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Here for all of Wood County



February 14, 2022

Dear Friends,

It's hard to believe we are already halfway through February! As this new year rushes in, it becomes challenging to stay mindful and present in the important moments. However, it is essential to take the time to focus on what truly matters and brings meaning to our lives.

Wherever I go throughout Wood County, I am constantly reminded of the community focus of our great county. It is in these moments that I find myself overwhelmed with pride and reflect on all that we've accomplished together over the three years since I became your County Judge.

As we continue to plan for progress, I look forward to our county's future. Together we will continue the hard work, planning and perseverance it takes to honor our past and build our future to ensure that Wood County remains a great place to live, work and worship!

Judge Lucy



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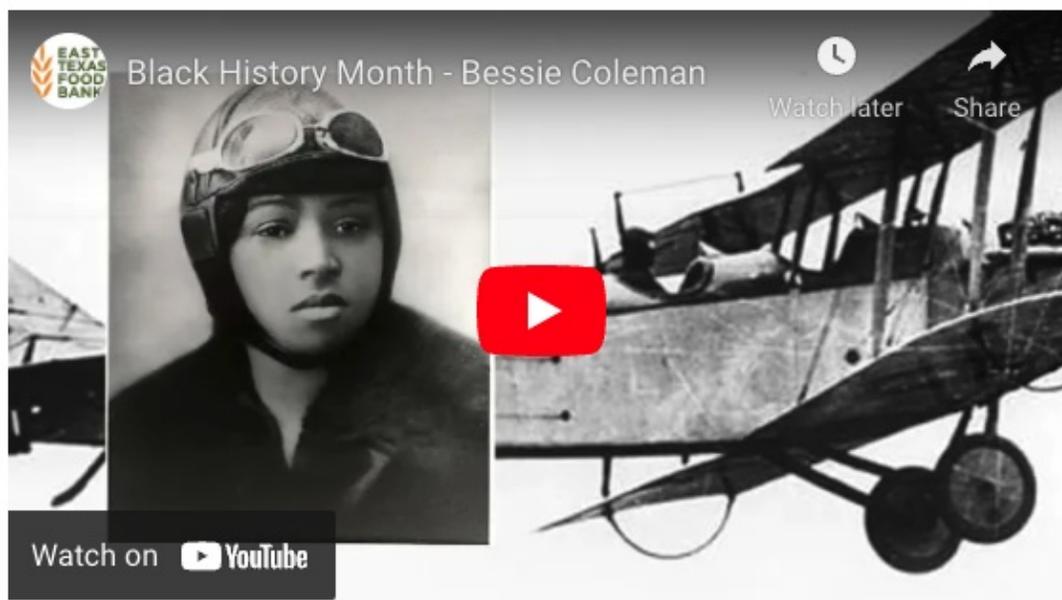


Wood County Celebrates Black History Month

This month Wood County is celebrating Black History Month. Wood County is home to the Mineola Historical Museum which has curated an extensive collection of black history from the local region. Read more in [this 2021 article from the Wood County Monitor](#).

The [East Texas Food Bank](#) is recognizing East Texans and their contributions to our rich heritage each week during February including:

Bessie Coleman who was born in 1892 in Atlanta, Texas. In 1921, she became the first black woman to obtain her pilot license. During her air show tours, she fought against segregation and encouraged other black Americans to follow her path and become pilots. Bessie died in 1926 in a plane crash at the age of 34.



Arthur "Dooley" Wilson who was born in Tyler in 1886, became a successful actor in plays in Chicago and New York with his breakthrough role in 1940 in the Broadway musical "Cabin in the Sky." He appeared in 19 movies including his famous role as "Sam" in the 1942 Oscar-Winning Best Movie "Casablanca."



The Pleasant Hill Quilt Club presented their dynamic program of the Underground Railroad Quilt Code at the Winnsboro Center for the Arts and the Mineola Historical Museum will be hosting these outstanding women on March 5th (postponed from February 5 due to inclement weather).

