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### Photo show opens at TNT

"Texas in View...A 19th century photo exhibit 2021," is open at Tales 'N' Trails Museum and will run through April 30.

Visitors can enjoy rare and early images from Texas and beyond. Learn about pioneers and photographers, their stories, and learn to date your family photographs. Items are from the Curt L. Robbins Collection.

Tales 'N' Trails Museum is located 1522 E. U.S. Highway 82 in Nocona. Call 825-5330 to verify hours.

## sportsnews

### St. Jo boys end season

The county's high school basketball playoff season came to an end Saturday as the Saint Jo boys fell to Graford, 54-38.

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### All district honors set

All District 3A girls basketball honors were announced this past week with several local players recognized.

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# Constable moves to JP1

By BARBARA GREEN  
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Stefanie Horton, precinct one constable since January 2013, was appointed Monday to fill the unexpired term of the late Judge David Allen.

The Montague County Commissioner's Court accepted the recommendation made by the personnel committee composed of County Attorney Clay Riddle, County Judge Kevin Benton, County Auditor Jennifer Essary and County Treasurer Jennifer Fenoglio. There were six applicants for the JP1 position.

Judge Allen, who served as JP since he was elected to his first term in 2010, died on Jan. 30

after a lengthy battle with the COVID-19 virus. Prior to the judge's death on Jan. 25, Tim Cole was named to temporarily fill in the judge's position. Cole indicated he was not interested in the position and recently moved to a new home outside the precinct.

Precinct one essentially encompasses the northern half of the county with the dividing line around Montague. Horton began her first term as constable in January, 2013. The 37-year-old is a native of Nocona and a 2000 graduate of Nocona High School. Married to Joe Horton Jr., the couple has one daughter Sara and a son, Jarrett.

It was a sweet moment Monday as Horton was congratulated after the court meeting by Linda Allen, wife of the late judge who greeted her with a big hug. The constable said she grew up across the street from the Allens and has known them all her life. As constable she served as a baliff for Judge Allen when needed.

"I am very excited, I think it is a natural progression for me. I have been studying and look forward to it," said Horton.

The new JP took the oath of office on Tuesday after her bond was approved.

See JUDGE 2A



News photo by Barbara Green

Stefanie Horton gets a big hug from Linda Allen, widow of the late Judge David Allen, after Horton was named to fill the unexpired term in Justice of the Peace One.



Courtesy photo

### TRAINING FIRE

City of Bowie Fire Department hosted a training fire at 205 E. Houston Saturday with firefighters from Sunset, Bowie Rural, Montague and Saint Jo taking part. Topics addressed included search and rescue, ventilation, fire attack and fire development. Bowie Chief Doug Page said it went fantastic and they thanked Mike McCullar for offering the house for the training event. About 35 people attended the training. Watch for more photos Saturday.

# Vaccine clinic slated March 12

Nocona General Hospital will conduct a COVID-19 vaccine clinic from 1-5 p.m. on March 12.

The clinic will be at the First Baptist Church of Nocona Family Life Center, 511 Cooke Street.

Call 940-825-2037 to schedule an appointment. Phones will be answered weekdays beginning March 8 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. If lines are not answered right away, allow time to ring or hang up and call back. There will not be a busy signal

or voice mail.

This clinic is open for county residents in Texas Phase 1B which is people age 65 and older or people age 16 and up with at least one chronic medical condition that puts them at risk for severe illness from the virus that causes COVID-19 such as cancer, Type 2 diabetes or COPD.

Visit noconageneral.com to download and complete a Moderna vaccine packet prior to your appointment if possible.

The number of COVID vaccine doses shipping to Texas providers continues to climb with 676,280 first doses allocated to the state by the federal government for March 1. However, once again Montague County is left out of the supply chain with no allocation.

Neighboring counties received allocations including Clay County Memorial with 200 doses, North Texas Medical Center at Gainesville, 1,000 doses and Wise

Health, 1,170 doses.

During the week of Feb. 22 NGH was allocated 100 doses. Vaccinations continue to run very slow for Montague County residents with only an 11.17 percent coverage rate for those age 16 and older (15,872 population in the category).

According to the DSHS vaccine website in Montague County 2,514 people have received at least one dose of the vaccine with 1,773 residents fully vaccinated. See VACCINE 6A

# Wise SO examines murder/suicide

The Feb. 25 death near Alvord of a couple with Bowie area ties is being investigated by the Wise County Sheriff's staff as a murder/suicide.

Officers from the sheriff's office responded for a possible death investigation at an RV at 202 County Road 1591 shortly after 6 a.m. on Feb. 25.


Sheriff Lane Akin reports Corey Cameron Brooks, 28, called his stepfather that morning and said he shot his girlfriend, Brittany Dawn Scruggs, 29.

A second report then came in stating the woman was fine. Both people have Bowie, Nocona and Sunset family ties, and they had reportedly been staying together in Alvord.

Officers found Brooks barricaded himself inside the RV. Akin said deputies were able to talk with Brooks, who refused to exit the RV.

The officers said they then heard one gunshot. When they made entry into the RV officers found two deceased subjects who died from apparent gunshot wounds. They were later identified as Brooks and Scruggs.



Akin said Monday this is an ongoing investigation and autopsies were expected to be ordered. The Texas Rangers also are assisting with the investigation.



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# Brazos files Chapter 11

By BARBARA GREEN  
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The fallout from the recent winter storm has extended much further than busted water lines and local power outages as the state's oldest electrical cooperative announced it filed for bankruptcy on Monday.

## Bankruptcy

Brazos Electric Power Cooperative announced Monday it filed a voluntary petition for Chapter 11 bankruptcy relief. The generation and transmission power cooperative serves 16 distribution member cooperatives that serve more than 1.5 million Texans.

Brazos member-owners cooperatives in this area include Wise Electric, J-A-C Electric and PenTex.

The City of Bowie electric utility is connected to Brazos through its transmission lines which wheel power into the city substation from Bryan Texas Utilities, Bowie's bulk power provider. Bowie has paid to use these lines since the city built its own power substation more than 25 years ago.

Bowie is the sole provider of electricity within its certified area which basically includes all of the city limits and a few outlying areas. The state is divided into certified areas and sometimes there are multiple providers in that certified areas.

When deregulation went into effect many years ago in Texas, Bowie opted out of deregulation retaining its sole provider status.

Much of the area adjacent to the city limits is the certified area served by Wise Electric Cooperative. For example, Wise is the provider for Walmart just at the edge of the city. When its power went down with the rolling blackouts the firm lost much of its merchandise when it had to do without refrigeration.

Bowie City Manager Bert Cunningham said at this point the city has not been informed of any additional costs from BTU connected with the statewide storm and Electric Reliability Council of Texas bills. Luckily, city customers were able to maintain power throughout the storm.

"We won't know for a few weeks if there will be some sort of bill stemming from ERCOT. It would not be a pass-through for customers. We will just have to see. If a monstrous bill came we would have to figure out a way to pay it," said Cunningham.

**Power grid**  
 Brazos is one of dozens of electricity providers facing huge ERCOT blackout-related charges. ERCOT reported last Friday \$2.1 billion in initial bills went unpaid, amplifying the financial stress on these utilities and marketers.

During the storm that began Valentine's weekend much of the Texas power grid collapsed leaving tens of millions of people without power and impacted other utilities such as water treatment systems.

Gas-fueled power plants went offline, wells froze, a nuclear power plant shut down and iced-over wind turbines all contributed to the state's severe electricity shortage and wholesale prices spiked.

Business analysts have said ERCOT triggered the squeeze when it pushed up spot-market rates to \$9,000 per mwh across more than four days and levied huge fees for services. Industry executives said the service fees were 500 times the usual rate according to Foxbusiness.com.

In a press release company officials said this financial restructuring was initiated to maintain the stability and integrity of its entire electric cooperative system.

Before the sub-arctic storm Feb. 13-19, Brazos Electric was a "financially robust, stable company with a clear vision for its future and a strong A to A+ credit rating." The company, founded in 1941, has more than 2,682 miles of electrical transmission lines and 385 substations, making it the state's sixth-largest transmission provider.

All of its power plants are fueled by natural gas, and it also buys power from a coal-fired plant, a solar-powered facility and a hydroelectric plant.

"As a result of the cata-

strophic failures due to the storm, Brazos Electric was presented with excessively high invoices from the Electricity Reliability Council of Texas for collateral and for purported cost of electric services, payment of which was required within days. As a cooperative whose costs are passed through to its members, and which are ultimately borne by Texas retail consumers served by its member cooperatives, Brazos Electric determined it cannot and will not foist this catastrophic financial event on its members and those consumers," stated Clifton Karnei, executive vice president and general manager of Brazos in the statement.

Power companies that went down during the storm were required to pay for replacement power sources at a price Brazos describes as "excessively high." The company reports it was given a bill for more than \$2.1 billion for seven days of what it called a "black swan winter event."

Brazos refused to pay proclaiming the winter storm legally eliminated its requirement to pay that amount. Energy analysts said Brazos bankruptcy filing may not be the last.

