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Quitman ISD outlines needs to be addressed with school bond

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Quitman ISD has unanimously voted to call for a \$30.835 million bond in May. Citizen voting on the bond will take place in voting on May 3.

According to presentations given by QISD Superintendent Chris Mason, a bond steering committee made up of business leaders, civic organizers, school officials, students, parents, community members and more met multiple

times over a period of several months to discuss the potential need for a bond.

After touring the various QISD campuses, meeting to brainstorm ideas, and evaluate community need, the committee recommended that the board proceed with calling a bond.

The bond, says Mason, will go to fund many new projects, including nearly 12,000 square feet of new additions in the elementary school (which will make room for a storm shelter, addi-

tional student restrooms and more); 5,598 square feet of additions in the junior high school, counting a needed conference/meeting room; a brand-new Career and Technology Center to foster CTE classes and much more; a brand-new field house and renovations for the secondary campus, etc.

However, as Mason noted, without seeing the need of the campuses in person, citizens may not be aware of all

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Patriot Guard riders escorted the hearse bearing Quitman graduate Senior Airman Fabian Roman who was buried in Quitman last Thursday, April 10. (Monitor photo by Brynna Williamson)

Delayed livestock show auction Thursday

The auction for the Wood County Junior Livestock Show has been postponed until Thursday, April 17 at the Carroll Green Civic center in Quitman.

The auction was originally scheduled on Friday evening, April 4

but had to be postponed due to incoming severe weather.

The doors open at 5 p.m., and the buyers' dinner begins at 5:30 p.m. for registered buyers.

The center is located at 612 McAlister St. in

Quitman.

To register as a buyer, use this link: bit.ly/wcjl-buyer

Provide name and/or name of business, address, email address and phone number.

See Page 10A for complete stock show results.



The Texas Street Art Festival kicked off across Wood County this week, including this community mural project at Eagle Oil Co. on Front St. in Mineola. Dedications will be held for the new murals on Saturday morning. (Monitor photo by Phil Major)



A Wood County sheriff's vehicle serves as a memorial in front of the sheriff's department in Quitman after Deputy Melissa Pollard was killed in a traffic crash April 9. (Monitor photo)

A community mourns

Wood County Sheriff's Deputy Melissa Pollard was to be laid to rest Wednesday morning after she died in a traffic crash between Quitman and Winnsboro April 9.

Services were scheduled for 10 a.m. on Wednesday, April 16 at Green Acres Baptist Church, 1607 Troup Hwy. in Tyler.

A candlelight vigil was held at the sheriff's office in Quitman Monday night, where a patrol vehicle served as a memorial.

Pollard was driving on Hwy. 37 while on duty when her patrol vehicle slammed into the back of an 18-wheeler turning onto FM 14. She was taken to the hospital in Quitman but died soon after.

Pollard joined the Wood County Sheriff's Dept. in 2016 after serving 10 years with the Collin County Sheriff's Dept. and three years

with the Fannin County Sheriff's Dept.

She earned numerous certifications, including her Advanced Peace Officer License, Field Training Officer, Instructor, Training Coordinator, School Based Law Enforcement Officer Certification and Jailers License. She played a vital role in training and mentoring officers.

Pollard was an active supporter of Project Life Saver, a program assisting individuals with cognitive disorders, and was heavily involved in the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals, tirelessly advocating for the welfare of animals.

She was born March 14, 1978 in Paris, Texas and was preceded in death by her parents, Leonard and Pamela Pollard.

She is survived by her daughter, Sydney Locke and husband Curtis,



MELISSA POLLARD
Deputy dies in crash

along with their children, Cayden, Evelyn and Khai; two sisters, Kelee and husband John Tarno and Angela and husband Josh Fein; partner, Michael Cotton and his grandson Easton; nieces, Ashlynn, Marissa, Joisalyn and Shayla; and nephews, Haegan, Keithan and David, Logan and his wife, Reagan.

An account has been set up at Origin Bank to assist the family.

Early voting to begin for six local elections

Six elections are planned across Wood County on Saturday, May 3.

Early voting gets underway Tuesday, April 22 and runs weekdays through Tuesday, April 29.

All early voting takes place at the county elections office in Quitman from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. except for the city of Hawkins election, which will be administered by Hawkins ISD from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Mineola has six candidates for three school board positions: Jenni-

fer Abercrombie, Kendall Banks, Glen Dossett, Darlene Nicholson, Jill Quiambao and Mike Sorenson. Candidate information may be found on Page 11.

Quitman ISD is holding a two-part bond election for school improvements.

The bulk, \$27,850,000, is for a variety of improvements across the district, including a career and technical education center. The remaining \$2,985,000 is for a new baseball field. (See related article)

The city of Winnsboro

has two candidates for mayor, Randy Parrish and Jimmy Carl Davis, and three candidates for two city council seats, Trevor King, Brandon Davidson and Brenda Morey.

Hawkins has a council election for one contested seat between Norma Oglesby and Jacque Burns.

The Ramey Water Supply Corp. is holding an election for its members to convert to a special utility district.

Como-Pickton has an election for three school trustees.

Quitman gains restitution from former clerk

A former city of Quitman clerk has pleaded guilty to theft and repaid \$23,250 alleged to have been stolen from the city water department.

Amber Highnote was indicted on June 29, 2022 for theft of property more than \$2,500 but less than \$30,000, a state jail felony.

She entered the guilty plea on April 3.

District Attorney Angela Albers announced the repayment in full of the missing funds on Monday.

The thefts occurred between Feb. 16, 2018 and about July 8, 2021.

"I am proud of the cooperation between Mayor (Randy) Dunn, former Finance Director Sheryl Laudenslager, Utility Clerk Raylene Green and the prosecutors from the Wood County Criminal District Attorney's Office," Albers said.

Dunn said, "As Mayor, I want to thank our office staff and the Wood County District Attorney's office who worked

very hard researching the records when they first found discrepancies. We are pleased to have finally received full restitution for our citizens."

In a news release, the DA also said that Highnote complied with terms and conditions of her pre-trial release bond, passed all required drug screenings and had no new or additional arrests or charges filed against her during the pendency of this case.

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Community Events

Community Friends hosting Easter meal

Mineola Community Friends will host their second annual "Friendster" meal on Sunday from 3 to 7 p.m. on Easter day at Logan's Place,

536 E. Broad St. in Mineola.

There will be a free meal, live music and an egg hunt. Food deliveries are also offered to

anyone in the Mineola area. More information can be found at the Mineola Community Friends Facebook page.

Service clubs holding annual car show

Join the Mineola Service Clubs - Kiwanis, Pilot and Rotary - for their third annual car show on Saturday, April 19. This year's show will be in downtown Mineola on Commerce St. Regis-

tration will take place at the gazebo from 8-10:30 a.m. The registration fee is \$25.

Over 100 custom awards will be given in 27 classes, including one for children. Judging

will start at 10:30. There will be door prizes for those entering vehicles and chances on a 50/50 drawing as well as other items.

Mineola Pilot Club mystery dinner Saturday

Time to make reservations for the Pilot Club of Mineola's dinner theater at the Mineola Civic Center on April 19 at 6 p.m. Tickets are \$35, which includes dinner and a play. "Danger Dan & the Spaghetti Shuffle" is a western comedy, so wear your best cowboy clothes or come casual.

Fusion in the Woods is catering the food which consists of pulled pork,

cole slaw, baked beans, potato salad, roll, cherry dump cake and tea or water.

Bucket items to win include Adirondack chairs made by Glen Dossett, a sterling silver and turquoise necklace, a birthday party at East Texas Twisters, gift cards, a table grill, a lap quilt, dinner for 4 with dessert at Logan's, a Bryan's cheesecake, a \$100 gift card for Mine-

ola Packing and a Pampered Chef item.

Area celebrities will wait tables, vying for "Waiter with Most Tips," and the Mineola High School Anchor Club will sell Pretty Purse for \$20, with a drawing for a designer purse. There will also be a live auction. For reservations, call Shelly at 903-530-8729. Doors will open at 5:30.

Sunshine Acres having a farm warming

A Farm Warming will be held at the Mineola ISD Sunshine Acres Farm on Thursday, April 24 from 5:30-7:30 p.m.

Engage in activities

hosted by Horsefeathers Art Gallery, Bob Wells Nursery, Grays Nursery, Lost Creek and garden to table snacks and meet the youth interns.

A seed sowing ceremony will be held at 6 p.m.

The farm is north of the high school baseball field off Loop 564.

Music in the park planned in Mineola

The city of Mineola will host Tuesday Tunes, beginning April

29 from 12-1 p.m. at Peterson Park, 205 N. Johnson St.

Bring lawn chairs or a blanket and lunch and enjoy the live music.

Society to hear scrap booking program

The Wood County TX Genealogy Society will meet Monday, April 21 at 5 p.m. at the Quitman Public Library, 202 E. Goode St.

Kathy Lutonsky, secretary/treasurer of the so-

ciety, will be presenter. She will talk about scrap booking for the genealogy society and how to create heritage family albums for personal genealogy projects. She will also touch on how the

Obituary Books are being reorganized in the library's genealogy room for research.

The meeting is open to the community.

Comic book show to be held at The Annex

Thousands of collectible comic books and trading cards will be up for sale at the third Mineola Comic Market Saturday, April 26 at the Annex, 119 N. Johnson Street.

The market will run from 10 a.m.-5 p.m., with admission free to the public. Several comic dealers will be on-site to buy, sell and trade comic books and related

collectibles. Free comics and art will also be available to all attendees.

"This show is a proven success," Market organizer Kevin McCauley said. "We started this show to be a family-friendly environment that celebrates comic books and offers something to everyone, and the East Texas collectors have responded."

McCauley added that

all dealers are knowledgeable and reputable with years of experience buying and selling from the public.

"This is our third comic show in Mineola," McCauley said. "The first two were a huge success. We plan to keep putting on these shows twice a year to fill a much-needed gap in true comic shows in the area."



The Alba-Golden Young Farmers raised \$25,000 for the Alba-Golden agricultural science program at the annual auction Saturday. The auction brought plenty of laughs and fellowship and highlighted some amazing items created by the ag-science students at Alba-Golden. (Monitor photo by John Arbter)

Alba-Golden board appoints new member

By JOHN ARBTER
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The Alba-Golden Board welcomed Jed Sitar as their newest board member at Monday's meeting. Sitar was appointed and sworn-in to fill the seat vacated by Jessica Christian, whose new residence placed her just outside the district boundary.

Teacher contracts

dominated the business of the board. A consolidated teacher contract approval list was unanimously approved for the 2025-26 school year. Three teachers up for contract renewal were voted upon separately due to potential conflict of interest with sitting board members. Tame-la Ellis, Starla Bryant and Nacall Haisten were each separately



JED SITAR
New board member
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that the bond would mean to the school.

According to Mason and High School Principal Jeffery Tittle, campus staff and faculty have been doing inter-classroom shifting for years "to try and utilize the classroom space that they have. However, they say, the needs of the school are quickly outgrowing the space available: thus the need for the bond.

"We're already kind of shifting and trying to maximize space, and we've been doing that for the last three years, but probably after this year, seriously, there's not going to be anywhere to shift to," said Tittle.

In one classroom - a health science space featuring at least some of "almost \$900,000 worth of lab equipment -" Tittle says that the "one missing component is that lab space."

"We have all the

things; we just don't have necessarily all the space in order to set it up where it's workable at the time," said Tittle.

Nevertheless, all faculty present at the facility tour were quick to agree that teachers and staff do a great job at adjusting and making the most of the space available.

The locker rooms at the secondary campus, too, are one thing that Mason says the committee vehemently agreed to update.

"What I've been pointing out to folks is, when you look, there are no vents," said Mason. "So not new air; bad air, smell, (etc.)"

The locker rooms, which Mason says were built in the 1960s, are having to house more than 150 kids: more than a hundred girls from 6th to 12th grade on one side, and more than 50 boys from 6th to 8th grade on another side. In fact, the locker room is so cramped that Mason pointed out storage lockers that are currently having to be housed

in the girl's shower stalls. This, of course, means that there are no showers available.

