



Federal dollars could build downtown restrooms

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The Mineola City Council will be considering how to spend the city's share of the federal American Rescue Plan.

One idea is to address the lack of restrooms in the downtown area during events. The city owns the lot on the northeast corner of Commerce and Johnson Streets. One buyer backed out and no other buyers have come through.

The Mineola Economic Development Corp. owns the proper-

ty and is working on the idea of building a restroom that would be a brick structure and replica of the 1888 building that was razed on the site in 2018. In addition to restrooms, the plaza area would also include chairs and tables and charging stations for electronic devices.

Estimated cost is \$200,000.

A new asphalt lay-down machine leads the list of requests the city is considering to make to the Meredith Foundation.

The annual wish list will be formalized by the council in Decem-

ber, along with the ARP funds.

Public Works Director William Crump said the old machine, estimated at 23-24 years old, is in the shop for repairs regularly, costing the city \$17,000 last year, and parts are becoming more difficult to come by.

Its replacement will run in the \$140,000 range.

Other requests to be considered include a new restroom at the Mineola Nature Preserve to service the children's playground at \$89,000.

The police department is re-

questing funds to equip two new patrol units for \$60,000.

The marketing and tourism department is seeking a projector and screen to be able to show movies at the preserve.

The Landmark Commission is seeking funds to put in a walking trail at \$39,800.

The council also learned that "No Loitering" signs will be installed at the downtown gazebo and across the railroad tracks at Iron Horse Square park to discourage activity after 10 p.m.

The council agreed to name a

portion of Guy Street in honor of Mineola native James Tatum, who passed away earlier this year. He became an internationally known jazz pianist and founded an education foundation in Detroit.

The section of Guy St. has no structures but must be renamed to avoid conflict with 9-1-1 addressing.

The council agreed to close the portion of Front St. adjacent to the mini-train depot during the train's Christmas runs Dec. 4, 11 and 18 to assist with crowd control and safety from 3-8 p.m.



Beginning to look a lot like...

The Christmas season rolled into the county seat on Thanksgiving night with the lighting of the holiday tree on the courthouse square in Quitman. Above, youngsters seated on the courthouse steps react as the tree is lit. Downtown merchants like the Shops at 107 (right) also stayed open late to get the shopping season underway ahead of Black Friday. (Monitor photos by Sam Major)



County judge race to be an '18 rematch

Wood County voters in the Republican primary will have the same choice in 2022 as they had in 2018 for county judge.

Former Mineola Mayor Kevin White has announced he will again run for county judge.

County Judge Lucy Hebron and White faced off in 2018 for the position to fill the seat of the retiring Bryan Jeanes.

Hebron is seeking her second term.

Others who have filed for county offices include incumbent Tony Gilbreath for Precinct One justice of the peace, incumbent Jerry Parker for Precinct Three justice of the peace, incumbent Kelley Price for county clerk, Suzy Wright for district clerk and Daphne Carter for county treasurer.

At the state level, Republican Senator Bryan Hughes and Representative Cole Hefner, who represent Wood County, have filed for reelection, as has U.S. Rep. Lance Gooden. He has drawn one Democratic challenger thus far, Kathleen Cordelia Bailey of Dallas.

No Democrats have filed for offices locally.

Filing deadline is Monday, Dec. 13. The primaries will be held Tuesday, March 1.

Parade, hay rides, mini-train and more in Mineola Saturday

Mineola will ring in the holiday season with its annual lighted Christmas parade Saturday, Dec. 4 at 5:30 p.m.

Theme of this year's event is "Christmas through the Decades."

Santa will be the guest of honor and join his fans for the tree lighting and photos afterward at the downtown gazebo.

Entry rules and forms may be found on the Mineola Area Chamber of Commerce website, mineolachamber.org under the events tab.

Floats, trailers, horses and walkers are invited to join in, and all are required to decorate with lights.

Line up will begin at 4 p.m. on N. Graham St. and westbound US Hwy. 80. En-

ter Graham from E. Blair or E. Kilpatrick St., not US 80.

Judging will begin at 4:30 p.m.

The parade will commence westward on US 80 (Broad St.) to Stone, turning right to Kilpatrick.

Mineola Main Street is again sponsoring free hayrides in downtown Saturday from 1-4 p.m. Dallas Nichols of Golden is providing his poppin' Johnny tractor, still with original wheels, to pull the trailer around town.

The rides around town are free and will leave from Commerce Street by the gazebo. The antique tractor-trailer will also give members of the Main Street board and their families a

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All community members were invited to participate in the Hugh Ragsdale Agri-science Activity Center ribbon-cutting on Monday evening. School Board President Jason Stovall does the honors. (Monitor photo by John Arbter)

Alba-Golden ISD dedicates new state-of-the-art ag-science center

By JOHN ARBTER
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The remark most often heard at the Hugh Ragsdale Agri-science Center ribbon-cutting on Monday was simply, "better than expected." The center is no doubt a showpiece: well-considered, well-designed and built to last.

In brief remarks, Alba-Golden school superintendent Cole McClendon stated unequivocally, "This is a community asset." McClendon then acknowledged the pride he felt in officially opening the center, especially in view of the legacy represented by its namesake, Hugh Ragsdale.

After thanking the com-

munity, the school board, Harris Craig Architects and Jackson Construction, McClendon lauded the work of the Young Farmers Association.

"Not every school district in Texas has such an amazing Young Farmers," he stated, "We are truly blessed."

Young Farmers Chelsea Oliver and David Havard,

who were busy dishing out bowls of stew during the event, relayed that there are just over 40 members in their local chapter. Their sole charter is to support the Alba-Golden agri-science students.

With over 100 active FFA members among Alba-Gold-

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New gaming club offers kids a safe environment





Nancy Murphy and Jay Horton perform at a recent meeting of the Mineola Kiwanis Club. (Courtesy photo)

Musical pair reunited for Kiwanis Club program

Nancy Lindley Murphy and Jay Horton presented a musical program at Mineola Kiwanis Tuesday, Nov. 24.

Both were often called on in the late '60s and '70s in their younger years in Mineola. Both made their mark in Mineola and went on to successful careers.

Nancy returned to Mineola to serve as the manager of the Mineola Civic Center, and Jay came home to retire but also serve as an associate pastor of First United Methodist in Mineola. Dr. Horton served churches at various parts of Texas – most recent-

ly the First United Methodist Church of Lubbock.

Their program was a mixture of songs they sang together years ago and included country and gospel. Jay also offered his rendition of Elvis Presley and Hank Williams.

They recalled experiences in earlier days in Mineola, highlighted by performing at the Mineola Centennial celebration in 1973 at the former Yellowjacket stadium.

This was the first reunion of the pair since their performing days as youth a half century ago.

Downtown Alba will be hopping Saturday

Alba celebrates Christmas on the Square Saturday with a parade, chili cookout, photos with Santa and more.

Individuals and groups may enter their chili, with registration at 3:30 p.m. and judging at 4 at the fire station.

The Alba Volunteer Fire Dept. will sell bowls of chili for \$5 to benefit the fire department.

Santa will be on hand for pictures from 4-6 p.m.

The parade lineup begins at 5:30 and steps off at 6. Theme is "Fishing You a Merry Christmas."

First and second-place winners will be named in the float category and antique vehicles, with \$100 for first and \$50 for second in each.

Chili winners will receive \$250 for first, \$150 for second and \$75 for third.

The Alba-Golden Band Boosters will have a \$500 Visa gift card as a prize to benefit the band.



Vic Savelli was awarded Mineola Kiwanis November Citizen of the Month by President Becky Moore. Vic served two terms as Mineola Chamber president, increasing membership and upgrading the Chamber Visitor Center. He also was appointed to the Wood County Blue Ribbon committee, which revamped the Wood County Economic Development Commission. (Courtesy photo)

Mineola Kiwanis Club announces fundraising holiday cheese sale

After a few delays the Mineola Kiwanis Club cheese arrived over the Thanksgiving weekend.

The Kiwanis Club has been selling cheese for a dozen years with funds going to buy Christmas presents for the Wood County Special Education Co-op children as well as provide parties at other times of the year.

The cost of cheese for

customers will now be \$8 a pound due to the rising costs involved in producing cheese. Four types of cheese are available: sharp and medium cheddar, pepper Jack and swirled, which is a combination of Colby and Monterey jack. No Swiss was available.

Contact any Mineola Kiwanian or President Becky Moore at 903-569-1990.

Church hosting Christmas cantata

New Hope Baptist Church of Mineola invites the community to Family Day on Sunday, Dec. 12 with a community breakfast starting at 9:45 a.m. followed by a Christmas Cantata led by Jean Mabe and John Beck at 10:50 a.m.

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en students, the activity center will get plenty of action. A number of students attended the ribbon-cutting and they were very knowledgeable regarding the features of the new facility. From security to watering systems, the youngsters explained how the facility will allow a greater number of students to keep and show animals.

Ag-science teacher Amanda Thompson noted that already the school has seen a four-fold increase in the number of students who

will be keeping animals.

"This facility allows us to keep animals in a safe and secure manner and afford a much greater number of students the opportunity to care for an animal," she stated.

Perhaps the greatest endorsement, however, was from second-grader Deacon Hall who was at the cattle pens interacting with the first head of cattle to be housed at the facility – a Charolais steer under the care of freshman Landrie Boyd. When asked about his future in agri-science, Hall disclosed his plan to care for a Brangus steer in these pens.