Texas Attorney General Ken Paxton said on Monday he is suing electricity provider Griddy for passing along massive bills to its customers during the winter storm. The lawsuit alleges Griddy violated the Texas Deceptive Trade Practices and seeks refunds for customers.

According to the suit Griddy charges \$10 a month to give people a method to pay wholesale prices instead of a fixed rate. However, when wholesale prices spike Griddy customers are left with massive electric bills.

In addition a class action lawsuit has been

filed by a Texas resident who was shocked to receive a \$9,300 bill.

ERCOT shifted about 10,000 Griddy customers to other utilities on Friday. Last week, the City of Denton sued ERCOT for more than \$207 million in electricity bills it received during the blackouts.

ERCOT manages the flow of electric power to more than 26 million Texas customers – representing about 90 percent of the state's electric load. It schedules power on an electric grid that connects more than 46,500 miles of transmission lines and 680-plus generation units.

It also performs financial settlement for the competitive wholesale bulk power market and administers retail switching for eight million premises in competitive choice area. ERCOT is a membership-based 501(c) (4) nonprofit corporation, governed by a board of directors and subject to oversight by the PUC and the Texas Legislature.

In other storm-related activities, DeAnn Walker, gave up her leadership of the PUC Monday just a few hours after Lt. Governor Dan Patrick said she and the head of the Electric Reliability Council should both resign because they were unprepared to handle the winter storm crisis.

Walker said in her resignation letter the responsibility of the grid failure falls on many shoulders. She specifically mentioned natural gas companies, the Texas Railroad Commission, ERCOT, electricity providers and the Texas Legislature as bearing some of the responsibility for the power failure.

Last week, five members of the ERCOT board of directors resigned under fire as Gov. Greg Abbott called for a shake-up in the organization.



Photo by Tracy Mesler. Nocona News  
 (Left) New Justice of the Peace One Stefanie Horton took the oath of office from Montague County Judge Kevin Benton on Tuesday morning to begin her new duties.

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## Judge

Looking back on when she first decided to run for constable, Horton recalled she "grew up" around law enforcement. Her grandfather, Kelly McNabb, carries a master peace officer's license and has served as county emergency management coordinator for many years. Her grandmother, Barbara Ann, also served as municipal judge in Nocona.

The constable position requires a peace officer's license, so Horton attended Vernon College in Wichita Falls juggling work at the McNabb Feed Store, classroom studies and family. She really enjoyed the investigation-end of the studies. Horton believes her college studies, continuing education and experience have helped prepare her for this new job.

### Other topics

There were two other agenda items approved Monday. Two late bills were accepted.

The Feb. 23 Texas House District special runoff election also was canvassed. David Spiller received 600 votes and Craig Carter, 379. Spiller went on to take the 22-county district and will take the oath of office once all votes are canvassed.

## Time to restock; spring book sale runs March 4-7

The Friends of the Bowie Public Library will conduct the Spring Book Sale March 4-7 at the Bowie Community Center located at 413 Pelham Street.

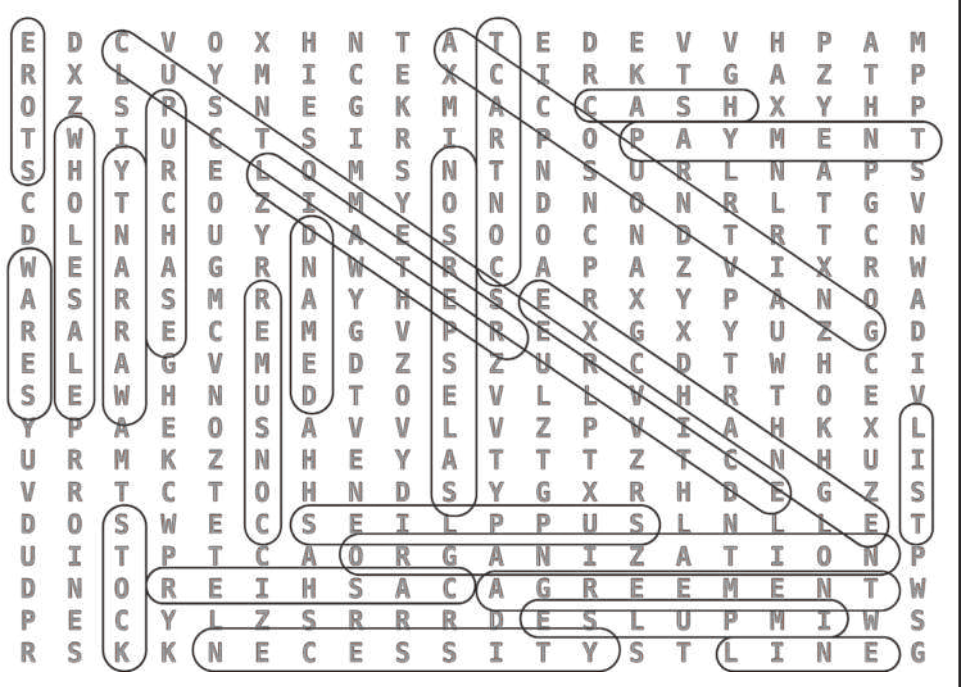
Proceeds from the sale go to Friend's projects that support and enhance the library.

The sale was cancelled

this past year, so it is time to restock those book shelves with any variety of fiction, non-fictions, reference or children's books at a great price.

Sales days will be: noon to 5 p.m. on March 4; 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. on March 5; 6 a.m. to 5 p.m. on March 6 and 6 a.m. to 3 p.m. on March 7.

### Answer to last week's word search



## FROZEN FOODS WORD SEARCH



Find the words hidden vertically, horizontally, diagonally, and backwards.

### WORDS

- BURGERS
- CAKES
- DESSERT
- FISH
- FRENCH FRIES
- GARLIC BREAD
- HASH BROWNS
- ICE CREAM
- LEFTOVERS
- MEALS
- NUGGETS
- PANCAKES
- PASTA
- PIZZA
- POT PIE
- POTSTICKERS
- POULTRY
- SANDWICHES
- TOASTER CAKES
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## MONTAGUE ISD

### Montague ISD 5th Grade Science Class



Montague fifth grade science wore their "Plants are producers" hats last week.

### Montague ISD Outdoor Education Class



The Montague ISD outdoor education class learned how to build tents.

## NOCONA ISD

### Nocona High School Deanna Messer's Class



Nocona students built robots in Deanna Messer's class over the past few weeks. Pictured are: Hayden Mathews with his letter-totter, Jack Contreras with a stair climber, Subham Dhital with the "Terminator" and Olivia Six with her elephant.

## SAINT JO ISD

### Saint Jo Elementary Dale Melton's 3K Class



The Saint Jo Elementary 3K class received a sponsorship for the Virtual Adoption Program at Easy Street Animal Shelter in Saint Jo. Through this program, the money for the virtual adoption is used to help care for the animals at Easy Street. Included in our adoption box was an adoption certificate, a picture of the virtual pet whose name is Bella. In the box was also a stuffed animal that represents an actual shelter dog. Chops is the stuffed animal the students received. The kids were excited to take care of Chops. This program also consists of visits with one of the shelter dogs.

### Saint Jo Elementary Tina Womack's 6th Grade



Tina Womack's sixth grade class was presented with a certificate from Easy Street Animal Shelter. A dog named Rusty was virtually adopted for the class. Along with the certificate, they received a "shelter pet" named Sargeant Tosca. This "shelter pet" is a stuffed animal made in honor of an actual shelter dog. Sargeant Tosca was a military dog that was brought to a shelter after the handler could not be found. The sixth grade class was excited to learn about their "adopted" dog along with the "shelter pet." They look forward to being able to have a visit from a shelter dog from Easy Street.

### Saint Jo Elementary Jennifer Gaston's 6th Grade Math Class



Students in Jennifer Gaston's sixth grade math class are challenged each six weeks with working in Moby Max Math. The students who earn the top three positions in points earn ice cream. This time, Landen Williams and Addi Thomas tied for first place, Blake Porcaro earned second place and Tatum Morman earned third place.

## FORESTBURG ISD

### Forestburg ISD Shelle Balthrop's 6th Grade Class



Shelle Balthrop made a deal with her sixth grade reading and language arts class. If they showed significant growth on their spring interim test scores compared to fall scores they could cut her hair.

## Bowie Police Dept. report

The following incident and arrest reports were investigated by the Bowie Police Department between Feb. 22 and March 1.

### Incident log

Feb. 22, Katelynn Allison, 406 Hutchinson, filed a fraud complaint stating an unknown person tried to file as unemployed using her identity.

Feb. 23, Bobby Riggs, 718 Elba, filed a theft complaint \$100-\$750 stating tools were stolen.

Feb. 23, police investigated a pair of complaints one for a civil issue and one for a class C assault at 321 E. Wilbarger.

Tawana Cothran filed a complaint stating a juvenile had taken the ashes of her deceased father, while the juvenile, age 16, made a report she was pushed by an adult.

