deactivated grenade, reproduction, harmless, no blasting cap.

9:29 p.m., public assist, Autumn Wind; subject said light on stove, not sure how to turn off, afraid to go to bed with light on, officer got stove light off, all well.

FEB. 12

7:21 a.m., animal control, Pat; as written in the police report, "Report of a goose that exists." Goose flew away, animal control officer talked with subject.

11:05 a.m., information, Brenda; car repossessed.

11:10 a.m., motor vehicle accident,

N Pacific; hit-and-run in parking lot, case report filed.

12:19 p.m., theft, NE Loop 564; delay entry 911 call, employee car stolen, key in car, Sheriff's Office contacted, stopped at south Quitman city limits, tower contacted, DPS taking case.

2:09 p.m., motor vehicle accident, NE Loop 564; vehicle vs. woman on scooter, EMS contacted, transported to hospital, case report filed.

2:31 p.m., injury to a child, N Johnson; child abuse case.

2:42 p.m., information, N Pacific; cars speeding, etc., officer will be watching area.

3:29 p.m., assist other agency, W Loop 564; A/C unit on fire, fire paged, fire put out.

3:34 p.m., public assist, NW Loop 564/city limit; stranded motorist, Wood County Sheriff's Office contacted.

5:21 p.m., welfare concern, N Pacific; employee sending messages to neighbor about harming himself due to wife not wanting him to come home, all well.

6:21 p.m., reckless driver, N Pacific; car unable to maintain lane, unable to locate.

6:26 p.m., civil matter, N Johnson; lady yelling in yard, no offense.

10:08 p.m., suspicious person, W Kilpatrick; subject said she feels life in danger, van following, EMS contacted, subject denied, does not want any service, paranoid, no reason to believe complaints legitimate.

FEB. 13

5:23 a.m., suspicious person, Mimosa/Peachtree; commercial vehicle parked in lane, hazard lights on, all well, building pole.

9:05 a.m., harassment, N Pacific; subject reported being harassed by husband over phone, has filed report with Wood County Sheriff's Office, but due to subject's workplace, was advised to file with police as well, case report filed.

9:57 a.m., terroristic threat, N Pacific; subject receiving threatening messages while at work, suspect is husband, case report filed.

12:01 p.m., motor vehicle accident, NE Loop 564; vehicle rolled into

subject, no one in it, information exchanged.

2:14 p.m., public assist, Greenville/N Pacific; assist with traffic while tower loads broken-down vehicle.

6:02 p.m., unsecured area, N Newsom; door to business open, building clear, secured.

8:20 p.m., assist other agency, N Pacific; smoke alarm, fire paged, alarm, fire canceled.

8:38 p.m., reckless driver, Mimosa; motorcycles racing, officer said would keep eye out.

9:34 p.m., theft, S Johnson; subject owns property across from location, says someone stealing fence from property, showed pictures that only show trees, unable to locate.

11:51 p.m., vehicle stop, NE Loop 564; standard field sobriety tests performed, open container in vehicle, Jackson Earl Coleman arrested for unlawful carrying of a weapon, driving while intoxicated.

Officers also made 96 traffic stops, 11 animal control stops, and two alarm stops.



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QUITMAN

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signed an affidavit that a friend could not get a fair trial in Wood County due to a friendship with several Wood County officials; Bevill was later arrested for perjury and terminated from his position for having signed the affidavit. In 2025, a federal judge awarded Bevill \$21.35 million, liable to be paid by the City of Quitman as well as partially by the other four defendants.

The consent agenda for the meeting was approved quickly. Directly following the approval, City Administrator/Secretary Allan Gil-

bert asked Quitman Mayor Randy Dunn to move executive session to the last item so he "can excuse staff," which was approved.

Immediately after changing the placement of executive session – which change took place four minutes into the meeting – Dunn asked the city attorney if they could pause, which was also approved. Dunn said he needed to call back what was apparently the mediator in the Bevill case, potentially lawyer Lance Vincent from Tyler. Council member David Dobbs, who is a defendant

in the case, said he also got a call from the person.

"It's kind of an important call," said Dobbs.

Upon his return, Dunn said that there was no final determination from the phone call. After discussing several other items on the special meeting agenda, such as approving a take-home vehicle policy for the police department and calling for a general election, Dunn asked if they could pause the meeting until 5 p.m., as he said they hoped to receive "a phone call" before then.

Ross suggested they go into

executive session instead, which they did.

Dunn said they were not going to take any action on agenda item 4E, "Discuss and consider action to eliminate Police Position."

Due to the timing of the Quitman Chamber Banquet, which began at 6 p.m., the meeting was recessed at 5:22 p.m. All members present at the QCC meeting were present at the banquet. According to Gilbert, the meeting reconvened after the banquet, starting at 8:10 p.m. and adjourning at 8:30 p.m.

There was no action after

the executive session. Todd Wright was not present at the meeting.

