



A storm for the ages Wood County, Texas blanketed with record snow

A major winter storm of record-breaking proportions left Wood County and much of Texas in a week-long deep freeze that will make Valentine's Day and Presidents Day 2021 memorable for decades to come.

And after temperatures dropped below zero Tuesday morning, another round of winter precipitation was in the forecast for Wednesday, putting school reopening in doubt for the remainder of the week.

The benefit of the storm coming on the night before

Presidents Day was that many offices and entities already had plans to close for the holiday, including schools, post offices, financial institutions and county, state and national offices.

Most other businesses quickly followed suit, as the storm pushed temperatures into the single digits overnight Sunday while dumping historic snowfall.

The temperature was not forecast to rise above freezing until the weekend, leaving the deep snow with little opportunity to melt, espe-

cially with another layer scheduled to fall on top of it.

And that second round was expected to only compound the problems, that included rolling blackouts as the Texas power grid struggled to keep up with high demand for heat.

Schools had already taken steps to take additional days off with the possibility by week's end to switch to the virtual learning models they were forced to adopt last spring when the coronavirus pandemic shuttered school campuses.



A cardinal at the Mineola Nature Preserve could find only icy branches and snowy railings on Monday evening. (Monitor photo by Sam Major)

Mineola, Quitman have contested mayoral races

Mineola and Quitman will have contested races for Mayor on May 1, and Alba will get a new mayor.

The filing deadline for city council and school board elections passed Friday.

Two city council members are vying to replace Mineola Mayor Kevin White, who is not seeking reelection after two terms.

Ward One council member Jayne Lankford and Ward Two council member Sue Jones have filed. Each has a year left on their term, so the winner will create a vacant seat to be filled, while the loser can remain on the council for another year.

In Quitman, Mayor Randy Dunn has drawn a challenge from former mayor and council member J.R. Evans.

There will also be a contested city council race, with incumbents Brad Medlin and David Dobbs filing along with Pam Bowdoin for the two seats.

Don Heinert will be the new Alba mayor, after serv-

ing a year on the city council as mayor pro tem. Mayor Sonny Hass is not seeking reelection. Heinert was elected to the council last year, taking the place of his wife, Marja.

For Mineola City Council, Jack Newman has filed for the seat he formerly held for Ward Two.

Greg Hollen had filed for reelection but withdrew after Newman filed, saying, "Since Jack has decided he would now like to rejoin the City Council, I am happy to yield the role to him. Be assured I will continue to serve our community in several civic and community organizations, and I wish Jack well in his return to the city council."

Hollen was appointed to the council in 2018 after Newman resigned to allow the city to hire his wife, Doris Newman, as Main Street manager. Hollen was elected to a full term in 2019 without opposition.

City leaders determined

that Newman could seek his seat again.

Mitchell Tuck has filed for reelection to Ward Three, and Terry Eaton is the lone candidate for Ward One. Polly Jones did not seek reelection to the position.

Alba-Golden, Mineola and Quitman will have contested school board races.

Alba-Golden incumbents Grant Sadler and Mike Ragsdale filed for reelection, and Sancy Baker-Green is also seeking one of the two seats.

Incumbent Jay McGough is joined by Robbie Ballard and Doug Coffman for two Mineola School Board seats. Daniel Louderman did not seek reelection.

Six people are running for three Quitman School Board seats, Dustin Emerson, Mike Pence and Brooke Rogers have filed along with incumbents Jeremy Smith, Royce Paterson and Michael Hipp.

Remaining city of Alba and the Yantis city and school races were not available due to weather closures.



Marisella Romo and Liz Short enjoy tandem sledding on Patton St. in Mineola Monday afternoon. The hill near Mineola schools saw plenty of action. (Monitor photo by Sam Major)

Quitman canceled school on Tuesday and moved its school board meeting a week later, to Feb. 22. Then on Tuesday the district announced it would be closed for the remainder of the week.

The district said that the virtual learning model would not be in place this week, as power outages could impact students' ability to work online.

Mineola announced school would not be held Tuesday and Wednesday and then would reevaluate the rest of the week on Wednesday.

Superintendent Cody Mize said the district had enough minutes built in to its calendar that those two days would not have to be made up, but if weather interruptions continued into

Thursday, the virtual model could kick in.

Alba-Golden closed on Tuesday and Wednesday and planned to start virtual learning on Thursday.

Yantis also closed school Tuesday and Wednesday.

The Alba-Golden girls were scheduled to play an area basketball playoff game Tuesday, but it was postponed indefinitely as the University Interscholastic League scrambled to adjust playoff certification schedules as the storm impacted a large swath of the state.

Districts also had to delay the start of classes on Thursday, Feb. 11 after icy conditions hit the area overnight.

Wood County government also announced its offices would remain closed Tuesday after the Monday

holiday.

Mineola city hall closed Monday and opened its drive through on Tuesday for payments, with the lobby remaining closed.

The city's trash contractor, Republic Services, announced it would not run on Monday or Tuesday and would reevaluate each day.

Among the cancellations was the Mineola Kiwanis Club on Tuesday. Club members had scrambled to get American flags out last week well ahead of Presidents Day in anticipation of the storms, and those flags could likely remain up another week until they can thaw and dry.

The official low temperature in Mineola Tuesday

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Juma, the law enforcement canine who captured the hearts of Wood County, had to be put down last week after suffering from Addison's disease. (Monitor photo by Sam Major)

Juma's last call

By LARRY TUCKER
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It was a solemn and sad day in Wood County last Thursday. Wood County Canine Officer Juma took her last ride.

Law enforcement officers from throughout East Texas and local county employees bid good-bye to the decorated Officer Juma. Juma and Precinct 2 Constable Kelly Smith were partners since 2018 and were the source for numerous drug busts and fugitive tracking successes in Wood County and East Texas.

Juma was born in Hungary and donated by K9 Officers and Houston K-9 Academy. K-9 Officers is a non-profit organization providing canines, training for handlers and equipment to donate to various law enforcement agencies. Juma even graced the front cover of the worldwide "K-9 Cop Magazine"

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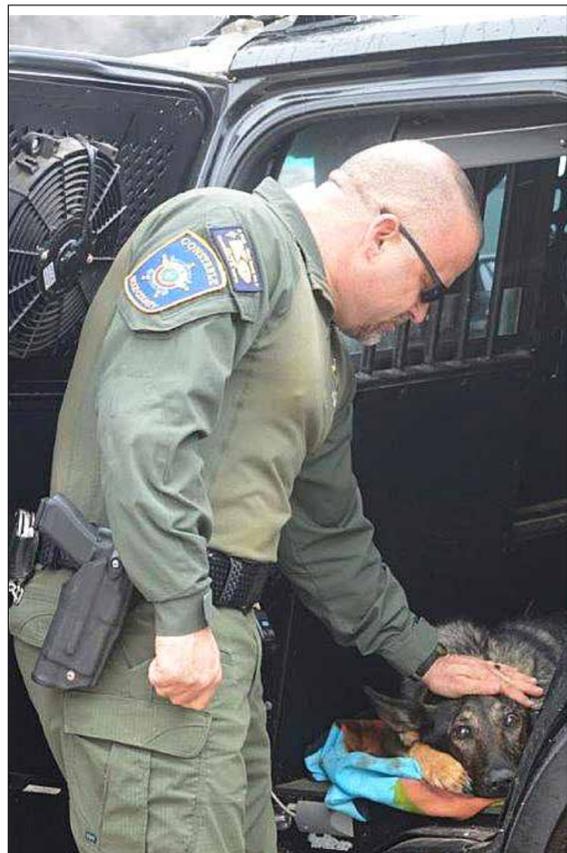


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Precinct Two Constable Kelly Smith comforts Juma before they head out for her last ride. The canine officer served Wood County for two years before being stricken with Addison's disease. (Monitor photo by Larry Tucker)

JUMA

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for police and military working dog handlers in the February/March 2020 issue.

Juma's last ride began Thursday on the west side of the Wood County courthouse, traveled to Mineola where students there could say good-bye, and continued to a Lindale veterinarian facility where she was put to rest.

Constable Smith appreciated the turnout for Juma.

"I was so impressed with the response from the community," he said. "We also have gotten messages from Australia, Scotland and South Africa. Everybody was impressed with the turnout for Juma. There were people standing outside, on the road, freezing all the way to Lindale. I was thankful for the outpouring of support from other local canine officers and from around the world."

At exactly 10:30 a.m., the voice of Wood County Dispatcher Kari Robertson came over the public address system with words to honor Juma.

"Canine Officer Juma, thank you for all your hard work and for making sure your handler got home safely every night. She served honorably from September 2018 to Sept. 11, 2020. Canine Officer Juma was responsible for hundreds

of arrests for narcotics. She was known for her personality. She had over 95,000 followers worldwide and is responsible for bringing canine efforts to the forefront in Wood County. She loved spending time with her family. Rest in peace sweet girl, and we will see you again in heaven someday."

In addition to drug busts and tracking successes, she led to the county seizing thousands of dollars in stolen items ranging from electronics to vehicles.

She also helped bring to justice drug dealers and drug manufacturers in Wood County. Juma was also a star when visiting children in Wood County schools where she was adored by many.

Juma was forced to retire in September due to the onset of Addison's disease. The disease caused her to lose weight and become unable to walk or eat. In her last days, she was barely able to raise her head.

Constable Smith and his family tried all they could with medications and vitamins, but Juma would not get better. The family made the heart-wrenching decision to end her suffering.

Juma's last ride ended last Thursday in Lindale. She will be remembered for her dedication to her job and her handler, Constable Smith, and to the people, not only of Wood County, but from around the world.

East meets west at Winnsboro Center for the Arts

By JOHN ARBTER
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Comparative analysis is pretty much ingrained in daily living.

People compare items before purchase, efforts against those of others and compete in almost every area of life to gain advantages for themselves and their families.

The occasion to remove the business of comparative analysis and observe the aesthetic value of artistic differences is a rarity today. Life is often just too busy for such luxury.

When the opportunity presents itself to take that deep breath and appreciate artistic differences, it can be considered a treat.

The Winnsboro Center for the Arts has, since Dec. 19, afforded local residents just such an opportunity. The exhibit "East Meets West" features the landscape artistry of local talent Nancy Beauchamp and that of West Texas artist Bob Haydon.