Feb. 24, Tyler Merrell reported the theft of three guns from his storage building at 916 U.S. Highway 81N.

Feb. 24, police responded to an incident involving a child stuck in a fireplace chimney. The 10-year-old boy was rescued by the fire department.

Feb. 24, police responded to an assault family violence complaint at 603 Raymond. Michael

Marshall and Reashai Marshall both filed complaint stating the other assaulted them.

Feb. 25, officials at Allsup's #2, 609 State Highway 59N, reported a found wallet.

Feb. 27, Bobbie Kay Barnett reporting for Ashley Douglas Properties, 200 Cowan, filed a criminal mischief complaint stating someone drove through the fence at the property.

### Jail log

Feb. 23, Melanie Mills Brown, 50, 902 E. Clay, jailed on an Austin pardon and parole warrant.

Feb. 23, Taylor Ray Croxton, 34, 704 E. Pe-

can, jailed on two capias warrants for failure to appear and one for failure to maintain financial responsibility.

Feb. 24, Don Lee Whitfield, 19, 819 Keys Landing, jailed on two city ordinance violations- in the park after hours and using the wrong restroom.

Feb. 24, Weldom William Whitfield, 40, 708 W. Wise, jailed on an instanter warrant for possession of drug paraphernalia.

Feb. 25, Christopher Daniel Brock, 44, Ponder, jailed on a complaint of possession of marijuana under two ounces.

### Marriages

Bryan Kelly Stradley and Patricia Diann Long

### Warranty deeds

Billy and Cynthia Russell to Dianna Anderson - 0.714 acre Pt Blk 9 Hill CSL Survey.

Charity and Jerry Sutton to Tim and Arlene Bishop - Lot 2 Blk 1 Hall Addition.

Kevin Jones to Chad and Donna Stamper - Lot 9-11 Garlington Addition.

Highlander Community Service, Tornillo Properties LLC and Underwood TX to B-All Seasons TX LLC - 82.69 acres John Tyler Survey A-1658.

David and Melissa Patterson to Lone Star Backhoe - 0.55 acre Daniel Farris Survey A-262.

Nocona Hills Land to George Dean - Lot 2359 and Lot 2591 Nocona Hills Addition.

Lynette Lackey to Wideman Investments LLC - Lot 10 Blk 6 Unit 3 Frontier Shores Lake Estates.

Dan and Kim Wilson to John Schedeik - Lot 291 Silver Lakes Ranch Phase Three.

Independence Title and Laura James to Frank Cesar and Karen Kearby to Michael Kearby - Re: Inst 2004591.

Mary and Michael Murray to Dynamic Duo - Pt Lot 11 and 13 and all lot 14 Blk 3 Ingrams First and Second Addition.

Mary and Michael Murray to Dynamic Duo - Lot 2 Blk 3 Ingrams Addition.

Mary and Michael Murray to Dynamic Duo - Pt Lot 11 Blk 3 Ingrams Addition.

Manuel Segura to Dynamic Duo - Pt Blk 16 Hill CSL Survey A-319.

Mary and Michael Murray to Dynamic Duo - Pt Lot 5 and 6 Blk 2 Ingram Addition.

Darwin, Deloris and Dian Webb to Mallory and Dale Alderete - 5.586 acres Pt Blk 63 Hill CSL Survey A-319.

Hills Community Development to Howard and Linda Perkins - Lot 1364-1366 Nocona Hills Subdivision.

Tina and Stephen Gilland to Haley and Aaron Chokas - Re: Inst 2002552.

Mary and Michael Murray to Dynamic Duo - Lot 12 and Pt Lot 13 Blk 3 Ingrams Addition.

77Legacy LLC to Brian Dunn - Lot 8 Cove at Lake Nocona.

King Family Trust and Paul and Teresa King to Jeremy and Lindsay Gifford - Lot 551 Silver Lakes Ranch Phase Seven.

Christopher and Madison Neely to Nathan and Morgan Cannon - 0.398 acre Pt A Kitchen Survey A-409.

Janice Collvins and Jack Garrett to Barbara Wingham - Lot 2 Weatherford's Re-Subdivision.

Bret and Jennifer York to Jorge and Elida Puente - Lot 13 and 19 Sewell and Uselton Subdivision and 1.61 acre Pt J D Jennings Survey A-389 and One acre Pt J D Jennings Survey A-389.

## Sheriff's weekly jail report

The staff of the Montague County Sheriff's office investigated a total of 127 calls between Feb. 22 and Feb. 28. Those calls included eight stray livestock, five disturbances or assaults, six agency assists and other calls.

### Jail log

Feb. 22, Kevin Lynn Foster, 40, Bowie, jailed on a complaint of driving with license invalid with previous convicted suspension without fine resolved, \$2,000 bond.

Feb. 22, Stephanie

Louise Alexander Edwards, 48, Nocona, jailed on a complaint of sex offenders duty to register life/90 day, \$7,000 bond.

Feb. 23, Grady Ashton Collins, 36, Nocona, jailed on a complaint of possession of marijuana less than two ounces, \$700 bond.

Feb. 24, Melanie Nicole Mills Brown, 49, Bowie, jailed on a complaint of parole violation-blue warrant. Bond not stated.

Feb. 25, Christopher

Daniel Brock, 44, Ponder, jailed on a complaint of possession of marijuana less than two ounces, \$700 bond.

Feb. 25, Eric John Lucas, 52, Brighton, jailed on a complaint of possession of marijuana, \$600 bond.

Feb. 27, Roger Kyle Hamilton, 45, Bowie, jailed on complaints of manufacture delivery of controlled substance four-200 grams and prohibited substance/item in correctional facility,

\$45,000 bond.

Feb. 27, Keith Gregory Lambert, 35, Bowie, jailed on complaints of theft of property \$100-\$750, possession of controlled substance less than one gram and carrying weapon without license, \$6,700 bond.

Feb. 28, Sergio Blayne Gomez, 18, Nocona, jailed on complaints of possession of marijuana less than two ounces (two) and possession of drug paraphernalia. Bond not stated.

## DPS adds Thompson to most wanted

The Texas Department of Public Safety has added Marques Jajuan Thompson, 20, to the Texas 10 Most Wanted Fugitive List. A cash reward of up to \$5,000 is being offered for information leading to the arrest and capture of Thompson. He is wanted for murder, aggravated assault with a deadly weapon, possession of a firearm, battery, stalking/intimidation and a probation violation. All tips are guaranteed to be anonymous.

Thompson has been wanted since August 2020, when he violated his probation and absconded from his last known address in Texarkana, Texas. Since then, Thompson is suspected of being involved in multiple shootings, including a fatal one that occurred on Jan. 12 in Texarkana. In addition to Texarkana, Thompson also has ties to the Dallas Metroplex area.

Thompson is 5 feet 10

inches tall and weighs approximately 150 pounds. For more information or updates in the event of his arrest, view his wanted bulletin.

Texas Crime Stoppers, which is funded by the Governor's Criminal Justice Division, offers cash rewards to anyone who provides information that leads to the arrest of one of Texas' 10 Most Wanted Fugitives or Sex offenders. In 2020, Texas Crime Stoppers paid \$20,000 in rewards for anonymous tips resulting in arrests.

To be eligible for the cash rewards, tipsters MUST provide informa-

tion to authorities using one of the following three methods:

- Call the Crime Stoppers hotline at 1-800-252-TIPS (8477)

- Submit a web tip on the DPS website by selecting the fugitive you have information about, then clicking on the link under their photo.

- Submit a Facebook tip by clicking the "SUBMIT A TIP" link (under the "About" section).

All tips are anonymous, regardless of how they are submitted, and tipsters will be provided a tip number instead of using a name. Do not

attempt to apprehend these fugitives; they are considered armed and dangerous.



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## Fairy "Ladell" Taylor Jordan

September 30, 1923 - February 27, 2021

BOWIE - Fairy "Ladell" Taylor Jordan, 97, Bowie, TX, passed away in her home on Feb. 27, 2021.

A graveside service will take place at 2 p.m. on March 4, at Newport Cemetery in Newport with Ronnie Jordan officiating. The family will receive friends from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. on March 3 at the White Family Funeral Home in Bowie.



Ladell was born Sept. 30, 1923 in Halsell to Miles "Jess" Taylor and Nannie Mae Arnold Taylor. On June 25, 1940 she married the love of her life Jacob Lavelle Jordan in Fredrick, OK and they were together for 79 years. After settling in Bowie, she raised three children: Glenda V, J.B. and Nancy JaDell. Ladell was a Sunday School teacher and member of the Southside Baptist Church and Central Baptist Church. Ladell enjoyed sewing and making ceramics, which she had a talent for painting, as well as canvas.

When Ladell's grandchildren arrived, her name changed to Memaw. As her family grew, all enjoyed going to Memaw and Pepaw's, where love was the number one priority and she was the caretaker of anyone at her home.

She is preceded in death by her parents; husband, Jake; sisters, Ivy Bell Coker and Drucilla "Drudy" Burros and brothers, J. Zenn Taylor and Paul Ray Taylor.

