

Commissioners set procedures to fill constable vacancy

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Wood County commissioners have established procedures for filling the vacancy of Precinct Two constable.

Bobby Tucker resigned effective Oct. 10.

Commissioners declared the position vacant on Tuesday and set a deadline of Oct. 21 for persons interested in filling the post to send resumes/applications. They should be turned in to the commissioners office in Quitman.

Commissioners plan to review applications and to make an appointment on Oct. 31.

That person will serve until the votes for the general election are canvassed in November 2026.

The remainder of the term, for two years, will

be on the ballot beginning with the March 3, 2026 party primaries.

The filing period for the primaries gets underway on Nov. 8 and runs for 30 days.

The winner (or winners) of the primaries will appear on the general election ballot in November 2026, and the general election winner can be sworn into office immediately after the votes are canvassed by commissioners.

While commissioners have said they plan to appoint someone with a peace officer license, persons running in the election do not have to be licensed officers.

However, if a person wins who does not hold a license, they must obtain one within 270 days of being sworn in – a requirement which led to Tucker’s resignation.

Quitman Development Corp. fails to field meeting quorum

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The Quitman Development Corporation decided to cancel its meeting Monday night after only board President Kevan Burroughs and board members Kerry Puckett and Brad Medlin were

able to attend.

Since it wasn’t a quorum and thus the board could not vote on any agenda items, they chose to reschedule the meeting.

Check the City of Quitman’s meetings tab for an updated meeting time.



Becky Smith and Kania Janjua lean in for a close inspection of the Best of Show quilt, 102 Round the Garden at Midnight by Susan Hardi, during the Mineola League of The Arts annual Quilt Show Oct. 10-11 in Mineola. The show featured 133 entries, 117 of which were judged by Marilyn Hardy, National Association of Certified Quilt Judges. The quilt show, formerly combined with the art show until both grew too large to host in the same event, has been an annual feature in Mineola for more than three decades according to longtime member Vicki Steed. See Page 11A for more photos. (Monitor photos by James Taylor)



Nancy Gibson, a member of the Mineola League of the Arts since 1997, gives a demonstration on hand-quilting. She said she loves the annual quilt show because it gives makers the opportunity to showcase their quilts as the artistic pieces they are, and to get the appreciation they deserve.



Quitman High School named its homecoming queen and king in a ceremony before Friday’s varsity football game at Bud Moody Stadium. Seniors Lynlee Taylor and Bryson Hobbs were selected. See parade photos on Page 10A. (Monitor photo by Ben Barnett)

Get ready for a busy weekend on tap

Oct. 17-18 promises to be a busy weekend as a variety of activities abound.

Nature Fest returns to the Mineola Nature Preserve after a nine-year absence with a packed lineup getting underway Friday evening and continuing through the day on Saturday.

The semiannual Highway 80 garage sale will go on throughout the weekend the length of the county and beyond, with that action picking up at some locations on Thursday and going through Sunday.

The Mineola Rotary Club has its twice-a-year electronics recycling program on Saturday morning at the First Methodist Church Ministries Center on N. Newsom St. (see related story on Page 6A)

Sorelle Farms hosts its fall festival at 975 CR 2220 from 10-4.

A car show benefiting Animal Protection of East Texas is Saturday morning at Walmart.

The First Baptist Church of Mineola marks its 150th anniversary with events Saturday evening and Sunday morning. (see story Page 2A)

Wood County Democrats plan a protest in downtown Mineola Saturday from 11-1.

Nature Fest’s events on Friday evening will run from 6-9:30 p.m. and include hot dogs and s’mores, camp fires and stories and a movie and popcorn.

Saturday events are scheduled from 8:15 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

The lineup includes the Creature Teacher, Promise of Peace Gardens workshop, Tribes of Tejas ceremony, native

American hoop dancer, blackland prairie raptors, nature photography, birding hike, kid fishing, pony rides, corn hole, preserve tours, wood carving demonstration, laser tag, inflatable maze, rock painting, outdoor yoga, disc golf demonstrations, seed ball making, tree identification walk, fire prevention education, wildscape gardening and many more events and vendors.

There are hands on activities for all ages, and all are free.

Commissioners designate county airport reinvestment zone

Following a brief public hearing Tuesday, Wood County commissioners officially designated the Wood County airport as a reinvestment zone.

Christine Thomas, executive director of the Wood County Economic Development Commission, explained that the designation will assist the commission in attracting aviation-related businesses to the airport through offering incentives.

The airport runway has recently been expanded to 5,000 feet, which will allow its use by corporate jets and is expected to generate much interest.

Commissioners also approved an agreement with TG Mullins Consulting to assist the economic development commission with the reinvestment zone. Tom Mullins has experience consulting with several entities in Wood County.

The contract is for up to 30 hours at \$200 per hour for the coming year.

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Original First Baptist Church of Mineola on site of present-day church. (Courtesy photo)

First Baptist Mineola celebrating 150 years

The First Baptist Church of Mineola will celebrate its 150th anniversary Oct. 18-19. There will be a reception and historical exhibit from 4-6 p.m., Saturday, Oct. 18 in the Fellowship Hall. It will be followed by a Hymn Sing at 6 p.m.

A special worship service will be at 10:30 a.m. Sunday, Oct. 19. Dr. Mark Neeley will be preaching. Neeley was the longest tenured pastor in the history of the church. Pictured is the first church. It was built in 1877-78 on the same

lot the church now occupies. Dr. A.L. Patten helped fund the purchase of the lot. His daughter, Minnie (1860-1935), was one of the first organists. Col. John H. Burnett named Mineola after her in early 1873.