The two artists met at the Winnsboro Center for the Arts and struck a lasting friendship.

As Haydon expressed, "That friendship has carried into our artwork. With similar views on fine arts in general, but with different impressionistic styles...we felt that "East Meets West" would be a rewarding idea."

Painting in differing media - Beauchamp with pastels and Haydon in acrylics - the two artists combined to present an exhibit which highlighted the respective beauty of East Texas and West Texas.

Texas is a land of regions. Perhaps more than in any other state in the nation, Texans commonly reference themselves to a specific region in the state. The big divisions such as East Texas, West Texas, the Hill Country, etc., are further refined. Deep East Texas or the Big Thicket, the Panhandle or the Pecos, the descriptors are a normal identifier.

In this case, the landscapes of areas east and west of the great escarpment are beautifully rendered in fine detail.

Viewing Beauchamp's work "Sunlight through the Pines" together with Haydon's "Apache Sunrise," one is exposed to the vast spectrum which is Texas. Each scene is compelling, and each draws the viewer in. The paintings are like invitations.

Perhaps the simplest test of an artist's effectiveness is the ability to conjure a desire of a viewer to have wished



Apache Sunrise by Bob Haydon

to be present, in that scene. The two artists succeeded.

As Beauchamp commented, "The exhibit shows the diverse beauty of Texas."

At a time when the pandemic has prevented many outings, Winnsboro's Center for the Arts forges ahead. In addition to hosting exhibits such as "East Meets West," the center has significantly modified, but not canceled its offerings.

Seven art exhibitions are in the queue for 2021. Concerts by John McEuen & the String Wizards and Beat Root Revival are scheduled May 15 and June 26, respectively. The Bowery Stage will be busy as well with four stage productions in the works. Music, pottery and art workshops remain available, either at the center or at the nearby Arts Annex.

In what manager Matt Mahaffey considers the flagship event of the year, a six-week musical theater camp will be underway this summer. A team of a dozen middle and high schoolers will draft a story and compose accompanying songs.

After the story has been professionally turned into a script, the team will produce the musical and stage public performances at the end of the six weeks. It is quite an undertaking.

All of these events have been methodically altered to ensure the safest possible environment. The theater camp, for instance, has been cut from 20 to 12 participants. Mahaffey explained that the reduction was based on square footage available in the work areas. He also described the lengths taken to sanitize the center, thus

allowing the doors to remain open.

The center is a non-profit organization and relies primarily on voluntary funding streams. The reputation of the center is such that it will soon add a new building. Mahaffey explained that drawings for a new performance center are complete and construction is to begin soon.

"It will be a reconfigurable arts center, able to accommodate widely-varied purposes," he said. The performance art center will occupy the vacant lot on Market Street, two doors down from the Center for the Arts.

Mahaffey is completely at home managing the center. Originally from the Lufkin area, Mahaffey spent con-

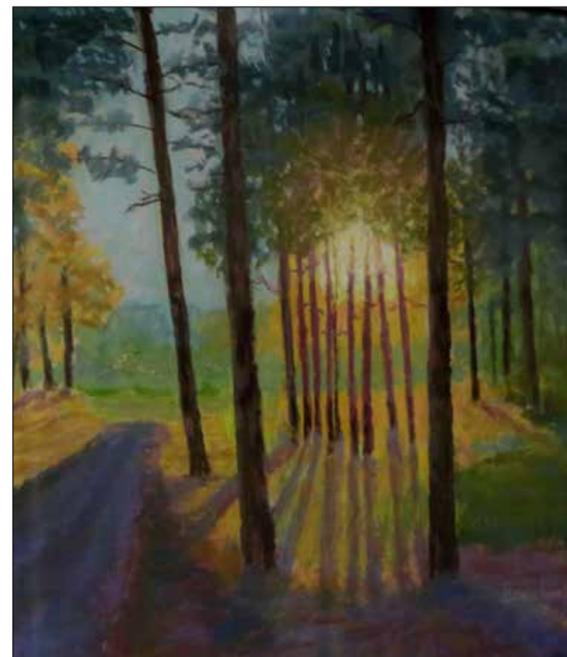
siderable time in Quitman where his father, Ray, was a member of the traveling gospel trio "Safely Anchored." A classically-trained musician, Mahaffey completed his doctorate in music from the University of Iowa and is an adjunct professor at the University of Southern Arkansas in Magnolia.

While studying for his comprehensive examinations, Mahaffey picked up a brush and began painting - uncovered a second considerable artistic talent.

"We dabble in everything here at the center," he remarked.

At the moment he is seeking an instructor to teach the skills of stained glass pro-

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Sunlight through the Pines by Nancy Beauchamp

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2nd FRIDAY ACOUSTIC JAM - second Friday 6 - 9 p.m., Quitman Public Library, 202 E Goode St, Quitman 903-975-5745
ALBA CITY COUNCIL - first Monday, 6:30 p.m., City Hall.
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 - Sunday and Monday, 7 p.m., Friday 8 p.m., Women's Group Monday noon (on hold); Senior Center, 308 University, Mineola.
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.
AL-ANON MINEOLA - Zoom meetings only. Thursday 7:30 p.m. Meeting ID 505 537 4690 Password 201220.
AL-ATEEN MINEOLA is currently doing Zoom meetings. Please email group for access info at mineolaateen@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 BINGO every Thursday, 6:30 p.m., doors open 5:30, 2015 E. Hwy. 80, Mineola, snack bar, 903-569-5965
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, Thursday-Saturday 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. (903) 569-1250
BOY SCOUT TROOP 36 QUITMAN - meets second and fourth Sunday, 4:30 p.m., Scout House behind First United Methodist Church. Joe Degorostiza, 903-763-4127
BOY SCOUT TROOP 385 Mineola - Tuesdays 7 p.m., Mineola Methodist Education Bldg. third floor. New boys/alsums 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 English Denton chapter - first Saturday except June, July, Au-

gust and December, 11 a.m. Harvest Acres Baptist Church, 1062 W Loop 564, Mineola. 903-857-2461.
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 6:30 p.m., meeting 7:30. Flora Lodge in Quitman. 903-850-4822
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. Angela Thompson, president, 903-316-0875
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.
THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS OF SAINT PETER'S THE APOSTLE COUNCIL #11933 - second Thursday, 7 p.m., at the church, 203 Meadowbrook Drive, Mineola. 903-569-3662.
LAKE COUNTRY CLASSIC CAR CLUB - third Monday, 6:30 p.m. 903-850-3858.
LAKE COUNTRY REPUBLICANS - fourth Monday, 6 p.m., Red Dome Smokehouse, Quitman.
LAKE COUNTRY RV TRAVELERS - of Good Sam Int'l. Monthly, RV parks w/in 150 m. radius. 903-569-3677 or 3069.
LAKE COUNTRY SYMPHONIC BAND - rehearsals Thursdays at Mineola Middle School Band Room. 7 p.m. 903-569-2300.
LAKE HOLBROOK ASSOCIATION - first Saturday, February, May, August and November, Harold Simmons Community Center, 5:30 p.m. directors, 6 p.m. all members and guests welcome. 903-569-0223.
MEMORY CAFE, a time for stimulating memory, meets weekly on Thursday in the craft room at Holly Brook Baptist Church from 11:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. Lunch is provided. Various activities are offered each week, including games, moderate exercise, art, and music. People in the area are invited. There is no charge. For more information call 903 769-2091
MINEOLA BAND BOOSTERS - 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.

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The hummingbird-pleasing red buckeye is a favorite among Texas gardeners and is expected to be among plants available for purchase during the upcoming bare root tree sale, offered by the Wood County Arboretum. (Photo by Lin Grado)

Arboretum plans bare root tree sale

Winter may have a grip on the temperatures, but the Wood County Arboretum in Quitman is offering a way to fight the cool weather gardening blues: a tree sale.

The popular bare root tree sale is tentatively set to kick off at 8 a.m. on Feb. 27 and again on March 7, featuring an array of mostly native types that tend to grow well in East Texas.

Sale dates could change due to weather conditions, with updates posted on the arboretum's website and through Facebook www.facebook.com/woodcountyarbo/.

"It's very satisfying to find trees that aren't generally available, like the buckeyes, cherrybark oak and the roughleaf dogwood," said Lin Grado, garden manager. "The trees offered in our sale are good choices for this area. Most benefit wildlife,

whether it is providing food for birds or serving as a host plant for caterpillars to bring butterflies into the garden."

And, she added, "Besides, who wouldn't want to buy a shrub called a wahoo?"

The year-old seedlings are offered at bargain prices: \$3 each or two for \$5, mix and match. Members have the option to pre-order through the arboretum's website.

Memberships start at \$25 per year. For more information, visit www.quitmanarboretum.com/shop.

Trees featured in this year's sale are expected to include bald cypress, black cherry, blackgum (Tupelo), blackhaw (rusty blackhaw viburnum), cherrybark oak, chinkapin oak, eastern wahoo (burningbush), false indigo, flowering dogwood, gray dogwood (non-native), loblolly pine, post oak, red

buckeye, redbud, roughleaf dogwood, shortleaf pine (featured in the arboretum), Texas buckeye (white blooms), white fringetree (grancy graybeard), white oak, pawpaw and river birch.

The annual bare root tree sale is one of many projects offered throughout the year at the arboretum, a 23-acre garden venue that also features a walking trail, theme gardens, tribute plantings and monarch way station.

The arboretum is located at 175 Governor Hogg Parkway.

For more information about the venue or ways to help, visit www.woodcountyarbo.org. Information is also available by phone at 430-235-5461 or email woodcountyarbo@gmail.com.

- by *Jacque Hilburn-Simmons*

after a two-month showing, a student art competition opens and will remain open until April 10.

Whether it is the presentation of painting exhibits such as "East Meets West" or pottery instruction un-

der the expertise of Stacey Tafoya or a self-produced musical put on by local teenagers, the Winnsboro Center for the Arts is doing all it can to further the arts and keep its doors open for Wood County residents.