Ladell "Memaw" is survived by her daughter, Glenda Phillips and husband, John, Cave Springs, AR; son, J.B. Jordan and wife, JoAnne, Bowie; daughter, JaDell Jordan, Bowie; brother-in-law, Max Jordan, Pasadena; 11 grandchildren, Brent Smith, Jeff Smith, Scott Jordan, Billy Foreman, Kile Foreman, Angela Smith, Gary Jordan, Heather Boos, Julie Beth Qualls, Jeff Jordan and Jackie Jordan; 20 great-grandchildren and 10 great-great-grandchildren.

Arrangements entrusted to the White Family Funeral Home of Bowie.

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## Bob Booth

February 4, 1929 - February 23, 2021

BOWIE - Bob Booth, 92, died on Feb. 23, 2021 in Bowie, TX.

There was a memorial service at 11 a.m. on Feb. 27 at Jerry Woods Funeral Home Chapel with Pastor Joe Caballero officiating. A private family interment will follow at a later date.

He was born on Feb. 4, 1929 in Nocona to Ira and Hazel Greer Booth. He made a living as a bootmaker and later he worked in machine repair. He was a proud veteran of the U.S. Army. Booth also was a member of Jean's Men's Bible Class in Nocona and the Montague County Cowboy Church in Montague.

He is preceded in death by his parents, and the love of his life, Louise Booth.

He is survived by his sons, Toby Booth, Nocona, and Andy Booth, Everman; sister, Nell Long, Houston; three grandchildren and 11 great-grandchildren.

Memorial donations may be made to Jean's Men's Bible Class or Montague County Cowboy Church.

## Brittany Dawn Scruggs

August 20, 1991 - February 25, 2021

SUNSET - Brittany Dawn Scruggs, 29, Sunset, TX died Feb. 25, 2021 in Alford, TX.

A graveside service will take place at noon on March 3 at the Sunset Cemetery in Sunset with David Hall officiating.

She was born Aug. 20, 1991 in North Richland Hills to Billy and Mary Lee (Cable) Alexander. She attended school in Chico. She loved working in the hospitality industry and worked at IHOP in Decatur.

She is survived by her husband, Tyson Lee Scruggs; daughters, Maci and Makenzi; parents, Mary Lee Alexander, Sunset and Billy Alexander, Bowie; brothers, Matt Alexander, Keller and Christopher Cody Alexander, Sunset and numerous nieces, nephews, uncles and aunts.

Arrangements entrusted to the White Family Funeral Home of Bowie.

## Sharon Gail Seigler

January 4, 1953 - February 26, 2021

BOWIE - Sharon Gail Seigler, 68, Bowie, went home to be with the Lord on Feb. 26, 2021 in Nocona, TX.

A graveside service took place at noon on March 2 at Joy Cemetery in Clay County with David Hall officiating. The family received friends from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. on March 1 at the White Family Funeral Home in Bowie.

Sharon was born Jan. 4, 1953 in Montague County to Alfred and Hazella (Brown) Dick. She graduated from Bowie High School in 1971 and went on to attend LVN School in Wichita Falls, and earned her degree in 1973. On July 20, 1972, Sharon married Danny Seigler in Bowie. She was employed with Dr. Aujla, for 26 years. In her leisure time, she enjoyed painting, playing tennis and golf and spending time with her family. Sharon was a past president of the Texas Women's Amateur Golf Association.

She is preceded in death by her parents and brothers James Dick and Alfred Dick Jr.

Sharon is survived by her husband, Danny Seigler; son, Jeff Seigler and wife, Randi; daughter, Julie Betts; sisters, Karen Newsom, Bowie and Gracie Trapalino, West Virginia; four grandchildren; two great-grandchildren and numerous nieces and nephews.

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## Corey Cameron Brooks

September 16, 1992 - February 28, 2021

ALVORD - Corey Cameron Brooks, 28, Alvord, TX, passed away Feb. 25, 2021.

A funeral service will take place at 2 p.m. on March 5 at the White Family Funeral Home in Bowie Jason Reaves officiating.

Corey was born Sept. 16, 1992 in Nocona to Monte and Christine (Dean) Brooks. He worked in the oilfield as a pipeline. Corey loved to ride dirt bikes, motorcycles, really anything that he could drive fast and he enjoyed bull riding. He was a friend to all who knew him and loved making people happy any chance he could. Corey will be remembered as a loving father and devoted friend.

He is preceded in death by his grandparents, Bill and Connie Barnes; biological father, Timothy Allen, and aunt Catherine Chadwell.

Corey is survived by his son, Cameron Cole Brooks, Illinois; uncle, Benny Brooks, Bowie; aunt, Linda Brooks-Hart, Fort Worth; dear friends, Rusti and Dale Sikes, Illinois; parents, Monte Brooks, Alvord and Christine Brooks, Bowie; siblings, Sharle Brooks, Fort Worth, Lacey Barker, Bowie, Cody Barker, Bowie, Brittney Barker, Bowie and T.J. Allen and family of Joshua and numerous nieces and nephews.

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# Slam the Scam this March 4

The Inspector General for the Social Security Administration, Gail S. Ennis, is designating March 4 as the second annual National "Slam the Scam" Day, to raise public awareness of government imposter telephone scams, which continue to be widespread across the United States. This is part of National Consumer Protection Week, Feb. 28 - March 6.

Last year, we received over 718,000 reports of Social Security-related telephone scams—with a total of \$44.8 million reported lost.

Victims who lost money reported an average loss of \$5,800. On National "Slam the Scam" Day, we will work to spread the word far and wide about these insidious scams, and encourage people to warn their friends and family to just hang up.

On the first National "Slam the Scam" Day, we partnered with SSA, other Federal agencies, Members of Congress, and nonprofit and retail organizations to help promote scam awareness on this day and throughout the year.

This year, we will expand our efforts, partnering with more agencies and organizations, and seeking opportunities to work with local and national media outlets to amplify our message.

On March 3 Inspector General Ennis and Andrew Saul, Commissioner of Social Security, will hold a press call to discuss scam awareness and answer questions. On March 4 USA.gov will

host a "Slam the Scam" Twitter chat about all types of consumer scams, and SSA will host a Facebook Live event to share what we are doing to combat Social Security-related phone scams, and what the public can do. As we plan these events, we will share more details.

Inspector General Ennis urges Americans to be very cautious of calls from a government agency telling you about a problem you don't recognize. Real government officials will never:

- Threaten arrest or legal action against you unless you immediately send money.
- Promise to increase your benefits or resolve identity theft if you pay a fee or move your money into a protected account.
- Require payment with retail gift card, wire transfer, internet currency, or by mailing cash.
- Text or email you messages containing your personal information.

If you ever owe money to Social Security, the agency will mail you a letter with payment options and appeal rights. Social Security does not suspend Social Security numbers or demand secrecy from you in resolving a problem—ever.

Visit [oig.ssa.gov/scam](http://oig.ssa.gov/scam) for more information about National "Slam the Scam" Day and Social Security-related phone scams. This March 4 help "slam the scam."

Members of the press may make inquiries to Social Security OIG at [oig.dcom@ssa.gov](mailto:oig.dcom@ssa.gov) or (410) 965-2671.

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From John McCord and Family  
Dwayne and Diana Hamilton and Family

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# Vaccine

vaccinated for COVID. Here is the age breakdown for those vaccinated in Montague County: Age 16-49, 348; 50-64, 545; 65-79, 1,227 and 80-plus, 394.

"I know that Nocona General Hospital continues to request vaccines from the State, but have yet to be informed of when we will get any more," said Dr. Chance Dingler, Montague County health authority and local physician.

"This is all very frustrating for everyone. We have the ability to vaccinate a lot of Montague County residents - we have several retired nurses that have volunteered their time and expertise as well as many community volunteers that have worked the shot clinics that NGH has already put on so the local infrastructure is in place. We just need the vaccines from the State," he explained.

In Texas 7,109,875 doses were allocated with 6,914,705 shipped. There are 3,493,411 have at least one dose of the vaccine, 1,803,840 are fully vaccinated and 5,297,251 doses have been administered.

Supply should expanded as the Federal Food and Drug administration granted an emergency use authorization for Johnson & Johnson's vaccine. Early indications are that Texas could receive an initial supply of more than 200,000 doses. DSHS has not yet received final word on a shipping timeline. This is a one-shot vaccine where patient trials indicated

**Montague County COVID-19 cases**  
 1,696 confirmed cases  
 302 probable cases  
 63 fatalities  
 16 active cases  
 1,962 recovered  
 12,513 total tested  
 \*As of Feb. 28.

a 66% efficacy overall in stopping the disease, and 100 percent preventing hospitalizations and deaths.

The Texas Department of State Health Services has instructed the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention to ship those doses to 522 providers in 199 counties. The total includes 84,240 doses for federally-supported sites in Houston and North Texas and another 52,650 unused doses returned to Texas by the Federal Pharmacy Partnership for Long-Term Care.

