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Attendees view the velociraptor exhibit at the "Dinosaur Live" event recently at Quitman Elementary gym. See more photos on Page 3A. (Monitor photo by Zak Wellerman)

## Quitman students have fun learning about dinosaurs

By ZAK WELLERMAN  
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Quitman Elementary and Junior High students and community members got the opportunity to learn about dinosaurs during an interactive event at the QES gym recently.

"Dinosaurs Live" brought dinosaur exhibits, face

painting, a slide, puzzles, concessions and other fun activities. The event gave the students the chance to learn about the ancient creatures while also having some fun.

QES Principal Mary Ann Nichols said the students had a great time and there was a wonderful turnout.

"I think they primarily

had curiosity to learn about dinosaurs and I can't say how 'much' they might remember, but they had a fabulous time. It was geared toward the younger students," Nichols said. "There was some information at each station which parents could read. We always want to support learning in whatever form it takes."

## Mineola ISD explores regional CTE hub concept

By PHIL MAJOR  
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Mineola School Trustees put plans in place Monday, Feb. 11 that could result in the school district serving as a regional hub for career and technical education.

The board took several steps that would have Mineola hosting students from Alba-Golden, Yantis, Grand Saline and possibly other schools this fall for CTE programs, in conjunction with Tyler Junior College.

The district is already

moving ahead with expanding its CTE offerings. By expanding to a regional model, the collaborating districts stand to have more courses for students than they might otherwise.

The first step approved by the board was for bids to build a welding shop in the space between the ag shop and the auto shop at the high school campus.

The district is seeking a grant from the Meredith Foundation for the structure, but MISD will construct the facility in any

case.

The college has been working with the district on offering dual credit to students in the welding program.

MISD was successful working with the college and the industrial foundation to secure a grant for \$257,908 from the Texas Workforce Commission that will equip the welding shop.

Bryan Renfro, TJC vice provost for workforce and academic affairs, said the grant helps ensure that the

## Federal civil trial involving Wood County and seven individuals set for March

By HANK MURPHY  
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A federal lawsuit filed in October 2017 by John Winston Forrester and six other plaintiffs against Wood County and seven individuals is slated to go to trial on March 25 in Tyler before U.S. District Judge Robert W. Schroeder III. Five days are set aside for the trial.

Along with Wood County, the suit names former Sheriff James A. Brown, who has filed a countersuit, as well as Miles Tucker, Kelly Smith, Kevin Atkinson, Stephen Cates, and John Hammack, all former Brown subordinates. Also named is Jerry Wayne Boone, who is serving prison time for aggravated assault with a deadly weapon. Boone shot Forrester and his father, John Phillip Forrester, in early November 2015 as the Forresters and five others were attempting to access a disputed oil lease on Brown's property north of Quitman.

The suit alleges "almost

unfathomable abuse of the public trust" by Wood County, Brown, and several sheriff deputies. The lawsuit claims that Brown and his deputies engaged in a campaign of "harassment, intimidation and abuse" against Forrester, who was attempting to gain access to an oil well lease so he could recover millions of dollars worth of equipment stranded in the mud. The suit claims a litany of misconduct on the part of Brown and his men that culminated the morning of Nov. 2, 2015.

The lawsuit alleges the following: The two Forresters and five associates set out for the oil lease and opened a gate to a road leading to the well. Jerry Boone, who owned land adjacent to Brown's, began yelling and screaming profanities at the party. Boone went to his trailer and returned with a 9mm pistol, which he pointed at Forrester. Boone told Forrester that he had spoken with Brown and had been authorized to stop

Forrester's access "by any means necessary." Boone ultimately fired his gun, striking the elder Forrester in the lower leg. Boone then stood over him with the gun pointed at the elder Forrester's head. In an attempt to distract him, the younger Forrester shouted at Boone, who turned and fired at the younger Forrester, hitting him in the back. After being shot, the younger Forrester retreated to his truck. Boone then began firing at other members of the party, three of whom suffered injuries while fleeing. At one point, Boone held his gun to the head of a man in the party and ordered him to leave. While in his truck bleeding, the younger Forrester called 9-1-1 and reached the Wood County Sheriff's Office. Several deputies arrived on the scene and did nothing. They refused to arrest Boone "despite multiple instances of attempted murder."

Later in November 2015, Brown and others put up

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### This Week in Your Neighborhood

The Mineola Historical Museum Board is sponsoring a Black History Month Program on Friday, Feb. 22 at 1 p.m. at Addie E. McFarland Center at 708 S. Stone Street featuring Tillmon Cooke, a retired teacher, and Mathew Greer, an actor and Mineola native.

"The Old People Are Revolting" completes its run at the Lake Country Playhouse Feb. 22 and 23 at 7:30 p.m. and the 24th at 2 p.m. at 114 N. Johnson. Tickets are \$12 for adults and \$6 for students. Reservations can be made by calling the box office at 903-569-2300.

Lara Hope's Gold Hope Duo will perform at The Espinoza Music Academy, 104 N. Johnson St. in Mineola Wednesday, Feb. 20 at 7 p.m. Admission is free. Doors open at 6:30. Special guests include Duane Mark from Austin and Rafael Espinoza and The Rockabilly Railroad.

Mineola Kiwanis Club hosts its 10th annual Chili Cook-off Saturday, Feb. 23 at First United Methodist Church's Ministries Center on North Newsome from 11 a.m. until 1 p.m. Tickets are available from Kiwanis members for \$5 or may be purchased at the door.

## Candidate filing closes for city, school elections

By ZAK WELLERMAN  
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The list of candidates for the local city and school board May 4 election is now final. The deadline to file for open seats was Friday, Feb. 15.

Since all races are unopposed, the City of Alba, the City of Mineola and the City of Yantis will not hold an election.

Also, since both races are unopposed, Quitman ISD will not hold an election.

### CITY ELECTIONS

Quitman Mayor David Dobbs and Aldermen Randy Dunn and Brad Medlin are up for election. Alderman J.R. Evans and Dunn have both filed for the mayoral seat.

Four people have filed for the aldermen seats: Dobbs, Medlin, Michael Raney and Arnie Spiers.

Winnboro Mayor Randy Parish and Alderwomen Joan Morris and Katy Perez are up for election. Parrish has decided not to run for

mayor. Camron Wilcox has filed for the mayoral seat. Incumbent Morris has also filed for a council position. Mel Melenberger and Wendy Blake filed for city council seats

### SCHOOL BOARDS

Hawkins Trustees Ashley Conner, Ed Tunnell and Matthew Dacus are up for election. Conner, Tunnell and Dacus have all filed. Micheline Gipson has also filed.

In Mineola, seats occu-

ried by Kellam Newell and Carlist Brinkley are up for election as well as an open seat.

Glen Dossett, Jo McCarty, Jill Quiambao, Jackie Rodieck, Jim Ruffin and Patricia Wright have filed for the election.

Yantis Trustees Janie Moreland and April Johnson's seats will be voted on this year. April Johnson, Jennifer Larkin and Jeff Quinn filed for the two positions.

Early voting begins April 22.

## Monitor changing days

The Wood County Monitor is moving its publication day to Thursday.

The change will become effective in March, according to Monitor Publisher Phil Major.

"This change will benefit our readers, our advertisers and our staff," Major said.

For readers, news events that occur on Monday nights, such as important school board and city council meetings, and the recent basketball playoffs, can make it into that week's paper rather than the following week. Also obituaries will be more up-to-date

with an extra business day to allow funeral homes to submit articles. For advertisers, it will give the marketing staff the ability to work with businesses on Monday throughout the day, as well as other adver-

tisers such as those hosting garage sales.

Previously, with deadlines on Friday, anything that came up over the weekend was difficult to get into the current edition.

And the move will also give the staff an extra week-day to get the paper ready for printing.

This will mean that the newspaper will hit news stands on Wednesday, rather than Tuesday.

And subscribers accustomed to getting the paper in the mail on Wednesday will have it arriving on Thursday.

"I'm sure we will be getting several phone calls on March 6," Major said.

He noted that this new routine is the typical production schedule for the large percent of weekly community newspapers.

## Man's identity released, police withhold dash cam video

The man who took his own life in Quitman on Jan. 11 after refusing commands by police has been identified as Austin John Sona, 25, of Elkhorn, Neb.

The identification is contained in a police incident

report, which was obtained by the Wood County Monitor through an open records request.

The Monitor has also sought police dash cam video of the incident. Quitman police have refused the

request and are seeking an Attorney General's opinion.

Sona took his own life with a handgun in a 2004 Honda Accord during a traffic stop at the Exxon station at 412 South Main St. After reportedly being

non-compliant and refusing commands by police, Sona killed himself, according to police.

He was the sole occupant of the vehicle, according to information provided by Quitman police.

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basketball playoff games



# Corner Column

It's been a veritable trip down memory lane, looking in the nooks and crannies of our offices.

Though the Mimosa St. office has been home of the Monitor for maybe 25 years, it already houses lots of relics of the bygone days of newspapering. I wish I could have seen the former downtown office in Quitman – I suspect it was even more historic.



PHIL MAJOR

The old photography darkroom here, for example, brings back some memories, mostly bad ones, of late nights and smelly chemicals.

The advent of digital cameras affordable to smaller newspapers around 20 years ago was indeed a blessing. And their quality has continued to improve while the cost has fallen. What once was a major process to run a color photograph in the paper is now quite simple.

Hard to think we did so much work just to produce a photo. Now everywhere you look folks are doing the same thing with a click of their phones.

Another cabinet in the back holds a hand roller and other tools that we once used to put together the pages manually, something that is now the exclusive province of computers, packed with software that will do anything

you can imagine, and sometimes, I think even more.

I know that the ghost of former editor Tom Beesley does not haunt these halls. I think he was gone from Mineola by the time the move was made to Mimosa St.

But his memory lives on here nonetheless. It pops up unexpectedly. A batch of the newspaper contest entries lying around in the back includes his work. Zak was researching a story from 1992, which he found in the Democrat (that year's Monitor has not revealed itself yet).

Tom reported and photographed the story. I bring up Tom because, while we were professional colleagues, as well as sharing responsibilities for the regional press association, we were also friends. When he left Mineola, around 1994, he came to work on my staff in Cedar Hill, near his old stomping grounds in Lancaster. Lancaster was where we laid him to rest after the tragic motorcycle accident that ended his life. His casket included a news camera (film, not digital). I bet he's taking some wonderful photos now.

I had the honor of carrying the Texas flag during the parade of flags at the National Newspaper Association convention during the time Tom was hospitalized, just a few days before his death. My heart was heavy as I received an update on his condition only minutes before

going into the grand hall with the Lone Star flag, marching in his honor.

There are many items laying around that are no longer useful, with names of companies that no longer exist. When we get a chance to catch our breath, the Dumpster will become like a friend as the detritus of bygone days makes its way out.

We're all guilty of it, I suppose, shutting things off to a corner rather than finding another use or recycling or just saying, "I can no longer deal with this, get out of my life."

We have gone through two household downsizings in recent years and still have too much stuff. And the newspaper office is too much reminiscent of our unintentional hoarding.

Got a use for an old computer monitor, the ones that weigh a ton? I'll make you a deal – guaranteed not to be haunted. I hear they make good boat anchors, though they probably contains substances that are toxic to fish.

Oh, and if you happen to have a copy of the Aug. 29, 2018 Monitor lying around, we could really use it. Somehow we got a little too anxious to get rid of those. We have it on computer, but not on newsprint. And any old bound newspaper books prior to 1993. They absconded at some point to parts unknown.

## Mineola schools saw illnesses reduce pupil attendance rates

Mineola schools came close to shutting down due to excessive illness in early February.

Superintendent Kim Tunnell told the school board Monday, Feb. 11 that the district had been monitoring attendance for the past couple weeks.

It had rebounded to 95.6 percent as of Monday.

The primary school had dipped as low as 87 percent on Feb. 6, near the threshold where district officials have

to decide whether to close schools.

Overall attendance was 92 percent the prior week, Tunnell said.

There has been lots of disinfecting going on, she said, and sending students home who were showing signs of illness.

Attendance for January averaged 94.11 percent, Tunnell said, with the high school as the highest campus at 95.18 percent.

## TRIAL

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barriers across the road to the oil well, the suit alleges. In December 2015, Forrester alleges, someone sabotaged an oil flow line from the well, diverting it from storage tanks to a nearby pond.

The lawsuit seeks an unspecified amount for actual damages, pain and suffering, mental anguish, medical care, as well as exemplary and punitive damages.

Meanwhile, the defendants are seeking dismissal of the case through summary judgment, meaning they've asked Schroeder to find the lawsuit without merit, which would forgo the need for a trial.

For his part, Brown has filed a countersuit, which alleges the following: The Forresters attempted to "bully their way across property owned by Brown and others that was never within the boundaries of the old mineral lease and through which the Forresters had no right of access."

When met with opposition, the younger Forrester "maliciously" prosecuted a civil suit against Brown and the property owners, which was ultimately terminated in favor of Brown. Nevertheless, the Forresters continued to claim rights under an expired lease and to trespass onto Brown's land. The counteraction seeks actual and exemplary damages for malicious prosecution, a declaration that the lease in question was terminated before being acquired by Forrester and that the Forresters have no right, title or interest in the lease, a declaration that the Forresters have no right to enter Brown's property, and attorney and court fees.