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Although the "East Meets West" exhibit closes Feb. 13,

Mineola High School Honor Roll

2ND QUARTER ALL "A'S"

Freshmen – Cody Brannan, Sarah Brust, Jazmin Cruz Caro, Ana De La Garza Escudero, Mariana Delgadillo, Aiden Gould, Ella Layne, Gage Norris, Zaid Palma-Valdez, Chev-elle Smith, Yuka Torres, Fernel Ventura

Sophomores – Brittnie Christophersen, Mylee Fischer, Jonathan Gallegos Silerio, Aliyah Gonzalez, Allison Hooton, Ali Jordan, Alyssa Loven, Madeline Tucker, Vanessa Veloz

Juniors – Bianca Delgadillo, Gisel Delgadillo, Magdalena Estrada, Jayden Hass, Jack Heard, Leslie Jose Alejo, Jennifer Perez, Daniel Peruch - Serrano, Sunni Ruffin

Seniors – Anahi Aleman, Jimena Chavez, Jonah Fischer, Valerie Garcia, Ramiro Mata, Jiselle Miranda, Emily Phonsnasinh, Camila Ramos, Mateo Renaud, Nathan Rojas, William Waggoner, Delana Yager

"AB"

Freshmen – George Adair, Christopher Brandon, Joshua Burge, Bianca Candelario, Cherlin Carmona, Mayra Chavez, Kayla Clark, Bailey Cowart, Abbie Dobbs, Cristobal Duran, Macy Fischer, Kaylen Fletcher, Emma Forrester, Moses Fuller, Zachary Haskin, Jasmine

Hollins, Kase Karch, Michael Lacy, Natalie Mata, Rolando Ortega, Matthew Patterson, Omar Perez, Jose Pescador, Alejandro Reyes, Alisia Rodriguez, Jacquelin Sarmiento, Jordan Saxon, Itzmalzyn Simon, Richard Stanley, Jace Tyndell, Moises Vasquez, Tristan Wells, Hunter Wernecke, Bridgette West, Jackson Wiley, Jada Woodward

Sophomores – Cris Alejo, Mia Backer, Kaylee Ballew, Alex Barriga, Aubree Bedford, Adam Blalock, Cameron Bussell, Alexander Castillo, Jacob Castleberry, Hunter Collier, Dalton Crowson, Cason Davis, Adian Dudley, Laurin Duncan, Gracie Finley, Joseph Gandy, Parker Gant, Isaiah Gardner, Conner Gibson, Zoe Goodson, Makayla Gould, Jacqueline Greer, Jenna Haggerton, Lindsey Harris, Tanner Hartzog, Noah Holland, Madilynn Irby-Sheeran, Ariel Jackson, Spencer Joynes, Shylah Kratzmeyer, Jon Lored, Destini McElyea, Caitlyn McLemore, Alexis Miller, Corban Mize, Timothy Moreland, Benjamin Navarro, Jose Palacios, Dawson Pendergrass, Cillian Russell, Mira Stamper, Tin Tran, Emily Trimble, Sydney Van Cleave, Hunter VanDover, Jett Vaughn, Amanda Vega, Jocelyn Whitehead

Juniors – Coy Anderson,

Diana Barahona Acevedo, Riley Donohoe, Aidan Duplechein, Omar Galaz, Presley Harris, Michelle Hernandez, Madison Holland, Ava Johnson, Logan Kinder, Carlos Mata, Christian McPherson, Emily Melvin, Cameron Moore, Areli Palma, Arturo Perez Gonzalez, Jose Ramos, Keilee Riley, Kaylie Roerts, Drew Robertson, Miniya Rodriguez, Aubree Smith, Ryan Stockton, Luz Tinajero, Hector Valdez, Alexis Villeda, Hayden Wages, Riley Weekly, Samantha Williams, Gerson Zelaya, Hannah Zoch

Seniors – David Amador, Jackson Anderson, Cloey Andreozzi, Tahjae Black, Bayleigh Brannan, Toni Brannan, Tammy Calixto, Edith Candelario, Ellery D'Angelo, Keren De La Garza Escudero, Jonath Esquivel, Kejuan Fite, Alana Galaz, Maria Garcia Lopez, Jose Garcia, Maricela Garcia, Reyna Garcia, Reece Gilbreath, Thomas Hooton, Taylor Ihlenfeldt, Kobe Kendrick, Haven Kimbley, Abeni Kratzmeyer, Makayla La Pointe, Danny Lockhead, Anessa Lopez, Mariassa Lopez, Erica Marquez, Rosa McCarmack, Jacqueline Rodriguez, Melissa Rojas, Gustavo Sanchez, Makayla Skinner, Jayce Smith, Trevion Sneed, Michael Spurgeon, Hannah Tucker, Hunter Wright

WINTER

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morning was minus-4, according to The Weather Channel. Snowfall overnight Sunday was measured at eight and a half inches.

SWPECO and Wood County Electric Co-op were dealing with some outages Monday, after previous outages from the ice last week also left some areas without power for extended periods.

SWPECO mobilized repair crews ahead of the weekend storm.

Those spot outages were in addition to rolling outages announced around the state on Monday, though they did not appear to impact Wood County that day.

Even this week's edition of the Monitor is in jeopardy, with the power outages impacting the press in Henderson on Tuesday and road conditions making deliveries dangerous.

BTH banks remained closed Tuesday while City National Bank and Mineola Community Bank opened at 10 a.m. First National Bank of East Texas Mineola and Quitman locations opened drive throughs at 10 a.m.

Area churches canceled or moved services online Sunday and Wednesday.

The Wood County Economic Development Commission meeting Wednesday was canceled.

Notice of Requirement to Comply With the Subdivision and Service Extension Policy of Lake Fork Special Utility District

Pursuant to Chapter 13.2502 of the Texas Water Code, Lake Fork Water Supply hereby gives notice that any person who subdivides land by dividing any lot, tract, or parcel of land within the service area of Lake Fork Special Utility District, Certificate of Convenience and Necessity No. 11575, in Wood and Hopkins Counties, into two or more lots or sites for the purpose of sale or development, whether immediate or future, including a re-subdivision of land for which a plat has been filed and recorded or requests more than two water or sewer service connections on a single contiguous tract of land must comply with the Non-Standard Service Contract contained in Lake Fork Special Utility District's Districts Policy.

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Applicable elements of the Subdivision includes:

Evaluation by Lake Fork Special Utility District of the impact a proposed subdivision service extension will make on Lake Fork Special Utility Districts water supply system and payment of the cost for this evaluation;

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Payment costs for any improvements to Lake Fork Special Utility District system that is necessary to provide the water service;

Construction shall be according to the design approval by Lake Fork Special Utility District and dedication by the developer of water facilities within the subdivision following inspection.

Lake Fork Special Utility Districts District Policy and a map showing Lake Fork Special Utility District service area may be reviewed at Lake Fork Special Utility District Office at 8087 W FM 515 in Yantis, Texas 75497-0275. The District Policy and service area map also are filed of record at the Public Utility Commission of Texas 1701 N. Congress Ave., PO Box 13326, Austin, TX 78711-3326, Email: web@puc.texas.gov.



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Mineola Police Report

FEBRUARY 6

12:04 a.m., suspicious vehicle, 300 blk N. Newsom.
 4:28 a.m., suspicious person/vehicle, Sycamore, no signs of illegal activity.
 9:31 a.m., burglary, 600 blk N. Pacific, three vehicles in area appeared to have been gone through. Two reported nothing missing and one reported a drivers license missing.
 11:02 a.m., alarm, Country Club, residence is secure, no signs of criminal activity.
 12:01 p.m., reckless driver, N. Pacific at city limits, swerving in and out of traffic, unable to locate.
 12:30 p.m., motor vehicle accident, 1200 blk N. Pacific, vehicle hit in parking lot, plans to check store video.
 12:50 p.m., found property, Mineola Nature Preserve, key in parking lot.
 1:56 p.m., animal control, W. Buchanan, reporting party advised suspect has her cat and will not return it, advised a civil court matter.
 2:18 p.m., theft, Wigley, garage broken into.
 4:19 p.m., fraud, 300 blk Greenville, unknown subject calling with scam on Social Security number.
 5:26 p.m., disturbance, University, people fighting, reported about 100 people at location and five involved in altercation, civil matter over basketball game.
 5:35 p.m., alarm, W. Broad, set off by cleaning crew.
FEBRUARY 7
 2:33 a.m., unsecured area, N. Line, open door on garage, home secured and door closed.
 4:10 a.m., suspicious vehicle, 100 blk W. Broad, parked in front of business.
 12:00 p.m., Belcher, alarm, person has permission to be on property.
 12:24 p.m., animal control, Mimosa, neighbors have too many animals, advised three dogs and six cats, owner advised would begin relocating.
 12:51 p.m., reckless driver, 1900 blk W. Broad, unable to maintain lane, officer observed no violation.
 2:07 p.m., alarm, S. Pacific, motion alarm-fence beam, cat observed crossing fence.
 3:02 p.m., city ordinance violation, 1700 blk W. Broad, loud music, music turned down.
 3:38 p.m., assist other agency, N. Hwy. 37 at CR 2425, two-vehicle traffic accident.
 4:06 p.m., suspicious vehicle, 100 blk NE Loop 564, vehicle driving all around parking lot, unable to locate.