Texas providers swiftly resumed vaccination following last week's winter storms and have now administered more than five million doses. More than 3.3 million people have received at least one dose, and almost 1.7 million are fully vaccinated. Progress continues in vaccinating adults 65 years old and older with more than 40 percent having received at least one dose and nearly one in five fully vaccinated.

In addition to the first doses mentioned above, the state is ordering 429,600 doses as the second dose for people first vaccinated a few weeks ago.

Find more at: dshs.texas.gov/covidvaccine.



Photo by Cindy Roller

Bowie Alliance for Education and the Arts Date Night Trivia winners were (not listed in order): Team StalwartHearts of Laura and Ryan Evans, Jennifer and Ronnie DeMoss, and Faith and Newt Williams. Look for more future trivia night fundraisers coming soon.

## BAEA trivia night a big hit

By CINDY ROLLER, Bowie Comm. Dev.

Bowie Alliance for Education and the Arts hosted another successful evening of trivia on Feb. 13 at the Chapman Building Event Center, just before the snow-pocalypse hit.

Several teams filled the downstairs of the Wise Street location warming the evening with delightful Valentine's themed knowledge.

Founded in 1998, the Bowie Alliance for Education and the Arts is a non-profit organization whose purpose is to enhance the quality of life in Bowie and the surrounding area by fostering the visual, cultural and performing arts in our community and schools. The new

fundraiser helps support the local youth arts by providing scholarships for lessons in music, art, dance and other mediums. Many of these are on display at the annual Chicken and Bread Days Heritage Festival and students are featured in performances throughout the year.

This is the second trivia event. The winners for the February evening included these teams: StalwartHearts first place, V-day Massacre second place and Dead Ducks third place. Admission was \$10 per person with free refreshments.

Special awards were given to the most experienced participant, Jon McCord. The grand prize winners were given by

StalwartHearts team, headed by Ryan and Laura Evans. The Know Nothings team won best team name. It included Mayor Gaylynn Burris, Mark Burris, finance director Carrie Moore and community development director, Cindy Roller. They received engraved commemorative glasses.

The Alliance plans to make this a regular fundraiser.

Those currently serving as volunteers on the alliance board are: Brittany Williams, president; Deanne Vines, vice president; Beth Hiatt, treasurer; Michelle Meier, secretary; other members and committee leaders are Chad and April Word, Melanie Potter, Cindy Roller, Jarae Scruggs,

Ashley Keys, Laura Evans, Stephanie Post, Tammy Byork, Jeremy and Desiree Drattlo, Linda Fitzner and German and Shawna Torres.

Upcoming alliance activities are auditions for "The Little Mermaid" camp performance open to kindergarten to eighth grade age at 6 p.m. on May 26 at Freedom Life Church, 204 Theater Road in Bowie. The Alliance will host a Murder Mystery whodunit dinner party on April 16 and April 17.

Tickets will be available soon for the "Little party that never killed nobody" at the Freedom Life Church in Bowie.

For education on the local arts, follow Bowie Alliance on Facebook.

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## Cowboy True opens soon

Cowboy Art and Culture members are celebrating its 10th anniversary. The 10th Annual Cowboy True Art Exhibit and Auction will be March 19 and March 20.

This year, the club will be moving the exhibit, entertainment and program back to the JS Bridwell Ag Center to allow for more space for all artists and attendees. This will be both a live and digital exhibition and event.

Here are some upcoming events:

- March 19 - Free and open to the public
- Art Exhibit opening with awards presentation
- Artist booths of cowboy art and handcrafted gear – featuring local, regional and national artists
- Silent auction March 20 - Free and open to the public
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- Contest exhibits - Youth artwork and poetry and all ages photography
- Chuckwagon display

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For more information visit cowboytrue@artscouncilwf.org, 940-766-3347, development@artscouncilwf.org, (940) 767-2787 or artscouncilwf.org, facebook.com/cowboytruewichtafalls.



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### NOCONA BAND

The Nocona High School Band competed at the Region 7 University Interscholastic League concert and sight-reading evaluation on Feb. 24 in Seymour. The band performed the "Captain Dane March" by William Owens, "Tanzozuru" by Randall Standridge and "Fortis" by Gary Gazlay. The band received straight ones in both the concert and sight-reading portions of the evaluation. The band will now begin preparing for their spring concert, which will be at the on April 29 at the Nocona High School football stadium. The band is under direction of Erin Hanson.

## Sr. center plans its spring menu

The Bowie Senior Citizen's Center staff announces its March Meals on Wheels menu.

- **March 3:** Salisbury steak, brown gravy, mashed potatoes, broccoli florets, roll and cookie
- **March 4:** Pork loin, red roasted potatoes, seasoned greens, wheat roll and vanilla pudding
- **March 5:** Beef vegetable stew, fried okra, corn bread and banana cake
- **March 8:** Hamburger steak, onion, mashed potato, spinach rockefeller, roll and ambrosia
- **March 9:** Herb baked chicken, rice pilaf, mixed veggies, biscuit and banana pudding with vanilla wafer
- **March 10:** Meatloaf, roasted potatoes, seasoned green beans, wheat roll and applesauce
- **March 11:** Chicken and dumplin, broccoli, bean salad, biscuit and apricots
- **March 12:** Fish sandwich, french fries, tartar sauce, hush puppies and

carrot cake

- **March 15:** Chicken fricassee, baby carrots, okra and tomatoes, whole wheat bread and oatmeal cookie
- **March 16:** Ham, sweet potato, seasoned green beans and peachy bread pudding
- **March 17:** Pineapple chicken, rice pilaf, green peas, yellow squash with red pepper and cake
- **March 18:** Smothered pork chop, cubed potatoes, mixed vegetables, wheat bread and banana
- **March 19:** Fish, tartar sauce, au gratin potatoes, zucchini and

tomatoes, roll and tropical fruit cup

- **March 22:** Beef steak fingers, cream gravy, black-eyed peas, mixed greens, wheat bread and oranges
- **March 23:** Chicken fried rice, oriental vegetables, egg roll and lemon cake
- **March 24:** Beef tips with mushroom, macaroni, carrots, wheat bread and apple cake
- **March 25:** Mexican corn bread, pinto beans, salad and pineapple crisp
- **March 26:** Fish, potatoes, pickled beets, corn

bread and fruit cobbler

- **March 29:** Cheeseburger, tator tots, tomato with lettuce salad, baked beans and cookie
- **March 30:** Chicken tenders, calico corn, broccoli rice casserole and pears
- **March 31:** Roast beef, gravy, roasted potatoes, carrots, wheat roll and brownies
- **April 1:** Pork cutlet, rice, turnip greens, wheat bread and fruit cocktail cake
- **April 2:** Fish, coleslaw, corn bread, stewed apples and oatmeal cookie



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### STOCK SHOW

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**March 9**  
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**Baseball**  
5 p.m., Nocona vs Bowie  
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**March 10**  
vs San Antonio 7:30 p.m.

## inbrief

### Cantwell helps Storm win

Katie Branam led all scorers with 18 points to lead Southeastern Oklahoma State to a hard-fought 59-58 victory over Southern Nazarene in the regular-season finale on Saturday afternoon in Bethany, OK.

The win lifts the Savage Storm to 11-7 overall and in Great American Conference Western Division play as well as earning the team the No. 2 seed in the Western Division.

The win gives the team a first-round bye in the GAC tournament this week, meaning they will next be in action on March 3 at 5:30 p.m. at Bloomer Sullivan Arena.

They will face the winner between No. 3-E Harding and No. 6-E Arkansas-Monticello.

Bowie graduate Karyn Cantwell was next in line with 12 points on the back of an 8-of-8 effort from the free throw line.

Cantwell pulled down a team-high five rebounds, while Branam chipped in four.

Chandler Kemp collected 11 points, going 5-of-5 from the floor, while Jordan Benson added 10 points, including a 2-for-2 performance from three-point range.

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Cade Stevens led Saint Jo with 19 points in their playoff loss to Graford 54-38.

# Saint Jo boys go out strong

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The Saint Jo Panthers were the last Montague County basketball team to end their season with a loss to state-power Graford on Saturday in the playoffs.

The Rabbits beat the Panthers 54-38 in the regional quarterfinals in a game few gave Saint Jo any chance.

The Panthers were coming off an emotional win against Ector in the area round earlier in the week, but unfortunately it came with a cost. Leading scorer Kile Thurman went out with a leg injury late in that game that saw him on crutches Saturday.

Even if he was healthy, the Rabbits still posed a big challenge. The second ranked team in the state in 1A had lost only two games all season to top ranked Slidell and state-ranked 4A team Glen Rose.

Saint Jo had first hand knowledge what they were in for. The Panthers lost to Graford back in early December by more than 50 points at home.

The Rabbits size and strength inside was a mismatch for the shorter front line from Saint Jo, combined with solid perimeter play.

The game started and the Panthers defense held up pretty well. Graford was doing everything

it could to get shots near the basket. Saint Jo post defenders Payton Harris and Chance Bennett did their best to keep the Rabbits' Cody Lembley from getting too good of position deep in the post.