Albers seeks reelection

District Attorney Angela Albers has announced her intention to seek reelection beginning in the March 2026 Republican primary. Albers has served as Wood County DA since being first appointed by Gov. Abbott in 2019 and then winning election in 2020 and 2022. She previously served as an assistant DA and has been a prosecutor for 25 years. "My office has been dedicated to seeking justice, keeping our community safe and making sure that Wood County stays a safe place to live, work and raise a family," she said. In 2024 the office prosecuted more than 800 misdemeanor and felony cases. Since she became DA, more than 600 defendants have received jail or prison time. Some notable cases through trials or guilty pleas include a life sentence and a 30-year sentence for sexual abuse of a child, 40- and 35-year sentences for assault of a police officer and 40- and 25-year sentences for drug convictions. The office has also held fundraisers to benefit the Wood County Child Welfare Board and the East Texas Crisis Center. The First Responders Softball Tournament in its sixth year has assisted

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ANGELA ALBERS
Announces reelection bid
ed a different charity each year. "I look forward to the opportunity to continue to serve as the Criminal District Attorney," she said. "I will continue to ensure that my office pursues justice every day and keeps criminals off the streets."

Wood County Yesteryear

Wood County news from nearly 75 years ago, as seen in the October 19, 1950 edition of the Mineola Monitor
"The most important oil find of the year in Wood County appeared assured on Thursday morning near Pine Mills after a drill stem test recovered 4000 feet of oil with no water in fifteen minutes."
"The Defense Department reported Wood County's fourth fatality in the Korean War Tuesday."
"Whereas the freedom bell will ring out its

message of world freedom and friendship from Berlin, Germany, in the shadow of the Iron Curtain, at exactly 1:03 central standard time, I, Mayor Miles Caudle, do hereby ask that at exactly 1:03 (Mineola time) on next Tuesday that all city department, schools, churches, and other organizations use the bells at their disposal for a period of five minutes, while the World Freedom Bell rings... When you hear the playing of the chimes that will be the time for unified effort in prayer for the freedom of the world."

Quitman school district adds fitness benefit for employees

By **BRYNNA WILLIAMSON**
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"I was trying to just think of something that we could do for our employees," said Bryan Hurst, assistant superintendent for Quitman Independent School District. "On (our) incentive list, it's all things that we try to give them monetarily; but I was like, 'What if we did something different?'" So, the school did. After talking with campus principals in June, Superintendent Chris Mason says that administrators from the school decided to pursue an additional way to "take care of our people" by partnering with a local gym. That's when Hurst approached husband and wife duo Brooks and Brooke Rogers, who own Rock Solid Fitness in Quitman. "This wellness partnership came about, and we were able to make it be a win-win situation for both parties," said Brooke Rogers. "It's just a way for us to give back to the community and help give our teachers and employees of the district an outlet to stay healthy, and maybe even release some stress... you can't put a price on your health." Mason said that the school has purchased a 10-month membership for every employee of the school; that's teachers as well as custodians, food service employees, administrators and more. According to Rogers, at least 80 QISD employees have already taken advantage of the new partnership since its inauguration on Sept. 1. "I think almost every one of our high school food service ladies go right after they get off, and they all go and work out together," said Mason. "So that's just another added benefit, is the camaraderie and the teamwork... everyone I've talked to has really loved it and been very thankful (for) it." Rogers says that another benefit of the partnership is that, as a gym that's open 24/7, Rock Solid Fitness is able to provide around-the-clock opportunities for teachers and other employees who might not have time to work out elsewhere. "For those who say (an) eight to five (gym) doesn't fit their schedule, they can come in before work, which quite a few of them do; and then, even after work, (we're open)," said Rogers. Rodgers and Hurst also brought up the idea of other local businesses partnering with the school for even more

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"win-win" opportunities. "Hopefully, this will open opportunities up for other businesses in the community to work with the district as well and realize that there's other ways to give back without having to maybe write a check," said Rogers. "We're thankful the district reached out, and we just hope that other businesses will look at doing the same and giving back that way." In the end, it's all about "Team Quitman," said Hurst, Mason and Rodgers. "We have a motto here of, 'Team Quitman,'" said Hurst. "Whenever we passed our bond, that mantra just kind of spilled over into our bond project, and now it's spilling over into our community, and we would just like to keep on encouraging the mantra of 'Team Quitman.'" "Ultimately, we know healthy teachers are productive teachers, and productive teachers take care of students," said Mason. "(Our employees are) very important to us, and we know it's not really monetary things, but how they feel, and how they feel like they're getting taken care of, that matters."



