



## Mineola, Alba-Golden call school bond elections

**\$29.85 million for MISD includes new primary AGISD \$17 million plan features classrooms and gym**

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The Mineola School Board voted unanimously last Thursday night to ask the district's voters to approve a bond issue for \$29,855,000 to build a new school and create a career and technology center.

The election will be held on Saturday, May 7 in conjunction with school board and city council elections.

The biggest piece of the bond would be \$19.5 million for a new primary campus to be constructed on district land on Loop 564 east

of Hwy. 37. It would house Head Start students up through the third grade.

Another \$4-plus million would go to convert the current elementary school into a Career and Technical Education (CTE) center to serve the adjacent high school.

The rest of the bond would include a new auto mechanics shop, upgrades to other CTE program facilities, canopy upgrades and the associated soft costs and contingencies for construction.

Funding the bond would increase the district's property tax rate from 96 cents to \$1.20 per \$100 valuation.

Before approving the election order, which had a Feb. 18 deadline to make it onto the May 7 ballot, the board discussed whether the new school would be able to hook onto city of Mineola sewer.

Architect Perry Thompson said the initial plans include a septic system.

Superintendent Cody Mize said the district will need to have a conversation with the city about hooking onto nearby sewer lines and the possibility of annexing the property into the city. Some of the 126-acre tract is already in the city limits.

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By unanimous vote, the Alba-Golden School Board called a bond election for \$16 million at Monday's board meeting. The measure will be voted on at the May 7 election.

Prior to the vote, Superintendent Cole McClendon briefed the board that the recommendation was the result of 12 months of work by the Facilities Improvement Committee.

The committee, McClendon noted, was unanimous in sending the recommen-

dation to the board. The entire building project carries a projected cost of \$17 million with \$1 million coming directly from the school district fund balance.

The superintendent detailed the proposal as having three parts: construction of a six-classroom elementary school expansion, construction of a multi-purpose competition gymnasium and renovation of the career technology building.

Upon approval of the bond election, the board voted to retain the law firms of Haynes & Boone, LLP and Powell Law Group to pro-

vide specialized services in connection with the issuance of public securities. The board received a training session detailing communications guidelines for school district employees and board members.

In other action, an election for two places on the school board was called and will also take place May 7.

Administrative contracts for Assistant Principal Brit-tany Hall, Business Manager Brenda Kelley, Assistant Principal Michael Moore, Curriculum Director Megan

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## Cool day for some fishing

The Mineola Nature Preserve hosted its annual children's trout fishing event Saturday. The Bridge Bob Pond was stocked with trout the day before by the Texas Dept. of Parks and Wildlife, and children, accompanied by adult helpers, were able to pull in trout at no charge or the need for a fishing license. At right, John Langford assists Noble Langford with his catch while other anglers try their luck. (Monitor photos by Sam Major)



Colorful quilts line the sanctuary of the Alba United Methodist Church where they were blessed and then packed up to stock the Rainbow Rooms of East Texas where they will go to children who have been removed from their homes by Child Protective Services. (Monitor photo by Phil Major)

## Alba sewing group wrapping children in love, quilts

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A rainbow of colors adorned the pews of the Alba United Methodist Church last Thursday as Pastor Dee Bryant blessed the multi-colored quilts headed, appropriately, to the Rainbow Rooms across Northeast Texas.

The 300 quilts were hand-pieced and quilted by the women of the church, who have had a quilt-sewing ministry for at least 20 years. Since 2009 they are responsi-

ble for 2,487 quilts that have been donated first to the Shriners and then to Scottish Rite hospital.

When the hospital stopped accepting cloth items during the pandemic and the ladies began looking for another recipient, they didn't have to look far from home.

The Rainbow Room in Quitman, which specializes in clothing and other items for children who have been removed from their homes by Child Protective Services, gladly agreed to accept the

beautiful donations.

The latest round of quilts was begun about 16 months ago. They range in various sizes to meet the needs of the smallest child up to teens.

Their variety of colors and themes covers the gamut.

As the ladies packed up the quilts for the drive to Quitman, they occasionally stopped to admire particular items one last time.

The quilters meet every Thursday morning at the

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## Early voting underway in party primaries

Early voting in the spring party primaries began Monday in the Wood County elections office in Quitman.

The office has recorded 304 in-person early votes and another 221 votes by mail for the first day.

The office will be open from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. with Saturday voting on Feb. 19 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

The office will be closed Monday, Feb. 21 for Presidents' Day and will reopen Tuesday at 8 a.m., with early voting continuing through Friday, Feb. 25 from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

There will be no early voting in any other locations.

On Election Day, Tuesday, March 1, voters should cast their ballots at their respective voting precincts.

Democrats and Republicans will be sharing polling locations.

There are no local candidates on the Democratic ballot.

The local races on the Republicans side include county judge-Lucy Hebron and Kevin White, commissioners for Precincts Two-Jerry Gaskill and Sten Langsjoen and Four-Russell Acker and James Whitehurst, Justice of the Peace in Precinct Three-Jerry Parker and Gary Dixon, and district attor-

ney-Angela Albers and Jim Wheeler.

County clerk, district clerk and county treasurer candidates are unopposed, as are the other three justices of the peace.

Ballots will also include all of the major statewide offices.

Wood County's state representative is also a contested race in the Republican primary between Cole Hefner and Dewey Collier. State Sen. Bryan Hughes is unopposed.

View sample ballots on the election department page at the county website, mywoodcounty.com.

## Deadline approaching for city, school elections

With the Friday, Feb. 18 filing deadline approaching, no city council and school board elections are contested in Mineola, Quitman, Alba, Alba-Golden and Yantis.

The election is May 7.

For three city of Mineola positions, incumbents Eric Carrington in Ward Two and Cassandra Sampson in Ward Three have filed, and Bobby Ryan has filed for the Ward One council seat.

Three candidates have filed for three Mineola School Board seats, includ-

ing incumbent Glen Dossett, Todd Morgan and Janice Etheridge.

Three Quitman City Council seats are up, and incumbents Jack Robinson and Steve Glenn have filed, along with Todd Wright.

The Quitman School Board has two seats ups for grabs, and Brooke Rogers is the lone candidate thus far.

The Alba-Golden School Board also has two openings, and candidates are incumbent Dwayne Thompson and C.H. Campbell.

Incumbents Tammy Kirk-

patrick and Bob Kraemer have filed for three seats on the Alba City Council.

Incumbents Betty Jenkins and Gerald Schmidt have filed for three seats on the Yantis City Council.

For the Yantis School Board, incumbents April Johnson and Jeff Quinn have filed for three seats.

School board terms are for three years and council terms are two years.

Contact the respective school administration office or city hall for filing information.

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Robert Kraemer of Alba is presented with the DAR Community Service Award by Sally Attaway. (Courtesy photo)



Cheryl Thomas of Holly Lake Ranch, right, receives her DAR Community Service Award. (Courtesy photo)

# DAR chapter honors pair with community service awards

The John Hogg, Sr. Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR) recently honored two individuals with the DAR Community Service Award.

These generous volunteers have given so much to Hawkins/Holly Lake, Quitman and surrounding towns, and DAR is proud to recognize them for their service.

Robert Kraemer, a resident of Alba, has worked tirelessly for the Wood County Child Welfare and Protection Board (on the board and as a devoted worker at the Rainbow Room and now manager).

Kraemer also volunteers for APET, the Pilot Club, the City of Alba and many other areas of need in Wood County. He has worked countless hours on many projects for these organizations. A reserved person, Bob prefers to remain “behind the scenes” while achieving amazing outcomes.

Cheryl Thomas has been a volunteer health service lead for the American Red Cross for 27 years, the last 10

in East Texas. She has assisted countless individuals on the 82 national disasters she has worked. In addition to her thousands of volunteer hours with the Red Cross, Thomas is the captain on the medical rescue truck for the Holly Lake Volunteer Fire Department and teaches CPR classes to the firefighters.

Through the giving of no more than two community service awards per year, a DAR chapter is able to recognize unpaid voluntary community service of individuals and organizations.

Nomination is made by the chapter to the state chair of the Community Service Awards Committee, who administers the award process. The recipient must have contributed to the community in an outstanding manner through cultural, educational, humanitarian, patriotic, historical, citizenship or environmental conservation endeavors or by organizing or participating in community activities.

# Marine Corps League detachment joining national wreath project

The Marine Corps League detachment in Wood County has begun a new mission and will be hosting the laying of wreaths at the Roselawn Cemetery in Mineola in conjunction with Wreaths Across America and Beaty Funeral Home.

The Wreaths Across America event is planned Dec. 17 during which a wreath is laid on each of the veterans’ graves.

Those with a friend or family member, a business that wants to participate or a community member who wants to show support may donate.

A wreath may be purchased at any time, the sooner the better, so the detachment can determine an accurate count of wreaths to make sure all veterans are honored.

Wreaths are \$15 and donors may list the family member or friend where they want it laid and may also lay the wreath themselves.

Churches, businesses and community groups are invited to take part and come out to help lay wreaths following a ceremony at the funeral home.

Wreaths Across America is a 501(c)3 nonprofit organization founded to continue and expand the annual wreath-laying ceremony at Arlington National Cemetery begun by Maine businessman Morrill Worcester in 1992. The organization’s mission – Remember, Honor, Teach – is carried out in part each year by coordinating

wreath-laying ceremonies in December at Arlington, as well as at thousands of veterans’ cemeteries and other locations in all 50 states and beyond.

To donate or purchase a wreath visit <http://www.wreathsassamerica.org/TX1102P> or mail a check to Wood County Marine Corps League, payable to Wreaths Across America (WAA), P.O. Box 564, Mineola TX 75773. Note Group ID (TX1102P) and Location ID (TXBFHM). Include the name of the veteran and a contact number.

For more information contact detachment Commandant Kelly Smith through Facebook messenger.

# Rescheduled Kiwanis chili cookoff Saturday

After a two-week weather delay, the 13th annual Mineola Kiwanis Chili Cook Off is rescheduled Saturday, Feb. 19 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Mineola Civic Center.

This will be the second year featuring the First Responders Challenge. Firefighters, police and emergency personnel from around the area will be cooking the chili.

Sliced desserts and drinks will be available for \$1. The public will decide the “People’s Choice” award with

their tips for best tasting chili. Celebrity judges will decide on “Best Tasting Chili” and “Best Looking Booth.”

In addition, a silent auction with lots of great items and a live dessert auction will be held. Tickets may be purchased at the door for \$5 or from members of the Kiwanis Club.

Sponsors include City National Bank, Mineola Community Bank, First National Bank of East Texas, Monica

Cook-State Farm Insurance, Sam and Joyce Curry, Mineola Fire Department and Texas Farm Bureau – Juan Carrasco. For more information call chili cook off chair Misty Hooks at 903-312-8243 or [misty.hooks@bankatcnb.com](mailto:misty.hooks@bankatcnb.com) or Facebook at Kiwanis Club of Mineola.

All proceeds benefit the children of Mineola and Wood County through the service efforts of the Mineola Kiwanis.

# Alba council OKs easement for coffee shop

Alba City Council approved an easement last week for The Mining Post, a new coffee shop on the downtown square.

The business is constructing a wooden deck in front of the sidewalk that is on the city’s street right-of-way. It is on the same level as the sidewalk.

The council also heard a presentation from Stephanie Kirkpatrick, who owns a business a few doors down from The Mining Post.

The Pea Picker had been the subject of complaints about items being left on the sidewalk.

Council members thanked Kirkpatrick for getting that issue resolved.