Unfortunately, the other post Marc Matthews proved tougher to stop. He scored 10 points on drives and shots around the basket in the first quarter as Graford took a 12-5 lead in the first quarter.

The final two minutes of the quarter though saw Saint Jo senior point guard Cade Stevens score five points to cut the lead to 12-10 heading into the **See PANTHERS 8B**



Kenzie Short slides into home plate in the Lady Rabbits home game on Friday.

# Lady Rabbits face rough weekend

By JORDAN NEAL  
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The Bowie Lady Rabbits softball team played five games in three days to finish their first week of the season.

The team went 1-4 during this stretch, with two games played on Thursday and Saturday in the Sunrise Tournament.

The Lady Rabbits started with a game against Canadian. Bowie started off hot, scoring 11 runs in the opening inning.

The Lady Rabbits added five more in the third inning and were up 16-2 heading into the Lady Cats final at bats. Canadian then reeled off eight runs before Bowie put the game away, winning 16-10.

The Lady Rabbits then immediately had to play Muenster. While Bowie got a couple of runs to start the game, the Lady Hornets took the lead scoring six runs in the first inning to go up 6-2.

After both teams exchanged a scoreless sec-

ond inning, Muenster added two more runs in the third inning to go up 8-2. Bowie made a late charge in the fourth inning, scoring four runs to make the final score close.

Unfortunately, the game ended after that due to time constraints and the Lady Rabbits lost 8-6 to close out the day.

Bowie then hosted Bridgeport on Friday in a non-tournament game. The Lady Rabbits took the lead first scoring four **See BOWIE 3B**

# Powerlifter boys compete

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Bowie and Nocona boys' powerlifting teams competed at Chico on Thursday against lifters from four other schools.

The Indians finished in fourth place and the Jackrabbits in fifth place in most of the lifters first competition in several weeks.

Nocona and Bowie each had five lifters finish in the top five of their weight classes.

The Indians had two lifters win their weight classes. Dorian Ellis won the 132 class with a total of 825 pounds, 85 pounds more than second place.

Alan Gonzalez won the 242 class. He edged out a lifter from Ponder by five pounds with a total of 1,110 pounds.

Other Nocona lifters who contributed towards the team total included Miguel Olivares, Landon Wilson and Johnathan Stone.

The Jackrabbits had one lifter win his weight class. Bryan Arellano won the 275 class by lifting a total of 1,465 pounds, beating second place by more than a hundred pounds.

Other Bowie lifters who finished among the top five in their weight

classes include Coleton Price, Hunter Wade, Colby Price and Trevor Hopson.

Results for all Nocona and Bowie lifters who completed all three lifts are listed below.

**Results**  
**132 class**  
1. Dorian Ellis, Nocona, 825; 2. Miguel Oliveras, Nocona, 740

**148 class**  
3. Trevor Hopson, Bowie, 855

**165 class**  
3. Braxton Hall, Bowie, 965; 4. Landon Wilson, Nocona, 950; 7. Jaxson Johnston, Bowie, 765

**181 class**  
3. Johnathan Stone, Nocona, 965

**220 class**  
3. Colby Price, Bowie, 1070

**242 class**  
1. Alan Gonzalez, Nocona, 1110

**275 class**  
1. Bryan Arellano, Bowie, 1465; 4. Hunter Wade, Bowie, 1070

**308 class**  
2. Coleton Price, Bowie, 1425

# Jackrabbits lose to Steers

By JORDAN NEAL

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The Bowie Jackrabbits lost at Graham on Saturday in a tough early season test for the team.

The Steers won the game 10-4 thanks in large part to one big inning.

The teams exchanged scoreless first innings thanks to an inning ending double play from the Jackrabbits. Unfortunately, Graham capitalized in the next inning scoring on a double to take the lead 1-0.

The Steers then went on a rally in the third inning, scoring eight runs thanks to six hits and two walks. Bowie found itself behind 9-0, but thankfully there was more than half the game still to play.

The Jackrabbits answered in the fourth inning. The first three batters drew walks. Leadoff batter Kawlyer Swearingin stole third base and took advantage of an error by the catcher to score Bowie's first run.

Following a strike out and a walk to load the bases, Cade Thompson then singled to right field to drive in Camden Starnes to cut the lead to 9-2. Unfortunately, the next two batters struck and popped out to leave three runners on base.

Graham scored once more in the same inning thanks to an error at third base to extend the Steers lead to 10-2.

The teams then exchanged scoreless fifth and sixth innings, with Bowie needing to make something happen going into the final inning.

Devin Melton and Carson Sanders led off the inning with back-to-back singles. A double-steal put both runners in scoring position. Following a strikeout, a fielding error trying to pick the runners off allowed both of them to score, cutting the lead to 10-4.

That was as close as the Jackrabbits would get. The next two batters struck out looking to end the game.

Logan Hutson led the team with two hits, Thompson had one RBI and Starnes led the team with two stolen bases.

Colton Richey started the game off on the mound and Parker Price and Hutson came in to relieve him after things started to go bad in the third inning.

Coach Tyler Price liked what he saw from his team if he could only subtract that one inning.

"I liked our approach at the plate," Price said. "We were swinging at good pitches and having good at bats. We need to clean it up defensively."

The Jackrabbits next play Dodd City at 5 p.m. on March 3 at home before playing in their hosted tournament this weekend.

**Saturday's Result**  
**Graham 10, Bowie 4**  
G 0 1 8 1 0 0 x - 10 12 2  
B 0 0 0 2 0 0 2 - 4 8 3

**RBI:** Cade Thompson; **SB:** Devin Melton, Parker Price, Carson Sanders, Camden Starnes 2, Kawlyer Swearingin; **WP:** #21; **LP:** Colton Richey; **Left on Base:** Bowie 7, Graham 6

# Lady Indians beat Hirschi

By JORDAN NEAL  
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The Nocona Lady Indians gave Hirschi a spanking on Saturday when they traveled there.

The Lady Indians won by the laughable score 27-2 against the Lady Huskies.

Nocona did most of its damage in the second and third innings.

After scoring two runs in the first inning, the Lady Indians scored 10 runs thanks to nine hits and eight free bases in the second inning.

The third inning was more of the same. With seven hits, four of them being extra base hits, and three free bases Nocona scored 10 runs to up its lead to 27-1. Hirschi scored once more in the fifth inning before the game was called.

Paige James led the Lady Indians with four hits and six RBIs including a home run and a double. Laci Stone drove in four runs on three hits. MaKenna Nobile was third with three RBIs including a double.

As a team Nocona had

16 hits while drawing eight walks and seven hit batters.

On defense Stone started the game on the mound and struck out seven batters through 2.2 innings. Paige James then came in to pitch the final two innings while striking out three batters.

The Lady Indians will travel back to Hirschi to play in their final tournament before district play starts next week against Bowie.

**Saturday's Result**  
**Nocona 27, Hirschi 2**  
**N 2 15 10 0 x - 27 16 0**  
**H 0 0 1 0 1 - 2 2 4**

**2B:** MaKenna Nobile, Natalie Pirkey, Paige James; **HR:** Paige James; **RBI:** Laci Stone 4, Cobi Womack 2, Logan Patterson 2, MaKenna Nobile 3, Laney Yates, Kamryn Weaver, Maggie Stewart 2, Natalie Pirkey, Paige James 6; **SB:** Katy Barrett 3, Laney Yates, Kamryn Weaver 2, Maggie Stewart, Paige James; **WP:** Laci Stone; **LP:** #12; **Left on Base:** Nocona 4, Hirschi 3



Nocona's Avere Kleinhans was named district MVP.



Bowie's Jayci Logan was the district defensive MVP.

## 3A girls all-district named

By JORDAN NEAL  
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With all teams in the district out of the playoffs, all-district selections have been released for Bowie and Nocona girls' basketball teams.

The district champion Lady Indians had five players named to the first and second teams along with two superlative awards. The third seed Lady Rabbits had three girls named to the first and second teams along with one given a superlative award.

Bowie's Jayci Logan was named the district's defensive player of the year as the long and en-

ergetic player was key to the Lady Rabbits full-court press.

Abbi Gamblin and Taygon Jones were named to the district's first team from Bowie. Camberley Gunter was named to the district's second team. The rest of the Lady Rabbits varsity team was given honorable mention.

All of Bowie's varsity players and managers earned academic all-district.

Nocona's Avere Kleinhans earned her third straight district most valuable player award as the senior led the Lady Indians on both ends of the court. The No-

cona coaching staff, head coach Kyle Spitzer and assistant Clayton Brown, earned the district's staff of the year award.

Karlee Brown, Sydney Messer and Raylee Sparkman were named to the district's first team. Stephanie Gutierrez and Kylie Rose were named to the district's second team.

The list of names honored from Bowie and Nocona is listed below.