## Mineola board adopts '19-20 ISD calendar

Mineola School Board adopted the 2019-20 school calendar last Monday night.

Teachers will return to work on Thursday, Aug. 8, and students one week later.

First semester staff development dates include Oct. 14 and 21 and Nov. 25-27.

Student holidays include Sept. 2, Oct. 11, Nov. 28-29,

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# WOOD COUNTY COMMUNITY CALENDAR

2nd FRIDAY ACOUSTICAL JAM - second Friday 6 - 9 p.m., Quitman Public Library, 202 E Goode St, Quitman 903-975-5745

ALBA CITY COUNCIL - first Monday, 6:30 p.m., City Hall.

ALBALADIES CLUB - fourth Tuesday, 6:30 p.m., Alba Community Center. 765-2573

ALBA LIBRARY/MUSEUM BOARD - third Monday every other month., 4 p.m., library building. Everyone welcome.

ALBA-GOLDEN SCHOOL BOARD - second Monday, 7 p.m., high school library., 768-2472.

ALBA-GOLDEN YOUTH FOUNDATION - second Tuesday, elementary gym, 7 p.m. All welcome.

ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS - Sunday and Monday, 7 p.m., Friday 8 p.m., Wednesday noon; Women's Group Mon. 11 a.m.; St. Dunstan's Episcopal Church, Mineola.

ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS - Wednesday and Saturday, 7:30 p.m., 404 S. Main Street, Quitman.

ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS - Gateway Group, Tues. & Sat. 7 p.m. Puckett House, 109 Kilpatrick Street.

AL ANON - Thursday, 7:30 pm; St. Dunstan's Episcopal Church, Mineola.

ALZHEIMER SUPPORT GROUP (sponsored by Pilot Club) first Monday, 11 a.m., Red Dome restaurant in Quitman, 903-569-5237.

AMERICAN LEGION POST 296 and Auxiliary - fourth Tuesday, 6:30 p.m., Highway 80, three miles east of Mineola. 903-569-0348. All are invited.

AMERICAN LEGION POST OF WINNSBORO - first Tuesday, 6:30 p.m., 102 West Broadway, in Winnsboro. 903-752-0913 or 903-7675338.

APET (Animal Preservation of East Texas) Thrift Store - Dog Gone Good Stuff, 915 S. Pacific Street, Mineola, Thursday-Saturday. 903-569-0505 or 903-563-9542.

BOY SCOUT TROOP #36 QUITMAN - meets Sunday, 4:30 p.m., Scout House behind First United Methodist Church. Danny King, 903-521-5930.

BOYSCOUTS TROOP 385 MINEOLA - Tuesdays 7 p.m., Mineola Methodist Education Bldg. New boys/alsums welcome! Chris Jennings 903-569-3531

BOY SCOUTS TROOP 180 WINNSBORO - Tuesdays 6:30 p.m., Church of Christ. New boys/alsums welcome! Tex Willis 903-816-0638

BOY SCOUTS TROOP 379 WINNSBORO - Tuesdays 7 p.m., City Bldg @ Walker Park. New boys/alsums welcome! Sherry McGovern 903-335-9744

BREAD OF LIFE MINISTRY FOOD PANTRY - Humble Baptist, first & third Tuesday 1-4 p.m.

BREAKING FREE - meeting place for families and friends of addicts and alcoholics. Monday, 7 p.m., 971 E. Goode St., Quitman, 903-497-6149.

CELEBRATE RECOVERY - a support group for those with various hurts, habits or hang-ups, every Monday, 6:30-9 p.m., Church On the Rock annex building at 302 S. Stephens. 903-763-4588.

THE CORVETTES OF WOOD COUNTY - First Saturday of the month at 9 a.m. Richie's Grill, corner of U.S. 80 and FM 14 in Hawkins. Open to any Corvette owner.

COUNSELING CHRISTIAN GUIDANCE CENTER - 903-850-3858 or ibarnes@texascellnet.com.

CUB SCOUTS PACK 391 HAWKINS - meets Sundays, 5 p.m., Scout Hut, FUMC. New boys, alums welcome. Scott Randall, 903-203-7901.

DAUGHTERS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION - first Saturday except June, July, August and December, 12 p.m. Harvest Acres Baptist Church, 460 NW Loop 564, Mineola. 903-343-1474.

DAUGHTERS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION, John Hogg, Sr. Chapter, 3rd Monday except June, July, August & December, 1 PM. Holly Hall, Holly Lake Ranch. 903-520-8697

DELPHIAN LITERARY CLUB - first Wednesday, 569-6794 or 569-3586.

DRUG AND ALCOHOL AWARENESS - 7 p.m. Friday, Seventh Day Adventist Church, Ronny Polley 768-2992.

DUPLICATE BRIDGE ACBL games - Wednesday and Friday, 10:30 a.m., Masonic Lodge, 882-1335.

EASTERN STAR - Quitman Chapter 695, 3rd Tues., dinner 6:30 p.m., meeting 7:30. Flora Lodge in Quitman. 903-638-6420.

ETMC Quitman - needs volunteers. Great opportunity to meet people while helping your community. Contact Judy Johnson, 903-383-3433

FANNIE MARCHMAN GARDEN CLUB - third Wednesday, September - May, Mineola Civic Center, 9:30 a.m. Visitors welcome. Charla Martin, president. 903-638-6389

FLORA MASONIC LODGE #119 - first Tuesday at the lodge hall, Highway 37, Quitman. Covered dish - 6:30 p.m., meeting 7:30 p.m. Study nights for members each Thursday, 7 p.m. at the hall.

FOREVER YOUNG ACTIVITIES CENTER - Wednesday and Friday, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Fitness exercises, bridge, lessons, Bingo and card games.

FOUKE-LAKE HAWKINS CRIME WATCH - third Thursday, 7 p.m., Fouke Community Center

FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY - second Tuesday, Quitman.

FRIENDS OF THE MINEOLA MEMORIAL LIBRARY - first Thursday, 1 p.m., Mineola Library, 569-2767.

GED CLASSES, FREE - Sand Spring Baptist Church. Monday and Tuesday, 9 a.m. to noon, or 6-9 p.m. 903-768-3239 or 903-569-9350.

GED FREE PREPARATORY CLASS - each Thursday 4 - 6 p.m. concurrent with QISD calendar. Quitman Public Library, 202 E Goode St. Quitman 903-975-5745

GIRL SCOUTS MINEOLA TROOP 3 - building girls of courage, confidence, and character, who make the world a better place! All girls kindergarten-12th grade welcome! Monday, 5:00-6:30 pm, September-May, Broad Street Church of Christ Annex, Crystal Arcand 903-705-2459

HAINESVILLE COMMUNITY CENTER - second Tuesday, 6 p.m. Members bring a covered dish and enjoy an evening of fellowship. The center is located at FM 49 and 778, 903-769-1091.

HAINESVILLE VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPT. - second and fourth Thursday, 7 p.m., Firehouse downtown Hainesville.

HAWKINS LIONS CLUB - second and fourth Tuesday at the depot in Willful Crossing.

HOLLY LAKE FIRE DEPARTMENT - first and third Tuesday at the fire station at Holly Lake Ranch.

IRIS GARDEN CLUB-GOLDEN - first Monday, September-May, Golden United Methodist Church. 903-765-3000.

LAKE COUNTRY CLASSIC CAR CLUB - third Monday, 6:30 p.m. 903-850-2557.

LAKE COUNTRY REPUBLICANS - fourth Tuesday, 6 p.m., Red Dome Smokehouse, Quitman.

LAKE COUNTRY RV TRAVELERS - of Good Sam Int'l. Monthly, RV parks w/in 150 m. radius. 903-569-3677 or 3069.

LAKE COUNTRY SYMPHONIC BAND - will resume rehearsals Aug. 6 at Mineola High School Band Hall. 7 p.m. 903-569-2300.

LAKE FORK ROTARY CLUB - Wednesday, noon, at the Lake Fork Baptist Church on State Highway 515

LAKE HOLBROOK ASSOCIATION - first Saturday, February, May, August and November, Harold Simmons Community Center, 5:30 p.m. directors, 6 p.m. all members and guests welcome. 903-569-0223.

MEMORY CAFE, a time for stimulating memory, meets weekly on Thursday in the craft room at Holly Brook Baptist Church from 11:45 to 2 p.m. Lunch is provided. Various activities are offered each week, including games, moderate exercise, art, and music. People in the area are invited. There is no charge. For more information call 903 769-2091

MINEOLA BAND BOOSTERS - second Tuesday, 7 p.m., in high school band hall. All parents invited.

MINEOLA LIONS CLUB - second and fourth Thursday, noon, Mineola Country Club, 903-638-1596; 903-569-3340.

MINEOLA MARINE CORPS LEAGUE Det. #1278, 3rd Tuesday, 6 p.m. meal, 7 p.m. meeting. American Legion Building, 2015 E. Hwy. 80, Mineola, 903-497-3030.

MINEOLA SCHOOL BOARD - third Monday, Admin. Bldg., Loop 564, 7 p.m.

MINEOLA CITY COUNCIL - fourth Monday, 5:30 p.m., City Hall. Public welcome. Call City Hall for changes in November and December because of holidays.

MINEOLA HIGH SCHOOL ATHLETIC BOOSTER CLUB - last Monday, 6 p.m., high school lobby.

MINEOLA HISTORICAL MUSEUM ADVISORY BOARD - third Tuesday, 4 p.m., city hall. 569-6944. Public invited.

MINEOLA MASONIC LODGE - second Thursday, dinner at 6:30 p.m., meeting at 7:30 p.m. All Masons invited. 569-2608.

MINEOLA REBEKAH LODGE - first and third Tuesday, 11 a.m., 106 S. Line St. All Rebekahs welcome, 569-2776.

MINEOLA ROTARY CLUB - Monday noon, Dogwood Room, Mineola Civic Center.

MINEOLA ROTARY RECYCLING - third Saturday, 8:30-11:30 a.m., Walmart parking lot. Cardboard, paper and plastic accepted.

MINEOLA SENIOR CITIZEN CENTER - 308 University, 9:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. 903-497-1162; Dominoes & other games.

MLOTA LINE DANCE GUILD - Tuesday, 8:30 a.m., and Friday, 9:30 a.m.

MLOTA FIBER/CRAFT ART GUILD - Wednesday and Thursday, 10 a.m. and 1:30 p.m., business meeting fourth Thursday, 9:30 am.

MLOTA QUILT GUILD - first, second and third Thursday, 9:30 am; business meeting first Thursday.

MLOTA PAINTERS GUILD - Wednesday, 10 a.m.; business meeting fourth Monday.

MLOTA RUG HOOKING GROUP - first Thursday, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Beginners are welcome.

MLOTA PHOTOGRAPHY GUILD - fourth Thursday, 6:30 p.m. All levels welcome, 903-569-8877.

MLOTA SCULPTURE GUILD - Tuesday, 1 p.m. Business meeting first Tuesday.

MONDAY NIGHT KNITS - 6-8 p.m. Monday, Golden Methodist Fellowship Hall. 903-768-2540.

NORTHEAST TEXAS PARATROOPERS ASSOCIATION - third Saturday at 7:30 a.m. at Red Dome Smokehouse in Quitman.

OPEN HEART MINISTRY - third Friday, 7 p.m., Mineola Civic Center.

OVERCOMERS RECOVERY SUPPORT GROUP - Monday, 7-8 p.m., Whispering Pines Church of the Nazarene, located on CR 3811, Hawkins

PARENT ADVISORY COUNCIL OF MINEOLA ELEMENTARY - first Tuesday, 8:15 a.m., elementary library,

PARENTS ANONYMOUS GROUP - Tuesday, 6:30 p.m., First Baptist Church, Quitman. Children's program provided. 903-629-2114

PILOT CLUB OF MINEOLA - second and fourth Tuesday, 6 p.m. Mineola Civic Center. 903-569-5237.

PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY - at First Baptist Church in Quitman. First Tuesday 1-3:30 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. 903-763-8101.

QUILTS OF VALOR GROUP, STITCHIN' ANGELS, meet the last Wednesday of the month at 10:30 a.m., 1118 N. Pacific St., Mineola, to make quilts for service members and veterans.

QUITMAN CHILD ADVOCACY GROUP - third Thursday, 10 a.m., 403 Conger in Quitman. The public is welcome.

QUITMAN GARDEN CLUB - second Tuesday (except when on field trips), 2 p.m., Quitman library. quitmangardenclub@gmail.com. All are welcome.

QUITMAN/LAKE FORK KIWANIS - Wednesday, noon, Faith Student Center, 403 S. Main St., Quitman.QUITMAN LIONS CLUB - second and fourth Tuesday, 6:30 p.m., Peralto's Restaurant. Contact any Lions Club member to donate your used eyeglasses for recycling to the needy.

QUITMAN PILOT CLUB - third Tuesday, 6:30 p.m., Quitman Public Library. 903-383-5075.

QUITMAN ROTARY CLUB, Thurs., noon, ETMC Community

Room, N. Hwy. 37.

QUITMAN CITY COUNCIL - third Thursday, 5:30 p.m.; city hall.

QUITMAN SCHOOL BOARD - 2nd Monday, 6 p.m. Administration Building.

REPUBLICAN CLUB OF WINNSBORO - fourth Monday, 7 p.m., 903-342-0575.

REPUBLICAN WOMEN OF WOOD COUNTY - third Monday, 11:30 a.m., Red Dome, Quitman, 903 383 2121.