"What ideally happens is that we will completely remodel that whole space there," said Mason. "The girls would then have their own space, the junior high boys would have their own space, and then all the high school boys would have theirs. And that gives them plenty of room to spread out over the next few years."

According to Mason, approval of the bond means a property tax increase of 11.5-cents. The average home, he says, "is going to see a... less than \$98 annual increase." Mason says that voters who have already claimed their homestead exemption and over 65 exemption are also free from any property tax increase due to a passing of the school's bond.

For more information on the bond, visit the district website at www.quitmanisd.net/o/quitman-isd/page/qisd-bond-2025.

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WOOD COUNTY COMMUNITY CALENDAR

MINEOLA MASONIC LODGE - second Thursday, dinner at 6:30 p.m., meeting at 7:30 p.m. All Masons invited. 569-2608.
MINEOLA REBEKAH LODGE - every other Saturday, 11 a.m., 106 S. Line St. All Rebekahs welcome, 769-4024.
MINEOLA ROTARY CLUB - Monday noon, Mineola Civic Center.
MINEOLA SENIOR CITIZEN CENTER - 308 University, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Tuesday and Thursday. 903-497-1298; Dominoes and other games.
MINEOLA LEAGUE OF THE ARTS LINE DANCE GUILD - Tuesday and Friday, 10 a.m.
MLOTA FIBER ARTS GUILD - Rug Hooking first Thursday, third Wednesday at 10 a.m.; Crochet/Knit 2nd/4th Thursday 10 a.m.; Fiber Friends Mondays 10 a.m., Spinning 1st/3rd Tuesday 10 a.m., Weaving 2nd/4th Tuesday 10 a.m.
MLOTA MOSAIC GROUP - first/third Tuesdays, 1:30 p.m.
MLOTA QUILTERS GUILD - Tuesdays/Thursdays, 10 a.m.
MLOTA PAINTERS GUILD - Wednesday, 10 a.m.
MLOTA SCULPTURE GUILD - first and third Thursday at 1 p.m.
MLOTA WOOD CARVING GUILD - Mondays at 10 a.m.
PARENTS ANONYMOUS GROUP - Saturday, 2-3:30 p.m., First Baptist Church, Quitman. Children's program provided. 903-629-2114
PILOT CLUB OF MINEOLA - second Tuesday, 6 p.m. Mineola Civic Center. President Joyce Curry.
QUITMAN CITY COUNCIL - third Thursday, 6:00 p.m.; city hall.
QUITMAN FARMERS MARKET, second Saturday, 8 a.m.-Noon, Jim Hogg City Park, April-October. Info: Quitman Chamber, 903-763-4411, QuitmanChamber@QuitmanCoC.com
QUITMAN/LAKE FORK KIWANIS - Wednesday, noon, Faith Student Center, 403 S. Main St., Quitman.
QUITMAN LIONS CLUB - Second Tuesday, 6:30 p.m. Peralta's Restaurant.

QUITMAN PILOT CLUB - third Tuesday, 5:30 p.m., Quitman Library. 903-383-5075.
QUITMAN ROTARY CLUB, Thursday, noon, Red Dome.
QUITMAN SCHOOL BOARD - third Monday, 6 p.m. Administration Building.
REPUBLICAN WOMEN OF WOOD COUNTY - for information call/text 903-841-2808.
ROSE HILL FOOD PANTRY - 2nd Wednesday, 10 a.m. till out, regular pickup and Senior Box Day, 3rd Saturday 10 a.m., regular pickup, 110 PR 6882 (Hwy. 80 West), Mineola. No qualification.
SINGING AT THE FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH OF HAWKINS - fourth Sunday, 2-4 p.m.
SCOTTISH RITE - Wood County Scottish Rite Club meets third Friday of odd month, 6:30 p.m., Richie's Cafe in Winnsboro. 903-253-3635.
TOPS GROUP - Thursday, 8-11 a.m., Harvest Acres Baptist Church, NW Loop 564, 569-1240, 569-0385-Beverly.
UPPER SABINE VALLEY SOLID WASTE DISTRICT - meetings are held quarterly, 5:30 p.m. on a Thursday to be determined at the Wood County Airport board room.
UT HEALTH QUITMAN - needs volunteers. Great opportunity to meet people while helping your community. Contact Beverly Haynes, 713-447-6903.
VFW AUXILIARY #7523 - third Sunday, 1 p.m., Recruiting new members. 569-2228.
VFW POST #7523 - third Wednesday, 6 p.m., Karaoke every Friday and Saturday, 8 p.m. 569-2228.
WHYTE DOVE WRITER'S GROUP - Second Tuesday, 6 p.m., Quitman Public Library. 903.967.7488, e-mail kayoung.wdp2001@gmail.com
WOOD COUNTY AGGIE MOMS - 1st Monday, 6 p.m. at Red Dome in Quitman (except January, June, July, August), 903-539-7049 or Wood County Aggie Moms Facebook page.
WOOD COUNTY APPRAISAL DISTRICT - Quarterly, 3rd Thursday, 8 a.m., district office, Quitman. Open to public.

WOOD COUNTY ARBORETUM & BOTANICAL GARDENS - garden workday each Wednesday 9 a.m. to noon, all levels of experience welcome. Come at 8:45 a.m. in the kitchen of the Stinson House for coffee. 175 Gov Hogg Pkwy, Quitman - the two-story white house behind the pavilion at Hogg Park.
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WOOD COUNTY CENTRAL HOSPITAL DISTRICT - third Monday, 5:30 p.m. in the UT Health Quitman hospital board room (every three months).
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WOOD COUNTY TX GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY - third Monday, January through May and September through November, 7 p.m., Quitman Public Library, Shamburger Community Room. For 903-763-4191 or 967-2458.
WOOD COUNTY RETIRED SCHOOL PERSONNEL ASSOC. - third Monday, Sept.-Dec. and Feb.-April, 2 p.m. and in May at 5 p.m., Forever Young Activity Center, 402 S. Main St., Quitman. All retired school personnel are invited.
YANTIS CITY COUNCIL - second Tuesday, 6 p.m., city hall.
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UPCOMING IN WOOD COUNTY

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Pruitt displays volunteer spirit

By JOHN ARBTER
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There is a whole bunch of stuff which would never happen in this county if it weren't for volunteers.

Broadly speaking, volunteers in Wood County contribute to protecting children, educating young adults, ministering in practically every way possible, feeding the hungry, providing hope to the unfortunate, fighting fires, cleaning up neighborhoods and much more.

The late Susan J. Ellis, a volunteer advocate who practically started the field of professional management for volunteer organizations, wrote, "Volunteering is so pervasive it's invisible." Although Ellis was actually from New Jersey, her quote is certainly true in East Texas.

In an effort to get some insights into volunteerism, local volunteer Larry Pruitt agreed to share his experience.

"Throughout my life I have found myself in a training position wherever I have been," Pruitt reported. He credited the U.S. Air Force for placing him in a training environment as a young

man. Four years on active duty and 17 years with the U.S. Air Force Reserve only reinforced the concept that receiving training and conducting training were a part of everyday life.

Pruitt described how volunteerism is a natural progression from an environment with an active training program. He explained how such an environment forces one to develop a mindset of, "trying to help where one can."

The Air Force wasn't the only influence of course. Pruitt spent much of his youth in Claremore, Okla. – a town quite similar to Mineola – so he grew up with the practical knowledge of a small town.

Also informative was the work of his grandfather who ran produce and dressed animals throughout the region on a seasonal basis, from the opening of pecan season each September through May. No doubt, listening to the discussions of local issues as his grandfather plied his trade was also a formative influence.

Pruitt served in the Air Force as a medical technician. Concurrent-

ly with his reserve time, he also spent 21 years as a radiology technician at the Veterans Administration Hospital in Dallas. Helping others was a part of his every day.

When, in retirement, he and his wife Anne settled in Mineola in 2000, he was well-equipped to become a community volunteer.

"Volunteerism," stated Pruitt, "is the joy of seeing good things done."

In addition to that singular definition, Pruitt also shared some practical recommendations

"I am an avid believer in paperwork," he stated. Pruitt explained how paperwork ensures integrity in the volunteer process.

It also flows nicely into Pruitt's second recommendation – to ensure that adequate vetting of personnel is done, for those receiving benefits and those administering them.

Once he entered into the volunteer scene in Mineola, Pruitt has contributed to those efforts as part of the American Legion, the Marine Corps League, the Kiwanis Club and Mineola schools. He is also a deacon at New Hope Baptist Church, a role

which presents ample volunteer opportunities throughout the year.

Some of the projects Pruitt has been involved in are Toys for Tots, the Maxcine Nash Scholarship fund, Holiday Food Pockets, test-sitting at Mineola schools, the Kiwanis Flag program, summer camp sponsorship and Texas Boys State.

While retirees are a large percentage of the volunteer population, Pruitt was quick to point out there is a role for everyone in volunteerism. "Young people can provide that muscle manpower which older folks may not be able to muster up," he noted.

He also explained that participating in volunteer efforts can teach the nuts-and-bolts of how things get done in life. Many organizations operate junior auxiliaries to leverage the contributions of young people.

Scheduling can, he admitted, be a bit of a bug-a-bear. Pruitt uses a large calendar on the wall next to the refrigerator to try to track his obligations.

One lesson he learned early on was to schedule primary and alternate dates for just about ev-



Larry Pruitt assists with numerous local events and organizations. (Monitor photo by John Arbter)

erything. For folks who may be considering becoming a volunteer, Pruitt provided a logical four-step process:

- a. Identify one's own abilities
- b. Identify an organization which matches one's interest
- c. Join the organization and observe
- d. Determine how to best leverage one's skills.

Volunteerism, like all things, can pose significant challenges.

Pruitt advised, "If you volunteer, be depend-

able and be tenacious. Don't get discouraged, and stay with it – learn to work through the challenges."

Before ending the interview – Pruitt had to make an appointment to pick up scholarship packages at Alba-Golden High School – he shared one more thought.

"The joy of helping," Pruitt stated, "stretches from a single act of helping another person to a legacy of giving which lives on for generations."

Engagement

Elizabeth Grace Turner and Spencer Alan Smith plan to be married on Sept. 14, 2025 at The Emerson in Kaufman.

They were engaged on Sept. 14, 2024 at the Kissing Tree in Wimberley.

She is the daughter of Jenica Tunner of Big Sandy and the late James Turner. She is a 2018 Quitman High School graduate and 2022 Tyler Junior College graduate in dental hygiene.

He is the son of Suzanne and Michael Smith of Longview and a 2014 graduate of Pine Tree High School and 2018 graduate of Texas A&M.



Wood County Yesteryear

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Mineola and AG one-act plays qualify for region

Alba-Golden and Mineola High School one-act play troupes have advanced to the regional competition with their performances in the area round.

Alba-Golden will compete Thursday, April 24 at Panola College for the chance to advance to state.

Performances begin at 11 a.m., and Alba-Golden performs fourth. Admission is \$15 for all shows.

At the area contest April 12, Alex Reyes was named all-star crew, Hunter Whitecotton honorable mention all-star cast and Olivia Morrison all-star cast with their rendition of "Anatomy of Gray."

This marks Alba-Golden's second straight year to advance to region.

Mineola advances for the first time in 26 years.

They will compete on the 24th at Tyler Junior College.

The performance of "Silent Sky" drew awards for Yoselin Bizarraga for all-star tech, Isaac Wyers and Maisy Seaton for honorable mention all-star cast, Katherine Paredes for all-star cast and Meelah Amason for best performers.

There will also be a public performance Tuesday, April 22 at 7 p.m. at the high school multi-purpose room. Admission is free, and donations are accepted.

Co-op names winners of scholarships

Wood County Electric Cooperative (WCEC) has awarded \$78,000 in "Power My World" scholarships to 39 outstanding high school seniors from WCEC's 9-county service territory.

The funding for these scholarships to help these students pursue higher education comes from unclaimed capital credit payments returned to WCEC by the state and does not come from WCEC's operational budget.