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MINEOLA HISTORICAL MUSEUM ADVISORY BOARD - third Tuesday, 4 p.m., city hall. 903-569-6183. Public invited.
MINEOLA MASONIC LODGE - second Thursday, dinner at 6:30 p.m., meeting at 7:30 p.m. All Masons invited. 569-2608.
MINEOLA REBEKAH LODGE - every other Saturday, 11 a.m., 106 S. Line St. All Rebekahs welcome, 769-4024.
MINEOLA ROTARY CLUB - Monday noon, Mineola Country Club.
MINEOLA SENIOR CITIZEN CENTER - 308 University, 8:45 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Monday, Wednesday, Thursday and 8:45 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Tuesday. 903-497-1162; Dominoes, cards, rummy cube.
MINEOLA LEAGUE OF THE ARTS LINE DANCE GUILD - Tuesday and Friday, 10 a.m.
MLOTA FIBER ARTS GUILD - Rog Hooking first Thursday and third Wednesday at 10 a.m.; embroidery stitch-in fourth Friday at 9:30 a.m.; second Thursday classes or demos as announced.
MLOTA MOSAIC GROUP - first and third Tuesdays at 1:30 p.m.
MLOTA QUILTERS GUILD - Thursdays at 10 a.m.
MLOTA PAINTERS GUILD - Wednesday, 10 a.m.; business meeting and demo fourth Monday at 2 p.m.
MLOTA SCULPTURE GUILD - first and third Tuesday at 1 p.m.
MLOTA WOOD CARVING GUILD - Mondays at 10 a.m.
PARENTS ANONYMOUS GROUP - Saturday, 2-3:30 p.m., First Baptist Church, Quitman. Children's program provided. 903-629-2114
PILOT CLUB OF MINEOLA - second Tuesday, 6 p.m. Mineola Civic Center. President Christine Spofford.
QUILTS OF VALOR group, Stitches Angels, meet the last Wednesday of the month at 10:30 a.m., 1118 N. Pacific St., Mineola, to make quilts for service members and veterans.
QUITMAN GARDEN CLUB - second Tuesday (except when on field trips), 2 p.m., Quitman library. quitmangardenclub@gmail.com. All are welcome.
QUITMAN/LAKE FORK KIWANIS - Wednesday, noon, Faith Student Center, 403 S. Main St., Quitman.
QUITMAN LIONS CLUB - For meeting time and place call 903-763-4126.
QUITMAN PILOT CLUB - third Tuesday, 5:30 p.m., Quitman Library, 903-383-5075.
QUITMAN ROTARY CLUB, Thursday, noon, Ancona Restaurant.
QUITMAN CITY COUNCIL - third Thursday, 5:30 p.m.; city hall.
QUITMAN SCHOOL BOARD - third Monday, 6 p.m. Administration Building.

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REPUBLICAN WOMEN OF WOOD COUNTY - for information call/text 903-841-2808.
ROSE HILL FOOD PANTRY - 2nd and 4th Wednesday, 1:30 p.m., 1420 CR 2460, Mineola. No qualification.
SINGING AT THE FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH OF HAWKINS - fourth Sunday, 2-4 p.m.
SCOTTISH RITE - Wood County Scottish Rite Club meets third Friday of odd month, 6:30 p.m., Richie's Café in Winnsboro. 903-253-3635.
TOASTMASTERS INTERNATIONAL - Garden Valley chapter, Tuesdays on Mercy Ships campus, noon to 1 p.m. Call ahead for room details 903-939-7000 or gvtn@mercyships.org.
TOPS GROUP - Thursday, 8-11 a.m., Harvest Acres Baptist Church, NW Loop 564, 569-1240, 569-0385-Beverly.
UPPER SABINE VALLEY SOLID WASTE DISTRICT - meetings are held quarterly, 5:30 p.m. on a Thursday to be determined at the Wood County Airport board room.
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VFW POST #7523 - third Wednesday, 6 p.m., Karaoke every Friday and Saturday, 8 p.m. 569-2228.
WHYTE DOVE WRITER'S GROUP - Second Tuesday, 6 p.m., Quitman Public Library, 903.967.7488, e-mail kayoung.wdp2001@gmail.com
WOOD COUNTY 4-H HORSE CLUB - Business meeting, Monday, 2 p.m., Wood County Extension Office.
WOOD COUNTY AGGIE MOMS - 1st Monday, 6 p.m. at Speakeasy in Quitman (except January, June, July, August), 903-539-7049 or Wood County Aggie Moms Facebook page.
WOOD COUNTY APPRAISAL DISTRICT - Quarterly, third Thursday, 8 a.m., appraisal district office. Open to the public.

WOOD COUNTY ARBORETUM & BOTANICAL GARDENS - garden workday each Wednesday 9 a.m. to noon, all levels of experience welcome. Come at 8:45 a.m. in the kitchen of the Stinson House for coffee. 175 Gov Hogg Pkwy, Quitman - the two-story white house behind the pavilion at Hogg Park.
WOOD COUNTY CENTRAL HOSPITAL DISTRICT - third Monday, 5:30 p.m. in the UT Health Quitman hospital board room (every three months).
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WOOD COUNTY DEMOCRAT CLUB - fourth Thursday, Quitman Public Library, at 6:15 p.m. www.woodcountydem.org 936-635-4656
WOOD COUNTY EXPLORERS - first Monday, 6 p.m., Armed Texans facility.
WOOD COUNTY TX GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY - third Monday, January through May and September through November, 7 p.m., Quitman Public Library, Shamburger Community Room. For 903-763-4191 or 967-2458.
WOOD COUNTY PREC. 2 CONSTABLE EXPLORERS - first Thursday, 6:30 p.m., Armed Texans Training Facility, 369 CR 2784, Mineola.
WOOD COUNTY RETIRED SCHOOL PERSONNEL ASSOCIATION - third Monday, Sept.-Dec. and Feb.-April, 2 p.m. and in May at 5 p.m., Forever Young Activity Center, 402 S. Main St., Quitman. All retired school personnel are invited.
YANTIS CITY COUNCIL - second Tuesday, 6 p.m., city hall.
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New gaming group provides more than play time

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There is not much that is not special about Mineola. Those were the sentiments shared by one of the newest teachers at Mineola schools – graphics design teacher Aaron Cavitt. His comment, however, referred not just to the school but to the community at large.

Actively involved in the Flint and Steel organization, Cavitt has led the effort to create a gaming club for the city. The Green Dragon Gaming Club now meets every Thursday from 6-9 p.m. in the Mineola High School foyer.

“Mineola High School was immediately onboard with the initiative,” related Cavitt. Principal Mike Sorenson offered use of the foyer practically before he was asked. Cavitt explained that the rationale behind the gaming club is to provide a safe place for youngsters to gather and develop socialization skills in a fun environment.

Cavitt noted that once it was explained how this club would help young people, the school staff rallied in support. Although the gaming club meets in the high school, it is not a high school organization. The club is open to all young people in the community, and although most members are high school students at Mineola High, there are a number who are not.

Four adults lead the club. In addition to Cavitt, Mineola alumnus Carter Mize, middle school teacher Daniel Davis and student Joel Smith provide oversight and structure to the group.

The gaming alternates each week between traditional gaming and Dungeons and Dragons. At a recent meeting, young folks gathered into two groups before the scheduled Dungeon and Dragons event commenced.

One group became involved in a heavily-contested game of Go Fish, while the other group investigated a new game which was based on the pantomime of sounds.

With 17 young people rounded up for the main event, Cavitt took charge of one group while Mize facilitated the second group in the popular role-playing game.

Cavitt’s role within the game was part master of ceremonies, part advisor and mentor. Listening carefully to his guidance as the game drew on, one could easily identify the socialization and moderation learning points which he made – all within the context of the game.

“Do you really want to use those words to open a conversation?” he asked to a player at one point. “What happened to your personal goal?” he queried another player about his character’s intentions. The value of gaming in an “unplugged” environment became clear when listening to the guidance he offered under the guise of moderating a game.

Being unplugged – meaning that the gaming club does not use electronics – is a significant characteristic. Cavitt explained the importance of person-to-person interaction to one’s development. “We do not game on screens,” he commented.

Being unplugged seems to run counter to Cavitt’s primary job teaching graphic design. While it is true, he explained that he endeavors to build the same non-threatening environment in his graphics classes as in the gaming club.

In his daytime job, Cavitt is busy shepherding the newly-created graphic design pathway which will soon turn out graduates with an Adobe certificate ready for work in the industry.

“Due to capacity, we have had to simply cap the num-



Graphic Art teacher Aaron Cavitt, shown (in ballcap) facilitating a game, led the initiative in creating the gaming club. (Monitor photo by John Arbter)

ber of students per class year to 15,” he said. This means that the high school will have 60 students in the pathway at any time.

When not in the classroom, much of Cavitt’s time is vested with the Flint and Steel initiative. Since its recent founding, Flint and Steel has become a force for youth in the community.