SINGING AT THE FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH OF HAWKINS - fourth Sunday, 2-4 p.m.

SCOTTISH RITE - Wood County Scottish Rite Club meets third Thursday of odd month, 6:30 p.m., Red Dome Smokehouse meeting room. 903-253-3635.

STROKE SURVIVORS & APHASIA CLUB OF EAST TEXAS - fourth Wednesday, 6-7 p.m., First Baptist Church Quitman, 903-878-2392.

TEXAS INMATE FAMILIES ASSOCIATION - second Tuesday, 6:30-8 p.m., First Christian Church Tyler, Broadway & Loop, 903-839-2349.

TOASTMASTERS INTERNATIONAL - Garden Valley chapter, Thursdays on Mercy Ships property, 5:30-6:30 p.m. 903-882-0887.

TOPS GROUP - Thursday, 8-11 a.m., Harvest Acres Baptist Church, NW Loop 564, 569-1240 , 569-2415.

UPPER SABINE VALLEY SOLID WASTE DISTRICT - every three months on third Monday, Wood County Courthouse, 5:30 p.m. 903-763-2123.

UTU AUXILIARY MORNING STAR LODGE #851 - third Monday (except July and August), 11:30 a.m

VFW LADIES AUXILIARY #7523 - third Sunday, 1 p.m., Recruiting new members. 569-2228.

VFW POST #7523 - third Wednesday, 6 p.m., Karaoke every Friday, 8 p.m. 569-2228.

WHYTE DOVE WRITER'S GROUP - Second Tuesday, 6 p.m., Quitman Public Library. 903-763-1210 or e-mail mkyoung97@peoples.com.net

WOOD COUNTY 4-H HORSE CLUB - Business meeting, Monday, 2 p.m., Wood County Extension Office.

Wood County Aggie MomS - 1st Tuesday, 6 p.m., 903-539-7049 or Wood County Aggie Moms Facebook page.

WOOD COUNTY APPRAISAL DISTRICT - Quarterly, third Thursday, 8 p.m., appraisal district office. Open to the public.

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WOOD COUNTY COMMISSIONERS COURT - every other Friday, Commissioners Court, Quitman, 10 a.m. 763-2716.

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WOOD COUNTY DEMOCRAT CLUB - fourth Thursday, Quitman Public Library, at 6:15 p.m. 903-383-7036 or www.wood-countydem.org.

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WOOD COUNTY HEALTH DEPT. IMMUNIZATION CLINIC - Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, 9-11 a.m., and 1-3 p.m., third Monday, 1-6 p.m. Public Health Department offices, 213 W. Bermuda, Quitman, 763-5406.

WOOD COUNTY HOSPITAL DISTRICT - second Monday, 7 p.m., hospital conference room in Quitman. Public invited.

WOOD COUNTY PCT. 2 CONSTABLE EXPLORERS - first Thursday, 6:30 p.m., Armed Texans Training Facility, 369 CR 2784, Mineola.

WOOD COUNTY RETIRED SCHOOL PERSONNEL ASSOCIATION - third Monday, September-December, and February-April, 2 p.m. and in May at 5 p.m., Forever Young Activity Center, 402 S. Main St., Quitman. All retired school personnel are invited.

YANTIS CITY COUNCIL - second Tuesday, 6 p.m., city hall.

YANTIS SCHOOL BOARD - second Monday, 6 p.m. (executive session), 7 open meeting, school cafeteria.

YANTIS/LAKE FORK LIONS CLUB - second Thursday, 6 p.m., Yantis Community Center.

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Students play with toy dinosaurs at the Quitman Elementary School dinosaur event on Feb. 7.



Quitman students play dinosaur themed games during the "Dinosaur Live" event at Quitman Elementary gym on Feb. 7. (Monitor photos by Zak Wellerman)

## Mineola school trustees want to see test scores before contract decision

By PHIL MAJOR  
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The Mineola School Board took a wait-and-see approach after evaluating Superintendent Kim Tunnell last Monday.

Tunnell, who has been the chief administrator since 2015, has a three-year contract through 2021.

The board voted 4-2 to table the contract until August when the results of the state's STAAR scores are released.

Voting for the delay were Dr. John Abbott, Dr. Kyle Gully, Daniel Louderman and Jay McGough. Voting

against were Carlist Brinkley and Kellam Newell.

The board also approved administrator contracts as follows:

*12-month contracts, two years:*  
William Bjork, assistant superintendent of business  
Luke Blackwell, athletic director

Kendall Gould, middle school principal

Jennifer Knipp, director of curriculum and instruction  
Mark Parkerson, director of special programs

David Sauer, high school principal

Mike Sorenson, high school dean of student and staff affairs

*11-month contracts, two years:*

Angeleia Everett, primary school assistant principal

Stacy Morris, elementary school principal

Jole Ray, primary school principal

Jeffery Tittle, middle school assistant principal

*One-year probationary contracts pending approved certification (MISD Police):*

Cody Castleberry  
Frank "Mike" Hurst

As the fiscal agent for the Wood County Special Education co-op, the board also approved a two-year contract for Director Tammy Willis.

## Former sheriff Brown seeks dismissal of '17 indictments

By HANK MURPHY  
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Claiming to be the victim of "selective and vindictive prosecution" stemming from "political and/or personal animus," former Wood County Sheriff Jim A. Brown filed a motion in late January to quash and dismiss indictments against him.

Brown and former Wood County Deputy Miles Tucker were indicted by a county grand jury on Oct. 25, 2017, in connection with a dispute involving an oilman who wanted access to an oil well on Brown's property. That oilman, John Winston Forrester, and Forrester's father, John Phillip Forrester, were shot by Jerry Boone, who owns land adjacent to Brown's, on Nov. 2, 2015.

Both men survived their wounds. Boone was convicted of aggravated assault with a deadly weapon and is in prison.

The indictments against Brown allege that in late October 2015, shortly before the shootings, Brown

abused his official capacity by using a deputy and a Sheriff's Department vehicle to prevent Forrester from accessing his oil lease. Prosecutors also allege that Brown engaged in official oppression by preventing Forrester from accessing his oil lease by subjecting him to arrest and detainment. He faces two misdemeanor charges as well as a state jail felony.

In his motion, Brown argues that he had every right to refuse Forrester access to his property because the oil lease in question was invalid.

Brown claims that Forrester had engaged in trespassing and criminal mischief and was subject to arrest and prosecution. "Law enforcement officers do not give up their rights to 'life, liberty and property' by virtue of their employment and Brown had, and has, a right to protect his property," his motion states.

The motion does not mention that during the time period in question, 402nd District Judge Jeff Fletcher

had granted Forrester injunctive relief, which prohibited Brown or personnel under his control from blocking Forrester's access to the lease.

The motion to dismiss argues that neither former District Attorney Jim Wheeler nor anyone else in the District Attorney's Office had investigated whether Forrester had a right to be on Brown's property.

In fact, after the indictments, the state furnished the defense with documents that show it had learned significant facts "that would have put it on notice that Forrester had no right to center and cross Brown's property ..." according to Brown's motion.

Brown claims he was "singled out for prosecution by intentional and purposeful discrimination on the part of the prosecutor(s) and members of his own department because of political and/or personal animus."

A jury trial is scheduled for Aug. 26.

## Yantis seeks \$274,000 wastewater grant

By ZAK WELLERMAN  
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Yantis City Council on Feb. 11 authorized the submission of an application for a Texas Community Development Block Grant to fund city wastewater improvements.

If approved, the grant will provide \$274,131, and the city will commit to spending \$13,750 for the project.

Mayor Trey Norris will act as the city's executive officer and authorized representative for all matters pertaining to the application and committing local match.

Also at the meeting, council heard a presentation from Honor and Remember Inc., an organization dedicated to the recognition of military fallen heroes and their families. The group creates an "Honor and Remember Flag" for fallen military personnel and an

"Honor and Sacrifice Flag" for fallen first-responders.

A proposal to accept these flags as the City of Yantis' way of recognizing the service of fallen military and first responders was approved.

An order to call for the City of Yantis election for May 4 was approved. Norris and Aldermen Bruce Sumner and Corey Ogle are up for election this year.

Debbie Rhodes presented an update on the Northeast Texas Prairie Classroom, discussing the design of a six-acre park, which was donated by Julie Mattox, for prairie land preservation. There are plans for birdhouses, prairie grass and trails to be a part of the land. Local students created designs for the park to be voted on by the city council and community members.

Rhodes said she has applied for a U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service grant for

funding, and she is looking into other opportunities.

The council discussed the need for cleaning up 103 N. Main St. Norris told the council that he intends to visit with the person overseeing the building to discuss improvements.

Jeff Quinn gave the Yantis Volunteer Fire Department report for January. Yantis third-graders visited the Fire Department. He mentioned how YVFD is working to register with the Full Service System for Award Management (SAM), which is the system used for choosing how grants are distributed.

Water Superintendent David Freeman discussed how the water department is working to make sure meters are accurate.

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## Quitman Chamber banquet slated for Feb. 28

Featuring a Mardi Gras Texas style theme, the Chamber of Commerce of Quitman will host its annual awards banquet on Feb. 28 at Carroll Green Civic Center.

The ceremony will be from 7 to 9 p.m. Individual tickets cost \$20 and a table of 10 is \$200.

Individual awards will include Clergy of the Year, Citizen of the Year, Young Professional of the Year, Humanitarian award, Educator of the Year, and Healthcare awards.

Business awards include the Beautification award, Community Spirit, Community Service, Small Busi-

ness of the Year, and Large Business of the Year.

There will be prizes, an auction, photo booth and fun.

For more information, contact Chamber Executive Director Elizabeth Neuens at 903-763-4411 or qtmn-coc@peoplescom.net.

## Mineola Chamber's annual awards banquet March 7

The Mineola Chamber of Commerce announced that its annual awards banquet will be held Thursday, March 7 at the Mineola Civic Center.

Doors open at 6 p.m. and dinner begins at 6:30 p.m. Please come early to

look and bid on all of our auction items. This year's theme is trains.

Come out and dine, play games, listen to music, bid on items, and recognize the people who make Mineola great. Tickets are \$32 per person and tables of six and

eight are available as well.

To sign up, go to the Mineola Chamber of Commerce website and follow the Chamber Community Awards Banquet link. The chamber thanks its title sponsor Christus Trinity Clinic in Mineola.

## DAR chapter honors veterans on Valentines

We would like to extend our gratitude for all the sacrifices our military and veterans have made for our country. There are several holidays designated for this, but the ladies of your local National Society Daughters of the American Revolution feel that Feb. 14, the national day of love, is one of the best.

The origin behind Valentine's Day is clouded and actually rather dark. But the holiday centers around one common theme - that theme is sacrifice for love. While the sacrifice is usually oneself for love of person, we recognize the sacrifice of love no matter the reason. And no greater reason than the love one has for his/her country - for those you do not know, both women and men.

For Valentine's Day 2019, the ladies of the Elizabeth Denton English DAR Chapter gathered Valentine's Day cards to celebrate the love and sacrifice our country's veterans have shown. The ladies of the Mineola based DAR collected 280 bags of

candy and 300 signed cards for the Bonham Veterans Home. They also made sure that 85 residents of the Watkins-Logan Veterans Home in Tyler had cards of good will. It is with great appreciation and love that we give this small token of thanks to those whose love meant sacrificing life and limb.

We love our country!

The Elizabeth Denton English Daughters are vibrant, active women who are passionate about community service, preserving history, educating children, as well as honoring and supporting those who serve our nation. We would love to have you join, work alongside with us, and celebrate with us. If you would like to learn about your heritage and American history, foster good citizenship, honor your ancestor, learn genealogy, and preserve our past along with providing community service please contact us.

The National Society Daughters of the American Revolution is a nationally known nonprofit, nonpolit-

ical, volunteer service organization for women, which promotes historic preservation, education, and patriotism. The DAR is one of the world's largest and most active service organization. DAR members are committed to volunteer service having served more than 12.5 million hours in communities throughout the world during the past three years. The Elizabeth Denton English Chapter is chartered in Mineola, but members are welcome from all areas. Any women regardless of race, religion or ethnic background is eligible for membership if she is at least 18 years old and can prove lineal bloodline descent from a man or woman who aided the cause of American independence. For more information, please contact www.DAR.org, or www.texasdar.org/chapters/ElizabethDentonEnglish, or contact chapter Registrar Joelene Yates at email joelene.yates@yahoo.com.

## Mineola man jailed on drug charges

On Feb. 11, Mineola police arrested Douglas Edward Gilliam, 63, of Mineola on suspicion of possessing a controlled substance in a drug-free zone, a third-degree felony.

At 10:21 a.m., a narcotics search warrant was executed on Goodson Circle after police had conducted an investigation of Gilliam on suspicion of dealing metham-

phetamine, according to police.

Along with the allegation of possessing a controlled substance in a drug-free zone, Gilliam faces misdemeanor charges of possessing a dangerous drug and possessing less than two ounces of marijuana.

He was being held at Wood County Jail on bonds totaling \$100,000.



GILLIAM

## Mineola Memorial Library Notes

BY LIBRARIAN MARY HURLEY



Spring is just around the corner. Are you ready to start working outdoors in your yard or your garden? Come by and check out our collection of gardening books to be found in the 635s. Just ask a staff member for assistance.