The old playground equipment at the Mineola Civic Center is heading for a new home in Mexico. The center was gifted some more up-to-date equipment by Mineola ISD when the district installed new equipment at the new primary campus. Joe Moore, left, volunteers with an orphanage and is heading the effort to deliver the equipment. Assisting are Ray Shockey and Mike Roberts. (Courtesy photo)

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MINEOLA REBEKAH LODGE – every other Saturday, 11 a.m., 106 S. Line St. All Rebekahs welcome, 769-4024.
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MINEOLA SENIOR CITIZEN CENTER - 308 University, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Tuesday and Thursday. 903-497-1298; Dominoes and other games.
MINEOLA LEAGUE OF THE ARTS LINE DANCE GUILD – Tuesday and Friday, 10 a.m.
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MLOTA MOSAIC GROUP – first/third Tuesdays, 1:30 p.m.
MLOTA QUILTERS GUILD - Tuesdays/Thursdays, 10 a.m.
MLOTA PAINTERS GUILD - Wednesday, 10 a.m.
MLOTA SCULPTURE GUILD - first and third Thursday at 1 p.m.
MLOTA WOOD CARVING GUILD – Mondays at 10 a.m.
MT. PISGAH COMMUNITY LUNCHEON – Every Thursday, 11 a.m., Mt. Pisgah Baptist Church, 4995 FM 49.
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 Joyce Curry.
QUITMAN CITY COUNCIL – third Thursday, 6:00 p.m.; city hall.
QUITMAN FARMERS MARKET, second Saturday, 8 a.m.-Noon, Jim Hogg City Park, April-October. Info: Quitman Chamber, 903-763-4411, QuitmanChamber@QuitmanCoC.com
QUITMAN/LAKE FORK KIWANIS - Wednesday, noon, Faith Student Center, 403 S. Main St., Quitman.
QUITMAN PILOT CLUB - third Tuesday, 5:30 p.m., Quitman Library. 903-383-5075.
QUITMAN ROTARY CLUB, Thursday, noon, Red Dome.
QUITMAN SCHOOL BOARD – third Monday, 6 p.m. Administration Building.

REPUBLICAN WOMEN OF WOOD COUNTY - for information call/text 903-841-2808.
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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.
SEX ADDICTS ANONYMOUS (SAA) meets at noon on Thursdays. For location and local contact info, visit saa-recovery.org and click on Find A Meeting. Enter Mineola and select Thursday.
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.
UT HEALTH QUITMAN - needs volunteers. Great opportunity to meet people while helping your community. Contact Beverly Haynes, 713-447-6903.
VFW AUXILIARY #7523 - third Sunday, 1 p.m., Recruiting new members. 569-2228.
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 AGGIE MOMS - 1st Monday, 6 p.m. at Red Dome in Quitman (except January, June, July, August), 903-539-7049 or Wood County Aggie Moms Facebook page.
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WOOD COUNTY BEEKEEPERS – 1st Thursday, 7 p.m., American Legion Post, 201 W. Broadway, Winnsboro. Beekeeping 101, 1st Thursday, 6 p.m., Jan., April, Aug., American Legion Post, woodcountybeekeepers@gmail.com for more info.
WOOD COUNTY CENTRAL HOSPITAL DISTRICT - third Monday, 5:30 p.m. in the UT Health Quitman hospital board room (every three months).
WOOD COUNTY COMMISSIONERS COURT - every other Tuesday, Courthouse, Quitman, 10 a.m. 903-763-2716.
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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 RETIRED SCHOOL PERSONNEL ASSOC. - 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.
YANTIS SCHOOL BOARD – second Monday, 6 p.m., school cafeteria.
YANTIS/LAKE FORK LIONS CLUB - second Thursday, 6 p.m., Yantis Community Center.

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Lady Jacket senior reaches volleyball milestone

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For Mineola senior Mahayla McMahon, every play she makes with the volleyball is an adrenalin rush.

“We have some great back-row players, so when I see that initial pass, I know that it will generate a good set – my heart already starts racing. When the set comes, the adrenalin has kicked in fully. There is nothing like it. I just know I have to get the ball down. It is indescribable.”

‘Getting the ball down’ is volleyball vernacular for spiking a ball with the placement and velocity as to make it unreturnable. In short, a kill.

McMahon has become a scoring specialist. She recently eclipsed 1,000 kills for the Mineola Lady Jackets. The team took the occasion before the Sept. 26 match against Eustace to recognize the achievement.

Reaching 1,000 kills in a scholastic volleyball career is a rare event. A search in practically any state in the nation will uncover only a handful of student-athletes who reach this mark.

Discussing the achievement with the Mineola senior striker is a lesson in volleyball.

Those lessons began, for her, in the seventh grade.

“It was my first year in volleyball,” she explained, “and I just wasn’t very good at all.” It was the guidance, support and instruction of two Whitehouse Junior High coaches – Lindsey McKinley and Denise Pratt – who saw something special in her. It also began her love affair with volleyball.

“I do love volleyball,” McMahon confessed, “the teamwork, the communications, the pace, the physical challenge.” The striker went on to explain that to be the best one can, one has to love the sport.

McMahon’s love of the game is obvious to anyone who watches her play. She brings excitement to the court.

The most notable aspect of her game is her leaping ability. McMahon’s ability to elevate, and to do so without a big run-up, is remarkable. It also generates possibly the most important skill of a striker – power.

“The anticipation when I get a chance to swing at a set is amazing. When I let it go, I hit it as hard as I can,” McMahon explained.

She advised how, by changing the angle of her body when generating a spike, or by altering the angle of her hand, she can improve the direction of her kill attempt. Those directional changes are a distant second, however, to the sheer power with which McMahon sends the ball over the net.

She stepped through the emotional process of a kill: the anticipation, the adrenalin, the release, the brief euphoric moment of success and the celebration with teammates.

“The little team celebrations after a kill just affirm in everyone’s mind that the team scored the point,” the senior remarked.

What may not be so obvious in McMahon’s play is the amount of communication which takes place, point-to-point, in a match. There



McMahon (third from the left) celebrates her achievement of 1,000 kills with her teammates.

is a game plan of course, based on the strengths and weaknesses of the opponent.