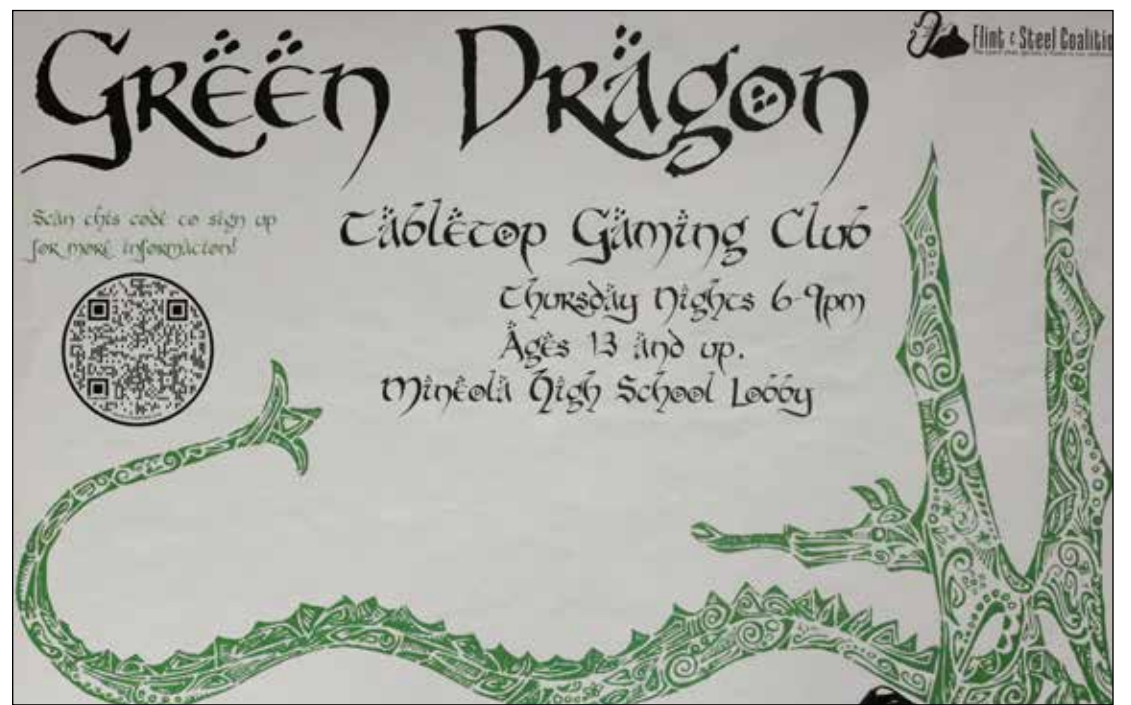
“Folks are talking about it, and it is a growing, socially-engaging effort,” Cavitt noted.

The Green Dragon Gaming Club also has aspirations. Cavitt shared that securing a gaming studio somewhere in downtown Mineola would be the ultimate goal.

“Kids really want a place to go and be safe, a refuge,” he stated.

In the meantime, the weekly round-up in the high school foyer (the large open area adjacent to the gymnasium entrance) is that safe, worry-free environment where gaming becomes a social bonding exercise.

As Halee Hasten commented at a recent club session, “It reminds me of good times with my family, but now with friends.” That is quite an endorsement.



The Green Dragon Gaming Club has found a home at Mineola high school.

Carter running for treasurer



DAPHNE CARTER

Daphne Carter has announced her candidacy for Wood County treasurer. She has been married 39 years to Lake Fork professional fishing guide Rick Carter. They were transplanted from Arkansas to Texas in 1984 and moved to East Texas in 1998. Carter said, “I love God, animals, crafts, and bass fishing. The 22 years that I have worked for the Wood

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White announces campaign for county judge

Kevin White is running for Wood County judge. Since he retired from a 30-year career in education in 2015, he has begun a second career and a life of public service. He served as a two-term mayor for the city of Mineola from 2017 until 2021. Before that, he served on the Mineola City Council. During his time as mayor, he represented Wood County on the East Texas Council of Governments Executive Committee where he served as secretary/treasurer. He still represents Wood County on the East Texas Workforce board of directors.



WHITE

County judge is a non-judicial office in Texas and does not require a law degree. Texas statute dictates what cases can be heard by the county judge whether they are a lawyer or not. Legal work for Wood County is done by either the district attorney's office or outside counsel, not by the county judge. In fact, in most Texas counties the county judge is not a lawyer since the primary responsibility is to chair the commissioners' court, much like the mayor of a city works with the council members and staff. The county judge also oversees the development of the budget and must be able to work with all the elected officials in the county to prepare a budget that maximizes services for the citizens of the county while being a good steward of the tax payers' money. During his two terms as mayor, working with the staff and city council, they accomplished these tasks quite well leaving Mineola in solid financial condition.

"During my time as mayor, I worked closely with the economic development director to improve business development and prepare for future development opportunities and was asked to serve on the board of directors of the Mineola Economic Development Corporation after I finished my second term," he said. "As a Realtor, I have worked to bring new businesses into the Mineola area and understand what is necessary to produce the economic impact that helps the local economy. Today, more than one-third of the city of Mineola's budget comes from sales tax revenues, thus relieving much of the burden off of homeowners.

"During my professional life and as a public servant, I have learned trust and respect are things that are earned, never just given to someone. People watch what you do more than just listen to what you say. I have worked hard to earn those two attributes and I believe they are reflected in some of the ways I still serve others. I am the lieutenant governor of Kiwanis for Division 34 and was president of the Mineola Club before that. I serve on the board of directors for My Credit Union, overseeing several branches, as well as on the board of directors for the Mineola Civic Center, Inc., where I serve as treasurer. I serve my church as a deacon and as a trustee. I am visible throughout the county and East Texas speaking at churches on behalf of the Gideons International and I am a member of the Texas Baptist Men Ministry. I am honored that these institutions trust me to serve and lead for the betterment of our communities and county.

"Furthermore, the most important thing I learned as mayor of Mineola was that the employees and volunteers involved with any government should be valued and treated with the greatest respect. For the volunteers, they are giving up one of their greatest assets, that is their time, and their efforts should be respected. For employees, an elected official should be a servant leader helping them to serve the citizens to the best of their abilities. Working together makes the best government for the taxpayer, and the leader always gives the credit to the employees and volunteers, never taking it for themselves.

"Finally, my support for first responders and veterans is not just an issue, it is a family matter. My son, brother, uncles, and in-laws have all worn their country's uniform and served. They now serve as first responders continuing to help others. Also, I have worked with veterans to buy homes of their own as a Realtor, helping them take advantage of the VA benefits they have deservedly earned. As mayor, I have stood up and supported our police and first responders when the situation arose.

"Trust and respect. Being a true public servant. Understanding the importance of economic development. Truly understanding and working with veterans and first responders. These are attributes I will bring to the office of Wood County judge because that is what the citizens of Wood County deserve"

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During a homily, a pastor was talking about a Christmas play that was put on by some second-grade children. One of the lines that the child playing Mary had was "Don't worry Joseph, God is watching over us." Several times during the play, whenever they would be confronted with a problem, she would repeat her line, "Don't worry Joseph, God is watching over us." This is a good lesson for us to remember whenever we are overly anxious about some situation. If only we could develop the trust and faith of a child to know that we are God's children and that His love and concern are such that He wants only the best for us. When Mary and Joseph were on their way to Bethlehem, they were well aware that it was near the time for Mary to give birth. While in Bethlehem, Jesus was born and Mary wrapped Him in cloths and laid him in a manger because there was no room for them to stay at the inn. Although we can only imagine the deep concern that Joseph must have had for his wife and child, both Mary and Joseph knew and trusted that God was watching over them.

I will say of the Lord, He is my refuge and my fortress: my God; in Him will I trust.

KJV Psalms 91:2

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Wood County Sheriff's Report

NOVEMBER 17

Deputy Linda Williams had a request to speak on CR 4770. The individual received messages on Facebook attempting to scam them of money. The report will be submitted for future reference.

Deputy Corbin Hanner did a standby for CPS on CR 4560.

Deputy Brad Cox was dispatched to CR 3940 for an inquest. The funeral home and justice of the peace were contacted to respond.

Deputy Jim Rapp went to the intersection of FM 852 and CR 4250 regarding a traffic hazard. When he arrived, cleanup crews had already removed the dumped cow manure from the roadway. TxDOT had responded to the scene and was working on cleaning up the mess.

NOVEMBER 18

Deputy Matthew Cooper and Sgt. Jaclyn Skinner responded to a disturbance on CR 3193. The party stated the suspect, his step-son, got irritated when asked about medication. The suspect pushed the party to the ground and began assaulting him. Alex Lee Brock, 27, of Winnsboro was arrested for assault by contact – family violence.

Deputy Cooper was on routine patrol on E. Goode St. when he observed a vehicle with no front license plate. A traffic stop was conducted. Cooper detected a strong odor of burnt marijuana from the vehicle. The driver stated there was heroin and marijuana in the vehicle. Jay Scott Traylor, 44, of Quitman was arrested for possession of a controlled substance penalty group (PG) 1 >=1g<4g.

Deputies Cooper, Jeff Baldwin and Sgt. Jaclyn Skinner responded to CR 4365 on a shots fired call. Two individuals had gotten into a physical altercation. At some point, one of the individuals was shot in the leg. Firearms from both subjects were collected and the case was submitted to the Criminal Investigations Division (CID).

NOVEMBER 19

Deputy Andrew Morrison went to FM 515 for an inquest. The funeral home and justice of the peace were notified.

Deputy Morrison responded to a call on CR 1858 regarding an assault. The party stated his mother had been choked. When Morrison arrived, he spoke with the victim, who stated the assault had happened several days before. She said the suspect had done some repairs to her house. While he was inside the residence, he shoved her on the bed and choked her. The victim did wish to pursue charges.

Deputy Andrew Rapp took a theft report on CR 2140. The party stated the

license plates and registration sticker were stolen from a vehicle. He does not know where the plates and registration were stolen from. The case will be reviewed by CID.

Deputy Morrison had a lobby call regarding terroristic threat. The party stated that her son was being threatened by her father. The case will be forwarded to CID.

Deputy Morrison spoke with a juvenile in front of the sheriff's office regarding possible self-harm. The case will be reviewed by CID.

Deputy Rapp had an individual report a theft on CR 2840. The victim stated she had someone come to the residence to help her. Since that time, a large amount of cash was taken from the victim. The victim does wish to pursue charges.

NOVEMBER 20

Deputy Jonah Croney was notified of a disturbance in progress on CR 3909. The suspect had destroyed property and barricaded himself in a bedroom. Deputies attempted to get the subject to come out of the room, while being able to observe him. With the risk of the subject getting injured and officer safety, it was decided to leave the individual in the room. The case will be filed for future review.

Deputy Rapp took a report of theft of mail on CR 2140. The victim stated he received a confirmation email stating a package was delivered to his address. He said he never received the package. The case will be forwarded for investigation.