The Friends of the Library had a great speaker on Feb. 7 with Carolyn Curtis. You missed a great presentation. She donated a copy of her book, Women and C.S. Lewis: what his life and literature reveal for today's culture, to the library, and it is available for check out. The next Friends meeting is on March 7 at 1 p.m. Check out their Facebook page for more information.

Programs are continuing with preschool on Tuesday mornings at 11:15 a.m. for those ages 3, 4, and 5 with a parent; after school for kindergartners to high school on Tuesdays at 4:15 p.m.; Wednesday mornings are for toddlers (18 months to 3 years) and their parents at 10:15 a.m.; and on Thursdays Bouncing Babies at 10 a.m. for infants to 18 months with their parents.

Crochet will begin meeting twice a month in March. The first Saturday of the month at 1 p.m. and the fourth Saturday of the month at 10 a.m. (That would be March 2 at 1 p.m. and March 23 at 10 a.m.). Questions? Ask Robin.

The Mineola Memorial Library Book Club will meet Thursday, Feb. 21 at 6 p.m. to discuss Keep Quiet by Lisa Scottoline. Join us for a lively discussion on this interesting story and discover what the next

book selection will be.

East Texas Library Friends Book Club is now reading The Stranger in the Woods by Michael Finkel. There has been a schedule change, and they will be meeting

on Saturday, March 23 at 2 p.m. here in the Mineola Memorial Library Meredith Room.

Reminder: we do not have tax forms this year. You can go online to www.irs.gov to find a form. If you do not know which form, you will need to consult a tax professional. Lillie Russell Memorial Library in Lindale has AARP on Thursdays for free tax assistance, but you should call 903-882-1900 to reserve a spot.

Are you reading aloud to your little ones? Brain development happens quickly prior to the age of 3, and reading aloud helps with that development. Children learn to recognize sound, shapes and letters when you point to things in the book, motor skills are developed when helping to turn pages, and just a special time spent with you. It's just 15 minutes a day, maybe as a part of getting ready for bed or while waiting for dinner. There is a 21-day reading challenge posted on readaloud.org to help get you started.

Remember, the Mineola Memorial Library is a 501(c)3, non-profit and your donations are tax-deductible.

## CTE

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and \$1,500 for exhaust fans.

After lengthy discussion trustees agreed to seek two grants that would enable the district to serve as the regional CTE hub.

It is anticipated that five to seven grants of up to \$700,000 each will be awarded to districts through the Texas Education Agency in the Texas Regional Pathways Network.

As Director of Special Programs Mark Parkerson said, Mineola had already been in discussions about such a plan for two years. The information gathered will enable the district to apply readily.

Requirements include participation from at least three school districts and from industry partners.

The district has already secured pledges from Sanderson Farms and Morton Salt and is working with other interested businesses.

The program must ad-

dress job training in the area that are of high need, pay high wages and have a high growth rate, Parkerson said.

The two programs identified are industrial maintenance and heating/ventilation/air conditioning.

The participating districts would help fund the program by paying for seats, or student participation.

Parkerson said this kind of opportunity is once-in-a-lifetime.

Renfro called the program innovative, cutting edge and visionary.

He said he has seen similar programs successful in other states.

One of the challenges will be where to house the program.

Superintendent Kim Tunnell said there are a couple lease spaces available to help get the program started as soon as the fall.

Longterm the district will need to consider new facilities, which led trustees to consider whether the district should pursue that option.

The third piece of the puzzle is a grant through the federal government that would offer up to \$3 million in partnership with the city through the Economic Development Administration.

Other partners would include the Mineola Economic Development Corp., East Texas Council of Governments, CTE Mineola Foundation and perhaps the Wood County Industrial Commission.

The grant would fund up to 50 percent of a project.

Tunnell noted that should MISD be successful in its applications, the final decision would come back to the board for approval to move forward.

She said that while there would not be time to go to the voters for a bond issue to build a facility, the district could issue capital debt for construction.

She said that in talks with financial advisors, she learned Mineola is leaving \$300,000 to \$500,000 per year on the table in state aid for debt service, since the district is debt free.

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## ATTENTION

The City of Quitman will be among law enforcement agencies across Texas participating in this year's Warrant Round-Up. Local law enforcement will join other regional participants in this annual event to locate individuals with outstanding warrants. The Round-Up is scheduled to begin Friday, March 2.

Municipal Court officials are encouraging individuals with warrants to contact the appropriate court to resolve their cases voluntarily.

Come on February 26, 2019 at 4:30-7:30 pm to Quitman Municipal Court at 401 E. Goode Street Quitman, Texas 75783 to see the Judge and potentially get your fine reduced.

Under Texas Law, individuals who appear before a court and make a good faith effort to resolve their outstanding Class C Warrants are afforded safe harbor and not subject to arrest. Additionally, if a judgment is rendered against an individual who is unable to pay the judgment, the individual may request a judge assess their ability to pay and offer alternative means to satisfy the judgment.

Once the arrest period begins, officers will aggressively seek out wanted individuals. Arrests can take place at any location, including the defendant's home, school or workplace.

For more information about warrants defendants must contact the appropriate court.



## Wood County Sheriff's Report

### FEBRUARY 12

Deputies spoke with the reporting party, at approximately 12:57 p.m., in reference to damage to property on FM 14 near Hawkins. Deputies determined this to be a civil matter.

Deputies were dispatched to Village Trail near Hawkins at 1:08 p.m. in reference to an inquest. A male, 66, was found deceased in his residence. The Justice of the Peace arrived and ordered an autopsy. This case is active.

Deputies were dispatched to CR 2427 near Mineola at 7:21 p.m. in reference to theft. Someone stole a phone from the reporting party's residence. This case has been forwarded to investigators.

Between the dates of Feb. 6 and Feb. 12, Wood County Sheriff's deputies responded to multiple agency assists that included the following: Smith County Sheriff's Office, Mineola Police Department and Emergency Medical Services. Between the dates of Feb. 6 and Feb. 12, Wood County Sheriff's investigators obtained two arrest warrants and arrested the individuals and recovered \$1,500 worth of stolen property.

### FEBRUARY 11

Deputies were dispatched to FM 2659 near Hawkins at 9:41 a.m. in reference to deadly conduct. A known actor shot at the reporting party's vehicle while traveling down the road. This case has been forwarded to investigators.

Deputies spoke with the reporting party at 11:08 a.m. in reference to criminal mischief on Hwy. 11 near Winnsboro. A known person damaged the reporting party's vehicle. This case has been forwarded to investigators.

Deputies were dispatched to U.S. Hwy. 80 near Mineola at 12:29 p.m. in reference to theft. A known person stole money from the reporting party's property. This case is active.

Deputies were dispatched to FM 182 near Quitman at 2:34 p.m. in reference to criminal trespass. Emiley Wall, 20, of Greenville, was arrested for criminal trespass.

Deputies spoke with a reporting party at 4:31 p.m. in reference to a scam on Greenbriar Trail near Hawkins. Deputies gave the reporting party advice and cleared the incident.

### FEBRUARY 10

Deputies were dispatched to CR 1858 near Yantis at 7:10 a.m. in reference to criminal trespass. Deputies issued a criminal trespass warning and cleared the incident.

Deputies were dispatched to FM 14 near Hawkins at 9:13 a.m. in reference to terroristic threat. Deputies spoke with all parties involved and they were separated for the day.

Deputies were dispatched to CR 2117 near Quitman

at 4:55 p.m. in reference to theft. A known person stole a firearm from the reporting party's residence. This case has been forwarded to investigators.

Deputies were dispatched to CR 2205 near Mineola at 11:12 p.m. in reference to an assault that occurred. This case has been forwarded to investigators.

### FEBRUARY 9

Deputies spoke with the reporting party at 3:27 p.m. in reference to criminal trespass on FM 14 near Hawkins. Deputies gave the reporting party advice and cleared the incident.

### FEBRUARY 8

Deputies were dispatched to U.S. Hwy. 69 near Alba at 5:47 a.m. in reference to a reckless driver. Deputies searched the area but were unable to locate the vehicle.

Deputies spoke with a reporting party at approximately 2 p.m. in reference to suspicious circumstances on FM 2088 near Winnsboro. Deputies gave the reporting party advice and cleared the incident.

Deputies were dispatched to CR 3811 near Hawkins at 2:12 p.m. in reference to an abandoned vehicle. Deputies located the vehicle and it was towed by Wyatt's Towing.

Deputies went out on an arrest/warrant service to Wigley Street in Mineola at 8:23 p.m. Phillip King, 27, of Mineola, was arrested for an outstanding warrant.

Deputies went out on an arrest/warrant service to Kilpatrick Street in Mineola at 8:50 p.m. Stephanie Wiley, 39, of Mineola, was arrested for outstanding warrants.

Deputies went out on an arrest/warrant service to Texas Hwy. 37 near Mineola at 9:58 p.m. Ryan Kile, 28, of Mineola, was arrested for an outstanding warrant.

Deputies were dispatched to Sioux near Quitman at 11:23 p.m. in reference to a dispute. Parties were separated for the night.

### FEBRUARY 7

Deputies were dispatched to FM 1801 near Mineola at 2:04 a.m. in reference to a burglary. Deputies searched the area, but were unable to locate the individual. Deputies advised the individuals that extra patrol would be provided.

Deputies were dispatched to FM 2869 near Hawkins at 11:53 a.m. in reference to an inquest. A male, 70, was found deceased in his residence. The Justice of the Peace arrived and no autopsy was ordered.

Deputies were dispatched to Texas Hwy. 154 near Quitman at 2:48 p.m. in reference to criminal trespass. Deputies issued a criminal trespass warning and cleared the incident.

Deputies were dispatched to CR 1912 near Yantis at approximately 3 p.m. in reference to a dispute. Parties were separated for the day.

Deputies were dispatched

to CR 2351 near Mineola at 7:37 p.m. in reference to suspicious circumstances. Jeffrey Coleman, 44, of Troup, was arrested for possession of a controlled substance.

Deputies were dispatched to FM 17 near Alba at 10:04 p.m. in reference to a disturbance. Deputies searched the area but were unable to locate the individuals.

Deputies were dispatched to U.S. Hwy. 80 near Hawkins at 10:30 p.m. in reference to criminal trespass. D'von Duru, 20, of Dallas, was arrested for delivery of marijuana.

### FEBRUARY 6

Deputies were dispatched to FM 17 near Alba at 3:15 a.m. in reference to a disturbance. Deputies spoke with all parties involved and cleared the incident.

Deputies were dispatched to CR 3457 near Hawkins at 7:51 a.m. in reference to a disturbance where an assault had occurred. Deputies searched the area but were unable to locate the actor. This case has been forwarded to the District Attorney.

Deputies were dispatched to FM 1799 near Mineola at 8:53 a.m. in reference to a disturbance. Ricky Barrera, 39, of Mineola, was arrested for outstanding warrants.

Deputies were dispatched to FM 17 near Alba at 11:32 a.m. in reference to a disturbance. Zachary Nguyen, 23, of Quitman, was arrested for assault.

Deputies were dispatched to FM 312 near Winnsboro at 12:17 p.m. in reference to theft. Someone stole mail from the reporting party's mailbox. This case has been forwarded to investigators.

Deputies were dispatched to PR 7829 near Hawkins at 1:44 p.m. in reference to an unauthorized use of a motor vehicle. Someone known to the reporting party took the reporting party's vehicle without consent. This case has been forwarded to investigators.

Deputies were dispatched to CR 2156 near Quitman at 3:59 p.m. in reference to criminal trespass. Deputies issued a criminal trespass warning and cleared the incident.

Deputies were dispatched to U.S. Hwy. 80 near Hawkins at 4:16 p.m. in reference to an unauthorized use of a motor vehicle. A known person took the reporting party's vehicle without consent. The vehicle was recovered by the Houston Police Department.

Deputies spoke with a reporting party at 5:39 p.m. in reference to criminal trespass on CR 3220 near Quitman. Deputies advised the reporting party that an extra patrol would be provided.

Deputies were dispatched to CR 3250 near Quitman at 6:19 p.m. in reference to a disturbance. Jamie Haut, 26, of Quitman was arrested for assault Class C family violence and interference with an emergency call.

## Jacksonville man arrested for assault after woman offers to give him a ride

A woman who decided to give an intoxicated man a lift wound up seeking help from a DPS trooper after the man reportedly became argumentative, agitated and aggressive toward her, according to a Mineola police report.

At 12:42 a.m. on Saturday, Feb. 9, a female stopped and asked for help when she saw a DPS trooper sitting at a business on South Pacific Street, according to

police.

She said she had met a man at a restaurant and club in Lindale and decided to give him a ride because he was intoxicated.

After a brief while, he became argumentative, so she intended to take him back to his vehicle in Lindale, a police report indicated.

The woman stated that the man became agitated and reached over and pulled her face toward him

in an aggressive manner while she was driving.

She became worried about driving him back to Lindale, so she stopped to get help from the trooper.

A Mineola police officer met with the trooper and the two individuals, according to police.

After a brief investigation, the officer arrested Neill Austin Beckham, 37, of Jacksonville on suspicion of assault by threat.

Dwayne Cook of Mineola, according to police.

Upon investigation, it was determined – with the assistance of witnesses – that Nussman did not use the crosswalk when crossing the roadway.