Additionally, within each set, the Lady Jackets break down the set into 5-point ‘mini-games’. Win enough mini-games and you win the set. There is communication among the team in the quick huddle between points, communication once aligned before the service, and verbal and non-verbal communications while the point is being played.

McMahon also commented on the proper positioning of each teammate on the floor as being a type of non-verbal communication.

“We have to have confidence and trust in each other,” she stated.

Those elements of volleyball which McMahon described – communication, confidence and trust – are also essential, she admitted, to recapturing momentum or stopping an opponent’s rally.

“We also have some preplanned responses which we use based on what transpires within a set,” McMahon shared.

Most of her kills this season have come from the steady hands of setter Callie Black. McMahon commented on Black’s consistent skill in providing a set which is well-positioned and predictable.

Her favorite play is a ‘first set’ when the Lady Jackets are able to offer her a set for a kill attempt with the first touch of the ball, not the second, as is normal.

“A first set will normally catch the blockers off guard, offer better sight lines and more defensive gaps, and it feels more powerful,” McMahon explained.

It was clear when listening to her explain the tactical side of the game, that humility is a central part of her core values. Also important to her is faith.

“I play for God first and foremost, he has given me this opportunity,” she stated.



Mineola senior Mahayla McMahon. (Monitor photos by John Arbter)

She also thanked her parents, Adam and Britany McMahon, for their unwavering support and for teaching her to always do her best. Head volleyball coach TaShara Stephens and all the assistants were lauded for their support and their trust.

McMahon hopes to continue playing the sport she loves at the collegiate level. Although she has not yet chosen a university, she intends to become a pediatric speech therapist and never to be too far away from a volleyball court.



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17 amendments on November 4 election ballot

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PROPOSITION NUMBER 9 (HJR 1)

HJR 1 proposes a constitutional amendment to change the amount of tangible personal property held or used for the production of income that the legislature could exempt from property taxes to \$125,000 rather than the minimum amount sufficient to recover the costs of property tax administration.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment to authorize the legislature to exempt from ad valorem taxation a portion of the market value of tangible personal property a person owns that is held or used for the production of income."

PROPOSITION NUMBER 10 (SJR 84)

SJR 84 proposes a constitutional amendment to allow the legislature to create a temporary property tax exemption for the appraised value of an improvement to a person's residence homestead that is completely destroyed by a fire. The proposed amendment authorizes the legislature to prescribe the duration of the exemption and to establish additional eligibility requirements for the exemption.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment to authorize the legislature to provide for a temporary exemption from ad valorem taxation of the appraised value of an improvement to a residence homestead that is completely destroyed by a fire."

PROPOSITION NUMBER 11 (SJR 85)

SJR 85 proposes a constitutional amendment to authorize the legislature to increase the amount of the exemption from property taxation by a school district of the market value of the residence homestead of a person who is 65 years of age or older or a person who is disabled from \$10,000 to \$60,000.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment authorizing the legislature to increase the amount of the exemption from ad valorem taxation by a school district of the market value of the residence homestead of a person who is elderly or disabled."

PROPOSITION NUMBER 12 (SJR 27)

SJR 27 proposes a constitutional amendment to change the membership and procedures of the State Commission on Judicial Conduct (SCJC). The proposed amendment would: (1) change the membership of the SCJC so that it is composed of six judges appointed by the Texas Supreme Court and seven citizens appointed by the Governor who are at least 35 years old, with both groups of appointees requiring the consent of the Texas Senate to be confirmed; (2) restrict the SCJC's power to issue a private reprimand (or impose a requirement that the person obtain additional training or education) to a person who has not previously been issued a private reprimand and in response to a complaint that does not allege criminal behavior; (3) require the SCJC to find that a person engaged in willful or persistent conduct that is clearly inconsistent with the proper performance of a judge's duties, or determine that there is other good cause, before issuing a public admonition or punishment; (4) expand the SCJC's power to order suspension without pay as punishment; (5) give the chief justice of the Texas Supreme Court the power to select the appellate-court justices to serve on a tribunal to review the SCJC's recommendation for the removal or retirement of a person from office, without any requirement that each court of appeals designate one of its members for consideration by the chief justice; and (6) direct the Texas Supreme Court and Governor to appoint SCJC members to initial terms of two, four, and six years starting on January 1, 2026, with

WOOD COUNTY CHURCH DIRECTORY

What is the Image of God?

Some 2500 years ago, the Greek philosopher Xenophanes remarked that people are prone to making their gods in their own image. He noted that Ethiopians conceived their gods to be dark-skinned with snub noses, while the Thracians made theirs red-haired and blue-eyed. Xenophanes quipped that if horses, oxen, and lions had hands and could produce works of art, their gods would no doubt be represented after their own kind. We moderns are perhaps less likely to think of God as having a physical body, but we are still prone to anthropomorphism (applying human forms or attributes to non-human things). In fact, even referring to God as He (or She) is a form of anthropomorphism. We fall prey to this mistake when we assume, perhaps unconsciously, that God shares our values. Instead, we should ask ourselves if we share God's values and whether we have made a God that is basically a reflection of our values and ideals, or instead, struggled to make ourselves a reflection of God?

Then God said, "Let us make man in our image, after our likeness..."