The council officially approved the order for the May 7 city council election, which will have three positions.

They also heard a presentation from Wood County Crime Stoppers about placing signs in city neighborhoods and also on the city’s new electronic billboard on Hwy. 69.

The Wood County Economic Development Commission and East Texas Council of Governments were represented concerning plans to expand broadband service into rural areas.

The council voted 3-2 to support the project, with no financial commitment.

# Volunteer firemen hosting benefit fish fry

The Coke/Pleasant Grove Volunteer Fire Department will have its annual fundraising dinner Feb. 26 from 5 to 8 p.m. at the fire station on FM 515 and FM 69.

The meal consists of three-piece fish or chicken strips with slaw and french fries, hush puppies, drink and dessert. Donations will be

accepted. The fish, fries and coleslaw are being prepared by Red Dome Catering of Quitman.

The public is invited to meet local first responders. The Coke/Pleasant Grove VFD is a volunteer organization. Those interested in becoming a part of this community service organization

can ask any member for an application. No experience is necessary and training is available.

It is encouraged that if experiencing flu-like symptoms, please stay home and stay safe. Food will be served until 8 p.m. unless the supply runs out early, so don’t be late.

# Mineola Memorial Library Notes

BY LIBRARIAN MARY HURLEY

Can you believe February is almost over? We are even beginning to plan our Summer Reading Program. Wow.

Thank you to all who participated in the CNB Bake Sale benefiting the Mineola Memorial Library. Your donations help us to keep doing what we do. Thank you to CNB Bank in Mineola for hosting this sale for us.

We recently lost one of our long-time board members, Jeanene Upton. She is sorely missed. If you remember Jeanene, please, consider making a memorial donation to the library in her memory.

We are finishing up a grant from the American Library Association’s Libraries Transform Communities. With some of the funds, we have purchased many

books to help diversify our collections. These books feature a variety of authors and covers and subjects. We’ve added the large print edition of the 1619 Project and the graphic novels about John Lewis titled March as well as a variety of others.

We also received a grant from the Dorothy Louise Kyler Foundation and have used that money to replace some of our well-worn children’s books and to enhance our collections for children and young adults.

We will no longer be offering Axis 360 eBooks for our patrons. We do still offer Simply E and F reading.

We continue to offer Toddlers Story Time on Wednesday mornings at 10 a.m. This is a program for par-



ents and their children to spend time together hearing a story or two, making a craft or playing a game and playing together. This program is focused on the 18-month to three-year-old child.

The library will participate in the East Texas Giving Day on April 26. This is a day for many non-profits to raise awareness of their purpose and needs and to seek donations. We will keep you posted as this event draws near. This year’s focus at the library will be to begin upgrading our technology, prepare for Summer Reading and to landscape the property.

The Mineola Memorial Library is a 501(c)3, non-profit and your donations may be tax-deductible.

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# WOOD COUNTY COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Listings alternated on a weekly basis

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 Mineola-United Methodist Church (enter in-between buildings off McDonald, first door on right) Noon meetings - Monday is women’s meeting, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday men and women. Evening meetings - Saturday, Tuesday, Thursday 7 p.m., men and women; Senior Center, 308 University, (corner of University and McDonald), Evening meetings, Sunday, Monday 7 p.m., Friday, 8 p.m.

ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS - Wednesday and Saturday, 7:30 p.m., 406 E. Lane Street, Quitman.

ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS – Gateway Group, Tues. & Sat. 7 p.m., Wed. noon, Methodist Church, 319 N. Pacific. Mona B. 903-569-6670.

ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS – Hawkins Love and Miracles Group, UMC Wesley House, Pine St., Wed., 6 p.m., Saturday, 10 a.m., speaker meeting each last Wednesday.

AL-ANON MINEOLA - Senior Center, 308 University, Thursday, 7:30 p.m., in-person or Zoom (ID 505-537-4690 PW 201220).

AL-ATEEN MINEOLA - Senior Center, 308 University, Thursday, 7:30 p.m., age 13-18, Questions-mineolaalateen@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, Wednesday-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/alums 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, August and December, 11 a.m. Harvest Acres Baptist Church, 1062 W Loop 564, Mineola. 281-413-3608.

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 FOOD BANK - third Wednesday, 10 a.m.-noon, Bud Moody Stadium, Quitman, free fresh food, no qualification.

EAST TEXAS WORKFORCE SOLUTIONS - first Friday at 10 a.m. at Quitman Public Library

FANNIE MARCHMAN GARDEN CLUB - third Wednesday, September - May, Mineola Civic Center, 10 a.m. Visitors welcome. Kim Hughes, president, 903-312-2455.

FLORA MASONIC LODGE #119 - first Tuesday at the lodge hall, Highway 37, Quitman. Covered dish - 6:30 p.m., meeting 7:30 p.m. Study nights for members each Thursday, 7 p.m. at the hall.

FOREVER YOUNG ACTIVITIES CENTER - Wednesday and Friday, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Fitness exercises, educational programs, entertainment, fellowship, Bingo and card games. 903-763-8201

FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY - second Tuesday at noon, Quitman.

FRIENDS OF THE MINEOLA MEMORIAL LIBRARY - first Thursday, 1 p.m., Mineola Library, 569-2767.

GED TEST SUPPORT - each Thursday 4 - 6 p.m. concurrent with QISD calendar. Quitman Public Library, 202 E Goode St, Quitman 903-975-5745

GIRLS SCOUTS MINEOLA TROOP 3 - 2nd & 4th Monday, 5:30-7 p.m., Broad Street Church of Christ Annex, Mineola. All Wood County girls kindergarten-12th grade welcome. Crystal Arcand 903-705-2459

HAINESVILLE VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPT. - second and fourth Thursday, 7 p.m., Firehouse downtown Hainesville.

HOLLY LAKE FIRE DEPARTMENT -first and third Tuesday at the fire station at Holly Lake Ranch.

KIWANIS CLUB-Mineola - noon Tuesday, Mineola Civic Center Dogwood Room.

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 Tuesday, 6 p.m., Ancona Restaurant, 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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# Lunday has been hitting all the right notes

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In the world of barbershop quartets there is a phenomenon known as the fifth voice or overtone. The fifth voice is the harmonic joining of the four tones in a quartet which, when perfectly matched, create an actual fifth harmonic.

While those unfamiliar with quartets may have thought such a thing to be folklore or legend, it is not. Long-time quartet singer and Mineola resident Duane Lunday can attest to the reality of the fifth voice.

"When it happens it creates goosebumps all up and down my arms," Lunday stated. "The combination of the four tones must be perfect, and based on the science of sound, the number of vibrations per second of the individual voices must amplify each other."

His eyes lit up at recounting the event. "It is an amazing thing, when it happens," he added.

There are few more experienced quartet singers in East Texas than Duane Lunday. In fact, Lunday's love affair with barbershop quartets

has been life-long. Although his talent for singing had been brought to the fore among extended family, it was at the Crozier Technical High School of Dallas where he took a serious interest in it.

There he was strongly influenced by choir director Joe Landreth. Lunday described Landreth as a mentor.

"He was a very good man...a talented musician who had the heart of a teacher, and he has had a lifetime impact on my life," Lunday said.

In 1954, at age 17, Lunday began to sing with the Dallas Barbershop Chorus.

Four years later, he had a hand in forming the Garland chapter of the Society for the Preservation and Encouragement of Barber Shop Quartet Singing in America, known by the shortened abbreviation as the S.P.E.B.S.Q.S.A. The Southwest District, in which Lunday has been active his whole life, stretches from Little Rock to El Paso.

Over the next 40 years, through all the normal aspects of one's life – marriage, raising children, building a professional career – Lunday

sang in a quartet and/or chorus. He also came to serve as the president of the Southwest District.

A technical illustrator, Lunday had a hand in developing some ground-breaking defense and electronic systems while working for a variety of defense contractors. Most notably, he helped develop algorithms used in the initial Global Positioning System (GPS) and contributed to the development of the first jet trainers used by the United States Navy.

It is not surprising that Lunday had a technical profession. He proposed that the art of barbershopping is indeed a highly technical skill. Lunday explained that four brothers can make a quartet, not because they can sing, but because they speak in the same tempo and with remarkably-similar pronunciation. "Barbershopping requires very detailed execution," he shared.

After retiring from his chosen profession, Lunday and his wife, Maggie, relocated to Mineola. They were active in a variety of social and service organizations. In retirement, Lunday came to know that a couple of fellow barbershoppers met every Monday morning at McDonalds for coffee.

It was at one of these coffees that Lunday became aware of an interest in re-establishing the defunct Tyler chapter. Leadership was being sought to get it off the ground. After brief consideration, Lunday stepped up to the task.

He recalled, "We had gotten the word out through word of mouth and had 37 singers at that first meeting in 2006."

While establishing the Tyler chapter, Lunday came to know another highly influential man in his life. Re-

nowned Tyler doctor Stan Borum served as chorus director of the chapter.

With Lunday working as chapter president and Borum as director, the chapter flourished.

"We had an agreement," Lunday laughed, "He didn't tell me how to run the chapter and I didn't tell him how to lead the chorus."

Borum, who Lunday described as "the most wonderful man I had ever met," passed away in 2009.

The Tyler chapter, known as East Texas Men in Harmony, remains incredibly active, drawing barbershoppers from Avenger to Lufkin. A long-term relationship was established with Green Acres Baptist Church in Tyler where the group holds their meetings and practice sessions.

As Lunday explained, "We weren't a Christian organization, but we were."

Due to chronic hearing loss, Lunday removed himself from the organization about five years ago.

"I had to retire before they heard me sing out of tune," he shared with a smile.

Lunday has been the recipient of three top awards within the world of barbershop quartets. In 1976 he earned designation as the Barbershopper of the Year at the Town North (Dallas) Chapter of the Society, and in 1980 he was recognized for his service as president of the Southwest District. His years of service to the organization led to his 2014 election into the Barbershop Harmony Society Hall of Fame.

The three certificates and a plaque are precisely aligned on the wall of his home office. Lunday obviously draws great solace and comfort from a lifetime of memories from singing in a cho-



Duane Lunday at his home outside of Mineola. (Monitor photos by John Arbter)

rus and in quartets.

"I have been a member of what is now called the Barbershop Harmony Society for 68 years," he stated.

Lunday is confident about

tenor, the bass and the baritone – he took the time to explain how the most important role was the baritone. It was from the baritone, he said, that the others modu-



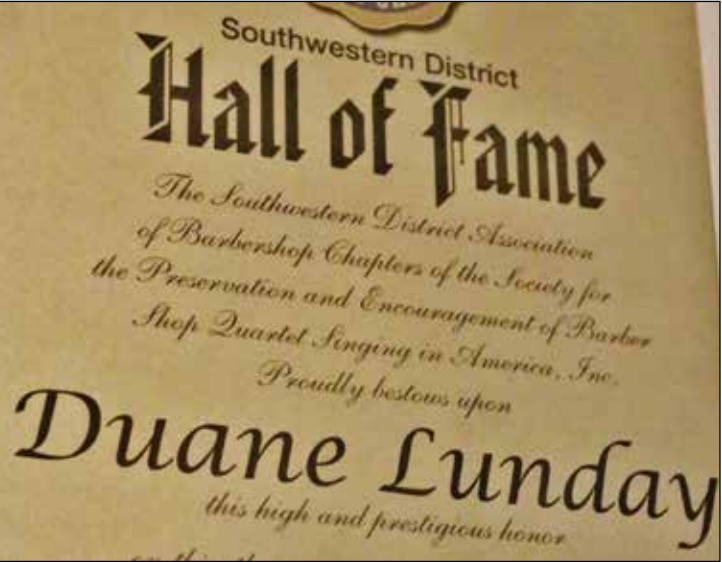
Crest of the Society for the Preservation and Encouragement of Barber Shop Quartet Singing in America (SPEBSQSA).

late their tone. He explained how people respond to the wholesomeness and iconic nature of barbershopping.