Based on their successful applications, which required an essay describing their future plans, the 39 \$2,000 scholarship recipients include Kasey Rhodes, Apricity Academy; Maggie Brown, Como-Pickton ISD; Brooklyn Brown and Hannah Craft, Fruitvale ISD School; Virginia Rusler, Grand Saline ISD; Wesley Sweaney, Harmony ISD; River Hammond, Hawkins ISD; Bailey Gilleland, Lindale ISD; Logan Wright, Miller Grove ISD; Gabriel Bardwell, Mineola ISD; Samantha Edge, Mt. Vernon ISD; Emilee Baker, Brooklyn Bustard, Gabby Chaney, Kash Davis, Kendall Davis, Katelyn DeGorotiza, Saul Flores, Peyton Kruckner, Daniel Kernes, Nicholas O'Neal, Irena Reeves, Sophia Reynolds, Averi Ryan and Regina Soldevilla, Quitman ISD; Klara Nichols, Rains ISD; Kyleigh Castloo, Texas Tech K12 ISD; Jillian Gilbert, Samantha Gilchrist, Miles Mitchell, Aiden Moore, Joshua Munn and Lauren Porter, Van ISD; and Halle Deaton, Kaitlyn McAdoo, Kennedie McAdoo, Alexis Mitchell, Kanyon Russom and Kinlee Swanner, Winnsboro ISD.

"The students receiving these scholarships have demonstrated dedication, ambition and perseverance. Their hard work and commitment to their educational goals are a testament to the strength of our community. We are proud to be a part of their journey," said WCEC CEO/General Manager Trey Teaff.

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WOOD COUNTY CHURCH DIRECTORY

Easter Morning

After Jesus was crucified and placed in a tomb on the first Good Friday, the following Sunday morning some women went to His tomb with spices they had prepared for the body. They were concerned about how they would roll away the large stone at the entrance; but, when they arrived, they saw that the stone was moved away from the entrance and the tomb was open. When they went inside, they discovered that Jesus was gone. Suddenly, two men clothed in shining robes, appeared before them. Their faces shone like angels, and one of them said, "Do not be afraid; you are looking for Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified and put to death. He is not here, He is risen from the dead, as He said He would. Come and see the place where He was laid and then go and tell His disciples that Jesus will go before you into Galilee and you shall see Him there."

In the days that followed, Jesus appeared to many different people, reflecting the message that the Messiah suffered, died, and rose again, for the sins of the world, and whoever shall believe in Him shall have salvation. Thus, began the season of Easter.

And after I go and prepare a place for you, I will come back and take you to myself, so that you will be where I am.

Good News Bible John 14:3

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Wood County Sheriff's Report

APRIL 2

Sgt. Burdick, Deputy Haley, assault, CR 2110; caller's roommate threw phone at her, striking her in the face, deputies learned the phone was tossed at the caller and due to being intoxicated, she was unable to catch it.

Deputies, suspicious circumstance, FM 778; caller located male and female on his property, when he confronted them, they fled on foot, deputies searched but did not locate subjects.

Sgt. Burdick, animal bite, Quitman ER; boy playing with dog when it bit him in face, mother unable to provide vaccine records, dog will be quarantined.

APRIL 3

Deputy George, traffic hazard, CR 2260; vehicle by boat docks in roadway blocking traffic, vehicle owner advised they would move it out of roadway.

Deputy Tustin, accidental firearm discharge; caller advised downstairs tenant was cleaning firearm when it went off through ceiling, no parties injured.

Deputy George, suspicious vehicle, CR 2958; vehicle driving around on multiple properties without permission, driver advised they were with internet company, no offense occurred.

APRIL 4

Sgt. Morrison, Deputy Hammond, warrant service, CR 2745. Travis Toledo arrested for active warrants.

Sgt. Morrison, Deputy Hammond, warrant service, Winnboro. Ashley Raley arrested for active warrant.

Deputy Pollard, criminal mis-

chief, CR 2310; girlfriend's son caused damage to victim's TV, offense report completed.

Deputy Beck, theft, FM 49; someone stole vehicle from residence, entered as stolen, offense report completed.

APRIL 5

Sgt. Morrison, Deputy Hammond, wrecked vehicle, FM 49; deputies observed vehicle in tree line appearing to be wrecked, reported as stolen from the previous day, vehicle towed, owner contacted.

Deputy Haney, theft; caller advised wallet was missing, had multiple cards and identifying information, possible suspect provided.

Deputy Gloar, assault; victim jumped by four unidentified people, offense report and follow up will be completed.

APRIL 6

Sgt. Morrison, Deputy Whisenhunt, Deputy Hammond, assault, Private Road 7543; parties had been separated, female had significant swelling and bruising, advised she had been head-butted by suspect. Trevor Maxson arrested for assault.

Deputy Whisenhunt, criminal trespass, CR 2950; caller gave cousin permission to put camper on property, but also forced entry into residence, caller did not wish to file trespass warning but did wish to pursue criminal charges.

Cpl. Rich, Deputy Beck, shots fired, FM 17; neighbor shooting by caller's camper, in fear for her life, male subject became irate, did not want to speak with officers, deputy observed suspect chasing him

with his vehicle, attempted to strike another officer with his vehicle. David Gilmore arrested for evading arrest.

APRIL 7

Deputy Smith, Deputy Tustin, warrant service, Adult Probation. Bobby Howle arrested on active warrant.

Deputy Smith, Deputy Tustin, assault, CR 2245; suspect had already fled, offense report completed.

Deputy Way, theft; victim's grandson asked to use her phone, sent money to his account, stole debit card from purse, victim wished to pursue charges.

Deputy Haley, multiple burglary of vehicles, Hwy. 69, Mineola; multiple vehicles broken into, multiple items stolen, offense report completed.

APRIL 8

Sgt. Cox, damaged property, CR 3144; during the night someone caused damage to gate, case forwarded to investigations.

Deputy Tustin, Deputy Smith, warrant service, CR 2245. Taylor Mobley arrested on active warrant.

Deputy Tustin, Deputy Smith, violation of protection order; victim provided screenshots of ex-wife attempting to contact him with protection order in place, offense report completed.

Deputy Haley, terroristic threat, FM 14; victim doing lawn maintenance on his RV park when tenant came outside with machete and hammer and threatened him, suspect left prior to deputy's arrival, offense report completed.

APRIL 5

12:27 a.m., assist other agency, look out for stolen vehicle from Hawkins, unable to locate.

1:47 a.m., motorist assist, 200 blk McDonald, clearing roadway debris.

9:43 a.m., suspicious person, W. Blair, unable to locate anyone.

11:31 a.m., suspicious persons, Martha, subjects trying to sell items, unable to locate.

11:37 a.m., assist other agency, Karen, subject no longer owns vehicle in question.

5:02 p.m., suspicious vehicle, 100 blk Commerce, parked close to tracks, belongs to railroad worker.

5:11 p.m., public assist, 1200 blk N. Pacific, moving limbs from roadway.

5:38 p.m., public assist, 1000 blk Mimosa, low hanging tree, tree moved.

8:34 p.m., motor vehicle accident, 100 blk S. Johnson, vehicle hit parked truck.

APRIL 6

1:37 a.m., motorist assist, 200 blk NE Loop 564, roadway debris.

6:44 a.m., motor vehicle accident, 100 blk Debby, single vehicle, no injuries.

6:18 p.m., assist other agency, E. Broad at city limits, vehicle speeding, unable to locate.

6:48 p.m., theft, Wigley, case referred to sheriff's office.

11:13 p.m., suspicious person, Second, cigarette odor detected, unable to locate.

APRIL 7

1:11 a.m., suspicious person, Autumn Wind, someone knocking, unable to locate.

7:41 a.m., assist other agency, Mimosa, assist EMS and fire.

3:48 p.m., motor vehicle accident, W. Broad at Cheek, two vehicles.

5:46 p.m., city ordinance violation, W. Patten, burning, fire put out.

7:29 p.m., burglary, English, outside camera missing, direct patrol issued.

8:42 p.m., assist other agency, Hwy. 69.

Mineola Police Report

APRIL 8

11:55 a.m., reckless driver, 1800 blk S. Pacific, unable to maintain lane, no violation observed.

11:58 a.m., information, 100 blk S. Johnson, hit parked vehicle.

2:19 p.m., public assist, N. Newsom, baby left in car, child is OK.

4:00 p.m., welfare concern, W. McDonald, contact made.

APRIL 9

8:58 a.m., suspicious person, E. Broad at N. Pacific, man with chainsaw, political statement.

9:56 a.m., motor vehicle accident, N. Pacific, damage to property at car wash.

10:07 a.m., motorist assist, N. Pacific at Greenville, vehicle broken down, moved from roadway.

8:19 p.m., harassment, W. Broad, work place incident, no charges at this time, possibly pursue criminal trespass warning.

8:45 p.m., disturbance, Landers, three subjects walking, yelling at each other, unable to locate.

APRIL 10

5:54 a.m., information, W. Broad, lost item reported.

7:47 a.m., reckless driver, N. Pacific at city limits, high speed, no violation observed.

9:23 a.m., city ordinance violation, Phillips, loud music, advised to turn down music.

9:59 a.m., escort, Meadowbrook, funeral.

10:53 a.m., welfare concern, Ivey, medical transport.

12:05 p.m., disturbance, W. Hwy. 80 at Loop 564, party reported subject waved firearm from vehicle, unable to locate.

12:38 p.m., motorist assist, 600 Greenville, driver needed directions.

1:44 p.m., suspicious person, W. Kilpatrick, gas company marking gas lines.

2:48 p.m., city ordinance violation, Phillips, noise, music not loud enough to violate city ordinance.

5:17 p.m., assist other agency, Francis, medical transport.

6:32 p.m., civil matter, Autumn

Wind, forged power of attorney. 6:42 p.m., littering, 500 blk N. Line, man threw bag of trash into ditch, unable to locate.

10:32 p.m., welfare concern, 2000 blk W. Broad, mother and three children walking, unable to locate.

APRIL 11

12:14 a.m., disturbance, 911 hang up, E. Good, parties separated.

2:17 a.m., information, 300 Greenville, request to speak to officer to apologize for previous call.

5:12 a.m., information, NE Loop 564, subject advised suspect driving recklessly and would not let her out of vehicle, EMS contacted, subject went willingly.

7:46 a.m., information, W. Loop 564, open 911 call.

9:07 a.m., suspicious person, E. Front, request for person to get off train for behavior issues, subject got off with no problem.

10:13 a.m., city ordinance violation, N. Pacific at E. Broad, loitering, will be leaving area.

12:04 p.m., reckless driver, N. Pacific at Loop 564, passing on shoulder, vehicle in parking lot.

4:19 p.m., reckless driver, N. Pacific at city limits, unable to maintain lane, unable to locate.

6:21 p.m., disturbance, CR 2264, large fight at beach, unable to locate.

6:43 p.m., fraud, S. Pacific, business scam reported, referred to FBI field office.

7:13 p.m., welfare concern, W. Broad, child making threats to mother, juvenile transported by EMS.

8:28 p.m., city ordinance violation, Padgett, noise from machinery, subject running Bobcat but no violation.

9:21 p.m., welfare concern, N. Johnson, unable to reach family member, subject is OK.

10:28 p.m., suspicious person, Bluebird, subject lives at residence.

11:18 p.m., city ordinance violation, Pat, dog barking unable to locate.

Officers also made 69 traffic stops and answered seven animal control calls and one alarm.

Mineola Fire Department Report

Dispatched and canceled en route: April 3, 6:49 a.m., Bromberg; April 5, 5:59 p.m., CR 2320.

Sprinkler activation due to malfunction: April 4, 8:46 a.m., Maxine.

Alarm system sounded due to malfunction:

April 4, 1:01 p.m., Bromberg.

Severe weather or natural disaster standby: April 4, 4:15 p.m., district wide.

Public service: April 5, 5:44 p.m., Mimosa at Emily.

Motor vehicle accident with no injuries: April 5, 6:26 p.m., US 69 North;

April 7, 3:46 p.m., W. Broad at Cheek.