Bevill lawyer Laura Geisler was unavailable for comment.

The council will meet to discuss the case again on Thursday, Feb. 19.

Gilbert says the city is "just talking about things, trying to figure out how we can get this done... (trying to figure out) what we can do as a city, and what we can't do."

LADY JACKETS ON THE ATTACK



Canyon Redding faces the basket for a short jumper. Also in the photo is Adelyn Steward. See story and more photos, Page 11A. (Monitor photo by John Arbter)



Kali Chrietberg on the attack. (Monitor photo by John Arbter)

Early voting for March 3 primaries begins

Early voting for the March 3 primaries will take place until Friday, Feb. 27. It will take place at the Carroll Green Civic Center in Quitman. Days and hours are Feb. 17-20 from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., Feb. 21 from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m., Feb. 22 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., and Feb. 23-Feb. 27 from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m.

Sample ballots may be viewed at <https://elections.mywoodcounty.com/>.

SHERIFF

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Deputy Beck, Deputy Vanatta, gunshot victim, near Upshur County line. Victim transported by EMS to receive treatment. After speaking with all parties through translator, deputies determined shooting accidental, as bullet ricocheted, struck victim.

FEB. 9

Deputy Knox, theft of service. Victim said was lawyer, client fled state before paying him. Offense report completed.

Lt. Morrison, Sgt. Skinner, Deputy Nichols, warrant service, CR 4328. Joshua McLemore arrested on active warrant.

Deputy Haney, Deputy Tustin, Deputy Nichols, warrant service, CR 4400. Richard Shirley arrested on active warrant.

FEB. 10

Deputy Haley, theft report, Hawkins. Victim said someone stole gas can off front porch. Security footage provided, offense report completed.

Deputy Knox, subject walking in road, FM 17. Deputies located female subject, intoxicated, Amber Hughes arrested for public intoxication.

Deputy Haley, theft. Subject said someone stole copper off work truck. Truck has cameras, footage requested.

Filing updates for May 2 City and School Board elections

The following candidates have filed for the upcoming May 2 city/school board elections. The filing window closed on Friday, Feb. 13. A judge has ruled that Burns and Oglesby can be the only two candidates for the Hawkins Alderman Place 5 seat. Alba voters will also be voting on a \$20.6 million school bond.

Mineola

City Council (3 seats open) – Cassandra Sampson, Ward 3 (incumbent); Jimmy Alexander, Ward 2 (incumbent); Greg Souser, Ward 1

School Board (2 seats open) – Jennifer Abercrombie, board member (incumbent); Rodney Watkins, board member (incumbent)

Hawkins

City Council (4 seats

open) – Susan Hubbard, Mayor; Kayla Ross, Mayor; Kirk Price, Alderman Place 1; Meredith Hancock, Alderman Place 1; Eleta Taylor, Alderman Place 3; James Dacus, Alderman, Place 3; Jacque Burns, Alderman Place 5; Norma Oglesby, Alderman Place 5

School Board (2 seats open) – Ryan Gattis, position 6; Janice Vonner, position 7 (incumbent)

Alba

City Council (3 seats open) – Joyce Margos, seat four; Tammy Kirkpatrick, seat four (incumbent); Robert Kraemer, seat two (incumbent); Charles Park, seat three; Dena Johnson, seat three

School Board (3 seats open) – Kristopher Quintana, Vice President (incumbent); Jed Sitar, board member (in-

cumbent); Devin Hawthorn, board member

Winnsboro City Council (3 seats open) – Jenny Angelo-Jongsma, alderman; Stephen Boorman, alderman (incumbent); Antoinette Shepherd, alderman; Carol Sutherland, alderman; CJ Thatcher, alderman (incumbent)

School Board (3 seats open, with one other unexpired term up for special election) – Michael Walpole, Place 1, Brian Busby, Place 1 (incumbent); Corey Thompson, Place 4, Rhonda Alexander, Place 4, Diane Robinson, Place 4; Jay Murdock, Place 2 (incumbent), Shavon Duffey, Place 2; Kristie Amason, Place 3 (incumbent), Jennifer Tiner, Place 3

Quitman

City Council (3 seats

open) – Katlyn Neighbors, council member; Steve Glenn, council member (incumbent); Jack Robinson, council member (incumbent)

School Board (2 seats open) – Vanessa Simpkins, board member (incumbent), James Hicks, board member (incumbent)

Yantis

City Council (3 seats open) – Ken Sharpe, council member (incumbent); Steve Judkins, council member (incumbent); Gerald Schmidt, council member (incumbent)

School Board (2 seats open, election canceled) – Ryan Ogle, member (incumbent); Wynne Sellers, member (incumbent)



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Sorelle Farms Valentine's Farmers Market



Ed and Rachel Donnelly welcome visitors to the Valentine's Farmers Market at Sorelle Farms, held Thursday, Feb. 12. The Donnellys bought Bob Wells Nursery in Mineola in 2018, renaming the farm Sorelle, an Italian word for sisters, in honor of their four daughters. (Monitor photos by James Taylor)



Caleb Cannon and Ralph Swoape offer Valentine's bouquets made by Kaylee Swoape of Golden, who sang at the farmers market.