Deputy Rapp had a call of cruelty to non-livestock animals on CR 2279. The party stated their neighbor is poisoning their dogs. The case will be forwarded to CID.

Deputy Morrison went to FM 515 in regard to a disturbance. The individuals struck each other several times. The female subject also struck a vehicle on the property. Neither party wished to press charges against the other. The female was issued a criminal trespass order.

NOVEMBER 21

Deputies Morrison and Rapp were dispatched to Indian Gap for a disturbance in progress. Both parties had separated. The female stated she was trying to flatten her tires in order to keep her son from using the vehicle. As she was walking out of the residence, her son tackled her to the ground, causing her injuries. Michelle Remon Williamson, 28, of Quitman was arrested for assault causes bodily injury – family violence.

Deputy Morrison responded to PR 8692 for a possible harassment. The

party stated a neighbor causes a disturbance every time they drive by their house. Morrison spoke with the neighbor regarding the action and advised criminal actions could be pursued if the actions continued.

Deputy Croney went to Geronimo for a fraud report. The individual stated she found equipment used for making counterfeit items in her adult daughter's bedroom. The report was filed for future reference.

Deputy Corbin Hanner arrived on FM 2966 for a call for service. Dispatch advised there was an individual on scene experiencing a mental health crisis. The individual was placed in custody on an Emergency Detention Warrant and taken to the hospital for treatment.

NOVEMBER 22

Deputy Cole Hudson took a call for a verbal disturbance on CR 3909. The reporting party stated his brother-in-law was on his property causing a disturbance. He also advised there was an emergency protective order in place against his brother-in-law. Jason Bruce Alexander, 48, of Hawkins, was arrested for violation of bond/protective order.

Deputy Hanner was contacted by a jailer at the Wood County Sheriff's Office regarding contraband found in the jail lobby. Hanner took possession of the contraband and logged it into evidence.

Deputy Hanner spoke with an individual on Hwy. 37 regarding a criminal trespass. The homeowner stated there was someone looking in the windows of the residence after being asked to leave the property. Hanner issued a criminal trespass warning to the individual.

Sgt. Austin Milbourn responded to FM 2869 in regard to an attempted suicide. CID responded to the scene. The subject was transported to the hospital.

Deputy Jim Rapp took a report of assault on CR 2922. The party stated his son had assaulted him. There were conflicting stories regarding the incident, and no visible signs of assault. The case was filed for future reference.

NOVEMBER 23

Deputy Rapp was dispatched to PR 6882 for an assault after the fact. The reporting party stated his wife assaulted him. A report will be filed for future reference.

Deputy Linda Williams received a request to speak regarding a scam. The party stated she was receiving phone calls stating she had a warrant. The case is filed for future reference.

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NOVEMBER 19

11:18 p.m., suspicious persons, Autumn Wind, kids knocking on door, unable to locate.

11:47 p.m., assist other agency, 1000 blk S. Pacific, assist county deputy.

11:57 p.m., suspicious vehicle, E. Broad, parent waiting on child to be dropped off.

NOVEMBER 20

2:14 a.m., theft, E. Broad, one subject admitted to taking property from second subject who was pursuing on foot, likely a civil matter, several prior incidents.

10:49 a.m., escort, S. Pacific at Read, unable to locate anyone at location.

11:48 a.m., disturbance, E. Broad, male subject struck female subject and left in vehicle, unable to locate.

12:05 p.m., escort, N. Pacific at Loop 564, funeral.

2:56 p.m., reckless driver, Hwy. 37 North, driving erratically, unable to locate.

4:01 p.m., reckless driver, S. Pacific at city limits, unable to locate.

7:49 p.m., disturbance, County Road 2724, caller actually at Lake Holbrook and not Nature Preserve.

NOVEMBER 21

12:35 a.m., suspicious vehicle, 1000 blk N. Pacific, vehicle locked and secured.

1:30 a.m., alarm, Greenville, door secured.

1:51 a.m., missing person, Goodson Circle, no criminal offense.

5:26 a.m., alarm, W. Broad, everything locked and secured.

10:48 a.m., city ordinance violation, possible burn permit violation, unable to locate.

10:55 a.m., theft, 100 blk NE Loop 564, shoplifting, subjects left without merchandise.

11:20 a.m., welfare concern, W. Buchanan, officer made contact with subject who was having phone issues.

2:06 p.m., information, 300 blk Krause, subject advised suspect pulled gun on him but did not wish to return to city to file charges.

2:34 p.m., information, Mimosa, subject receiving calls from creditors some years after personal information stolen by siblings, advised to contact authorities in California to file.

3:30 p.m., information, University, subjects boxing up items at residence, no offense occurred.

3:39 p.m., assist other agency, E. Broad, sheriff's office took suspect into custody who had warrants.

6:12 p.m., assault, E. Broad, subject being held against will, Loren Elizabeth Walker arrested for assault causes bodily injury – family violence.

7:10 p.m., disturbance, W. Broad, subject angry with staff blocking driveway with vehicle, moved prior to officer arrival.

8:58 p.m., reckless driver, N. Pacific St. & E. Broad St., Mineola; Nov. 24, 6:55 a.m., 414 E. McDonald St., Mineola.

No incident found on arrival at dispatch address: Nov. 22, 17:08 378 CR 2297, Mineola.

Smoke scare, odor of smoke: Nov. 21, 9:45 a.m., N. Hwy. 37, Mineola.

NOVEMBER 22

5:07 a.m., reckless driver, Hwy. 37,

swerving and high rate of speed, unable to locate.

8:51 a.m., welfare concern, 700 blk Stone, subject threatened self harm.

9:24 a.m., public assist, 1800 blk S. Pacific, bags falling off tow truck.

11:48 a.m., theft, 300 blk W. Broad, phone stolen.

12:08 p.m., motor vehicle accident, N. Pacific at Buchanan, three vehicles.

1:42 p.m., motor vehicle accident, 100 blk NE Loop 564, parking lot, two vehicles.

4:34 p.m., disturbance, 900 blk University, parties separated prior to officer arrival.

6:31 p.m., suspicious vehicle, 100 blk NE Loop 564, lights on and drivers door open, owner came out of store.

7:05 p.m., alarm, 900 blk Baker, set off by officer.

8:00 p.m., assist other agency, 500 blk Kilpatrick, gas stove on fire.

9:32 p.m., alarm, 1200 blk N. Pacific, canceled by alarm company.

9:35 p.m., assault, 400 blk Meadowbrook, arrested Ginger Brienne Durham.

10:33 p.m., city ordinance violation, 600 blk W. Kilpatrick, loud music, unable to locate.

NOVEMBER 23

1:00 a.m., assist other agency, 2200 blk N. Pacific, assist sheriff's office with traffic stop.

2:14 p.m., unknown offense, Bowdoin, vehicle in driveway during directed patrol.

5:20 a.m., alarm, N. Pacific, delivery driver.

7:00 a.m., alarm, W. Loop 564, opening for business.

9:13 a.m., welfare concern, W. Front, subject got on train in Longview heading to Mineola.

10:07 a.m., motor vehicle accident, N. Pacific, two vehicles in parking lot.

12:41 p.m., suspicious person, N. Pacific, reported getting into mailboxes, advised just walking.

1:57 p.m., motor vehicle accident, 100 blk E. Commerce, subject was backed into, two citations issued.

3:28 p.m., disturbance, Wigley, male subject coming over to cause problems.

3:36 p.m., motorist assist, E. McDonald at N. Pacific, box truck broken down.

3:40 p.m., motor vehicle accident, N. Pacific, minor, two vehicles.

3:41 p.m., reckless driver, N. Pacific, no signs of intoxication or erratic driving.

8:48 p.m., reckless driver, N. Hwy. 69 at city limits, unable to maintain lane, no signs of impairment.

9:25 p.m., suspicious vehicle, Molly at Newsom, wheelchair by stop sign, no damage, moved off roadway.

NOVEMBER 24

9:21 a.m., motor vehicle accident, S. Pacific at CR 2720, two or three vehicles.

9:29 a.m., theft, University.

11:42 a.m., theft, Brenda, boyfriend took vehicle, referred to justice of the peace.

12:05 p.m., welfare concern, Evans, subject transported to hospital.

4:41 p.m., burglary, University, item stolen from vehicle.

5:42 p.m., welfare concern, Emily at Peachtree, teens riding in golf cart, putting up for the night.

5:46 p.m., runaway, W. Broad, juvenile, checked several locations.

7:24 p.m., public assist, CR 2724, locked keys in vehicle.

7:32 p.m., welfare concern, E. Broad, truck in lane of traffic, gone upon arrival.

9:54 p.m., city ordinance violation, Krause at South, loud music, music being turned down.

10:01 p.m., motorist assist, 1200 blk N. Pacific, vehicle in roadway.

10:19 p.m., alarm, N. Pacific, building secure.

11:44 p.m., suspicious vehicle, 100 blk Bowdoin, everything OK.

NOVEMBER 25

12:10 a.m., information, W. Broad, father found juvenile hiding in closet at girlfriend's residence when Smith County on scene.

2:30 a.m., suspicious vehicle, 1000 blk W. Loop 564, vehicle unoccupied and secure.

2:36 a.m., motorist assist, 1000 blk W. Broad, vehicle broken down.

7:05 a.m., suspicious person, 1000 blk W. Broad, subject going through vehicle from prior incident and left on bicycle, unsure if owner and unable to locate.

9:24 a.m., terroristic threat, N. Line, subject advised would contact police if suspect returned.

12:13 p.m., alarm, 100 blk NE Loop 564, building secure.

2:57 p.m., welfare concern, 300 blk Greenville, unable to contact subject.

