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AGISD study IDs facility issues

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The Alba-Golden Board of Trustees received the recommendation Monday that the collection of structures composed of the vocational center (workshops and classrooms), the gymnasium, the field-house and the elementary school gymnasium be either replaced with new construction or be brought up to building standards.

That recommendation was the main finding of

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Deadline to register for election Oct. 7

Monday, Oct. 7 is the last day to register to vote in the Nov. 5 presidential election. Registration may be accomplished at the Wood County elections office in Quitman, one block southwest of the courthouse.

The early voting period of two weeks will begin on Monday, Oct. 21 through Friday, Nov. 1 and will be held at the Carroll Green Civic Center in Quitman.



Dachshund owners encourage their pets at the finish line of the annual Weenie Dog Races held during the Iron Horse Heritage Festival in downtown Mineola Saturday.



A cornhole tournament was part of the activities on N. Johnson St. during Saturday's festival, put on by the Mineola Chamber of Commerce.



Bailey, owned by Rod Shawl, gets a congratulatory hug after winning the overall prize in the cutest pet contest sponsored by the Mineola Pilot Club. He was also best dressed.

Monitor photos by Sam Major
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Aaron Cavitt snips the ribbon dedicating the new Artist Alley in downtown Mineola Saturday morning. (Monitor photo by Brynna Williamson)

Artist Alley makes downtown installation official

By BRYNNA WILLIAMSON
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After months of community effort, planning, and hard work, Flint and Steel/Wood County Walls cut the ribbon for Artist Alley in Mineola on Saturday.

Artist Alley runs between Pacific and Line on either side of Johnson St. The project is a collaboration of Mineola ISD, Flint and Steel/Wood County Walls, the UT Tyler Art Department, and many other local individuals and

businesses.

The alley features artwork from the aforementioned collaborators. Organizers say that art installations for the alley will be switched out regularly to keep everything interesting and to keep visitors wanting to come back.

The ribbon cutting for Artist Alley was well attended; it was one of the opening activities for the Iron Horse Heritage Festival, which was held from 10-4 Saturday. Students, parents, bystanders and organizers

came to see the moment happen.

MISD students, who were quite excited to contribute many of the featured works of art, were not allowed to use AI to help with the generation of their artwork.

Mineola High School teacher Aaron Cavitt said that the 12 students from two MISD graphic design classes hand-designed the posters which were put up in the alley. The design process took between 2-3 weeks.

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Quitman chamber welcomes new director

By CARLEY TUCKER

"Just call me Jen," said Jen Kucinsky as she spelled her last name when she introduced herself as the new director of the Quitman Chamber of Commerce.

Kucinsky recently became the chamber managing director upon the departure of Heather Trammell in early August.

Originally from the Chicago area, Jen spent over 10 years in the Plano and Richardson areas before heading this direction to be close to her fiancé.

Though she lives a little closer to Mineola, she "does life" in Quitman and wanted to get a job that would help her meet more people and be more involved in the

community.

She knew the chamber director job would be the perfect fit. With years of experience in marketing and event planning, including a recent stint at a popular Tyler wedding venue, Jen knew she could offer the chamber a continuation of the growth and fresh ideas implemented by Trammell.

Jen is jumping into this position just as the busiest time of the year begins for the chamber with their annual golf tournament coming up quickly and their candy walk and Hometown Christmas following.

Upon beginning the job in August, Jen started visiting chamber members and introducing herself. While she's

met a majority, she's had to take some time away from that priority to start helping with the golf tournament, which will be held Saturday at noon at The Links at Land's End. They are taking last minute entries.

They will announce the winner of a golf cart

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JEN KUCINSKY

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UT Health promotes Quitman CEO

Jared Smith, CEO of UT Health in Quitman since December 2020, has been named chief executive officer for UT Health Henderson and UT Health Carthage, effective Oct. 13.

Smith has worked to improve quality of care and patient experience, while also increasing access to care at Quitman.

Before starting with UT Health, Jared spent six years with Community Health Systems in Indiana, departing as assistant chief executive officer after having served in a variety of roles leading clinical and non-clinical teams, overseeing construction projects and improving operational efficiencies along with many other responsibilities.

Smith earned his bachelor's degree in health

service administration from Clemson University and his master's degree in health administration from The University of Alabama at Birmingham.

He will replace Mark Leitner, who is retiring after almost two decades of dedicated service to the health system. Leitner announced his retirement earlier this year, but graciously agreed to stay on and assist in the CEO selection process and ensure a smooth transition. A community retirement celebration is being planned for Leitner with details to be released soon.

Guy Cayo will serve on an interim basis as administrator for UT Health Quitman while retaining his role as CEO at UT Health Pittsburg. Before assuming



JARED SMITH

the Pittsburg CEO position in March 2021, Cayo spent the majority of his career at Kindred Hospital systems. He earned his bachelor's degree in business management and his master's degree in health administration from Florida International University in Miami.



Todd Witt addresses those attending Saturday's ribbon cutting for the Artist Alley in downtown Mineola. (Courtesy photo)

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Cavitt also said that the collaboration between Flint and Steel/Wood County Walls is actually a part of class work.

"(In) my freshman and sophomore year, we're teaching the skills and the tools and the software. And then, junior and senior year, they're still learning some of those tools, but I'm putting them to more real-world work...like this," he said. "It's for them to learn the entrepreneurial skills."

Students will soon begin creating art pieces for the next round of installations, which will probably be ready near the end of the year, according to Cavitt.

Not only did the many students associated with this project feel the excitement of the event, but organizers and board members felt it, too.

"We've been on this long journey for three years with Wood County Walls, getting art up; it was always, though, 'How do we get back to a place where we open the doors for our youth to come and get involved (with art in our community)?" said Todd Witt, who is a board member of Flint and Steel. "This is that day, that it finally happened."

Flint and Steel members, Wood County Walls members and associated collaborators later set up booths at the festival to sell art and hold activities like door painting and a free photo booth.



Division 34 Lt. Governor Matt Pool installed the 2024-25 Mineola Kiwanis officers and directors last week. From left are Past President Brian Jones, Directors Fernando Arreola, Richard Elston and Roy Shockey, Treasurer Beth Shockey, President-elect Misty Hooks, Pool, President Sam Curry, Directors Amy Castleberry and Keith Dotson and Secretary Joyce Curry. Not pictured is Director David Sauer. The club is celebrating 50 years of service to the community. Sam Curry served as charter president and is the last charter member. (Courtesy photo)

Editorial

Americans' right to speak their minds is considered sacred, which is why we must fight to protect the First Amendment of the U.S. Constitution and the Texas Citizens Participation Act. Both measures were carefully written with protection of the individual — the "little guy" — in mind. They're designed to give a David a fighting chance if he finds himself in a legal duel with a Goliath.

Unfortunately, the Texas Citizens Participation Act is under attack once again. The Legislature is being lobbied fiercely by well-heeled business interests and law firms who want the law either repealed or gutted. On Wednesday the Texas House Committee on Judiciary and

Civil Jurisprudence is conducting a hearing to consider whether to gut the TCPA or stand up for a good law that's been giving David a fair shot since legislators passed it 13 years ago.

It appears that Chairman Jeff Leach, R-Plano, who has taken aim at the TCPA over the last several legislative sessions, wants to make sure Goliath's side gets multiple shots at David. The panel of witnesses Leach invited to testify at his Wednesday hearing includes three witnesses from business and legal interests who have been opposed to the TCPA and one lonely First Amendment attorney.

Ironically, that same First Amendment at-

orney is also representing Leach in a lawsuit in which Leach is accused of defamation, and Leach has used the TCPA as part of his defense. It seems that even the chair of one of the most powerful committees in the Texas House finds himself feeling like David at times.

When they were omitted from Leach's invitation list, at least eight organizations who support the TCPA requested the opportunity to testify. They were all turned down. Among those denied the opportunity to testify are Texas Right to Life, the Young Republicans of Texas, the General Counsel for the Tarrant County Republican Party and the Protect Free Speech Coalition.

Regardless of his po-

litical persuasion, few things are more dangerous to a David than a defamation lawsuit filed against him by an angry Goliath with deep pockets. David may have the truth, the law and the man upstairs on his side, but Goliath can afford an army of lawyers to fight all the way to the Supreme Court. In the process, he can be bled to death financially from the thousand cuts of discovery and depositions that come with a lawsuit.

