

Two-vehicle crash on US-69 and PR 6469 results in local fatality

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A two-vehicle crash on Highway 69 and Private Road 6469 has resulted in at least one fatality.

The area, which is currently under construction for an overpass and which is known for its danger to motorists in recent years, has seen multiple crashes in recent years.



Joshua Matthews

According to Sergeant Adam Albritton, the local Department of Public Safety (DPS) Safety Education / Public Relations & Information Officer, the crash occurred on Wednesday, March 4 at 6 p.m. It was between a Ford Fusion and a Ram pickup towing a semi-trailer. The northbound Ford traveled off the roadway and struck a concrete traffic barrier, after which the vehicle crossed over the center line and collided with the pickup, which had been southbound.

The driver of the Ford, Joshua Matthews, was pronounced deceased. DPS is investigating the event.

Matthews was an active member of the Sand Springs Baptist Church in Mineola, where he helped serve. He was also the father of two small children, and husband to Ashley Matthews, a resident of Alba.

Matthew's obituary says that, "above all, Joshua will be remembered as a loving husband, devoted father, and cherished son-in-law whose life was centered on his family and his faith."

"This pain is one that no one should have to go through. But knowing that my sweet husband is

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ART House to be built in Mineola

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Every small-town resident has heard the same thing: "There's nothing for young people to do here!"



That may be a matter of perspective or opinion; but whether residents feel that way or not, one local Mineola nonprofit is working for change.

The local nonprofit Flint and Steel has its mark all over Mineola and Wood County. They (through a sister nonprofit) have done the murals across the county, they've revamped (or should we say "re-ramped?") the skate park across from the St. Paul Missionary Baptist Church, and they've helped host various demonstrations at many local events, etc.

And now, they're up to something new again.

According to Mineola City Manager Cindy Karch, and board member/ founding member Nathan Witt, the big blue building behind current city construction (on Highway 69 south of town) is being leased to the nonprofit for \$1 a year. The space will be the site of ART House. ART stands for Artistic Recreational Therapy.

It will be a multi-functional space for kids in need in the greater Mineola area to explore themselves and the world around them via art. To this end, it will feature three different disciplines of art: digital

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Mineola pastor travels to Israel during conflict

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To some, Israel is a country; to others, it is the Holy Land – a land blessed by God, a land where Jesus walked. Jesus' ministry took place throughout the entire area. Recently, Pastor John Thomas of First Methodist Church in Mineola went on a pilgrimage to Israel.

"I feel like I have never known Jesus more personally than I did this week in the Sea of Galilee and Jerusalem," Thomas said.

Pilgrims from around the world make their way to Israel each year; in 2025, about 1.3 million tourists traveled to Israel. Although tourism slowed drastically during the war, 2 million to 3 million visitors are expected in 2026.

Thomas said he learned a lot on the trip.

"I was frankly humbled that God put a lot of thought, detail and inspiration in Christians long after Jesus resurrected from the dead," Thomas said.

Thomas said he highly recommends that everyone visit the Holy Land to be able to associate a place with Jesus, and to draw closer to Christ.

Thomas' trip wasn't all roses and butterflies, however. The



Pastor Thomas in the Holy Land. (Courtesy photo)



The Mount of Olives in the Holy Land. (Courtesy photo)

conflict in the Middle East began during his stay.

"Never have I felt more peace and less fear than when the conflict started on Saturday," Thomas said.

According to Thomas, the Israel Defense Forces were very professional. He also mentioned

that people at the hotel were celebrating Shabbat and were peaceful and pleasant, even when they had to shelter a few times. While in Germany waiting for their flight, he said most people in the waiting area were

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State, local primary results released

LOCAL RESULTS

Incumbents carried the day in Wood County primary elections Tuesday, March 3.

District Attorney Angela Albers, first appointed in 2018 and reelected in 2020 and 2022, won the primary with 5,001 votes to challenger Sarah Bailey King's 4,006.

She has no Democratic opposition in the November general election.

The Democrats fielded candidates for the two county commissioner seats.

Jerry Gaskill, son of outgoing commissioner Jerry Gaskill, was unopposed in the primary and will face Democrat Carlisle Brinkley in November, who was also unopposed.

Prec. 4 Commissioner Russell Acker won the primary with 1,174 votes to 676 for Jon Shirley and will face Democrat Passionique Taylor in

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STATE RESULTS

Voters will return to the polls to settle several races in the party primaries, but none locally.

All the incumbents in Wood County survived primary challenges on March 3 (see related story).

Only two local races will go to the general election in November, for the two county commissioner seats for Precincts Two and Four.

The most local interest will be for the U.S. House of Representatives seat in District 32.

Jace Yarbrough led a field of nine candidates for the Republican nomination, and he almost earned it without a runoff, finishing with just under 49% of the votes across the eight-county district.

He will face Ryan Binkley in the runoff, and the winner will take on Democrat Dan Barrios in November. He earned 60% of the

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Variety show auditions Thursday at the Lake Country Playhouse annex

BY JOHN ARBTER
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The Lake Country Playhouse Annex is a utilitarian space. The small stage is surrounded by the accoutrements of a playhouse between productions. Last Tuesday, the annex was transformed to serve as an audition stage for local talent.

Performers were auditioning for a slot at the inaugural Lake Country Playhouse Variety Show, which is scheduled for Saturday, April 25. There are presently two auditions, with the second audition this Thursday at 7 p.m.

The Variety Show is the idea of Lake Country Playhouse manager George Jones. As Mineola has come to know, Jones is continually searching for means to both promote the arts and leverage the historic theater for the betterment of the community.

He has empowered local singer and songwriter Amye Cox to launch the first of what is hoped to be many variety shows at the Lake Country Playhouse.

Last Tuesday, Cox, her mother Nelda and Wood County arts proponent Tom Rice were at the Annex to lend an ear to hopeful entertainers. The session was jam-packed with excellent music.

Deborah Gardner and James Mowis came up from Frankston to offer their blend of gospel and country music. They opened with a country tune in which James sang, "I'm going to wear the pants," and Deborah sang in response, "I'll tell you which pair to wear."

They followed that up with a short gospel piece. Deborah commanded the performance



Nelda Cox, Amye Cox and Tom Rice. (Monitor photo by John Arbter)

with her voice and was accompanied by James on the guitar. It was a great start to the evening.

Alex Reyes followed that act with a rousing rendition of a tune which ended with the line, "with amazing grace, an amazing place I came to be ... amazing grace is what I needed!"

This was backed up with a pop classic from 1974: the Drifters' "Save the Last Dance For Me."

A veteran of the area music circuit, Dale Floyd performed next.

"I play gigs here and there," he offered with a smile, "mostly in Emory and up in Winnsboro."

Floyd offers classic rock and modern country. He began his set with Creedence Clearwater Revival's "Have You Ever Seen the Rain." With toes tapping and heads nodding at the annex, he then followed that up with Ernest's "Flower Shop."

Dennis Brown broke with the trend and took the stage with no accompaniment. He

offered just his voice.

He explained, "I'm a singer, it's just my passion."

When asked if he still played with his stage band, Brown responded, "I gave that up for a while, so I could focus on being a dad."

His admission drew nods of approval in the room.

Brown belted out two songs with passion, and had a brief discussion with planners about keys, rehearsals, and adapting to a house band.

The final performer to take the stage last Tuesday was professional musician Sully Sullivan. Sullivan opened with Bob Seger's "Night Moves," then rendered the Bellamy Brothers "Do You Love as Good as You Look," and finished with the Scooby-Doo theme song.

The Scooby-Do theme song was a big winner at the annex. It was also a perfect lead-in to Cox's description of the Variety Show.

"How would I describe the event?" She considered, then answered with, "Laughter, fun, happy, easy!"

She described a two-hour show designed to bring local talent to the stage.

"And we are not just talking about musicians," she said. "We would like to have comedy acts, dancing, storytelling, poetry-reading... a true talent/variety show."

Cox also explained that there is no minimum age.

"This is a family show," she confirmed. "Youngsters are welcome to attend and, of course, perform. We want to feature all the arts."

Tom Rice, also seated at the judges' table, explained that it was their hope to give up-and-coming local artists a venue to launch their careers. Rice has been very active at open-microphone nights up in Winnsboro and recognizes the value of giving young artists such an opportunity.

Cox, who studied under John DeFoore's tutelage for years and is a Piney Woods Pickin' Parlor veteran, has hopes of resurrecting an arts venue similar to the Pickin' Parlor.

"It would be a great way to



Vocalist Deborah Gardner. (Monitor photo by John Arbter)



Musician/vocalist Sully Sullivan. (Monitor photo by John Arbter)

honor the late John DeFoore," she said.

Residents have longed for the old Pickin' Parlor and the local talent it nurtured. Bringing DeFoore's legacy to life – and someday a new Pickin' Parlor – might just begin with the Variety Night on a Saturday night in April at the Lake Country Playhouse.

If you have a talent, auditions continue Thursday, March 12, at 7 p.m. at the annex.

Quitman leaders collaborate to hire new chamber director

BY CARLEY TUCKER

The Quitman Development Corporation (QDC), working with members of the Quitman City Council and the Quitman Chamber of Commerce, assisted in the recent hiring of a new Executive Director of the Quitman Chamber of Commerce. They unanimously chose Megan Whitworth. The collaborative process, highlighted at the QDC's March 9 meeting, reflects a shared focus on promoting local businesses, tourism, and community events.

Whitworth was selected after a

competitive search that drew 18 applications and six interviews. One candidate withdrew shortly before the process began.

QDC Executive Director Allan Gilbert praised Whitworth's experience in communications, marketing, and chamber operations. She previously worked at a chamber of commerce in the Lufkin area and as a newspaper editor, with additional expertise in social media, public relations, and event promotion. While Gilbert had worked with her before, he stepped aside to let the committee make the final decision.

Board members said Whitworth

impressed with her preparation, reviewing the city's website and social media ahead of interviews. She also emphasized promoting Lake Fork tourism and connecting local businesses with visitors. Her skills in photography and media production will help create professional headshots and profiles for city departments and community leaders.

Whitworth will begin part-time on March 16, with full-time duties starting April 1, including some remote work while relocating locally. She hopes to attend Chamber meetings in person starting mid-April.

The board also reviewed a develop-

ment agreement with Douglas Homes Construction LLC, which is building townhouses in Quitman. Two units are completed, a third is under construction, and a fourth has prospective tenants. Gilbert explained that while the QDC is responsible for funding water and sewer taps for the units, the city initially covered the costs, creating accounting confusion.

The project requires 10 water taps and 10 sewer taps for five townhouses. The QDC had committed \$23,800 for the infrastructure, with the developer repaying \$4,765 per unit once

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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 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.

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Local hardware store celebrates 10th anniversary

BY BRYNNA WILLIAMSON
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They’ve got plants. They’ve got mulch. They’ve got cans of WD-40. They’ve got paint, and batteries, and tools.

A big-box hardware store? No, the Quitman True Value – which is about to celebrate their 10th anniversary Saturday, March 14 – is a locally-owned franchise that strives to elevate other local businesses.



Quitman True Value Store Manager Andrew Gilbreath holds store mascot and “face of the store” Kimber, who was given to the store from a previous employee. (Monitor photo by Brynna Williamson)



Employees Charlie Smith and Jenn Price during a fun moment outside the Quitman True Value. Charlie holds up “bunny ears” behind Price’s head. (Monitor photo by Brynna Williamson)

Store Manager Andrew Gilbreath says that the building itself has been in that location for many years. However, about 10 years ago, current owners Jerry, Jimmy, and Jan Thompson decided to gut the three storefronts at the location and make them into one store – a hardware store where local folks can get just about anything hardware-related they might need, plus a few other goodies.

“Our inventory is ap-

proaching 700,000,” said Gilbreath. “No, (we don’t have enough space). That’s what we’re fighting now!”

Having a local emphasis is important to the store, said Gilbreath. That’s why they strive to include and elevate other local businesses: from plants that come from a family farm a few hours away, to candles from Sophie and Rose in downtown Quitman, to rocket stoves from Quitman’s Arc Force Manufactur-

ing, they sell and emphasize what’s important about living in a small-town community.

“We try to get as much American-made as possible,” said Gilbreath. “We try to know most of our contractors that come in.”