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Mineola Police Report

OCTOBER 4
2:20 a.m., unknown offense, 1800 blk W. Broad, subject issued warning for bright light bar.
3:25 a.m., disturbance, Krause, neighbors playing loud music, officer advised music not too loud.
6:49 a.m., suspicious persons, 1200 blk Bromberg, subjects smoking marijuana, went inside.
12:18 p.m., civil mater, 300 Greenville, dispute over vehicle, advised to contact justice of the peace.
12:47 p.m., suspicious vehicle, NE Loop 564, vehicle parked in grocery pickup area, marijuana smell, unable to locate.
1:38 p.m., motor vehicle accident, 1700 blk W. Loop 564, two vehicles.
3:38 p.m., assist other agency, S. Hwy. 37, two vehicle accident.
4:23 p.m., motorist assist, N. Pacific at E. Broad, disabled vehicle.
8:05 p.m., city ordinance violation, Kevin, loud music, no music heard.
8:21 p.m., motor vehicle accident, NW Loop 564 at N. US 69, two vehicles.
10:31 p.m., vehicle stop/arrest, 1200 blk N. Pacific, Anthony Lopez arrested.
10:36 p.m., motor vehicle accident, 100 blk W. Front, motorcycle, driver taken to hospital by EMS.
OCTOBER 5
12:03 a.m., motor vehicle accident, 300 blk N. Pacific, hit and run evidence.
4:31 p.m., public assist, NE Loop 564, helping subject with groceries.
5:15 p.m., assist other agency, Dubose at Second, EMS call.
8:49 p.m., assist other agency, 200 Freeman, assist sheriff's officer.
11:14 p.m., welfare concern, Dubose at Sycamore, subject screaming, subject is OK.
11:18 p.m., suspicious person, Country Club Dr., laser pointed at aircraft, unable to locate.
OCTOBER 6
7:07 a.m., assist other agency, Hwy. 37 at CR 2303, traffic accident.
8:20 a.m., assist other agency, 2200 blk N. Pacific, assist wrecker.
8:49 a.m., suspicious vehicle, 400 blk Boundary, unable to locate.
11:12 a.m., trespassing, Mimosas, criminal trespass warning requested for two former employees.
3:51 p.m., motor vehicle accident, 100 blk S. Pacific, vehicle sideswiped, no damage.
4:37 p.m., public assist, E. Commerce, questions for officer.
6:17 p.m., city ordinance violation, NE Loop 564, loud music, unable to locate.
9:24 p.m., assist other agency, W. Front.
OCTOBER 7
12:58 a.m., suspicious vehicle, N. Newsom, trespass warning issued.
1:00 p.m., reckless driver, 1800 blk S. Pacific, unable to maintain lane, unable to locate.
2:53 p.m., reckless driver, 1100 blk E. Broad, no driving violation observed.
5:56 p.m., suspicious person, W. Kilpatrick at Cheek, female laying on ground, Jennifer Kelley arrested.
6:22 p.m., found property, W. Kilpatrick at Cheek, from prior call.
8:24 p.m., reckless driver, S. Pacific at city limits, northbound in southbound lane, unable to locate.
10:40 p.m., motorist assist, 900 blk N. Pacific, traffic control for backing trailer into driveway.
11:19 p.m., welfare concern, Bluebird, person not at home.
OCTOBER 8
10:12 a.m., warrant service, W. Front, subject not at location.
10:39 a.m., public assist,

W. Front, speaking with family members of wanted subject.
4:44 p.m., public assist, 1300 blk N. Newsom, subject dropped money while walking, officer returned to subject.
5:58 p.m., motor vehicle accident, 100 blk Meadowbrook, two vehicles, no injuries.
8:41 p.m., reckless driver, 300 blk Greenville, possible road rage observed, no driving violations observed.
11:54 p.m., motorist assist, 1800 blk S. Pacific, roadway debris, cleared.
OCTOBER 9
12:03 a.m., unsecured area, Giraud, storage buildings with two open units, no criminal activity observed.
12:51 a.m., traffic stop/arrest, 1000 blk W. Broad, Olman Fernando Montes Lobo arrested for Harris County warrant.
9:32 a.m., assist other agency, Brenlind, EMS call.
6:03 p.m., sexual assault, lvey, outcry from prior year, forwarded to appropriate jurisdiction.
9:29 p.m., assist other agency, Sycamore, EMS call.
11:07 p.m., theft, NE Loop 564, three theft cases.
OCTOBER 10
9:45 a.m., trespassing, E. Broad, subject got off train willingly.
1:57 p.m., found property, E. Broad, cell phone and other belongings, belong to man from prior call, retrieved.
2:30 p.m., city ordinance violation, N. Pacific, man sleeping, subject from prior call.
5:31 p.m., suspicious person, NE Loop 564, man drinking alcohol, subject not intoxicated, criminally trespassed, given ride to area of train depot, to leave the next morning.
6:38 p.m., warrant service, N. Pacific, Chasity Denise Hill arrested, Jacksonville, Cherokee County warrants.
Officers also made 74 traffic stops and answered 16 animal control calls and three alarms.