Shane Wille of Knife Nirvana of Mineola hones the blade of a pocket knife at his booth.



Mi Familia Market of Mineola offering handmade salsas.



Jerry, Trisha, and Lauren Sterbenz offer up freeze-dried fare from Hinterland Harvest of Wood County.

Tyler Junior College announces President's, Dean's Lists

Tyler Junior College has recognized 562 students who made the President's List. These students completed 12 or more credit hours with a 4.0 GPA.

The Dean's List consists of 1,009 students who completed 12 or more credit hours with a minimum 3.3 GPA.

Wood County students named to the President's List (arranged by hometown):

- Alba – Mason Bohannan, Elena Gonzalez
- Hawkins – Keegan Branam, Heidi Wilcox
- Mineola – Victoria Callaway, Danielle Cathcart, Camila Delgadillo, Joshua Elston, Trevor Glen, Benjamin Honea, Madilynn Irby-Sheeran, Riley Jones, Sebastian Klodnicki, Zion Olajide, Taryn

- Whitt, Eleora Williamson, Riley Woodward
- Quitman – Mary Blackstone, John Yeager
- Winnsboro – Kelsie Brown, Kristilynn Mabery, Ethan Poston, Jacob Spears, Wesley Sweaney
- Yantis – Jace Horton, Amber Nixon

Wood County students named to the Dean's List (arranged by hometown):

- Alba – Brayden Bohannan, Carmen Carrasco, Abigail Inman, Kayleigh Logan, Adrian Torres
- Hawkins – Katie Barber, Timothy Durham, David Kelley, Zachary O'Connor, Justin Schneider, Lexi Williams, Alexis Workman
- Mineola – Christopher Brandon, Sarah Brust, Sophia Duncan, Shaunt-

- el Greaves, Katharine Little, Jaycee Maag, Nathalie Marquez, Emily Miller, Rebecca Najera, Sydni Palmer, Jose Pescador, Chad Pierce, Nancy Plata, Karla Rodriguez, Laila Rushing, Kingston Straznicki, Melissa Torres, Jimmy Turner, Durren Williamson

- Quitman – Cayne Clark, Brendan Curry, Kash Davis, Rebecca Goodman, Amanda Harzke, Lindsey Horrasco, Hunter Jacobs, Brianna Manley, Kansas Roth
- Winnsboro – Georgia Burnett, Shanda Davis, Garrick Donnell, April Larose, Ann Ledbetter, Trinity Woodall
- Yantis – Juana Camacho, Maria Camacho, Creager Quinn, Raleigh Rhodes

University of Arkansas announces Chancellor's List students

The University of Arkansas is recognizing students for earning a place on the Fall 2025 Chancellor's List, the university's highest semester academic honor for undergraduates.

To qualify for the Chancellor's List, students must attain a 4.0 GPA for the semester while completing 12+ credit hours of necessary coursework. All

students on the Chancellor's List also automatically earn recognition on the Dean's List, which honors undergraduates who achieve a minimum 3.75 GPA for the semester while completing at least 12 credit hours.

Local students on the Fall 2025 Chancellor's List are listed below by hometown.

Emily Thibodeaux,

Hawkins, BA, Psychology

Avery Smith, Quitman, BS, Communication Sciences and Disorders

Rowen Bowman of Winnsboro, BS, Recreation and Sport Management

Alexis Mitchell of Winnsboro, Exploring Undergraduate



Presley Ward, owner of Taste and See, A Candy Apple Company, and her mother, greet visitors at their booth. Ward said the name of her company comes from Psalm 34:8, "Taste and see that the Lord is good; blessed is the one who takes refuge in Him."

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ACROSS

- 1 TX Billy Sol con holder of Texas Blue Bell scoops
- 6 Texas-born Burnett starred with this Alan in 1981 film "The Four Seasons"
- 7 TXism: "___ a hand" (assist)
- 8 Tex-Mex mafia: "La ___"
- 9 state nurses' org.
- 12 first president of Rice: Edgar Lovett
- 17 Edwards Aquifer protector: "___ Springs"
- 19 big track meet: "Texas ___"
- 21 Del Wilber's manager career with Rangers (2 wds.)
- 22 TXism: "restless ___ in church"
- 23 TXism: "she's got ___ her bonnet" (mad)
- 28 Texas-based 1961 film "Two ___ Together"
- 29 TXism: "camps out in the ___ corner" (religious)
- 30 Oak Ridge Boys 1981 hit
- 31 star-shooting wand that you see on July 4th: ___ candle
- 35 TXism: "will miss ___ you blink" (small town)
- 36 one of many in book "On Texas Backroads" (2 wds.)