Gilbreath went on to explain that locally-owned stores supporting other locally-owned stores is a win-win for the community, as it pumps money back into the community.

“If it’s local... you have the money being spent on, say, the local shops, the local grocery stores, local restaurants, things like that,” said Gilbreath. “If it’s anything corporate... all that profit and everything goes out the door; most of those people don’t even live around there. So money’s not being spent back in the community.”

According to Gilbreath, the employees tend to stick pretty close to the store. Over the course of the store’s 10 years in business, they’ve had less than 70 employees; right now, they have 10 – all of them local.

“I have a fairly low turnover rate; I’m pretty proud of that,” said Gilbreath. “You treat them like they are a person, for one thing. Not just a number, but a person. No one is always going to be right, no one is going to always be wrong.”

The Quitman True Value will be hosting a 10-year anniversary celebration on Saturday, March 14th, starting at 10 a.m. According to Gilbreath, they will be giving out hot dogs, drinks, and prizes. They will also be giving away a natural gas grill to a lucky rewards member who makes any purchase on the day of the event.



Employee Scott McClane came on board with the store several months ago. (Monitor photo by Brynna Williamson)

Wood County Sheriff’s Office holds doggie adoption day

BY BRYNNA WILLIAMSON
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The Harrisons adopted Ernie. (Courtesy photo)

The Wood County Sheriff’s Office held an adoption day event on Saturday, March 7. According to organizer and Assistant Jail Administrator Jeanie Hurst, 20 dogs were taken to the event, and two found their “forever home.”

“This may not sound like a lot, but every adoption we have helps,” Hurst said.

Adoptions can be done anytime, not just during events.

“For anyone looking to find that perfect fit, we always have someone available to meet people,” Hurst said.

Hurst says that the office is already planning their next adoption day for sometime in the summer.



Frank found his forever home on Saturday. (Courtesy photo)



Wiggles doesn’t like to share her toys; instead, she sits on them to keep them to herself. (Courtesy photo)



Dillon Moore hangs out with Albert, a red heeler. (Courtesy photo)

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art, physical arts (or what Witt calls “messy arts”), and audio art.

For the digital arts studio, ART House will include a computer lab with all Adobe Creative Suite projects, and a setup for livestreaming. It’ll have 3-D printers, large format printers, etc.

The physical arts studio will make a space for sculptors, photographers, painters and more. The space may even host a barber workshop, since, as Witt pointed out, cutting and sculpting hair is “an art form, just like anything else.”

“Anything messy, having artistic, we want to have,” he said. “That’s your open space for that.”

Witt is excited about each space, but especially for the audio arts studio. Not only will it have a music studio space big enough to record a full band – Witt says that they specifically designed it for high school ensembles to be able to come in and record – and a space to do podcasting or music editing, etc., but it will also have an engineering room.

The engineering room will have one computer hooked up to six other computer monitors, all of them at the same round table. Each person at a computer can edit and view what everyone else is doing. This enables one teacher to actually *show* students how to do something like audio editing, without everyone have to lean over his or her shoulder. Each person can see what’s going on at their own screen, enabling better and easier learning.

“It’s a creative space, but at the end of the day, it’s also supposed to be a teaching space,” Witt said.

According to him, this type of engineering room is revolutionary – it’s “like no other in the world,” and has “never been done as far as we know.”

While plans are not yet finalized, Witt says that the eventual goal is for everything at ART House – from the digital arts studio, to the audio arts studio, to the physical arts studio – to be free to kids in the area.

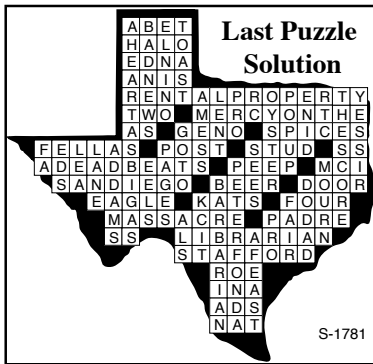
ART House will be supervised by college students from the University of Texas at Tyler, which recently signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the nonprofit. The MOU provides for students to come as paid interns to ART House. Eventually, Witt said, students from the college may even be able to get course credit for helping local youth develop art projects.

Witt says that bringing ART House from a concept to reality will take an undetermined amount of time, depending on funding opportunities. For the first phase of the renovation, Witt says they need about \$40,000; part of this will be made available through grants, and part the nonprofit asks the community for help with.

“It could be a 10-year plan, it could be a 10-month plan, it could be anywhere in between,” he said. “It really just depends on the donors and the grants that we get.”

Donations can be made through the Flint and Steel website, www.flintsteel.org

More information will be made available as plans for ART House are finalized.



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Dancing Lessons with God

A wise man once said that unusual travel suggestions are likened to dancing lessons from God. The point of this, I suppose, is that we might learn more about life by traveling to unusual places or by traveling in unusual ways. For instance, going to Australia instead of Disney World, or traveling by bus instead of by plane are more likely to be life-enhancing, consciousness-expanding experiences; in short, a dance lesson with God. Another lesson to be taken from this is that moving through life should be more like dancing than simply taking a walk, which means we should try to move gracefully and beautifully as well as joyfully. How should we dance through life? The simplest and most beautiful way to do this is through love. By opening our heart to love, and loving those around us, the world is transformed from a dark, cold and dreary place to one of light, warmth and joy.

*This is my commandment,
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Wood County Sheriff's Report

FEB. 25

Lt. Milbourn, Sgt. Williams, Deputy Whisenhunt violation of a protection order, Hawkins. Subject said male was on scene, not supposed to be there. Deputies observed suspect Quentin Mckee, arrested for violation of a protection order.

Deputy Gloar, disturbance, CR 4626. Blaire Peterson arrested for assault family violence.

FEB. 26

Deputy Way, fraud call. Store manager said fraudulent check received. Subject known to do this previously, offense report completed.

Sgt. Williams, dog bite, CR 1418. Victim said walking when dog bit her, contact made with dog owner, dog will be quarantined.

Deputy Gloar, juvenile walking near roadway, Yantis. Deputies located juvenile, mother said child put to bed, snuck out of house. CPS notified.

FEB. 27

Deputy Haley, welfare check, PR 7108. Deputy Haley searched residence, located elderly subject deceased.

Deputy Tustin, animal complaint. Child called 911, said wolves in back yard; deputies searched area but did not locate anything, contact made with child, parents.

Deputy Swann, dog bite, CR 3147. Victim said walking when bit by dog. Unable to locate dog or owner.

FEB. 28

Deputy Haley, theft report. Victim said allowed subject to stay overnight

while cleaning up property; subject stole vehicle during night. Offense report completed.

Agency assist, FM 14. Large grass fire called in, agencies responded. Fire contained, extinguished.

Deputy Knox, terroristic threat call. Subject said ex-boyfriend threatened her, her daughter. Video provided, offense report completed.

Deputy Tustin, after-the-fact assault. Pregnant victim assaulted while holding young child. Offense report completed for assault family violence, interference with 911 call, endangering a child.

MARCH 1

Sgt. Cox, Deputy Knox suicidal subject, CR 4591. Subject's parents said juvenile had taken large amount

of pills, subject transported to receive treatment.

Sgt. Cox, theft, FM 49. Subject said generator stolen from property, report completed.

Sgt. Cox, Deputy Knox, disturbance with shots fired. Deputies spoke with all parties, who said during argument, male fired multiple rounds. No one wished to pursue charges.

MARCH 2

Deputy Whisenhunt, theft, CR 2952. Subject said when returned home from weekend trip, RV missing. Trailer entered as stolen.

Sgt. Williams, Deputy Way, subject with gun, CR 4186. Subject said neighbor had shotgun, was pointing it at him, Glen Clark arrested for deadly conduct.

Deputy Smith, Deputy Vanatta, traffic stop, Hwy. 69. Passenger Michael Meadows arrested on active warrants.

MARCH 3

Deputy Hammond, warrant service, Adult Probation. Jennifer Renae arrested on active warrant.

Deputy Way, warrant service, Adult Probation. Lucas Henson arrested on active warrant.

Disturbance, CR 2164. Subject said brother came to residence, roommate tried to make him leave. Argument became physical, homeowner displayed knife, threatened brother, Matthew Robbins arrested for aggravated assault with a deadly weapon.

Mineola Police Report

FEB. 28

1:10 a.m., city ordinance violation, N Pacific; neighbor's party caused noise complaint, unable to locate.

11:33 a.m., public assist, 300 Greenville; subject wanted to talk to officer about registered sex offender, referred to Wood County Sheriff's Office.

11:37 a.m., escort, E Broad/S Pacific; funeral escort, completed.

11:45 a.m., escort, NE Loop 564/N Pacific; escort, completed.

1:40 p.m., disturbance, N Pacific; grandson at location to pick up furniture, verbal altercation ensued with aunt, who wished to have him trespass, parties separated.

3:37 p.m., information, N Hwy 69; subject said saw on Facebook that grain silo stolen by white pickup, passed truck pulling a silo, Wood County Sheriff's Office said they have not had anything reported stolen, unable to locate.

3:42 p.m., disturbance, NE Loop 564; disturbance in car, officers searched area, unable to locate.

8:21 p.m., information, NE Loop 564; more than 100 sports motor bikes in parking lot, Wood County Sheriff's Office on location, have permission from management to be there.

9:22 p.m., reckless driver, N Pacific; subject said motorcycles passing in front of house for over hour, being reckless, dispatch explained motorcyclists had meeting, leaving town, officer said convoy respectful, driving fine.

11:51 p.m., assist other agency, S Pacific/city limit; someone hit deer.

MARCH 1

10:47 a.m., suspicious person, Cheek/Walnut; man laying in grass, homeless, taking nap, all well.

12:42 p.m., motorist assist, W Broad; pine tree across roadway, TxDOT contacted, roadway cleared.

2:28 p.m., disturbance, Baker; loud music, unable to locate.

2:49 p.m., reckless driver, N Pacific/Greenville; vehicle unable to maintain lane, unable to locate.

4:25 p.m., city ordinance violation, W Front; vehicle playing loud music, vehicle parked at residence, unoccupied.

10:33 p.m., vehicle stop, E Kilpatrick; probably cause search, contraband found, standard field sobriety test performed, no intoxication, Alexander Williams arrested for possession of marijuana less than two ounces. Parcellia Ann Cantrell wanted by Wood County Sheriff's Office for assault causes bodily injury, arrested, Wood County Sheriff's Office notified.

10:33 p.m., public assist, Goodson; subject said needs someone to look at activated smoke alarm, no fire, officer said low battery, unable to change, subject will contact landlord in the morning.

MARCH 2

6:05 a.m., welfare concern, N Pacific; subject spoke with homeless man hauling wagon, who asked him what he

would do if someone killed him, turned him into a robot, and killed his family; subject requested welfare check on homeless man. Officer said all well, did not observe violations.

9:38 a.m., information, Meredith; referral of a child, officer at Mineola ISD will follow up with parents and child, nothing further.

9:45 a.m., terroristic threat, W Broad; employee received threatening message, referred to Smith Co. Sheriff's Office, where subject lives.

12:00 p.m., welfare concern, Nancy; 911 open line, all well, accidental dial.

1:19 p.m., public assist, Robin; truck revving engine in early morning hours, no contact made, officer will pass information to night shift.

2:45 p.m., assist other agency, E Broad; possible gas leak, gas company on scene.

3:20 p.m., found property, E Blair/Graham; phone found, case report filed.

3:31 p.m., found property, W Broad; card given to customer by accident, case report filed.

5:38 p.m., reckless driver, N Pacific; subject said vehicles speeding, unable to locate.

7:38 p.m., drug offense, FM 1801/NE Loop 564; drug offense related to Feb. 17, 8:23 p.m. case, case report filed.

8:36 p.m., theft, FM 1254; Mineola Youth Foundation theft of wire, directed patrol will be issued, case report filed. Case report also filed for criminal mischief charge.

MARCH 3

1:12 a.m., assist other agency, NW Loop 564/N Hwy 69; assist Wood County Sheriff's Office conducting traffic stop, all well.

1:49 a.m., assist other agency, NE Loop 564; assist Wood County Sheriff's office, all well.