8:57 p.m., welfare concern, McDaniels, everything OK.
 10:10 p.m., assault, Graham, subject assaulted at unknown location, determined to be in the county, EMS contacted and transporting subject.
 10:47 p.m., alarm, Baker, everything OK.
 11:37 p.m., city ordinance violation, N. Pacific, heard gunshot, unable to locate.
FEBRUARY 8
 12:23 p.m., welfare concern, 400 blk Peachtree, concerned for older neighbor, everything OK.
 1:21 p.m., welfare concern, 1100 blk N. Pacific, two small children left unattended in vehicle, verbal warning issued to mother.
 2:28 p.m., assist other agency, Graham.
 4:06 p.m., motor vehicle accident, 2200 blk N. Pacific, hit and run by gold Dodge pickup, will have front end damage, no injuries.
 8:40 p.m., warrant service, Ivey, Wood County SO.
 11:28 p.m., suspicious vehicle, Ivey, subject leaving.
FEBRUARY 9
 12:47 a.m., information, S. Pacific at Bromberg, debris in roadway, officer cleared.
 7:38 a.m., information, 1000 blk W. Loop 564, officer assisted subject needing jump.
 12:05 p.m., injured buzzard, Wren at Goodson, second call, will fly or run away when approached.
 12:10 p.m., city ordinance violation, University, burning in city limits, fire extinguished.
 1:19 p.m., disturbance, E. Front at S. Pacific, train arms down, Union Pacific notified, one caller stated people were crossing and getting into other open crossings.
 3:10 p.m., assist other agency, Phillips, EMS transported subject.
 4:28 p.m., alarm, Baker.
 4:33 p.m., harassment, Peachtree, subject wants to file charges.
 5:29 p.m., theft, 100 blk NE Loop 564, male subject tried to leave store with \$400 worth of groceries, left in unknown direction without merchandise.
 6:06 p.m., motor vehicle accident, N. Pacific, vehicle struck in parking lot, occurred in December.
 6:36 p.m., welfare concern, Ivey, priority call from Child Protective Services, children placed with grandparents.
 7:26 p.m., suspicious vehicle, Uni-

versity, vehicle in the ditch, subject was eating, advised on private property and left.
FEBRUARY 10
 2:53 a.m., 600 blk W. Broad, alarm, building secure.
 7:30 a.m., public assist, 400 blk S. Pacific, 18 wheeler blocking two lanes, possibly broken down, vehicle moved from roadway.
 8:06 a.m., motorist assist, 900 blk W. Patten, assisted vehicle owner, vehicle running again.
 9:30 a.m., theft, W. Broad, trailer stolen.
 10:36 a.m., warrant service, Holley, no contact.
 10:41 a.m., warrant service, CR 3580, no contact.
 11:28 a.m., alarm, N. Pacific, everything OK.
 3:43 p.m., motor vehicle accident, S. Pacific at S. Johnson, minor, no injuries and out of roadway.
 6:03 p.m., warrant service, 300 blk Greenville, subject arrested and transported to sheriff's office, Daryan Moore for injury to a child/elderly/disabled with intent of bodily injury.
 6:13 p.m., information, Robin, re-possession of vehicle.
 7:16 p.m., terroristic threat, E. Broad.
FEBRUARY 11
 2:00 a.m., N. Johnson, alarm, power went out, everything OK.
 2:04 a.m., alarm, N. Pacific, everything secure.
 5:27 a.m., N. Pacific at Greenville, traffic light out, TxDOT put up stop signs.
 9:41 a.m., welfare concern, 200 blk E. Broad, 911 call hangup, everything OK.
 2:24 p.m., suspicious vehicle, Graham, everything OK.
 2:43 p.m., littering, Hart at Baker, people dumping in empty lot, directed patrol.
 4:36 p.m., motor vehicle accident, 1000 blk N. Pacific, information exchanged.
 5:27 p.m., burglary, 200 blk N. Newsom, building broken into, directed patrol.
 8:09 p.m. reckless driver, 100 blk NE Loop 564, speeding around parking lot, not witnessed.
 8:16 p.m., suspicious vehicle, 900 blk W. Patten, subject OK to be at location.
 9:11 p.m., suspicious vehicle/person, 500 blk S. Johnson, car pulled into driveway and subject began yelling.

Wood County Sheriff's Report

FEBRUARY 1

Deputy Brad Cox was dispatched to CR 4570 for an incident report. The reporting party stated he was driving down CR 4570, about a quarter mile from his home, when his passenger side window was shot out. He believed the bullet was a stray from someone shooting in the woods, and he has not had any issues with anyone on the county road. An incident report was completed.
 Sgt. Austin Milbourn took a report of an elderly woman who was possibly being scammed. The woman had attempted to send currency through the mail the previous week and she was advised this was against FedEx/UPS rules and she would need to get a money order instead. The woman tried a second time to send the money, telling the clerk her box contained documents. It was learned that the box instead contained \$7,500 cash. Milbourn returned the box to the woman at her residence and cautioned her about scams.
FEBRUARY 2
 Deputy Michael Allison took a report from a resident of CR 1858 regarding a scam. The man reportedly ordered some ammunition reloading supplies from an internet business, Reload Equipment Company. The complainant stated he paid almost \$400 for the items and had never received them. Attempts to contact the company had been unsuccessful. The man advised he had paid through Google Pay and had already contacted them to look into the transaction. The man later received an email from Google Pay regarding his claim stating that Google Pay would not be reimbursing him for his loss. The complainant had already done some investigating on his own and uncovered what he believed to be the company owner's name. This information was included with the report and forwarded to CID for continued investigation.
FEBRUARY 5
 Deputy Brad Cox took a report of identity theft from a resident of CR 3859. The man advised he had been contacted by Social Security and was transferred to a DEA agent who stated a car had been located at the border containing blood and eight to nine pounds of cocaine. The man was advised the car was registered to him and the bank accounts were in his name and had thousands of dollars wired internationally. The complainant confirmed his Social Security number as well as his bank account information with the caller. The man was provided with an identity theft packet to complete and warned against providing personal information over the phone.
 Deputy Cox took a burglary report from a woman on CR 2179. The woman advised multiple items were missing from a tool shed on the property. Cox noted obvious signs of forced entry. The missing items include several cordless power tools. Information was recorded regarding a possible suspect. This case has been forwarded for investigation.

FEBRUARY 6

Deputy David Tipps was dispatched to CR 1630 for a report of stolen firearms. The complainant stated that a Remington 20-gauge shotgun and a Remington 4-10 shotgun were missing from his gun cabinet. He also advised that the two missing guns were ones he did not shoot often. No visible signs of forced entry were noted. The complainant provided information regarding two suspects. This case has been forwarded for additional investigation.
 Deputy John Cooper and Sgt. Milbourn were dispatched to a structure fire on CR 3953 and arrived to find a wood frame house almost completely engulfed in flames. A woman at the scene advised the house belonged to her husband who was working in West Texas. According to the woman, she did not live there but had come by to work from home at the house. She further stated she had lit a candle the previous evening and it had burned down to the particle board counter top causing a smoky smell in the house. It is unknown if the candle was responsible for the fire. The Wood County fire marshal was notified.
 Deputy David Tipps was dispatched to CR 3540 for an animal complaint. A woman stated her brother-in-law had pepper sprayed her Rotweiler for no reason. The two families reside on the same property in separate mobile homes. The brother-in-law stated the dog was sitting on the property line when he sprayed it across the muzzle causing it to return to the other residence. He further stated he is scared of the dog. Tipps observed the dog did not appear to be in pain or injured and concluded no offense had occurred.
FEBRUARY 7
 Sgt. Milbourn was dispatched to a residence on FM 778 in reference to a burglary which had occurred earlier in the day. The reporting party stated that three subjects had attempted to break in to her residence during the early morning hours and were in a physical altercation with her adult son who also lives there. Milbourn spoke with the son and observed him to have blood on his face, hands, arms and clothing as well as a laceration on his nose near eye level. When asked why he did not report the assault at the time it occurred, he stated that he did not want to alarm his mother. Photographs were taken of the door and door frame and no signs of serious forced entry were noted. This case has been forwarded to CID and remains under investigation.
FEBRUARY 8
 Deputy McKenzie Chandler, along with several other members of the Sheriff's Office, served a search warrant at a Mineola residence. Three small children were found to be inside the residence and were removed to safety prior to any other actions. A legal guardian was contacted to take possession of the children, ages 8, 5, and 1. Inside the residence, drugs, guns and drug paraphernalia were located in areas easily accessible to the children. Jacob Dale Large, 29, of Mineola was arrested on multiple

charges, including child endangerment. Also found during the search was a gun which had its serial number scratched off leading to a charge of tampering with identifying numbers. Large also faces charges of possession of marijuana and manufacture/delivery of a controlled substance, one gram or more but less than four grams.
 Deputy Jaclyn Skinner observed a suspicious vehicle at the roadside park on SH 37 south. Skinner made routine contact with the vehicle's lone occupant, and during the course of normal conversation found him increasingly nervous. Deputy Skinner asked for, and was denied, consent to search the vehicle for contraband. Precinct 2 Constable Kelly Smith, along with his canine partner, Mata, was requested to the scene. Mata gave a positive alert on the vehicle. A probable cause search of the vehicle netted 2.1 grams of suspected methamphetamine. Tyron James Hale, 48, of Quitman faces a charge of possession of a controlled substance, penalty group 1, one gram or more, but less than four grams.
FEBRUARY 9
 Deputies Andrew Morrison and Thomas Ritterbach responded to a residence on FM 515 in response to a request for a criminal trespass warning. Deputies were notified by the requestor that the subject would be arriving at the location to pick up his property and was possibly in possession of a firearm. Once the subject arrived, the deputies found him to be cooperative with the issuance of the trespass warning. The subject also admitted to having a firearm in his vehicle, but stated it was unloaded. The gun was located and was verified to be empty of any rounds. Once the trespass warning was issued, the man left the property without incident.
 Deputy Andrew Rapp took a report of fraud from a woman who stated she was attempting to put money on her Cash App prepaid debit card, and when she looked up the number for the card on Google, it showed a 1-800 number. According to the woman, she contacted the phone number and an operator instructed her to purchase a Google Play card and scratch the back to reveal the numbers. Afterward, she was to send a photo of the Google Play card and her Cash App prepaid debit card. The operator was then supposed to transfer the money from the Google Play card to her Cash App card. The transfer never happened leading the woman to the conclusion that she had been scammed.
 Deputy Rapp took a phone report from a student at Jarvis Christian College. The woman stated 10 rings had been stolen from her dorm room. The stolen rings are valued at approximately \$1,400 collectively. The complainant gave information regarding a possible suspect in the case. The suspect had earlier been helping the complainant pack up her belongings. This case has been forwarded for additional investigation.

Mineola Fire Report

Medical assist, assist EMS crew: Feb. 9, 3:04 p.m., 501 Phillips St., Mineola.

Motor vehicle accident with injuries: Feb. 8, 6:11 p.m., FM 779 & FM 1799, Golden.

Motor vehicle accident with no injuries: Feb. 7, 3:37 p.m., N. Hwy. 37 & N CR 2425, Mineola.

