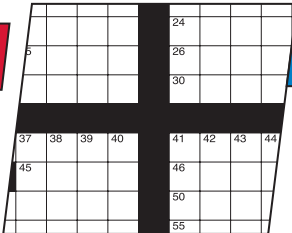




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James Clark photo
Army veteran Houston Roberts carries a chain attached to his Chevy Blazer to another vehicle to have it pulled from the floodwaters of Pepper Branch Park on Thursday morning.

Rain, rain go away

Flooding closes schools

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Two days of rain washed away the last bad weather day for Warren County Schools.

Flooding forced schools to be closed Thursday.

"It was too dangerous to be running buses," said Director of Schools Bobby Cox.

It was initially announced schools would be two hours late. But when the National Weather Service issued a flash flood advisory for this area,

with possible rain in the forecast all day, Cox said the decision was made to cancel school.

"There were a few roads that were covered and impassable," said Cox.

With the cancellation, the school system is left with no more bad weather days. A professional development day is scheduled for Friday, March 16 where only teachers report to school. That could be turned into a normal school day if needed, Cox said.

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Pictured is the intersection of Mt. Zion Road and Viola Road off Town Square in Viola.

High school to get barn

BY **LISA HOBBS**
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A barn raising is on the horizon after WCHS officials have received approval to begin phase one construction from School Board members.

"We're building a barn," said School Board member Teddy Jones.

His statement came after School Board members approved a presentation by Future Farmers of America advisor Danielle Smith on The Barn Project at WCHS. Smith outlined why the organization wants to build a barn and how the project will be funded.

"The kids can thrive from having this facility in our school system," Smith said. "They will be more competitive than other kids in surrounding counties when they come out and are ready to go to college. Right now we are offering a dual credit class with MTSU which is large animal. There's no place for them to work with large animals, such as horses, pigs, sheep, etc. This barn will give them hands-on opportunity they haven't really had before."

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The new barn to be built at WCHS will allow students to care for large farm animals. Pictured is Ali Wrisner.

Schools add Text-A-Tip line

BY **LISA HOBBS**
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Warren County Schools has launched an anonymous texting tip line. Individuals now have a discreet way to report suspicious activity regarding the school system.

In an effort to increase safety, Director of Schools Bobby Cox says the Warren County School System, in conjunction with Warren County Sheriff's Department, has developed a Text-A-Tip line. Individuals can text a tip to 931-952-6770.

"We wanted to give people another access point to notify us of things we might not know are going on in a manner that's convenient to them," said Cox.

While a focus is preventing school violence, Cox said tips can pertain to any type of illicit activity.

"We want to encourage anyone who has information regarding someone selling drugs, threatening to hurt others, having or planning to bring weapons on campus, as well as any illegal activity or public safety concerns in the schools, to text that information to the Text-A-Tip line," said Cox.



Text-A-Tip
931-952-6770

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Accused meth dealer leads law on chase

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A suspected meth dealer has been hit with 13 criminal charges after a run from the law that went through two apartment complexes.

Dillon R. Mullican, 23, has been charged with possession of meth with intent to sell or distribute, among his long list of charges. He remains held at

Warren County Jail while his case has been bound to the grand jury.

The incident which led to Mullican's arrest began when Sheriff's Department deputy Brystal Davis was on routine patrol at Asbury Apartments on Vinewood Road. The deputy recognized Mullican, sitting in a gold Buick, as having an active arrest warrant against him.

Deputy Davis activated his lights to initiate a traffic stop, but

Mullican had other ideas.

"Mr. Mullican was stopped at a stop sign and accelerated when he saw the lights, driving at 20 to 25 mph on the wet roads with a donut tire on his vehicle," wrote Davis in the arrest warrant. "Mr. Mullican then turned right on Oriole and accelerated again with



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the back end skidding around. With three other cars on the road, Mr. Mullican turned onto Underwood and into the Towne's Edge parking lot."

It was at Towne's Edge Apartments that Mullican left his vehicle and was placed under arrest by deputy Davis. Mullican gave consent to search his

vehicle and a lockbox was found.

When opened, the lockbox contained approximately 2 ounces of a crystal-like substance believed to be meth. Also found were multiple baggies, seven pills identified as hydrocodone, and seven pills identified as oxycodone.

Mullican now faces four violation of probation charges, two simple possession charges, and an evading arrest charge among his slew of 13 criminal counts.

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