7:00 a.m., suspicious person, N Newsom; subject said person with wagon laying on front porch of empty house, left.

9:31 a.m., warrant service, W Patten; juvenile detained, evidence of other crime found on juvenile, left with juvenile probation.

10:18 a.m., public assist, N Newsom; subject locked keys in vehicle, asked for help getting spare set, officer took subject back to residence for second time, subject would have friend take back to vehicle.

11:06 a.m., burglary, S Pacific; juvenile from 9:31 a.m. case took money out of vehicle, property released to owner, case report filed.

1:09 p.m., assist other agency, E Commerce; assist Wood County Sheriff's Office with traffic stop, assistance no longer needed.

3:56 p.m., suspicious person, Debby; subject possibly looking in windows with telescope, actually testing new camera system, no offense.

4:45 p.m., motor vehicle accident, E Commerce; when subject came out to vehicle, saw someone hit it, case report filed.

5:20 p.m., information, W Kilpatrick; subject wanted to speak to officer about mail he got from jail, no offense.

5:49 p.m., assist other agen-

cy, Bromberg; landing zone, EMS on scene.

7:00 p.m., motorist assist, W Broad; unoccupied vehicle, subject contacted tow service.

8:45 p.m., sexual assault, N Line; subject said has child in ER for assault from someone she knows, 211 contacted, case report filed.

MARCH 4

1:17 a.m., assist other agency, Goodson; subject said two fire alarms going off, no visible smoke or fire, false alarm.

7:36 a.m., animal control, SE Loop 564; subject said while driving saw bald eagle, turned around to look at it, saw tractor-trailer hit the bird, eagle dead on roadway; deceased eagle removed from roadway, Game Warden contacted.

8:48 a.m., civil matter, E Broad; boat found parked on subject's property, subject will have vehicle towed.

10:10 a.m., information, W Patten; subject thinks someone accessing accounts, subject allowed daughter to take phone over to dad's house for visitation, subject wanted phone back, dad said he had no problem giving phone back but wouldn't go out of the way, grandma picked up phone, signed for it.

10:36 a.m., found property, FM 779, Golden; wallet found, case report filed.

12:01 p.m., information, Francis; suspicious activity in area, house had been vacant, furniture moved, neighbor said two subjects moved a couch, items neatly stacked, paint buckets present, possibly renovation.

12:30 p.m., reckless driver, N Pacific/Greenville; vehicle unable to maintain lane, driver not impaired, vehicle has low tire, is parked, nothing further.

3:14 p.m., public assist, N Johnson; debris in road cleared.

4:23 p.m., information, 300 Greenville; subject thinks someone following her, stems from hit-and-run incident, subject believes she knows suspect, directed patrol requested for subject's residence.

4:35 p.m., found property, 300 Greenville; subject found dollar bill in the parking lot.

5:12 p.m., welfare concern, W Broad; caller said client in shop clearly on something, about to leave, subject intercepted, no impairment, call

notes say subject not acting rational about why a call was made to law enforcement, unable to see a point of view other than her own; subject's car speeding, almost caused accident; subject back at business, causing disturbance, had to be given multiple orders to leave, sent threatening text messages, original caller told to tell subject no longer desired contact, criminal trespass warning requested, directed patrol will be issued.

6:09 p.m., assist other agency, N Hwy 69/FM 779; two-vehicle accident, entrapment and vehicles on fire.

9:24 p.m., suspicious person, Goodson; vehicle parked with two people sitting inside, unable to locate.

9:38 p.m., information, W Buchanan; wallet from 10:36 a.m. case will be picked up next day.

MARCH 5

11:45 a.m., found property, 300 Greenville; dollar bill found near dumpster, case report filed.

12:38 p.m., assault, S Pacific; two separate aggravated assault charges related to Feb. 17, 8:23 p.m. incident, case reports filed.

1:07 p.m., assist other agency, W Patten; assist EMS with combative patient, patient went willingly with EMS.

1:12 p.m., civil matter, N Newsom; items given to daughter, subject said she sold it, not hers to sell, daughter given two cabinets three years ago, one given away, memory problems involved, civil issue, no charges can be filed.

1:57 p.m., reckless driver, E Loop 564/FM 49; vehicle unable to maintain lane, unable to locate.

2:19 p.m., found property, N Pacific; wallet found, claimed at 5:13 p.m.

6:32 p.m., city ordinance violation, N Newsom; subject said loud music shaking windows, subject asked to turn down, turned up instead, unable to locate.

6:55 p.m., harassment, NW Loop 564; subject said handyman taking liking to daughter, went to girl's work several times, hit on her, sits in lobby and stares at her, out on bond for assault family violence, worried about daughter; criminal

See POLICE, Page 6A

Mineola Fire Department Report

FEB. 26

10:46 a.m., CR 452, no emergency: false alarm: accidental alarm.

FEB. 27

9:04 a.m., FM 2422/FM 1804, motor vehicle collision, no injury; 9:41 p.m., Debby, lift assist.

FEB. 28

8:00 a.m., Country Club, room and contents fire; 9:47 a.m., Hart, medical call; 10:13 a.m., FM 1801, no emergency: canceled; 10:16 a.m., PR 6429, medical call; 10:41 a.m., Mimosasa, medical call; 11:22 a.m., CR 457, vegetation/grass fire; 2:18 p.m., CR 3819, Hawkins, vegetation/grass fire.

MARCH 1

9:40 a.m., CR 2680, Hawkins, vegetation/grass fire; 10:43 a.m., Goodson, medical call; 2:32 p.m., CR 2330, medical call, 3:36 p.m., CR 2680/FM 3056, Hawkins; vegetation/grass fire; 3:52 p.m., FM 514, Yantis, vegetation/grass fire; 6:12 p.m., CR 2263, no emergency: canceled.

MARCH 2

4:54 a.m., CR 452/CR 456, vehicle fire – passenger; 12:31 p.m., CR 2724, room and contents fire; 2:44 p.m., E Broad, investigation: odor.

MARCH 3

10:11 p.m., CR 2774, medical call.

MARCH 4

11:28 a.m., CR 2230, medical call; 3:36 p.m., CR 452/455, no emergency: good intent: no incident found upon arrival/ location error; 6:07 p.m., N US 69/PR 6469, motor vehicle collision

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DOROTHY L. TURNER WRIGHT
1936-2026

Dorothy L. Turner Wright went to be with the Lord on March 3, 2026 after complications from a short illness. She was born on Feb. 28, 1936 in Hawkins to Clifton and Lona Turner. She was raised in the Mineola-Hainesville area and went to school in Quitman. She was preceded in death by brothers and sisters, George Turner, Martha Coleman (Turner), Billy Turner, Imogen Meyers (Turner) and Charles Leon Turner. She raised three sons by herself, Travis Hortman Jr., Roy Lynn Hortman and Troy Glenn Hortman, all from Tyler, and is also survived by seven grandkids, 14 great-grandkids and two great-great-grandkids.

She retired from Trinity Mother Frances Hospital after 26 years. She was an avid dog lover and enjoyed arts and crafts.

We love you, Mom.

SUSAN HOOKS COLE
1941-2026

Susan Hooks Cole, 84, of Quitman passed away on Feb. 25, 2026 in Tyler.

She was born on July 24, 1941 in Prescott, Ark. to Johnny and Gladys Hooks. Susan earned her bachelor’s degree and teaching certification from the University of North Texas in Denton. She worked many years as a music teacher in the Ft. Worth area.

She married Bobby Cole in 1963 and they owned and operated Cole Aviation, Inc at the Northwest Regional Airport in Roanoke, where Susan managed the office work and bookkeeping.

Susan was preceded in death by her parents and one sister, Vivojean (Bibo) Kelley.

She is survived by her husband, Bob Cole of Quitman; daughter, Marnie Rene Ingman of Oregon; and several extended family members.

Wood County
Yesteryear

East Texas news from nearly 75 years ago, as seen in the March 13, 1951 edition of the Wood County Record.

“Liquor Board agents raided Wood County bootleggers last week and filed twenty-six cases against ten individuals before the whiskey peddling fraternity got wise that the agents were cops and passed the word for others to be on the look-out.”

“The Crow-Fouke school district was consolidated with the Hawkins School District by action of the County School Board last week.”

“Shoe-Fitting Machines Give An Atomic-Age Hotfoot: Dozens of East Texans may be walking around with an unsuspected radio-active hotfoot because of faulty X-ray shoe-fitting machines.”

FATALITY

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with our Lord and Savior brings me comfort,” said Ashley in a March 6 Facebook post. “To say he’ll be missed is a huge understatement... Only the strength from God is going to get me through this. It is the only way I’m going to make it... This isn’t going to be an easy road, but God’s grace, I know, will see me through.”

The Alba-Golden ISD, where the Matthews children attend, made a post about the incident Thursday afternoon.

“We extend our deepest sympathy and ask our community to join us in keeping this family in your thoughts and prayers in the days ahead,” said administrators from the school. “AGISD means family.”

The school is hosting a fundraiser for the Matthews family on Saturday, March 21 at 7 p.m. at the high school gym. The fundraiser will be a basketball game between the Alba-Golden basketball team and Sand Springs Basketball, an unofficial team from the church. Admission is not required, but donations will be accepted.

According to the obituary, memorials can be made to Sand Springs Baptist Church Youth Camp, P.O. Box 467, Mineola, Texas 75773.

NOTICE OF SALE OF REAL PROPERTY

By virtue of a Writ of Execution issued by the clerk of the Justice Court Precinct 2 of Wood County, Texas, on December 8, 2025, in Cause No. SC25-009-2, styled Decks and Outdoor Living Spaces LLC, Randy Sain v. Ryan Bell, Ryno Roofing, on a judgment rendered against Ryan Bell and Ryno Roofing on July 22, 2025, I did on January 7, 2026, levy upon the following described real property of Ryan Bell:

ABS 0648; WALLACE W; TRACT 4A PT; 1.695 ACRES ABS 0151; DICKSON H; TRACT 48 PT; 0.735 ACRES LOT PTS 2 & 3 1.9771 PINE BURR FARMS

On April 7, 2026, being the first Tuesday of the month, between the hours of 10:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m., beginning at 10:00 a.m., at the Wood County Courthouse, 100 South Main Street, Quitman, Texas 75783, I will sell for cash or cashier's check to the highest bidder all the right, title, and interest of Ryan Bell in and to the real property described above.

Kelly Cole
SHERIFF, Wood County, Texas

By: Bonnie Espinoza
Deputy

Mineola Library Notes

BY LIBRARIAN MARY HURLEY

February just flew by. I know it was a short month anyway, but it went by very quickly!

First of all, we want to say a great big Thank You to the Meredith Foundation for their generous support of the Mineola Memorial Library. We do appreciate it, and will do our best to continue to serve our community as best we know how. Thank you!

We have begun offering the Texas America250 Reading Challenge: “Mosey along the Reading Trail.” This is for anyone to attempt. Try to read 2,500 minutes



before the end of 2026. The 2,500 minutes include reading books, listening to books, volunteering in the community, attending Library events, or visiting a Texas State Park where you can attend a Ranger Program or read informative signs within the park. There will be small rewards along the way.

Saturday, March 14 is Toddler 2x2 at 2 p.m. It is for children 18 months to 3 years old with their parent/caregiver, and only happens on the second Saturday of the month. This is all that is scheduled during Spring Break

week.

Programs return to their regular schedule for the week of March 17 to 28, then programs will be suspended while two staff members have the opportunity to attend the Public Library Association Conference in Minnesota. They plan to come back refreshed, revived and filled with confidence to continue our efforts and potentially add more to the library in the way of displays, activities, programs, etc.

The Mineola Memorial Library is a 501(c)3 non-profit, and your donations may be tax-deductible.



The Mineola Kiwanis Club is hosting an America250 Best-Decorated Residence Contest in the Mineola School District. The winner will receive a five-year subscription to the flag service.



Mineola Historical Museum manager Sharon Chamblee had photo opportunity panels on display outside the museum by Jan. 7. She also obtained a five-panel display of Texas America250 history from the Texas State Library Archives Commission. (Courtesy photo)



ISRAEL

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Israeli citizens.

“They didn’t feel fear; they felt joy to be going home,” Thomas said.