Aircraft standby: Feb. 4, 3:01 p.m., 1150 N. Newsom St., Mineola.
Assist police or other governmental agency: Feb. 10, 7:49 p.m., S. Pacific St. & Freeman St., Mineola.



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(mineolalibrary.com). If not, please call and let the staff know if you have a particular title in mind or certain authors or genres, and then the staff can pull some selections for you.
 Remember, we also have eBooks available for use on electronic devices.
 We appreciate everyone's patience while we, like many others, dealt with power issues and the forecast. We strive to have a usable library, and sometimes

we have to close in order to make sure we can offer such an environment.
 We do not have tax assistance available this year. We do have available the 1040 and the 1040SR forms. We have a copy of the instructions and will make copies of specific pages for you. We don't charge for the tax forms, but we do charge 20-cents a page to make copies of the instructions, just as we would if you chose to print something.
 Remember, while vaccinations are becoming avail-

able for those in group 1A and 1B, we are not out of the woods yet.
 Please, continue to wear a mask while in the library, wash your hands or use hand sanitizer, keep your distance and most importantly, stay home if you are not feeling well. Call us, we can make adjustments.
 Remember, the Mineola Memorial Library is a 501(c)3, non-profit and donations are not only appreciated, they may be tax-deductible.

ENGINEERING SERVICES PUBLIC NOTICE

The City of Alba plans to apply for the upcoming 2021/22 Texas Community Development Fund from the Texas Community Development Block Grant (TxCDBG) Program of the Texas Department of Agriculture (TDA). Accordingly, the City is seeking to contract with a qualified Engineering Firm (individual/firm) to prepare all preliminary and final design plans and specifications, and to conduct all necessary interim and final inspections. These services are being solicited to assist the City in its application preparation and project implementation of a TxCDBG contract, if awarded, to support the following water, sewer, or street infrastructure project in the City of Alba.

Please submit your proposal of services and a statement of qualifications for the proposed services to the address below:

City of Alba
 Attn: Lindy McCarty, City Secretary
 145 Broadway
 Alba, Texas 75410

Proposals shall be received by the City no later than 11 am on the 1st day of March 2021. The City reserves the right to negotiate with any and all individuals or firms that submit proposals, as per the Texas Professional Services Procurement Act and the Uniform Grants and Contract Management Standards. Section 3 Residents and Business Concerns, Minority Business Enterprises, Small Business Enterprises and Women Business Enterprises are encouraged to submit proposals.

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Obituaries

WESLEY MARION CRIDDLE 1965-2021



Wesley Marion Criddle, 55, of Winnsboro passed away on Friday, Jan. 29, 2021 in Sulphur Springs. He was born on Sept. 15, 1965 in Mt. Pleasant to the late Willie Marion Criddle and Judy Gaynelle Reese Criddle.

Wes was a retired justice of the peace for Precinct 2 of Wood County and loved following the bible study of Bob Alexander online.

He is survived by his loving wife, Carla A. Criddle; his mom, Judy Cameron; his children Kaitlyn Criddle and Joshua Criddle, Stefan Jones and Jessica Purser, Jacob and Katrina Jones, Courtney Jones and Alyssa and Austin Flores; two grandsons, Nickolai and Malachi Jones; sister, Darla Criddle; brother, Rhett Criddle and wife Terri Criddle; and brother Darren Criddle. He also leaves behind three nephews, a niece and great niece.

A memorial service will be held at 2 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 27, 2021 at the Mineola Nature Preserve.

DACHIEL ANN TURNER 1966-2021



Dachiell Ann Turner of Mineola joined her Lord and Savior Jesus Christ on Feb. 7, 2021. She was born on July 14, 1966 in Dallas to James Calvin and Phyllis Ann (Allen) Turner. Dachiell was very much loved by all who knew her. She was the definition of a Christian woman who devoted her life to the Lord and her family. Dachiell graduated from Commo-Pickton High School in 1984. Her family would tell you her expertise was finding a bargain at any garage sale she visited. Dachiell was a member of Crossroads Community Church in Tyler. She was preceded in death by her father, James Calvin Turner; maternal grandparents, Horace and Ruth Frances Allen; paternal grandparents, B.J. and Drucilla (Finklea) Turner Alford; paternal grandfather, Fred Turner; and sister, Donna Lynn Williams. Dachiell is survived by her husband of 30-plus years, Todd Michael Turner; mother, Phyllis Ann (Allen) Turner; daughter, Rebecca Leigh Turner; son, Michael Allen Turner and his wife Lacey; son, Bennett Todd Turner

and his wife Carla; sister, Charity Ramsey and her husband Ricky; brother, Wesley Turner and his wife Ashlie; grandchildren, Aiden, Haylie, Nathan and Emma Leigh; and nieces and nephews, Michaela Brundage, Elijah Williams, Kaleb Ramsey, Harper Ramsey and Wyatt Turner.

The family received friends on Friday, Feb. 12 from 1 to 2 p.m. at Beaty Funeral Home in Winnsboro. The funeral began at 2 p.m. with Bro. Jerry Payne officiating. Interment followed at New Pickton Cemetery.

LILA RUTH JACKSON 1927-2021



Lila Ruth Jackson, 93, passed away on Monday, Feb. 8, 2021.

She was born on Dec. 18, 1927 to Fay Shipley and Albert Busbee in Wood County.

She was preceded by her husband, Billy Jackson; her parents; her brothers, A.L. Busbee and Raymond Busbee; sisters, Lola McKenzie and Bessie Mize; and grandson, Timothy Jackson.

Lila is survived by her son, Bobby Jackson (wife Karla); daughters, Billie Ruth Jackson and Betty VanDusen (husband Steve); six grandchildren; and eight great-grandchildren.

Graveside services were held Wednesday, Feb. 10, 2021 at 2 p.m. at Roselawn Cemetery in Mineola with Bro. Fred Morrow officiating.

In lieu of flowers donations can be made to St. Jude's or Shriners.

RUSSELL FRANKLIN FOSTER 1942-2021



Russell Franklin Foster, 79, of Bastrop passed away on Feb. 5, 2021 in Round Rock.

Russell was born in Yantis to Clyde and Pauline Foster on Jan. 20, 1942. He attended school in Yantis. Russell married Caroline Foster on Aug. 26, 1966 and stayed married for 54 wonderful years.

Russell worked at Air Products and Chemicals for over 31 years as a plant supervisor. He also served in the Texas National Guard from 1964-68. Russell

also belonged to the Masonic Lodge.

Russell enjoyed volunteering at the Bastrop Little League, helping build some of the fields kids still play on today. He also enjoyed going for long rides in the country with Caroline and his dog, Mikey. After retirement, Russell enjoyed traveling throughout the United States with his travel trailer, seeing the sights with Caroline and cousin Jerry and Quita Burchfield.

Russell is survived by his wife, Caroline Foster; son, Robert Foster and daughter-in-law Bonnie; granddaughter, Lacey London; grandsons, Chayce and Roman Foster; sister, Gwen Higgins and brother-in-law Roy Higgins; sister, Junell Ross; and numerous cousins, nieces and nephews.

Russell was preceded in death by his parents, Clyde and Pauline Foster; son, Paul Foster; and cousins, Terry Nolan and Jerry Burchfield.

Due to COVID-19, no services will be held.

CLYDE JUNIOR SWINDELL 1935-2021



Services for Clyde Junior Swindell, 85, of Golden are scheduled for 2 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 21, 2021 at Wilson-Bartley Funeral Home, Alba, with Bro. Byron George and Bro. Samuel Priddy officiating.

Interment will be in Pleasant Ridge Cemetery.

Mr. Swindell passed away Feb. 12, 2021 at his home. He was born Dec. 4, 1935, in Wolfe City to Thomas Clyde and Ludie Esther Long Swindell. He served in the U.S. Army. Clyde married Barbara Cozett Moore on Feb. 19, 1954 in Alba. He spent the last 30 years in Wood County where he was a member of Amazing Grace Fellowship Church. He was a Mason. Clyde was preceded in death by his parents and two brothers, James Swindell and Tommy Joe Swindell.

Survivors include his wife of 66 years, Barbara Cozett Moore Swindell of Golden; son, Jeff Swindell and wife Koko of Azle; two daughters, Deborah Diederichs of East Bethel, Minn. and Gerri Rogers of Mineola; brother, Roland Swindell and wife Shirley of Boyd; eight grandchildren; 11 great-grandchildren; and numerous other relatives and friends.

The family will receive friends at 1 p.m., Sunday, Feb. 21, 2021 at the funeral home.

Search for wanted suspect leads to stolen contraband, more

A search for a wanted subject in the Lake Holbrook area Jan. 29 led the Wood County Sheriff's Office to the recovery of several stolen items, illegal narcotics, weapons and identity cards.

According to the department's social media page, Capt. Mike Chilson, Sgt. Billy Hill, Sgt. Justin Bowring, Sgt. Heather Bailey, Sgt. Austin Milbourn, Sgt. Jeremy Smith and Deputy Jaclyn Skinner continued the

previous week's investigation on the whereabouts of wanted person Christopher Minhinnet.

Information was received that Minhinnet was possibly staying on a property in the Lake Holbrook area. WCSO with Constable Prec. 2 Kelly Smith, canine Mata, Jeff Hammonds and the Joint East Texas Fugitive Task Force went to the location to search for Minhinnet. While on scene, law enforcement

recovered items reported stolen to include three trucks, one car, one trailer and one travel trailer.

A subsequent search led to the seizure 58 grams of methamphetamine and seven grams of heroin.

Officials discovered four weapons, one homemade suppressor, 14 drivers' licenses, four social security cards, 23 credit cards and 41 titles to vehicles.

Smith County Constable

Prec. 5 Jeff McClenny was requested to bring his drone. He was able to assist in the search of the property for any other items that could have been hidden further into the wooded area.

The agencies that the items were reported stolen from have been notified. The whereabouts of the person(s) involved in the recovered property is unknown, however the investigation is still ongoing.

High school band students earn top marks in solo and ensemble

UIL solo and ensemble competition was held Friday, Feb. 5.

The following area high school band students earned first division ratings to advance to the state competition.