4:19 p.m., terroristic threat, Goodson Circle.

6:29 p.m., welfare concern, Debby, subject is OK.

7:28 p.m., reckless driver, E. Broad at city limits, unable to maintain lane, unable to locate.

7:50 p.m., suspicious vehicle, 100 blk NE Loop 564, belongs to employee.

8:18 p.m., welfare concern, Goodson Circle, civil matter concerning property.

NOVEMBER 26

1:57 a.m., assist other agency, 2200 blk N. Pacific, assist sheriff's office in pursuit of speeding, 97 MPH.

8:05 a.m., public assist, Hwy. 37, possible power line down, appears to be telecommunications and not a hazard.

1:56 p.m., city ordinance violation, Landers, burning in a barrel, informed of ordinance and fire put out.

2:37 p.m., criminal mischief, N. Pacific, tires slashed following disagreement.

2:47 p.m., assist other agency, 300 blk Greenville, complainant advised to contact Shreveport police where incident occurred.

4:09 p.m., information, N. Pacific, suspect hit drive through pole and drove off.

10:29 p.m., assist other agency, N. Loop 564 and Hwy. 69, possible intoxicated driver.

11:11 p.m., burglary, 900 blk University, from prior incident, wallet also stolen.

11:58 p.m., suspicious vehicle, 1400 blk W. Broad, vehicle pulled into median during traffic stop with flashers on, unable to locate.

Officers also conducted 54 traffic stops and 21 animal control calls, and the previous week conducted 72 traffic stops and 24 animal control calls.

Mineola Fire Department Report

Cooking fire, confined to container: Nov. 22, 7:57 p.m., 509 W. Kilpatrick St., Mineola.

Grass fire: Nov. 22, 12:36 p.m., 1397 FM 1799, Mineola; Nov. 22, 2:01 p.m., 811 CR 2790, Mineola.

Medical assist, assist EMS crew: Nov. 19, 2:07 p.m., 2815 W. Hwy. 80, Mineola; Nov. 22, 7:20 a.m., 106 CR 2246, Mineola.

Motor vehicle accident with injuries: Nov. 22, 12:26 p.m., 5365 Hwy. 37, Mineola.

Motor vehicle accident with no injuries: Nov. 22, 12:06 p.m., N. Pacific St. & E. Buchanan St., Mineola; Nov. 23, 7:25 p.m., W. Hwy. 80, Mineola; Nov. 24, 9:16 a.m., 1600 blk S. Hwy. 69, Mineola.

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Obituaries

JAMES M. BUCHANAN
1926-2021



James M. Buchanan, AKA "Mr. Jim," was born in East Liverpool, Ohio on May 25, 1926 and moved at an early age to Wheeling, W.V. He served in the Navy in World War Two. Upon completion of his naval service, he went to WVU and completed his degree in electrical engineering in 1951. He married Joan Metz in 1951. He is survived by his three children, Sandra Louise Johnson, Patricia Lynn Brington and Douglas James Buchanan, all of Washington state.

In 1983 he married Lynette Logan of Monterey, Cal. He was a stepfather to Kimberly Hynes of Florida, Kristopher Logan of California, Kerry Logan (deceased) of Virginia, Kendall Logan of Hungary and six grandchildren.

He loved music and had his own bagpipe band in California. He enjoyed teaching and tutoring at the First United Methodist Church at various times.

Alzheimer's took his past and then his present, but he has now transitioned into his glorious future. Thank you, Father.

Visitation was held Monday, Nov. 29 from 1-2 p.m. at the First United Methodist

Church in Mineola. Service followed at 2 p.m., and interment was held at Roselawn Cemetery in Mineola.

HORACE LEE "H.L." BARNHART,
1942-2021



Service for Horace Lee "H.L." Barnhart, Sr., 78, of Alba was held at 10 a.m. Tuesday, Nov. 30, 2021 at Enon Baptist Church, Alba, with Bro. Reggie Day officiating. Interment was in Golden Cemetery.

Mr. Barnhart passed away Nov. 24, 2021 at his residence in Alba. He was born Dec. 25, 1942, in Farmersville to Horace Marion and Gladys Estelle Kuykendall Barnhart. He married Carolyn Louise "Kay" Thorson in Dallas on Nov. 13, 1961. H.L. had lived in the Alba area since 1976 and worked as a carpet layer. He was preceded in death by his parents; wife of 48 years, Kay Barnhart; six brothers; and two sisters.

Survivors include two sons, Lee Barnhart, Jr. and wife Tracy of Wills Point and Scott Barnhart and wife Celena of Alba; two daughters, Angela Barnhart of Alba and Stephanie Sadler and husband Grant of Alba; four sisters, Hazel Hunt of Mesquite, Tressie Pearman and husband Johnny of

Wills Point, Lana Childers and husband Rick of Golden and Martha Parker of Quitman; 13 grandchildren; six great-grandchildren; and numerous other relatives and friends.

Memorials may be made to Amputee Coalition, 601 Pennsylvania Ave. NW, Suite 600 South Building, Washington D.C. 20004.

The family received friends from 6-8 p.m. Monday at the funeral home in Alba.

CAROLYN ELAINE ATTAWAY
1956-2021



Carolyn Elaine Attaway, 65, of Lindale passed away on Nov. 24, 2021 at her home. She was born on June 5, 1956 in Tyler to Sydney Featherston and Evie (Ewing) Featherston.

She was preceded in death by her parents; brothers, Joe Featherston, Don Featherston and Robert Featherston; and sisters, Sue Calhoun and Louise Cooper.

Carolyn was raised in Tyler and graduated from John Tyler High School. She worked for several years for home health. Carolyn was a very loving lady who adored her family, her husband and two boys and grandchildren, always making sure they were taken care of. She loved animals and would adopt them into her family in a heartbeat. She had two puppies of her own which she loved and cared for. Carolyn will be greatly missed by all who knew and loved her.

Survivors include her loving husband, Richard Attaway; sons, Roland Attaway and wife Melissa, and Layne Attaway and wife Amanda; grandchildren, Joshua Attaway, Jazlynn Attaway and Dakota Attaway; and brother, Eddie Featherston.

Visitation was held at 1 p.m. on Sunday, Nov. 28, 2021 at Autry's Carroll-Lehr Funeral Home with funeral service beginning at 2 p.m. Burial followed at Echols Cemetery on Jennings Mountain in Brownsboro. In lieu of flowers, memorials can be made to ASPCA: secure.aspca.org.

MARGARET MOORE RUTHERFORD
1950-2021



Services for Margaret Moore Rutherford, 71, of Grand Saline are scheduled for 10 a.m. Saturday, Dec. 4, 2021 at Bartley Funeral Home with Pastor Don Fleming officiating.

Interment will be in Silver Lake Cemetery.

Mrs. Rutherford passed away Nov. 26, 2021 in Grand Saline. She was born June 9, 1950 in Albuquerque, N.M. She moved to

Grand Saline at the age of 16 and lived there the rest of her life. Margaret was a member of Round Flat Pentecostal Church. She was a Dallas police officer for about nine years and then worked as a substitute teacher. She was very involved in church and helped in any way she could at all the churches she had attended. Margaret was preceded in death by her parents, Jack and Lillie Moore, and birth mother and stepfather, Mary Ann Stone and J.W. Stone; brothers, Michael Stone and Kenneth Stone; and longtime love, Lou Germonde.

Survivors include her three daughters, Carla Veach of Silver Lake, Sandi Morato of Silver Lake and Becky Leanne Ramos of Tyler; brother, James Stone of Gun Barrel City; two sisters, Joyce Hathcock of Silver Lake and Kathy Rose and husband Robin of Scurry; three grandchildren; two great-grandchildren; and numerous other relatives and friends.

The family will receive friends from 6-8 p.m. Friday at the funeral home.

LARRY COVENTRY
1941-2021



Larry Coventry, beloved husband, father, grandfather and friend, went to be with the Lord Friday afternoon, Nov. 26, 2021 at age 80.

Larry David Coventry, better known as "Cov," was born in Duncan, Okla. on Sept. 5, 1941 and was adopted by the late Frank and Inez Coventry. He was one of eight siblings. Larry graduated from Sunset High School in 1959 and attended and graduated from North Texas State University with a bachelor's degree in business and accounting. He laid bricks while in college to help pay for his tuition and later worked at Lincoln Properties in Dallas. In 1974 he made the move from Dallas to Holly Lake Ranch, where he was the controller for nearly 10 years. It was at his home in Holly Lake Ranch where he married the love of his life, Regina.

In 1982 Larry and Regina established their accounting practice on the square in Quitman, where he was a certified public accountant and certified financial planner. Soon after opening the practice, they moved to Quitman. Larry enjoyed visiting with and getting to know each of his clients and always loved learning where each person came from.

Larry loved to work on his lawn, play tennis and was the biggest Aggie fan. He also enjoyed traveling, reading and watching the Dallas Cowboys play. He was a Christian

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NO. 14,000

ESTATE OF MARY IRENE HALBERT, DECEASED IN THE COUNTY COURT OF WOOD COUNTY, TEXAS

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Notice is hereby given that original Letters Testamentary for the Estate of MARY IRENE HALBERT, Deceased, were issued on November 22, 2021, in No. 14,000, pending in the County Court of Wood County, Texas to ROBERT LEONARD CLINARD, JR.

The residence of the Independent Executor is in Dallas County, Texas. The post office address of the Independent Executor is c/o Richard E. Roberts, P.O. Box 70, Quitman, Wood County, Texas 75783.

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

DATED this 22nd day of November, 2021.