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## Tax abatement guidelines on hold again

By LARRY TUCKER  
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A public hearing on adopting guidelines and criteria for granting abatement within a reinvestment zone for commercial and industrial tax abatement in Wood County led to the matter being tabled by county commissioners last week.

Commissioners approved adding Paul Holland as a reserve officer on a request from Constable Prec. 3 John McQueen.

Holland recently retired as an officer in Allen and has 30

years experience. Using the reserve officer will not cost the county anything. The officer's uniform and all other supplies will be paid for by Holland.

Commissioners tabled approving the radio tower contract until the next meeting. They approved the sale of fireworks for Texas Independence Day.

In personnel actions, commissioners approved the resignations of four employees in the Wood County Sheriff's Office: jailer Lakisha Henderson, Jail Captain Lacy Ogle, Deputy Michael

Allison and CID Sergeant Billy Hill. Also resigning was Prec. 3 road tech Richard Stanley. Debra Carpenter was hired as temporary help in Prec. 3.

Ahneka Tullos was hired as a cook at the jail. Temporary help hired in the elections office were Carol Denson and Athena Young. Hired part-time in the tax office was Holly Williams, and Sarah Yoder resigned as auto deputy in the tax office.

In the district attorney's office, Aimee Cook resigned as victim's coordinator and replaced by Catherine Clayton. In other personnel action, Jenifer Moser was named chief deputy for new District Clerk Suzy Wright.

The following subdivisions were approved: Colby Max Subdivision, Wayne Byely Subdivision, Cory Morehead Subdivision, Grady Hayes Addition, Hartley Grace Subdivision and Hill Top Oaks Subdivision.

## Candidates file reports for political contributions

By LARRY TUCKER  
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The latest expense and contribution reports for candidates in the party primaries were due Jan. 31.

A candidate does not have to report finances if they get a "modified" status. Modified status means the candidates do not intend to accept more than \$930 in political contributions or make more than \$930 in political expenditures (excluding filing fees) in connection with any future election within the election cycle.

In the race for Wood County Judge, incumbent Lucy Hebron and challenger Kevin White each turned in their reports.

Hebron reported \$8,601 in contributions. Donations made to Hebron were from G.E. Power \$2,000; James E. Buerger \$1,000; Joseph Moore \$500; Rebecca and Steve Straznicki \$500; Greg and Carol Hollen \$500; Ilie Capatana \$500;

Matt Brigham \$480; Paul Thomason \$350; Ken Adair \$300; Lloyd Steele \$300; Jeff Fletcher \$250; Troy Robinson \$250; Vince Colvin \$250; E.A. Groepper \$200; Larry Wisdom \$200; Lex Forster \$200; Louis Merren Jr. \$200; Phyliss Harding-Nichols \$100; Brandon Winn \$100; J.L. Eberline \$100; Ray North \$100; Valerie McCullen \$400; Terry Jones \$96; and Timothy and Mary Ford \$25. In-kind contributions were received from Lloyd Steele, \$200; and Jan Berry, \$75.

White reported \$1,250 in political contributions made by Josh Wright \$500; Janet Starr \$300; Brian Jones \$250; and Robert White \$200.

In the district attorney race incumbent Angela Albers reported political contributions of \$4,559. Donations accepted were from Rodney Watkins \$1,000; Catherine P. Clayton \$550; Joe D. Clayton \$500; J. H. Herlocker III \$500; Beverly Foster Gunn \$400; Claudia Martin \$250; Patrick A. Daley \$250; Caro-

lyn Albers \$250; Roy Devlin \$200; Brandon Baade \$184; Deanna McCullough \$150; Janie Walenta \$100; Fran Whitley \$100; Margaret Lay \$50; Darlene Steadman \$50; and Charles Evans \$25.

Albers' opponent, former district attorney Jim Wheeler, has reported modified status.

In the race for Commissioner Pct. 2 between incumbent Jerry Gaskill and Sten Langsjoen, Gaskill has sent in his report, but his challenger has not. Langsjoen has not sought modified status and no report has been sent to election administrator Laura Wise.

Gaskill reported \$250 in political contributions. Those donations were \$100 each from Elizabeth Dean and Derek Morrison and a \$50 donation by Janet Draeger.

In the Pct. 4 commissioners race incumbent Russell Acker and challenger James Whitehurst both have declared modified status.



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The Rev. Dr. Jay Horton serves as a part-time staff person at First UMC Mineola, Tx. He has served various churches throughout Texas including the 5000 member First UMC in Lubbock, Tx where he served for 10 years prior to retirement. Jay is the author of the book "Life is Hard But God is Good." He currently lives in Mineola, Tx with his wife Sharon. Together they have three grown children and 10 grandchildren.



# QUILTS

From page 1A

church and come not just from the Methodist congregation but from other denominations and other communities. Many piece the tops at home, in addition to the 2-3 hours they spend weekly at the church, where the fellowship hall becomes a sewing room. A room just off the hall is dedicated to the quilters, with hundreds of bolts of cloth. The group does not have to pay for its material – all has been donated. Sometimes boxes show up anonymously on the church doorstep. About the only expense is the batting, and they go through huge rolls of it, four to five per year. In her blessing, Bryant noted that the quilts are a ministry that will go beyond the quilters in years and let the children know that they are never alone.

# MHS

From page 9A

way. Mineola never trailed in the second quarter as the scoring pace continued. The Lady Jackets built the lead to as much as 34-27 before Atlanta closed it down to 39-35 to end the period. A pair of threes from Jayla Jackson aided the effort. Things slowed considerably after the half. Atlanta grabbed its final lead late in the quarter on a three-pointer, 44-43, only to have Jackson pop a three to retake the lead. Kyra Jackson’s lay in off an inbounds play ended the period with Mineola up 48-44. After free throws got Atlanta within two, Mineola threatened to pull away, leading by as much as 55-47. Only poor free throw shooting allowed the Lady Rabbits to hang around, as Mineola converted only 4-15 in the period to go with three baskets. Atlanta closed the gap to 57-56. Mineola missed two free shots but got the ball back on a steal with time winding down, and Kyra Jackson made one of two charity shots for the final margin. Scoring included Macy Fischer with 15 points, Jayla Jackson with 11, Kyra Jackson and Mylee Fischer with eight each, Kapri Riley (two threes) and Carmen Carrasco with six each and Paris Spigner and Ava Johnson with two each. The area game is set Thursday at 6:30 p.m. back at Hallsville, with Mineola as the home team.

# QUITMAN

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Quitman’s leading scorer, Thompson, was held to four first half points, but he exploded for 12 points in the quarter. Quitman took a 37-30 lead going into the final quarter. Mt. Vernon started the final quarter on an 8-0 run and took a 38-37 lead with six minutes left in the game. With the Tigers leading 44-43, Thompson made three points by scoring on a drive, getting fouled and sinking the charity toss to put Quitman up 46-44 with 2:58 to go. In the last four minutes, Thompson hit on eight of ten free throws and a Ford Tannebaum free throw made it 51-49 with 8.5 seconds to go. Mt. Vernon could not get that last shot to fall in time and the Bulldogs had won their fifth game in a row. Thompson finished with 28 points, with 24 coming in the second half. Floyd once again did a solid job at point guard running the offense and hitting teammates with timely passing. Quitman won this game because of their determination and their relentless full-court and half-court defensive play. Richey, Ethan Presley and Garin Kisinger did a great job on defense. Jack Tannebaum also played an important role with his tenacious defense causing turnovers while keeping Mt. Vernon perimeter players harassed and frustrated.

# SOCCER

From page 8A

took a 2-1 lead into the half. It was a corner early in the second half which gave the Jackets a 3-1 lead. From the southeast corner, Martinez put a low, one-hopper into the box just in front of goal. Rodriguez got his foot to it and sent it into the netting. Mineola limited the Bears to only a handful of penetrations into the Jackets’ zone in the second half. In the 75th minute, Vigueras scored the fourth goal by dispatching a ricochet from 15 meters. Martinez, Rodriguez, Weekly and Arturo Perez each played notable matches; however it was a team win as the Jackets moved across the field as a unit. The Jackets hosted Lindale on Tuesday and begin the second round of district play Friday when they travel to Grand Saline.

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Good News Bible Matthew 12:18

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## Mineola Police Report

### FEBRUARY 5

11:24 a.m., welfare concern, Brenda, subject has been drinking all day and left on foot to buy more beer, unable to locate.

12:46 p.m., information, Lowe, vehicle repossession.

4:29 p.m., alarm, Baker, set off accidentally.

6:34 p.m., suspicious person, Brett, vehicle at location all day with engine running, subject is private investigator.

9:33 p.m., public assist, 1300 blk N. Pacific, found debris in roadway and returned to owner.

9:37 p.m., vehicle stop/arrest, 1100 blk N. Pacific, Justin Lee Britton arrested for possession of a controlled substance Penalty Group 1 less than one gram and warrant for failure to comply with registration requirements.

11:57 p.m., information, University, location of a wanted person.

### FEBRUARY 6

12:10 a.m., motorist assist, Greenville at Loop 564, box truck in roadway with hazard lights, unable to locate.

5:38 a.m., assist other agency, Molly, cardiac arrest, advised to contact justice of the peace for deceased person.

6:50 a.m., alarm, 1200 blk N. Pacific, doors and windows secure.

10:17 a.m., information, Goodson Cir., subject advised had given out identifying information and believes it is a scam.

2:01 p.m., city ordinance violation, Francis at Country, burning, someone using a smoker.

6:12 p.m., disturbance, W. Kilpatrick, no property destroyed as reported, suspect vehicle left scene.

### FEBRUARY 7

4:29 a.m., alarm, E. Broad, all doors secure.

8:35 a.m., escort, N. Pacific, funeral.

12:34 p.m., reckless driver, W. Kilpatrick at Dubose, driving fast, unable to locate.

12:38 p.m., city ordinance violation, NE Loop 564, no handicap spots available, two citations issued.

5:18 p.m., city ordinance violation, Phillips, someone burning, no visible smoke and fire being put out.

5:48 p.m., information, 1200 Bromberg, subject wants to talk to officer about texts received, no offense occurred.

6:09 p.m., terroristic threat, 100 blk NE Loop 564, subject reported being cut off and then threatened, unable to locate vehicle.

7:04 p.m., suspicious person, Brett,

subject wants to speak to officer about private investigator at location, investigator advised he would be leaving location.

8:21 p.m., city ordinance violation, Second, loud music, unable to locate.

8:34 p.m., civil matter, E. Broad, subject reported boyfriend moved out, took dog and gave it away.

### FEBRUARY 8

1:09 a.m., suspicious vehicle, 1200 blk N. Pacific, vehicle has been at location several hours, doors and windows secure.

2:05 a.m., disturbance, 200 blk Peachtree, dog barking all night, unable to locate.

5:15 a.m., unknown offense, N. Newsom, theft reported but no theft occurred.

6:52 a.m., alarm, E. Broad, call canceled by alarm company.

8:53 a.m., suspicious person, Pegues, suspect told party she had his phone, directed patrol issued.