Wood County Sheriff's Report

OCTOBER 1
Deputy Haley, suspicious person, FM 1801; male showed up at residence, spoke to juvenile niece, was asked to leave, returned to residence, asked if he could date the juvenile, address added to extra patrol.
Deputy Hammond, agency assist; Smith County asked if deputy could check VIN on vehicle that had been towed, deputy located vehicle, ran VIN which came back as stolen, Smith County advised.
Sgt. Skinner, Deputy Tustin, assault, FM 312; victim assaulted by her son. Leland Pyron arrested for assault family violence.
Deputies performed warrant service, Hwy. 69. Brandon Rogers arrested on active warrant.
Deputies performed warrant service, Hwy. 154. Amber Goldsmith arrested on active warrant.
Deputy Williams, Deputy Swann, theft, CR 4930; property owner advised two subjects stole copper, video footage provided, offense report completed.
OCTOBER 2
Deputy Knox, suspicious circumstance; caller advised father sells hay, a business has bought hay from him three times, all the checks have bounced, requested payment from business, they refused.
Deputy Hammond, suspicious person, FM 17; female in parking lot screaming, acting erratic. Leticia Munoz arrested for public intoxication.
Sgt. Skinner, 911 text; juvenile advised they had been sent nude photos from older male, juvenile's parents checked the phone, claims were false.
OCTOBER 3
Deputy Smith, traffic stop, FM 1804; odor of marijuana detected, driver showed signs of impairment, standard field sobriety tests denied, David Osornio arrested for DWI 3rd or more.
Cpl. Rich, disturbance, CR 1987; caller observed neighbor strike his girlfriend and one of their children, parties advised nothing physical occurred, female and children transported to wait for ride home.
Deputy Vanatta, damage to property, Hwy. 37; caller pulled into parking lot, low hanging phone line got caught in their wheels. Quitman Fire removed vehicle from the lines.
OCTOBER 4
Sgt. Morrison, assault, CR 1900; while caller was watching her boyfriend work, his husband showed up, threw bottle at her, parties advised they were separating, would not be around each other again, offense report completed.
Deputy Smith, damaged property, CR 2210; after hearing loud explosion and having AC looked at, caller discovered his AC unit had been shot, deputies attempted contact with neighbor with no response, offense report completed.
Sgt. Morrison, Deputy Smith, Deputy Vanatta, disturbance, CR 2275; multiple parties advised male subject had outburst, pushed multiple people in the family. To prevent further violence, Christopher Lee arrested for assault family violence.
OCTOBER 5
Deputy Whisenhunt, theft, CR 3440; victim had motorcycle sitting out with for sale, some-

one drove off with it, entered as stolen, offense report completed.
Sgt. Morrison, Deputy Vanatta, disturbance, Hwy. 37; deputies discovered female pushed another female out of residence, after getting both sides of story, one subject issued citation for assault.
Deputy Whisenhunt, found handgun, Hwy. 154; deputy retrieved firearm for safe keeping.
OCTOBER 6
Deputy Hammond, pedestrian stop, FM 17; deputy observed female step into roadway and prevent traffic from moving. Leticia Munoz arrested for obstruction of roadway.
Deputy Haley; warrant service, Adult Probation. Ron Chapman arrested on active warrant.
Deputy Haley, warrant service, Adult Probation. Adrian Kendrick arrested on active warrant.
OCTOBER 7
Deputy Hammond observed vehicle blocking driveway, FM 1801; property owner who advised they would like vehicle removed, vehicle was towed out of driveway.
Deputies, CID, County Road 2378, suicidal subject; dispatch received information from FBI regarding male subject threatening to harm himself with weapon, deputies responded to subject's residence, searched area, later learned he was possibly in another county, deputies remained on AGISD campus to ensure students' safety.
Deputy Knox; caller had multiple civil issue concerns with assisted living.

Jury hands down 2-year sentence

A Wood County jury sentenced Brandon Shane Albrightson, 48, of Winnsboro to two years in state jail for injury to a child, a state jail felony.
He was found guilty on Tuesday, Oct. 7 and sentenced on Wednesday to the maximum punishment.
The evidence showed that on Sept. 14, 2023, Winnsboro police responded to a father and two brothers in the lobby wanting to make a report.
The father told officers that his sons had just arrived at his house from their mother's residence, about a mile away, where their mother's boyfriend, Albrightson, had "put hands on" the oldest child.
The oldest child, who was 11, told officers that his mother became angry with him and struck him in the head with an open and closed fist multiple times. The child also informed officers that Albrightson shoved him against a wall and told the child "fight me like a man." The child further informed officers that it hurt when Albrightson shoved him against the wall. The oldest child also informed officers that his mother and Albrightson were both "drunk... and mean and aggressive."
The youngest child, 7, was also at the mother's residence during the altercation and corroborated the oldest child's

account of the events.
"The defendant has proven on more than one occasion that he not only is violent, but will continue to be violent without regard to consequences," said District Attorney Angela Albers.
Prosecutors were Candice Henry and Logan Sawyer.

Mineola Fire Department Report

Medical assist, assist EMS crew: Oct. 2, 7:18 a.m., CR 2700; Oct. 8, 11:31 p.m., CR 2436.
Authorized controlled burning: Oct. 2, 2:38 p.m., FM 1804.
Dispatched and canceled en route: Oct. 3,

10:18 p.m., Phillips; Oct. 5, 5:15 p.m., Dubose at Second.
Motor vehicle accident with no injuries: Oct. 4, 3:35 p.m., S. Hwy. 37; Oct. 6, 7:02 a.m., Hwy. 37 at PR 6307; Oct. 6, 1:06 p.m., Hwy. 37 at CR 2465.
Motor vehicle acci-

Parade to honor veterans on Nov. 8

Mineola will honor area military veterans with a parade on Saturday, Nov. 8 at 11:11 a.m. through the downtown area.
The theme is Women

in the Military.
A program will follow the parade at the gazebo on Commerce St. adjacent to the veterans memorial.
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Obituaries

MACIE WADE YOUNG
1934-2025



Macie Wade Young of Mineola passed away peacefully on Oct. 6, 2025 at age 91. Born on March 8, 1934, Macie lived a life marked by quiet strength, enduring love and deep devotion to his family.