Medical assist, assist EMS crew: April 7, 7:40 a.m., Mimosa; April 9, 8:29 a.m., PR 6645; April 9, 3:32 p.m., CR 2336; April 9, 8:36 p.m., PR 6209.

Drug manufacturing cases lead to 25-year prison term

Judd Paul Pippins of Sulphur Springs pleaded guilty to two drug charges in 402nd District Court Thursday, April 10 and was sentenced to 25 years in prison.

He was charged with the first-degree felonies of manufacture or delivery of a controlled substance penalty group 1, four grams or more but less than 200 grams, and manufacture or delivery of a controlled substance, penalty group 3, 28 grams or more but less than 200 grams. He was also fined



JUDD PAUL PIPPINS
Sentenced in drug cases

\$5,000 and acknowledged his guilt for the offenses of delivery of marijuana more than

1/4 ounces but less than or equal to 5 pounds, criminal trespass, and theft of property \$100 or more but less than \$750.

Sgt. Andre Thompson with the Mineola Police Department was on patrol when he observed Pippins operating a motor vehicle and was aware that Pippins had an active warrant.

Thompson arrested Pippins for active warrant and searched Pip-

pin's vehicle, locating over six grams of methamphetamine, 90 hydrocodone pills, over an ounce of marijuana, 15 small clear baggies and 10 unused syringes.

Wood County District Attorney Angela Albers said, "The defendant has a significant history involving drug dealing. Yet again he was trying to circulate drugs in Wood County, putting our community at risk."



Jesus Christ was crucified on the Cross for our sins. If we stop at the Cross, we miss the core of Christianity. Jesus rose from the tomb, and without the Resurrection, our faith is dead. Because Christ rose from the dead, our past is forgiven and our future is secure. Especially at Easter, the Resurrection is cause for great celebration.

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Alba council approves audit

By BRYNNA WILLIAMSON
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Alba City Council's special meeting Thursday, April 10 went off without a hitch. The council received an audit presentation for the fiscal year ending Sept. 30, 2024 from Kelly Birdwell of Wilf & Henderson, P.C., of Texarkana.

The council voted to approve the audit shortly

afterward.

According to the audit, the city had year-end a general fund balance of \$341,938. Total expenses for the fiscal year were \$699,238. The audit also mentioned the council's "conservative approach to management," which the accountants say leads to expenditures which have "consistently been well within budget parameters."

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Obituaries

DAVID WALLACE TATE 1961-2025

David Wallace Tate, 63, was born Nov. 1, 1961 and died Feb. 8, 2025.

He was a resident of Winnsboro for many years, after being born and raised in Dallas.

He is survived by parents, Nancy Benson Tate of Missoula, Mont. and James Tate of Richardson. Also surviving are his two sisters, Victoria of Missoula, Mont. and Kathryn and her husband Stan of Canton and their three children, along with many nieces, nephews and cousins.

In his younger years David chose sheet-rocking and carpentry as his profession. In 1978 David joined the US Navy and served on the command ship of the 7th Fleet on the USS Blue Ridge LCC19. Four years ago, David suffered a fall which eventually resulted in a stroke, leading to paralysis to his right side and eventually taking its toll on David. After hearing many prayers, God relieved David of his suffering and pain, thus calling him home on Saturday, Feb. 8.

David will be remembered as a good, generous and compassionate friend to all who knew him and will forever be in the hearts of his survivors.

His ashes will be buried in the Benson family plot at Steward Cemetery in Rusk County. Donations to a favor-

ite charity will be graciously accepted.

ROBERT GLEN SIMS 1964-2025



Robert Glen Sims, 60, passed away after a sudden illness in Quitman on April 10, 2025. He leaves behind his wife, Teresa Sims; two children, Jacob and Lacey Sims; a granddaughter, Guinevere Carter; his mother, Joyce Sims; and his sister, Traci Sims Martin.

Robert was born April 12, 1964 in Great Falls, Montana.

Rob retired in 2020 from TDCJ where he was a substance abuse counselor.

Those who knew Rob remember him as kind-hearted and generous. He was a great conversationalist. His life was marked by his profound love of animals, particularly dogs.

He was preceded in death by his father, Curtis Nathan Sims.

A joint memorial service honoring both Robert and Curtis's lives will be held on Saturday, April 19, 2025 from 2:00 to 3:30 p.m. at Freedom Baptist Church, 201 W. FM 564 in Mineola.

Quitman pocket park planned as memorial

By BRYNNA WILLIAMSON
news@wood.cm

The Quitman Development Corp. (QDC) board voted unanimously Monday to authorize Executive Director James Attaway to begin planning a "pocket park," or neighborhood park, at 302 E. Lane Street. This is the site of the fatal Lipscomb house fire in November 2024; however, post-demolition of the home, the board and the family want to turn the site of a tragedy into a place to bring

joy and remembrance to the community. It will be named "Lipscomb Park" in honor of their family, which Attaway says is "a very old name in Quitman."

The board received a draft Strategic Plan from TG Mullins Consulting, LLC, but after some discussion decided to take no action until more board members could be present. Kerry Puckett and Justin Harrison were absent.

The board also heard several local updates from Attaway, includ-

ing the proposed memory care facility, which would be adjacent to the UT Health Hospital in Quitman. Plans for construction of the facility are currently contingent on receiving state funding, which Attaway says the chances of are "looking pretty decent."

Attaway also noted that the Wood County Airport may be receiving investment funds from an interested party in order to implement a jet fixed base operator,

See QDC, Page 11A

Mineola Library Notes

BY LIBRARIAN MARY HURLEY



It has been a very busy April and we're just now halfway through the month.

Two of us had the opportunity to attend the Texas Library Association's annual conference. It was a wise investment. We learned some things, connected with vendors we normally interact with one the phone or email, we connected with colleagues that we see only once or twice a year due to the size of our state, and we enjoyed some downtime from regular library duties.

We are also fortunate that we have a wonderful staff that held down the fort and board members who helped staff get a chance to get out and take a break.

Last week was National Library Week. We kind of missed the boat on promoting that due to the conference so you may see something similar coming up. We want to know what

draws you to our library.

We have several fundraisers this month. On Friday, April 18 during library hours we will have a cookie sale to benefit the library and word has it the Easter Bunny will visit from 2 to 4 p.m. and you may use your phone or camera to take pictures.

We will be closed Saturday, April 19 so our staff may take a break, enjoy the weekend and the holiday.

Saturday, April 26 we will have a book sale. This time it will be in the alley behind the library. Park at the library or the Methodist church and walk over. Cash only and your donations for book purchases go to support the library.

All during this month, culminating on Tuesday, April 29 is East Texas Giving Day. This is a day to donate to non-profits from the

comfort of your own home. It is an online giving platform and the Mineola Memorial Library will be participating this year along with several other local non-profits. Please, give generously.

Our regular line-ups of programs continue with Toddler Story Time on Tuesday mornings at 9 a.m. for the 18-month to 3-year-old crowd with parent/caregiver; Preschool Story Time on Wednesday mornings at 10 a.m. for the 3-5-year-old crowd with parent/caregiver; and Homeschool Heroes on Friday, April 18 at 10 a.m. for homeschool families. East Texas Perfectionist Book Club will meet Thursday, April 24 at 6:30 p.m. to discuss "The Clockmaker's Daughter."

Remember the Mineola Memorial Library is a 501(c)3, non-profit. Your support means the world to us.

Man sent to prison for arson case

Eric Wade Berkenkamp, 49, of Winnsboro pleaded guilty to the first-degree felony of arson - recklessly causing injury that occurred on July 27, 2022 in Hawkins.

He was sentenced to 40 years in state prison and ordered to pay a \$2,000 fine Thursday, April 10 in 402nd District Court.

Berkenkamp also pleaded guilty to the first-degree felony of aggravated assault against a public servant with a deadly weapon and acknowledged his guilt for the offense of terroristic threat of a family/household member.

The Wood County Sheriff's Office received a call on July 27, 2022 that Berkenkamp was damaging a residence in Hawkins and had poured gasoline throughout the entire house. Wood County Prec. 3 Constable John

McQueen responded to the residence to assist the Sheriff's Office. Officers observed Berkenkamp outside and tried to detain him, but he fled inside the residence.

Officers entered the residence and observed Berkenkamp lying in a pool of gasoline. Berkenkamp ignited a lighter and dropped it in the pool of gasoline, starting a fire. McQueen's boot caught on fire as a result and he fled outside "in fear for his life."

After extinguishing the flames on his boot, McQueen assisted the Sheriff's Office and the Hawkins Police Department in taking Berkenkamp into custody.

Wood County Criminal District Attorney Angela Albers said, "The defendant has a history of arson and violence towards law enforcement. His actions endangered everyone at



ERIC WADE BERKENKAMP
40-year prison sentence

the residence that day and could have easily resulted in serious injury or the death of police officers. The defendant's actions are intolerable and the sentence in this case reflects how seriously my office treats violence against law enforcement. Fortunately, Constable McQueen and the other officers on scene were able to walk away from the residence that day."

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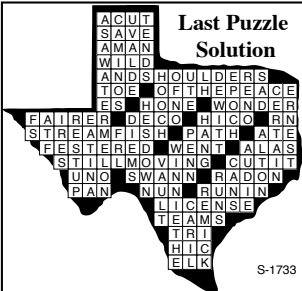
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NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Notice is hereby given that original Letters of Administration for the Estate of JAMES A. BOWEN II, Deceased, were issued on April 3, 2025, in Cause No.14857, pending in the County Court of Wood County, Texas, to: DAVID BOWEN

Claims may be presented in care of the attorney for the Estate addressed as follows:

Representative
ESTATE OF JAMES A. BOWEN II
c/o: PETER G. MILNE
Attorney at Law
321 W. Houston Street,
Tyler, TX 75702

All persons having claims against this Estate which is currently being administered are required to present them to the undersigned within the time and in the manner prescribed by law.

DATED the 11 day of April, 2025.

Peter G. Milne

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Public Meeting

The Ark-Tex Council of Governments (ATCOG) will conduct a public meeting at 9:00am on May 20, 2025, at the main office located at 4808 Elizabeth Street, Texarkana, Texas, to receive comments on the Five Year and Annual Plan for the Housing Choice Voucher Program. The plan is available for review on the outside bulletin board at the main office or online at <https://atcog.org/housing>.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Notice is hereby given that original Letters Testamentary for the Estate of Bobby Frank Kirby, Deceased, were issued on April 7, 2025, in Cause No. 14,906, pending in the County Court of Wood County, Texas, to: ELIZABETH LYNN KIRBY and CINDY SUE ESTAKHRI.

All persons having claims against this Estate which is currently being administered are required to present them to:

**Elizabeth Lynn Kirby and
Cindy Sue Estakhri**
c/o Kyle G. Waggoner
Attorney at Law
PO Box 1152
Mineola, Texas, 75773

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Notice is hereby given that original Letters Testamentary for the Estate of Oran Herschel Fry, Deceased, were issued on April 7, 2025, in Cause No. 14,894, pending in the County Court of Wood County, Texas, to: DAVID DEWAYNE FRY.

All persons having claims against this Estate which is currently being administered are required to present them to:

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ACROSS

1 TX "Babe" helped start this female pro golf org. (abbr.)

5 shootin' or brandin'

6 seat of Garza County

7 TXism: "he's ___ tight he squeaks when he walks"

8 sun baked

9 Alamo book: "13 ___ Glory"

15 TX Mary Kay Ash's white poodle

16 TX Benton directed "___ Kramer"

18 "Grand ___"

20 jumps

22 TXism: "___ in your pipe and smoke it"

27 Branch Davidians of 1993, e.g.

28 as a boy, Troy Aikman carried buckets ___ for pigs on the farm

29 an Aikman throw

30 TXism: "he's an ___ at it" (experienced)

32 ___ "Bum" Phillips

33 TXism: "if it ain't true there ain't ___ in Texas"

36 CSA general Robert ___

37 TXism: "___ pilot" (preacher)

38 TX Tigua Indian Reservation event: ___ dance

39 TXism: "never in all my ___ (never seen it)"

41 what TX Phil Gramm gave up (2 wds.)