If he can get the court to grant a motion to dismiss the suit, David is off the hook. The odds of David winning a motion to dismiss a nuisance suit are higher in an appeals court than they are at the local trial court level, however. With-

out the current stay in the TCPA, David would have to pay lawyers to appeal his denied motion while simultaneously paying lawyers to handle the discovery and deposition tasks that are necessary before trial. With the TCPA in place, the discovery and depositions come to a halt until the appeals related to the motion are exhausted. This makes it faster and less expensive for David to win, which is why the angry plaintiffs who sue their Davids don't like the law.

Here's a fringe benefit that often goes unmentioned but should not be: The dismissal of a groundless suit not only helps the defendant, but removes a case from the perennially overcrowded court docket. That

makes it a win not just for David, but for judges and taxpayers.

The bottom line: The TCPA protects Texans from lawsuits designed to chill their First Amendment rights. It makes our court system more efficient. And most importantly, it assures that while free speech may not always be free, it should never be something that the Davids among us — which is most of us — cannot afford.

The Texas House Committee on the Judiciary and Civil Jurisprudence would do well to remember that. So would the entire Texas House, the entire Texas Senate and the Governor of Texas.

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ALBA LADIES CLUB - fourth Tuesday, 6:30 p.m., Alba Community Center. 765-2956
ALBA LIBRARY/MUSEUM BOARD - third Monday every other month, 4 p.m., library building. Everyone welcome.
ALBA-GOLDEN SCHOOL BOARD - second Monday, 7 p.m., high school library, 768-2472.
ALBA-GOLDEN YOUTH FOUNDATION - second Tuesday, elementary gym, 7 p.m. All welcome.
ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS Mineola-United Methodist Church (enter in-between buildings off McDonald, first door on right) Noon meetings - Monday is women's meeting, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday men and women. Evening meetings - Saturday, Tuesday, Thursday 7 p.m., men and women; Senior Center, 308 University, (corner of University and McDonald), Evening meetings, Sunday, Monday 7 p.m., Friday, 8 p.m.
ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS - Wednesday and Saturday, 7:30 p.m., 406 E. Lane Street, Quitman.
ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS - Gateway Group, Tues. & Sat. 7 p.m., Wed. noon, Methodist Church, 319 N. Pacific. Mona B. 903-569-6670.
ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS - Hawkins Love and Miracles Group, UMC Wesley House, Pine St., Wed., 6 p.m., Saturday, 10 a.m., speaker meeting each last Wednesday.
AL-ANON MINEOLA - Senior Center, 308 University, Thursday, 7:30 p.m., in-person or Zoom (ID 505-537-4690 PW 201220).
AL-ATEEN MINEOLA - Senior Center, 308 University, Thurs. 7:30 p.m., age 13-18, Questions-mineola@ateen@outlook.com.
AMERICAN LEGION POST 296 and Auxiliary - fourth Tuesday, 7 p.m., Highway 80, three miles east of Mineola. 903-569-6481. All are invited.
AMERICAN LEGION POST OF WINNSBORO - first Tuesday, 5:30 p.m., 201 West Broadway, in Winnsboro, 214-502-4496.
APET (Animal Preservation of East Texas) Thrift Store - Dog Gone Good Stuff, 915 S. Pacific Street, Mineola, Wednesday-Saturday 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. 903-569-1250
AUTUMN TRAILS MODEL A CLUB - second Sunday, 1 p.m., various locations in Wood County. See https://autumntrailsmodelaclub.com for latest info.
BOY SCOUT TROOP 385 Mineola - Tuesdays 7 p.m., Mineola Methodist Education Bldg. third floor. New boys/ alumni welcome! Chris Jennings 903-569-3531
BREAD OF LIFE MINISTRY FOOD PANTRY - Humble Baptist, first & third Tuesday 1-4 p.m.
CELEBRATE RECOVERY - a support group for those with various hurts, habits or hang-ups, every Monday,

6:30-9 p.m., Church on the Rock annex building at 302 S. Stephens. 903-497-6149
DAUGHTERS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION, Elizabeth Denton English chapter - first Saturday except June-August and December, 11 a.m. Harvest Acres Baptist Church, 1062 W Loop 564, Mineola. 409-466-8321, DAR.Regent.EDE@gmail.com
DAUGHTERS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION, John Hogg, Sr. Chapter, 3rd Monday except June, July, August & December, 1 PM. Holly Hall, Holly Lake Ranch. 903-520-8697
EASTERN STAR - Quitman Chapter 695, 3rd Tues., dinner 6:00 p.m., meeting 7:00. Flora Masonic Lodge in Quitman. EAST TEXAS FOOD BANK - third Wednesday, Bud Moody Stadium, Quitman; fourth Thursday, Meredith Stadium, Mineola, 10 a.m.-noon, free fresh food, no qualification.
EAST TEXAS WORKFORCE SOLUTIONS - first Friday at 10 a.m. at Quitman Public Library
FANNIE MARCHMAN GARDEN CLUB - third Wednesday, September - May, Mineola Civic Center, 10 a.m. Visitors welcome. Kim Hughes, president, 903-312-2455.
FLORA MASONIC LODGE #119 - first Tuesday at the lodge hall, Highway 37, Quitman. Covered dish - 6:30 p.m., meeting 7:30 p.m. Study nights for members each Thursday, 7 p.m. at the hall.
FOREVER YOUNG ACTIVITIES CENTER - Wednesday and Friday, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Fitness exercises, educational programs, entertainment, fellowship, Bingo and card games. 903-763-8201
FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY - second Tuesday at noon, Quitman.
FRIENDS OF THE MINEOLA MEMORIAL LIBRARY - first Thursday, 1 p.m., Mineola Library, 569-2767.
GED TEST SUPPORT - each Thursday 4 - 6 p.m. concurrent with QISD calendar. Quitman Public Library, 202 E Goode St, Quitman 903-975-5745
GIRLS SCOUTS MINEOLA TROOP 3 - 2nd & 4th Monday, 5:30-7 p.m., Broad Street Church of Christ Annex, Mineola. All Wood County girls kindergarten-12th grade welcome. Crystal Arcand 903-705-2459

HAINESVILLE VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPT. - second and fourth Thursday, 7 p.m., Firehouse downtown Hainesville.
HOLLY LAKE FIRE DEPARTMENT - first and third Tuesday at the fire station at Holly Lake Ranch.
KIWANIS CLUB-Mineola - noon Tuesday, Mineola Civic Center Dogwood Room.
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LAKE FORK SPORTSMAN'S ASSOCIATION - Second Tuesday, 6:30 p.m., Lovell's Restaurant, Lake Fork Marina. Public invited.
MINEOLA BAND BOOSTERS - first Tuesday, 6 p.m., middle school band hall. All middle and high school band parents invited.
MINEOLA LIONS CLUB - for information on meetings call 903-638-1596.
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. dependent on schedule changes.
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 - third Monday, 5:30 p.m., high school lobby.



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Love of patterns has led to intricate designs

By JOHN ARBTER
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Lloyd Catlett well remembers the moment when he knew he had an innate love of patterns. He was a fourth-grader and in that year, for his birthday, his parents bought him a working model of an automobile transmission.

The transmission was the centerpiece of the model, which was only transmission and the frame. The model was the type that had many clear plastic parts, allowing the operation of the transmission to be directly observed.

"I was fascinated by the transmission and how the gears meshed together," Catlett said.

That appreciation for how things mesh together became a life-long joy and hobby. It also gave a positive connotation to the word tedious.

Tedious is the word Catlett uses to describe a personality trait which celebrates the investment of time and energy into figuring out how things work together. When one sees patterns in the environment around them, as Catlett described, it is a tedious nature which wants to understand the patterns and try to replicate them.

Catlett was sitting at his kitchen table at Holly Lake Ranch explaining how he got involved in custom woodworking. He was asked if this tedious nature of his manifests itself in any other areas of his life.

He called over his shoulder to his wife, Sylvia, "Are there any other areas of our life where you would call me tedious?"

As if on cue, Sylvia quickly replied from around the corner, "Marriage!"

That brought a huge laugh which was echoed in both rooms. Sylvia came in to join the interview in the kitchen. The two are celebrating their 53rd year as husband and wife.

They met in Greenville. As Sylvia explained, they waited until Lloyd realized he wanted to be married, and then married and started a life together. They were both young. Lloyd related that Sylvia (a history and English major) was overconfident in one of their favorite past-times: Scrabble.