Quitman - Oscar Roman - clarinet solo; Kaitlynn Barnett, Madysen Miller and Lorena Sorzano - flute trio; Jazmin Rojas, Oscar Roman and Tristan Wood - clarinet trio.

Alba-Golden - Tristan Leddy - trumpet solo.

Mineola - Baritone - Naomi Adams, Toni Brannan, Rosie Kimbley, Jordan Saxon

Bass clarinet - Shelby Umphries, Makayla Skinner, Mariana Delgadillo

Clarinet - Jada Woodward, Laurin Duncan, Alyssa Loven, Rae Pendleton, Lexi Davis, Ellery D'Angelo, Emily Phonsnasinh, Olivia Toledo, Adrian French, Trinity Kolo

Contra bass - Stefie De la Garza

Flute - Melissa Torres, Kira Dunn, Leslie Alejo, Gisel Delgadillo, Jimena

Chavez, Keren De la Garza, Erica Marquez, Tamyra Williams, Chevelle Smith

Horn - Audri Dunwoody, Alex Castillo, Alana Galaz, Ali Gonzalez

Oboe - Kayla Clark
Percussion - Cody Brannan, Aiden Gould, Buddy Ruffin, Cris Alejo, Aubree Bedford, Corban Mize, Cillian Russell, Vanessa Veloz, Tristan Cheeks, Quinton Crowley, Bianca Delgadillo, Valeria Veloz, Valerie Garcia, Becca Hughes

Saxophone - Yuka Torres, Cameron Bussell, Emily Trimble, Maddie Tucker, Jett Vaughan, Riley Woodward

Tenor sax - Rolando Ortega

Trombone - Zaid Palma-Valdez, Makayla Gould, Gabby Wolf, Marco Medina

Trumpet - Ali Jordan, Juan Rocha, Joel Smith, Logan Kinder, River O'Neal, Jonath Esquivel, Cam Ramos, Shan Beckworth

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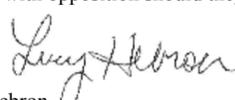
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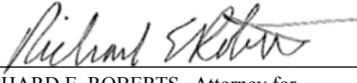
PUBLIC NOTICE
 Notice is hereby given that a public hearing has been set for revision on the plat of Means Addition Subdivision. The revision includes lot 1 within Means Addition Subdivision. The public hearing is set for Tuesday, March 9, 2021, at 9:00 A.M. in the Commissioners Courtroom. All persons interested in revision to this plat may appear at the public hearing with opposition should they so desire.

 Lucy Hebron
 Wood County Judge

NOTICE TO CREDITORS
 Notice is hereby given that original Letters Testamentary for the Estate of Robert Charles Brewer, Deceased, were issued on February 8, 2021, in Cause No. 13,832, pending in the County Court of Wood County, Texas, to: SHERRI D. BREWER. All persons having claims against this Estate which is currently being administered are required to present them to the undersigned within the time and in the manner prescribed by law.
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PUBLIC NOTICE
 Notice is hereby given that a public hearing has been set for revision on the plat of Holly Lake Ranch Subdivision. The revision includes lots 429 and 430, Section 8 within Holly Lake Ranch Subdivision. The public hearing is set for Tuesday, March 9, 2021, at 9:00 A.M. in the Commissioners Courtroom. All persons interested in revision to this plat may appear at the public hearing with opposition should they so desire.

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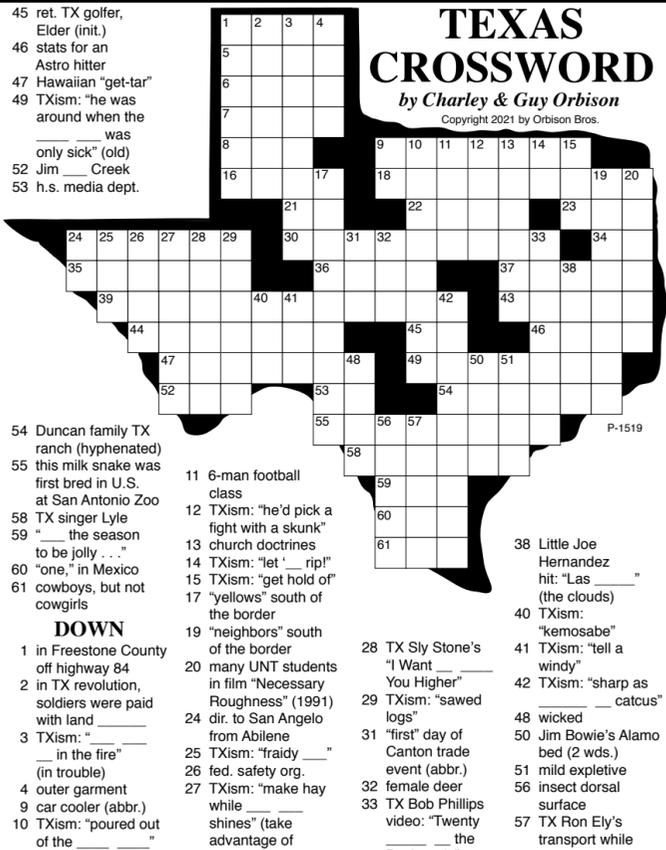
New state program to assist those struggling to pay rent
 East Texans struggling to pay rent may benefit from a new program being launched through the Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs. The Rent Relief Program is targeted to those who are behind on rent. Landlords may also apply for the program. Greater East Texas Community Action Program is working to educate rural East Texas about this special program. The program became available starting Monday, Feb. 15. Those interested are encouraged to apply quickly. According to GETCAP Executive Director, Karen Swenson "This program is meant to serve the state, but there is only a limited amount of funds. Rural area residents often do not know such programs are available until all the funding is gone. There is a lot of need in rural East Texas, and we want to make sure individuals know how to apply for this special program. Funds will likely go fast." For information visit the website: www.texasrentrelief.com. GETCAP also has programs to assist with energy bills, training, job search and rent. For information visit the website: www.getcap.org. All programs are available regardless of race, sex, color, creed or national origin.

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NOTICE TO CREDITORS
 Notice is hereby given that original Letters Testamentary for the Estate of HAZEL DALE RENFROW COLLINS, Deceased, were issued on February 8, 2021, in No. 13,822, pending in the County Court of Wood County, Texas to ALAN BLAINE COLLINS. The residence of the Independent Executor is in Contra Costa County, California. The post office address of the Independent Executor is c/o Richard E. Roberts, P.O. Box 70, 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 8th day of February, 2021.

 RICHARD E. ROBERTS, Attorney for
 ALAN BLAINE COLLINS, Independent Executor

CITY OF MINEOLA
NOTICE TO BIDDERS
 SEALED BIDS addressed to the City of Mineola, 300 Greenville Hwy., Mineola, TX 75773 will be received until 2:00 p.m., Tuesday, March 16, 2021 for furnishing all labor, equipment, materials, supplies, and supervision necessary for the Stone Street Sewer Improvements in accordance with the plans and specifications prepared by KSA Engineers, Inc. At the time stated, bids will be opened and publicly read. Contract documents including bid proposal forms, plans sheets, and specifications for the Project may be viewed and downloaded free of charge (with the option to purchase hard copies) at www.civcastusa.com. EEO/M/F/V/H/D.
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 1 Waco tech. sch.
 5 sound repeat in Palo Duro Canyon
 6 806 is panhandle code
 7 TXism: "never look a ___ horse in the mouth"
 8 TXism: "woke ___ bear" (trouble)
 9 TXism: "changes his mind ___ as he does socks"
 16 "is" south of the border
 18 "TX Water Safari" on the San Marcos River (2 wds.)
 21 ___ an old cowhand ...
 22 TXism: "you're puttin' ___" (kidding)
 23 TXism: "stuffed like a ballot"
 24 TX ragtime Joplin, et al.
 30 this TX submarine commander was "the Navy's Audie Murphy" (2 wds.)
 34 TX "Merry Mex" Trevino golfer (init.)
 35 TXism: "you're hanging your ___ my line" (interfering)
 36 TX Willis built the Longhorn Ball
 37 highest male voice
 39 TXism: "plain as ___ an eye chart"
 43 dry heat bath
 44 TXism: "skinny ___"
 45 ret. TX golfer, Elder (init.)
 46 stats for an Astro hitter
 47 Hawaiian "get-tar"
 49 TXism: "he was around when the ___ was only sick" (old)
 52 Jim ___ Creek
 53 h.s. media dept.
 54 Duncan family TX ranch (hyphenated)
 55 this milk snake was first bred in U.S. at San Antonio Zoo
 58 TX singer Lyle ___ the season to be jolly ...
 59 "one," in Mexico
 60 cowboys, but not cowgirls
 61 DOWN
 1 in Freestone County off highway 84
 2 in TX revolution, soldiers were paid with land
 3 TXism: "___ in the fire" (in trouble)
 4 outer garment
 9 car cooler (abbr.)
 10 TXism: "poured out of the ___" (alike)
 11 6-man football class
 12 TXism: "he'd pick a fight with a skunk" church doctrines
 13 TXism: "let '___ rip!"
 14 TXism: "get hold of" "yellows" south of the border
 19 "neighbors" south of the border
 20 many UNT students in film "Necessary Roughness" (1991) dir. to San Angelo from Abilene
 25 TXism: "fraidy ___"
 26 fed. safety org.
 27 TXism: "make hay while ___ shines" (take advantage of opportunities)
 28 TX Sly Stone's "I Want ___ You Higher"
 29 TXism: "sawed logs"
 31 "first" day of Canton trade event (abbr.)
 32 female deer
 33 TX Bob Phillips video: "___ the Backroads"
 38 Little Joe Hernandez hit: "Las ___" (the clouds)
 40 TXism: "kemosabe"
 41 TXism: "tell a windy"
 42 TXism: "sharp as ___ cactus"
 48 wicked
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Invitation for Bids
 The City of Alba will receive bids for CDBG # 7219000 Drainage Improvements until 2:00pm on February 25th, 2021 at 145 Broadway Street, Alba, TX 75410. The bids will be publicly opened and read aloud at 2:00pm on February 25th, 2021 at 145 Broadway Street, Alba, TX 75410. Bids are invited for several items and quantities of work as follows: This project includes cleaning and reshaping of existing ditches, the excavation of new ditches, the cleaning of existing culverts, installation of new RCP and CMP culverts, installation of safety end treatments, the repair of HMA and the repair of rock and concrete driveways. Bid/Contract Documents, including Drawings and Technical Specifications are on file at SPI, 320 S. Broadway Ave, Suite 200, Tyler, TX 75702 and City Hall, 145 Broadway Street, Alba, TX 75410. Copies of the Bid/Contract Documents may be on www.isqft.com or www.civcastusa.com. A bid bond in the amount of 5 percent of the bid issued by an acceptable surety shall be submitted with each bid [for those contracts that exceed \$100,000]. A certified check or bank draft payable to the City of Alba or negotiable U.S. Government Bonds (as par value) may be submitted in lieu of the Bid Bond. Attention is called to the fact that not less than, the federally determined prevailing (Davis-Bacon and Related Acts) wage rate, as issued by the Texas Department of Agriculture Office of Rural Affairs and contained in the contract documents, must be paid on this project. In addition, the successful bidder must ensure that employees and applicants for employment are not discriminated against because of race, color, religion, sex, age, sexual identity, gender identity or national origin. Adherence to the grant recipient's Section 3 Policy is required for contracts and subcontracts in excess of \$100,000.00. The City of Alba reserves the right to reject any or all bids or to waive any informalities in the bidding. Bids may be held by City of Alba for a period not to exceed 60 days from the date of the bid opening for the purpose of reviewing the bids and investigating the bidder's qualifications prior to the contract award. All contractors/subcontractors that are debarred, suspended or otherwise excluded from or ineligible for participation on federal assistance programs may not undertake any activity in part or in full under this project.