He said their mindset showed incredible resilience that helped him tremendously. Even when he was in Bethlehem, he saw people walking on the streets, eating

lunch and conducting business as usual.

“Today, I saw on Twitter a wedding happening in a bomb shelter,” Thomas said.

Steadfast is the word he used when talking about the culture of the Holy Land.

Thomas acknowledges that one sermon or post can’t begin to cover all he saw. The trip and experience were more than Thomas could have imagined. He will

be sharing more observations from the trip in many sermons to come.

“I will be sharing a teaching on Communion this Sunday that we learned while at Galilee,” Thomas said.

Thomas said that he is grateful to be home, but is praying fervently to go back soon, and is also praying for peace for their hosts in Israel and the Middle East.

POLICE

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nal trespass issued.

7:11 p.m., welfare concern, S Pacific/city limit, vehicle unable to maintain lane.

MARCH 6

12:24 a.m., information, S Pacific; officer at location per information regarding wanted subject, all well.

12:53 a.m., assault, Walnut; subject said suspect kicked door in, subject took firearm from suspect, was hit, requested EMS; suspect possibly intoxicated, Wood County Sheriff’s Office contacted for information on subject, Criminal Investigation Department en route, case report filed.

6:07 a.m., information, Walnut; endangered child related to 12:53 a.m. case, case report filed.

8:25 a.m., assault, Walnut; aggravated assault with a deadly weapon related to 12:53

a.m. case, case report filed.

9:04 a.m., information, 300 Greenville; follow-up on hit-and-run from March 3, 4:45 p.m. case.

12:35 p.m., motor vehicle accident, N Pacific/Greenville; hit-and-run, verbal altercation in the parking lot, parties separated, case forwarded to Criminal Investigation Department, case report filed.

3:06 p.m., public assist, Wigley/Ivey; kids playing with

loose guy wire on electric pole, subject worried could hit power line and shock kids, SWEPCO contacted, ticket number created, no kids observed playing in area.

7:10 p.m., trespassing, N Pacific; subject said someone at house, criminal trespass for person at location, listed as N Newsom and not N Pacific, criminal trespass issued for correct location, directed patrol issued for location.

9:54 p.m., motorist assist, S Pacific; debris in road cleared.

10:04 p.m., disturbance, Greenville; subject said truck speeding, asked driver to slow down, driver pulled out gun, threatened subject; teenagers in roadway. Wood County Sheriff’s Office contacted, situation a misunderstanding, no offense.

Officers also made 84 traffic stops, 7 animal control calls, and 3 alarm calls.



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Megan Whitworth named executive director of the Quitman Chamber of Commerce

The City of Quitman has announced that Megan Whitworth is the new Executive Director of the Quitman Chamber of Commerce. The role of the Executive Director involves leading the development of programming and outreach in the community, promoting and supporting the community through marketing and event hosting, and representing the community to others. The role has been described as a partnership between the City of Quitman, the Quitman Development Corporation and the Quitman Chamber of Commerce. Whitworth brings more than a decade of experience in communications, marketing, media, and chamber lead-

ership to the role. She most recently served as Communications Manager for the City of Siloam Springs, Arkansas, where she led communications efforts and elevated community storytelling. Prior to her time in Arkansas, she served as Director of Marketing and Communications for the Lufkin/Angelina County Chamber of Commerce in Lufkin. She has also worked as editor of Charm East Texas, and as an editor with the Polk County Publishing Company. Whitworth said that stepping into the role feels like both a new professional chapter and a meaningful return to her East Texas roots. "I've spent much of my career telling the stories of



Megan Whitworth

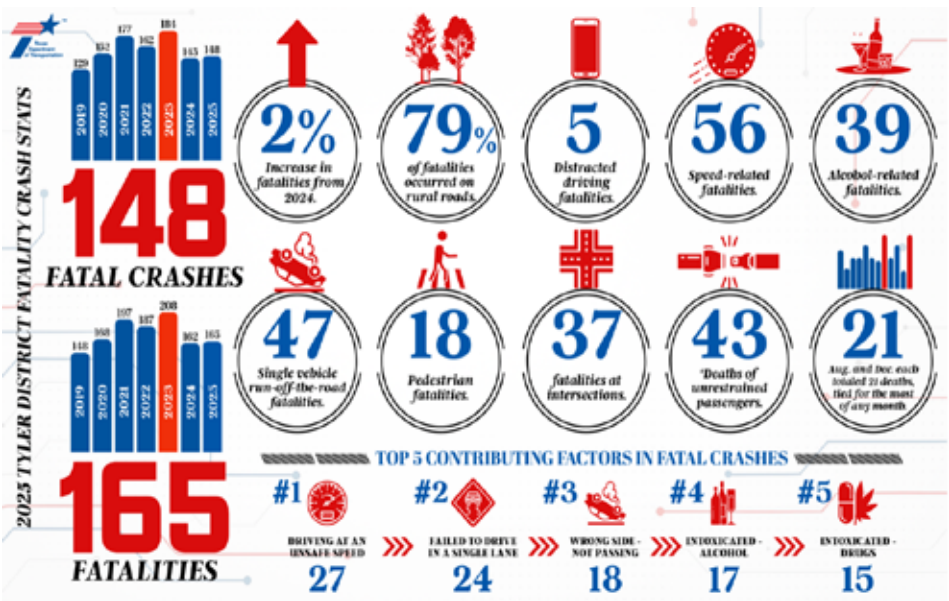
communities I care about across Deep East Texas and Arkansas," Whitworth said. "Now, I'm excited to bring that same focus to Quitman by highlighting our businesses, celebrating our people,

and sharing what makes this place special." Her connection to the area runs generations deep. "My grandmother was born in Kelsey, just about 25 minutes from Quitman," she said. "Being here feels meaningful for my family. It feels like coming full circle." Whitworth is joined by her husband, Ryan Whitworth, and their six-year-old daughter, Hazel. They are excited to become active members of the Quitman community. "I believe strongly in small businesses and the role they play in shaping a town," Whitworth said. "The Chamber's philosophy of 'Help Others Win' means a lot to me. When our businesses succeed, our entire community

succeeds. I'm honored to step into this role, and I'm ready to get to work supporting our businesses and strengthening this community." Whitworth will officially begin her role as Executive Director at the beginning of April. Her appointment was a unanimous vote. With her background in communications and media relations, Whitworth looks forward to sharing the positive momentum taking place throughout Quitman and strengthening connections among local businesses and residents. To learn more about the Quitman Chamber of Commerce, visit quitmancoc.com or follow @quitman.chamber on Facebook.

Texas Department of Transportation's Tyler District releases 2025 fatal crash statistics

In 2025, factors such as unsafe speed, failure to drive in a single lane, and intoxication contributed to 148 fatal crashes and 165 total fatalities in the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) Tyler District, which includes Wood County, among others. The 165 fatalities are three more than the 2024 total (162), but are the second lowest total since 2019 (148). "Although we saw a slight increase in fatalities in 2025, we remained well below our five-year average and continue to see positive trends in several areas," said Vernon Webb, Tyler District Engineer. The top five combined contributing factors of fatal crashes in 2025 were the following, according to the report: Driving at an unsafe speed - 27 Failure to drive in a single lane - 24 Wrong side, not passing - 18 Intoxicated (alcohol) - 17 Intoxicated (drugs) - 15 The data in these reports represents the number of crashes that had at least one driver reported as having the indicated contributing factor; however, crashes



can have none, or multiple, contributing factors. Therefore, the total number of crashes for these reports will not equal the total number of crashes in the Tyler District. Webb said that pedestrian fatalities "remain a significant concern." However, he said that TxDOT has hopes for lowering crash-related fatalities going forward. "We must continue to hold ourselves accountable and practice safe driving habits," he said. "We will remain focused on our public outreach events and educational campaigns. In addition, we will maintain strong communication with our law enforcement partners to ensure that areas of

concern are identified and addressed quickly. We will not rest until we achieve our mission of zero fatalities on Texas roadways." Below are the 2025 crash statistics as released by the Tyler District: Rural traffic crashes accounted for 79 percent of the district's traffic fatalities. 131 people died in rural traffic crashes, a five percent increase from 2024. There were 39 alcohol-related fatalities. This is the same number as 2024. Single-vehicle, run-off-the-road crashes resulted in 47 deaths, accounting for 29 percent of all motor vehicle fatalities in the district. There were 43 deaths

involving unrestrained vehicle passengers, a 19 percent decrease from 2024 (53). This figure represents crashes where restraint usage was applicable, and usage was known. Five distracted driving deaths occurred, a 62 percent decrease from the previous year (13). There were 18 pedestrian fatalities. There were four pedal-cyclist fatalities, three more than in 2024. 37 people died in crashes occurring at intersections or related to intersections, a 12 percent decrease from 2024 (42). August and December each recorded 21 fatalities, tied for the most of any month in 2025.

Professional local golfer Jacky Cupit dies March 4

BY BRYNNA WILLIAMSON
news@wood.cm

Jacky Cupit, a former professional golfer from Longview who lived in Mineola, has passed away. Cupit was a pro golfer from 1961 to 1974 (with a brief stint on the PGA TOUR Champions in 1988), during which time he had several claims to fame. Arguably, the biggest of these is a 1966 PGA National competition, in which he and brother Buster lost to golf legends Arnold Palmer and Jack Nicklaus. The PGA tour website notes that Cupit was a four-time PGA TOUR winner, having won nearly 40 amateur tournaments, the Canadian Open, and the PGA TOUR Rookie of the Year, among many other honors. In Wood County, Cupit was perhaps best known as emeritus pro at the Links at Land's End in Yantis, where restaurant Jacky's Pub was named after him. Cupit was a Texas Golf Hall of Fame member. He died on March 4 at the age of 88.

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NOTICE OF RECEIPT OF APPLICATION AND
INTENT TO OBTAIN WATER QUALITY PERMIT
RENEWAL

PERMIT NO. WQ0012960001

APPLICATION. Lake Fork Marina Inc., 275 County Road 1558, Alba, Texas 75410, has applied to the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) to renew Texas Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (TPDES) Permit No. WQ0012960001 (EPA I.D. No. TX0096059) to authorize the discharge of treated wastewater at a volume not to exceed a daily average flow of 25,000 gallons per day. The domestic wastewater treatment facility is located at 275 County Road 1558, near the city of Alba, in Wood County, Texas 75410. The discharge route is from the plant site directly to Lake Fork Reservoir. TCEQ received this application on February 10, 2026. The permit application will be available for viewing and copying at Wood County Court House, public notice board, 100 South Main Street, Quitman, Texas prior to the date this notice is published in the newspaper. The application and associated notices are available electronically at the following webpage: <https://www.tceq.texas.gov/permitting/wastewater/pending-permits/tpdes-applications>. This link to an electronic map of the site or facility's general location is provided as a public courtesy and not part of the application or notice. For the exact location, refer to the application. <https://gisweb.tceq.texas.gov/LocationMapper/?marker=-95.623888,32.866944&level=18>

ADDITIONAL NOTICE. TCEQ's Executive Director has determined the application is administratively complete and will conduct a technical review of the application. After technical review of the application is complete, the Executive Director may prepare a draft permit and will issue a preliminary decision on the application. **Notice of the Application and Preliminary Decision will be published and mailed to those who are on the county- wide mailing list and to those who are on the mailing list for this application. That notice will contain the deadline for submitting public comments.**

PUBLIC COMMENT / PUBLIC MEETING. You may submit public comments or request a public meeting on this application. The purpose of a public meeting is to provide the opportunity to submit comments or to ask questions about the application. TCEQ will hold a public meeting if the Executive Director determines that there is a significant degree of public interest in the application or if requested by a local legislator. A public meeting is not a contested case hearing.

OPPORTUNITY FOR A CONTESTED CASE HEARING. After the deadline for submitting public comments, the Executive Director will consider all timely comments and prepare a response to all relevant and material, or significant public comments. **Unless the application is directly referred for a contested case hearing, the response to comments, and the Executive Director's decision on the application, will be mailed to everyone who submitted public comments and to those persons who are on the mailing list for this application. If comments are received, the mailing will also provide instructions for requesting reconsideration of the Executive Director's decision and for requesting a contested case hearing.** A contested case hearing is a legal proceeding similar to a civil trial in state district court.