"But I could see the patterns connecting the words, you see, and I was able to take her," he explained.

The marriage flourished. They spent time teaching in Greenville and Plano - Lloyd taught math and physics - before Lloyd switched careers and entered computer programming. That led to stints with Northern Telecom and Hughes Electronics and residency in Maryland.

They raised a son and daughter who are successful professionals. Valerie has a degree in physics and works with weather satellites, while

Joel studied industrial technology and is a commercial estimator for insulation and fire block.

Nearing retirement from the electronics field, they decided to return to East Texas, first to Daingerfield then to Hawkins. Lloyd went back to the classroom, teaching at Union Hill. The two purchased a home at Holly Lake Ranch.

Several years before, a friend had introduced Lloyd to Woodsmith Magazine. Perhaps it was time spent in his father's wood shop when he was growing up, but woodworking just seemed to fit. Lloyd promptly ordered several years of back copies of the magazine and began to tinker.

In addition to making some unique furniture for their home, Lloyd began to build small decorative boxes. Then, on a challenge from Sylvia's sister, Lloyd made his first cutting board.

That first board led to another, then another. As Lloyd relates, "When I get to fit the pattern together, it still gives me a bit of a thrill!"

Not all cutting boards are created equal. Lloyd makes cutting boards which are 'end-grain' cutting surfaces. End-grain surfaces are constructed so that the knife blade slices between the grains of the wood. Those grains then restore themselves to near their previous orientation - in short, they are self-correcting.

Most cutting board sold in big box stores are bamboo, side-grain boards. Logically, as one uses a side-grain board the knife actually cuts small wood fragments away from the grain.

In order to create an end-grain cutting surface one must mate many small sections together. Lloyd does just that, but he does it by designing intricate geometric designs into the surface.

To create these de-



Sylvia and Lloyd Catlett

signs, he uses three types of wood: walnut for dark color, cherry for medium color and maple for light color.

It is somewhat like using a Rubik's Cube - with a purpose.

Anyone drawn to woodworking would be at home in Lloyd's workshop. There-in one would find drum sanders, belt sanders and a circular sander, a table saw, a finishing saw and a laser engraver. A bevy of clamps are within easy reach.

"You can never have enough clamps," he said.

A tub filled half way with mineral oil is used to soak each board before the final touches. "Doing so helps with the board's waterproofing, and also acts as a preventative to bacteria," Lloyd explained.

The end result of Lloyd's handiwork is a thing of beauty. It is made more impressive to consider that the design is created from the angular meeting of small wooden sections of walnut, cherry and maple. The construction is so exact as to make one think that the design is inscribed onto a single solid surface.

Lloyd easily described the whole creative process, which is surprisingly complex. He



One of Lloyd's creations nearing completion. (Monitor photos by John Arbter)

smiled, "I enjoy doing something that no one else does."

Having said that, he also added that he welcomes more people to undertake the hobby. He has sold over 700 sets of plans for his geometric boards.

"Anyone interested in pursuing a skill should seek out someone who

is already experienced in the craft, who can share their knowledge," he advised.

Lloyd's creations are all sold over the net at 'woodwithwow.etsy.com.' His unique quality cutting boards are another example of what is possible in the workshops around Wood County.



A bevy of clamps

JEN

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raffle at \$20/ticket, donated by chamber member Bear's Lake Ready Service.

Jen said this is the chamber's biggest fundraiser all year. "We use the money they raise to host events all year long

for their members and for the community."

Kucinsky is also excited about the upcoming candy walk. The chamber organizes this event around Halloween.

Businesses hand out candy to area kids, which is highly attended by families with young children.

The chamber will be

hosting the big Hometown Christmas event on Saturday, Dec. 7 downtown. Jen stated that they will have some of the previous favorites like the skating rink and bounce houses.

Jen also hinted at the possibility of adding a putt-putt golf course, along with more fun games for all ages.

Kucinsky also announced that the chamber is collaborating with member No. 948 Candle Company, LLC to create a special candle in memory of original Hometown Christmas collaborator, the late Ila Haynes Wisdom. The chamber will also have commemorative ornaments for sale made by member

Susan Brown.

While Jen is excited to come into the position and start planning events, she's also excited about the daily duties of the job and what the chamber has to offer the community.

"I want to make sure I'm involved in the community, because I've always been a small business supporter."

Jen hopes to attract more businesses to join the chamber with all of the upcoming events. She's excited to help promote businesses and events through the chamber's reach utilizing social media, monthly newsletters and monthly mixers.

Kucinsky is also prioritizing the recruitment of more community volunteers for upcoming events. Chamber Ambassador Marlene Ovard founded the ambassador volunteer program last year, and Jen hopes to work with her to expand it over the next year. Jen hopes to recruit volunteers from all the business members to help work at events throughout the year.

The chamber is located at the Gov. Hogg City Park "in the pink building." Stop by and see Jen and Marlene and other ambassadors Tuesday through Friday from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.



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Mineola board passes out start of school awards

Mineola School Board kicked off the new school year with student and staff recognitions as well as a new award, The Buzz's Ultimate Effort Award.

Superintendent Cody Mize announced at last Monday's school board meeting the first recipient, English as a Second Language coordinator Annette Pecorino.

Mize talked about the event Pecorino has coordinated the past two years, inviting families to learn about various resources available.

He said she has also been recognized for her efforts by the Region 7 Education Service Center.

Students and staff recognized for each campus included third graders Madelynn Smith and Jagger Cooper and second grade teacher Renee Johnson at the primary school, fourth graders Kaysen Haire and Kensley Pendergrass and reading specialist Suanne Bardwell at the intermediate school, eighth graders Everett Carver and Aubrey Haskin and English language arts teacher Ashley Veach at the middle school and seniors Hector Ramirez and Myah Joyner and special education coordinator Christine Spofford at the high school.

SNHU announces honor students

Southern New Hampshire University in Manchester, N.H. congratulates the following students on being named to the Summer 2024 President's List. The summer terms run from May to August.

Full-time undergraduate students who have earned a minimum grade-point average of 3.7 and above for the reporting term are named to the President's List. Full-time status is achieved by earning 12 credits over each 16-week term or paired 8-week terms grouped in fall, winter/spring, and summer.

Jai Lawson of Quitman, Heather Boswell of Mineola, Crystal Chenault of Mineola and Michael Overstreet of Hawkins.

Shelly Waskom of Winnsboro has been named to Summer 2024 Dean's List. Full-time undergraduate students who have earned a minimum grade-point average of 3.5 to 3.699 for the reporting term are named to the Dean's List. Full-time status is achieved by earning 12 credits over each 16-week term or paired 8-week terms grouped in fall, winter/spring, and summer.

Annual meeting set by New Hope Cemetery Assoc.

The annual meeting of the New Hope Cemetery Association of Wood County will be at 11 a.m., Sunday, Oct. 6. There will be a business meeting, a history of the community, and hymns, followed by dinner on the grounds.

Church schedules annual festival

St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church of Emory is hosting its 2nd annual Multicultural Festival. Funds will be used for the building of our new church on FM 515.

The festival is Saturday, Oct. 12 from 10 a.m.-6 p.m.

There will be lots of great food, vendors, games for the kids and fantastic raffle prizes, valued at over \$11,000.

The vendor form can be found at www.facebook.com/stjohnmemory.

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Comparing Ourselves To Others

Envy is an emotion that is built into the fabric of our society. It is a by-product of what psychologists call social referencing, which is a fancy phrase that simply means that we look to others in judging ourselves. If we did not so often compare ourselves to others, we would rarely have occasion to feel this emotion. Since envy can be a particularly uncomfortable feeling, it is not usually something that we are proud of. Therefore, we will rarely admit to someone that we envy them. When we do, we usually mean it as a compliment, saying in effect that we wish we could be more like the envied person. Emotions always fulfill some purpose, and usually that purpose is to inform ourselves about something that we might not otherwise know. For example, anger tells us that we have been wronged in some way, and sadness lets us know that we have experienced a loss. Of course, our emotions can go awry and mislead us, but generally they are a fairly trustworthy guide to what we are actually experiencing. So what is the purpose of envy? Perhaps it reminds us that we are part of a larger whole, and that other people and their opinions do matter. Perhaps it is that we would do well to compare ourselves to others, and in some cases even to emulate them. But we should also remember that what we envy says a lot about our values. The next time we are feeling envious, we should ask ourselves exactly what we are envious of and use this reflection as an opportunity for self-improvement.