## Woman struck by vehicle on East Broad Street

A 63-year-old Mount Enterprise woman was struck by an automobile in the 100 block of E. Broad Street on Feb. 12 and was taken to UT-Tyler Medical Center with non-life-threatening injuries, according to Mine-

ola police.

The accident occurred at about 7:15 p.m. Maxine Nussman was crossing E. Broad Street from the south side when she was struck with the westbound lane by a vehicle driven by Larry

## Mineola Police Report

### FEBRUARY 13

7:08 p.m. Suspicious persons were reported at a residence on Read Street when a woman went to her neighbors and told the neighbor that two men came to her residence wanting money and then became very demanding. She reported the two sat in a vehicle in front of her residence. An officer responded and patrolled the area but was unable to locate the vehicle. A directive patrol was placed on the area and her residence.

10:01 p.m. Gerri Rachelle Butler, 44, of Mineola was arrested for Driving While License Invalid/Suspended on East Broad Street when an officer witnessed her driving and knew she did not possess a valid license.

10:56 p.m. A suspicious person was reported on Second Street when a resident was sitting outside and witnessed a white male jump a fence and take off running. Officers patrolled the area, but did not locate anyone.

### FEBRUARY 12

2:15 p.m. EMS requested assistance with a medical call on Sycamore Street.

4:46 p.m. A theft of service was reported by Aaron's Rental.

3:18 a.m. An officer stopped to check on a man that was standing by his vehicle in the Middle School parking lot on Loop 564 and found him to be intoxicated. Baltazar Santiago Jr., 23, of Mineola was arrested for Public Intoxication.

4:15 a.m. An officer assisted EMS at a residence on Bowdoin Street.

8:02 p.m. A welfare concern was reported by a family member when a woman was reportedly leaving the Valero on South Pacific Street possibly under the influence and headed back home in Smith County. Officers were unable to locate the described vehicle.

9:41 p.m. Lindee Cheri Delaney, 35, of Grand Saline was arrested on a Falls County warrant after she was stopped on South Pacific Street for a defective license plate light.

11:34 p.m. Brandon Terrell Parks, 30, of Gladewater was arrested on a Henderson County warrant for Theft of Property when he was stopped on East Broad Street for an expired registration.

### FEBRUARY 11

Medical assistance: Feb. 9, 9:43 a.m., 1811 Park Place, Mineola; Feb. 9, 1:32 p.m., 300 Greenville Hwy., Mineola; Feb. 10, 12:08 a.m., 121 Nancy Dr., Mineola; Feb. 10, 12:33 p.m., 391 CR 2546, Mineola; Feb. 10, 1 p.m., 512 Landers St., Mineola; Feb. 10, 4:30 p.m., 135 Autumn Winds Ct. No. 135, Mineola; Feb. 11, 10:27 a.m., 601 N. Pacific St., Mineola; Feb. 13,

8:24 a.m. A resident on N. Newsom reported the theft of a flag from her yard.

8:51 a.m. A debit card abuse was reported. This is under investigation.

5:08 p.m. A man reported a debit card abuse but decided not to file a report until he can determine if the person who took the money from his account intends to pay it back.

### FEBRUARY 10

2:25 a.m. A woman came to the police department and reported she picked up a woman who was about five miles west of Hawkins on U.S. Hwy. 80 standing in the roadway. She became alarmed by the woman's actions and state of mind. The woman then refused to get out of the vehicle. Officers removed her from the vehicle and determined she was intoxicated. An officer transported the woman to UT-Quitman and turned the incident over to the Wood County S.O.

2:07 p.m. A welfare concern was reported when a woman was in a business in two juvenile grandchildren on North Pacific Street and appeared to be confused. The juveniles were turned over to their parents, and the grandmother went to the hospital by EMS.

6:44 p.m. A theft was reported by an employee at Walmart that occurred in January. This is under investigation.

11:26 p.m. A theft of medication was reported by a resident on West Broad Street. The resident later reported he did not wish to file charges and signed a waiver of prosecution.

### FEBRUARY 9

4:48 a.m. An officer assisted EMS on a medical call on Kings Lane.

8:02 a.m. A resident on West Kilpatrick reported someone threw eggs at her vehicle during the night.

5:06 p.m. Loud music was reported at Graves and Country Club Lane. An officer patrolled the area but did not hear the music upon his arrival.

5:50 p.m. Walmart reported a person they believed was attempting to shoplift from the store. An officer issued a criminal trespass warning to the man, at the request of Walmart.

8:17 p.m. Tra Darian Savion Perry, 24, of Tyler was arrested after he was

stopped for a traffic violation on South Pacific Street. Perry had a warrant out of Smith County and the officer smelled marijuana and searched the vehicle. Perry was then charged with possession of marijuana under two ounces and possession of a controlled substance (THC oil).

10:25 p.m. A resident on Molly Lane reported a suspicious vehicle in the alleyway behind their residence. The vehicle drove off when the resident went outside. An officer patrolled the area but did not locate the vehicle or anything suspicious.

### FEBRUARY 8

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### FEBRUARY 7

8:10 a.m. Officers assisted Wood County with a reported vehicle accident at FM 1801 and Loop 564.

10:21 a.m. Wood County reported a reckless driver that had went into the ditch twice, according to a witness, headed toward the city from the Alba area. An officer patrolled the U.S. 69 N. and Loop 564 intersection but did not locate the vehicle.

12:20 p.m. A mother of a student reported her teenage daughter was a victim of harassment or bullying by text message. The mother was referred to the MISD Police Department.

6:36 p.m. Loud music was reported in the area of Country Club Drive and Graves Street. An officer found the source of the music to be from a vehicle. The occupant of the vehicle turned the music down.

## Mineola Fire Report

7:07 p.m., 861 CR 2310, Mineola; Feb. 13, 9:31 a.m., 209 CR 2460 No. J4, Mineola.

Motor vehicle accident with injuries: Feb. 7, 8:05 a.m., E. Loop 564 & E. FM 1801, Mineola.

Motor vehicle/pedestrian accident: Feb. 8, 7:10 p.m., 100 block of E. Broad St., Mineola.

Motor vehicle accident with no injuries: Feb. 8, 7:11

p.m., W. U.S. Hwy. 80, Mineola; Feb. 10, 12:28 a.m., W. U.S. Hwy. 80, Mineola; Feb. 10, 3:44 p.m., W. U.S. Hwy. 80, Mineola.

Assist police or other governmental agency: Feb. 9, 1:15 p.m., S. U.S. Hwy. 69, Mineola.

Smoke detector activation, no fire – unintentional: Feb. 8, 10:18 a.m., 623 S. Johnson St., Mineola.

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## Obituaries

**FREDDIE LEE DLUGOSH, JR.**  
1963-2019



Freddie Lee Dlugosh, Jr. of Mineola was born May 30, 1963 and died Feb. 4, 2019.

He was a local antique dealer and served in the U.S. Army.

A brief graveside service was held at the Beaty Funeral Home Cemetery Friday, Feb. 8.

Survivors include a sister, Deanna Craig; children, Takota Dlugosh, Jackson Daigle, Illiana Daigle and Tehya Simon; and grandchild, Ava Kimmel.

Donations can be made to The Hospice of East Texas, 4111 University Blvd., Tyler, TX 75701.

**RAYMOND ALLEN PARKER**

Raymond Allen Parker passed away Jan. 5, 2019, at his home in Mineola.

Mr. Parker was a veteran of the U.S. Marine Corps. He worked many trades but loved being a cook the most.

Mr. Parker was preceded in death by his parents, Billy George and Letta Fern Parker; brothers, William Parker Jr. and Michael Parker; and sister, Rose Sherrin.

Raymond will be lovingly remembered by his wife of 24 years, Iona Parker; daughter, Ashlea Parker of Fort Worth; brothers, Lodes Sherrin of Quitman, Dale Sherrin of Phoenix, Ariz., and William Dollar of Tyler; sisters, Deborah Williams of Crowley, Letta Marie Humphreys of Glendive, Mont., Vicky Anderson of Fort Worth, Linda Ortiz of Rockwall, Terrie Lynn Dollar of Mineola, and Becky Butcher of Mineola; and two grandchildren.

**WANDA LEE OLIVER**  
1933-2019



A graveside service for Wanda Lee Oliver, 85, of Winnsboro will be held at Bexar County Cemetery at a later date.

She passed away Wednesday morning, February 13, 2019, at her home.

Wanda was born in Oklahoma on June 18, 1933, to Andrew and Edna Mae (Phillips) Jackson. She moved to Winnsboro from Lytle in 2005. She was a member of Pine Street Baptist Church and was

very active in the Fidelis Sunday School Class. Wanda was a homemaker and loved cooking and baking, doing yard work, and playing with her grandkids. In the past she also loved to paint with her best friend and neighbor Ruby Nell Azlin.

Wanda is preceded in death by her parents, Andrew and Edna Jackson; husband, JW Oliver in 2003; four brothers; one sister; and two sons, Allen Oliver and Jim Oliver.

Left to cherish her memory is her son, Jerry Oliver of Arlington; daughter, Joyce Azlin of Winnsboro; 13 grandchildren; 22 great-grandchildren; one great-great-grandchild; several nieces, nephews, and extended family members.

In lieu of flowers, please make a donation to the Pine Street Baptist Church Children's Fund, or to Chambers Hospice at Mount Pleasant, Texas.

**KAREN JOINER GRAY**  
1956-2019



A memorial service for Karen Joiner Gray is scheduled for 2 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 23 at Lowe Funeral Home with Brother Fred Morrow officiating.

Mrs. Gray passed away at her home Monday evening, Feb. 11, 2019.

Karen Gray was born July 7, 1956, in Arlington to Frank and Louise (Clarke) Joiner. She lived in Quitman 26 years, coming from Mansfield. In Texarkana

on Feb. 17, 1994, she married the love of her life, Kevan Gray. Karen was a member of Church on the Rock in Quitman and loved spending time with her grandchildren. She owned Karen's Korner in Mineola for 20 years and loved to go antiquing and shop at estate sales for the store. Karen was very crafty and loved to make things to go in the store as well.

She is preceded in death by her parents, Frank and Louise Joiner; one sister; and one niece.

Left to cherish her memory is her loving husband of almost 25 years, Kevan Gray of Quitman; two sons, Travis Gray and Justin Gray, both of Quitman; daughter, Halee Scott of Littleton, Colo.; two brothers, Larry Joiner and Kirk Joiner, both of Arlington; two grandchildren; and several nieces, nephews, extended family, and loving fur babies.

In lieu of flowers, please make donations to the American Cancer Society or a pet shelter or rescue of your choice.

**CECIL MOODY**  
1925-2019



Funeral services for Cecil Lamar Moody, 94, were Friday, Feb. 15 at Beaty Funeral Home in Mineola.

Mr. Moody died Feb. 12, 2019, after a long battle with dementia.

He was born Jan. 14, 1925, in Golden.

He graduated from high school in Golden in 1942 and attended East Texas State on a basketball scholarship. On Sept. 11, 1944, he married Gloria Lea

Hendrix. They moved to Houston, where he worked in the shipyards until he was drafted into the Army.

After his time in the service, they moved back to Mineola and had two children, Sharon and Johnny. Cecil worked for the Texas Highway Department, Lee Ray Construction and retired from Kenneth William's Exxon distributor.

After the death of Gloria in 1984, Cecil married Jean Cotham and gained four more children. They loved to go dancing, travel and spend time with family and friends. Both loved to work in their yard, which always looked pristine.

Mr. Moody was a member of the First Baptist Church of Mineola and sang in the Men's Choir. He was an avid quail hunter and loved to hunt and train his dogs.

Cecil is preceded in death by his parents, Joseph and Birdie Moody; four brothers: Bernice, Herman, Ferrell and Willie Joe; four sisters: Vivian, Ruby Lee, Betty Mae and Wilda; and his wife Gloria and second wife, Jean.

He is survived by his children, Sharon Greer, John Moody, Larry Cotham, Cindy Haynes, Jimmy Cotham, and JoAnn Cotham; 12 grandchildren; 19 great-grandchildren; and numerous nieces and nephews.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations to Cure Alzheimer's Fund, (CAF) or Sands Springs Cemetery, where Cecil was president of the board.

**PHYLLIS NOLEN**  
1957-2019



Services for Phyllis Nolen, 61, of Quitman will be scheduled at a later date.

She passed away Thursday morning, Feb. 14, 2019, at her home.

Phyllis Gail Nolen was born in Beaumont on April 6, 1957, to the late Wade and Mable (Ancelet) Dotson. She served her country proudly for 30 years in the U.S. Army as a master sergeant, serving in Desert Storm. After the Army, she

worked in ranching. She was a two-time champion barrel racer in the senior division in West Texas.

On Sept. 10, 2005, she married the love of her life, Cregg P. Nolen III. Phyllis loved to fish and was a talented hunter. Fishing is what brought her and her husband to Wood County. She lived in Quitman two years, moving from Port Mansfield. Phyllis was a very strong willed and independent, and she was a very loving and affectionate mother, grandmother, and wife.

She is preceded in death by her parents, Wade and Mable Dotson; brothers, Michael Dotson and Charles Dotson; and

sister, Margie Pierce.

Left to cherish her memory is her husband of 15 years, Cregg Nolen of Quitman; daughter, Denise Butler of Dallas; sons, Cregg P. Nolen IV of Oklahoma City, Okla., and Adrian Silva of San Perlita; brother, James Dotson of Nederland; sisters, Debbie Beasley and Brenda Dodson, both of Nederland; three grandchildren; and several nieces, nephews, and extended family.