Richard E. Roberts
RICHARD E. ROBERTS, Attorney for ROBERT LEONARD CLINARD, JR., Independent Executor

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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: KYLE G. WAGGONER
Attorney at Law
PO Box 1152
Mineola, TX 75773

NO. 14,010

ESTATE OF JOHNNY WOOLRIDGE HALBERT, III DECEASED IN THE COUNTY COURT OF WOOD COUNTY, TEXAS

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Notice is hereby given that original Letters Testamentary for the Estate of JOHNNY WOOLRIDGE HALBERT, III, Deceased, were issued on November 22, 2021, in No. 14,010, pending in the County Court of Wood County, Texas to ROBERT LEONARD CLINARD, JR.

The residence of the Independent Executor is in Dallas County, Texas. The post office address of the Independent Executor is c/o Richard E. Roberts, P.O. Box 70, Quitman, Wood County, Texas 75783.

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

DATED this 22nd day of November, 2021.

Richard E. Roberts
RICHARD E. ROBERTS, Attorney for ROBERT LEONARD CLINARD, JR., Independent Executor

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and met frequently with a small group at the Quitman Public Library.

Larry has been reunited with his parents, Frank and Inez Coventry; two sisters, Patsy Thomas and Barbara Marsh; and one brother, Gene Armistead.

Left to cherish his memory is his loving wife of nearly 47 years, Regina Coventry of Quitman; four sons, Jeff Coventry and wife Debra of Arkadelphia, Ark., Brian Coventry and wife Jenny of Lindale, Brian Coventry of Quitman and Zac Coventry and wife Katie of Harlingen; four siblings, Shirley Newby, Mary Sue Butler, Donna Morton and Jim Coventry; five grandchildren, Sam, Kelsey, Ava, Kezia and Phineas; and several nieces, nephews, cousins, extended family members and many friends.

Funeral service for Larry Coventry was scheduled for 2 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 1, 2021 at Lowe-Gardner Funerals & Cremations with Brother Fred Morrow officiating. He will be laid to rest following the service at Shady Grove Cemetery in Winnsboro. Visitation was scheduled for 6-8 p.m. Tuesday evening at the funeral home.

Serving as pallbearers are Randy Carroll Jr., Quenton Coventry, Todd Lewallen, Bruce Swann, Terry Swann and Randy Carroll Sr.

Honorary pallbearers are Dave Corrior, Orval Lindsey, Del Barcus, Robert Sweitzer, Dr. Bob Patton, Bob Williams, Frank Harris and Johnny Ziegler.

In lieu of flowers, please consider a dona-

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DOUGLAS NEAL HUNT, 1958-2021



Douglas Neal Hunt, 63, of Quitman returned to his heavenly home on Nov. 19, 2021.

Douglas was born on Oct. 12, 1958 in Dallas Texas and grew up with his foster parents, Bill and Thelma (Gilbreath) Dowdy. He moved to the Quitman area and that's where he spent his lifetime growing up. He was a member of the Rockhill Baptist Church community where he showed his avid faith for Christ. Douglas loved his family and NASCAR. In 1997, he married the love of his life Sharon (Glosup) Hunt.

He is greeted in heaven by his parents, Bill and Thelma Dowdy.

Left to cherish his memory are his loving wife, Sharon Hunt; children, Michael Douglas Hunt of Yantis and Daniel Adam Hunt, of Little Rock Ark.; brothers, Dennis Hunt (wife Lisa) and Gary Hunt (wife Darlene); and many other family members and friends who will miss him dearly.

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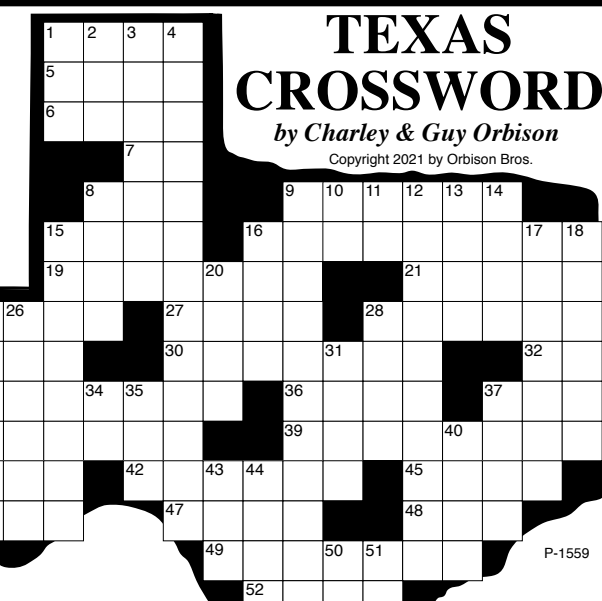
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ACROSS

- 1 this town's name is the Spanish word for "meadow"
- 5 TXism: "ain't got ___ to stand on"
- 6 Pacific climate pattern: "El ___"
- 7 first head coach of the Dallas Cowboys (init.)
- 8 TXism: "___ as sin"
- 9 Dolly song: "___ Many Colors"
- 15 TXism: "a real winder" (exciting)
- 16 not a native tree in East Texas (2 wds.)
- 19 Thanksgiving trek: ___ grandma's house
- 21 city in France
- 22 TXism: "___ your guns" (hang on to your belief)
- 27 TXism: "within hollerin' distance"
- 28 slender surgical probe
- 29 in Lubbock County on U.S. 62 & 82 car motors
- 32 elected county prosecutor (abbr.)
- 33 political campaign to discredit an opponent? (2 wds.)
- 36 this Elliott's number 32 has been retired by the San Antonio Spurs
- 37 keyboard key
- 38 Sammy Sosa is ___ American
- 39 TXism: "never ___ you sweat"
- 41 "tit for ___"

DOWN

- 1 ___ Alstyne, TX
- 2 this UT grad Wallach was "the Ugly" in a 1966 spaghetti western
- 3 TX George H.W. called for a "kinder, ___ nation"
- 4 Hilton about his first TX hotel: "a cross between ___ flophouse"
- 8 this Premiering directed TX Kathy Grant in "Anatomy of a Murder"
- 9 she won an Oscar for best supporting actress in Texas based "The Last Picture Show" (2 wds.)
- 10 former Houston Oilers coach: ___ "Bum" Phillips
- 11 TXism: "cute ___ a bug's ear"
- 12 ___ gonna happen"
- 13 Grand Ole ___
- 14 "___ up the car"
- 15 permeate
- 16 male deer
- 17 what some East Texas pine trees leave on the ground
- 18 TX Howard Hughes' was \$2.5 billion



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Mylee Fischer drives the lane from the high post in Monday's win over Sulphur Springs.



Lady Jacket Kyra Jackson elevates to get off a jump shot in action against Sulphur Springs. (Monitor photos by John Arbter)

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- Building Maintenance & Safety Supplies -Feb 10, 2022/1:30 PM
- Cafeteria Equipment & Supplies -Mar 29, 2022/1:30 PM
- Snacks, Beverages, Ala' Carte, & Produce -Mar 29, 2022/1:30 PM
- Athletic Equipment & Supplies -Mar 31, 2022/1:30 PM
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- Educational Activities & Supplies -Aug 11, 2022/1:30 PM
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- Grounds/Athletic Fields Maintenance, Equipment & Supplies -Oct 13, 2022/1:30 PM
- Computer Software & Supplies -Nov 29, 2022/1:30 PM
- Science Supplies -Nov 29, 2022/1:30 PM
- Physical Education/Recreational Sports, Equipment & Supplies -Dec 1, 2022/1:30 PM
- Transportation Maintenance & Supplies -Dec 6, 2022/1:30 PM
- Instructional Catalog -Dec 8, 2022/1:30 PM
- Substance & Alcohol Abuse Testing -Closes Nov 29, 2022/10:00 AM
- Substance & Alcohol Abuse Testing -Opens Dec 1, 2022/10:00 AM
- Supplemental Food Services -Closes Nov 29, 2022/10:00 AM
- Supplemental Food Services -Opens Dec 1, 2022/10:00 AM

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Lady Jackets capture wins at tourney, vs. Sulphur Sp.

By JOHN ARBTER
woodcitystringer@gmail.com

Watching a young team grow in confidence is one of the pure pleasures of sports. The Mineola Lady Jackets are living this process as they continue to gather steam for district action.

A signature win, to reassure the team that they are on the right track, is often a pivotal moment in this process. They achieved this mark by claiming the New Diana Invitational Basketball Tournament the weekend of Nov. 19.

The Lady Jackets recorded wins over New Diana (39-24), Grace Community (51-29), Longview Pine Tree (45-37) and Mt. Vernon (46-41). After falling to Waskom early in the tourney, the Lady Jackets met Waskom again in the championship game and took the gold 48-39.

Coach Alan Wilson remarked, "The tournament win was just huge for us. It was a great confidence-builder for the team. They are beginning to believe that they are a good team."

Coming off that tournament victory, the Lady Jack-

ets defeated the visiting Ladycats of Sulphur Springs, 40-29, Monday, Nov. 22.

The first half of the game was a struggle for both squads. While each team produced decent shooting opportunities, the finish was lacking by each team.

Mineola successfully pressured the ball at every turn. The effect was not felt on the scoreboard, however, as the Lady Jackets failed to consistently transition from trap to turnover to scoring opportunity. Over-ambitious passing was a problem throughout the game.

Sulphur Springs tied the game, 20-20, with the first points of the third quarter. Mineola then embarked on an 11-0 run, fueled by the inside game of Mylee Fischer, the quick hands of Paris Spigner and the soft jumpshots of Jayla and Kyra Jackson.

Mineola began the final quarter with a 34-23 lead. Sulphur Springs began to trap the Lady Jackets in the forecourt – a tactic which initially proved successful. Mineola quickly adapted, however, and with a combination of hustle and intelligent play, denied the Lady-

cats any comeback.

Several features of the Lady Jackets' game stood out. Finishing strong at the basket and driving decisively were both recent and notable improvements. Additionally, ball movement in the offensive zone was significantly improved over the start of the season.