9:55 a.m., warrant service, University, warrant recalled by county.

3:06 p.m., civil matter, Wren, fence issue.

3:42 p.m., motor vehicle accident, 600 blk W. Kilpatrick, two vehicles, injuries reported.

5:28 p.m., alarm, N. Pacific, set off accidentally.

5:59 p.m., reckless driver, W. Broad at city limits, tractor on trailer not tied down, unable to locate.

8:46 p.m., assist other agency, NE Loop 564 at N. Pacific, semi with no trailer lights reported, unable to locate.

9:15 p.m., vehicle stop/arrest, Martinez Cirilo Cortez arrested for driving with license invalid.

### FEBRUARY 9

12:30 a.m., suspicious vehicle, E. Front, workers at location.

8:01 a.m., alarm, Pacific, business opening for the day.

11:14 a.m., welfare concern/theft, N. Newsom, subject left facility with someone's walker, walker located abandoned and then subject found, subject transported to hospital by EMS.

1:20 p.m., information, S. Pacific, subject trying to return items without receipt, left heading south, Lindale police advised.

2:27 p.m., public assist, 1200 blk N. Pacific, subject washing vehicle got hoses tangled in wheelchair and unable to get them out.

2:47 p.m., motor vehicle accident, 600 blk E. Broad, vehicle struck in parking lot.

4:59 p.m., disturbance, 500 blk N. Line, husband and wife, verbal only.

5:08 p.m., motor vehicle accident, S. Johnson at Belcher, two vehicles.

8:55 p.m., information, 1000 blk NW Loop 564, juveniles observed at location, everything OK.

### FEBRUARY 10

1:03 a.m., assist other agency, E. McDonald, medical call.

2:06 a.m., assist other agency, 1000 blk S. Pacific, traffic stop by sheriff's office.

7:07 a.m., trespassing, E. Broad, subjects near trash bin, told to leave and not return without owner permission.

7:22 a.m., assist other agency, Loop 564 at CR 2210, two-vehicle crash outside city limits.

9:08 a.m., criminal mischief, N. Pacific, driver ran through gates, will take care of damages.

1:27 p.m., forgery, E. McDonald, subject getting paperwork to file charges.

2:06 p.m., motorist assist, S. Pacific at Loop 564, metal object in roadway, unable to locate.

4:12 p.m., welfare concern, 300 blk Greenville, subject waving down traffic in front of city hall, unable to locate.

8:17 p.m., motorist assist, 700 blk W. Broad, vehicle not in roadway and left note that tow truck was coming.

### FEBRUARY 11

12:04 a.m., vehicle stop/arrest, 1400 blk S. Pacific, arrested Matt Boeh of Flint for driving while intoxicated, unlawfully carrying a weapon.

7:03 a.m., motorist assist/arrest, 600 blk E. McDonald, vehicle with air bag deployed and male subject behind the wheel, arrested Jiles Jacob.

8:45 a.m., escort, Hwy. 37, funeral.

9:19 a.m., welfare concern, 300 blk Greenville, man walking wearing robe, unable to locate.

10:44 a.m., assist other agency, Loop 564 at Hwy. 69, semi pulling mobile home ran off into ditch blocking roadway.

11:58 a.m., escort, Loop 564 at Hwy. 37.

4:13 p.m., motorist assist, 1000 blk NW Loop 564, debris in roadway, piece of tin removed.

5:38 p.m., city ordinance violation, Carolyn at Wood, burning leaves, unable to locate.

6:47 p.m., suspicious vehicle, Nature Preserve, subjects were fishing, leaving location.

6:53 p.m., information, NE Loop 564, vehicle repossession.

## Wood County Sheriff's Report

### FEBRUARY 2

Sgt. Jaclyn Skinner responded to Hwy. 37 for a disturbance. Several people were in a disagreement over one of the parties moving out. Prior to Skinner's arrival, the instigating party left; no charges were filed.

Deputy Jefferey Baldwin went to Hwy. 154 for a verbal disturbance. Both parties were intoxicated. Neither wished to pursue charges. Parties were separated for the evening.

Deputy Jonah Croney spoke with an individual who believed there was suspicious activity on her property on PR 4470 and would be in contact if she finds anything missing.

Deputy Andrew Morrison, Sgt. Austin Milbourn and several investigators with the Criminal Investigation Division (CID) responded to CR 3600 for a report of someone shooting windows out of a vehicle and residence. The case will continue to be investigated.

Deputies conducted welfare concerns for individuals who missed appointments with their physicians. All individuals were contacted.

Deputy Andrew Rapp issued a criminal trespass warning on Hwy. 37 when a business owner advised an ex-employee was at the location causing problems.

Deputy Delton Graves contacted an individual who advised she was attempting to turn around when she got stuck. She was waiting for her family to assist her.

Deputy John Cooper was advised of a structure fire on CR 3114. He spoke with a resident. The Wood County fire marshal and Red Cross were contacted.

Deputy Melissa Pollard, Deputy Graves and Sgt. Corbin Hanner attempted warrant service on CR 3250. Anita Fay Britton, 25, of Quitman was located in a vehicle and arrested for an outstanding warrant. When contact was made with the other individuals in the vehicle, a strong odor of marijuana was discovered and a search was conducted. Johnny Kevin Crawford, 20, of Arp, was arrested for possession of a controlled substance penalty group (PG) one more than one gram and less than four grams. Alanna Elaine Ramsey, 27, of Arp, was arrested for possession of marijuana, two ounces or less.

Deputy Morrison checked an alarm on FM 1795. He found things to be secure. Contact was made with the key holder.

Deputy Rapp observed a female walking down Hwy. 37. She stated she was trying to get to work but didn't have a vehicle. Due to deteriorating weather conditions, she was given a courtesy transport.

### FEBRUARY 3

Deputy Morrison was dispatched to PR 7521 for a disturbance after the fact. The reporting party stated she and her fiancé had gotten into a verbal altercation that had escalated. The other party left prior to Morrison's arrival. A report will be filed for future reference.

Deputy Andrew Rapp spoke with an individual who wanted it documented that her neighbor's dog has been aggressive and attempted to get into her fence. She stated she knew her rights and only wished to have the event documented.

Deputy Croney and Deputy Morrison responded to an assault after the fact on Hwy. 154. The party stated she went to a relative's residence and they would not allow her in. She stated she was pushed. She wished the incident to be documented.

### FEBRUARY 4

Deputy Pollard responded to an alarm call on CR 2248. Contact was made with the homeowner who confirmed everything was OK.

Deputy Jim Rapp and Deputy Brad Cox went to a residence regarding someone beating in the residence. They found nothing suspicious.

Sgt. Heather Bailey was dispatched to FM 312 for a criminal trespass. The party stated his wife recently passed away and he was having problems with family. He asked that a family member be criminally trespassed. A criminal trespass warning was issued.

Deputy Linda Williams took a report of youths driving 4-wheelers in the roadway. The area was patrolled and no 4-wheelers were located.

Deputy Cox had a welfare check on CR 3473, where he found a tent, which was found empty. An individual was

found in a vehicle near the tent. He advised he was staying there for a bit.

Deputy Rapp was contacted regarding the sale of a tractor. The party stated about two months ago, a man paid cash for a tractor. He has not come to pick up the tractor. She was wanting the tractor off her property. She was advised how she could handle the situation.

Deputy Cox attempted to check the welfare of an individual on FM 3056. He was informed that the individual did not live at that location any more. He was able to make contact with family, who advised the man was fine and would have him make contact with the party as soon as he returned home.

Deputy Williams and Sgt. Bailey were dispatched to a disturbance on FM 515. The reporting stated she and her boyfriend had been arguing all day. She began to cut a tomato and he got mad because she was cutting it wrong and threw a remote control at her, hitting her. They got into a physical altercation and he choked her. When the victim attempted to call 911, he grabbed the phone and smashed it. A warrant was issued by CID and Whalen Leo Roach, 44, of Winnsboro, was arrested for assault family/house member Impede breath/circulation and interference with an emergency call.

Deputy Matthew Cooper and Sgt. Skinner responded to a structure fire with someone inside on FM 1801. It was found there was no fire.

Deputy Cooper checked a suspicious circumstance on CR 2232. It was a tree cutting crew attempting to get vehicles unstuck.

Sgt. Skinner was on routine patrol in Alba when she heard an audible alarm from a business. She checked the business and did not observe any signs of forced entry. Alba Police Department was notified.

### FEBRUARY 5

Deputy Benjamin Whisenhunt took a call of suspicious circumstances on FM 1799. The party stated someone knocked on her door but no one was there. She requested Whisenhunt check the area. No one was located.

Deputy Jim and Deputy Cox responded to an alarm on FM 2869. The business was checked and found secure.

Deputy Rapp was advised of a request to speak regarding harassment. The party stated he is getting inappropriate messages from a spoofed phone number. His girlfriend has been separated from her husband for several years. He and his girlfriend believe her husband is the one sending the messages. The case will be forwarded to CID.

Deputy Cox and Sgt. Bailey went to CR 3600 for shots fired. Dispatch advised they were able to hear shots being fired while on the phone with the party, who stated there were two people on the property actively trying to break into the residence and breaking the windows. Contact was made with two individuals outside the residence. They advised they were there to pick up some of their property. The female stated she attempted to use a key to enter the residence and found it would not work. She then tried to break out a window when she was fired upon by people inside the residence. The individuals advised they were there when they observed the other parties pull in the driveway. The female started breaking windows attempting to gain entry. One individual admitted to firing rounds at the female because they were in fear for their life. Joe Nathan Lightfoot, 64, of Lindale was arrested for criminal mischief more than \$2,500 and less than \$30K. Debra Diane Miller, 64, of Lindale was arrested for criminal mischief more than \$2,500 and less than \$30K. Investigator Ragsdale interviewed Lightfoot about an incident Feb. 2 and was able to obtain two arrest warrants for deadly conduct and criminal mischief more than \$750 and less than \$2,500.

Deputy Williams responded to CR 1461 regarding damaged property. The party advised his brick mailbox was knocked over earlier in the morning. The case will be submitted to CID.

Deputy Rapp was dispatched to a structure fire on FM 2869. The Wood County fire marshal was contacted.

Deputy Rapp received a report of a possible suicidal subject. The party could not give a location of the subject but did provide a phone number. Rapp attempted to contact the subject but was unable. The party was contacted and notified of these efforts.

Deputy Whisenhunt and Sgt. Skinner took a suspicious person call on CR 3542. Two individuals were reportedly walking down the road asking residents for money. They advised they were trying to buy a pizza and asked a couple of people for money. Whisenhunt transported the subjects home due to the cold weather.

Deputy Baldwin had an active disturbance on CR 1807. Dispatch advised a female was trying to force entry into the residence. The suspect had broken out a bedroom window while on the phone with dispatch. The suspect stated she and the party were in an argument when he pushed her down. She then hit him. The party told Baldwin he had friends over and they had been drinking. When they left, the suspect became upset because of the friends. She attempted to take his cell phone, and he held up his left arm to prevent her access. She then hit him continuously. He admitted grabbing her by her hair, pulling her away from him. Taylor Kathleen Randall, 37, of Yantis, was arrested for assault by contact family/household member/dating relationship.

Deputy Cooper and Sgt. Skinner had a disturbance on CR 2164. The person stated there was a party at the location and things got out of hand. They heard screaming, crashing and banging from inside a camper. They found two individuals in a physical altercation. After

the two were separated and detained, the deputies located a third person in the roadway, who was also detained. No one wanted to press charges. Due to the level of intoxication, Brittany Ann Robbins, 21, of Forney was arrested for public intoxication.