THE MINEOLA HISTORICAL MUSEUM IS HONORING

Black History Month



BY HOSTING A
SPECIAL
PRESENTATION BY
THE PLEASANT HILL
QUILT CLUB

THESE WOMEN PRESENT
A DYNAMIC PROGRAM
COMBINING THEIR TALENTS
WITH HISTORY OF THE
SECRET UNDERGROUND
RAILROAD QUILT CODES



MARCH 5TH - 10 AM

AT THE FIRST UNITED
METHODIST CHURCH
MINISTRIES CENTER -
612 N. NEWSOM

FREE ADMISSION

**CALL SHARON
CHAMBLEE FOR
MORE
INFORMATION
903-520-9795**

MINEOLA LEAGUE OF THE ARTS WILL ALSO BE HOSTING
NATIONAL SEW DAY AT THEIR LOCATION ON BLAIR
STREET. THEY WILL BE PRESENTING QUILTS TO SEVERAL
VETERANS THAT AFTERNOON. - 903-569-8877 FOR INFO.

Alzheimer's & Dementia Care Conference

Once diagnosed with Alzheimer's or dementia, patients and caregivers crave information, resources and a support system to help navigate challenges. The Pilot Club of Quitman is hosting an Alzheimer's and Dementia Care Conference Saturday, February 26 from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. at the First United Methodist Church, Joy Hall, in Quitman. This event is designed to provide knowledge and tactics to support those living with Alzheimer's and dementia. It is free and open to the public.

[The Quitman Pilot Club](#) is a nonprofit, all-volunteer organization with a mission of educating for the prevention of traumatic brain injury and offering services to those suffering from brain-related disorders such as Alzheimer's, Stroke and Autism.



ALZHEIMER'S & DEMENTIA CARE CONFERENCE



Saturday, Feb. 26, 2022
9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.
First United Methodist Church, Joy Hall
Quitman, TX

What is Dementia? Symptoms, testing & diagnosis.

Andrew Schmitt, PhD, Professor of Psychiatry & Behavioral Medicine,
Psychology Section Chief, Director of Neuropsychology UT Health East Texas.

Diagnosed with dementia. Now what do I do?

Kathy McCabe, Licensed Professional Counselor,
Alzheimer's Alliance of Smith County.

Communicating & caring for a loved one with dementia.

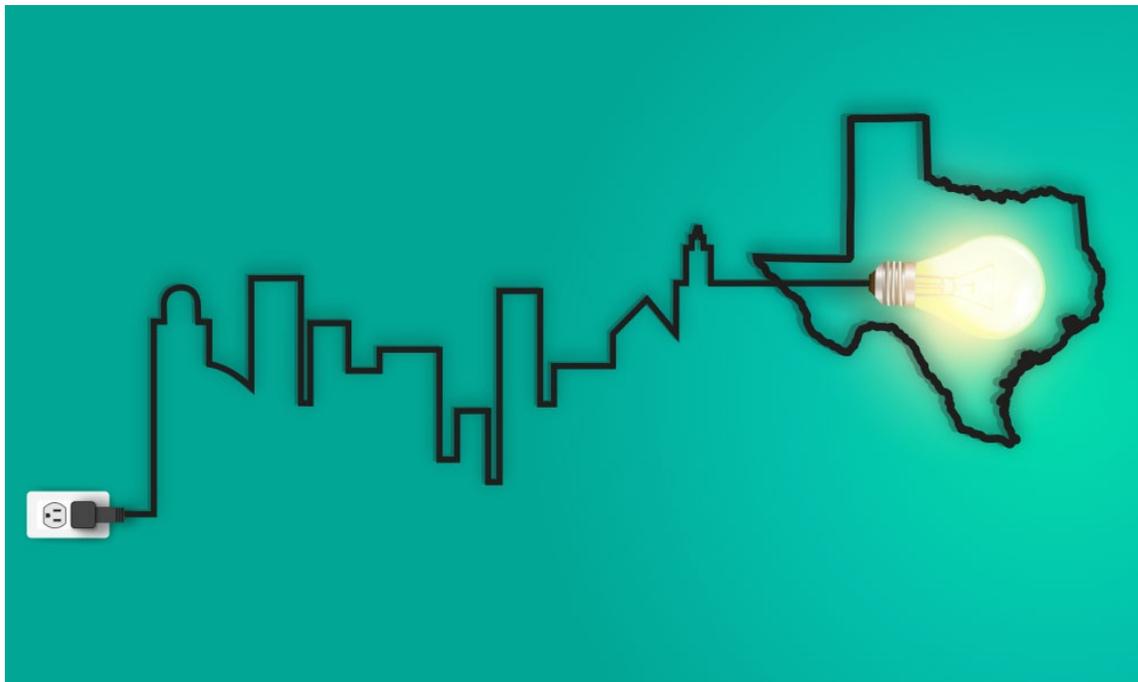
Catherine Hill, DNP.