For where envying and strife is, there is confusion and every evil work.
K.J.V. James 3:16

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Mineola Police Report

SEPTEMBER 21
 12:22 a.m., vehicle stop/arrest, 1100 blk Country Club Dr., Eliseo Ramos Morales arrested for driving while intoxicated.
 8:15 a.m., public assist, 300 Greenville, questions about criminal trespass warning.
 11:26 a.m., assist other agency, E. McDonald at Graham, water leak.
 11:36 a.m., disturbance, E. Broad, subject causing scene in store, no offense occurred.
 11:58 a.m., public assist, 300 Greenville, question about gun purchase.
 12:11 p.m., suspicious person, NE Loop 564, subject possibly intoxicated, William Lucas Couch arrested.
 7:31 p.m., terroristic threat, 300 Greenville, threatening text messages, no offense occurred.
 8:06 p.m., motorist assist, N. Pacific, subject had flat, given ride home.
 10:03 p.m., motor vehicle accident, NE Loop 564, subject rear ended, suspect drove off, vehicle stopped, Fredrick Merlin Payne, Quitman arrested for driving while intoxicated third offense.
 11:48 p.m., suspicious persons, W. Broad, unable to locate.

SEPTEMBER 22
 1:49 a.m., welfare concern, Wigley, automated watch alarm, refused medical care.
 9:26 a.m., information, NE Loop 564, vehicle missing from arrested subject, had been moved by family member.
 10:13 a.m., reckless driver, S. Pacific at S. Johnson, unable to maintain lane, unable to locate.
 12:16 p.m., assist other agency, CR 2231 at Hwy. 80, one vehicle accident.
 12:17 p.m., suspicious person, N. Pacific, subject being followed, wants it documented.
 1:57 p.m., civil matter, Sofia, subject wants father of child removed, referred to justice of the peace.
 4:41 p.m., information, 300 Greenville, subject had information for officers.
 5:30 p.m., reckless driver, 1200 blk N. Pacific, high speed, no violations observed.
 7:50 p.m., assault, no offense, Phillips, verbal only.
 10:01 p.m., city ordinance violation, E. McDonald, loud music, no music heard.

SEPTEMBER 23
 8:07 a.m., suspicious person, Bromberg, subject going through trash, will attempt to locate vehicle.
 1:13 p.m., information, 1200 blk Bromberg, tenant's son sleeping in hallway, nothing further.
 1:50 p.m., information, NE Loop 564, criminal trespass warning requested.
 5:57 p.m., disturbance, W.

Kilpatrick, subject assaulted by son, juvenile probation contacted.
 6:34 p.m., information, Robin, vehicle repossession.
 7:40 p.m., assist other agency, 1000 blk W. Loop 564, something on fire, controlled burn.
 11:12 p.m., motorist assist, 1400 blk W. Broad, everything OK.
 11:21 p.m., suspicious person, N. Johnson, female standing outside, subject is employee.

SEPTEMBER 24
 12:36 a.m., subject stopped, 500 blk N. Pacific, individual walking, everything OK.
 1:11 a.m., assist other agency, CR 2460, unattended fire confirmed.
 2:28 a.m., suspicious person, Graham, no offense.
 3:10 a.m., vehicle stop/arrest, 200 blk Meadowbrook, Irvin Delouis Liggins, Alba, arrested for possession of controlled substance.
 9:26 a.m., suspicious vehicles 1000 blk S. Pacific, party reported being followed the night before.
 10:12 a.m., theft, W. Broad, two concrete trowels.
 1:09 p.m., suspicious person, E. Front, person sleeping on lunch break.
 2:04 p.m., unsecured area, N. Johnson, open door, residence secure.
 4:43 p.m., suspicious vehicle, NW Loop 564, vehicle parked since early in the day, party advised of options.
 5:45 p.m., reckless driver, N. Hwy. 69 at FM 1799, passing in unsafe manner, unable to locate.
 6:57 p.m., public assist, 4009 blk Ivey, speaking to subject who flagged down officer.
 7:03 p.m., assist other agency, 400 blk NW Loop 564, looking for vehicle that struck motorcycle in Hunt County, unable to locate.

SEPTEMBER 25
 1:15 a.m., assist other agency, N. Pacific, assistance locating vehicle, subjects detained for sheriff's office.
 10:37 a.m., theft, 500 blk Peachtree, subjects filled large water tank from fire hydrant, no water taken.
 3:48 p.m., motorist assist, N. Pacific at E. Broad, vehicle broken down, gone upon officer arrival.
 3:52 p.m., motor vehicle accident, N. Pacific at E. Broad, truck hit crosswalk light.
 7:10 p.m., public assist, Goodson Cir., vehicle blocking parked vehicle, vehicle moved.
 7:35 p.m., assist other agency, N. Johnson, EMS call.
 11:59 p.m., disturbance, Goodson Cir., subject called back, police not needed, unable

to locate.

SEPTEMBER 26
 2:59 a.m., information, Kings Lane, left purse in vehicle, missing, will check other locations.
 3:57 a.m., assist other agency, CR 2330, vehicle in ditch.
 8:26 a.m., sexual assault, English, reported by juvenile probation, unknown location, officer assisting victim locating house.
 9:33 a.m., assist other agency, N. Pacific, traffic control for hanging cable line.
 5:27 p.m., reckless driver, 1800 blk S. Pacific, child walking around in back of vehicle, swerving, unable to locate.
 7:33 p.m., information, 300 Greenville, party trying to locate subject, address given is not in city, referred to sheriff's office.
 7:54 p.m., subject stopped, 900 blk E. Broad, two subjects given ride.

SEPTEMBER 27
 6:50 a.m., public assist, 300 Greenville, subject's car broke down, wants a ride, given ride home.
 9:26 a.m., theft, N. Johnson, scrap metal taken, subject who inquired was informed it was not trash.
 12:13 p.m., fraud, Nuss, no crime committed.
 1:01 p.m., motor vehicle accident, E. Broad, hit and run, driver returned to scene.
 2:37 p.m., city ordinance violation, N. Pacific at E. Broad, five subjects standing at intersection asking for money, subjects warned they needed permit to solicit.
 3:36 p.m., assist other agency, Sycamore, assist EMS.
 5:07 p.m., found property, 300 Greenville, party dropped off wallet left at his home, owner located.
 5:19 p.m., reckless driver, S. Pacific at city limits, unable to maintain lane or speed, unable to locate.
 6:01 p.m., reckless driver, S. Pacific at city limits, subject vehicle almost ran others off road, vehicle stopped at residence, subject did not exhibit enough signs of intoxication to warrant an offense, advised leave vehicle parked for the night.
 9:06 p.m., assist other agency, SE Loop 564 at CR 2600, road rage incident, one vehicle pulled off road, unable to locate.
 9:23 p.m., suspicious vehicle, 300 blk E. McDonald, vehicle blocking roadway, vehicle moved.
 10:40 p.m., suspicious persons, 900 blk E. Broad, kids acting suspicious, were just watching traffic stop.
 11:18 p.m., public assist, W. Patten, keys locked in residence, able to gain entry.
 Officers also made 47 traffic stops and answered 18 animal control calls and 10 alarms.

Wood County Sheriff's Report

SEPTEMBER 18
 Sgt. Cox, agency assist, CR 2220; subject went voluntarily with EMS for treatment, while deputies were on scene, subject's husband shot himself inside the RV, CID notified
 Sgt. Mayer, Cpl. Burdick, Deputy Williams, agency assist; DPS in pursuit of vehicle, drove through fence, occupants fled on foot, deputies assisted in search, not located.

SEPTEMBER 19
 Sgt. Mayer, Cpl. Burdick, disturbance, Yantis; victim did not wish to pursue charges, family violence paperwork completed.
 Sgt. Mayer, Deputy Williams, disturbance, CR 3265; male recently criminally trespassed female from residence, then invited her over, kicked in his own door, pepper sprayed female, who provided text messages showing she resided there. Clayton Pasteka arrested for assault causes bodily injury.
 Cpl. Burdick, suspicious male, Lake Holbrook; male offered to sell drugs, deputy observed male walking down road, when he turned, subject jumped fence, fled into woods, searched area, unable to locate him.