**ARLON HUGH RAGSDALE**  
1967-2019



Funeral services for Arlon Hugh Ragsdale, age 51 of Golden, were Feb. 15 at Sand Springs Baptist Church in Mineola with Rev. Prestridge officiating. Interment was at Salem Cemetery in Alba.

Mr. Ragsdale died Monday, Feb. 11, 2019, in Sulphur Springs.

He was born on Sept. 1, 1967, in Greenville to Arlon Hugh Ragsdale Sr. and June Harrison Ragsdale. He was a

retired agriculture teacher and was a former member of Northside Church in Mineola. He was in the process of joining Cottonwood Assembly of God in Golden.

Mr. Ragsdale is survived by his parents, Arlon and June Ragsdale of Alba; wife, Sherry Ragsdale of Golden; sons, Ethen Ragsdale of Golden, Cyruus Ragsdale of Ferris and Koerth Ragsdale of Golden; sisters, Terri Chaffin of Alba and Junella Brown of Princeton, Texas.

**INEZ DELORES ALLEN BENDA**  
1922-2019



Graveside services for Inez Delores Benda, 96, of Quitman are scheduled for 1 p.m. Friday, Feb. 22 at Moran Cemetery in Moran with Dan Connally officiating.

Ms. Benda died Feb. 13, 2019, in Quitman.

Inez was born Aug. 18, 1922 in the Pueblo Community near Putnam to Chester and Emogene (Jeter) Allen. She

was raised in the Pueblo Community and graduated from Moran High School. She later graduated from Abilene Business School and worked 10 years for General Motors Corp. She was honored by earning Oldsmobile's Nationwide Highest Achievement Award as a part of the Oldsmobile Business Management Club.

On March 14, 1942, she married Miles Benda, a World War II Army soldier and farmer/rancher. They lived many happy years in the Moran-Albany area.

Inez was a loving, courageous, fantastic wife, mother and homemaker. She always placed God's will first in her life and was a tireless, faithful worker for her Christian faith. She was diligent in service for God's missionary vision and in service for her Baptist church while she always remembered others and their needs. Throughout her life she continued to be a constant worker in community activities.

Inez was preceded in death by her parents; her husband, Miles Benda; sister, Charlene Austin; two brothers, Jerrell and Bill Allen; grandson Cyle Connally; and great-grandson Rowan Franklin.

Survivors include her daughters, Kay Franklin of New Braunfels; Ann Connally, Quitman, and Connie Graham of Springtown; seven grandchildren; 10 great-grandchildren; one great-great-grandchild; as well as numerous extended family.

In lieu of flowers, the family request donations to Big Country Baptist Assembly, P.O. Box 248, Lueders, TX 79533 or Moran Cemetery, Moran, Texas.

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Doing the high kick, from left, are Ava Johnson, Riley Johnson, Sydney Johnson, Elizabeth Graham, Caroline Graham and Madyson Walker. (Courtesy photo)

## Dance Dimensions steps to another national title

By HANK MURPHY  
editor@woodcountymonitor.com

Dance Dimensions in Mineola added to its collection of national titles by scoring a first place in the Variety competition at the National Dance Alliance (NDA) event Jan. 25-27 in Grapevine.

The team's routine, called "Pretty Girls," gave Dance Dimensions its sixth NDA national title. The 15-member team competed in the ninth through 12th grade age group. Dance Dimensions also captured a fifth place in the Pom competition.

The winning dance was choreographed by T.J. Maple. Most of the girls on the winning team are from Mineola, but the squad also has kids from Winnsboro and Lindale.

"There were a lot of teams there," said Koni Riley, owner and director of Dance Dimensions, which is now in its 24th year. Teams flocked to Grapevine from states across the country as well as Japan and Australia.

lia. More than 1,000 athletes competed.

In winning the Variety category, the girls from Dance Dimensions performed a two-minute, 15-second routine that incorporates dance moves from hip hop, pom, jazz and kick.

"That's my favorite dance style because it shows how well-rounded the dancers are if they can make that switch (between styles)," said Riley, a homegrown Mineolan.

In molding a topflight team of dancers, a music or band background generally helps dancers with their timing and rhythm, according to Riley. Also, a high degree of athleticism is central to success. And like anything else, practice and dedication are key ingredients, as is a passion for dance.

"This is something they (the dancers) choose to do extra, and their parents have to pay extra. The parents are very dedicated and committed to what their kids are doing. The families and the kids choose to do this after they get out

of school, instead of being forced to practice after school."

At Dance Dimensions, dancers generally practice four hours or so every Wednesday in the fall. But as competitions grow nearer, they pick up the pace to four days a week.

That may seem like a lot of practice, but many of the teams in national competitions drill even more, according to Riley.

"If you go to a big city, those kids focus on one thing, and they do that five or six days a week," she said. Kids here also are involved in cheerleading, sports, drama and other activities.

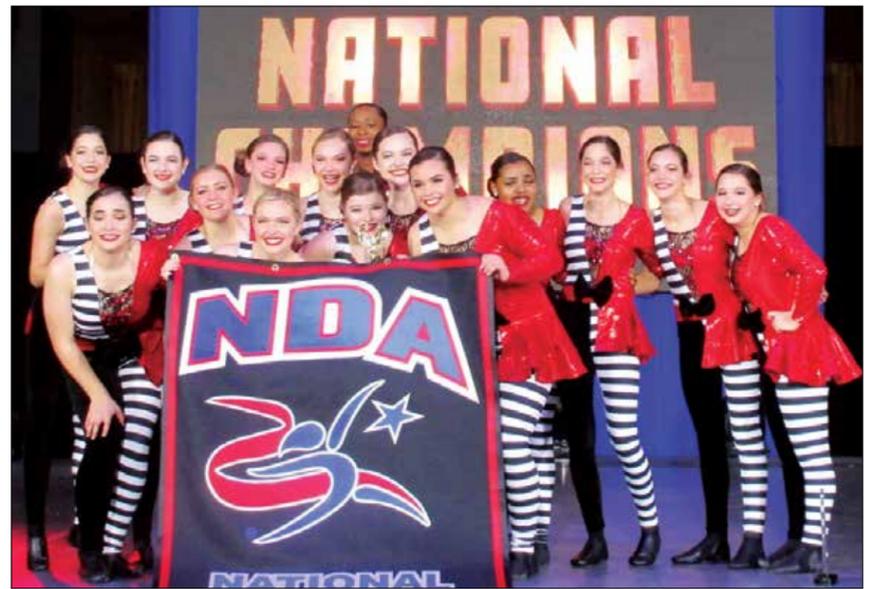
"I've always felt like a little fish in a big sea in entering these competitions, but it makes them (the dancers) work hard and focus," Riley noted.

Dance Dimensions will make another run at a national title when the team travels to Galveston in March to participate in the Power Dance championships.



At right, performing the flexibility trick is Riley Johnson, with Madyson Walker in the background. (Courtesy photo)

Below, the team includes, top from left, Kapri Riley, Karsyn Banks, Harlie Davlin, Ava Johnson, Madyson Walker, Riley Johnson, Sharmise Wilkerson, Keilee Riley, Kozbie Riley and Emily Conner; and, bottom, Caroline Graham, Aubree Smith, Sydney Johnson, Karsen Driver and Elizabeth Graham. (Courtesy photo)



## Ten MHS students to attend STEM Day at SFA

Ten Mineola High School students will attend STEM Day at Stephen F. Austin University on Feb. 22 thanks to a grant by Suddenlink.

STEM Day is an annual event at the university where students use science, technology, engineering and math to solve problems, help others and have fun.

Some examples of STEM Day activities include designing a video game, extracting DNA from strawberries, studying microbes, creating a salt cave, learning the science of cooking, and learning how the body re-

covers from injuries.

Students will select hands-on activities and labs based on areas of interest and rotate through sessions throughout the morning. The afternoon includes a physics magic show.

"It is our commitment as a technology and communications company to support and inspire the next generation of leaders, and we are honored to partner with Stephen F. Austin and local school districts who share our commitment. Through this partnership, we can provide innovative ways for

our high school students to gain additional learning opportunities so they get the foundational STEM skills and knowledge needed for careers in technology," said Travis Nance, Suddenlink's regional vice president of strategic market planning.

The following Mineola High School students will attend STEM Day: Valeria Garcia, Michael Spurgeon, Adrian French, Matthew Carder, Mateo Renaud, Hannah Zoch, Pennie Smith, Sarah Arcand, Emmitt Brown and Malayna Rohus.

# Remember to Render!

## Taxable property renditions are due April 1 or April 15.

### Does this apply to you?

If you own tangible personal property that is used to produce income, such as the equipment or inventory owned by a business, it does.

### What is a rendition?

A rendition is a report to your county appraisal district that lists all of the taxable property that you owned or controlled on Jan. 1 of this year. This often applies to furniture, fixtures, equipment or inventory owned by a business.

### What are the advantages of filing?

- You give your opinion of your property's value.
- You record your correct mailing address so your tax bills will go to the right address.
- If your property's value depreciated, you can file a report of decreased value.

### What is the deadline?

- For most property types, renditions must be filed with the appraisal district after Jan. 1 and no later than April 15. Different deadlines apply in certain appraisal districts. A property owner may apply, in writing, for a mandatory extension to May 15.
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- Different deadlines apply for regulated properties.
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## LAKE FORK WEEKLY FISHING REPORT Feb. 10-16

Happy 2019 to everybody. It was great to be back to work this week on beautiful Lake Fork. I was greeted by water temperatures in to the lower 50s and stained to muddy water. However, I was surprised to find that the bass have already started to move up from their 24-foot winter home into 4 to 8 feet of water.

We found several small bass in 2 to 4 feet of water. We used three baits this week to catch the cold water bass. The first was the 1/2-ounce Rayburn red Rattle Trap, next was the orange Joe Spaits chatter bait and finally the split shot rigged Lake Fork Trophy Lures chartreuse pepper Hyper Stick. The slower you moved the bait the better the bass could find the bait and react to it.

The crappie fishing was **PLAYOFF**

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lead on their opening possession of the second half when Riley scored on an offensive rebound put-back. Tiara Stephens then scored off a beautiful passing sequence: Dean to Meghan Brewington to Stephens. A Butler three-pointer made the score 22-16 Mineola and forced a Ponder time out.

Ponder came out of their time out and made a tactical decision to get the ball inside. They did and a seesaw battle ensued for the lead in the third quarter. Largely due to the efforts of junior post Kelley Akins, Ponder reclaimed the lead 28-27 with 1:35 left in the quarter. The sides exchanged three-pointers and went to the break 31-30, Ponder.

Twice in the game, Mineola had been at that point where they would normally have expected to open up a sizable lead. This, however, was second round of the regional tourney and Ponder was not going away.

The fourth quarter belonged to Dean. After a sloppy start to the final

really slow this week. The crappie that were caught were on minnows over brush piles in 12 to 14 feet of water and around docks that had brush piles around them.

The catfish anglers struggled this week to find them. Cut bait worked the best in 20 feet of water around old trees.

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*The Lake Fork Weekly Fishing Report is courtesy of J&M Guide Service.*

stanza by both teams, and trailing by four points, Dean executed an amazing look-off of her defender. She sold her defender on a pass to the wing and calmly sunk a jump shot from the key. A minute later she hit a three-pointer, which put the Lady Jackets back up 39-38.

With the score tied at 41 and 2:12 remaining, Dean was trapped at the wing in the offensive zone. She executed a rotation to free herself up and sunk a long contested three-pointer. It was a brilliantly athletic move. Ponder answered with a three-pointer to knot the score at 44.

In one of her best games as a Lady Jacket, it was Butler who hit the winning shot, a mid-range bank shot from the wing with 30 seconds to play. Dean hauled down the next defensive rebound, and Brewington scored on break, from a Riley assist, to ice the game 48-44.

It was a challenging, exhausting and excellent basketball game – a perfect tourney contest. The Lady Jackets took on the Howe Lady Bulldogs on Tuesday Feb. 19 in Princeton.

## Local band students excel at UIL solo and ensemble contest

By ZAK WELLERMAN  
news@woodcountymonitor.com

Band students from Wood County schools earned high scores at the UIL Solo and Ensemble festival at Pine Tree High School on Feb. 8.

Many students advanced to the state contest in Pflugerville on June 3 as a result of their hard work and achievements.

Quitman returned with 28 division one medals with 11 students advancing to state. Mike Fry, Tristan Cheek, Halee Hightower, Mikayla Hubbard, Oscar Roman, Ashton Goss, Aiden Corrier,

Vincent Ogg and Diego Orsonio will be advancing to state.

These Quitman students received a first division score on their solo or ensemble performances: Brooklyn Marcee, Karli Cowart, Bailey Hughes, Jazmin Rojas, Madison Holland, Hunter Batchelder, Dylan Marshall, Arturo Delgadillo, Drake Lee, Gracie Danner, Makenzie Ragan, Hannah Smith, Kaitlynn Barnett, Madysen Miller, Rayann Rowland, Chayenne Derouin, Mike Fry, Halee Hightower, Mikayla Hubbard, Oscar Roman, Tristan Cheek, Ashton Goss,

Vincent Ogg, Aiden Corrier and Diego Orsonio.

Quitman Band Director Michael Barron congratulated the students on their hard work and achievements.