DOWN

- 1 TXism: "fits like ___"
- 2 Ronnie Dunn's birth town
- 3 TX Richard King: "Buy land ___ sell"
- 4 Bell ___ TX
- 9 TXism: "hot enough to sunburn a horny ___"
- 10 TXism: "___ on a dead worm"
- 11 TXism: "his facts ___ elastic" (liar)
- 12 TXism: "don't give a hoot ___ holler"
- 13 San Jacinto loser: Antonio Lopez
- 14 this Jack starred in old sitcom "The Texas Wheelers"
- 15 ___ Tawakoni in northeast Texas
- 16 TX Don Henley co-wrote tune: "___ Eyes"
- 18 some Texans have a big one
- 20 this TX Durcan was "Peter Pan" on Broadway (init.)
- 23 TX Buddy Holly's "That'll ___ the Day"
- 24 ___ Lago, TX
- 25 TXism: "in cahoots with the devil"
- 26 TXism: "he can't ___ stick horse" (dude)
- 27 Texas perennials
- 32 TXism: "good ___ boy"
- 33 Texas doc (abbr.)
- 34 TXism: "ugly ___ sin"
- 36 sound of disgust
- 37 this Louis starred in "Harper Valley PTA"
- 38 TXism: "reading room"
- 39 instruction to a "menu mama"
- 40 TXism: "___ a beet"
- 41 TXism for "all of you"
- 43 Bible part (abbr.)
- 45 French "the"
- 47 normal, ordinary
- 48 TXism: "___ a bull give milk?" (no)
- 55 Claudette Colbert film "Texas ___"

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JURY

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less than \$2,500.00 with two or more previous convictions, state jail felony, Sept. 6, 2025.

Ronnie Wayne Douthit, Alba, aggravated assault with a deadly weapon, second degree felony, March 9, 2025.

Edward Joseph Drummond, Grand Saline, PCS PG 1, one gram or more but less than 4 grams, third degree felony, Sept. 21, 2025.

Stephen Duane Henderson, Quitman, manufacture or delivery of a controlled substance, PG 1, four grams or more but less than 200 grams, first degree felony, Nov. 9, 2025.

James Huerta, Hawkins, failure to comply with sex offender's registration requirements, third degree felony, Sept. 12, 2025.

David Lee Johnson, Dallas, forgery of a financial instrument \$2,500 or more but less than \$30,000 against the elderly, state jail felony, Nov. 19, 2025.

Jason Floyd Koenig, Jr., Willis, evading arrest or detention with a previous conviction, state jail felony, Sept. 9, 2025.

Dustin Kyle Dean McClenny, Mineola, PCS PG 1\1-B, four grams or more but less than 200 grams, second degree felony; three counts of abandoning or endangering a child with criminal negligence, state jail felony, Oct. 14, 2025.

Roy Dustin McClenny, Mineola, unlawful possession of a firearm by a felon, third degree felony; false drug test or falsification device, class

B misdemeanor; manufacture or delivery of a controlled substance, PG 1, greater than or equal to 400 grams, first degree felony, Oct. 27, 2025.

Joshua McLemore, Winnsboro, evading arrest or detention with a vehicle, third degree felony, Aug. 30, 2025.

Paula Antoinette McSpadden, Alba, PCS PG 1\1-B, less than one gram, state jail felony, Nov. 24, 2025.

Walynn Don Monasco, Mineola, continuous sexual abuse of a young child, first degree felony, Sept. 1, 2025.

Ronald Perry Polley, Mineola, PCS PG 1\1-B, less than one gram, state jail felony, Sept. 30, 2025.

Rashaun Nicole Porter, Sulphur Springs, PCS PG 1, one gram or more but less than four grams, third degree felony, Oct. 16, 2025.

Alisha Ann Puryear, Mineola, unauthorized use of a motor vehicle, state jail felony, Dec. 26, 2025.

Darrell Dewayne Shirley, Alba, failure to comply with sex offender's registration requirements, felony unassigned, Oct. 15, 2025.

Dillon Earl Stubblefield, Gilmer, abandon or endanger a child, state jail felony, Nov. 2, 2025.

Lucas Roberto Vasquez, Gladewater, tamper or fabricate physical evidence with intent to impair, third degree felony, Apr. 20, 2025.

Clarence Earl Wood, Jr., Alba, PCS PG 2, four grams or more but less than 400 grams, second degree felony, Nov. 5, 2025.

Lady Bulldogs show true grit in 44-32 win over Tatum Lady Eagles

BY CARLEY TUCKER

"Talent wins, tough finishes." That's the motto printed on the Lady Bulldogs' team bags this season, and on Monday night, Feb. 16, the Quitman girls lived up to it.

Assistant Coach Sheila Sapp pointed to the phrase after the game and said, "We were tough tonight. Tatum played hard, and we didn't let up. We showed true grit."