SEPTEMBER 20
 Cpl. Croney, burglary, CR 3810; caller's daughter's ex-boyfriend caught breaking into garage, attempting to break into vehicle, suspect fled, drill missing from residence, offense report completed.
 Sgt. Morrison, Cpl. Croney, disturbance, FM 778; victim's ex-boyfriend asked to meet her, held her at gun point in vehicle, deputies searched area, unable to locate suspect, offense report completed.

Cpl. Rich, Deputy Holland, physical disturbance, Private Road 6304; victim advised altercation only verbal, male hit head on wall, would claim she hit him, male advised he had been struck in head, refused to press charges, parties separated.

SEPTEMBER 21
 Sgt. Williams, Cpl. Rich, Deputy Haley, warrant service, Holiday Village. Kathryn Cheyenne arrested for active warrant.
 Deputy Holland, Deputy Haley, verbal disturbance, Lake Holbrook; deputies observed subject throw bottle of alcohol under vehicle, subject's parents contacted, they were picked up.
 Sgt. Williams, Deputy Comeaux, physical disturbance, Holly Lake Ranch; caller assaulted by brother, brother stated they got into argument that did not turn physical, no injuries observed, parties separated.

SEPTEMBER 22
 Cpl. Rich, Deputy Haley, agency assist, FM 69; caller's husband has Alzheimer's, scratched her when she was trying to help him, male transported by EMS to be checked out.
 Sgt. Williams, assault in progress, FM 2869; subjects advised nothing physical occurred, caller advised he meant to say he was threatened, not assaulted.
 Deputy Comeaux, theft; someone had free puppies on Marketplace, requested deposit, caller provided deposit, seller never showed up, will not return messages, offense report completed.

SEPTEMBER 23
 Deputy Smith, disturbance, CR 2153; victims advised male

pointed shotgun at them. Demetric Lewis arrested for felon in possession of firearm, deadly conduct.
 Cpl. Rapp, harassment; caller advised male trying to contact her through email even though she sent message telling him to stop, incident report completed.
 Deputy Skinner, violation of protection order, FM 17; victim received message from female who he had protection order against, case forwarded to investigations.

SEPTEMBER 24
 Sgt. Cox, Cpl. Rapp, Deputy Skinner, vehicle accident, Alba; vehicle returned as stolen, driver advised she was given vehicle at gas station. Tammy Miller arrested for unauthorized use of motor vehicle.
 Cpl. Rapp, suspicious person, Hwy. 80; train personnel advised male sleeping on top of train car, subject advised he was trying to get a ride to California, subject transported by EMS to receive treatment.
 Sgt. Mayer, reckless driver; vehicle kept driving by house at extreme speeds, almost hit him and his dogs walking in roadway, vehicle then stopped, began yelling at subject, vehicle located on later call.
 Sgt. Mayer, Deputy Smith, suspicious circumstance, CR 2298; male on boat and occupants of vehicle got into heated argument, firearm possibly displayed, Mineola PD located vehicle, detained occupants, all the occupants were juveniles, firearm located inside vehicle, deputies waiting to speak with victim to see if he wishes to press charges.

Court sentences criminal defendants

Three guilty-less were entered and sentences assessed in 402nd District Court on Thursday, Sept. 26:
 Jerry Lee Cotten, Quitman, theft of property \$750 or more but less than \$2,500, enhanced, state jail felony, deferred adjudication, five years community supervision, \$3,000 fine; theft of property \$2,500 or more but less than \$30,000, state jail felony, deferred adjudication, \$5,688 restitution.
 Jennifer Michelle Hunt, Garland, aggravated

assault with a deadly weapon, second degree felony, four years in state prison.
 Kathryn Ann O'Connor, Quitman, assault of family/household member impeding breathing/circulation, third degree felony, deferred adjudication, four years community supervision with 1560 hours community service, \$2,000 fine.
 On Wednesday, Sept. 25 a Wood County jury acquitted Michael Allan Robinson of Carthage of assault causes bodily in-

jury to a family/household member impeding breathing/circulation, a third degree felony.
 The jury was seated on Monday, Sept. 23 in 402nd District Court.
 The Wood County district attorney's office prosecuted the case, and Sten Langsjoen was the court-appointed defense attorney.
 Robinson was arrested on Aug. 30, 2023 in Panola County for the June 27, 2023 offense and was indicted Oct. 30, 2023.
 He remains jailed on a warrant in another case.



Reta Myers was recognized as the Mineola Kiwanis Club's September Citizen of the Month for her friendly service to customers at Mineola Dairy Queen. Members surprised Reta at work to give her the award. (Courtesy photo)

Mineola Fire Department Report

Grass fire: Sept. 19, 4:16 p.m., PR 6301; Sept. 20, 5:28 p.m., Hwy. 69 South; Sept. 21, 8:09 p.m., CR 460; Sept. 23, 6:15 p.m., Hwy. 80 East at CR 2745; Sept. 24, 1:01 a.m., CR 2460; Sept. 24, 1:18 p.m., CR 2460 at CR 2465.
Assist EMS: Sept. 20, 12:31 p.m., CR 459; Sept. 20,

1:32 p.m., Maxine; Sept. 21, 10:14 p.m., PR 6882; Sept. 23, 12:58 p.m., Hickory Lane, Sept. 23, 4:57 p.m., FM 1799; Sept. 24, 6:27 p.m., CR 2320; Sept. 25, 7:34 p.m., N. Johnson.
Motor vehicle crash: Sept. 21, 3:53 p.m., CR 455 at Live Oak; Sept. 22, 12:14 p.m.,

US 80 West at CR 2231; Sept. 24, 7:49 a.m., Hwy. 37 at CR 2307.
Power line down: Sept. 23, 6:20 p.m., W. Buchanan.
Structure fire - mutual aid Quitman: Sept. 24, 12:26 p.m., Rosemary.



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WCEDC

From page 1A

Christine Thomas summarized current activities, including working with Neon Cloud from Dallas for marketing videos for the airport. Then contract for just under \$10,000 must be approved by county commissioners.
 Thomas briefed the commission on efforts to promote agri-tourism in the county, with the hub to be the Northeast Texas Prairie Classroom in Yantis.
 Benefits of promoting

native plants and wildflowers range from supporting wildlife to water conservation and health benefits.
 WCEDC is also working on updating its websites and travel guide, using QR codes to keep the various listings up-to-date.
 Thomas noted that the recent health fair in Quitman was a success, and ideas to improve future fairs are being discussed.

MEALS ON WHEELS

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Tues. Oct. 8 - Breaded Chicken Patty, Crispy Cubed Potatoes, Broccoli w/Carrots, Dinner Roll, Orange Juice, Milk

Wed. Oct 9 - Cheeseburger Mac, Green Peas, Carrots, Dinner Roll, Orange Juice, Milk

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Obituaries

TONYA RAYE ROUSH 1980-2024



Tonya Raye Roush passed away on Sept. 18, 2024 near Trinidad. She was born on Feb. 19, 1980, the oldest of five children, in Charlotte, N.C. to Laurie Salter and Paul Conklin.

Tonya spent a good portion of her life in California, where she joined the US Navy. She later moved with her first two daughters to Texas, which became her home. Tonya had her third daughter and planted roots in Hawkins, where she volunteered at her daughters' schools in many areas to show her support for her girls. Tonya was a fun, loving and caring friend, sister, daughter, wife and mother, who will be missed dearly.

Tonya is survived by her three daughters, Christine Hass and husband Jason with their children, River, Madilynn, Brooklynn, Hudson and Koen Hass; Kylee Moore; and Candice Roush. She is also survived by her siblings, sister Amber Saelee and

husband Jay with their children, Zack, Katelyn and Jayla; brothers, Josh Conklin and wife Brittan with their daughter Lola, Russell Conklin and Chris Conklin; and her father, Robert Sheffield. She was preceded in death by her mother, Laurie Sheffield.

Memorial services will be held on Friday, Oct. 19 at 11 a.m. at Summit Heights Fellowship in Hawkins. Family and friends are welcome to stay for the luncheon to follow.

ZACKEY WAYNE RAYMOND 1944-2024



Services for Zackey Wayne Raymond, 79, of Alba are scheduled for 10 a.m. Thursday, Oct. 3, 2024 at Wilson-Bartley Funeral Home, Alba, with Bro. Eddy Smith officiating.

Interment will be in Pleasant Ridge Cemetery, Alba.