Deputy Whisenhunt and Sgt. Skinner had a disturbance on CR 2427. A physical altercation had occurred between a man, his wife and their son. Both individuals still on scene advised they did not need medical services. The case will be forwarded to CID.

Deputy Cooper responded to CR 2112 for a reported SUV driving around with no lights stopping in front of houses. He checked the area and did not locate anything.

### FEBRUARY 6

Deputy Baldwin had an alarm call on FM 515. He checked the area and there were no signs of forced entry. The building was secure.

Deputy Cooper checked an alarm on FM 779. The buildings were secure. Everything appeared secure.

### FEBRUARY 7

Sgt. Milbourn received a call from dispatch regarding a structure fire on CR 4849. The Wood County fire marshal was contacted.

Deputy Andrew Rapp took a call regarding a civil issue between two individuals. The party advised she has been living at the residence for a long time and her common law spouse placed all her belongings on the front porch.

### FEBRUARY 8

Deputy Pollard spoke to an individual who stated her 17-year-old daughter had not come home after school. The daughter had contacted the Sheriff's Office and advised she was fine and with a friend but had gotten in trouble at school and did not want to go home. The party was contacted and the information passed on.

Deputy Pollard spoke with an individual who stated she sent money through an app to an individual to purchase a vehicle. The agreement was that the vehicle would be delivered over the weekend and had not been delivered. The other party was contacted and stated the agreement was that the vehicle would be delivered when they were able to purchase another vehicle since it took so long for payment. The party was contacted and advised of the conversation. It is a civil issue.

Deputy Rapp was dispatched to an address on CR 1570 for a dispute. He had spoken to both parties the day before. One individual advised they were assaulted while trying to get property from the residence. A citation was issued for assault by contact.

Deputy Morrison did a welfare check on an individual who made statements to a family member that caused concern. The individual stated they were fine but would not meet with Morrison to confirm they were fine.

Deputy Croney met with an individual in the lobby of the Sheriff's Office regarding a scam. The subject stated he had received a telephone call and a text message telling him he had a warrant out for his arrest and would need to make a payment. No money was sent, but he wished to have it reported for future reference.

Deputy Rapp took a request to speak regarding being able to place No Trespassing signs on private property.

Deputy Croney checked on an alarm on CR 1260. Contact was made with the keyholder.

Deputy Bonnie Sepulvado and Deputy Jim Rapp were dispatched to PR 7221 regarding damaged property. The party wanted to document an incident of her bedroom door being broken by her son. No charges were filed.

Deputy Morrison received a complaint of an abundance of trash being collected at a residence. Morrison passed the information on to the litter abatement officer.

Deputy Croney had a request to speak in the lobby of the Sheriff's Office. The party stated he received a text message after losing his residence to a fire. The message was suspicious regarding the fire. He was advised to contact the fire marshal. He stated he only wished to have the information documented.

Deputy Croney spoke with an out-of-state law enforcement agency regarding someone moving into the county with a dog that had been deemed a dangerous dog. The officer was advised the dog would need to be registered with the justice of the peace in the appropriate precinct.

Deputy Croney took a lobby call regarding domestic violence. The party stated her husband has been emotionally and physically abusive to her for the past several years. She stated she recently moved from another state in attempt to get away from him. She reported being assaulted by him. Warrants were obtained, and John Paul Charo, 33, of McKinney was arrested for assault family/household member impeding breath/circulation.

Deputy Croney had a request to speak in the lobby of the Sheriff's Office. The individual had questions regarding an emergency protective order.

Deputy Pollard was dispatched to CR 2153 regarding a toddler being located on the roadway. She was able to speak with a family member, who stated they were in the garage when he ran inside for a second. When he came back out, the child was missing and he immediately started looking for her. The child was released to the family member and a report was filed for future reference.

Deputy Pollard responded to Hwy. 154 for a civil matter. The party advised she wanted an individual off her property. She had been leasing the property and had not yet been evicted. All parties advised the issue was civil and they would have to go through the appropriate steps to complete an eviction.

## Quitman Police Report

The Quitman Police Dept. responded to 58 calls for service, issued four citations, gave four warnings citations and six reports were taken.

On Thursday, Feb. 10, Chief John Farmer was dispatched to meet with a man at the UT Health Hospital about his 14-year-old daughter who ran away from him. While en route Farmer saw a man walking in front of Medlin Electric. Farmer spoke to the man who was the father of the female who had run into the woods. Officers from Quitman and the Wood County Sheriff's Department

began looking for the juvenile. The search started about 3:15 p.m. After not being able to find the 14-year-old for 45 minutes, Farmer called for assistance from Quitman Fire Chief Scott Wheeler. Wheeler called in other fire fighters and the juvenile was found by Wheeler and First Assistant Chief Junior Stovall about 6:33 p.m. Farmer transported the juvenile to the police department where all her information was taken, and she was released to her father.

Also on Thursday, Feb.10, the Po-

lice Department received a call from the owner of Greenlaw's Construction who advised a white female was trespassing in his gated construction yard on Lipscomb St. Officer Joe Andrade was dispatched to Greenlaw's and observed a white female inside the locked gated lot. Andrade observed the female, identified as Amie Kemp, to be intoxicated. After getting Kemp out of the lot, she was arrested for public intoxication. Kemp was transported to Wood County Jail for book in.

## Mineola Fire Department Report

**Building fire:** Feb. 7, 10:55 a.m., 1359 CR 2952, Alba.

**Cooking fire, confined to container:** Feb. 3, 3:11 a.m., 211

CR 2540, Mineola.

**Forest, woods or wildland fire:** Feb. 8, 2:51 p.m., 586 CR 2774, Mineola.

**Medical assist, assist EMS crew:** Feb. 3, 12:30 p.m., 117 PR 6482, Mineola; Feb. 4, 4:58 p.m., 804 Wren St., Mineola; Feb. 4, 8:26 p.m., 22245 Cypress Ln. (Enchanted Lakes), Mineola; Feb. 6, 5:38 a.m., 290 Molly Ln., Mineola; Feb. 9, 5:42 p.m., 716 Mimosa St., Mineola.

**Motor vehicle accident with injuries:** Feb. 8, 9:08 a.m., W. Hwy. 80 & W. CR 2840, Mineola; Feb. 8, 3:41 p.m., 624 W. Kilpatrick St., Mineola.

**Heat from short circuit (wiring), defective/worn:** Feb. 4, 6:49 p.m., 2336 FM 1801, Mineola.

**Dispatched & canceled en route:** Feb. 4, 2:29 a.m., 135 Autumn Winds Ct., Mineola.

**Authorized controlled burning:** Feb. 8, 6:42 p.m., CR 2231 & FM 1799, Mineola.

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## Obituaries

### JEANENE RARIDON UPTON 1933-2022



Jeanene Raridon Upton was born on April 25, 1933 in Newton, Iowa to Letha Woods Raridon and Jack Allison Raridon and departed this life on Feb. 1, 2022 in Tyler.

Jeanene attended a one-room schoolhouse in rural Kellogg, Iowa in her elementary years. She graduated in 1951 from Grinnell High School.

Jeanene married Thomas Harry Upton Jr. on April 25, 1952 in Newton. Shortly after marriage, the newlyweds headed to Texas to start their married life and family. They settled in Garland and raised four children.

Jeanene was very active in Bluebirds and Camp Fire Girls. She also was involved in the Garland Republican Women's Club and was a volunteer on local, state and national campaigns. She made sure her kids were exposed to books at the library from a young age. Every summer Jeanene loaded up the kids and dogs and headed to Iowa in a Ford station wagon. The family farm in Jasper County was a wonderful place for her kids to learn about country and farm living. Her grandfather, Sherman Woods, was everyone's favorite. Summers in Iowa changed us for the better. Even after all the kids moved away, Jeanene made her annual visit to Iowa.

In 1971, Tom and Jeanene purchased 48 acres of woods in rural Van Zandt County southeast of Grand Saline, which they named Sherman Woods. For the next two years, most weekends were spent at the "farm" working to build a new home. Jeanene and Tom, with their youngest two kids, moved to rural Grand Saline in the fall of 1973. Tom commuted to his job in Garland until he retired in 1990. The nearest Walmart was in Mineola – that was the place to shop. Mineola became the new hometown.

Jeanene lost Tom in 1993 after 42 years of marriage. She remained at her home on the farm. Several years later, Jeanene starting volunteering at the Mineola Memorial Library. She joined the board of directors and was the treasurer for many years. Whenever we called or saw Mom, she gave us the "library report." She was very proud of her volunteer work, especially helping with the monthly book sale. Jeanene also volunteered with the APET-SPCA Animal Shelter in Mineola. She especially loved the kitties.

Jeanene was also active in the FCE Home Demonstration Club. Jeanene began traveling with her brother Richard and sister-in-law Mona. They visited New Zealand, Australia and made numerous trips to Europe and all around the U.S.

Jeanene is survived by her children, Thomas Upton, Ed.D. and wife Bobbie of Rowlett, Leil Upton Gross of North Richland Hills, Laurel Upton of Mineola and Richard Upton and wife Cindy of Grand Saline; grandkids, Michael Jay, Marcia, Kevin, Thomas and Kacie; great-grandkids, Katelynn, Harper, Trinity, Nathan, Travis, Jeb, Aly and Tristin; and great-great grandkids, Eriden and Graham.

Jeanene's memorial service will be held at the First United Methodist Church of Mineola Fellowship Hall on Feb. 27, 2022 at 2 p.m., officiated by Rev. Ron Brey. A reception will follow at the Mineola Memorial Library.

The family wants to thank all of those that help celebrate Jeanene's life and for all the well wishes and prayers that were received.

Donations in Jeanene's memory can be made to the Mineola Memorial Library, 301 North Pacific St., Mineola, TX 75773.

### LYNDA ANN HAGGARD 1940-2022



On Feb. 6, 2022 our beautiful mother, grandmother, great-grandmother, aunt, cousin and friend, Lynda Ann Haggard, 81, of Mineola went home to be with Jesus. She was born on Oct. 2, 1940 in Terrell.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Robert Blondie and Hazel Ruth Ford; her husband of 56 years, Bobby Joe Haggard; and her son in love, Terry 'Cuz' Allen.

Left to cherish her memory are her son and daughter-in-love, Michael and Judy Haggard of Longview; daughter, Lisa Allen of Mineola; daughter and son-in-love, Kristi and Troy Wilmoth of Mineola; her adored grandchildren, Justin 'Homer' Allen and Jennifer of Mineola, Curtis and Callie Haggard of Carthage, N.C., Brittany and Josh Jackson of Mineola, Caston and Alyson Haggard of White Oak, Caylor and Rachel Haggard of Big Sandy, Manda and Jeff Barnhart of Austin, Breanna and Dalton Rogers of Tokyo, Japan; 14 great-grandchildren, Jackson Haggard, Lane Haggard, Luke Haggard, Judson Haggard, Addison Bradshaw,

Brinkley Haggard, Ruston Haggard, Jynson Haggard, Sophie Haggard, PK Haggard, Wynston Allen, Cole Jackson, Cora Allen and Timberlyn Rogers; her treasured long time best friend, Linda Ridge of Fairfield; and numerous nieces, nephews and cousins.