**Superlatives**  
**District Most Valuable Player:** Avere Kleinhans, Nocona  
**District Defensive Player of the Year:** Jayci Logan,

**Bowie Coaching Staff of the Year:** Kyle Spitzer and Clayton Brown, Nocona

**First Team**  
**Bowie:** Abbi Gamblin, Taygon Jones  
**Nocona:** Karlee Brown, Sydney Messer, Raylee Sparkman

**Second Team**  
**Bowie:** Camberley Gunter  
**Nocona:** Stephanie Gutierrez, Kylie Rose

**Honorable Mention**  
**Bowie:** Jasmine Jones, Season Eudey, Kaydee Jones, Addie Farris, Macon Chambers

## MSU men win fourth straight

It might not have been Midwestern State's best game of the season, but the effort was good enough Saturday afternoon at the Falcon Dome.

The Mustangs scored nine consecutive points coming out of the final media timeout which was good enough to stave off UT Permian Basin 71-61.

That was good enough to extend the Mustangs' current winning streak to four consecutive which was also good enough to push MSU into the No. 6 seed in next week's Lone Star Conference Postseason Tournament.

All of that against a struggling UT Permian Basin team which has now lost five consecutive

games but is sliding into the postseason with the No. 7 seed.

"They really did everything they could to slow everything down tonight and not allow us to find any rhythm in transition tonight," MSU coach Justin Leslie said. "They didn't want to get into a track meet with us tonight. It frustrated us tonight and forced us into a grind."

The grind was also good enough for the Mustangs to earn their first win in six trips to the Falcon Dome and close the regular season with an 11-7 record.

The first winning ledger for MSU since finishing the 2015-16 with a 24-6 mark.

## Indians play first tournament

By JORDAN NEAL  
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The Nocona Indians baseball team went 1-2 at the Bells Invitational Tournament last week in the team's first full week of the season.

The Indians first played the tournament hosts on Thursday. The Panthers had one big offensive inning following a scoreless first inning.

Bells scored 10 runs in the inning thanks to five straight walks to start it off.

Nocona failed to answer back on offense and

would end up losing 12-0 following two more at-bats in the third and fourth inning.

The Indians bounced back in a big way the next day against Peaster. Despite the Greyhounds scoring three runs in the opening inning, Nocona bounced back with four runs of its own to take the lead 4-3.

After holding Peaster scoreless in the second inning, the Indians then added on to the lead, scoring eight runs thanks to four hits and a lot of free bases to take 12-3 lead.

Nocona added one more run in the third inning and limited the Greyhounds late push in the fourth inning to two runs to secure the win 13-5 after four innings.

The Indians ended the tournament on Saturday against Trenton.

The Tigers secured a 6-1 lead heading into the bottom of the fourth inning when the Indians fought back.

Nocona scored three runs in the final two innings to close the distance. Unfortunately, the game ended after

five innings due to time constraints, as Trenton won 6-4.

Coach Leslie Rinehart thought his team had a good week overall.

"We are still knocking the rust off, but we got into a ball game with Trenton and had to fight back despite time limit, I feel we had the momentum in the game," Rinehart said. "We are getting better every time we step on the field and that's all I can ask of our guys."

Nocona next plays Hirschi at home at 5 p.m. on March 5.

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### Be on the lookout for identity theft involving unemployment benefits

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In 2020, millions of taxpayers were affected by the COVID-19 pandemic through job loss or reduced work hours. Some taxpayers applied for and received unemployment compensation from their state. By law, unemployment benefits are taxable.

Scammers also took advantage of the pandemic by filing fraudulent claims for unemployment compensation using stolen personal information of individuals who had not filed claims. Payments made as a result of these fraudulent claims went to the identity thieves.

Taxpayers who receive an incorrect Form 1099-G should contact the issuing state agency to request a revised form.

If they're unable to get a timely, corrected form from states, they should still file an accurate tax return, reporting only the income they received. They should save whatever documentation they have regarding their attempts to receive a corrected form from their state agency.

#### What people should do if they think they might be an identity theft victim

People should visit Identity Theft Central for more information about the signs of identity theft.

Taxpayers do not need to file a Form 14039, Identity Theft Affidavit, with the IRS about an incorrect Form 1099-G. An affidavit should only be filed only if the taxpayer's e-filed return is rejected because a return using the same Social Security number already has been filed.

If a taxpayer is concerned that their personal information has been stolen and they want to protect their identity when filing their federal tax return, they can request an identity protection PIN from the IRS.

An Identity Protection PIN is a six-digit number that prevents someone else from filing a tax return using a taxpayer's Social Security number. The IP PIN is known only to the taxpayer and the IRS, and this step helps the IRS verify the taxpayer's identity when they file their electronic or paper tax return.

States should not issue Forms 1099-Gs to taxpayers they know to be victims of identity theft involving unemployment compensation.

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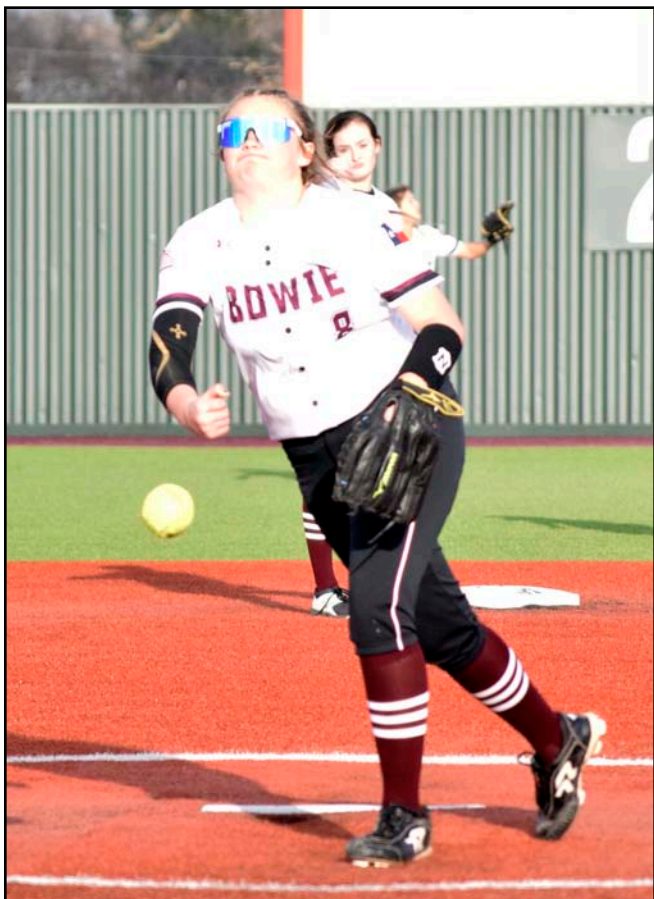
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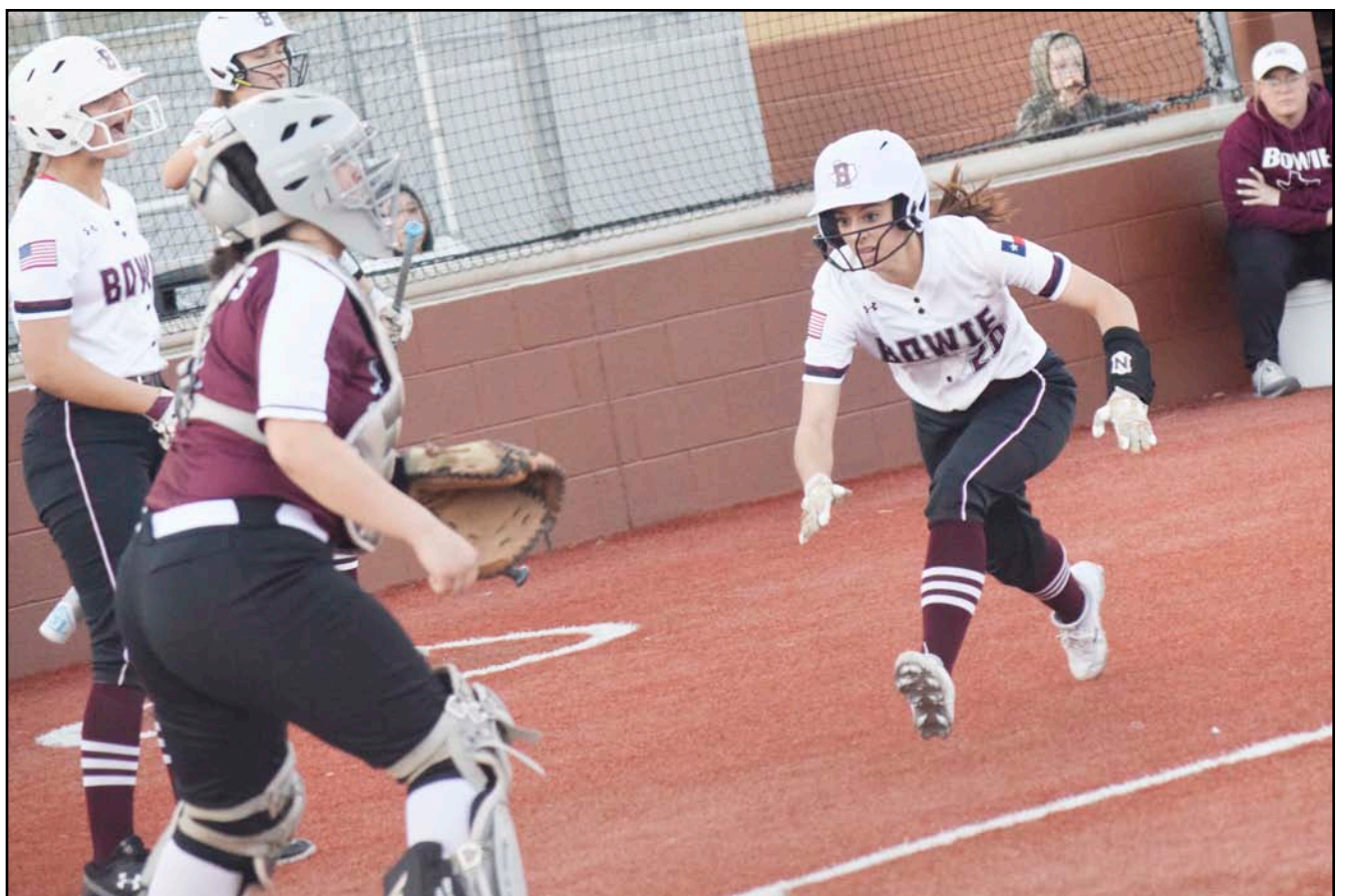
Addie Farris makes contact with a pitch in Bowie's home game against Bridgeport on Friday night.