Mr. Raymond passed away Sept. 29, 2024 at his residence in

Alba. He was born Dec. 31, 1944 in Grand Saline to Charlie Gilbert and Martha Bernice Tharp Raymond. He married Carol Annette Gaby in Fruitvale on May 21, 1965. They moved to Alba in 1965. He was a member of First Baptist Church, Alba. He worked at Morton Salt Mine in Grand Saline for six years. He went to work for E-Systems in Greenville as an electrical engineer. His work with E-Systems took him all over the world to different places including Sinai Peninsula, New Zealand and Ukraine, before retiring in 2015. He was preceded in death by his parents; sister, Mary Weeks; and three brothers, Charles Raymond, Ben Raymond and Jimmy Don Raymond.

Survivors include his wife of 59 years, Carol Raymond of Alba; two sons, Tim Raymond and wife Michelle of Mt. Pleasant and Cory Raymond and wife Glenda of Alba; five grandchildren; two great-grandchildren; and numerous other relatives and friends.

The family will receive friends from 6-8 p.m. Wednesday at the funeral home.

Mineola Library Notes

BY LIBRARIAN MARY HURLEY

Preschool Story Time is back on Wednesday mornings at 10 a.m. This is for the 3-5 year old crowd with their parent/caregiver. This group hears a story or two, plays a game, sings a song, and/or does something creative. Sometimes the program works and other times it's a learning curve.

Homeschool Heroes has returned to the first and third Fridays of the month at 10 a.m. This is a time for homeschool families to meet, network and do a project/activity together.

Youth Advisory Council began on Tuesday,

Oct. 1. You must apply to participate in this group that gets to know each other, learn about the library and come up with ideas for/about the library. Applications are available at the front desk and this group is for 7th graders and older. Homeschool and public school children are all welcome to apply.

East Texas Library Friends will meet Saturday, Oct. 5 at 2 p.m. in the Mineola Memorial Library to discuss Ariel Lawhon's "The Frozen River." At this gathering they will also select



books to read. Whether you've read the book or not, please, join us.

Toddler Story Time continues on Tuesday mornings at 9 a.m. for the 18 month to 3 year old group along with their parents/caregivers. This group meets to learn to play together, make new friends and hear a story.

The Mineola Memorial Library is a 501(c)3, non-profit and does not receive funding from the city or the county. Your donations are not only appreciated, they may be tax-deductible.

Couple works to restore and improve home

Scott and Nancy McDonald laugh as she tells about the first fruit their apple tree produced. After several years of waiting patiently, a small green knob finally appeared and they watched it closely as it ripened.

One day, Nancy approached the tree and was shocked to see a squirrel with the apple in its mouth. But she wasn't allowing any thieving squirrel to get that apple. She chased him down until he dropped his prize, then washed it and cut away the bite mark. She says she enjoyed it even more after the challenge.

This brand of patience paid off when the McDonalds bought their home on the corner of E. Kilpatrick and Wigley in 2012. The 1935 red brick Tudor Revival house was attractive but in need of renovation to make it a comfortable home.

The McDonalds undertook a year long process to keep, but refine, the original charm of the house before they could move in.

They then turned their attention to the yard. The original stone and mortar retaining wall hindered the installation of a sprinkler system, so it was taken apart and the stones used elsewhere on the property.

After designing new curving beds around the house, Scott replaced the lawn with new sod. When a wood fence featuring lattice work around the top was built to enclose the back yard, invasive English ivy was



Scott and Nancy McDonald at E. Kilpatrick and Wigley. (Courtesy photo)

found nearby. Today, the ivy is gone and, in its place, are new heritage rose bushes such as "Peggy Martin."

Peach, fig, almond and plum trees followed, then beds full of colorful blooms. Recently, Scott designed new, larger curved beds, and the McDonalds asked Hooten's in Emory to select flowering plants appropriate for an English garden.

The result is a delightful blend including lambs ear, blanket flowers, dwarf abelia, dwarf hydrangeas, daisies, penta, coneflowers and rosemary to name a few.

They've had their challenges with moles, gophers and "ant highways" in their lawn. They've tried nets on their fruit trees to keep the birds from pecking holes in the fruit, but decided a "live and let live" approach was

more practical. Birdbaths nestle in the flowerbeds, while the deep tones of Nancy's large wind chimes (a gift from Scott) soothe and energize as Scott mows and edges and Nancy weeds.

The McDonalds say they've always enjoyed gardening, inspired by visiting the vast acres of gardens in England, but got a crash course after buying a Victorian bed and breakfast years ago. They put in a parterre garden with boxwoods and a cast iron gazebo with filigree dome. They succeeded in creating a formal garden so appealing that several prospective grooms proposed to their fiancées there. Their current landscape can surely match that appeal.

Mineola's Fannie Marchman Garden Club announces the McDonald home as October Yard of the Month.

Commission tours Alba museum

Sandra Burge, a founder and docent of the Alba Museum, led a tour for the Wood County Historical Commission on Thursday.

She explained the early industries, such as cotton and coal, in the Alba area. The WCHC had their regular meeting at the museum. Policies

and procedures updates were approved and the 175th anniversary of Wood County was discussed.

Mineola Christus clinic undergoing expansion

Christus Health of Northeast Texas is expanding its existing medical clinic in Mineo-

la on N. Pacific St. to add two providers and physical therapy along with a parking expansion.

Total project cost is \$2.6 million. The additions are underway on the north and east sides.

AGISD

From page 1A

a comprehensive report briefed to the board by the Texas Association of School Boards (TASB) facility consultant Scott Beane, who conducted the inspections last April.

Beane stated that the collection of buildings on the north side of the campus were constructed in 1977, 1987 and 1995. Each had considerable discrepancies which necessitate either a capital expenditure for new construction or significant investment of maintenance funds to

restore their safe functionality.

TASB provided cost estimates in the range of \$25 million for new construction and \$4.3 million for maintenance to improve the buildings. Beane advised that with each year of delay in acting on the corrective maintenance, the cost increases by \$600,000.

The two largest costs associated with the buildings are roofs and HVAC systems.

The buildings on the north end were the only ones in the study which were characterized by a red designation (requiring immediate action) in the inspection results.

The exhaustive inspection conducted last April "counted every door" as Beane noted, and left the board with a detailed discrepancy list of the entire campus.

TASB valued the replacement cost of the entire district at around \$122 million with a corrective maintenance total for the whole campus of \$13 million.

Beane is a former superintendent who recently retired from Anderson-Shiro ISD. He had previously served for eight years as superintendent of Big Sandy ISD and had taught for ten years as an agricultural instructor.



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Members are Monica Coffman, Jorden Anderson & Kasey Myers.

DECISION TIME

A great decision is about to be made in our election for our president of the United States in November. But the greater decision each one of us needs to make is: are we going to keep the commandments of God or the commandments of men? Jesus said in John 14:15, If you love me keep my commandments.

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The revision includes Lots 623 & 624, Part II, Section 8, Holly Lake Ranch Subdivision.

The public hearing is set for Tuesday, October 29, 2024, at 9:00 A.M. in the Wood County Commissioners Courtroom. All persons interested in revision to this plat may appear at the public hearing with opposition should they so desire.

Mike Simmons
Mike Simmons
Wood County Precinct 3 Commissioner

NO. 14,785

ESTATE OF BARBARA FRANCES JOHNSON DECEASED § IN THE COUNTY COURT § OF § WOOD COUNTY, TEXAS

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

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Notice is hereby given that original Letters Testamentary for the Estate of James Dean Hudson, Deceased, were issued on September 23, 2024, in Cause No. 14,783, pending in the County Court of Wood County, Texas, to: JENNIFFER DEANE HUDSON CONNORS.

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

Jennifer Deane Hudson Connors
c/o Kyle G. Waggoner
Attorney at Law
PO Box 1152
Mineola, Texas, 75773

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Notice is hereby given that original Letters Testamentary for the Estate of John Earl Archer, Deceased, were issued on September 23, 2024, in Cause No. 14,786, pending in the County Court of Wood County, Texas, to: CHERYL LYNN TRAVIS.

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

Cheryl Lynn Travis
c/o Kyle G. Waggoner
Attorney at Law
PO Box 1152
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Notice is hereby given that original Letters of Independent Administration for the Estate of BARBARA FRANCES JOHNSON, Deceased, were issued on September 23, 2024, in No. 14,785, pending in the County Court of Wood County, Texas to MARY ELIZABETH SKORITOWSKI.