She was the matriarch of our family, she loved every one of us dearly and most importantly her Lord and Savior. Lynda has been a member of First Baptist Church of Mineola for 60 years and cherished her Sunday School class friends. She retired from Mineola ISD in the Food Service Department in 2014 after working there for 27 years. Over the years there were many who were taught by her in Sunday school or had her as a leader in Cub Scouts, Girl Scouts or interacted with her as president of the band boosters. She was an avid photographer, loved to travel and make the most thoughtful scrapbooks filled with many memories throughout the years. Her house is lovingly known as the Haggard Museum and Archives and was the location of many family events over the years. There will be such a void in our lives, but we thank the Lord for blessing us with such an amazing mother, grandmother, great-grandmother, aunt, cousin and friend. A memorial service was held on Friday, Feb. 11 at 10 a.m. with graveside service to follow at Concord Cemetery with Brother Ed Ridge officiating. Visitation was held Thursday evening at 6 to 8 p.m.

### COL. JAMES WILSON BOSWELL 1941-2022



Col. James Wilson Boswell ("Boz"), Ret., United States Air Force, 80, passed away peacefully on Feb. 7, 2022. He leaves many family members and friends who will sadly miss him. He resided in Niceville, Fla.

Jim was preceded in death by his wife, Karen Boswell, whom he was married to for 56 years. They are survived by their five children, Mark, Matthew (Genet), Christopher, Laura (Nick Bucci) and Patrick (Melissa); and nine grandchildren.

Jim, the son of Wilson and Elizabeth Boswell, was born in Atascadero, Calif. on Dec. 4, 1941. His father was in the United States Army, and Jim grew up experiencing different places. After high school, Jim enlisted in the United States Air Force and worked in aviation maintenance. While stationed in Zaragoza, Spain, he met his wife, Karen and they were married on Feb. 6, 1965. Jim enrolled at Texas A&M while serving out the remainder of his duty commitment in the Texas Air National Guard as a staff sergeant. He graduated from Texas A&M and was commissioned as a second lieutenant in 1968. His Air Force career took Jim and his family all across the United States, Germany and England. During his career he spent time as a navigator, instructor and electronic warfare officer. His flight assignments include EC-121, B-52, EA-6B and EF-111. He served two tours in Vietnam and led the planning for Operation El Dorado Canyon

in 1986. One of his most unique and beloved experiences was his exchange tour with the United States Navy. He qualified on the EA-6B and deployed on the USS Forrestal where he accumulated 86 carrier landings. Throughout his career, Jim was awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross twice, Legion of Merit, Meritorious Service Medal, Air Medal and Air Force Commendation medal.

His last military move was to Eglin AFB as Commander of Air Force Operational Test & Evaluation Center, Detachment 2, where he was promoted to colonel. He retired in 1994, after serving 32 years including four as an enlisted member. Jim and Karen retired and stayed in Niceville.

Jim was a devoted husband, father, grandfather and son. His passion was military aviation, amateur radio (NJ8E, Amateur Extra), volunteer firefighting administration, Bible study and instilling volunteer civic duty throughout his local community. He was an elected fire commissioner for the North Bay Fire Dept., where he served 12 years as chairman of the North Bay Fire Control District. He was an active member of the Playground Amateur Radio Club, a lifetime member of the Air Force Association and a local representative for admissions for the United States Merchant Marine Academy. He continuously supported the Texas A&M Corps of Cadets throughout his entire life. In his later years, when not actively involved in the previous organizations, he could be found attending Bible study at Christ Our Redeemer Catholic Church with Karen. He lived his life with a sense of duty to be a good citizen, contributing member of society, love of country and military service, and worked to give back what had been so graciously given to him by the same.

There will be a funeral on Sunday, Feb. 20 at 1 p.m. at Christ Our Redeemer Catholic Church in Niceville, Fla.

In lieu of flowers, Jim has asked for donations to be made to the Mercy Ships organization, which uses the model of Jesus in the use of hospital ships to bring hope and healing to the world's forgotten poor. They can be found at [www.mercyships.org](http://www.mercyships.org), and clicking "Donate."

Expressions of love and sympathy may be placed and viewed by visiting [www.mclaughlintwincities.com](http://www.mclaughlintwincities.com).

### JOEL SCOTT FETZER 1953-2022



Joel Scott Fetzer, 68, of Quitman, on Jan. 31, 2022 gave up his place here on earth to go to the everlasting land of peace, at his home with loving family and the hospice care team by his side.

Joel was born on Aug. 11, 1953, in Watseka, Ill.

to Reinhold Fetzer and Beatrice Lucille Alder Fetzer. He worked in the construction business building homes.

Joel was a loving man and will be missed by his family and friends that knew him.

Donations may be made to St. Jude's Children's Hospital in his memory.

## Bowers makes fall dean's list

Johnnie Bowers of Quitman was named to the Fall 2021 Dean's List at Georgia State University in Atlanta.

To be eligible, degree-seeking students must have earned a GPA of at least 3.5 for a minimum of nine semester hours of academic credit taken at Georgia State during the term with no incompletes for the semester.

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COUNTY OF WOOD

By virtue of an Order of Sale issued out of the judicial district courts of Wood County by the clerk thereof in the following cases to the sheriff directed, the following properties which are more particularly described in the Order of Sale issued in each cause and will be sold at **10:00 a.m. on the 1st day of March, 2022** at the official door of the courthouse of Wood County, Quitman, Texas to satisfy Orders of Sale with interest and with all costs of suit in favor of Wood County and other taxing units and against those defendants listed in said Orders of Sale.

Cause No. T-3698

Yantis Independent School District vs. Brian Earle Clay, Et Al;

Tract 1: 1.97 acres, more or less, D. Rusk Survey, Abstract 478, Acct: R20405

Tract 2: 2.99 acres, more or less, aka Tract 80, E Esparsa Survey, Abstract 182, Acct: R69442

Cause No. T-4329

Yantis Independent School District vs. Dwight J Morrow, Et Al;

Tract I: 1.0 acres, more or less, being tract 145 PT of the H Anderson Survey, Abstract 9, and tract 42 PT of the G Watson Survey, Abstract 608 Acct: R10834 and R74428

Given under my hand this 19th day of January 2022 and levied on the 19th day of January, 2022.

*Sheriff Kelly Cole*

Original signed by Sheriff Kelly Cole or Authorized Deputy

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## NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Notice is hereby given that original Letters Testamentary for the Estate Jerry M. Arrington, Deceased, were issued on February 7, 2022, in Cause No. 14,082, pending in the County Court of Wood County, Texas, to: Tori Vanderpool.

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.

c/o: **John Ginn**  
**Attorney at Law**  
315 Gilmer Street  
Sulphur Springs, Texas 75482

## NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Notice is hereby given that original Letters Testamentary for the Estate of Robert Warren Dodgen, Deceased, were issued on May 24, 2021, in Cause No. 13,893, pending in the County Court of Wood County, Texas, to: Karen Louise Dodgen.

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.

c/o: **John Ginn**  
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## NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Notice is hereby given that original Letters Testamentary for the Estate of Ralph Lowell Lacy, Deceased, were issued effective on February 7, 2022, in Cause No. 14,085 pending in the County Court of Wood County, Texas, to: ALANA NOWELL.

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.

**ALANA NOWELL**  
c/o: **MARTIN R. BENNETT**  
**Attorney at Law**  
130 E. Corsicana, Suite 302  
Athens, Texas 75751

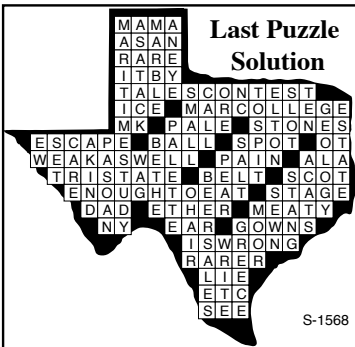
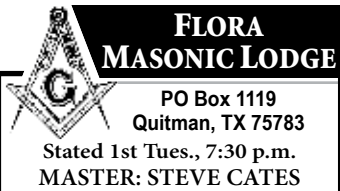
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MARTIN R. BENNETT  
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Property will be sold as-is to the highest bidder for **CASH ONLY**. Seller reserves the right to withdraw the property at any time before the sale.

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**Melinda Strother – Household Misc.**

## PUBLIC NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that a public hearing has been set for revision on the plat of Waterview Estates Subdivision Phase 1.

The revision includes lots 16 and 17, within Waterview Estates Subdivision Phase 1.

The public hearing is set for Tuesday, March 8, 2022, 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

## PUBLIC SALE NOTICE

is hereby given, pursuant to Chapter 59 of the Texas Property Code,

### KeepIt Mini Storage

**will sell to the general public by auction with bidding completed by 10:00 AM, Thursday, March 3, 2022**

the property described as miscellaneous personal property contained in spaces rented by the following occupants:

**248 – Cindy Whitaker; 047 – Karol Cortina.**

Facility Owner reserves the right to bid at the sale. Purchases must be made with cash only and paid for at the time of the sale. All purchased goods are sold "As-Is."

**All Buyers must register at [www.storage-treasures.com](http://www.storage-treasures.com)** and the sale will be conducted in accordance with auction rules established by the Facility Owner. Sales are subject to cancellation in the event of settlement between Landlord and obligated party.

**Sale will be conducted online by [www.storage-treasures.com](http://www.storage-treasures.com).**

## – NOTICE OF PUBLIC SALE –

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Notice is hereby given that a public hearing has been set by the Wood County Commissioners Court on Tuesday, February 8, 2022 for revision on the plat of Golden Acres Subdivision, Block 6, located within Precinct 1 of Wood County.

The revision includes lots 1 and 2, within Golden Acres Subdivision, Block 6.

The public hearing is set for Tuesday, March 22, 2022, at 9:00 A.M. in the Wood County Commissioners Courtroom. All persons interested in revision to this plat may appear at the public hearing with opposition should they so desire.

Virgil Holland, Jr.  
Wood County Commissioner – Precinct 1

## NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Notice is hereby given that original Letters Testamentary for the Estate of JOHN L. BROWN, Deceased, were issued on February 7, 2022, in Cause No. 14074, pending in the County Court of Wood County, Texas, to: LANCE ALLEN BROWN.

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.

c/o: **MICHAEL C. COKER**

**Attorney at Law**

**4540 Kinsey Drive**

**Tyler, Texas 75703**

DATED the 7th day of February, 2022.

/s/Michael C. Coker

**MICHAEL C. COKER**

Attorney for LANCE ALLEN BROWN

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## CAUSE NO. 13,996

IN THE ESTATE OF	\$	IN THE COUNTY COURT
JAMES ELLIOTT	\$	
GRAHAM,	\$	OF
DECEASED	\$	WOOD COUNTY, TEXAS

## NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Notice is hereby given that original Letters of Testamentary for the ESTATE OF JAMES ELLIOTT GRAHAM, DECEASED, were issued on October 25, 2021, under Cause No. 13,996, pending in the County Court of Wood County, Texas, to PENNY BLAIR and NORMA CAROLE GRAHAM.

Claims may be presented in care of the attorney for the estate, addressed as follows:

c/o: **Philip D. Alexander**  
**Attorney at Law**  
**Number One Planters Street**  
**P.O. Box 38**  
**Emory, Texas 75440**

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

DATED the 10th day of February, 2022.