- Free to the public
- Light refreshments served

Hosted by

*Pilot Club
of
Quitman*



Reporting Electrical Outages: Wood County Electric Co-Op

The Electric Reliability Council of Texas (ERCOT) manages the flow of electric power to more than 26 million Texas customers—representing about 90% of the state's electric load. As you may have read or seen in the news, the ERCOT market is expecting demand to exceed what was seen last year. But they expect more generation to remain online. Therefore, a repeat of the 2021 grid event is not expected.

According to Wood County Electric Cooperative (WCEC) grid supply and demand fluctuations are just part of the equation. With any significant weather event, there can be damage-related outages on both transmission and distribution systems. Ice buildup can cause trees/limbs to fall on lines, vehicles can hit power poles, and equipment failure can happen.

Find out more about reporting outages and how WCEC is ready and prepared to respond to outages on our system if any occur in [its latest news post here](#).



Texas Human Trafficking Prevention Training Law Takes Effect

A new law that took effect at the beginning of 2022 (HB 390) requires commercial lodging businesses in Wood County and all across the state of Texas to conduct annual human trafficking awareness training for their employees and post signage. Lodging businesses have until December 31, 2022, to train employees hired before 2022, but employees hired on or after January 1, 2022, will have to be trained within 90 days of being hired. For more information, visit the [Wood County Economic Development website](#).

In conjunction with the Texas Hotel and Lodging Association, the Texas Attorney General recently released its commercial lodging establishment human trafficking prevention training video [available here](#). This training is available for free to all Texas commercial lodging establishments to have employees complete in order to remain in compliance with the new law.

The new law also requires commercial businesses to post signage. Commercial establishments required to post signage include cosmetology facilities, hospitals, transportation hubs, massage facilities or schools, tattoo parlors and others. [Visit the Texas Attorney General's website](#) for a complete list of commercial establishments, where signage should be posted and to print signage.

“The time is always right to do what is right.”

Martin Luther King, Jr.

FREE PRODUCE ITEMS AVAILABLE

No eligibility requirements, paperwork or ID required.

Bud Moody Stadium

Morris Avenue - Quitman, TX 75783
(Enter from West Side Drive from Cliff Street)

Distributions: 3rd Wednesday of each month

10:00am to 12:00pm

while supplies last



Reminder: Fresh Food Distribution February 16 in Quitman

Thank you to the East Texas Food Bank for providing this great service to our community! Also special thanks to 99.9 KMOO radio for welcoming Judge Hebron and Tabitha Johnson, East Texas Food Bank's (ETFB) Mobile Pantry Specialist, to talk about ETFB's fresh produce distribution program. [Click to hear the full interview.](#)

Food distributions are available on the third Wednesday of each month from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. (while supplies last) at the Bud Moody Stadium in Quitman.

Those in need should enter on the west side from Cliff Street. There are no eligibility requirements, paperwork or ID requirements.

Volunteering Opportunity

Volunteers are needed to help with the ETFB food distributions. Any individuals, families, or groups wanting to help can visit www.easttexasfoodbank.org or go to <http://vhub.at/quitman> to sign up or get more information.