Tatum entered the game with confidence, but quickly met resistance when Autumn Cason stole the ball and drove it down the court for the first score of the night. The Lady Eagles answered with a bucket of their own, setting the tone for a defensive battle.

Although the Quitman squad is smaller in size, they managed to shut down Tatum's 6-foot stand-out Kamdyn Scott all evening. Laine Kelly hit a three-pointer, and Annabelle Popek made two free throws to give the Lady Bulldogs a narrow 7-6 lead at the end of the first quarter.

In the second quarter, Quitman extended their lead to 27-18 with an all-around offensive effort. Cason opened the period with another basket, while Lynlee Taylor added four points. Popek dropped in a bucket, and Addison Sapp contributed a deuce and a three-pointer. Both Kelly and Kinsley McCutcheon scored on fast breaks off of steals, and Erin VanderSchaaf capped the half with a clean three-pointer that hit nothing but net.

Coming out of halftime, Tatum tried to shift the momentum, but struggled against Quitman's relentless defense.

Athletic Director Shane Webber praised the effort: "Our defense really did a good job putting pressure on their guards to create key turnovers that led to good transition points," he said.

He added that he was especially proud of "how hard we rebounded at times against their 'biggs.'"

Cason once again set the tone in the third quarter with a three-pointer. Addison Sapp followed with a bucket and three free throws, while Taylor added another score to push the lead to 37-27 heading into the final quarter.

Tatum continued to fight, but couldn't find their rhythm, managing just five points in the fourth quarter. Sapp nailed another three-pointer early, and Kelly added a basket and a pair of free throws to seal the game 44-32.

The Lady Bulldogs will continue playoff action Friday night, Feb. 20, against DeKalb in Pittsburg.



Addison Sapp attempts a 3 pointer. (Monitor photo by Carley Tucker)



Erin VanderSchaaf drives for the basket. (Monitor photo by Carley Tucker)

Notice of Public Hearing for ALBA-GOLDEN INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT'S Annual Report

Alba-Golden ISD has scheduled a public hearing at the next regular board meeting on Monday, February 23, 2026 at 6:00 p.m. at the Alba-Golden ISD Secondary Distance Learning Room, located at 1373 CR 2377, Alba, TX 75410. The purpose of this hearing is to discuss the 2024-2025 Annual Report. The annual report will be available for viewing online at www.agisd.org or at Central Office beginning February 24, 2026.

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Mineola's Kaleb Silverio had a stellar match, which included a goal, against Bullard. (Monitor photo by John Arbter)

Late goal guts Mineola

BY JOHN ARBTER
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The Mineola vs. Bullard soccer match last Friday was a wild affair, with seismic shifts in momentum, technical brilliance and a lot of grit. It was decided in overtime, as the

visiting Bullard Panthers took the match 4-3 with a goal in the second half of overtime.

It is impossible to qualify this match with any standard soccer description.

In the second minute of play, a shot by Bullard deflected off a defender's head and ricocheted off the crossbar. A whistle stopped play. It was determined that an 'apparent' handball had made contact with the shot. Bullard dispatched the penalty kick and took a 1-0 lead.

After the initial shock, the Yellowjackets struggled to clear through the Bullard midfield.

In the 14th minute, Gorge Zavala entered the pitch. Within a minute, he sprinted clear of the midfield and made a strong run up the right side. Recognizing that Zavala would have a clear run on goal, the Bullard defender took out his legs as he entered the box. A penalty kick was awarded.

Brayan Torres calmly smashed the penalty into the left corner, tying the score.

The remainder of the first half was a series of attacks and counterattacks. Each side generated excellent scoring opportunities.

In the 22nd minute, Mineola shaped a textbook attack: the sequence was Heriberto Lucas to Torres to Cristian Ledesma to Zavala, whose well-struck shot sailed just wide. In the 30th minute, Torres pushed a shot just left of the far post.

In goal, Yellowjacket keeper Johnny Rocha tipped a potential goal just over the top to deny Bullard as the half wound down.

Five Jackets were involved in the sequence that saw Kaleb Silverio bury a shot on a clean run to give Mineola a 2-1 lead in the 37th minute.

Mineola continued to attack, but a counter by Bullard leveled the score again in the last minute of the first half.

Bullard had the better measure of play in the first 15 minutes of the second half. Then, it all changed.

Two yellow cards were awarded Mineola for overaggressive play. A red card for a com-

ment from the bench followed, and suddenly the home side was down one man.

The Jackets came under intense pressure as Bullard sought to take advantage.

Excellent defending kept the game scoreless through regulation.

Mineola is adept at scoring while undermanned, and they did challenge Bullard in the second half. Most notably, Eduardo Zavala sent a blistering shot in on goal, and Leonardo Villanueva issued a shot just over the bar.

The match went to two 10-minute overtime periods, with both sides at full strength.

Due to fatigue, the game morphed into a series of long kicks.