44 ___ Park, TX

45 ___ Leon, TX

46 7-11's "Big ___"

47 Gov. Richards and TX actress Harding avoidable

9 TXism: "so ___ are sprinkling"

10 Marlin High class

11 Yvette of "Jackson County Jail" with TX Tommy Lee (init.)

12 sacrifice desires (hyph.)

13 TX ZZ Top album: "___ Hombres"

14 Texas Motor Speedway track shape

15 what Cowboys didn't cross often in 2024 (2 wds.)

16 Dallas news AM

17 TXism: "___ a mother-in-law on a long visit"

19 TXism: "___ yourself up by the bootstraps"

21 "fixes" a female dog

22 40th governor, Preston (init.)

23 TXism: "run ___ white flag"

24 classic western "The ___ Star" with TX Mary Webster

25 horse gaits

26 TX Gene Autry's "That Silver ___ Daddy of Mine"

28 classic car plate: "1 ___"

31 TXism: "got ___ of corn to shuck"

34 intl. boxing org.

35 TXism: "put on the feed bag" cut lumber

40 TXism: "now you've gone and ___ it"

42 popular family vehicle (abbr.)

43 5th governor, Pease

49 severe situation this TX-born Kowalski directed the 2nd episode of "Columbo" (init.)

DOWN

1 TXism: "couldn't lick his upper ___" (weak)

2 28-across when he was last a QB

3 ex-Ranger hurler "Goose"

4 community school in "Alamo City": San ___

8 a TX Janis Joplin group: "Full ___ Boogie Band"

The Ordinances below were approved by the City Council of Winnsboro Texas at the April 08, 2025 Council meeting and may be viewed at <https://ecode360.com/WI6519>

ORDINANCE NO 1083-2025

AN ORDINANCE BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WINNSBORO, TEXAS, AMENDING THE CITY'S COMPREHENSIVE PLAN, ZONING MAP, AND ZONING ORDINANCE, AND CHANGING THE ZONING OF CERTAIN PROPERTY AS DESCRIBED HEREIN; PROVIDING SAVINGS, REPEALING, SEVERABILITY AND PENALTY CLAUSES; PUBLICATION AND EFFECTIVE DATE

ORDINANCE NO 1084-2025

AN ORDINANCE BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WINNSBORO, TEXAS, REPEALING ORDINANCE 924-2015, AMENDING THE CITY'S CODE OF ORDINANCES RELATED TO VACANT BUILDINGS; ESTABLISHING ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS, PROVIDING FOR ISSUANCE OF PERMITS, PENALTIES FOR VIOLATIONS, SAVINGS, A REPEALING CLAUSE AND SEVERABILITY.

CITATION BY PUBLICATION

THE STATE OF TEXAS COUNTY OF WOOD

TO: DONNA JEAN PICKETT WHITTAKER, GARY EDWARD PICKETT MOORE, RHONDA GAIL MOORE KRAUSE AND PAULA LYNN MOORE DESMOND; INTERESTED IN THE ESTATE OF DORIS J HENSON A/K/A DORIS GENEVA CALLENS/HENSON, DEC'D Cause No. 14,923 in County Court in and for Wood County, Texas

Cathy Strachan fka Cathy Henson Binford, Applicant in the above numbered and entitled case, filed on the 24th day of March, 2025 in Wood County, An Application for probate of Will as a Muniment of Title. Applicant prays that citation by law to all persons interested in this estate; that the Will be admitted to Probate as a Muniment of Title and without any administration thereon; and that all others orders be signed as the Court may deem proper.

Said application will be heard at 10:00 a.m. on the first Monday next after the expiration of ten (10) days from the date of publication of this citation, at the County Court in and for Wood County, Texas, Courthouse, One Main Street, Quitman, Texas 75783, Wood County, Texas.

All persons interested in said estate are hereby cited to appear before said Honorable Court at, said above mentioned time and place by filing, a written answer contesting such application should they desire to do so.

If this citation is not served within 90 days after the date of its issuance, it shall be returned, unserved.

GIVEN UNDER MY HAND AND SEAL OF SAID COURT at office in Quitman, Texas, this the 7th day of April, 2025.

KELLEY PRICE, County Clerk
Wood County, Texas

By: *Dachelle Byford*
Dachelle Byford Deputy

Qualifiers advancing to regional track meet

By JOHN ARBTER
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In a banner year for local track and field, 34 student-athletes from Alba-Golden, Mineola and Quitman schools will be competing at regional track meets this week.

Leading the qualification for regionals were nine blue-ribbon performances at the Class

3A - 15/16 and Class 2A - 19/20 area meets held last week in Eustace and Madisonville, respectively.

Alba-Golden athletes won five events at area. Wyatt Sutton brought home the 200-meter dash in 22.42 seconds. Layton Williams tossed the shot 45'7.5" to win the event, while Alex Pflingsten vaulted 12'06" to win the pole vault.

Alexis Wilmut took the girls shot put with a toss of 32'6.5", and Olivia Morrison won the pole vault with a vault of 9'.

The Alba-Golden boys teams finished in overall third place out of 14 teams participating at the area meet. The girls team secured an overall fourth place finish.

Also qualifying for the regional meet for the Panthers and Lady

Panthers were Cameron Lennon (110-meter hurdles, 300-meter hurdles), Kayden Massie (100-meter dash), Wyatt Sutton (long jump, triple jump), Braelyn Massie (long jump), Averi Stevenson (triple jump) and Jayla Sitar (pole vault).

The boys 4x100-meter relay team of Massie, Sutton, Garrett Wright and Cooper Christian and 4x400-meter relay team of Massie, Sutton, Lennon and Wright will compete at regionals as well. All three Lady Panther relay teams will run at regionals. They are Braelyn Massie, Sadie Wright, Landrie Boyd and Stevenson in the 4x100-meter; Stevenson, Lainey Teel, Sitar and Peyton Clark in the 4x200-meter and Stevenson, Teel, Sitar and Campbell Shrum in the 4x400-meter.

The area 3A meet last week in Eustace saw four blue-ribbon performances from local

athletes. Quitman's Bryson Hobbs captured the long jump title with a leap of 22'4.25". Lady Jacket Raylie Peebles won the 800-meter run in 2'21.85".

In another stellar performance, Mineola's Tierany Neighbors won the triple jump with a distance of 36'4.5" and the pole vault, clearing 12'. She additionally qualified for regionals in the long jump.

Additional Mineola athletes qualifying for regionals included Ainsley Steward (high jump), Kipton Neighbors (pole vault), Stephanie Rojas (200-meter dash), Caroline Castleberry (100-meter hurdles, 300-meter hurdles), Mahayla McMahon (high jump), Jaeyla Dennis (triple jump) and Shyli Rushing (shot put).

The Mineola girls 4x200-meter relay team of Amera Caldwell, Neighbors, Adelyn Steward and Rojas; and

the 4x400-meter relay team of Olivia Hughes, Neighbors, Steward and Peebles will compete at regionals.

Other Quitman athletes joining Bryson Hobbs on the trip to regionals are Jairo Salinas (800-meter run), Braleigh Wood (400-meter dash, 800-meter run), Katelyn DeGorostiza (1600-meter and 3200-meter runs) and Sadie Vander Schaaf (high jump). Hobbs also qualified for the next level with his finish in the 110-meter hurdles.

The Mineola Lady Jackets finished in an overall third place out of 12 teams at area. The Lady Bulldogs placed ninth. Mineola and Quitman boys track teams finished in 11th and 12th places respectively out of 14 teams.

Regional meets will be held April 18-19. Alba-Golden competes in Palestine and Mineola and Quitman at Whitehouse.



Alba-Golden left-fielder takes a bead on a ball in short left-center. He made a great backhanded diving catch on the ball. Also closing the play were centerfielder Cooper Christian and shortstop Boogie Trimble. (Monitor photo by John Arbter)

Panthers blank Owls in sweep

By JOHN ARBTER
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The Alba-Golden Panthers have made some great strides thus far this season. The Panthers are playing strong, fundamental baseball, and the results are showing.

Last Friday they took a double-header from the visiting Yantis Owls, 16-0, 15-0.

While the Yantis side was largely listless last Friday, the techniques of solid baseball demonstrated by the Panthers were notable.

Two examples were plate awareness and defending against the steal.

In the first inning, both Alba-Golden's second and third hitters, Boogie Trimble and Mason Smith, saw that the Yantis third baseman was playing at least 10 feet behind third base.

The adjustment was easy, and both hitters laid down bunts which went for infield base hits.

Those decisions jump-started the Panthers offense which went on to put eight

runs across in the first.

The second example was the work of the Panther infield in gunning-down two steal attempts at second base. Defending against the steal is a whole infield effort.

Although the Panthers only faced 11 Owl hitters in the three-inning, shortened game, they nabbed two at second with on-target throws from Brett Sutton behind the plate and a correctly-placed infield.

Alba-Golden hitters banged out 14 base hits in three innings. As a group they demonstrated excellent plate discipline and made solid contact with the ball.

The play of the game came from left-fielder Tucker Samples. In the third, Samples was converging with center-fielder Cooper Christian and shortstop Boogie Trimble to try to get a sinking ball in short left-center field. It appeared that the hit would find the turf for a Texas Leaguer, when Samples accelerated and made a diving backhanded catch.

The Panthers host Como-Pickton on Friday in the last regularly-scheduled district game. The playoffs then await.



Mineola's Kali Chrietzberg (left with ball) and Kaitlyn McMahon have a Grand Saline base runner in a pickle between second and third. The runner beat the throw back to second and was safe. (Monitor photo by John Arbter)

Error-filled inning thwarts Lady Jackets

By JOHN ARBTER
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The Lady Jackets were well on their way to upsetting the district-leading Grand Saline Lady Indians last Friday. They led the visitors 5-3 after three innings.

Then came the disastrous fourth. Six fielding errors gifted Grand Saline six runs, turning the game permanently in the Lady Indians' favor.

Grand Saline went on to take the game 11-9.

Coming out of that nightmare inning, it was clear that the Lady Jackets had their confidence shaken. However, they fought through it and put up runs in the fifth, sixth and seventh.

In the fifth, doubles by Jadelyn Marshall and Courtney Nguyen

picked up a run. In the sixth it was Mahayla McMahon who hammered a double which drove in Kaitlyn McMahon.

In the meantime, Mineola's struggles in the field continued. An error and a passed ball contributed to Grand Saline scores in the sixth and seventh.

In the bottom of the seventh, Mineola trailed 11-7. With one away, Jorja Young beat out an infield hit. Nguyen was plunked squarely in the back and Mineola was in business.

Nguyen was forced at second, but Emily Hodges reached when the throw to complete a double-play went awry. Young scored on the fielder's choice.

The top of the order was up with one on and

two away. Caroline Castleberry stepped in and banged a base hit up the middle, driving-in Hodges. It appeared the rally was on.

Castleberry had a great jump upon contact and took a wide turn at second with thoughts to stretch the hit to a triple. She was caught in a run down which ended the rally and the game.

Coming off a seventh-inning loss last Tuesday at Malakoff and with the nightmare inning against Grand Saline, it is hard to say how good the Lady Jackets are. Given a clean game, they could go a long way in the playoffs. They match up with any team on a position-by-position basis, and they can score.

CITY OF MINEOLA

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The public is hereby notified that the Planning & Zoning Commission of The City of Mineola will hold a public hearing to receive public comment on Monday, May 5, 2025 at 5:30 pm at City Hall, 300 Greenville Hwy., Mineola, TX. The purpose of the hearing is to discuss a request for the rezoning of Lots 6D and 7D Block H Mineola Townsites from C-1 to MD (Medium Density). The property is located in the 100 block of Belcher Street.