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

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

DATED this 23rd day of September, 2024.

Jason A. Holt
JASON A. HOLT
Attorney for the Estate

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Notice is hereby given that original Letters Testamentary for the Estate of James Robert Mayfield, Deceased, were issued on September 18, 2024, in Cause No. 14,686 pending in the County Court of Wood County, Texas, to: Stanley Wayne Mayfield.

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5 an Astro evading a tag at second base
6 in Fort Worth: "___ Carter Museum of American Art"
7 late TX Patrick Swazey film: "___ of Kin" (1989)
8 in Amarillo: "___ & Rodeo"
17 TX George W. to TX George H.W.
18 sunglasses that go to the sides too
21 TX Willie Nelson's "___ the Road Again"
22 praise in public
23 TXism: "wouldn't cut warm ___" (dull)
24 a Christmas game uses ___
29 TX Dennis Quaid 2023 film: "On a ___ and a Prayer"
30 TX Christopher Rich sitcom (2001-07)
31 dir. from Seymour to Dublin, TX
32 singing under the window of a girl
34 Drake of 1953 western: "Down Laredo Way"
35 org. for one country music award show
36 TXism: "___ whipped pup"


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1 TXism: "numerous ___ worm"
2 Milam County seat
37 Dak knows how to ___ a football
38 TXism: "___ to" (intent)
39 symptoms of people with the flu (2 wds.)
41 TXism: "he's new to these ___"
42 TXism: "worn ___ frazzle" (tired)
43 TX Sam Rayburn was in Congress ___
44 country singer, Hill TXism: "blister ___" (handie)
46 drink slowly
47 Buna, Rouston, and Linden, e.g.
48 TXism: "that ___ float" (disagree)
50 Duncannonville MLB pitcher, David TXism: "___"
51 enjoyed all this I can stand"
52 Shrimp catcher negative vote
3 TXism: "active as ___ a hen house"
4 camping shelters
9 Texas tone
10 TXism: "snug as a bug in ___"
11 small amount
12 "The Pelvis" init.
13 in El Paso County on I-10
14 Caribbean island tiny bit
16 TXism: "he's lower than a snake's belly in a wheel."
19 Texas "Monkee," Michael
20 TX Roy Orbison's "In ___" (1963)
22 first Texas Lottery Commission director, Nora
3 TXism: "it ain't ___ in cement"
26 Greek given name
27 TV controller
28 TXism: "she could talk the legs off ___ stove"
29 "___ washy"
30 TX Perot who twice ran for president
33 New Orleans Saints, "Who ___?"
34 movie chews
35 transports for amateur golfers
37 historic Port Aransas hotel (2 wds.)
38 song written by TX Rodney Crowell: "___ Living Long Like This"
40 TX "Bum" Phillips real first name
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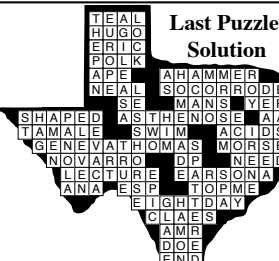
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NO. 14,787

ESTATE OF FELIX CARTER JORDAN, SR., DECEASED § IN THE COUNTY COURT § OF § WOOD COUNTY, TEXAS

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Notice is hereby given that original Letters Testamentary for the Estate of FELIX CARTER JORDAN, SR., Deceased, were issued on September 23, 2024, in No. 14,787, pending in the County Court of Wood County, Texas to FELIX CARTER JORDAN, JR..

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

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

DATED this 23rd day of September, 2024.

Jason A. Holt
JASON A. HOLT, Attorney for
FELIX CARTER JORDAN JR.,
Independent Executor

Tigers get by Jackets

By JOHN ARBTER
woodcylinder@gmail.com

Take two teams, traditional rivals, each desperate for a win, and throw them together in perfect East Texas late-September weather. What you get is a 17-14 final.

In this case, it was a narrow victory for the Mt. Vernon Tigers over the Mineola Yellowjackets at Meredith Memorial Stadium Friday night.

'Hard-fought' is an overused cliché in sports-writing, but there are occasions when that moniker fits. Last Friday was one of those occasions.

Both teams were visibly amped-up for this game. That showed in the first quarter when the aggressiveness of each defense dominated.

It was a scoreless first quarter, but the Tigers were moving the ball at the quarter break.

Mt. Vernon converted two third downs on an 85-yard scoring drive. A third-and-10 completion for a first down was the critical play. The Tigers led 7-0.

The home side went nuts when Aidan Shepherd took the ensuing deep kick-off and broke straight up the middle. Once he cracked through the on-rushing coverage team, he broke right and outraced all pursuit en route to the end zone.

The third kick-off return for a touchdown this year – and Shepherd's second – put the Jackets on the scoreboard.

Leading 7-6, the Tigers moved 59 yards in seven plays to increase their lead to 14-6 with 6:39 remaining in the half.

The Jackets used a great mix of run and



Freshman Kipton Neighbors accelerates on a 52-yard scoring run.

pass to move the ball to the Tigers' 26-yard line as the half drew to a close. On a fourth-and-10, Zane Strange attempted to find Colton McMahon in the end zone. The pass was contested and the ball fell between McMahon and the defender.

The second half was what East Texas football is all about. Each play was a gut-check.

Mt. Vernon took the kick-off and moved 66 yards in 13 plays. On a fourth-and-1 from the Mineola 2-yard line, the Jackets' defense welled up and stoned the interior run.

Steven Reyes penetrated the line and impacted the legs of the Tiger runner. Javaryon Brumsey finished the tackle. It was a rousing moment for the home side.

The Jackets rallied. Behind some tough running by Braelyn Geronimo, Mineola pushed to midfield. After getting stuffed on a first-down

carry, freshman Kipton Neighbors took the second-down hand-off and sliced through the right side of the Tiger defense. He accelerated 52-yards for a touchdown.

The line paved a path for Shepherd to carry the 2-point conversion to tie the score with 11:06 left in the game.

A well-placed kick-off by Noah Turner gave Mt. Vernon the ball at their own 13. Mineola had the momentum.

The Tigers proceeded to burn 10 minutes and 24 seconds off the clock. They drove 82 yards in 20 plays and booted the game-winning field goal with only seconds left.

Mt. Vernon converted 4-of-5 third downs on the drive.

The game was decided on third down. The Tigers converted 73% of theirs, Mineola 57%.

The Yellowjackets travel to Winnsboro Friday. The Raiders are coming off a big win over Commerce.

Quitman offense in tune to defeat Harmony 34-29

The Quitman Bulldogs opened district football Friday in a big way, traveling to Harmony and coming back to Wood County with a 34-29 victory.

Harmony is a perennial playoff team and advanced as far as the state semifinals just two seasons ago.

But Quitman could not be deterred.

Harmony grabbed the first quarter lead 7-0, but Quitman responded with a 7-yard scoring pass from Klayton Meadows to Jacob Breeding to make it 7-6 early in the second period. The try for two and the

lead was unsuccessful.

Harmony extended its lead with a pair of second-quarter rushing touchdowns to go up 22-6 at the half.

The Bulldogs narrowed the gap on a 1-yard Meadows run to make it 22-12, again with a try for two coming up short.

Late in the third quarter Meadows found Dakota Reynolds from 20-yards to make it a one-score game, 22-18. The extra point kick was no good.

The final minutes were a whirlwind as Quitman gained its first lead on a 2-yard run from

Meadows, 24-22. Meadows then threw to Preston Flores for the extra points, making it 26-22 Quitman.

Harmony ended its scoring drought with a touchdown pass and extra point to go up 29-26.

Quitman worked down the field in the final minutes and got the winning points on a 1-yard Meadows run and Jacob Powell's two-point run.

Next up for the Bulldogs is a home game with Edgewood, which opened its district schedule with a 48-44 win over Prairiland.



The helmet of the Como-Pickton defender flies off as he tries to take down Alba-Golden's Cameron Lennon. (Monitor photo by Sam Major)



The Alba-Golden kickoff team tried in vain to corral a loose ball which eventually tumbled out of bounds. (Monitor photo by Sam Major)



Mineola sophomore Aidan Shepherd strides upfield on his kick-off return for a touchdown. (Monitor photos by John Arbter)

Panthers outlast Como-Pickton, 35-21

By JOHN ARBTER
woodcylinder@gmail.com

The Alba-Golden Panthers opened their district campaign Friday with a 35-21 win over the visiting Como-Pickton Eagles.