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- kindergarten lesson
- TX summer reality
- seat of Jackson County
- TXism: "\_\_\_\_\_ piece" (distance)
- and reel
- TXism: "panhandle"
- NY Senator Alfonse D'\_\_\_\_\_ had to pay off on 1993 Super bet with TX Gramm
- Morton newspaper
- Grand \_\_\_\_\_, TX
- former Texas oilwell firefighting business: "Red \_\_\_\_\_"
- American Airlines Center, AT&T Center, and Toyota Center jargons
- TXism: "\_\_\_\_\_ a soul" (no one)
- TXism: "enjoyed all this \_\_\_\_\_ stand"
- TXism: "begging like a cattle rustler \_\_\_\_\_ with a rope"
- delicious Pecos \_\_\_\_\_ loupe
- seat of Roberts County
- buried? (2 wds.)
- TX Mac Davis wrote this 1969 Elvis hit: "In \_\_\_\_\_"
- noted TX pianist Harvey \_\_\_\_\_
- "Van" Cliburn
- TXism: "fast \_\_\_\_\_ rafter"

- TX voted to \_\_\_\_\_ from the Union in 1861
- pos. of former Ranger Alex Rodriguez
- TXism: "you're barn door is \_\_\_\_\_" (unzipped)
- TXism: "it'll make your hair stand \_\_\_\_\_"
- Henry Wade's long-time job in Dallas Co.

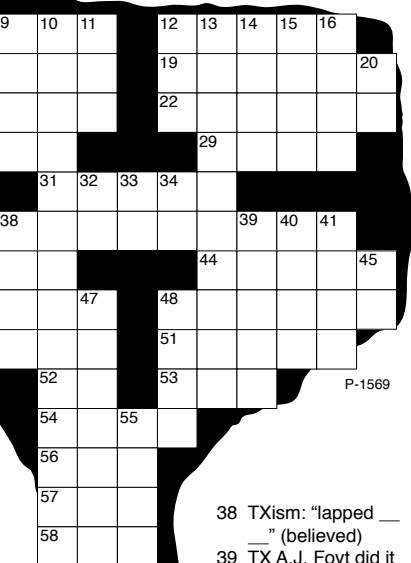
### DOWN

- TXism: "got \_\_\_\_\_ Texas" (kind)
- Fort Worth suburb
- seat of Hemphill County
- Lone \_\_\_\_\_ State
- TXism: "got a \_\_\_\_\_ under his saddle"
- TX Al Carrell book: "The Super Handy-man's \_\_\_\_\_ Home Repair"

- pint-sized Chevy (1989-97)
- TXism: "hot \_\_\_\_\_ Cadillac bumper"
- wife of TX Buddy Holly (2 wds.)
- Baldwin of 1989 film "Great Balls of Fire" with TX Dennis Quaid
- Louise of "Stepford Wives" with TX Paula Prentiss
- TXism: "fits like ugly \_\_\_\_\_ ape"
- fed. Indian agcy.
- Mexican "is"
- TXism: "chompin' \_\_\_\_\_ the bit" (eager)
- type of computer memory (abbr.)

## TEXAS CROSSWORD

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- horse movement
- TX town or NE city
- TXism: "a good man not \_\_\_\_\_ with" (mean)
- car cooler (abbr.)
- TXism: "\_\_\_\_\_ dice"
- TXism: "boob tube"
- Rim State
- Park
- this Preminger directed TX Paula Prentiss in film "In Harm's Way"



The City of Winnsboro is accepting applications for the positions of

- Public Works Employee
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Applications will be accepted until positions are filled, salary DOE.

The City of Winnsboro is an EOE.

## Bicyclist dies in traffic crash

A cyclist from Dallas was killed in a traffic crash south of Winnsboro Wednesday evening, Feb. 9.

According to the Dept. of Public Safety report, Kimberly M. Dewitt, 29 was southbound on FM 312 at 7:11 p.m. about 2.2 miles south of Winnsboro.

Noah M. Clark, 25, of Winnsboro was following Dewitt in a 2002 Volkswagen Beetle, and Audra L. Herring, 52, of Winnsboro was following Clark in a 2021



# Bulldogs nip Red Raiders in key district game

By **LARRY TUCKER**  
editor@wood.cm

The Quitman Bulldogs got a measure of revenge against Winnsboro last Tuesday. The Bulldogs suffered a heartbreaking 62-60 loss at Winnsboro in the first round of district play but rebounded with a thrilling 68-67 win over the Raiders to keep their playoff hopes intact.

The teams traded buckets throughout the first quarter. A three-point shot by Winnsboro's Hayden Deaton put the Raiders up 14-11 with 2:57 left in the opening quarter. Quitman came back on a bucket from Hunter Jacobs making it 14-13. Winnsboro led 19-15 after one quarter.

The Bulldogs kept things close in the second quarter. Ethan Presley scored for Quitman to give the Bulldogs a 22-21 lead. Brady Floyd consistently drove to the basket and got fouled. He made 5-6 free throws in the quarter as the first half ended with the Raiders

clinging to a 31-29 lead. The Bulldogs broke things open in the third quarter with 18 points to just six for Winnsboro giving Quitman a 47-37 lead going into the final quarter. A Levi Thompson triple with 24 seconds left in the quarter gave the Bulldogs the 10-point cushion going into the final eight minutes. In the quarter Thompson scored 10 points and Jacobs added five with Ford Tannebaum adding a steal and score.

In the fourth quarter, Winnsboro clawed its way back into the game led by Deaton, Finney and Canaan Swanner. In the final four minutes, the teams traded buckets. Quitman hit three consecutive triples with Ford Tannebaum scoring two and Thompson adding another to take a 58-48 lead.

Winnsboro would not go away as the Raiders fought back to cut the score to 58-54 on a basket by Deaton. The Bulldogs were able to stay a step ahead of the Raiders by

free throws, four each from Floyd and Thompson. Floyd hit on 9-10 free throws in the contest.

Quitman had taken a 62-57 lead with only 1:29 remaining on a pair of Floyd charity tosses. Thompson added two more free throws with 46 seconds to go putting Quitman up 64-59. A bucket by Raider Crayton Klika cut the Quitman lead to 64-61. Again, Floyd hit free throws and it was 66-61.

Winnsboro's Swanner hit three-pointer with eight seconds to go making the score 66-64. Thompson calmly stepped to the line with five seconds left to make it a 68-64 with Quitman leading. Winnsboro quickly got the ball up court where Swanner hit another three to make it a 68-67 Quitman lead as time expired.

Thompson led Quitman with 30 points followed by a solid outing from Ford Tannebaum with 15 points with Jacobs and Floyd with nine points each for Quitman.

# CRASH

From page 7A

Toyota Tacoma.

Clark attempted to pass Dewitt when she veered into his path and was struck by

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The weather was clear and the road was dry.

State Trooper Joshua Sneed of Emory investigated.

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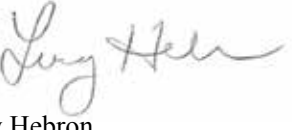


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**PUBLIC NOTICE**  
Notice is hereby given that a public hearing has been set for revision on the plat of Holly Lake Ranch Subdivision.  
The revision includes lots 8R and 11, Part 1, Section VIII within Holly Lake Ranch Subdivision.  
The public hearing is set for Tuesday, March 8, 2022, 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

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# Mineola soccer side takes win over the Bears

By **JOHN ARBTER**  
woodctystringer@gmail.com

The game of soccer requires two components: structure and skill. Structure without skill may produce a periodic win but does not sustain. Skill alone may be dramatic but lacks consistency. Both components are required to win.

Last Friday, the Mineola Yellowjackets put together a notable performance featuring both of the requisite parts. They produced a 4-1 win over the visiting Gladewater Bears.

Three characteristics of the Yellowjackets' efforts were clear from the initial whistle through the entire 80 minutes of play. The midfield positioning (and anticipation) was much improved and effectively drove the match to be played in the Jackets' offensive half. The first touch of the foot to the ball was less about control and more about advancing the ball down the field. Lastly, the aggressiveness – a combination of good head work and physical quickness – was spot-on.

The Jackets came out with relentless effort. They produced seven developed at-



Mineola's Fernando Rodriguez competes for a centering pass in Friday's win against Gladewater. (Monitor photo by John Arbter)

tacks in the first ten minutes. Most of the attacks ended with the last pass missing by inches.

In the 11th minute Riley Weekly played a pass forward to an attacking Joshua Vigueras, who found Christian Martinez streaking for the goal. Martinez struck a hard, low shot from just outside the box and put it in the corner of the net.

Martinez had an excellent match. His ability to strike a well-aimed centering ball from a structured corner kick was remarkable. He took the majority of the ten Mineola corner kicks.

Mineola dominated the remainder of the first half play. They continued to press forward at every opportunity while holding the visitors to only five attacks in the first half.

Fernando Rodriguez had two shots denied in the half. He put a shot on goal in the 16th minute after a great combination play with Vigueras. In the 22nd minute the Gladewater keeper

was just able to deflect his sizzling shot over the bar.

Soccer has a way of evening things out. After being outplayed in the first half, Gladewater received a free kick in an optimal scoring position due to an inadvertent handball by the Mineola defense. The Bears executed a beautiful play, passing the ball past the wall to a runner closing the far post. He slotted the ball home and the game was tied.

What ensued was six minutes of Mineola's best soccer this season. In an unhurried yet expeditious manner, the Jackets generated attack after attack in the closing minutes of the half. With only seconds remaining in the half, Mineola earned a corner.

The centering corner kick was batted around inside the box before squirting out toward Alexis Villeda. After two long strides, Villeda ripped the ball into the net from 23 meters. Mineola

See *SOCCEr*, Page 4A

# Quitman girls wrap up season

By **LARRY TUCKER**  
editor@wood.cm


The Quitman Lady Bulldogs season ended last Tuesday night when the state's sixth-ranked Winnsboro Lady Raiders scored a 76-20 victory. The Lady Raiders won District 13-3A with a perfect 12-0 record as they head to the playoffs.

Winnsboro raced to a 27-8 lead in the first quarter to set the tone for the contest. The Lady Raiders took a 43-14 lead at the half. In the third quarter Winnsboro took a 60-20 lead. Quitman did not score in the fourth quarter as the Lady Raiders dominated.

Quitman Coach Blake Hamrick reflected on the season. "Overall we've grown up a lot this year. We've had our fair share of struggles, but we will be better moving forward because of them. I'm proud of our two seniors, Reiny Luman and Carley Spears, for sticking it out and they will be missed," Hamrick said. "We have a lot to build on for next year and I'm excited about what we have coming back and coming up. These girls can be as good as they want to be, they just have to be ready to put in the work in the off-season to get there."

Spears and Luman were honored prior to the contest. Quitman will return juniors Kaysi Parker and Maddy Pence, sophomores Addie Marcee and Ashley Davis and freshmen Allie Berry and Sadie Vander Schaaf.

Teams from District 13-3A going to the state playoffs are Winnsboro, Mt. Pleasant Chapel Hill, Mt. Vernon and Mineola.



**"I am truly honored to receive their endorsements and support. I am thankful for their confidence in my experience and willingness to ask the citizens of Wood County to cast their vote for me as District Attorney."**

*Angela Albers*


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**CONGRESSMAN LANCE GOODEN**  
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DJ Newsome of Mineola dead lifts 605 lbs. at the Quitman power lifting tri-meet Saturday on his way to winning the 242-lb. class with a 1,480-pound total. He sits third in the regional standings. (Monitor photo by Sam Major)



Brooklyn Marcee of Quitman performs her second dead lift at the Quitman power lifting tri-meet Saturday. She won the 123-pound class with lifts totaling 780 pounds and leads the region and state. (Monitor photo by Sam Major)

## Wood County athletes all-state

The Texas Sports Writers Association has named two Mineola students to the Class 3A all-state football team.