Solid fundamental play remains a strength of the Mineola basketball program. Playing aggressive defense, moving one's feet, establishing rebounding position and executing set plays are already a part of the Lady Jackets' game.

Before district play commences, the Mineola squad will certainly improve on when to push the ball and how to attack in the offensive zone without hesitation. The season is gearing up to be a season of quality basketball.

The next opportunity to see the Lady Jackets in action is this weekend in the Grand Saline tournament. The next home game is Dec. 7 as they host Lone Oak. Tip-off is set for 7:30 p.m.

District play commences Dec. 14 at Winona.

Rejuvenated Bulldogs gain post-season honors

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The Quitman Bulldogs' success this football season led to several players receiving post season honors. Quitman ended the season with a 4-6 record which was the best in the past decade.

Athletic Director and Head Football Coach Shane Webber was pleased with the all district selections.

"I thought we were well-represented at the district meeting considering we only won one district game. I know the other coaches in our district took notice on what we had happening here at Quitman just by the comments that were made throughout the year, and by

the representation at the all district selection meeting," Webber said. "We can no longer fly under the radar and we have to keep moving forward this spring to get better for next year. That includes coaches as well as players. We cannot afford to take a step back next year if we are going to get this program where we want it to be."

1ST TEAM

Offensive line-Hayden Batchelder (Jr.) unanimous; Defensive line-Ethan Presley (Jr.)

2ND TEAM

Fullback-Wyatt Hightower (Sr.); Wide receiver-Jack Tannebaum (Sr.); Tight end-Justin Matthews (Jr.); Defensive line-Gavyn

Hammack (Sr.); Outside linebacker-Mason Reynolds (Sr.); Safety-Mikey Pickering (Soph.); Cornerback-Thomas Sabedra (Jr.)

UTILITY PLAYER OF THE YEAR

Carson Dickens (Jr.)
SPECIAL TEAMS PLAYER OF THE YEAR
Ethan Reynolds (Sr.)

HONORABLE MENTION

Quarterback-Kameron Crockett (Soph.); Running back-Mason Reynolds (Sr.); Tight end-Cason Johnson (Jr.); Offensive line: Garin Kisinger (Jr.), Johnata Jones (Jr.), Ethan Presley (Jr.), Austin Jones (Soph.), Darryl Harris (Soph.); Defensive line-Garin Kisinger (Jr.); Linebacker-Justin Matthews (Jr.); Secondary-Jack Tannebaum (Sr.)

PARADE

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ride in the Christmas parade.
The Harry Meredith

Special will also begin its Christmas run on the 4th, offering mini-train rides from 4-7 p.m.

The train rides continue on Saturday Dec. 11 and 18. The Mineola High School

choir will be caroling on the 11th, and Santa will be along for the ride on the 18th.

The street adjacent to the depot will be closed during mini-train operations.



Lady Jacket head coach Alan Wilson makes a learning point at a recent practice. (Monitor photo by John Arbter)

Mineola, Alba-Golden girls heading into district play

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For sheer competitiveness, there are few scholastic sports which rival girls basketball. The rationale for this remains elusive, but it likely has to do with the determined nature of local varsity teams, the often sudden melding of a team out of a handful of individuals, and the surprising talent resident in the athletes – regardless of their size or stature.

On the brink of the district basketball season, a look at two county programs may prove informative.

“East Texas is home to the best girls basketball in the state,” offered Mineola coach Alan Wilson. “There are historic programs in the region and East Texas sends a number of teams to the state tourney year-in and year-out,” he added.

Now in his second year leading the Lady Jackets, Wilson describes the process of building a program founded in basketball fundamentals and confidence. The key, explained Wilson, is realizing that moment when the individual players recognize success through the accomplishments of their teammates.

“That moment – when the

concept of team clicks – is the most satisfying moment in coaching,” stated Wilson.

A visit to one of the Lady Jackets’ practice sessions makes it clear that a lot of sweat goes into building that sense of team. A highly structured two-hour practice alternates from conditioning to myriad situational drills. Efficient but un rushed, the program allows for individual instruction and critique, all inside of team activities.

At the beginning of one defensive drill, the team was readied: “It’s January, and we need two defensive stops at the end of the game to close out Mt. Vernon,” Wilson proposed, “now let’s get it done.” With assistants Chris Horton and TaShara Everett roaming the court and offering further guidance, the practice is intense.

Mineola is coming off a sub-par year. After four years of benefiting from what rightfully can be called the Sabria Dean era, the 2020-21 team never fully established an identity. The void left by Dean may have just been too large from which to quickly recover.

All indications are, however, that 2021-22 will usher in new life to the program. A mix of experienced upperclassmen and talented

underclassmen has realized considerable early season success.

“We are counting on becoming a player-led team with the leaders we presently have,” Wilson commented. Wilson described what he envisions the year to hold for the Lady Jackets – an aggressive team that attacks the lane and uses a harassing defense to keep opponents off balance.

Just up the road, the Lady Panthers of Alba-Golden Coach Dale Clement also have high hopes for the upcoming campaign, albeit under significantly different circumstances.

The squad is coming off a spectacularly-successful year, one which was led by a very capable group of seniors. That group of graduated seniors left huge vacancies to be filled in the line-up card.

Four Lady Panthers have previous varsity experience, including back-court stand-out Cacie Lennon. The remainder of the team will be a combination of four seniors, two juniors, three sophomores and two freshmen.

“We do not make direct comparisons with last year’s team,” admitted Clement, “...we are improving every day and will create our own



Lady Panther Kamrin Wright is leading coach Dale Clement’s Alba-Golden squad. (Monitor photo by John Arbter)

identity.”

On-court leadership is falling squarely on the shoulders of Lennon – who is presently sidelined with a significant ankle injury – and guard Kamrin Wright. Commenting on Wright’s leadership brought a smile to Clement’s face. He described her style of play as gritty and aggressive with a “follow me” attitude.

The future for the Lady Panthers will depend on establishing that team identity and continuing to get better every day.

“We are building on the small victories we achieve within each game,” Clement explained.

If the first half of last week’s game against the Forney Rabbits was any indication, the Lady Panthers are well on their way to putting the necessary pieces together. Before being worn down by the larger and more talented Forney squad, the Lady Panthers shocked the visitors with their composure, energy and determination. It is exactly those type of qualities which will shape the

identity of this year’s Lady Panthers.

Mineola’s varsity squad is composed of 1 Ava Johnson, 2 Mylee Fischer, 5 Gracie Finley, 10 Jayla Jackson, 12 Alia Freeman, 15 Paris Spigner, 22 Macy Fischer, 23 Kyra Jackson and 55 Kapri Riley.

The 21-22 Lady Panthers are 1 Jade Kruse, 2 Kadence Thompson, 5 Jessie Mitchell, 10 Kaylee Anglin, 12 Bailey Bishop, 13 Kalli Trimble, 14 Kamrin Wright, 20 Alexis Wilmut, 21 Halle Perkins and 24 Kylie Kennedy.



Quitman’s Maddy Pence hits for two of her 19 points in the win over Grand Saline. (Monitor photo by Larry Tucker)

Lady Bulldogs race to big lead in victory over Grand Saline

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The Quitman Lady Bulldogs raced to a first quarter 15-0 advantage over Grand Saline and went on to gain a 58-26 victory over the visiting Lady Indians Nov. 23.

In the first quarter Maddy Pence hit a pair of triples while post Reiny Luman hit four points to lead the way to the early edge. Grand Saline got their first points with 6:13 left in the second quarter followed by a

three-pointer, making it 15-5.

Quitman came right back on a triple and a lay-up by Kaysi Parker to make it 20-5. It was definitely Parker’s quarter as the junior post hit for 12 points in the frame and led Quitman to a 30-8 lead at intermission.

The Lady Bulldogs continued their relentless defense which forced Grand Saline into several mistakes and turnovers. Quitman took a 47-16 lead going into the final quarter. In the fourth

quarter Pence added a two-point floater down the lane and another trey while freshman Allie Berry added a steal and score making it 54-19. Quitman coasted to the final buzzer.

Parker led the Lady Bulldogs with 22 points followed by Pence with 19.

After a home game Nov. 30 against Grace Community of Tyler, the Lady Bulldogs will not be at home again until the start of district play Dec. 14 against Mt. Vernon.



Panther Jerry Skinner defends against the Dodd City Hornets last Tuesday. (Monitor photo by John Arbter)

Alba-Golden boys run into solid foe in home opener against Dodd City

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The Dodd City Hornets spoiled the Alba-Golden boys basketball home opener last Tuesday. The Hornets used great finishing and strong inside play to claim a 71-31 win.

Despite giving up an early scoring flurry to the visitors, the Panthers worked their way back into the game. Bradyn Randolph hit a short jumper with one minute remaining in the opening quarter to close the score to 14-10.

In the next 60 seconds, Dodd City nailed three successive three-pointers to take a 23-10 lead at the quarter break.

Nick Hallman put in quality minutes for the Panthers

in the second quarter. He took a hard charge midway through the quarter, recorded a steal and score and sank a couple of free throws.

However, the Hornets converted four steals into points and strung together two runs late in the half to take a commanding lead.

As can happen in East Texas, a dog wandered into the gymnasium just before the halftime break and stopped play until he was enticed back out of the arena.

The visitors ran away with the game in the second half. They used strong finishing at the basket and great outlet passing to score at will.

There were nice moments for the Panthers. Gavin Dailey hit a smooth jumper from the baseline, and

Jaden Barnhart scored after taking a beautiful assist from Hallman.

In fact, the Panthers have quite more talent than the score indicated.

Gavin Parker, Jerry Skinner and Gavin Dailey are all strong bodies in the lane, while a number of Alba-Golden ball handlers can push the ball.