He is survived by his beloved wife, Susan Young, whose partnership and care were the foundation of their many years together. Macie was a proud and loving father to Cathy Jo Handley, Sarah Williams, Shannon Lenahan, Theresa Lindquist, Ray Neile Ludwig Jr., Kenneth Wayne Ludwig and Brenda Marie Smith. His legacy continues through them, and

through the many lives he touched with his kindness and wisdom.

Macie was preceded in death by his sons, Macie Wade Young, Jr., Leonard Van Young, Marvin Allen Ludwig and Steven Charles Ludwig. Their memories remained close to his heart, and he spoke of them with love and fondness.

A lifelong resident of Texas, Macie was known for his steady presence, his strong work ethic and his unwavering commitment to those he loved. Whether offering a helping hand or sharing a quiet moment, he had a deep sense of responsibility to his family and community.

A private service will be held by the family to honor Macie's life and legacy.

He will be deeply missed and forever remembered.

County sees large jump in sales taxes

Seven government entities in Wood County collected \$918,008 in sales tax revenue for the month, according to the October report from the state comptroller's office.

Mostly due to a large gain in the collections for Wood County, that figure is up by more than \$80,000 from October 2024, when \$839,426 was collected.

The report includes primarily taxes collected by retail businesses in August and reported to the state in September. Six cities collect a 1.5% tax on retail sales, and the county collects a half-cent tax.

Combined with the state's 6.25% tax, shoppers pay an 8.25% tax on taxable sales inside cities and 6.75% in outlying areas.

Alba and Winnsboro saw their monthly income decline from year ago, while only Winnsboro is behind for the first 10 months of the year.

Alba's rebate for \$30,342 in October is off almost 5% from a year ago when \$31,915 was received. For the year the city has collected \$337,762, a gain of 10.5%.

Hawkins saw a gain of more than 10%, reaching \$46,674 for the month. That bought the yearly total to \$456,216, up 9.17% from 2024 when \$417,859 was recorded.

Mineola saw a slight gain over August 2024, with income of \$258,301 compared to \$257,213. For the year Mineola tax income is up 3.09% to \$2,637,725.

Quitman had a gain of almost 29% for the month, with receipts totaling \$99,146. For the year sales tax income for Quitman is \$834,043, some 6.25% ahead of 2024 when \$784,966 came in.

Winnsboro's rebate took a drop from \$162,755 a year ago to \$119,590, down 26.5%. The yearly total of \$1,212,502 is off by 1.71%.

Yantis received an October rebate of \$10,275 for a 10% gain from 2024. The total for the year of \$122,495 is up al-

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Mineola Library Notes

BY LIBRARIAN MARY HURLEY

We have been busy, busy, busy at the Mineola Memorial Library. We've started our fall programs, we attended the Iron Horse Festival, we had a book sale, the bookmobile is still making its runs, and Mary and Pam are off to a District 5 Library conference soon.

We had guests Maxi, Sarge and Bailey and their humans for Read to A Dog on Saturday, Oct. 4. We will host this event again on Saturday, Nov. 1. Be sure to bring your young readers in so they may read to these dogs as they look forward to hearing stories.

We have four patron computer stations available for use. We ask that you sign in so if we should get a line to use them, we'll know who has been on the longest. We ask that you not download anything. If you need help, our

friendly staff is available to assist you.

Sometimes when our patrons ask for assistance, it takes a minute to comprehend the query. Sometimes it's a generational use of language or other times the request needs some clarification. We will work with you if you will work with us.

We are constantly weeding (removing books that do not circulate or, in the case of non-fiction, are no longer current) followed up by inventory to make sure what we think is in a given area really is there. Keeping accurate labels at the top of the bookcases in adult fiction is a challenge. To help remedy that, we have shelf markers that indicate where one section ends and another begins.



Just an early heads up as the holidays come rushing at us. We will be closed Wednesday, Nov. 26 and Thursday, Nov. 27 for Thanksgiving. In December, we will be closed Dec. 23-25 for Christmas and Dec. 30 to Jan. 1 for New Years. As always, when we are closed, the WiFi is still accessible and the book drops are open for returns.

We have received memorial donations for Don Rhodes from Russell and Robin Bush and the First Baptist Sonshine Class; for Betty Groepper by the Delphians; and for George Wilson from Jack and Doris Newman and Sandra Tiner.

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

Golden ready to celebrate the spud

The 41st Golden Sweet Potato Festival has a full lineup of activities next week leading up to festival day on Saturday, Oct. 25.

The first of two pageant nights will kick off the week on Tuesday, Oct. 21 at 6 p.m. at the pavilion in downtown Golden. Theme is the '50s.

The first night features the younger participants through first grade.

A community church service is planned on Wednesday, Oct. 22 at 7 p.m., also at the pavilion.

The second pageant night is Thursday for the older entrants, second grade through seniors, also at 6 p.m. at the pavilion.

Friday includes the baking contest from 9 a.m. to noon (must contain sweet potatoes), mutton bustin' is at 6

p.m. and gospel night at 7 p.m.