In the fifth minute of overtime, Bullard launched an attack up the right side. The shot came from about 20 meters and was mis-hit. It careened to the goal with a tremendous amount of spin. Rocha made the initial save, but the ball spun clear, and it fell to a Bullard attacker. The Panthers led 3-2.

The Yellowjackets had no quit in them. They dominated play in the second half of over-

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Lady Jackets take bi-district by storm

BY JOHN ARBTER
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Every good rally needs a spark. In their 77-37 bi-district win over the Gladewater Lady Bears Monday, Feb. 16, that spark for the Mineola Lady Jackets came from Mahayla McMahon.

The score stood 5-4 at Tyler Junior College's Wagstaff gymnasium midway through the opening period. McMahon called for the ball after an inbound, in the offensive zone. She drilled a three-pointer, which ignited the Lady Jackets.

Canyon Redding then went on a tear, logging four successive scores. She hit a jump shot with an assist from Kaitlyn McMahon, put two offensive rebounds back in, and drove the lane.

Four other Lady Jackets also scored in that opening period. At the quarter break, Mineola led 21-8.

Two three-pointers from Kaitlyn McMahon opened the second quarter. The domination continued, as Mineola built a 20-point lead midway through the second quarter. The Lady Jackets ended the half on an 11-point run.

Each Lady Jacket was present and accounted for. The focus of Caroline Castleberry, the energy of Sophia Hogue, and the timely contributions of Marley Johnson (who blocked Gladewater's first shot attempt), Adelyn Steward, Haylee Nicholson and Raelyn Douglas were evident.

It was, however, Kali Chrietzberg who set the tone for the team. Chrietzberg's hostile edge, physicality and aggressiveness communicated that the Lady Jackets simply would not be denied.

After exhausting the Lady Bears in the first half with unrelenting pressure and their normal offense, the Lady Jackets made a strategic change for the second half. Coach McQuary went to a spread offensive set.

It gave the Lady Jackets a chance to exploit the Lady Bears in one-on-one situations. It worked like a charm.

Repeatedly, Mineola was able to drive to the basket with one of three outcomes: a layup, a pass to a teammate on the backside, or a foul on the shot. Chrietzberg led this charge, driving the lane consistently and drawing fouls from desperate defenders.

The Lady Jackets outpaced the Lady Bears at every turn. By the late stages, Mineola was beating Gladewater up and down the floor. It was a testament to the conditioning of the Lady Jackets.

Chrietzberg led Mineola scorers with 17 points. Redding, Kaitlyn McMahon and Hogue joined her in double figures. All Lady Jackets etched the scorebook.

The win sets Mineola up against the Atlanta Lady Rabbits, who knocked off a strong Jefferson team 51-47 in bi-district action.



Raelyn Douglas puts a defender on her hip while driving the lane. (Monitor photo by John Arbter)

Edgewood dominates second half, defeats Jackets

BY JOHN ARBTER
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The district-leading Edgewood Bulldogs handed Mineola a 62-41 defeat last Tuesday on the Jackets' home court.

The Edgewood side is one of the better teams to come out of District 15-3A in recent years. They have all the physical components of a quality side: height, quickness and strength. They also possess accurate shooting hands and great finishing ability around the basket.

In order for Mineola to upset the number one seed, everything would have to go according to their plan.

For the first quarter and a half, the Jackets' plan was working. With 3:21 to play in the half, the score was locked 18-18.

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Data	10	omnf	98
Control	General	Other	Total
Codes	Fund	Governmental Funds	Governmental Funds
REVENUES			
5700	Local and Intermediate Sources	\$ 3,959,180	\$ 4,311,860
5800	State Program Revenues	8,535,219	8,894,915
5900	Federal Program Revenues	-	636,476
5020	Total Revenues	\$ 12,494,399	\$ 13,843,251
EXPENDITURES			
Current:			
0011	Instruction	\$ 6,412,667	\$ 6,766,942
0012	Instructional Resources and Media Services	86,677	88,770
0013	Curriculum and Staff Development	160,428	216,416
0021	Instructional Leadership	96,504	96,504
0023	School Leadership	616,863	637,124
0031	Guidance, Counseling and Evaluation Services	178,725	178,725
0033	Health Services	78,205	78,205
0034	Student Transportation	268,758	268,758
0035	Food Services	5,312	508,098
0036	Cocurricular/Extracurricular Activities	429,140	516,398
0041	General Administration	730,309	730,309
0051	Facilities Maintenance and Operations	1,468,267	1,568,247
0052	Security and Monitoring Services	76,433	173,562
0053	Data Processing Services	146,524	146,524
0071	Principal on Long-term Debt	15,483	115,483
0072	Interest on Long-term Debt	7,116	48,804
0073	Debt Issuance Costs and Fees	-	30
0081	Capital Outlay	100,775	130,004
0093	Payments for Shared Service Arrangements	540,964	540,964
6030	Total Expenditures	\$ 11,419,150	\$ 12,807,867
1100	Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues Over Expenditures	\$ 1,075,249	\$ 1,035,384
1200	Net Changes in Fund Balances	\$ 1,075,249	\$ 1,035,384
0100	Fund Balance - Beginning (September 1)	7,854,292	8,816,324
3000	Fund Balance - Ending (August 31)	\$ 8,929,541	\$ 9,851,708

Lady Jackets capture district title

BY JOHN ARBTER
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The Mineola Lady Jackets weathered a stiff challenge from the visiting Edgewood Lady Bulldogs last Tuesday and ended the night as district co-champions. The 49-36 win earned Mineola a 10-2 district record and lined up the Lady Jackets with a bi-district championship game on Monday.