FEBRUARY IS



www.rotary.org

February is Peacebuilding and Conflict Prevention Month

According to Rotary International, more than 70 million people are displaced as a result of conflict, violence, persecution and human rights violations. Half of them are children. Local and International Rotary projects provide training that fosters understanding and provides communities with the skills to resolve conflicts.

Quitman Rotary's District Governor, Mike Groom, says that "Conflict resolution is not necessarily about the answers that you receive but the questions that you ask. Before resolution of any problem can be had, one has to fully understand the issues that are creating the conflict. The starting point in conflict resolution is to understand your antagonist's position and to clearly inform your antagonist of what your issues are."

He continues, "And it goes without saying the resolution that is reached has to be fair not only to you but the other party as well – otherwise, why would either party agree to the resolution? The process of resolution must be done rationally and without rancor to ensure the parties don't leave angry with one another, otherwise, it is likely they may well re-engage in conflict again."

Read his full newsletter and find out more about Quitman Rotary Club by visiting <https://www.rotary5830.org>.

Community Coming Together to Save 102-Year-Old Historic Select Theater

Mineola's Lake Country Playhouse Historic Select Theater held a fundraiser to save its 102-year-old tower. According to the theater's executive director, George Jones, the wood structure and framework has rotted, and the tower was in desperate need of repair or it would need to be torn down.

In true Wood County style, the community came through and The Save the Neon Tower fundraiser exceeded its



goal of \$68,000. Repairs on the tower will begin soon.

Many involved in the effort, grew up in the 50s and 60s and came to the theater as children. For them and many in the community the Historic Select Theater is not just a building, but a piece of who they are.

“It is the oldest continuously operating theater in Texas. It’s one of the last of its breed,” Jones said.

Read more and see [KLTv's coverage here](#).



Early Voting for Primary Elections Starts February 14

Early voting begins February 14 and ends February 25. Voting in the Primary Elections is critical in Wood County as the results often determine the winners of the overall election.

Visit [My Wood County](#) for information on which county, state and federal offices are up for election. Get to know the candidates and show up to make your vote count!

EARLY VOTING HOURS:

- February 14 -18 from 8 a.m. - 5 p.m.
- Saturday, February 19 from 9 a.m. - 4 p.m.
- Closed Monday, February 21 for President’s Day
- February 22 - 25 from 8 a.m. - 5 p.m.

LOCATION: Annex Building 200 W Bermuda Quitman, TX 75783

For more information on voting in Wood County see the [General Voter Information](#) and more on the county's website. [Click here](#) to check and see if you are registered to vote.

IMPORTANT DATES:

- Register to vote deadline was January 31, 2022

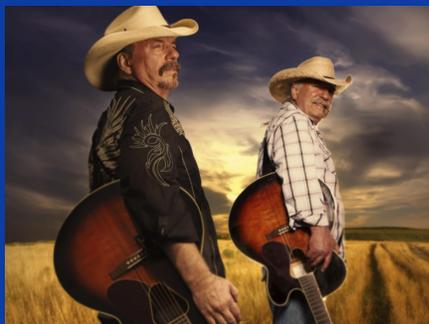
- Early voting - February 14 - 25, 2022
- Primary elections - March 1, 2022

AROUND THE COUNTY



Mineola Antique Fair features vintage, antiques, art, crafts, plants—a little bit of everything. They will be hosting multiple vendors from across the region March 11-12, 2022, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Visit their website for more information <https://www.mineolaantiquefair.com>.

Winnsboro Center for the Arts' 8th Annual High School Art Competition and Exhibit is happening now through April 18. WCA will also welcome to the Bowery Stage the play *Four Old Broads* by Leslie Kimbell. Find out more at <https://winnsborocenterforthearts.com>.



Plan Ahead:

The Sabine River Authority will be hosting the Bellamy Brothers Band on May 22, 2022, at 2 p.m. The concert will be held at 353 Private Road 5183, Quitman, TX 75783. To find out more visit the [Bellamy Brothers' website](https://www.bandsintown.com/e/103004095) or <https://www.bandsintown.com/e/103004095>.

Wood County Judge
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