**SECOND TEAM**  
Offense  
Running backs – Dawson Pendergrass, Mineola, 6-3, 212, jr.

**THIRD TEAM**  
Defense  
Linebackers – Coy Anderson, Mineola, 5-9, 160, sr.  
TSWA has also named one Quitman student to its all-state volleyball teams.

**THIRD TEAM**  
Middle blockers: Ava Burroughs, Quitman, sr.



Mineola Coach Alan Wilson high fives seniors Ava Johnson and Kapri Riley after the Lady Jackets defeated Atlanta for the bidistrict title Monday. (Monitor photo by Sam Major)



Kyra Jackson puts up a shot for Mineola against Atlanta Monday. (Monitor photo by Sam Major)

## MHS Lady Jackets win bidistrict title

Mineola advanced in the state basketball playoffs Monday with a 58-56 victory over the Atlanta Lady Rabbits in Hallsville and moves on to face Jefferson in the area round.

The Lady Jackets used pressure defense all over the court, timely scoring and the ability to play fast and slow-paced games to frustrate the district-champion Lady Rabbits.

Atlanta built its biggest lead of the game, 4-1, in the

early going and showed the fast break was among its top offensive weapons.

An Ava Johnson basket and two free throws by Macy Fischer put Mineola ahead, and the Lady Jackets would relinquish that lead only briefly the rest of the night.

Atlanta led by two points a couple times in the period, with Mineola finishing strong for a 21-18 edge, with Fischer's nine leading the

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Gavin Dailey shoots for Alba-Golden in the Panthers' key district win against Cooper last week, 41-40 to keep them in the playoff hunt. The regular season concluded Tuesday. (Monitor photo by Sam Major)

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Paris Spigner and Ava Johnson rebound for Mineola against Chapel Hill. (Monitor photo by Sam Major)

## Lady Jackets fall in district finale

Mineola girls finished district basketball last Tuesday in Mt. Pleasant. The Lady Jackets fell 51-33 to the formidable Chapel Hill Lady Devils.

Mineola hung with Chapel Hill, despite finding it difficult to penetrate a devilish zone defense, trailing the Lady Devils 14-11 after a quarter.

The saving grace early was that few Chapel Hill shots were falling, but once they started to find the bottom of the bucket, they pulled away easily, cruising to a 33-17 halftime lead.

A usual strength of the Lady Jackets is their full-court press, which reliably forces turnovers that can lead to easy buckets. The Lady Devils were quite adept at navigating the pressure however, rarely making an errant pass.

Mineola's offense stalled in the third quarter, scoring two points. They picked up enough steam to muster 14 points in the last period, only closing the gap by eight.



The first half of Alba-Golden's season finale was a close affair, as illustrated by the struggle for the ball. Lady Panthers photographed (l-r) are Kylie Kennedy, Erin Langston, Kalli Trimble and Cacie Lennon. (Monitor photo by John Arbter)

## Lady Panthers lose season finale

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The Alba-Golden Lady Panthers had one excellent quarter of play in their season finale 42-13 loss at Boles High School last Tuesday.

An early nine-point deficit, right out of the blocks, put the Lady Panthers on the defensive. It took the balance of the first quarter for the team to gather their feet and begin to rally. As the second quarter commenced, Alba-Golden trailed 10-3.

Predictably, it was rebounding which brought the Lady Panthers back into the game. Alba-Golden outscored the Boles Lady Hornets by four points in the second quarter.

In addition to hitting the boards, the Lady Panthers found inside scoring opportunities against the man-to-man defense of the Lady Hornets. Two beautiful assists from Cacie Lennon to Kalli Trimble and Kylie Kennedy resulted in scores.

Kennedy drove the lane for a second basket in the quarter.

Two physical plays – an incredible demonstration of hustle by Kamrin Wright who chased down a loose ball in the mid-court, and a strong possession by Alexis Wilmut who ripped the ball away from her counterpart – seemed to indicate that the Lady Panthers would finish strong.

That was just not the case. Alba-Golden started the third quarter by turning the ball over in the offensive zone on their first five possessions. Five additional turnovers in the quarter literally handed the hosts a huge lead. At the end of three quarters the score stood 26-13.

While physical activity never wavered, the game continued to trend negatively for the Lady Panthers. Frustration and turnovers combined to result in the season-ending loss.

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# They’re in! ‘Dogs grab playoff spot

By **LARRY TUCKER**  
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The Quitman Bulldogs charged back from a 2-4 start in district basketball to make the state playoffs with five straight wins capped by a thrilling 51-49 win over visiting Mt. Vernon Friday.

The Tigers had three shots at the bucket as time ran out with the last one going in, but it was after the buzzer and did not count. Both teams were celebrating and things got quiet as the three referees stood at mid-court discussing the final shot.

The Quitman team and fans erupted when the head official waved off the basket preserving the Bulldog win.

The Bulldogs’ last playoff appearance came in 2015. Seeding was dependent upon the outcome of Tuesday’s final district games, with Quitman at Mineola and Mt. Vernon facing Winnsboro.

Quitman Coach Brandon Fields was excited about the win. “That was a wild game. My kids are just resilient. We did not start off good, but we stayed after it and played hard. I told them at the half to play hard, keep the pace up and knock some shots down and everything else would take care of its self,” Fields explained. “I know when Levi hits a couple of shots he will heat up and he did.”

Fields said this team is



The celebration ensues after Quitman clinched a playoff spot Friday. At right, Brady Floyd intercepts a Mt. Vernon pass. (Monitor photos by Sam Major)

special. “In my five years of coaching this is the most selfless group I have been around. They don’t care who gets the credit. They know Levi (Thompson) and Brady (Floyd) are two of our top guys, but they just don’t care about anything but winning,” Fields added. “These guys are what a team should be. They hang out together and they love each other like brothers. I am really proud of how far they have come in the past year.”

The Bulldogs have made their opponents aware that they come to play. “We did not get any respect last year. I told the kids you have to earn respect and I think they have done that this year,” Fields noted.

In the first quarter Mt. Vernon took an 11-7 lead on the strength of three triples from Jaden Horton. The Tigers had a 6-0 lead when Bulldog Hunter Jacobs scored a triple and Landon Richey muscled his way down the lane to score making it 6-5.



Levi Thompson followed with a steal and score to give the Bulldogs a 7-6 lead. Mt. Vernon hit another three and added a pair of free throws to take an 11-7 lead into the second quarter.

The teams both scored 12 second-quarter points giving Mt. Vernon a 23-19 lead at the half. The Tigers had taken a 23-13 lead when Brady Floyd hit a bucket, Thomas Sabedra sank a free throw and Ford Tannebaum added two more free throws in the final seconds before

intermission.

The Bulldogs came out ready to play in the second half going on an 18-7 run in the third quarter. Ford Tannebaum sparked his team and the home crowd with a steal at mid-court driving the lane for a bucket just as the second half began. Jacobs followed with a trey and Thompson hit a triple for Quitman’s first lead at 27-26 with 4:25 to go in the quarter.

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Mineola’s T.J. Moreland goes in for a layup at Chapel Hill last Tuesday. (Monitor photo by Sam Major)

## Loss to Chapel Hill leaves Mineola in tie atop district

By **SAM MAJOR**  
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The Mineola Yellowjackets went to Mt. Pleasant last Tuesday to face the Chapel Hill Red Devils with an opportunity to clinch a District 13-3A title. They faced a worthy opponent and succumbed to the Devils 48-40, tying the teams for first with two losses apiece.

The ‘Jackets started strong, pulling ahead by as many as nine points in the first quarter. Their offensive sets in the half-court were getting several open looks and they hit 2-of-8 threes in the opening eight minutes, courtesy of Hunter Vandover and Conner Gibson on the way to a 17-11 margin.

Mineola pushed the lead to double digits in the second quarter before a couple careless turnovers started allowing Chapel Hill back into the contest, standing 27-23 ‘Jackets at the half.

Fouls beleaguered Mineola in the second half and they struggled to capture any sustainable momentum. Even point guard Xzavien Lipscomb, whose steady head and hands bely his

freshman-level experience, suffered tick-tack calls, fouling out along with Braydon Alley.

It took the Red Devils four and a half minutes to grab the lead, eclipsing the Yellowjackets for the first time since the opening moments of play, 30-29.

The hosts managed to gain a five point advantage before it was cut to three via free throws by T.J. Moreland, who tallied 20 points. Chapel Hill called timeout leading 39-36 with 4:57 remaining in regulation.

The clear lanes that Mineola was able to leverage to begin the evening were mostly shut down and neither squad managed more than one field goal the rest of the way.

The Devils reached the line 13 times in the closing period, converting seven chances, enough to secure an eight-point margin of victory.

Mineola topped Wino-ola 73-35 Friday and hosted Quitman to close out the regular season Tuesday, needing a win to stay even with Chapel Hill.

# Panthers still in the hunt

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The Alba-Golden Panthers went 2-1 last week in key games to determine a play-off spot in district 15-2A.

The Boles Hornets tipped the ball into the cylinder as the buzzer sounded and came away with a 44-42 win on Tuesday.

The Panthers rebounded with a 41-40 win in a make-up game with Cooper on Wednesday and followed that with a 39-33 victory over Como-Pickton Friday.

That left the Panthers tied for third place at 4-5 with Boles and Como-Pickton.

It was a tough loss for the Panthers, who overcame an early visitors’ disadvantage at Boles’ home court, came back strong in a frantic second quarter and fashioned a fourth quarter comeback to tie the game with seven seconds to play.

Alba-Golden stayed in the game through rebounding. Especially in the second half, the Panthers rallied to the boards and pressed immediately up court.

The undoing of the Panthers was largely due to the frantic nature of their offensive attack. Alba-Golden committed 11 turnovers in their offensive zone, most of which were self-inflicted. The number of turnovers – largely through trying to create offense with hopeful but low-probability passing – often led directly to Boles’ points.

Early on, it was Boles doing the damage inside. They led 11-4 after one quarter.

The second quarter saw Alba-Golden flex some offensive muscle. Braylon Moffett put up six points in the quarter and had a career night leading the Panthers with 15 points. Moffett

scored in a variety of ways: offensive rebound put-back, baseline drive, break-away, corner 3-pointers and from the free throw line. It was a game-ball type performance from the junior.

Despite the increased activity, Alba-Golden still trailed at the half, 22-16.

Boles came out committed in the third quarter and got the better of the Panthers. Momentum had returned to the home side. They hit a 3-pointer in the closing seconds of the third quarter after Alba-Golden had whiffed on three close-in looks at the basket.

Going into the fourth quarter, the score stood 34-25.

The teams traded scores early in the fourth. Moffett completed a three-point play to start the fourth.

Nick Hallman, Gavin Dailey, Luke Morrison and Blake Weissert scored. Weissert’s score on an assist from Moffett with 3:00 to play brought the Panthers to within four points of the lead.

A 3-pointer from Weissert made the score 42-39 with 1:16 on the clock. Despite turning the ball over in the back court, Alba-Golden rebounded the ball with 15 seconds remaining. Moffett hit a 3-pointer to tie the game.

Boles advanced the ball with only seven clicks to play. The drive deflected off the back iron. A Boles player elevated and tipped the ball back in. The buzzer sounded as it passed through the netting.

The Panthers concluded district play Tuesday at North Hopkins, with a win guaranteeing a playoff spot while a loss would leave them in position to finish fourth and in the playoffs or fifth and on the outside.



Panther Braylon Moffett had a stand-out performance against the Boles Hornets. (Monitor photo by John Arbter)

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