Mineola's Sound of the Swarm band brought home 82 division one medals. Forty-three members advanced to the state contest. These were record numbers for the band.

Hawkins band students earned 27 first division medals at the competition. Twenty-five students advanced to the state contest.

The following Hawkins band students earned di-

vision one medals and advanced to state: Emalee Chappa, Ramey Stevens, Kenneth Cole, Zach Willard, Dalton Wages, Avery Frazier, Ethan Stone Will Larson, Zach Collette, Destiny Derma, Drew Dacus, Will Bryan, Chris Horn, Cortney Pope, Candace Pope, Heidi Wilcox, Joy Broderick, Jessica Henneous, Alexis Hudson, Ashley Wilcox, Whitney Posey, Jacob Price, Mason Williams and Evan Prater.

This is the most students advancing to state in at least the last 10 years, Hawkins Band Director Jeff Wilson said.

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and Christmas break begins Dec. 23.

Students return Jan. 8 following staff development

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creased their margin to an eight-point difference behind strong inside play of Brodie Prather, and a full-court breakaway. Once again Fischer hit a three-pointer to keep Mineola within striking range. The final points of the half went to Edgewood as they took their largest lead of the night into intermission, 25-16.

The third quarter was a seesaw. Scores by Sneed, Shaw Franklin, and Fischer were answered by an offensive rebound put-back from Allen and a turnaround jumper by Joyce. With 4:02 to play in the third quarter the lead was once again seven points.

Perhaps the key play of the night was George's pin-point pass from deep in the

days on Jan. 6-7.

Jan. 20 is a holiday, with staff development Feb. 10 and a holiday Feb. 17.

Spring break is March 9-13. Good Friday April 10 is a student holiday, and the following Monday, April 13

corner to Sneed under the basket, and he put the shot up before the defense could react. After this basket, there were no more eight-point margins. It was a close game for the remaining 12 minutes of action.

Two Fischer three-pointers and an offensive rebound put-back by George drew the visitors to within one point, 36-35 at the break. Through three quarters the statistics were close as well. Mineola held an advantage in rebounding 18-13, although they coughed up 13 turnovers to Edgewood's nine.

The final quarter started with a long, crazy sequence of play resulting in no scoring. It wasn't until 6:43 to play when Sneed hit one of two free throws to tie the game at 36. Edgewood appeared to take control in the fourth with a nice lay-in by Prather, a Joyce turn-

is for staff development.

May 22 is the final day of school, unless the inclement weather dates of May 26 and 27 are needed. May 25 is the Memorial Day holiday.

Graduation is on Friday,

around jumper and a long three-pointer. For Mineola, Sneed contributed another offensive rebound put-back. Edgewood was up 43-38 with just over a minute to play.

Franklin hit a jumper to make the score 43-40. Fischer then stole the ball and went to the line, where he sunk both attempts to make it 43-42. Edgewood then spread the floor and burned time off the clock. Sneed stole the ball during a trap, but stepped on the out of bounds in the process.

Mineola intentionally fouled Edgewood and put Davison at the line with 31 seconds to play. Sneed snagged the rebound off the iron and fed it to Franklin. Franklin drove it the length of the court and hit a short jumper in the lane. With 27 seconds remaining Mineola had its first lead of the night.

The Bulldogs were whis-

May 22.

Early release days include Sept. 13 (homecoming), Nov. 22, Dec. 20 and May 22.

State testing dates include Dec. 9-13, April 6-9 and May 4-15.

led for an offensive foul with 15 seconds remaining and the Yellowjackets were to inbound the ball in the backcourt. Mineola went for the home run inbounds ball, a long pass down court to a breaking George. The ball passed just outside of George's reach and went out of bounds untouched. Edgewood now had the inbounds in their offensive zone under the basket.

The inbounds play went predictably to Joyce, who hit a strong leaning-in bank shot, and put Edgewood up 45-44 with seven seconds to play. Fischer took the inbound pass and drove down the court, cutting over the key and into the lane. He put up a short jumper with two clicks left on the clock. It danced off the iron. Sneed grabbed it for a put-back just as the final buzzer sounded. It was done, 45-44 Edgewood.

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Notice is hereby given that original Letters Testamentary for the Estate of Sharon Ann Adkins, Deceased, were issued on February 11, 2019, under Cause No. 13,407, pending in the County Court of Wood County, Texas, to Era Fae Johnson, Independent Executor.

Claims may be presented in care of the attorney for the estate, addressed as follows:  
Era Fae Johnson, Executor  
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Attorney at Law  
Wilson Law Office  
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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 12, 2019.  
Brad Wilson  
Attorney for Executor

**NOTICE TO CREDITORS**  
Notice is hereby given that original Letters Testamentary for the Estate of Charles William Betts, Deceased, were issued on February 11, 2019, under Cause No. 13,407, pending in the County Court of Wood County, Texas, to Carolyn Sue Betts, Independent Executor.  
Claims may be presented in care of the attorney for the estate, addressed as follows:  
Carolyn Sue Betts, Executor  
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Brad Wilson  
Attorney for Executor

#### NOTICE OF SHERIFF'S SALE (REAL ESTATE)

BY VIRTUE OF A WRIT OF EXECUTION issued out of the 402nd Judicial District Court of Wood County, Texas, in a certain cause numbered 2017-709. On the 14th day of December A.D. 2018, styled: Holly Lake Ranch Association, Inc. vs. Eric Strother & Melinda Banks to me, as Civil Deputy directed and delivered, I have levied upon this 14th day of December A.D. 2018 and will between the hours of 10:00 A.M. and 4:00 P.M. at approximately 10:00 a.m. on the first Tuesday in March A.D. 2019, it being the 5th of said month, at Wood County Courthouse in Quitman, TX of said Wood County, proceed to sell at public auction to the highest bidder, for cash in hand, all right, title and interest, if any, which the defendant had on the 14th day of December A.D. 2018, or at any time thereafter, of and in the following described property:

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Sheriff Tom A. Castloo  
Wood County, Texas  
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TO: THE UNKNOWN HEIRS AT LAW OF WILLIAM ABSHIER, DECEASED, 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 21st day of June, 2018, in this cause numbered 2018-336 on the docket of said court, and styled, DEUTSCHE BANK NATIONAL TRUST COMPANY, AS TRUSTEE FOR MORGAN STANLEY ABS CAPITAL 1 INC, TRUST 2004-NC8, MORTGAGE PASS-THROUGH

CERTIFICATES, SERIES 2004-NC8, Plaintiff v.

LISA FINE A/K/A LISA MARIE ABSHIER, AND THE UNKNOWN HEIRS AT LAW OF WILLIAM ABSHIER, DECEASED, Defendants IN RE: 599 GREEN MEADOW TRAIL BIG SANDY, TEXAS 75755

A brief statement of the nature of this suit is as follows, to wit: Plaintiff Deutsche Bank National Trust Company, As, Trustee For Morgan Stanley ABS Capital 1 Inc. Trust 2004-NC8, Mortgage Pass-Through Certificates, Series 2004-NC8, its successors and assigns, by and through its attorney of record, Thuy Frazier of McCarthy & Holthus, LLP, 1255 West 15th Street, Suite 1060, Plano, Texas 75075, brought suit against Lisa Fine a/k/a Lisa Marie Abshier, and the Unknown Heirs at Law of William Abshier, deceased and any other person claiming any subordinate right, title, interest or 599 Green Meadow Trail, Big Sandy, Texas 75755 and legally described to wit: LOT 300, OART IV, HOLLY RANCH, A SUBDIVISION OF WOOD COUNTY, TEXAS, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT OF SUBDIVISION FILED ON VOLUME 5, PAGE 48 OF PLAT 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 7th day of February, 2019.

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**SPECIFICATIONS:** Available from Wood County Commissioners Office, Courthouse 2nd Floor, 100 N. Main, Suite 211, P.O. Box 938, Quitman, Texas 75783 or call Kari Perkins, Commissioners Office at 903-760-1007.  
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### NOTICE OF SHERIFF SALE

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#### TAX SALES

By virtue of Orders of Sale issued out of the Honorable 402ND JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT of WOOD County in the following cases on the **30th** day of **January**, 2019, and to me, as Sheriff, directed and delivered, I will proceed to sell at 10:00 AM on the 5th day of March, 2019, which is the first Tuesday of said month, at the Official Door of the Courthouse of said WOOD County, in the City of QUITMAN, Texas, the following described property, to wit:

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| <u>Cause No:</u> T-3835 | YANTIS INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT vs. MICHAEL ROWBACK AND DEBRA ROWBACK<br>TRACT 101 & 102, A-382, S MCDONALD, ACRES 5.515 - R17683                                                                                        |
| <u>Cause No:</u> T-4106 | MINEOLA INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT vs. JEROME M. MARTIN, ET AL<br>LOT 3, 4, BLOCK E, LANDERS & REVELLE, 0.4854 ACRES - 000040350                                                                                           |
| <u>Cause No:</u> T-4153 | CITY OF HAWKINS vs. MONTY RAY SMITH, ET AL<br>LOT 6, 7E, PT 8, 11, 12, 13, BLK 29, HAWKINS TOWNSITES - R35489                                                                                                               |
| <u>Cause No:</u> T-4157 | MINEOLA INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT vs. ALFRED TENNYSON, ET AL<br>LOT 19, BLOCK 228, MINEOLA TOWNSITES, 0.1683 ACRES - 000036414                                                                                            |
| <u>Cause No:</u> T-4158 | QUITMAN INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT vs. BEVERLY ANNE SPENCER, ET AL<br>TRACT 21, A-537, J STARK, 1.0 ACRES - R21738                                                                                                         |
| <u>Cause No:</u> T-4171 | MINEOLA INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT vs. GEORGE GILLARD ESTATE<br>LOT 17E, BLOCK 120, MINEOLA TOWNSITES, 0.0707 ACRES - 000036199                                                                                            |
| <u>Cause No:</u> T-4171 | MINEOLA INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT vs. GEORGE GILLARD ESTATE<br>LOT 17A, 18A, 20A, BLOCK 120, MINEOLA TOWNSITES, 0.0707 AC. - 000036195                                                                                    |
| <u>Cause No:</u> T-3873 | MINEOLA INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT vs. STEVEN WILLIAM CASH, ET AL<br>*** THESE PROPERTIES SOLD TOGETHER ***<br>TRACT 15, C HARDEMAN, A-289, 0.88 ACRES - 000070225<br>TRACT 16, C HARDEMAN, A-289, 0.653 ACRES - 000016383 |

#### TAX WARRANTS

And By virtue of Tax Warrants issued out of the Honorable 402ND JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT of WOOD County in the following cases on the **30th** day of **January**, 2019,

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| <u>Cause No:</u> T-4212 | CITY OF HAWKINS, ET AL vs. ISAIAS GONZALES AKA ISAIAS OLVERA GONZALES<br>MOBILE HOME ONLY, SERIAL# TXFL1A817031325, LABEL # TEX0053744, LOCATED ON LOT 19, AND 20, PRICE ADDITION, UNIT 2 (ON PROPERTY R41098) - R82346 |
| <u>Cause No:</u> T-4214 | CITY OF HAWKINS, ET AL vs. ISAIAS GONZALES AKA ISAIAS OLVERA GONZALES<br>LOT 19, AND 20, PRICE ADDITION, UNIT 2 - R41098                                                                                                |
| <u>Cause No:</u> T-4213 | CITY OF HAWKINS, ET AL vs. BENNIE WIMBERLY, DECEASED. ET AL<br>BAYWOOD MOBILE HOME ONLY, 14' X 70', SERIAL# KBTXSN542379, LABEL# TEX0335778, LOCATED ON LOT 5, BLOCK 35, HENRY ADDITION (ON PROPERTY R28027) - R82687   |
| <u>Cause No:</u> T-4215 | CITY OF HAWKINS, ET AL vs. BENNIE WIMBERLY, DECEASED. ET AL<br>LOT 5, BLOCK 35, HENRY ADDITION ~ R28027                                                                                                                 |

#### TAX RESALES

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| <u>Cause No:</u> T-3927 | MINEOLA INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT vs. RAYMOND WILLIAMS<br>LOT 3, BLOCK I, LANDERS & REVELLE, 0.23 ACRES - 000040377                          |
| <u>Cause No:</u> T-3776 | MINEOLA INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT vs. K A FORRESTER, AKA KELLY ALFRED FORRESTER, ET AL<br>LOT 15A, 15B, BLOCK D, LANDERS & STORY - 000033990 |
| <u>Cause No:</u> T-3927 | MINEOLA INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT vs. ADRIAN L & NONA R STEPHENS<br>LOT 4, BLOCK 140, MINEOLA TOWNSITES, 0.311 ACRES - 000036211             |
| <u>Cause No:</u> T-4107 | QUITMAN INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT vs. MARVIN L HOGUE<br>LOT 10, 11, 12, JF GILL, A-241, SHADY LANE ESTATES, 0.311 ACRES — R34404             |
| <u>Cause No:</u> T-3859 | QUITMAN INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT vs. SIDNEY A CAVE & VASHTI E CAVE<br>LOT 236, BLOCK 4, ZONE 1, CLEAR LAKES — R26252                        |

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An alumnus takes batting practice before the inaugural Bobby Dan Speights Alumni Baseball Game last week in Mineola.