First basemen Gracie Duke handles a throw to first.



Kaylie Kinney pitched for Bowie on Friday.



Hannah Love prepares to slide home as she hit an inside the park home run against the Sissies on Friday.

News photos by Jordan Neal

# Bowie

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runs in the first inning. The Sissies answered with five runs in the top of the second inning, but Bowie added two runs in both the second and third innings to go up 8-5. Bridgeport would then score 10 runs in the final three innings to take the back the lead. The Lady Rabbits did not have the firepower to keep up scoring one run during this time as they lost 15-9. Bowie went back to the tournament on Saturday

and first played former district team Childress. The Lady Bobcats scored six runs in the first inning to take the lead. The teams then exchanged scoreless second and third innings before the Lady Rabbits scored a run in the fourth inning. Bowie then scored two more runs in the top of the fifth inning to cut the lead to 6-3. Childress then went on to score five runs in the fifth inning to extend

its lead to 11-3 before the game was called due to time after the third out was called. Following a short break the Lady Rabbits then played Vernon Northside to finish the tournament. The Lady Indians scored five runs in the first two innings to take the lead. Bowie managed two runs in the third inning, but Northside added three more in the bottom of the inning to

make up for it. The Lady Rabbits batted one more time in the fourth inning before the game was called due to time with the Lady Indians winning 8-2. It was a tough stretch, but for a young team with a new coaching staff, early season struggles are to be expected the first week into the season. "We showed progress each since we are young and full of underclassmen," Coach Michael

Dansby said. "We are hitting the ball well, but we need to shore up our defense." The team will have

one final tournament at Iowa Park this weekend before district play starts next week against rival Nocona.

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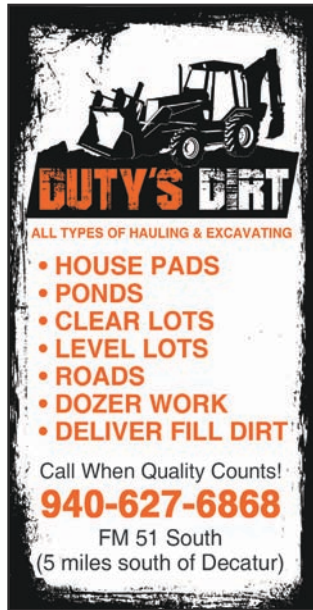
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Brice Durham puts up a shot near the rim in Saint Jo's game against Graford.



Payton Harris tries to shoot a shot in the post.

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# Panthers

second quarter. Stevens scored all 10 of the Panthers points in the quarter as scoring chances seemed tough to create for Saint Jo.

One issue was shooter Brice Durham was face-guarded wherever he was on the court. Coming off a 26-point performance in the previous game where he made eight 3-pointers, the Rabbits were determined he was not going to have any space for catch-and-shoot opportunities.

Stevens then had to navigate the tall Graford frontline around the rim that had sent back several close shots from other Panther players.

While Saint Jo was hanging tough heading into the second quarter, it did not seem sustainable if Stevens had to score all of the team's points.

Graford went on a little run to get some breathing room midway through the second quarter. The Rabbits forced some turnovers and were able to convert those into layups to build a double-digit lead 22-12.

Along with a basket from Bennett, a late 3-point play from Stevens was all Saint Jo could do offensively in the quarter. The Panthers trailed 26-15, but would have to find something else on offense if they wanted to get back in the game.

Saint Jo did find other players to score in the second half.

Durham and Harris drew several free throw attempts after the team drew only two in the first half. The normally defensive focused Logan Brawner also capitalized on a couple of opportunities to score as well.

Unfortunately, Graford came in with a renewed focus to get the ball in the post to Matthews and Lemley. Matthews scored 10 points in the third quarter as the Rabbits kept their lead in the double-digits.

While the Panthers had not fallen much further behind heading into the fourth quarter, they

would need an offensive spark if they wanted to come back down 38-24.

Lemley really got going in the fourth quarter eight points on post ups. With the fouls adding up both teams drew a lot of free throws in the quarter.

At one point it looked like Graford was going to pull away by more than 20 points, but Saint Jo kept fighting until the end even with the possibility of a miracle comeback becoming an impossibility at the time ticked down.

The Panthers fought until the end, never letting the game get hopelessly out of reach like most outside observers expected, losing 54-38.

Stevens led the team with 19 while grabbing seven rebounds and dishing five assists. Brawner led the team with eight rebounds and scored seven points.

Afterwards the only sadness people from Saint Jo showed was the season was over and the few seniors will never play again, but more people felt pride even in defeat.

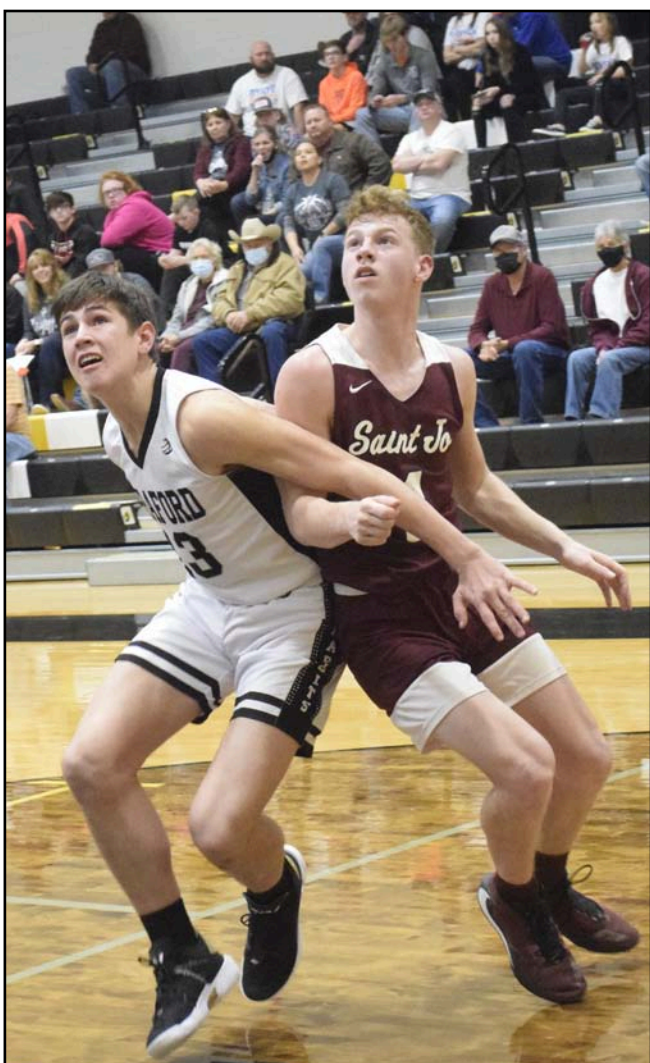
To play with and compete against one of the top basketball programs in the state without the team's leading scorer and never let the game get out of hand says something.

Coach Lyndon Cook had pride in how this team played all season and what it accomplished, tying the 2019 team with getting to the regional quarterfinals.

"It's going to take some doing to outdo what these guys accomplished," Cook said. "They went as far as any team in Saint Jo history, went 19-8 and had two wins over top 25 teams. I'll definitely miss our seniors, but the future is bright over here thanks to us returning seven players from varsity including three starters. Add in some kids coming up from the JV and junior high and there's no reason we can't get ourselves back to this same position next year."



Tyler Cook looks to score through contact going to the rim as a Graford defender contests the shot.



Logan Brawner led the Panthers with eight rebounds.



Chance Bennett puts in the uncontested shot.

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