The one characteristic of Alba-Golden’s play which will likely change is the tempo of each basketball action.

The Panthers dribble the ball hard, each pass is rifled, and driving to the basket seeks contact.

Once the distance from football season opens and basketball traits become honed, the Panthers will be competitive and confident.

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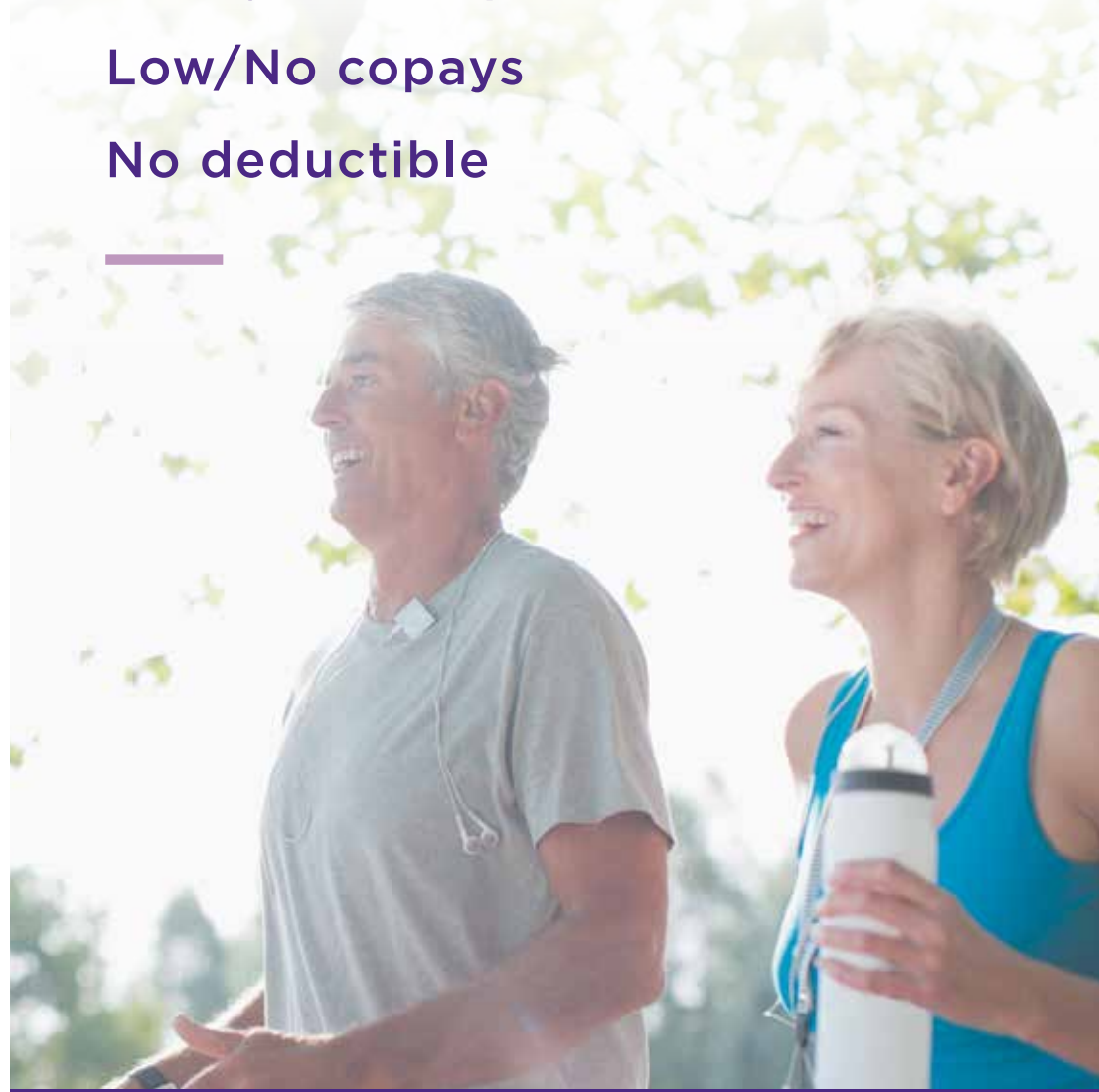
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Ethan Presley scores two points against Atlanta for the Quitman Bulldogs. (Monitor photo by Larry Tucker)

Quitman Bulldogs hang with tough Atlanta squad

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It's rare to see playoff intensity basketball at the Thanksgiving break, but the Quitman Bulldogs went toe to toe with District 14-3A heavy favorite Atlanta Monday prior to Thanksgiving. A long three-point attempt fell short as the Bulldogs clawed their way back from a nine-point deficit in the final quarter before falling to the Rabbits 63-61.

It was a well-played early season effort by both teams. Quitman Head Coach Brandon Field's young sophomores from last season have molded into an explosive veteran crew that will be able to compete for a playoff spot.

Atlanta started the game with a successful three-point shot from 6'4" Alex Boston, but the Bulldogs came right back with a triple by Levi Thompson to even things at 3-3. Boston was a huge factor as he went on to score 37 points, hitting from long range and driving to the

bucket. The Bulldogs used a well-balanced offense and a hustling opportunistic defense to keep up with the Rabbits.

Brady Floyd drove the lane for a lay-up bringing the Bulldogs to within 14-13 with 2:10 left in the first quarter. The quarter ended on a basket by Boston, and the Rabbits led 20-14.

Quitman roared back in the second quarter on solid efforts from Hunter Jordan and Thomas Sebedra. A three-point shot by Ford Tannebaum with 4:08 left in the first half tied the game at 24-24.

Quitman took its second lead on a Jordan bucket, giving the Bulldogs a 27-26 edge followed by a driving shot down the lane by Sebedra making it 29-26.

That was short-lived as Atlanta came back and ended the first half on a triple by Boston giving them the half-time lead at 31-29. The Rabbits owned the third quarter, outscoring Quitman 20-13, taking a 51-42 lead going into the final quarter.

A hustling Bulldog defense made things happen with their tenacious efforts in the final quarter. Thompson led the Quitman comeback as he had 10 points in the final eight minutes. After being down by nine points, Quitman tied the game at 52-52 on a pair of Thompson free throws with 4:35 left.

The final minute of the game was filled with a valiant effort from the Bulldogs. Down 61-59, Thompson got a steal and drove the length of the court to score on a driving layup making it 61-61. Boston hit a pair of free throws with four seconds left. The Bulldogs' last shot was from half court and fell just short giving the Rabbits the 63-61 win.

Thompson led the Bulldogs with 18 points followed by Jordan with 13 points and Brady Floyd 11.

Quitman traveled to Alba-Golden Nov. 30 as non-district play continues. District 13-3A action will begin at home against Harmony Dec. 21.

Quitman High boys storm back from big deficit to Quinlan Ford

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A lot of high school basketball teams might throw in the towel if they found themselves down by 16 points with six minutes left to play in the final quarter, but not the Quitman Bulldogs. Quitman used a relentless defense and a balanced offense to storm back for a 70-66 overtime win over visiting Quinlan Ford last Saturday.

Ford Tannebaum sank a three-point shot from the left corner, cutting the Quinlan lead to 56-43 with just over six minutes left. The shot sparked a 19-6 run in the final minutes leading to another Tannebaum triple to tie the game at 62-62 with 13 seconds to play.

Brady Floyd took over, hitting a driving lay-up down the lane to start the overtime and gave Quitman a 64-62 lead. It was the Bulldogs' first lead since the second quarter. Levi Thompson hit

two free throws while Floyd added another bucket and a pair of free throws with eight seconds left to secure the 70-66 win.

The first half was an evenly fought battle with Quinlan taking a 30-27 lead at the break. The Panthers came out in the third quarter on fire, sinking three consecutive triples to take a 39-27 lead and things looked bleak for the Bulldogs. The Panthers made six three-point shots in the third period and took a 53-38 lead into the final frame.

Another triple by the Panthers' Diego Prada gave Quinlan a 56-40 lead two minutes into the fourth quarter. That's when Tannebaum hit the triple and Floyd executed a three-point play the old-fashioned way. He made a driving lay-up followed by a free throw after being fouled, making it a 56-46 Quinlan edge. Bulldog full court pressure produced Quinlan turnovers and

rushed shots as Quitman methodically cut into the Panther lead.

The Bulldogs were still 10 points down when Quinlan hit a basket to make it 58-48 with just over three minutes to play. Thompson scored on a put back after a Quitman missed shot to start a 9-0 Quitman run, cutting the Panther lead to 58-57. Quinlan scored a bucket to go up 60-57, but Floyd hit a pair of charity tosses to make the score 60-59 with 46 seconds to go.

The Panthers' Matthew McDaniel hit two free throws to put Quinlan up 62-59. It was then that Tannebaum hit the three-point shot making it 62-62 to put the game into overtime.

Thompson had 18 points and Floyd added 15 for Quitman.

After a Tuesday game at Alba-Golden, the Bulldogs will compete at the White Oak Tournament this weekend.

County sets up Sexual Assault Response Team

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Wood County commissioners approved a resolution forming an adult Sexual Assault Response Team (SART) Tuesday. SART is a formalized and coordinated response to sexual assault which will allow multi-disciplinary professionals to work together to address

sexual assaults by providing wrap-around support and communication.

Members of the team will include the chief administrator of a sexual assault program that provides services within Wood County or their designee; District Attorney Angela Albers or a prosecutor designee; Wood County Sheriff Kelly Cole or his designee; Mineola Police

Chief Chuck Bittner as chief of the largest municipal police agency or his designee; a sexual assault nurse examiner or a representative from UT Health Quitman; a representative from Andrews Center as the mental health provider within Wood County; and other persons or professionals SART considers necessary for the operation of the response team.