Edgewood leveraged their large-bodied line-up to control the lane, while their capable guards proved to be a challenge for Mineola's press.

The teams ran similar schemes, employing a hounding man-to-man and an effective press. The Lady Jackets proved to be more than up to the challenge.

Midway through the second period, it was still a one-point game. Mineola began to win the battle of the presses. In the first half, Mineola pressure forced three backcourt violations by Edgewood.

The home side finished the half with a 14-3 scoring differential. As has become her role, Kali Chrietzberg jump-started the scoring with back-to-back 3-pointers. Kaitlyn McMahon then sunk a 3-pointer on a play in which she called for the ball.

A friendly bounce off the iron saw Caroline Castleberry's corner 3-pointer fall through, and Canyon Redding concluded the scoring in the first half with a jumper in the lane.

At the half, Mineola held a 27-18 lead.

Edgewood closed the score



The 2025-26 Lady Jackets. (Monitor photos by John Arbter)

twice in the third period. On both occasions it was the aggressive play of Redding that derailed any Edgewood rally. Redding has become a dominant rebounder and has developed a deadly short jump shot which she can put on

target even when under great pressure.

The Lady Jackets owned the final period, retaining their composure as the game reached the final exhausting phase.

Chrietzberg and Redding

each tallied 15 points. McMahon, Adelyn Steward, and Marley Johnson also etched the scorecard.

The Lady Jackets faced the Gladewater Lady Bears for bi-district Monday, Feb. 16 at Tyler Junior College.



Kali Chrietzberg and Kaitlyn McMahon cut off a Lady Bulldog

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Quitman seals co-district championship with road win against Grand Saline

BY CARLEY TUCKER

The Quitman Lady Bulldogs wrapped up district play with a road win over the Grand Saline Lady Indians on Tuesday, Feb. 10, defeating Grand Saline 45-37. The victory secured the co-district championship for Quitman, a title they share with the Mineola Lady Jackets.

The Bulldogs got off to a slow start as Grand Saline jumped to an early lead in the first quarter. The fast start appeared to rattle Quitman, which struggled to find rhythm on both ends of the court. Although the Lady Bulldogs cut into the deficit in the second quarter, they still trailed the tough Grand Saline squad 26-21 at halftime.

After the break, Quitman came out more focused and settled into its normal pace of play. The Lady Bulldogs erased the deficit in the third quarter and edged ahead 29-28 heading into the final period. The fourth quarter was a tense back-and-forth battle, with teams trading baskets. Quitman finally found its rhythm in the closing minutes, pulling away to secure the 45-37 win.

"I was glad we were able to come out in the second half and compete and play more our style," said head coach Blake Hamrick. "Sometimes shots don't go in and you have to grit out a win, and it's not going to be pretty – and I'm proud of the girls for

doing that in the second half."

Autumn Cason led the Lady Bulldogs with 14 points, five rebounds, five steals and one assist. Addison Sapp continued her strong play with eight points, four steals, four assists, one block and an impressive 12 rebounds, eight on the defensive end. Kinsley McCutcheon added eight points and three rebounds, while Laine Kelly contributed six points, two steals, one block, one assist and nine rebounds. Erin VanderSchaaf stepped up with five points, seven rebounds and four steals. Kaylin Sapp added two points, four assists and a steal, and Lynlee Taylor chipped in two points and three rebounds.

The Lady Bulldogs played for the bi-district championship on Monday, Feb. 16 at Legacy High School in Tyler. Quitman faced the Tatum Eagles.

Quoted on Feb. 10, Coach Hamrick said he was optimistic heading into the first round of the playoffs.

"I like our chances," Hamrick said. "Obviously, Tatum is a very good team – they're in the same boat as us after tying for first place in their district. Unfortunately, the way the new playoff system works, you end up with two district champions playing each other in the first round. That's not an ideal draw, and Tatum is good. But, if we play our basketball and don't let the moment be too big for us, we'll be perfectly fine."



Senior Klayton Meadows attempts some fancy footwork to get around Grand Saline defenders. (Monitor photo by Carley Tucker)



Lucas Sandifer holds the ball. (Monitor photo by Carley Tucker)

Quitman Bulldogs fall to Grand Saline after strong start

BY CARLEY TUCKER

After a strong opening quarter, the Quitman Bulldogs couldn't maintain their momentum Friday night, falling 81-44 on the road to the Grand Saline Indians.