TO REQUEST A CONTESTED CASE HEARING, YOU MUST INCLUDE THE FOLLOWING ITEMS IN YOUR REQUEST: your name, address, phone number; applicant's name and proposed permit number; the location and distance of your property/ activities relative to the proposed facility; a specific description of how you would be adversely affected by the facility in a way not common to the general public; a list of all disputed issues of fact that you submit during the comment period and, the statement "[I/ we] request a contested case hearing." If the request for contested case hearing is filed on behalf of a group or association, the request must designate the group's representative for receiving future correspondence; identify by name and physical address an individual member of the group who would be adversely affected by the proposed facility or activity; provide the information discussed above regarding the affected member's location and distance from the facility or activity; explain how and why the member would be affected; and explain how the interests the group seeks to protect are relevant to the group's purpose.

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The Commission may only grant a request for a contested case hearing on issues the requestor submitted in their timely comments that were not subsequently withdrawn. **If a hearing is granted, the subject of a hearing will be limited to disputed issues of fact or mixed questions of fact and law relating to relevant and material water quality concerns submitted during the comment period.**

TCEQ may act on an application to renew a permit for discharge of wastewater without providing an opportunity for a contested case hearing if certain criteria are met.

MAILING LIST. If you submit public comments, a request for a contested case hearing or a reconsideration of the Executive Director's decision, you will be added to the mailing list for this specific application to receive future public notices mailed by the Office of the Chief Clerk. In addition, you may request to be placed on: (1) the permanent mailing list for a specific applicant name and permit number; and/or (2) the mailing list for a specific county. If you wish to be placed on the permanent and/or the county mailing list, clearly specify which list(s) and send your request to TCEQ Office of the Chief Clerk at the address below.

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Further information may also be obtained from Lake Fork Marina Inc. at the address stated above or by calling Mr. Kenneth Donahue, President, at 903-850-2131.

Issuance Date: March 4, 2026

TEXAS COMMISSION ON ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY



NOTICE OF RECEIPT OF APPLICATION AND
INTENT TO OBTAIN WATER QUALITY PERMIT
RENEWAL

PERMIT NO. WQ0013366001

APPLICATION. Pope and Cobb Corporation, 195 Private Road 5551, Alba, Texas 75410, has applied to the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) to renew Texas Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (TPDES) Permit No. WQ0013366001 (EPA I.D. No. TX0103365) to authorize the discharge of treated wastewater at a volume not to exceed a daily average flow of 10,500 gallons per day. The domestic wastewater treatment facility is located approximately 4.5 miles north of the intersection of Farm-to-Market Road 17 and State Highway 182, near the city of Alba, in Wood County, Texas 75410. The discharge route is from the plant site directly to Lake Fork Reservoir. TCEQ received this application on February 10, 2026. The permit application will be available for viewing and copying at Wood County Courthouse, outside viewing, 100 South Main Street, Quitman, in Wood County, Texas prior to the date this notice is published in the newspaper. The application and associated notices are available electronically at the following webpage: <https://www.tceq.texas.gov/permitting/wastewater/pending-permits/tpdes-applications>. This link to an electronic map of the site or facility's general location is provided as a public courtesy and not part of the application or notice. For the exact location, refer to the application. <https://gisweb.tceq.texas.gov/LocationMapper/?marker=-95.62569,32.850712&level=18>

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Further information may also be obtained from Pope and Cobb Corporation at the address stated above or by calling Mr. James Thompson, President, at 903-765-2385.

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QDC

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each receives a certificate of occupancy. Gilbert said the issue appears to be largely a bookkeeping matter, with repayments already underway and continuing as new units are finished. The agreement also includes a November deadline for completing remaining units.

Other items included moving the next board meeting to April 20 due to scheduling conflicts, and returning Business Park Lot 4 to the QDC. The board will sign the deed, reimbursing John and Joanne Wisdom the original \$1,500 purchase price. Members noted the Wisdom’s investment to prepare the land will appeal to potential buyers in the future.

President Kevan Burroughs said she is rewriting the QDC bylaws, as no electronic copy exists, and board members discussed a potential “2 plus 2” clause allowing officers to serve an initial two-year term with a two-year renewal if approved by the board. Burroughs said she will prepare the bylaws with this proposed change, and, if the board agrees to it, they will present it to the city council for approval. Burroughs also noted Mxie Hurst is updating the Business Park plat with an overlay showing which properties have been sold.

The meeting concluded with the board entering executive session, taking no action other than adjourning upon returning to open session.

LOCAL

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November.

Matthew Prather will be the new county treasurer after winning 4,571 votes to 3,940 for Kari Perkins. Treasurer Daphne Carter did not seek reelection.

For the unexpired term of Prec. 2 constable, appointee Jeremy Ragsdale just edged Scott Melvin 1,126 to 1,108.

Prec. 2 Justice of the Peace Janae Holland won another term handily, with 1,634 votes to 660 for Dusty Cook.

In a three-way race, Prec. 3 Justice of the Peace Jerry Parker took just over 50% of the votes to avoid a runoff. He polled 999 votes to 613 for Tyler Turrentine and 364 for Lee Whisenhunt.

County officials who faced no opposition included County Judge Kevin White, County Clerk Kelley Price, District Clerk Suzy Wright and Justices of the Peace Jody Hettich in Prec. 4 and Tony Gilbreath in Prec. 1.

County party chairs Republican Kathy Wakeman and Democrat Kelly Wishart were unopposed for reelection.

The county elections office reported 11,255 ballots were cast, or 31.6% of the county’s registered voters.

STATE

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43,894 Democratic primary votes

Yarbrough earned the most votes in every county.

He polled 4,067 votes in Wood County and 33,812 across the district to Binkley’s 2,272 in Wood County and 15,000 districtwide (21.7%). Paul Bondar was third with 13.9%.

Wood County was moved into District 32 during the redistricting approved by the state legislature last summer.

At the state level, the battle for the United States Senate between incumbent John Cornyn and outgoing Attorney General Ken Paxton will continue.

Cornyn garnered 41.7% of the vote to Paxton’s 41%. Wood County favored Paxton 4,752-3,339.

The winner will face James Talarico, who narrowly won the Democratic primary over Jasmine Crockett. He polled 774 votes in Wood County to Crockett’s 700 and won statewide with 52.8% of the votes.

The race to replace Paxton as attorney general will go to a runoff between Republicans Mayes Middleton with 39.15% of the votes and Chip Roy with 31.76%.

The Democratic primary also goes to a runoff between Nathan Johnson and Joe Jaworski.

There will also be a Republican runoff for a seat on the Texas Railroad Commission between Bo French and Jim Wright.

Two candidates who avoided runoffs were Kason Huddleston for the State Board of Education seat for District Nine, which includes Wood County. He received 58% of the vote. Rachel Hogue was second with 27%.

And Don Huffines captured 57.4% of the votes for state comptroller to avoid a runoff in the four-person race. Appointee Kelly Hancock received less than 24% of the vote. Sarah Eckhardt won the Democratic nomination without a runoff among three candidates

Nate Sheets unseated Texas Agriculture Commissioner Sid Miller by a 52.6-47.4% margin and will face Democrat Clayton Tucker in November. Wood County voters gave Miller 4,739 votes and Sheets 4,133.

Democrats will have a primary runoff for lieutenant governor between Vikki Goodwin and Marcos Isaías Velex.

Also on the Republican runoff ballot will be Place 3 on the Court of Criminal Appeals.

State Sen. Bryan Hughes of Mineola had no opposition in the primary and will face Democrat Laticia Ambroz in November.

State Rep. Cole Hefner easily defeated Deway Collier for District 5 by 22,408 to 6,898 and will face Democrat Hector in November. It was Collier’s third try to unseat Hefner. Hefner received 6,953 votes in Wood County and Collier 2,208.

All vote totals are unofficial until canvassed by county commissioners.

Quitman Rotary Club to hold blood drive

The Quitman Rotary Club will be holding their second blood drive of the year on Wednesday, March 18 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. It will take place inside JOY Hall at the Quitman First United Methodist Church.

Organizers note that a quilted tote bag and a St. Patrick’s Day shirt will be given to donors.

“A blood donation takes about 30 minutes for the pre physical and blood draw. The

blood draw typically requires 10-15 minutes to donate a pint of whole blood,” wrote the Quitman Rotary Club.

Carter Blood Care has also modified and made their Dedicated Donor Reward program consistent for all types of donations. The new guidelines/rules can be found here: <https://www.carter-bloodcare.org/donate-blood/dedicated-donor-rewards/>

The Rotary Club said that there will only be 35 appoint-

ments at their March event; however, if an interested party does not get an appointment, the Rotary Club holds 5 events a year. The next will be in May.

To sign up for a donation on March 18th, visit https://www.greatpartners.org/donor/schedules/drive_schedule/167245

With their most recent drive, held on Jan. 8, the Rotary Club passed over 300 units collected since the program’s inception in May of 2023.

TEXAS COMMISSION ON ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY



NOTICE OF RECEIPT OF APPLICATION AND INTENT TO OBTAIN WATER QUALITY PERMIT RENEWAL

PERMIT NO. WQ0015577001

APPLICATION. Holly Lake Condominium Association, Inc., P.O. Box 167, Bullard, Texas 75757, has applied to the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) to renew Texas Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (TPDES) Permit No. WQ0015577001 (EPA I.D. No. TX0137766) to authorize the discharge of treated wastewater at a volume not to exceed a daily average flow of 16,000 gallons per day. The domestic wastewater treatment facility is located at 170 Wild Goose Lane, in Holly Lake Ranch, in Wood County, Texas 75765. The discharge route is from the plant site to Holly Creek, thence to Big Sandy Creek. TCEQ received this application on February 5, 2026. The permit application will be available for viewing and copying at Allen Memorial Library, Reference Desk, 121 East Blackburn Street, Hawkins, Texas prior to the date this notice is published in the newspaper. The application and associated notices are available electronically at the following webpage:

<https://www.tceq.texas.gov/permitting/wastewater/pending-permits/tpdes-applications>.

This link to an electronic map of the site or facility’s general location is provided as a public courtesy and not part of the application or notice. For the exact location, refer to the application.

<https://gisweb.tceq.texas.gov/LocationMapper/?marker=-95.206111,32.7175&level=18>

ALTERNATIVE LANGUAGE NOTICE. Alternative language notice in Spanish is available at: <https://www.tceq.texas.gov/permitting/wastewater/pending-permits/tpdes-applications>.

El aviso de idioma alternativo en español está disponible en

<https://www.tceq.texas.gov/permitting/wastewater/pending-permits/tpdes-applications>.

ADDITIONAL NOTICE. TCEQ’s Executive Director has determined the application is administratively complete and will conduct a technical review of the application. After technical review of the application is complete, the Executive Director may prepare a draft permit and will issue a preliminary decision on the application. **Notice of the Application and Preliminary Decision will be published and mailed to those who are on the county- wide mailing list and to those who are on the mailing list for this application. That notice will contain the deadline for submitting public comments.**

PUBLIC COMMENT / PUBLIC MEETING. You may submit public comments or request a public meeting on this application. The purpose of a public meeting is to provide the opportunity to submit comments or to ask questions about the application. TCEQ will hold a public meeting if the Executive Director determines that there is a significant degree of public interest in the application or if requested by a local legislator. A public meeting is not a contested case hearing.

OPPORTUNITY FOR A CONTESTED CASE HEARING. After the deadline for submitting public comments, the Executive Director will consider all timely comments and prepare a response to all relevant and material, or significant public comments. **Unless the application is directly referred for a contested case hearing, the response to comments, and the Executive Director’s decision on the application, will be mailed to everyone who submitted public comments and to those persons who are on the mailing list for this application. If comments are received, the mailing will also provide instructions for requesting reconsideration of the Executive Director’s decision and for requesting a contested case hearing.** A contested case hearing is a legal proceeding similar to a civil trial in state district court.