Boedy Baker of Alba-Golden battles for the ball with contact from three Como-Pickton players in the Panthers' game last Tuesday. (Monitor photo by Sam Major)

Panthers fall to Como-Pickton

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The Panthers' chance to secure a playoff spot were snatched away by the Eagles last Tuesday in Como-Pickton, where Alba-Golden lost 61-30.

The Eagles quickly clawed out an 11-0 lead propelled by three three-pointers. Blake Weissert scored the only Panther bucket of the first quarter just over four and a half minutes after tipoff.

Alba-Golden struggled to find open shots against a disciplined zone defense, and the ones they did just did not fall. They missed all five of their three-point attempts in the opening quarter.

Near the end of the first, Boedy Baker sustained an ankle injury and had to sit the rest of the game, hob-

bling the Panthers.

It was 14-2 after eight minutes.

Will Hartin hit one of his two threes early in the second period, and Kaden Kennedy scored a bucket down low. Alba-Golden was keeping pace, but still trailed 22-10.

Como-Pickton closed out the period with three more buckets to push the halftime margin to 28-10.

To make a comeback after the break the Panthers would need to have fewer turnovers than the eight they relinquished in the first half and get busy on the boards. But they had another eight giveaways, and the Eagles out-soared them with 12 rebounds to five in the latter half of the game.

Como-Pickton leveraged these advantages to take a

49-23 lead after three quarters.

Alba-Golden scored seven points early in the fourth and with the score 51-30, the Eagles used a timeout. Whatever was said in the huddle resulted in the Panthers being shut out the rest of the game, while Como-Pickton picked up 10 more points to close the night.

Weissert finished with 13 points. Kaden Kennedy had seven each of points and rebounds. Hartin scored six. Jack Patton had two points and three boards while Kyle Kennedy scored two and grabbed two. Baker got one rebound before being injured.

The loss left the Panthers tied with Quinlan Boles for the fourth-place playoff spot.



Kaden Kennedy, 25, and Jack Patton, 15, battle for the rebound against Quinlan Boles Saturday afternoon in Emory. The two teams split regular season games and ended district play with identical 3-7 records and tied for the final fourth-place playoff spot. Boles won the play-in game 54-46. (Monitor photo by Sam Major)

Alba-Golden boys try to slow down North Hopkins

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Folks attending the final Alba-Golden Panthers home varsity boys basketball game last Friday got a real treat. Coach Craig Philo resorted to a time-honored and seldom-used strategy to take on the visiting and district-leading North Hopkins Panthers. The visitors prevailed 32-19 but struggled mightily to overcome the very effective stall of Alba-Golden.

The tactic seemed to surprise everyone in the gym, especially the North Hopkins team and coaches. For three quarters it worked as advertised. North Hopkins was clearly frustrated. With having so few offensive possessions per side, it made each shot doubly-important, hence increasing the winning percentages available to Alba-Golden.

At the half the score stood 15-9, North Hopkins. At the end of three quarters the home side trailed only 24-18. Alba-Golden spent the first three quarters a mere two 3-pointers shy of the lead.

Any strategy is tough to commit to for an entire game, and it is no different with a stall. Alba-Golden had overcome mistakes early in the game – three consecutive turnovers to start the second half had given North Hopkins a 13 point lead – but they fought back each time.

A 3-pointer by Blake Weissert and jumper by Kaden Kennedy off an inbound play closed the deficit at the end of the third quarter. After two scoreless minutes to start the final period, Jack Patton raced the length of the court to emphatically block the shot of North Hopkins' big man on a break. There appeared to be a fi-

nal push at hand for the Panthers. It was not to be. Two quick 3-pointers by North Hopkins and back-to-back misses from Alba-Golden separated the teams going down the stretch. With three minutes to play, it was then the visitors' turn to kill the clock.

The loss had some strong positives with which to wrap up the season. With only a few days preparation, Alba-Golden had adopted a strategy which required keen court awareness, clean ball-handling and patience. They executed it exceptionally well.

Of particular note, Will Hartin and Blake Weissert had their best night of the season handling the ball. Their decision-making was key to the stall tactic and Alba-Golden's chance at victory.

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Jack Tannebaum's pump fake got Mineola's Jonah Fischer high in the air for the attempted block as Quitman and the Yellowjackets faced off in a district matchup. (Monitor photo by Sam Major)



Quitman's Jack Tannebaum gets off a shot with a second to go in the first half. The three-pointer got the Bulldogs within 10 points of Mineola. (Monitor photo by Sam Major)

Mineola holds off Quitman, stays atop district

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Mineola moved their District 13-3A record to 11-1 while dropping Quitman to 3-9 with a 60-42 victory at Delbert Ballard Memorial Gym Friday night. The Jackets won a coin flip with Chapel Hill to become the top seed for the district and will take on District 14-3A fourth-place team Hooks at Marshall High School Friday at 7 p.m. Mineola finished the regular season with an 18-5 season slate while Quitman ended at 10-12.

Neither team could get much going early in the game. Andrew Stinchfield's successful three-point shot got things started for Mineola with 5:55 left in the first quarter. That was followed by buckets from Jonah Fischer and Trevion Sneed to give the Jackets an early 7-0 edge. A pair of Brady Floyd free throws with 3:17

to go in the quarter were the first Bulldog points. Mineola came back with a basket by Conner Gibson making it 9-2. Quitman did not score a field goal in the first quarter, but Garin Kisinger made two charity tosses making it 9-4. Fischer, Sneed and Stinchfield finished off the first stanza scoring for Mineola and the Jackets had a 15-4 lead going into the second period.

The Jackets took a 10-point lead at the half. Down 30-10 in the second quarter, Quitman's Jack Tannebaum hit a triple with just 1:48 left in the half, and a Ford Tannebaum bucket made it 30-15. Jack Tannebaum came back with a steal and score and then hit a long triple at the buzzer to cut the Mineola lead to 30-20.

The Bulldogs showed tenacity and toughness in the third quarter, once again led by the Tannebaum brothers as they closed the Jacket gap

to 40-34 going into the final eight minutes. Ford Tannebaum made a four-point play, sinking a triple and adding a foul shot, and Jack Tannebaum added another three pointer as the quarter ended. A determined Mineola team had enough as big men Sneed and Dawson Pendergrass took over. Each hit for eight points in the final quarter and dominated play in the lane.

The Jackets scored the first 11 points of the fourth quarter to take a 51-34 cushion over the Bulldogs and opened up a 20 point lead at 59-39 on a basket by Fischer.

Quitman's lone senior Aiden Corrior ended his four-year varsity career with a long three point shot at the buzzer as the game ended for the 60-42 Mineola win. Corrior ended the night with 13 points for Quitman while Brady Floyd had eight, Jack Tannebaum eight and Ford Tannebaum seven.

Lady Bulldogs' late rally falls short

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On their first playoff trip in a decade, the Quitman Lady Bulldogs' shooting was as cold as the frigid north winds outside, falling to DeKalb 41-28 in a bi-district game at Prairieland.

Down 23 points at one time, the Lady Bulldogs caught fire and roared back in the final quarter to give the Lady Bears a scare. The DeKalb full-court press gave the Lady Bulldogs fits in the first three quarters as the Lady Bears built a 36-13 lead.

The Quitman defense played tough the entire game, and the offensive game came around in the final eight minutes. The Lady Bulldog defense forced DeKalb into 31 turnovers. DeKalb caused enough problems to score 22 points from Quitman turnovers in the first three quarters.

Quitman Head Coach Blake Hamrick said, "I am so proud of the girls and team for the growth we have shown this year. We really came together and were able to make huge strides the last couple of months. Obviously, it's hard to lose a game against a team like DeKalb that you felt like you could beat, and it was on a night

when we didn't have our best game. But just to be in that position and have the chance, is more than those girls have ever had and I couldn't be more proud. We will miss our seniors Kynlee (Love) and Lindsey (Hornaday) and are thankful for their commitment to the program, and we will continue to build with the underclassmen in the years to come."

DeKalb took an 8-0 first quarter lead until Maddy Pence put in a bucket at the buzzer to make it 8-2. In the second quarter, a Kynlee Love three-point shot cut the Lady Bear lead to 14-7. Sparked by a pair of triples by DeKalb's Anijah Gray, DeKalb led at intermission 25-11.

Quitman came out for the second half with Lindsey Hornaday hitting a basket, cutting the lead to 25-13. Quitman went cold again and did not score again in the third quarter as the Lady Bears took a 36-13 lead into the final frantic eight minutes.