Quitman came out firing with one of its best first-quarter performances of the season. Jonathan Hayes and Klayton Meadows set the tone offensively as the Bulldogs built a 16-10 lead by the end of the period.

Grand Saline, however, found its rhythm in the second quarter and took control of the game, outscoring

Quitman 22-7 to claim a 33-32 halftime advantage. The Bulldogs struggled to keep pace in the second half and were unable to match Grand Saline's offensive surge.

Grand Saline added 21 points in the third quarter while holding Quitman to nine. The Indians pulled away in the final period, scoring 28 points compared to Quitman's 12 to seal the 81-44 victory.

Hayes led Quitman with 15 points, including four three-pointers. Senior Klayton Meadows added eight points, five rebounds, two assists and a steal.

Matthew Moore continued his strong play with seven points and five rebounds, while Riley Mason added five points and three rebounds. Logan Davis knocked down a three-pointer and added a steal, an assist and a rebound. Lucas Sandifer, Ben Boisclair and Ty Harkins each contributed a basket. Sandifer also finished with four rebounds and four assists, Boisclair grabbed a rebound, and Harkins recorded two rebounds and a steal.

The Bulldogs closed out their season at home Tuesday against Edgewood.



Autumn Cason attempts to put up two in the third quarter. (Monitor photo by Carley Tucker)



Laine Kelly evades defenders as she drives to the basket. (Monitor photo by Carley Tucker)

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The game was largely decided in the next few sequences. Mineola committed a turnover in the offensive zone, which led to a break-away. An offensive rebound put-back added to the deficit when a fortuitous bounce found a Bulldog under the basket. Consecutive 3-pointers pushed the lead to ten points as the halftime buzzer sounded.

In the waning seconds of the half, Zane Strange made a superb effort to slap away a lay-up on an Edgewood break-away. His play was indicative of the fight in the Jackets.

Mineola scored twice to open the second half. Ainsley Steward went the length of the court and finished with a beautiful scoring drive. On the next possession, Steward again drove the basket, but, at the last second, dished the ball to Strange, who laid the ball in.

It was a great start and reduced the deficit to six.

Edgewood's offense began to produce. The Bulldogs put up 18 points in the third and 16 points in the fourth. A 7-point run late in the third opened a 19-point lead. Once the Bulldogs began to score, they played faster and

scored at a greater pace.

The Jackets, of course, never quit; but, once a deficit was opened, Mineola lost the ability to challenge for the game.

As the game ended, Steward and Strange gave the home fans a memorable play. Steward sliced through the Bulldog defense and went airborne. He laid the ball up for Strange,

who adjusted to it in mid-air and converted with an artful lay-in. It was a beautiful play.

Mineola defeated the Malakoff Tigers 55-47 on Feb. 13 and sit in third place in district with a 7-4 record. The Jackets traveled to 4th place Winona on Feb. 16 in the final district game of the season. Playoff match-ups will be forthcoming.

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time. Defender Sebastian Klodnicki came forward and placed a beautiful ball from the midfield over the top to a sprinting Ledesma. Ledesma rocketed the ball past the Bulldog keeper to level the score, 3-3.

Most of the remaining eight minutes were played in Mineola's offensive zone. The Jackets had three corners, two free kicks and numerous deep throw-ins in the remaining time.

It was a desperate long pass ahead in the final minute of play that determined the game. A massive collision between four players (including Mineola keeper Rocha)

resulted in the ball being jarred loose. Bullard guided it into the open net.

It was clear that the Mineola side had thought that the play had ceased with the ball in Rocha's hands, but it did not. It was a tragic way for the match to end.

The best ticket in town is to come out and see the Yellowjacket soccer side. They are skilled, determined



Yellowjacket keeper Johnny Rocha tips a shot over the bar in the 33rd minute. (Monitor photo by John Arbter)

and play with passion. The next chance to see them in action is Friday, Feb. 20 as they host the Athens Hornets. Action commences at 6 p.m.

2026 SPORTS SCHEDULE

BASEBALL

Alba-Golden	@ Commerce Tournament	Feb. 19-21	TBA
	@ James Bowie	Feb. 23	6:00PM
Mineola	@ Frankston/All Saints Tournament	Feb. 19-21	TBA
	@ Winnsboro	Feb. 24	4:30PM
Quitman	@ Edgewood	Feb. 17	5:00PM
	@ Chisum	Feb. 23	4:30 PM

SOFTBALL

Alba-Golden	@ @TASO Tournament	Feb. 19-21	TBA
	vs. Winnsboro	Feb. 24	6:00PM
Mineola	@ Mt. Pleasant Tournament	Feb. 19-21	TBA
	vs. Brownsboro	Feb. 24	4:30PM
Quitman	vs. Pittsburg	Feb. 24	4:30PM

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