TO REQUEST A CONTESTED CASE HEARING, YOU MUST INCLUDE THE FOLLOWING ITEMS IN YOUR REQUEST: your name, address, phone number; applicant’s name and proposed permit number; the location and distance of your property/activities relative to the proposed facility; a specific description of how you would be adversely affected by the facility in a way not common to the general public; a list of all disputed issues of fact that you submit during the comment period and, the statement “[I/we] request a contested case hearing.” If the request for contested case hearing is filed on behalf of a group or association, the request must designate the group’s representative for receiving future correspondence; identify by name and physical address an individual member of the group who would be adversely affected by the proposed facility or activity; provide the information discussed above regarding the affected member’s location and distance from the facility or activity; explain how and why the member would be affected; and explain how the interests the group seeks to protect are relevant to the group’s purpose.

Following the close of all applicable comment and request periods, the Executive Director will forward the application and any requests for reconsideration or for a contested case hearing to the TCEQ Commissioners for their consideration at a scheduled Commission meeting.

The Commission may only grant a request for a contested case hearing on issues the requestor submitted in their timely comments that were not subsequently withdrawn. **If a hearing is granted, the subject of a hearing will be limited to disputed issues of fact or mixed questions of fact and law relating to relevant and material water quality concerns submitted during the comment period.**

TCEQ may act on an application to renew a permit for discharge of wastewater without providing an opportunity for a contested case hearing if certain criteria are met.

MAILING LIST. If you submit public comments, a request for a contested case hearing or a reconsideration of the Executive Director’s decision, you will be added to the mailing list for this specific application to receive future public notices mailed by the Office of the Chief Clerk. In addition, you may request to be placed on: (1) the permanent mailing list for a specific applicant name and permit number; and/or (2) the mailing list for a specific county. If you wish to be placed on the permanent and/or the county mailing list, clearly specify which list(s) and send your request to TCEQ Office of the Chief Clerk at the address below.

INFORMATION AVAILABLE ONLINE. For details about the status of the application, visit the Commissioners’ Integrated Database at www.tceq.texas.gov/goto/cid. Search the database using the permit number for this application, which is provided at the top of this notice.

AGENCY CONTACTS AND INFORMATION. All public comments and requests must be submitted either electronically at <https://www14.tceq.texas.gov/epic/eComment/>, or in writing to the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality, Office of the Chief Clerk, MC-105, P.O. Box 13087, Austin, Texas 78711-3087. Please be aware that any contact information you provide, including your name, phone number, email address and physical address will become part of the agency’s public record. For more information about this permit application or the permitting process, please call the TCEQ Public Education Program, Toll Free, at 1-800-687-4040 or visit their website at www.tceq.texas.gov/goto/pep. Si desea información en Español, puede llamar al 1-800-687-4040.

Further information may also be obtained from Holly Lake Condominium Association, Inc. at the address stated above or by calling Ms. Haley Fears, Property Manager, Rose City Property Management, at 903-630-6355.

Issuance Date: March 4, 2026

Legacy Class Bass caught at Lake Fork

The 2026 Toyota ShareLunker program collection season reached double digits with 11 Legacy Class entries on Thursday and Saturday afternoon thanks to bass caught on Lake Tyler and Lake Fork.

Lake Tyler was back on the board for the second consecutive year while the legendary Lake Fork returned to the ShareLunker Legacy Class stage for the first time since 2021. With the addition of these two Legacy Class ShareLunkers, 10 water bodies have recorded a Legacy Class largemouth bass in 2026.

Jack York of Emory reeled in 13.45-pound ShareLunker 693 Thursday afternoon at Lake Tyler, his second overall Legacy Class fish. York landed 13.51-pound ShareLunker 634 on Jan. 23, 2023, at Lake Nacogdoches.

“Every Legacy Class entry tells us something about the health and potential of a fishery, including the quality of its habitat and forage base,” said Natalie Goldstrohm, TPWD coordinator for the Toyota ShareLunker program. “We’re thrilled to see these reservoirs contribute again in 2026. It’s encouraging to watch that progression, and we appreciate the anglers who help us capture and celebrate these achievements.”

Dale Washington of Godley landed 13.38-pound ShareLunker 694 at Lake Fork Saturday afternoon (Feb. 28). This is his second overall Legacy Class catch. Washington submitted his first on April 10, 2007, 13.05-pound ShareLunker #436 from Lake Fork. At the time, 13-plus-pound largemouth bass were picked up through April by the program. Washington’s 2007 ShareLunker was a recapture of a fish caught one year earlier by Robert Jones of Clute. Washington’s first fish also set a record for the number of eggs from a single ShareLunker spawn, which was 50,697 in 2007.

On Lake Fork, Washington had been fishing for three or four hours and had caught a few fish, but the bite wasn’t great. Washington then decided to change things up a bit with his approach.

“It was around 2 p.m. and I decided I was going to try and fish a tree line,” said Washington. “I’d been throwing a jig all day but decided I would pick up a chatterbait and literally on the second cast on this tree line, this fish hit it and the fight was on at that point. The fight was pretty phenomenal. Thankfully, I had it on braid because when it hit, it took off. I was fishing by myself and had a rough time getting my net on it because it was so big. I was finally able to get it in the net, put it in the bottom of the boat and I almost passed out at the point.”

Washington knew it was well over 10 pounds but not exactly how heavy

it was. He called a friend who was on another boat to let him know about the catch and asked him to come to his location. They weighed the fish on Washington’s scale and when it registered over 13 pounds, they headed to Lake Fork Marina to get a verified weight.

“The experience with the ShareLunker program was great,” said Washington. “Natalie told me exactly what to do. We took really good pictures and they were there within an hour or hour and 15 minutes to collect the fish. I think you all [TPWD] have done a great job and I think Lake Fork is really on the comeback because it went through a little slump there. I think with the grass growing back the fish are really getting healthy again and you are starting to see a lot more eight, nine, ten, eleven-pound fish and hopefully some more 13 pounders and bigger. I think you all have done a great job.”

About the ShareLunker Program

During the first three months of the season (Jan. 1 through March 31), anglers who reel in a 13-plus pound bass can loan it to TPWD for the ShareLunker selective breeding and stocking program. These anglers can call TPWD on the ShareLunker hotline at (903) 681-0550 to report their catch 24/7 through March 31, 2026.

Legacy Class ShareLunker weights are all verified using a certified scale, but anglers may use a digital scale to get an initial weight to inform the ShareLunker response team. Once the TPWD team arrives, they can take a certified weight on site.

A list of official weigh stations can be found on the ShareLunker Official Weigh and Holding Stations website.

Anglers who catch and loan a 13-plus pound lunger earn Legacy Class status, receive a catch kit filled with merchandise donated by program sponsors, a 13lb+ Legacy decal for their vehicle or boat, VIP access to the Toyota ShareLunker Annual Awards event, a high-quality replica mount of their fish from Lake Fork Taxidermy and ShareLunker branded apparel provided by AFTCO. Anglers also receive entries into two separate drawings – a Legacy Class Drawing and the year-end Grand Prize Drawing. Both drawings will award the winner a \$5,000 Bass Pro Shops shopping spree.

The year-round Toyota ShareLunker Program offers anglers three additional levels of participation for catching bass over eight pounds or 24 inches in Texas public waters. Each of these levels provide vital data for TPWD fisheries biologists, helping them better manage bass in Texas.

Anglers who enter data for any lunger they catch greater than eight pounds or 24 inches also receive a catch kit, a decal for their vehicle or



Dale Washington of Godley with a 13.38-pound bass caught on Lake Fork. (Courtesy photo)

boat, a one-month subscription card to Bass University and an entry into the year-end Grand Prize Drawing to win a \$5,000 Bass Pro Shops shopping spree. ShareLunker entry classes include the Bass Pro Shops Lunger Class (8 lb.+), Strike King Elite Class (10 lb.+) and Lew’s Legend Class (13 lb.+).

Once a qualified lunger is reeled in, anglers need to enter the catch data on the Toyota ShareLunker mobile app – available for free from the Apple App Store and Google Play – or at TexasSharelunker.com.

In addition to providing basic catch information, anglers have the option to send a DNA scale sample from their lunger bass to TPWD biologists for genetic analysis. Anglers who contribute a sample to the program will receive a Lew’s baitcasting reel while supplies last, with a limit of one reel per angler. Instructions for submitting DNA samples are located on the Toyota ShareLunker website.

TPWD and the Toyota ShareLunker program are once again partnering

with AFTCO on the AFTCO Guide of the Year award for the 2026 ShareLunker season. The AFTCO Guide of the Year award recognizes a fishing guide who contributes to conservation and enhancement of largemouth bass in Texas.

The Toyota ShareLunker Program is made possible in part by the generous title sponsorship of Toyota. Toyota is a longtime supporter of the Texas Parks and Wildlife Foundation and TPWD, providing major funding for a wide variety of fisheries, state parks and wildlife projects.

Additional vital program support comes from Legend Class category prize sponsor Lew’s, Elite Class category prize sponsor Strike King, Lunger Class category prize sponsor Bass Pro Shops, AFTCO, Bass Forecast, Bass University and Lake Fork Taxidermy.

For updates on the Toyota ShareLunker Program, visit facebook.com/sharelunkerprogram/, https://www.instagram.com/TexasShareLunker/ or TexasSharelunker.com.

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Quitman Library Connections

BY LIBRARIAN DELENE ALLEN

Earning a GED certificate is easier to navigate when you have a tutor available to guide you through the process. A professionally-trained tutor who specializes in math and essay writing is available at the library each Wednesday from 4 to 6 p.m. Contact saradelarosa@outlook.com, call the library at 903-763-4191, or just stop by during class hours for more information.

QPL Knitting & Crochet Class regularly meets each Thursday from 2 to 4 p.m. at the library. Students of all



ages and skill levels are invited to join this growing group. Classes are free.

Whyte Dove Writers Group meets on the 2nd Monday of each month at the library. You are welcome to join this group of regional authors, editors, and aspiring writers who meet to discuss, review and share techniques. This workshop is open to the public.

The next meeting of the Friends of the Library will be Thursday, May 14 at noon. The Friends now meet quarterly in the library's

community room on the 2nd Thursday of February, May, September, and December.

Wood County Metal Detector Club, led by Jerry Tinney, meets every 1st Monday of each month at 6:30 p.m. at the library. The public is invited.

Notary service is available at the library during regular business hours. Walk-ins are welcome, but to guarantee an appointment, call the library's front desk.

Download the library's eBook platform, Libby®, powered by OverDrive and the Northeast Texas Digital

Consortium. For questions about your username and password, call the front desk.

Visit www.quitmanlibrary.org to find the TexShare® database of reference resources where you can find invaluable and up-to-the-minute research tools. Library patrons can connect by calling our front desk or by visiting the library's website. Patron cards are available at no cost to those who provide photo identification and proof of residence in Wood County. Regular hours are Tuesday through Friday from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Wi-Fi is available 24/7.

Mineola classifieds

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NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Notice is hereby given that original Letters of Administration for the Estate of Robert J. McIntosh, Jr., Deceased, were issued on March 2, 2026, in Cause No. 15,131, pending in the County Court of Wood County, Texas, to: WILLIAM SCOTT MCINTOSH.

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

William Scott McIntosh,
c/o Kyle G. Waggoner,
Attorney at Law
PO Box 1152
Mineola, Texas, 75773

NOTICE OF LIEN SALE

In accordance with Texas property code, Chapter 59,



STOW & CO STORAGE
1823 US Hwy. 69, Mineola, TX 75773

will conduct a public auction to satisfy a landlord's lien.

Units will be sold as-is to the highest bidder

Online at www.storageauctions.com
March 18, 2026 thru March 30, 2026
@10:00am.

Cash Only. Cleanup deposit and sales tax required. Seller reserves the right to withdraw the property at any time before the sale.

Units include the personal belongings of the following tenants:

• Samuel Cannon
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will conduct a public auction to satisfy a landlord's lien.

Units will be sold as-is to the highest bidder online at
www.storageauctions.com

March 16, 2026 thru March 27, 2026
@10:00 a.m.

Cash Only. Cleanup deposit and sales tax required. Seller reserves the right to withdraw the property at any time before the sale.

Units include the personal household belongings of the following tenants:

• Terry McKnight • Jeanie Langley
• Raymond Caulk • Jonathan Stephens
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NO. 15,085

ESTATE OF \$ IN THE COUNTY COURT
PATRICIA K. \$
EGERT, \$ OF
\$
DECEASED \$ WOOD COUNTY, TEXAS

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Notice is hereby given that original Letters Testamentary for the Estate of Patricia K. Egert, Deceased, were issued on February 23, 2026, under Docket No. 15,085, pending in the County Court of Wood County, Texas, to Robert A. Egert, Jr.