It was a game in which the Panthers separated from the Eagles in the early second quarter and maintained an advantage over the visitors throughout.

The full-house backfield of the Eagles was certainly a test for the Panthers, especially the quick-hitting nature of the inside running game. They responded well, however, and gave up only two consequential drives.

The Panthers opened the scoring early in the second quarter with a 7-play 85-yard drive. Alba-Golden unleashed a bevy of talented runners, with Luke Jones, Cameron Lennon and Sam Olsen doing the majority of the work.

The Eagles answered with their best drive of the game, 78 yards in seven plays. Como-Pickton benefited from a fit of lapsed tackling by the

Panthers, who repeatedly made solid contact but failed to wrap-up the runners.

With 7:22 before the half, the game was tied.

The Panthers embarked on their second scoring drive, 53 yards in eight plays. A beautiful scoring strike from 41-yards was nullified by a penalty.

Undeterred, the Panthers exposed the seams of the Eagle defense and finished the drive on the ground. Jones scored on a 12-yard run.

The boys from Hopkins County came to play. They marched 62 yards as the half drew to a close. With the seconds ticking away, Como-Pickton snapped the ball from the Alba-Golden 4-yard line.

The Eagles tried to outflank the Panthers with a quarterback option around the left end. The whole Panther defense reacted to the play and a wave of defenders kept Como-Pickton out of the end zone. The half expired as a stack of bodies was untangled. It was a character-shaping play.

At the half, the Panthers held a 14-7 lead.

The third quarter offered an even game. The Panthers opened a 14-point lead by scoring on their first possession. Como-Pickton promptly answered to close the game again to a 7-point margin, 21-14.

As the final quarter began, each team tried to take a deep shot and each turned the ball over on an interception.

Alba-Golden took over near midfield. On their second snap from scrimmage, Lennon took a hand-off through the left side and made another amazing dash – this one for 32 yards and a score.

The Eagles tried to answer but turned the ball over on downs after 10 snaps.

Olsen hit Garrett Wright with a deep ball, and the Panthers took a 21-point lead, 35-14.

The elation on the sideline was short-lived as the Eagles returned the kick-off for a score to make it 35-21.

An Alba-Golden fumble in their own territory gave Como-Pickton life in the final minutes, but a strong defensive stand preserved the win.

The Panthers must be ready for a whole new challenge this Friday. They travel to Rivercrest – always a tough place to play. The Rebels are 4-0 and open their district schedule after having a bye week.

It should be a thrilling game, and will likely go to the team that leverages their strengths and offers up no turnovers.



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Larkin Spears dives to save the ball in Quitman's district volleyball match Friday at Winona.



Allie Berry winds-up for a kill against Winona.

**Monitor photos
by Sam Major**



Kinsey Hipp hits a shot for Quitman Friday at Winona.



Quitman's Annabelle Popek serves against Winona.

Lady Jackets unbeaten atop district

The Mineola Lady Jackets improved to 5-0 in district volleyball last week with wins over Winona on Tuesday and Eustace on Friday. Mineola swept both matches, stopping Wi-

nona at home last Tuesday 25-12, 25-9, 25-7.

Mahayla McMahon had 10 kills, 4 aces and 9 digs; Olivia Hughes 8 kills, 4 aces, 4 digs and 17 assists; and Trinadee Jackson 12 assists.

The junior varsity also won its match two games to none.

On Friday Mineola traveled to Eustace, one of the new district foes, and took a three-set win 27-25, 25-16, 25-17.

It was the first district loss for 4-1 Eustace.

Mineola hosted Grand Saline Tuesday and wraps up the first half of district play Friday at Malakoff.

The second half gets underway Tuesday, Oct. 8 when Mineola hosts Quitman.

Quitman Lady Bulldogs sweep Winona in 3

In a battle of teams winless in district play, having been swept in their opening matches, Quitman traveled to Winona Friday night

and came home with a three-game sweep of their own, 25-10, 25-13, 25-14.

The Lady Bulldogs hosted Malakoff Tues-

day and welcome Grand Saline to town Friday. The second half of district begins Tuesday with Quitman visiting Mineola.

Lady Panthers rebound to grab district win

The Alba-Golden Lady Panthers opened district volleyball play Friday with a hard-fought 3-2 win over the visiting Com-Pickton.

The visitors put the Lady Panthers against the ropes, winning the

first two games and coming within a few points of sweeping the match.

But the Lady panthers pulled out close games in the third and fourth to even the match at 2-2 and take it to the decid-

ing 15-point fifth set. Alba-Golden jumped to an early lead on the way to victory.

The lady panthers traveled to Fruitvale Tuesday and have a bye Friday before hosting Yantis next Tuesday.

Divide & Conquer Downsizing Sale
Thurs., Oct. 10 ~ 7:00 - 5:30 - Fri., Oct. 11 ~ 8:00 - 5:30
Sat., Oct. 12 ~ 8:00 - 2:00

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Outside S Loop 323, off S. Broadway, and by Appleby's, turn east (toward Copeland Rd.) on Rieck Rd. Turn left on Westchester Dr. and left onto Glen Abby Lane.

This lovely home is for sale and listed by Jennifer Paul, Ebby Halliday, Realtors. The following contents are available: lovely din. tables/8 chairs; another din. table/6 chairs; china cabinets; Kohler & Campbell piano; silverplate serving pcs; mirrors; lg ams of framed art; Howard Miller grandfather clock; matching leather chairs with ottomans; 2 queen size beds; dressers; nightstands; chests; sofa; sofa table; many blue & white selections; crystal; pottery; Lenox Christmas "Holiday" china; other china; stemware; rugs; bookcases; many books; glass-top coffee table; 2 end tables; crystal; decanters; lamps; brass selections; Willow Tree figures; floor globe; rockers; costume jewelry; women's clothes, purses, shoes, scarves; men's clothes, ties; sew. machine; sew. notions; bar stools; vanity stools; mirrors; décor, lots of bedding; quilts; linens; electronics; speakers; CD's; movies; cassettes; wash. & dry.; Christmas decorations; snow globes; sm. appliances; MANY cookbooks; cookware; tools; tool chest; ladders; planters; pet carrier; file cabinets; office chairs; patio table & chairs; bird bath; sooooo much more!

Pictures: DivideAndConquerOfEastTexas.com

FOOTBALL
Friday, Oct. 4

Alba-Golden @ Rivercrest, 7 p.m.
Mineola @ Winnsboro, 7:30 p.m.
Quitman vs Edgewood, 7 p.m.

VOLLEYBALL
Friday, Oct. 4 & Tuesday, Oct. 8

Alba-Golden Bye, Friday
Alba-Golden vs Yantis, Tuesday, 5 p.m.
Mineola @ Malakoff, Friday, 4:30 p.m.
Mineola vs Quitman, Tuesday, 4:30 p.m.
Quitman vs Grand Saline, Friday, 4:30 p.m.

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County OKs November election

Wood County commissioner approved the order for the Nov. 5 general election on Tuesday, along with several related matters.

Two contracts were approved with the Mineola Civic Center, one for election day and the other for early voting if needed.

The civic center will be the new location in Mineola, replacing the First Methodist Church.

If branch early voting is held, it will be at the civic center as well as in Winnsboro and Hawkins during the second week of early voting Oct. 28 to Nov. 1. Early voting is also being conducted at the county elections office in Quitman starting Oct. 21.



The trumpet section of the Alba-Golden High School marching band helped promote school spirit during Friday's football game. (Monitor photo by Sam Major)



Alba-Golden High School cheerleaders look on as the pee wee cheerleaders perform at Friday's game. (Monitor photo by Sam Major)



And they're off. The Weenie Dog Races drew a crowd to conclude Saturday's Iron Horse Heritage Festival in downtown Mineola, sponsored by the Mineola Chamber of Commerce.



Dance Dimension dance teams put on a show to entertain the crowd.



Pet owners get their charges ready to be judged.



The Todd Brewer Band didn't miss a beat as a freight train rolled through behind the stage.



Molly Hart with weenie dog race winner Lorelie.



Mineola High School drama students put on the train robbery skit.



A chicken named Earlobe was the only non-dog entry in the cutest pet contest.



Crowds filled downtown Mineola streets Saturday for the annual Iron Horse Heritage Festival. (Monitor photos by Sam Major)



Weenie dogs race to the finish line.