## Alumni baseball game played in honor of Bobby Dan Speights

Twenty-three Mineola High School ballplayers from class of 1979 through class of 2017 participated in the inaugural Bobby Dan Speights Alumni Baseball Game on Saturday, Feb. 16. The event aimed to honor and build on the legacy of service left to the community by the late Bobby Dan Speights.

Mineola High School Athletic Director Luke Blackwell thanked the Speights family for the use of their family name and offered comments about his life. "Bobby Dan Speights was a man of love and caring, his heart was pure and you knew that because it reflected in his actions. We are proud to have this opportunity to honor him and become part of this tradition," said Blackwell.

Speights passed away Nov 12, 2018, at the age of 77 and with a lifetime of service to the Mineola community and a deep passion for baseball.

Before thanking the many individuals who came together to take the idea of this



A Mineola baseball alumnus works the kinks out during infield practice.

game and make it a reality, Blackwell remarked, "He always wanted to do the work behind the scenes. He had a true selfless heart and we love him and remember him for those things."

Blackwell noted that many of the alumni on the field benefitted directly from Speights' community service. He concluded by thanking the family once again, noting that the game hopefully will become an annual event.

Despite cool and overcast conditions, the athletes embarked on a homerun derby before enjoying the game.

## Hawkins Lady Hawks cruise in bi-district round

The Lady Hawks defeated Detroit 74-24 in the bi-district round of the state playoffs on Feb. 12.

The Lady Hawks had four players in double digits. Alyssa Eddington put up 14 points, three assists, four steals, and three rebounds. Logan Jaco added 12 points, three rebounds, and a steal. Harlie Conover contributed 11 points, one rebound, one assist, and

two steals. Emily Moore recorded a double-double with 10 points, 10 rebounds, and six assists.

Also chipping in for Hawkins were Jaycee Cheshire (nine points, 12 rebounds, one assist); Christian Harris (seven points); Lynli Dacus (five points, two rebounds, one assist); Maraiana Clark (four points, two assists); and Makena Warren (two points, two rebounds).

## Lady Hawks advance to regional quarterfinals

The Hawkins Lady Hawks used a balanced scoring attack on Friday, Feb. 15 to defeat Honey Grove 44-26 in the area round of the state playoffs.

Hawkins was led in scoring by Alyssa Eddington with 10 points, including three three-pointers. Lynli Dacus added eight points, eight rebounds, and three assists. Emily Moore added seven points, seven rebounds, and two assists.

Harlie Conover had six points and four steals for Hawkins.

Other scorers for the Lady Hawks were: Makena Warren (four points), Christian Harris (two points, three rebounds); Jaycee Cheshire (three points, 12 rebounds, two steals); Logan Jaco (two points); Carolyn Searer (two points). Eddington

The Lady Hawks will play Campbell in the regional quarterfinals.

## Lady Panthers fall to Howe 51-37

The Alba-Golden Lady Panthers fell to the Howe Lady Bulldogs, 51-37, ending a spectacular season of play. The Lady Panthers tallied a 25-10 record in 2019 and advanced to the area round of UIL competition.

Alba-Golden started slow in Friday's action against Howe. The inability to get in synch and early foul trouble hindered the Lady Panthers. The Lady Bulldogs built a 25-13 lead at the end of the first quarter.

The statistics bore out that this was an off-night for the Alba-Golden squad. They shot just over 30 per cent from the field, and only 53 per cent from the line. Fifteen turnovers plagued the Lady Panthers in an uncharacteristic performance.

## Panthers earn playoff spot

The Alba-Golden Panthers earned their District 12-3A playoff berth with a 36-34 victory over the Rains Wildcats Tuesday, Feb. 12 in Emory. The Wildcats, who finished third in district play and advanced to the bi-district round as well, fought hard to play the spoilers against the Panthers.

Rains jumped out to an early lead and held a five-point advantage midway through the opening period. Scores by Mason Ragsdale, Tom Mitchell and Zane Smith drew the Panthers even at the expiration of the opening quarter.

As is the tendency in highly-spirited games, the action settled down a bit in the second period. Alba-Golden managed only five points, and Rains seven, before intermission. The Wildcats held a slim 18-16 lead at half.

## Simonek leads Yellowjackets

The Mineola Yellowjackets baseball team recorded a 10-0 shutout against the Sabine Cardinals last Friday in Gladewater.

Mineola hurler River Simonek threw 4 2/3 innings of shutout ball in a dominant performance by the Yellow-

total in determining the game. Alba-Golden held Rains to only four points in the period while putting up 10. Jon-Michael Chadwick tied the game with the first score of the period, and a Mason Ragsdale three-pointer gave the Panthers the lead, which they never relinquished. Jacob Bailey also contributed to the scorecard in the third.

The final period was an evenly matched affair, and provided for a close game to the end. Alba-Golden opened a five-point lead late in the game. Rains rallied with the last three scores of the night but fell in the end 36-34.

Alba-Golden faced Dallas Life Oak Cliff in bi-district action on Tuesday, Feb. 19 at Kaufman High School. Rains traveled to Terrell High School for a bi-district match-up against Dallas Madison on Feb. 19.

Mineola put up three runs in the top of the first. They added three more in the third inning and four runs in the fifth behind seven hits. Cole Castleberry collected three RBIs on the night.

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This notice is being published in accordance with PURA § 36.103 and 16 TAC § 22.51(a)(1).

### STATEMENT OF INTENT TO CHANGE RATES

SWEPCO requests that the Commission approve an increase of \$12,579,246 above the revenue requirement approved by the Commission in SWEPCO's last base rate case, Docket No. 46449 (as reduced to reflect the reduction in federal corporate income taxes resulting from the Tax Cuts and Jobs Act of 2017). This amounts to a 3.58 percent increase in SWEPCO's overall annualized Texas retail revenue requirement. SWEPCO proposes that its requested rate change become effective 35 days after the filing of the Statement of Intent and Application. The proposed effective date is subject to suspension and extension by actions that may be taken by the Commission.

All customers in SWEPCO's Texas retail rate classes will be affected by this change. The impact of the rate change on various customer classes will vary from the overall impact described in this notice.

### CONTACT INFORMATION

Persons with questions or who want more information on SWEPCO's Statement of Intent and Application may contact SWEPCO at 428 Travis Street, Shreveport, Louisiana 71101, or call toll-free at (888) 216-3523 during normal business hours. A complete copy of the Statement of Intent and Application and related filings is available for inspection at the address listed in the previous sentence.

Persons who wish to intervene in or comment upon these proceedings should notify the Commission as soon as possible, as an intervention deadline will be imposed. A request to intervene or for further information should be mailed to the Public Utility Commission of Texas, P.O. Box 13326, Austin, Texas 78711-3326. Further information may also be obtained by calling the Public Utility Commission at (512) 936-7120 or (888) 782-8477. Hearing- and speech-impaired individuals with text telephones (TTY) may contact the Commission at (512) 936-7136. A request for intervention or for further information should refer to Docket No. 49042. Unless otherwise ordered by the presiding officer, motions to intervene will be due 45 days from the date SWEPCO filed its Statement of Intent and Application with the Commission.

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Lady Jacket Tahjae Black slices through the lane in bi-district action.

## Lady Jackets trounce Harmony 92-21 in bi-district hoops play

The Mineola Lady Jackets dismantled the Harmony Nature and Athletics Tigers 92-21 in bi-district action Feb. 11 at North Forney. As third-place finishers in District 11-3A, the Tigers were outmatched in every facet of the game. The Lady Jackets demonstrated superior basketball acumen, physical skill and organization.

Indicators of the evening ahead were provided when Harmony was assessed a technical foul prior to the tip-off for not providing a finalized roster to the official scorer. Shortly after the initial whistle, time was stopped for one of the Harmony starting guards to remove her earrings. It did not portend well for Harmony.

The Lady Jackets forced 17 Tiger turnovers in the first quarter. With incredible hustle and pace on the break, Mineola built a 32-2 lead in the first. Most noteworthy were the number of Lady Jacket assists: Brewington from Riley, Brewington from Dean, Cormier from Brewington, Gardner from Dean. This trend continued all night and was illustrative of the unselfish Lady Jacket play.

Mineola freshman guard Kapri Riley suited up with

the varsity for the first time this season and played significant minutes. She demonstrated keen court awareness, a soft touch on her jump shot and traditional Lady Jacket hustle.

Halfway through the second quarter with the score 42-3, Mineola called off the press. Tiara Stephens and Tahjae Black made nice contributions in the minutes before intermission. At the half the score stood 50-8.

Sabria Dean continued her phenomenal season with an excellent third-quarter performance. An assist to Stephens, a nice mid-range jumper and a three-pointer off a back-screen highlighted her efforts.

Mineola finished the game on a 19-0 run. Harmony was physically and emotionally spent. Alyssa Cannon and Cyndi Butler did most of the damage in the final minutes.

The Lady Jackets geared up for the playoffs all season in a tough District 12-3A. Their hard work and commitment were clearly evident to the approximately 200 Mineola fans who made the trip to North Forney.

The Lady Jackets advanced to area play with the victory.

## Lady Jackets advance with win over Ponder

The Mineola Lady Jackets triumphed over the Ponder Lions 48-44 in the UIL Area playoff round for Region II on Friday, Feb. 15 at Princeton. Mineola overcame several tactical challenges throughout the night, dominated the boards, and made play after play to retain the advantage over the Lady Lions.

The night started in fine form for the Lady Jackets as junior Cyndi Butler hit a three-pointer to open the scoring. The score was a set-piece play for an inbound in the offensive zone. The inbound pass went to Jessiah Riley then to Sabria Dean and on to Butler, who was spotted up.

No one expected that

Butler's score would be the only Mineola score until one minute left in the quarter when sophomore Jaiden Gardner hit a short baseline jumper. Solid defense by Ponder, seven Mineola turnovers, and Ponder's ability to score off the break all contributed to the Lady Lions stretching their lead to 12-5 at the first quarter buzzer.

At the quarter break, the Lady Jackets discarded their concrete shoes and went to work. Ponder hit a short jumper on their first possession of the quarter, but it would be their only score of the second quarter.

The Mineola defense became energized, forcing five turnovers in the quarter



Lady Panther Ginny Carson reads a pass to Macie Pendergrass in bi-district action against Dallas Madison.

## Lady Panthers pummel Dallas Madison 73-19

The Alba-Golden Lady Panthers routed the James Madison High School Lady Trojans, 73-19, in bi-district action Feb. 11, at Wills Point. Alba-Golden employed an aggressive, hounding defense and excellent court spacing to throttle the Lady Trojans at every turn.

The Lady Panthers' full-court press worked just as designed, creating 14 Trojan turnovers in the first quarter. Most led directly to points.

Alba-Golden went on a 11-0 run to start the game. Their three-to-one rebounding advantage and relentless pressure built the lead to 21-0 at the end of one quarter.

The second quarter featured more of the same. Dallas Madison struggled mightily against the Alba-Golden pressure. Typical of the Lady Panthers' play was a sequence midway through the second quarter. Lizzie Hallman

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and maintaining a two-to-one rebounding edge. Mineola junior Alyssa Cannon got the Jackets back on the board on an assist from Butler.

Down by nine points with 3:12 on the clock, the Lady Jackets needed momentum, so they turned to junior standout Sabria Dean. In sequential play, Dean hit a three-pointer, secured the ensuing defensive rebound, drilled another three-pointer and blocked a Ponder shot in the middle. A free throw by Butler and one by Cannon resulted in a one-point margin at the intermission, 16-15 Ponder.

The Lady Jackets took the

*See PLAYOFF, Page 9A*



Mineola's Kadavian George and Edgewood's Sean Joyce battle inside during an epic game on Feb. 12.

## Bulldogs edge Yellowjackets in classic one-point thriller

It was an instant classic. In fact, the entire home and away 2019 varsity basketball series between Edgewood and Mineola was a classic. Despite taking the lead for the first time in last Tuesday's game with 27 seconds to play, Mineola fell short at the Edgewood gymnasium in their final district game, 45-44. The Edgewood squad took revenge after Mineola had handed them their only district loss of the season back on Jan. 18, a 49-48 overtime thriller.

The result evened the district records at 11-1. It would be hard to find two teams more evenly matched than the Yellowjackets and the Bulldogs. In any way one would care to compare the teams, they are remarkably similar. Discipline, skill and professionalism are hallmarks of each side.

Taking advantage of the home atmosphere, Edgewood came out strong and forged an early first quarter lead. Solid work by guards Jordan Davison and Brayden Allen, and post Sean Joyce built an eight-point advantage midway through the opening quarter.

Yellowjacket guard Jonah Fischer, who had 22 points

on the night and played his best defensive game of the year, combined a three-point shot with a three-point play to close the gap. Post Kadavian George added a nice floater from the lane, and the Yellowjackets' deficit was five, 15-10, at the quarter break.

A free-flowing first quarter gave way to a defensive second quarter. The individual inside struggles between Bulldog post Joyce and Yellowjacket big men Kadavian George and Davian Sneed were Battles Royale. The officials talked to each big man about the physical play. There was no appearance of flagrancy all night; it was just strong physical play.

Fischer figured large in the second quarter as he stole the ball on Edgewood's initial possession and was fouled on the layup attempt. Remarkably, he worked even harder to steal the ball on Edgewood's ensuing possession and received a hard foul on his scoring attempt. The message was clear from the Yellowjackets – they would be here all night.

The Bulldogs slowly in-

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