Quitman's defense started forcing DeKalb into numerous turnovers. Addison Marcee, Carley Spears, Reiny Luman and Kaysi Parker came off the bench and played great defense. Hornaday led the overall defen-

sive charge, recording four steals while Pence, Parker and Ashley Davis each had three.

DeKalb led 39-20 when Quitman started closing the gap as Pence and Hornaday hit from short range while Spears and Davis made three-point shots, but time ran out on the game and on the season for the Lady Bulldogs.

The last Lady Bulldog team to make the state playoffs was when new Athletic Director Shane Webber was coaching girl's basketball a decade ago at Quitman.

DeKalb held Ava Burroughs in check offensively with the junior post scoring two points. Burroughs did her part defensively, hustling and diving for loose balls while recording a team high 11 rebounds and three blocked shots. Pence led the scoring with eight points with Love adding seven, Hornaday and Davis with four each and Spears three.

The future looks bright for Lady Bulldog basketball. They do lose Hornaday and Love, who have each played at the varsity level their entire high school years. Coming back next year are juniors Burroughs, Spears and Luman; sophomores Pence and Parker; and freshmen Davis and Marcee.



Madyson Pence of Quitman wrestles for possession in the Lady Bulldogs' bidistrict playoff game with DeKalb last Thursday night. (Monitor photo by Sam Major)

Lady Panthers take bidistrict title handily, await area

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Deliberate is the best word to describe the Lady Panthers' 73-31 win over the Rivercrest Lady Rebels last Thursday in Sulphur Springs. Coach Dale Clement's charges came out ready to play and used a 25-point first quarter to propel them to a bidistrict title.

Senior Bella Crawford scored in just about every

manner possible in that opening quarter. She put in 18 points – including two 3-pointers, two steals and scores and two offensive rebound put-backs – in the opening eight minutes.

The Alba-Golden press exacted a toll on the young Lady Rebels squad from Red River County. A half dozen turnovers in the backcourt were directly converted to points by the aggressive Alba-Golden side.

Beyond winning the turnover battle, the Lady Panthers' offensive rebounding also fueled their early dominance. Most notably was the experience of Autumn Whitten in securing backside rebounds.

The fourth seed out of District 16-2A, the Lady Rebels were a young team. They started one freshman, three sophomores and a junior. Only one senior player was on their roster, and she had

been hampered by injury. Their inexperience just did not equip them to face an early onslaught of scoring.

Alba-Golden settled into a more methodical game after the fast start. They stretched the lead to 25 points at the half and 31 at the end of three quarters.

Once the final quarter physical and psychological fatigue set in for Rivercrest, the Lady Panthers poured in points.

As all number one seeds, Alba-Golden was a heavy favorite in this initial playoff match-up. They still had to show up and play with discipline, awareness and energy. They did just that.

One indicator of their focus was the absence of reaching fouls. The Lady Panthers were whistled only once in the first quarter for reaching, all while running a press designed to nick the ball away from the opponents.

Victories by large margins always come with caution. False lessons can too easily sneak into a team's psyche. Two cautionary lessons became apparent when watching the win over Rivercrest.

Alba-Golden's press was so effective that they seldom had to deal with a third or fourth pass by the team advancing the ball. Secondly, open looks are easy to come by when the opponent does

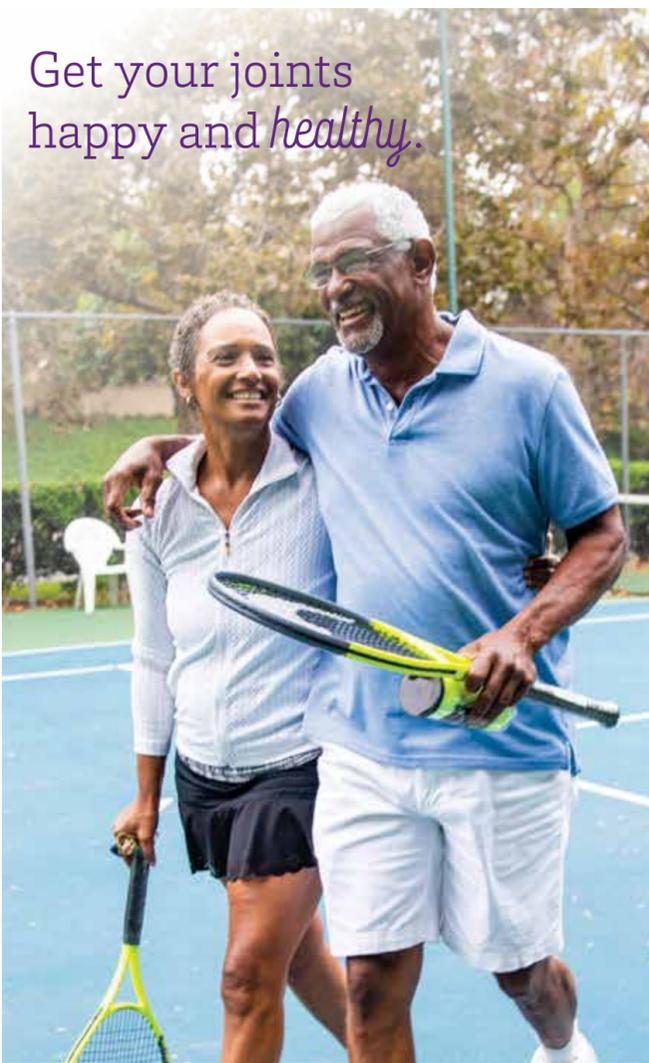
not challenge each shot.

The girls basketball bracket narrows quickly, and margins become razor thin. Absorbing and capitalizing on these lessons from the bi-district win will be huge in continuing the playoff march.

The Lady Panthers are a mature, steady and hard-working basketball team that has demonstrated both resilience and guts in this campaign. An exciting area-round playoff is forthcoming.

The Lady Panthers' scheduled playoff game with Lindsay Tuesday night has been postponed indefinitely, due to weather conditions.

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Bella Crawford steals a Rivercrest pass for the Alba-Golden Lady Panthers in their bidistrict victory last Thursday. (Monitor photo by Sam Major)



Lady Panther Amanda Stewart applies pressure in the backcourt, during Alba-Golden's bi-district win over Rivercrest. (Monitor photo by John Arbter)

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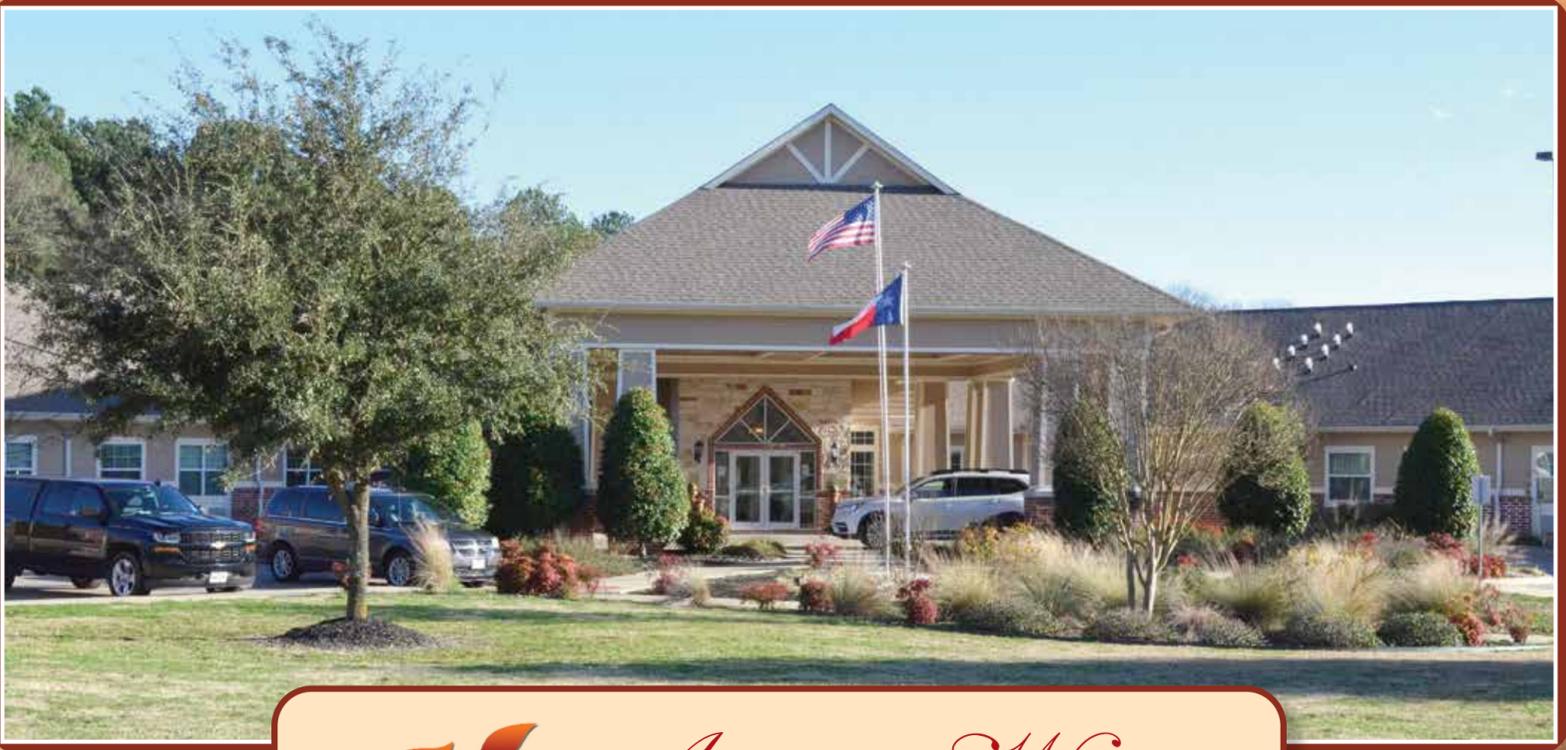
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Had it not been for two brief stretches – at the start of the third quarter, and one in the middle of the final period – the Panthers could have pulled off an epic upset.

The loss left the Panthers in a tie with Quinlan-Boles for the final district playoff spot. The two teams met the following day at Rains High School.

Boles defeated Alba-Golden 54-46 and secured the final playoff spot.

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