GOLF Mineola & Quitman Regional @ Oakhurst Girls, April 17-18

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Mineola vs Edgewood, April 17, 6 pm
Quitman vs Eustace, April 17, 5 pm
Alba-Golden vs Big Sandy, April 17, 6 pm

BASEBALL
Mineola vs Winona, April 17, 4:30 pm @ Eustace, April 22, 4:30 pm
Quitman vs Edgewood, April 17, 4:30 pm
Alba-Golden vs Big Sandy, April 17, 6 pm @ Como-Pickton, April 22, 6 pm

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Wood County Junior Livestock Show results

DAIRY HEIFERS

Grand Champion: Justice Vivion – Yantis FFA
Reserve Champion: Kendall Davis – Quitman FFA
Junior Showmanship: Mariela Castillo – Winnsboro FFA
Intermediate Showmanship: Denver Driver – Winnsboro FFA
Senior Showmanship: Lutske Bouma - Winnsboro FFA

Class 1

- Justice Vivion
- Denver Driver
- Katelyn De Gorostiza
- Ava Robinson
- Makenzy Driver

Class 2

- Kendall Davis
- Lutske Bouma
- Jordan Williams
- Lola Hayes
- Mariela Castillo
- Wesley Davis
- Isis Murlin
- Stacy Van Vleet

RABBITS

Grand Champion: Sophie Camp – Quitman FFA
Reserve Champion: Elington Osbern – Alba-Golden FFA
3 Caroline Louderman Wood Co 4-H
4 Isabel Corbat Quitman FFA
5 Caroline Castleberry Mineola FFA
6 Kyleigh Swanner Winnsboro FFA
7 Coletun Klepfer Wood Co 4-H
8 Emma Black Mineola FFA
9 Alexis Higgins Quitman FFA
10 Beth Ann Main Hawkins FFA
11 Gunner Klepfer Wood Co 4-H
12 Atalie Thomas Mineola FFA
13 Mason Gillean Wood Co 4-H
14 Dallie Glenn Quitman FFA
15 Jordan Smith Quitman FFA
16 Kinslee Miller Quitman FFA
17 Analia Campuzano Mineola FFA
18 Paizlee Swanner Winnsboro FFA
19 Kyleigh Swanner Winnsboro FFA
20 Abigail Johnson Quitman FFA
21 Ashlynn Stanley Quitman FFA
22 Aubrey Urquhart Hawkins FFA
23 DAPHNE BRUMIT Winnsboro FFA
24 Tammy Vavrecka Quitman FFA
25 Cayslyn Marshall Quitman FFA
Junior Showmanship: Analiyah Rivas – Mineola FFA
Intermediate Showmanship: Alexis Higgins – Quitman FFA
Senior Showmanship: Paizlee Swanner – Winnsboro FFA

MARKET AG MECHANICS

Grand Champion: Stacy Van Vleet, Quitman FFA
Reserve Champion: Gabby Chaney, Quitman FFA

Trailers

- Hunter Ballard Mineola FFA

Shop Equipment

- Rush Karlson Hawkins FFA

Livestock & Wildlife Equipment

- Stacy Van Vleet Quitman FFA
- Jake Perkins Quitman FFA
- Luke Rogers Winnsboro FFA
- Kyleigh Castloo Wood Co 4-H

Indoor Furniture & Home Convenience

- Gabby Chaney Quitman FFA
- Luke Yeager Wood Co 4-H
- Daniel Rios Hawkins FFA
- Kenlee Childress Hawkins FFA
- Barrett McBride Hawkins FFA
- Kaleb Gaskill Wood Co 4-H
- Jadyn Bossier Alba-Golden FFA

Outdoor Furniture & Home Convenience

- Allison Van Vleet Quitman FFA
- Rylan Williams Hawkins FFA
- Karly Kernes Quitman FFA
- Kegan McBride Hawkins FFA

Cooking / Fire Pits

- Bryson France Hawkins FFA
 - Levi Maberry Hawkins FFA
- Intermediate Showmanship: Allison Van Vleet – Quitman FFA
Senior Showmanship: Stacy Van Vleet – Quitman FFA

OPEN AG MECHANICS

Grand Champion: 24' Lowboy Gooseneck – Hawkins FFA
Reserve Champion: Goat Chute with Ramp – Hawkins FFA

Trailers

- Hawkins FFA 24' Lowboy Gooseneck
- Quitman FFA 14' Bumper Pull Trailer
- Hawkins FFA 14' Utility Trailer
- Quitman FFA 20' Bumper Pull Trailer
- Hawkins FFA 18' Utility Trailer
- Mineola FFA 12' Utility trailer
- Mineola FFA Custom 15' trailer
- Hawkins FFA 12' Welding Trailer
- Yantis FFA ATV Trailer

Agriculture Machinery & Truck Accessories

- Jitse Bouma 3 Point Toolbox
- Winnsboro FFA Aerator
- Winnsboro FFA 3 Point Hitch Carryall

Shop Equipment

- Ellie Jo Main / Beth Ann Main Jewelers Bench
- Hawkins FFA Shop Table

Livestock & Wildlife Equipment

- Hawkins FFA Goat Chute with Ramp
- Mineola FFA Lamb Hauler
- Mineola FFA 16 ft Entry Gate
- Alba-Golden FFA Alleyway with Palpatation Cage
- Quitman FFA Show Lamb Rail
- Ryder Ellison Hay Feeder
- Austyn Fuller Broiler Chicken Tractor
- Victoria Holman & Wyatt Bozman Goat Stand
- Yantis FFA Wildlife Feeder

Cooking / Fire Pits

- Yantis FFA Fire pit

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Juniors

Grand Champion: Deacon Hall (People), Alba-Golden FFA
Reserve Champion: Kyleigh Swanner (Animals), Winnsboro FFA

Animals

- 1st Place: Kyleigh Swanner – Winnsboro FFA
- 2nd Place: Deacon Hall – Alba-Golden FFA
- 3rd Place: Royce Jones – Wood County 4-H

People

- 1st Place: Deacon Hall – Alba-Golden FFA
- 2nd Place: Kyleigh Swanner – Winnsboro FFA
- 3rd Place: Ella Cowley – Hawkins FFA

Landscape

- 1st Place: Brighton Lee – Quitman FFA
- 2nd Place: Emma Schuttler – Wood County 4-H
- 3rd Place: Gage Henk – Wood County 4-H

Floral/Plants

- 1st Place: Deacon Hall – Alba-Golden FFA
- 2nd Place: Kyleigh Swanner – Winnsboro FFA
- 3rd Place: Ella Cowley – Hawkins FFA

Intermediate

Grand Champion: Luke Yeager (Floral/Plant), Wood County 4-H
Reserve Champion: Claire Groter (People), Winnsboro FFA

People

- 1st Place: Claire Groter – Winnsboro FFA
- 2nd Place: Piper Hartin – Alba-Golden FFA
- 3rd Place: Caleb Van Cleave – Mineola FFA

Animals

- 1st Place: Caleb Van Cleave – Mineola FFA
- 2nd Place: Brycen Caldera – Quitman FFA
- 3rd Place: Brinley Rock – Quitman FFA

Landscape

- 1st Place: Brinley Rock – Quitman FFA
- 2nd Place: Caleb Van Cleave – Mineola FFA
- 3rd Place: Brylyn Campbell – Quitman FFA

Floral/Plants

- 1st Place: Luke Yeager – Wood County 4-H
- 2nd Place: Camo Jasper – Hawkins FFA
- 3rd Place: Avery Ballard – Mineola FFA

Seniors

Grand Champion: Paizlee Swanner (Animals) – Winnsboro FFA
Reserve Champion: Paizlee Swanner (People) – Winnsboro FFA

Animals

- 1st Place: Paizlee Swanner – Winnsboro FFA
- 2nd Place: Carly Williams – Alba-Golden FFA
- 3rd Place: Makenzy Driver – Winnsboro FFA

People

- 1st Place: Paizlee Swanner – Winnsboro FFA
- 2nd Place: Kacey Myers – Hawkins FFA
- 3rd Place: Ryleigh Van Cleave – Mineola FFA

Landscape

- 1st Place: Brighton Lee – Quitman FFA
- 2nd Place: Emma Schuttler – Wood County 4-H
- 3rd Place: Gage Henk – Wood County 4-H

Floral/Plants

- 1st Place: Amberlynn Page – Yantis FFA
- 2nd Place: Makenzy Driver – Winnsboro FFA
- 3rd Place: Brooke Lee – Quitman FFA

MARKET HOGS

Hampshire Market Hog

Class 1

- Colsten Smith, Quitman FFA
- Cody Wells, Alba-Golden FFA
- Ryleigh Van Cleave, Mineola FFA
- Marley Bess, Quitman FFA
- Lillian Williams, Alba-Golden

Class 2

- Jake Warren, Winnsboro FFA
- Brooke Lee, Quitman FFA

Class 3

- Kash Mckamie, Hawkins FFA
- Kaylee Nance, Mineola FFA
- Emilie Kennedy, Hawkins FFA

Class 4

- Cooper Young, Mineola FFA
 - Ryleigh Van Cleave, Mineola FFA
 - Jonathan Hayes, Quitman FFA
- Champion Kash McKamie
Reserve Champion Jake Warren

Yorkshire Market Hog

Class 5

- Landri Dugan, Alba-Golden FFA
 - Payton Galyean
 - Brady Bess, Quitman FFA
 - Kami Miller
- Champion Landri Dugan
Reserve Champion Payton Galyean

Duroc Market Hog

Class 6

- Ryder Epps, Hawkins FFA
- Kameron Crawford, Winnsboro FFA
- Jordan Smith, Quitman FFA
- Colton Graves, Quitman FFA

Class 7

- Addison Minaryd, Quitman FFA
- JD McGough, Mineola FFA
- Audrina Gist, Quitman FFA

Class 8

- Sami Jo Perkins, Quitman FFA
- Emerson Bess, Quitman FFA
- Addison Glidewell, Quitman FFA

Class 9

- Wyatt Young, Mineola FFA
 - Augustus Dugan, Alba-Golden FFA
 - Beau Alcorn, Quitman FFA
- Champion Wyatt Young
Reserve Champion Ryder Epps

Dark OPB Market Hog

Class 12

- Caydence Beardsley, Hawkins FFA
 - Beau Alcorn, Quitman FFA
 - Cedar Stone, Quitman FFA
 - William Bays, Quitman FFA
 - Kason Goldsmith, Alba-Golden FFA
- Champion Caydence Beardsley
Reserve Champion Beau Alcorn

Light Crossbred Market Hog

Class 13

- Kaylea Griffin, Winnsboro FFA
 - Colsten Smith, Quitman FFA
 - Ellie Jo Main, Hawkins FFA
- Organization: Hawkins FFA
4 - Cole Applegate, Quitman FFA

Class 14

- Colette Harle, Mineola FFA
- Harli Dugan, Alba-Golden FFA
- Kade Goldsmith, Alba-Golden FFA

Class 15

- Kacey Myers, Hawkins FFA
- Brighton Lee, Quitman FFA
- Cade Mathews, Winnsboro FFA

Class 16

- Luke Wernecke, Mineola FFA
- Bristol Johnson, Quitman FFA
- Riggin Rodieck, Quitman FFA

Champion Luke Wernecke

Other Crossbred Market Hog

Class 17

- Brooke Lee, Quitman FFA
- Kami Miller, Quitman FFA
- KC Nance, Mineola FFA

Class 18

- Bristol Johnson, Quitman FFA
- Skylar Despain, Hawkins FFA
- Kylie Garrigus, Mineola FFA
- Zeppelin Atteberry, Alba-Golden FFA

Class 19

- Caroline Anders, Mineola FFA
- Jaxon Wernecke, Mineola FFA
- JD McGough, Mineola FFA
- Giovanni Campuzano, Mineola FFA
- Wyatt Bozman, Winnsboro FFA
- Hailey Ibarra, Quitman FFA

Class 20

- Harlee Alcorn, Quitman FFA
- Mckenna Johnson, Hawkins FFA
- Penelope Gagnon, Quitman FFA
- Myra Castillo, Quitman FFA

Class 21

- Cooper Young, Mineola FFA
- Khloie Stahn, Winnsboro FFA
- Jayce Todd, Hawkins FFA
- Carlee Alcorn, Quitman FFA