Claims may be presented as follows:

Representative,
Estate of Patricia K. Egert, Deceased
c/o Philip D. Alexander
Number One Planters Street
P.O. Box 38
Emory, Texas 75440

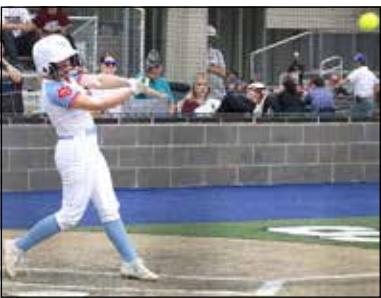
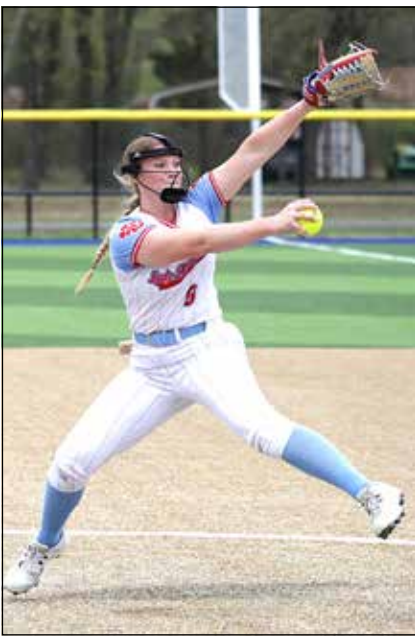
All persons having claims against this estate, which is currently being administered, are required to present them within the time and in the manner prescribed by law.

DATED February 23, 2026.

CURTIS & ALEXANDER, P.C.
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Number One Planters Street
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By:
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State Bar No. 00786967
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SPORTS



Far left, Joeey Lewers got the Lady Panthers on the scoreboard with a 2-run inside-the-park home run. (Monitor photo by John Arbter)
Left, Adie Smith overpowered the Cumby line-up. (Monitor photo by John Arbter)
Above, Lilly Thorn launches a 4th-inning triple. She also had a double and an inside-the-park home run. (Monitor photo by John Arbter)

Lady Panthers dominate Cumby in double-header

BY JOHN ARBTER
woodctystringer@gmail.com

Monday's game versus Cumby was a great introduction to the 2025-26 Lady Panthers softball team. Alba-Golden took the first game of a double-header 19-1 and the second 11-0.

There are three things to note about this years' Lady Panthers: fireballer Adie Smith is back and looks even stronger than her break-out year, last season; the Lady Panthers can put the bat on the ball; and they shape up nicely in the field.

It is not often that a softball game starts with an inside-the-park home run. With one out and one on, Joeey Lewers sent a full-count pitch to the corner in left field. She easily beat the throw to the plate after the ball rattled around in the corner.

Two hitters later, with two away and two on, Lilly Thorn stepped in and stroked a ball into the right-field corner. She sprinted round the bases, notching the second inside-the-park home run of the inning.

The Lady Panthers went on to record 14 base hits, which included seven for extra bases.

The Alba-Golden fielders were well-rested as Adie Smith tossed five innings, giving up one hit, issuing three free passes and striking out 11.

Smith is a joy to watch pitch. She is remarkably consistent and has the velocity to challenge any hitter.

The Lady Panther field lineup is anchored by catcher Averi Stevenson. Faith Graham is at first, Sadie Wright at second and Joeey Lewers at third. Jayla Sitar roams at shortstop. Abby Thompson, Piper Hallman and Lilly Thorn make an able outfielding cast, in left field, center field and right field, respectively.

It was Thompson who ended the game in spectacular fashion. Cumby had a runner on third with

two away. The batter hit a hard liner through the 5-6 infield gap. Thompson fielded the ball on the run and gunned a long throw – a perfect throw – to the plate. Stevenson caught the shoulder-high throw and made an easy tag on the runner for the final out.

While it can be said that Thompson missed her cut-off, when a throw from the outfield nicks a runner trying to score from third base, such things can be overlooked. It was an exhilarating way to finish the game.

The Lady Panthers are 3-1 in district play. The next chance to catch them in action at home is Friday, March 20 as they host Hawkins.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Notice is hereby given that original Letters Testamentary for the Estate of Janice Marie Wisner, Deceased, were issued on March 2, 2026, in Cause No. 15,144, pending in the County Court of Wood County, Texas, to: TERESA MARIE SULLIVAN POWELL.

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

Teresa Powell,
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 Betty LaJuan Savage, Deceased, were issued on March 2, 2026, in Cause No. 15,142, pending in the County Court of Wood County, Texas, to: Roland W. Savage and Marvin G. Savage.

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.

Mark W. Breeding
Attorney at Law
Post Office Box 239
Quitman, Texas 75783

DATED the 3rd day of March, 2026.

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Attorney for Roland W. Savage
and Marvin G. Savage
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Facsimile: (903) 763-1119
E-mail: office@markbreeding.com

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Notice is hereby given that original Letters Testamentary for the Estate of David Michael Mullican, Deceased, were issued on March 5, 2026 in Cause No. 15,139, pending in the County Court of Wood County, Texas, to: Alisha L. Sepanik.

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.

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DATED the 2nd day of March, 2026.

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SPORTS

Tough loss for Yellowjackets

BY JOHN ARBTER
woodctystringer@gmail.com

The Van Vandals presented Mineola with another frustrating loss Monday at Meredith Memorial Stadium. Van scored twice in the second half in dealing the Yellowjackets a 3-2 defeat.

The match was a match within a match. The teams had traded blows throughout a very evenly-competed first half. Mineola struck first midway through the first half. A shot from Eduardo Zavala was saved by the Vandal keeper, but not cleanly. The rebound spun into the netting for the initial goal of the match.

Van responded shortly thereafter with a leveller. The score remained locked, 1-1, until just before the half.

In the 36th minute, Zavala took a pass out of the midfield and moved up the left side. He freed himself for a clean left-footed shot. The well-struck ball went through the Van goalkeeper and Mineola took a 2-1 lead.

The balance of the second half consisted of each side making forays into the offensive zones and generating possibilities.

Van's best chance came in the 48th minute, when a passage of crazy action in front of the Mineola goal gave the Vandals second and third chances at open-goal space. The last attempt went off the iron.

Mineola's best chance came on an Andres Martinez free kick taken in the 58th minute. The long free kick was near-perfect, and came down in the box. Alex Cortez managed to head the free kick down and sent it across the goal mouth, where Leonardo

Villanueva was closing fast. Van just managed to nick the ball away.

The back and forth play continued, until a freak outcome off a long grounder from Van.

The shot was from distance – approximately 40 meters – and skirted along the top of the turf. It was struck well, but was certainly not the hardest shot of the day. However, in something that couldn't be repeated in a thousand attempts on the practice ground, the shot took a deflection at 14 meters and squirted into the far corner of the goal.

Van tied the score, 2-2, in the 64th minute.

The goal changed the match significantly, as Van took the momentum. Five minutes later, Mineola mishandled a ball near the goal and gave Van a corner. The ensuing cross pinballed among a sea of legs in front of goal, until finally being put into the netting by the visitors.

The air left the balloon. Mineola could manage only three attacks in the final twelve minutes.

A season which featured some excellent soccer by the Yellowjackets is unfortunately not matched by the win-loss record.

The Jackets wind up their campaign Friday against Grand Saline.



Mineola's Jankarlo Ybarra goes airborne to intercept the ball against Van. (Monitor photo by John Arbter)



Eduardo Zavala on the attack. (Monitor photo by John Arbter)

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NO. 15,120

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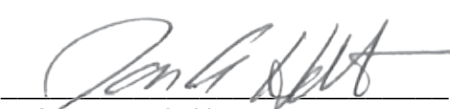
NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Notice is hereby given that original Letters of Independent Administration for the Estate of BILLY JACK PETREA, Deceased, were issued on March 9, 2026, in Cause No. 15,120, pending in the County Court of Wood County, Texas to ROSE PETREA.

The residence of the Independent Administrator is in Wood County, Texas. The post office address of the Independent Administrator is c/o Jason A. Holt, P.O. Box 937, Quitman, Wood County, Texas 75783.

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

DATED this 9th day of March, 2026.


JASON A. HOLT,
Attorney for ROSE PETREA,
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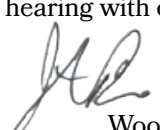
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PUBLIC NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that a public hearing has been set by the Wood County Commissioners Court on Tuesday, March 3, 2026, for the development of the Cottages at the Black Corral, located on County Road 1410, Quitman, within Precinct 1 of Wood County.

The Rental Community Development includes 20 tiny homes.

The public hearing is set for Tuesday, April 14, 2026, at 9:00 A.M. in the Wood County Commissioners Courtroom. All persons interested in this development may appear at the public hearing with opposition should they so desire.

 Justin Bowring
Wood County Precinct 1 Commissioner

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ACROSS

1 newspaper: Azle ____

5 half of Texas mohair goes to this continent

6 Texas actress Robin Wright's former hubby, Sean

7 teacher helper (abbr.)

8 rattlesnake casa

9 TXism: "it's water off ____ back" (unconcerned)

15 TXism: "____ and parcel of"

16 TX Tanya's "____ A Time"

19 TXism: "want ____ I could spit"

21 TXism: "____ these parts" (unknown)

22 Texas singer ____ Morse

27 Granbury historic "____ House"

28 "sticks and ____ can break my bones . . ."

29 Kermit had the last ____ oil derrick in the U.S.

30 hymn: "____ Light"

32 dir. to Mineola from Pittsburgh

33 TXism for a nice guy (3 wds.)

36 TXism: "he's got the morals ____ alley cat"

37 TX Dennis Quaid 1988 noir film

38 seat of Upshur County

39 grocery chain in the Metroplex (2 wds.)

41 TXism: "____-horse town"

42 TXism: "pill wrangler"

45 "6 muncie ago I coodn't evin spel gradijuwat and now ____ one"

46 TXism: "two-bit ____"

47 TXism: "happy as ____ in slop"

DOWN

1 it's a "siesta" south of the border

2 dir. from Grapeland to Lufkin

3 in Runnels County on U.S. 83

4 early route up from Mexico: "Old ____"

8 TX Perot met wife on a blind ____

9 TXism: "put two ____ (obvious conclusion)"

10 ____ Leon, TX

11 electric component testing initials

12 heated disagreement

13 Brownsville NBC TV, channel 23

14 TX Nokona gloves are hand-____

15 keyboard support? (2 wds.)

16 former Texas Oatmeal Festival race: "____-Thon"

17 TXism: "____ gravel" (fell)

18 mop a boat deck (2 wds.)

20 TXism: "____ as a bartender on payday"

22 LBJ's choice to lead the "Warren Commission" (init.)

23 TXism: "that ____ won't float"

24 British toilet

25 TXism: "about as graceful as ____ ice"

26 Honda is the seat of this county

28 Dallas rock singer "Sam the ____" (and the Pharoahs)

31 song "____ Texas"

34 TX Mandrell, younger sister of Barbara (init.)

35 TX Farrah Fawcett 1984 TV film: "The Burning ____"

37 Palo ____ Canyon, site of musical drama, "Texas"

40 TXism: "I'm gettin' the ____ of it" (catching on)

43 noisy far southern Texas bird: ____ chalaca

44 TX Tanya Tucker's 1980 tune: "Can I See You ____"

50 old legs?

51 asgn. for Texas MDs

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THE STATE OF TEXAS

TO: UNKNOWN HEIRS OF GWENDOLYN AGEE, DECEASED, UNKNOWN HEIRS OF EARNESTINE IRENE JAMES, DECEASED, UNKNOWN HEIRS OF LANEIA SMITH, DECEASED, UNKNOWN HEIRS OF MYRON THREATT, DECEASED, UNKNOWN HEIRS OF ANDRE THREATT, DECEASED, UNKNOWN HEIRS OF DUANE THREATT, DECEASED, UNKNOWN HEIRS OF ESTHER R. SHEPHERD, DECEASED, UNKNOWN HEIRS OF KARLA REDO, DECEASED, AND THE UNKNOWN OWNERS OR CLAIMANTS OF THE SUBJECT REAL PROPERTY, Respondent(s), Greetings:

"You have been sued. You may employ an attorney. You or your attorney are hereby commanded to appear by filing a written answer to the Plaintiff's Original Petition at or before 10:00 a.m. of the Monday next following the expiration of forty-two days after you were served this citation."

Said Plaintiff's Original Petition was filed in the 402nd Judicial District Court of Wood County, Texas on this the 4th day of February, 2026, in this cause numbered **2026-061** on the docket of said court, and styled,

BYRON K. REED VS. CORA L. GREER REED, CHARLES SHEPHERD, CECILIA LOYD TUCKER, RENEE L. WHITE JEFFREY, SHEILA WHITE JOHNSON, SHERI L. REDO, D'ANN P. REDO GRIFFIN, NERISSA REDO, PAULA D. REDO, JILL A. REDO JOSEPH, CORNELIUS T. REDO, III, RODERICK REDO, UNKNOWN HEIRS OF GWENDOLYN AGEE, DECEASED, UNKNOWN HEIRS OF EARNESTINE IRENE JAMES, DECEASED, UNKNOWN HEIRS OF LANEIA SMITH, DECEASED, UNKNOWN HEIRS OF MYRON THREATT, DECEASED, UNKNOWN HEIRS OF ANDRE THREATT, DECEASED, UNKNOWN HEIRS OF DUANE THREATT, DECEASED, UNKNOWN HEIRS OF ESTHER R. SHEPHERD, DECEASED, UNKNOWN HEIRS OF KARLA REDO, DECEASED, AND THE UNKNOWN OWNERS OR CLAIMANTS OF THE SUBJECT REAL PROPERTY, DEFENDANTS

A brief statement of the nature of this suit is as follows, to wit:

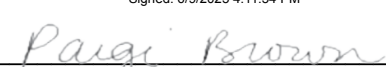
Plaintiff seeks title by adverse possession, and in the alternative, a partition to a combined 10.672 acres being located in the L.G. Powers Survey, Abstract No. 457, Wood County, Texas, and being all of a certain called 6.663 acre tract conveyed to Reed Capital Group, LLC as described and recorded in Document Number 2025-00005495 of the Official Public Records, Wood County, Texas and being all of a 3.39 acre tract conveyed to Reed Capital Group, LLC as described and recorded in Document Number 2025-00005496 of the Official Public Records of Wood County, Texas.

As is more fully shown by Plaintiff's Petition on file in this suit. The officer executing this process shall promptly execute the same according to law, and make due return as the law directs.

Issued and given under my hand and Seal of said Court at office in Quitman, Texas, on this the 18th day of February, 2026.



ATTEST:
SUZY WRIGHT- CLERK
402nd Judicial District Court of
Wood County, Texas
Signed: 6/9/2025 4:11:54 PM

By: , DEPUTY



Shortstop Boogie Trimble tosses to second baseman Cooper Christian for a force-out at second base. (Monitor photo by John Arbter)

Alba-Golden, Mineola at Lone Oak Tourney

BY JOHN ARBTER
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Tournament baseball is all about repetitions, getting the most repetitions of particular skills as possible, as well as experiencing as much variety of situations as possible within a game.

There are compromises, of course; tournament baseball is played with a time limit in order to maximize the number of games played at the site. Rarely does a tournament game go seven full innings. That does not detract, however, from the competitiveness or the value of such games.

Alba-Golden and Mineola squared off against Quinlan and Cumby, respectively, last Friday morning up at the Lone Oak Tourney.

Promptly at 8 a.m., Boogie Trimble lined a pitch to left field for a single to lead off for the Panthers. With great anticipation, he stole second and third bases, and scored when Mason Smith laid down a beauty of a bunt to the right side.

Landon Dunham reached after being plunked with a pitch. He would come around to score thanks to a single by Carson Pierce and a fielder's choice off the bat of Easton Samples.

Trimble would reach again in the third and came in to score on a passed ball. Alba-Golden led 3-1 after three innings of play.

Starter Mason (2 hits, 4 BB, 2 K) pitched 2 and 2/3 innings. He was spelled by Trimble.



Mineola starter Beckham Bowker in fine form. (Monitor photo by John Arbter)



Mason Smith delivers against Quinlan. (Monitor photo by John Arbter)

Quinlan put together a big rally in the fourth, picking up six runs and securing a 7-3 win.

Cason Boyd had the play of the game for Alba-Golden. With two away in the third, he drilled a first pitch to center field for a clean single. Then, on his own accord, he got a great jump on the pitcher and stole second. It was the kind of individual effort play that will win district games in the future.

Beckham Bowker got the start for Mineola against Cumby. He threw five masterful innings (1 hit, 2 BB, 5 K). In gusty wind conditions, Bowker retained his focus on the strike zone, combining accuracy with just enough variety to keep hitters off balance.

Mineola put up four runs in the first, one in the third, and three in the fourth to record an 8-0 win.

The Jackets only managed two base hits on the day – singles by Camden Roberts and Bowker– but those two base hits accounted for three RBIs. Mineola also scored twice on two sacrifice fly balls off the bats of Lawson Ollive and Wyatt Salonen.

Watching Mineola baseball is an education in the game. The team is taught not just the basics, but also how to leverage the small actions which can bring advantages to the team pitch-by-pitch. Those changes may be tempo-related, or field placement, or efforts to break the opponents' momentum, but they all build toward recording a win.

The Jackets will be competitive in a strong district, and will leverage every possible advantage in the game of baseball to realize success.



Yellowjacket head coach Trey Neighbors advises Beckham Bowker and Lawson Ollive. (Monitor photo by John Arbter)



Defender David Delapaz makes a sliding tackle to thwart a Lindale attack. (Monitor photo by John Arbter)

Lindale prevails against Mineola in classic 1-0 match

BY JOHN ARBTER
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For 23 minutes, the Mineola Yellowjackets gave the Lindale Eagles fits last Monday. The visiting Lindale squad labored to clear the ball out of their zone, and resorted to bombing the ball upfield. Meanwhile, the Jackets sent repeated attacks up each wing.

Then, in the form of a perfectly-delivered free kick, the Eagles scored. The left-footed strike went over a 5-man Mineola wall and found the upper corner on the long side of the goal.

As can happen in the game of soccer, a single goal can change the whole match.

The momentum of the match swung to the visitors, who found their passing tempo. The mid-field game turned in favor of the Eagles. They retained that advantage throughout the match, and defeated Mineola 1-0.

The Jackets had their chances in the first half. Eduardo Zavala put a shot off the crossbar in the 6th minute. Moments later, Gorge Zavala headed a ball in the box on an excellent delivery from Kaleb Silverio. Zavala's technique was spot on, heading the ball into the turf in front of goal, but Lindale saved the attempt.

Later in the half, Gorge Zavala sent a sharp one-hopper in on goal, but it was also saved. As the half drew to a close, teammate Brayan Torres fed the striker twice for scoring attempts. The first shot went just wide, and the second, which featured a highlight reel run up the right side by Zavala, went into the side netting.

In the closing seconds of the first half, the ball fell to Leonardo Villanueva in front of goal, but a shot was just not forthcoming.

Mineola increased the pressure at the start of the second half, but searched in vain for an equalizer.

Excellent sweeping by Jankarlo Ybarra, David Delapaz and Sebastian Klodnicki, and solid work in goal by keeper Johnny Rocha, kept the match close.

Mineola's efforts were undermined by the in-



Gorge Zavala on the ball. (Monitor photo by John Arbter)

ability to take advantage of set-piece opportunities. The Jackets had ten opportunities in the form of free kicks in the offensive zone and deep throw-ins.

Frustration grew, and the home side was awarded three yellow cards for overly aggressive play.

The set-piece issues continued throughout the match and included a 23-meter free kick which sailed high in the closing seconds.

The highlight of the game had to be Gorge Zavala's attack up the right side in the 65th minute.

Zavala battled through two double-teams. He broke to the center of the field to line up his shot after leaving a number of Eagles in his wake. Numbers eventually caught up with him, but it was an amazing demonstration of persistence on the ball and creativity in getting to a shooting position.

There have been some tough losses this season, as Mineola has played each team in district to the final whistle. This loss came on the absolute slimmest of margins. Mineola continues to play quality soccer.

2026 SPORTS SCHEDULE

Soccer Mineola vs. Grand Saline Mar. 13 6:00PM		Golf Mineola & Quitman Grand Saline Tournament @Links at Lands End Mar 16-17	
TRACK Alba-Golden @Rains Mar. 19 & Quitman			
Tennis Alba-Golden @Athens Mar. 12 8:00 AM Mineola @Hawkins Mar. 19 8:00 AM Quitman @Pine Tree HS Mar. 19 8:00 AM			
Baseball Alba-Golden vs. Hawkins Mar. 17 6:00PM Mineola vs. Rains Mar. 12 12:00PM vs. Grand Saline Mar. 17 4:30PM Quitman @Malakoff Mar. 13 4:30PM vs. Winona Mar. 17 4:30PM			
Softball Alba-Golden @Hawkins Mar. 17 6:00PM Mineola @Malakoff Mar. 13 4:30PM Quitman vs. Grand Saline Mar. 17 4:30PM @ Grand Saline Mar. 13 4:30PM vs. Winona Mar. 17 6:00PM			

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Lady Jackets start district with consecutive wins

BY JOHN ARBTER
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The Mineola Lady Jackets are geared up for a long softball season. After having started their district schedule with a 13-0 drubbing of Eustace, the Lady Jackets dispatched the visiting Quitman Lady Bulldogs, 16-1, last Friday.

The Lady Jackets brought their bats. They banged out 13 base hits, including four extra base hits. Nine Lady Jackets registered hits against Quitman, with Caroline Castleberry, Jadelyn Marshall and Jorja Young stroking multiple hits.

After starter Marshall (3 innings, 2 hits, 0 BB, 3 K) set the Lady Bulldogs down in order to start the game, Mineola went to work at the plate. Mahayla McMahon tripled to left-center, driving home Castleberry, who was aboard after drawing a walk.

The Lady Jackets batted around and put six runs up in the bottom of the first.

Quitman generated a nice sequence in the second. Kori Hammond singled up the middle. She was forced out at second on a ground ball off the bat of Madi Clanton, who beat the double play throw at first.

Abby Johnson then launched a ball into deep right field for a double, putting runners on second and third. Kensliegh Sanders brought Clanton home from third with a sacrifice fly to left field.

The sole run was all that was in the offering for Quitman. Mineola chalked up five runs in the second, and added five runs in the third to conclude the game by run rule.

One-sided softball games can often be burdensome to watch. Towards the end of this game, a moment of levity and humanity was provided by Quitman catcher Chloe Jones.

Jones took a spill in front of home plate when some of her equipment had become dislodged and tripped her up. As she emerged from the dust, she was wearing a huge smile -- which appeared as a combination of self-deprecating humor and just plain old fun.

Despite a very one-sided game, Jones communicated the key to the game of softball: it is fun.

Senior Lady Jacket Jadelyn Marshall appeared in top form. She threw with excellent placement and consistency.



The smile of Quitman’s catcher Chloe Jones provided one of those moments which connected everyone at the game. (Monitor photo by John Arbter)

The Lady Jackets possess a combination of skill, power and softball acumen which should send them on a long ride this campaign.



Lady Jacket Jorja Young heads to third as the Quitman outfield chases down a Caroline Castleberry double. (Monitor photo by John Arbter)



Mineola’s Coco Nguyen lifts a ball into right field for two RBIs. (Monitor photo by John Arbter)



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The nominating committee met to nominate the following individuals to fill the vacancies that will occur this year:

Tray Gilbreath	District 4	Pete Gibson	District 6
Bill D. Galyean II	District 9		

Agenda

1. Call meeting to order.
2. Invocation.
3. Statement by President.
4. Reading notice of meeting and proof of mailing.
5. Reading unapproved minutes.
6. Report by Manager.
7. Report of Nominating Committee.
8. Election of Directors.
9. Drawing for prizes.
10. Adjournment.



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