Champion Cooper Young

Reserve Champion Khloie Stahn

Overall Champion Market Hog - Kash McKamie

Overall Reserve Champion Market Hog - Luke Wernecke

BROILERS

Grand Champion: Averi Ryan, Quitman FFA
Reserve Champion: William Louderman, Alba-Golden FFA
Junior Showmanship: Hallie Conover – Hawkins FFA

Intermediate Showmanship: Taylor Drinkwine – Quitman FFA

Senior Showmanship: Paizlee Swanner – Winnsboro FFA

3 - William Louderman, Alba-Golden FFA

4 - Averi Ryan, Quitman FFA

5 - Tucker Hayes, Quitman FFA

6 - Mia Vega, Mineola FFA

7 - Ryker Park, Quitman FFA

8 - Paizlee Swanner, Winnsboro FFA

9 - Ximena Villeda, Mineola FFA

10 - Dane Thomas, Mineola FFA

11 - Kashton Labit, Quitman FFA

12 - Levi Goforth, Alba-Golden FFA

13 - Hallie Conover, Hawkins FFA

14 - Kash McKamie, Hawkins FFA

15 - Jayce Todd, Hawkins FFA

16 - Ashtyn Hammond, Quitman FFA

17 - Taylor Drinkwine, Quitman FFA

18 - Harlee Mix, Quitman FFA

19 - Luke Goforth, Alba-Golden FFA

20 - Tucker Hayes, Quitman FFA

21 - Hector Rodriguez, Mineola FFA

22 - Kendall Davis, Quitman FFA

23 - Mark Vega, Mineola FFA

24 - Halley Peterson, Alba-Golden FFA

25 - Lizbeth Villeda, Mineola FFA

26 - Dayana Cantero, Mineola FFA

27 - Hudson Wedeking, Quitman FFA

28 - Kyle Herring, Quitman FFA

29 - Olivia Hughes, Mineola FFA

30 - Emmily Vega, Mineola FFA

31 - Ally Papez, Quitman FFA

32 - Cannin Wedeking, Quitman FFA

33 - Ally Papez, Quitman FFA

34 - Kenzli Todd, Hawkins FFA

35 - Taylor Drinkwine, Quitman FFA

36 - Kathyleen Vega, Mineola FFA

37 - Elianay Vega, Mineola FFA

38 - Caleb VanCleave, Mineola FFA

39 - Andrew Vega, Mineola FFA

40 - Emery Maberry, Hawkins FFA

41 - Whitney Householder, Mineola FFA

42 - Summer Murdock, Quitman FFA

43 - Annabelle Hollinquest, Quitman FFA

44 - Kennedy Householder, Mineola FFA

45 - Royce Jones, Wood County 4-H

46 - Skylar Brooks, Mineola FFA

47 - Caysen Brooks, Mineola FFA

48 - Adrian Morales, Mineola FFA

49 - Penelope Gagnon, Quitman FFA

50 - Brady Bess, Quitman FFA

51 - Emerson Bess, Quitman FFA

MARKET GOATS

Grand Champion: Blaine Crow – Hawkins FFA
Reserve Champion: Carly Parrott – Hawkins FFA
Junior Showmanship: Riley Russell – Quitman FFA

Intermediate Showmanship: Sarah Crow – Hawkins FFA

Senior Showmanship: Blaine Crow – Hawkins FFA

Class 1

- Daniel Kernes, Quitman FFA
- Connor Seton, Alba-Golden FFA
- Lue Berry, Hawkins FFA
- Brylyn Campbell, Quitman FFA
- Kaylee Wilt, Mineola FFA

Class 2

- Sarah Crow, Hawkins FFA
- Riggin Rodieck, Quitman FFA
- Jaycie Slocum, Alba-Golden FFA
- Arabella Rushing, Hawkins FFA
- Victoria Holman, Winnsboro FFA
- Braylee Beville, Mineola FFA

Class 3

- Ryder Conover, Hawkins FFA
- Jaci Smith, Hawkins FFA

- 3 - Cheyenne Thornburgh, Hawkins FFA
- 4 - Reagan Watson, Quitman FFA
- 5 - Braxten Halcumb, Hawkins FFA
- 6 - Jeremiah Jackson, Winnsboro FFA
- 7 - Wyatt Jackson, Winnsboro FFA

Class 4

- Avery Turrentine, Hawkins FFA
- Emma Harley, Mineola FFA
- Riley Russell, Quitman FFA
- Bryn Boisclair, Quitman FF
- Henley Balker, Hawkins FFA
- Abigail! Jure, Winnsboro FFA

Class 5

- Carly Parrott, Hawkins FFA
- Becca Jordan, Hawkins FFA
- Kenzie Fortner, Quitman FFA
- Raylee Halcumb, Hawkins FFA
- Evan Medina, Quitman FFA

Class 6

- Blaine Crow, Hawkins FFA
- Addyson Turrentine, Hawkins FFA
- Jersey Pruitt, Hawkins FFA
- Kenlee Childress, Hawkins FFA
- Jaycie Slocum, Alba-Golden

MARKET LAMBS

Grand Champion: Kayla Williams – Hawkins FFA

Reserve Champion: Brooke Burson – Winnsboro FFA

Class 1



KENDALL BANKS



JENNIFER ABERCROMBIE



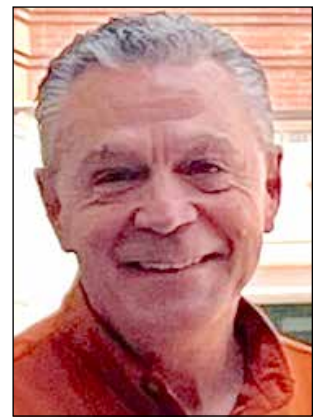
GLEN DOSSETT



DARLENE NICHOLSON



JILL QUIAMBAO



MIKE SORENSON

Mineola School Board candidates for May 3 election

Mineola School Board candidates were requested to provide biographical information and a brief statement on why they are running for the board in the May 3 election. There are three seats to be decided.

KENDALL BANKS
54

Married to Kim for almost 28 years. Three daughters. Two graduated from MISD, Kiley (2018) and Karsyn (2021). The third, Kenzi, will graduate in 2026.

Bachelor of Arts (speech communications/religion), East Texas Baptist University, 1992; Attended Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary Minister for 35 years. The last 20 years as minister of youth/education, First Baptist Church, Mineola

I serve monthly at the Rose Hill Community Food Pantry with my students. I'm an avid Yellowjackets fan who attends games and other extracurricular activities weekly. Over the past 20 years, the Lord has allowed me to love, encourage and speak truth into the lives of this community. I especially have a heart for middle school and high school students.

I've considered seeking this position in the past but never had a peace about it until now. I'm seeking a place on the MISD Board of Trustees to broaden my ministry in this community. I believe it will allow me more opportunities to extend love, encouragement and truth to even more people (students, parents, teachers, administrators, trustees) from an additional role of service.

JENNIFER ABERCROMBIE
46

Married to Adam Abercrombie for 18 years, son Parker, 12, attends Mineola Middle School.

Bachelor's degree from Texas A&M University-Commerce

Mortgage loan officer with Guild Mortgage, 23 years of experience in the mortgage industry.

Member of the Mineola Education Foundation and the Mineola Athletic Booster Club.

Believes in the power

of service to the community, committed to representing the community with an open mind and a focus on what truly matters: the students. Every decision will prioritize the best interests of the students while ensuring fiscal responsibility to the community. Understands the importance of balancing these two critical aspects to create a thriving educational environment.

A safe learning environment is essential for students to succeed, and Jennifer is dedicated to making sure schools are places where students feel secure and supported. Her current roles on the Mineola Education Foundation and the Athletic Booster Club have given her the opportunity to make a positive impact on the educational journey of the kids, who are the heart of the community.

GLEN DOSSETT
79

Married to my wife, Darla, for 58 years (also a 1964 graduate of Mineola High School). Three daughters-Kristi (Class of 1989), Kerri (Class of 1994), and Kelli (Class of 1996) Three granddaughters-Hannah, Jordan and Kennedy.

Attended New Hope School 1952-60, 1st grade thru 8th grade. Graduated from Mineola High School in 1964. Earned a BS degree from East Texas State University in 1967. Earned a master's degree from East Texas State University in 1970. Earned Educational Supervision Certification from East Texas State University. Earned Mid Management Certification from East Texas State University.

Taught agriculture science at Pittsburg High School 1967-1970. Taught agriculture science at Mineola High School 1970-2017. Retired in June 2017 after 50 years in the classroom.

Mineola Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors. Elected to the Board of Directors of the Agriculture Teachers Association of Texas 1974-1986. May 2019, elected to Mineola ISD school board, re-elected in 2022.

Member of First Baptist Church of Mineola

since 1970, Chairman of Mineola Hay Show, Served as a board member of the Wood County Jr Livestock Show, Served the Vocational Agriculture Teachers Association of Texas as a mentor to young teachers. Currently serve as a volunteer to the Wood County Jr Livestock Show. Currently serve as a volunteer judge for FFA competitive events.

1970 to 2017 - Member of Mineola Chamber of Commerce, 1986 to 1998 - Served as Area Coordinator for Area VI FFA and Agriculture Teachers activities, Member of Wood County Farm Bureau, 2000 Received Mineola Chamber of Commerce Lifetime achievement Award, 2017 - Received Mineola ISD retirement award, 2017 - Received the Agriculture Teachers Association of Texas 50 year tenure award, 2019 - Received Mineola ISD Distinguished Alumnus Award, 2019 - Received TAMU-Commerce Distinguished Graduate Award, 2022 - Inducted into Agriculture Teachers Association of Texas Hall of Fame, 2024 - Received Mineola Rotary Club "Man of the Year" Award.

Public Education is a calling for me. I have been involved in it since I was 6 years old. I have served as a student, a teacher, a school board member and a mentor. I have enjoyed all of those ventures and have been encouraged by others to seek re-election. I consider myself to be an advocate for the teacher, the student and the taxpayer. I think we have an excellent school system, and it serves an awesome community.

JILL MELVIN QUIAMBAO
51

Married to Enrique "Ricky" Quiambao for nearly 23 years, two children, Makena who will be a senior class 2026 and Camden senior class 2028.

Mineola ISD 1992 graduate. Attended East Texas A&M University, bachelor's degrees in biology and earth sciences. University of Texas at Tyler bachelor of science in nursing. Texas Tech Health Science Center

masters of science in nursing.

Registered nurse. Worked at Baylor University Medical Center in Dallas for the liver, kidney and pancreas transplant service, transplant nurse of the year. Became a nurse practitioner in 2004, family practice 19 years; currently employed by the University of Texas Hope Cancer Center in Tyler, care of hematology and oncology patients.

12-year, four-term current Mineola ISD Trustee.

Founding board member of Mineola Education Foundation. Part of the "Chain Gang" for Mineola varsity football team for the past 13 years, which started when I was a Kiwanis member.

Mineola Woman of the Year in 2018.

I knew I wanted to be a part of the education of my children and all the students of Mineola. I felt passionate about bringing the "mom" perspective to the board. I have been privileged to see how hard all of our faculty and staff care for and educate our students.

I have accumulated a vast wealth of knowledge in my four terms. I am extremely proud of being an excellent steward of the public's funds for the schools, having kept a balanced budget all 12 years while on the board.

Safety for our students and faculty is of the utmost importance and I was on the board when the Mineola ISD police department was created.

I have been on the board for the building of the new band hall for our great multi-time state championship band, upgraded football stadium with turf and track improvements, and the gorgeous brand new Primary School.

DARLENE NICHOLSON
74

Husband Jim Nicholson and children Jason Calhoun, Jana Shaw and Jill Henderson and two grandchildren.

Bachelor of science in nursing

Registered nurse

Class president at Lamar University

Spur on Ministries, Mineola Main Street board

Mineola museum board

National Honor Society any Lamar University, President's List at Lamar University.

I want to see our district continue to grow. I want all children to have an opportunity for success in Mineola and I want to support our teachers as they prepare our children for the future. Teachers don't get enough credit for all they do and are responsible for and I would like to help with the enhancement of that recognition.

I would like to be a part of upcoming changes that will begin as the control of education will be moved back to the state level.

I also feel that transparency is a must and we should represent those that put us in office.

MIKE SORENSON
66

Wife of 45 years, Rene'; three sons, two daughters-in-law, three grandchildren and one on the way

Bachelor of Science - Wayland Baptist University

Masters in Academic Administration - Lamar University

41 years in public education.

Taught science at the junior high and high school level.

Coached for 30 years.

Served 11 years as an athletic director and head football coach in Texas.

Served my last 13 years in academic administration as principal at the junior high and high school level in Mineola.

Retired from public education in 2023.

First Baptist Church of Mineola, deacon

Mineola Civic Center, endowment committee member

As a young man, teachers and coaches were my heroes. Their influence in my life made a huge impact on who I am today. This was the initial reason I chose teaching as my life's work. From that time on, I have never felt

like any day was work, instead I have looked at every day as an opportunity to positively affect every student's life...every day. What a privilege it has been to serve the students and the parents in the communities I have worked in across Texas.

I have been so fortunate to have acquired a wide array of skills as an educator which has given me a unique perspective of the public school system. I understand firsthand how school finance works, campus budgets and the importance of making the most of tax-payer dollars. I understand the importance of a school district being fiscally responsible. As an administrator, I have worked hand-in-hand with teachers and staff to ensure they have what they need to be successful. I've been involved in the hiring process in public schools and understand the importance of acquiring teachers who love what they do and believe every student can be successful. I have firsthand experience working with community members and parents to ensure their voice is heard. But most importantly, I've worked with our students to ensure their campus experience is positive, engaging, welcoming, and consistent as well as challenging.

My pledge as a school board member is to work diligently to provide the resources and support campus administrators, teachers and students deserve and need to be successful. I will partner with the superintendent and fellow board members to establish policy and practices that reflect the values of our awesome community. My ultimate goal is to ensure that every person who walks through the doors of our campuses feels welcomed and that their needs are addressed promptly and appropriately. Not only has being a Mineola Yellowjacket been a highlight of my life, I also am the parent of a Mineola graduate. I have firsthand knowledge that Mineola ISD is the best district in the state of Texas.

RESULTS

From page 10A

3rd Place: Kolbee Pool, Mineola FFA

Intermediate

Grand Champion: Khloie Stahn - Winnsboro FFA
Reserve Champion: Luke Yeager - Wood Co. 4-H

Brownies

1st Place: Jacob Reed, Wood Co.

4-H

2nd Place: Khloie Stahn, Winnsboro FFA

3rd Place: Luke Yeager, Wood Co.

4-H

Cupcakes

1st Place: Khloie Stahn, Winnsboro FFA

2nd Place: Kayla Williams, Hawkins FFA

3rd Place: Luke Yeager, Wood Co.

4-H

Cookies

1st Place: Luke Yeager, Wood Co.

4-H

2nd Place: Avery Ballard, Mineola FFA

3rd Place: Andie Sperling, Wood Co.

4-H

Pies

1st Place: Luke Yeager, Wood Co.

4-H

2nd Place: Denver Driver, Winnsboro FFA

3rd Place: Sami Jo Perkins, Quitman FFA

FFA

Senior

Grand Champion: Paizlee Swanner - Winnsboro FFA

Reserve Champion: Tayla Peterson - Alba-Golden FFA

Brownies

1st Place: Kacey Myers, Hawkins FFA

2nd Place: Halie Shirley, Winnsboro FFA

3rd Place: Abby McQueen, Hawkins FFA

FFA

Cupcakes

1st Place: Paizlee Swanner, Winns-

boro FFA

2nd Place: Cooper Marcee, Quitman FFA

3rd Place: Jaidyn Short, Mineola FFA

Cookies

1st Place: Paizlee Swanner, Winns-

boro FFA

2nd Place: Cooper Marcee, Quitman FFA

3rd Place: Carly Williams, AG FFA

Pies

1st Place: Tayla Peterson, AG FFA

2nd Place: Kacey Myers, Hawkins FFA

3rd Place: Abby McQueen, Hawkins FFA

FFA

COMMERCIAL HEIFERS

Class 1

1 - Deacon Hall, Alba-Golden FFA

2 - Daniel Kernes, Quitman FFA

School

3 - Kaylyn Gage, Hawkins FFA

Class 2

1 - Mya Ventura, Mineola FFA

2 - Ava Coventry, Quitman FFA

Class 3

1 - Ashley Ventura, Mineola FFA

School

2 - Hannah Shackelford, Alba-Golden FFA

3 - Natalie Flores, Quitman FFA

Class 4

1 - Gage Bardwell, Mineola FFA

2 - Ashtyn Hammond, Quitman FFA

Class 5

1 - Nicholas Oneal, Quitman FFA

2 - Hudson Wedeking, Quitman FFA

Class 6

1 - Bradie Fortner, Quitman FFA

2 - Aubrey Calhoun, Quitman FFA

Class 7

1 - Braley Carr, Quitman FFA

Grand Champion: Brayley Carr - Quitman FFA

Reserve Champion: Deacon Hall - Alba-Golden FFA

Junior Showmanship: Mya Ventura - Mineola FFA

Intermediate Showmanship: Ava Coventry - Quitman FFA

Senior Showmanship: Nicholas Oneal - Quitman FFA

QDC

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which would help to facilitate jet traffic. The airport runway extension, he said, may be complete around October.

The façade grant for Piney Woods Raceway, which was to be completed through Wood County Walls, fell through due to "several moving parts" and a lack of time before Wood County Walls' street art festival this week.

Zipps Liquor, LP, will "start pushing dirt" in 3-4 weeks, according to Attaway. Rockin' S&S Grill intends to open to the public on May 15

The board also voted to authorize Attaway to "work with JCR Engineers, LLC to request bids for entryway on Richards Street on the west side of the future site of Zipps Liquor store."



Above, Christal Gunn with the Wood County Co-op Warriors received first place in the 10-meter assisted walk event. At left, Connor Nixon with the Wood County Co-op Warriors received first place in the softball throwing event. (Monitor photos by Brynna Williamson)

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approved, with one abstaining vote.

Resignations were accepted from secondary school employees Lee-Ann Cockrum, Summer Jones and Lucinda Stokes.

New hires for the upcoming school year were approved for Amber Fountain (elementary school special education), Emily Harwick (algebra), Brittany Maness (coach and Spanish proctor), Danny Osborn (coach and history), Nathan Sabo (coach and geometry) and Kayla Taylor (kindergarten).

Athletic Director Drew Webster introduced Sabo as the new boys head basketball coach and Maness as the girls athletic coordinator. He also noted that the incoming football defensive coordinator, Danny Osborn, was an Alba-Golden alumnus.

The balance of Monday's meeting consisted

of student recognitions and reports from administration advising of the many events forthcoming on both campuses. Basketball, powerlifting and track student-athletes were publicly recognized for superlative performances and/or for qualifying for continued competition.

This recognition included the 2025 state powerlifting champion, junior Layton Williams.

During the public forum, resident Brandi Varner advised the board that she was filing a complaint with the Texas Education Agency detailing the board's failure to post meeting announcements in a timely fashion. Following the public forum comment, Superintendent Shelby Davidson recited the announcement standard for board meetings and advised that the notice for Monday's meeting was posted at the external access to the administration building on the preceding Friday morning.

In other action, the board approved renewal of the Skyward communications service and the workers compensation plan for 2025-26.

Anthony Gonzalez, Kynslee Sitar and Brandt Peterson received recognition as students of the month. Elementary schooler Gonzalez was lauded for his polite and respectful nature. He plans to become a professional athlete or a highway patrolman.

Sixth-grader Sitar was described as a natural leader who took no shortcuts when dealing with studies or activities. Senior Peterson will soon be embarking on a two-year mission to the Republic of Korea with the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints.

The board recognized Heidi Driskill (first grade teacher) and Josh Neill (sixth grade social studies teacher) as elementary and secondary school employees of the month.

Special Olympians celebrated

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Perfect weather reigned over the Special Olympics event at Quitman ISD on Friday morning.

The event gives disabled people, most of whom are student-aged, a chance to get outside, compete in various disability-tailored athletic events and even win medals.

According to organizers, the Special Olympics has been a yearly, weather-permitting event for more than 20 years; it was put on as a collaboration by the Pilot Club of Quitman, Quitman ISD, community member volunteers and its various attendees.

Pilot Club Projects Director Susan Ukleja says that the more than 75 volunteers for the event

were people from many organizations and businesses across town, making the Special Olympics what she calls a "whole town situation."

In 2025, athletes at the Special Olympics were from the Wood County Co-op Warriors, the Cedar Creek Co-op Mustangs, the Upshur County Co-op Crew and the Como-Pickton Co-op Mighty Eagles.

While Ukleja says that the event was less attended than normal due to a weather-related rescheduling, these four groups still encompassed more than 100 athletes.

This number does not include the enthusiastic supporters, caregivers, parents and officials who came to cheer on all of these hardworking athletes.

"It really lifts your heart up," said Steph-

anie Harrell, QISD administrative assistant to the superintendent/PE-IMS coordinator.

Whether there were 30 kids participating in an event or just one, heartfelt cheers, support and encouragement abounded regardless.

"(The goal is) to see the joy on the athlete's faces," said Ukleja. "So many of the participants have brain disabilities or learning disabilities, and with the Pilot Club mission being all about brain, it just fits our mission to a T. And it's a great way to get the community involved."

Everyone at the Special Olympics event had an absolute blast. This feel-good event didn't focus on athlete's disabilities, but rather on their ability to work hard, do their best, and even win.

REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS Mineola Independent School District

1. Introduction

Mineola Independent School District (MISD) is seeking proposals from qualified vendors for the procurement of **100 Chromebooks** for student and staff use. The goal is to enhance digital learning and ensure students have access to reliable computing devices.

2. Scope of Work

The selected vendor shall provide:

- **100 new Chromebooks** meeting the specified technical requirements
- Chrome OS pre-installed
- Device enrollment into the district's Google Admin Console
- Manufacturer's warranty and extended support options
- Delivery to the district's designated location
- Optional accessories (e.g., protective cases, charging carts)

3. Technical Specifications

The Chromebooks must meet or exceed the following requirements:

- **Processor:** Intel Celeron or better
- **RAM:** Minimum 8GB
- **Storage:** Minimum 64GB eMMC
- **Display:** 11.6" or larger, anti-glare
- **Battery Life:** Minimum 10 hours
- **Connectivity:** Wi-Fi 6, Bluetooth 5.0
- **Ports:** USB-C charging, USB-A, headphone/mic jack
- **Durability:** Ruggedized design for educational use
- **Warranty:** Minimum 3 years

4. Proposal Submission Deadline

All proposals must be submitted electronically in PDF format to tech@mineolaisd.net by **April 28, 2025**. Late submissions will not be considered.

5. Additional Information

Mineola ISD reserves the right to accept or reject any or all proposals, waive informalities, and accept the proposal that best serves the interests of the district.

For any inquiries, contact **Joseph Armstrong** at tech@mineolaisd.net.

REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS Mineola Independent School District

1. Introduction

Mineola Independent School District (MISD) is seeking proposals from qualified vendors for the procurement and installation of an IP-based phone system. The project includes the installation of **250 classroom phones** and **70 office phones** across the district. The goal is to implement a reliable, scalable, and cost-effective communication system that meets the district's operational needs.

2. Scope of Work

The selected vendor shall provide a complete turnkey solution, including but not limited to:

- Procurement and installation of **320 IP phones** (250 classroom + 70 office phones)
- Integration with existing network infrastructure
- Configuration and programming of phones and server
- Voicemail and auto-attendant setup
- Staff training and documentation
- Ongoing support and maintenance options

3. System Requirements

The proposed system must include the following features:

- High-quality VoIP phones with LCD display
- Centralized management system
- Voicemail with email integration
- Call forwarding, call waiting, and conference calling
- E911 compliance
- Redundancy and failover capabilities
- Scalability for future growth

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