The big day gets an early start Saturday, Oct. 25 with the fun run at 7:30 a.m. (walk-up registration at 7). The parade kicks off at 10 a.m. followed by the tractor pull at 11, along with the opening ceremony at the pavilion.

The auction gets going at noon, and the community concert is scheduled for 6 p.m. with Line 5.

Rotary Club electronic recycling returns

The Rotary Club of Mineola will host electronics recycling on Saturday, Oct. 18 from 9 a.m. to noon at the First Meth-

odist Ministries Center, 612 N. Newsom.

Items accepted include desktop computers, laptop computers, all computer components,

car and home audio equipment, satellite and cable boxes, computer servers, VCRs and DVD players/recorders, LCD monitors, televisions, headphones, keyboards, computer mouse, speakers, multimedia projectors, DVDs and VHS movies, portable CD/DVD players, audiobooks, printers and scanners, cameras, routers, camcorders, shredders, music CDs, inkjet cartridges, calculators, video games, fax machines, digital cameras, copy machines, cell phone, PDAs, GPS devices, typewriters, MP3 players, word processors and microwave ovens.

For questions, call or text Jim Bailey 214-680-7332 or Roy Shockey 817- 475-9840

Please donate to the club as you drop off items for recycling.

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COMMUNITY WIDE Garage sale, Sat., Oct. 18 8a.m., Lake Fork Country Club Estates, FM2946 & FM515, Emory, follow signs.

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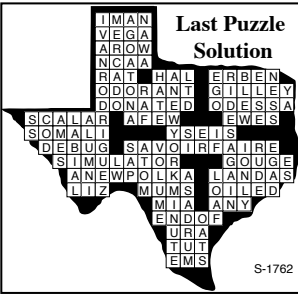
NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Notice is hereby given that original Letters Testamentary for the Estate of Gary Michael Stegall, Deceased, were issued on September 29, 2025, in Cause No. 15,054, pending in the County Court of Wood County, Texas, to: Jerry Eugene Stegall.

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: Jerry Eugene Stegall 1532 Shug Lane Lindale, Texas 75711 DATED the 2nd day of October, 2025.

Scott R. Ellis Attorney for Jerry Eugene Stegall State Bar No.: 24012589 1397 Dominion Plaza, Suite 140 Tyler, TX 75703 Telephone: (903) 569-7600 E-mail: Lori@theellislawfirm.com



NOTICE OF LIEN SALE

In accordance with Texas property code, Chapter 59, Castlerock Storage - Mineola 1113 County Rd 2220, Mineola, TX 75773, will conduct a public auction to satisfy a landlord's lien. Units will be sold as-is to the highest bidder online at www.storageauctions.com October 13, 2025 thru October 24, 2025 @ 10:00 a.m. Cash Only. Cleanup deposit and sales tax required. Seller reserves the right to withdraw the property at any time before the sale. Units include the personal household belongings of the following tenants: Sabrina Van Sickel Bradley Rutledge Brenda Allen

CITY OF QUITMAN, TEXAS REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS The City of Quitman will accept sealed requests for proposals on Group Medical Insurance until 10:00 am CST October 23rd, 2026, via email, at which time they will be publicly opened. The title of the email should include "City of Quitman Bid: RFP #1-2026-903 for Group Medical Insurance". All proposals received will be presented to The City, at which time The City reserves the right to accept, negotiate, amend, accept and/or reject any or all bids which, in its discretion, is in the best interest of the City. For information about the bidding process, please contact Brinson Benefits, Inc. at 214-379-5157.

CITATION BY PUBLICATION THE STATE OF TEXAS COUNTY OF WOOD TO: ALL THE UNKNOWN HEIRS AND OTHER PERSONS INTERESTED IN THE ESTATE OF ALVIN EUGENE PATTERSON, DEC'D Cause No. 15,065 in County Court in and for Wood County, Texas Linda Nell Patterson, Applicant in the above numbered and entitled case, filed on the 7th day of October, 2025 in Wood County, an Application to Determine Heirship. Applicant requests that citation issue to all persons having any interest in Decedent's estate as required by law; that this Court determine who are Decedent's heirs and only heirs and their respective shares and interests in Decedent's estate, that there is a need for administration of Decedent's estate, and that this Court enter all other orders it deems proper. Said application will be heard at 10:00 a.m. on the first Monday next after the expiration of ten (10) days from the date of publication of this citation, at the County Court in and for Wood County, Texas, Courthouse, One Main Street, Quitman, Texas 75783, Wood County, Texas. All persons interested in said estate are hereby cited to appear before said Honorable Court at, said above mentioned time and place by filing, a written answer contesting such application should they desire to do so. If this citation is not served within 90 days after the date of its issuance, it shall be returned, unserved. GIVEN UNDER MY HAND AND SEAL OF SAID COURT at office in Quitman, Texas, this the 7th day of October, 2025. KELLEY PRICE, County Clerk Wood County, Texas By: Dachele Byford Deputy

CITATION BY PUBLICATION THE STATE OF TEXAS COUNTY OF WOOD TO: ALL THE UNKNOWN HEIRS AND OTHER PERSONS INTERESTED IN THE ESTATE OF IDA MARIE WHITE, DEC'D Cause No. 15,044 in County Court in and for Wood County, Texas Nicole Escalante-Spokes, Applicant in the above numbered and entitled case, filed on the 22nd day of August, 2025 in Wood County, an Application for Determination of Heirship. Applicant prays that citation issue as required by law to all persons interested in this estate; that an attorney ad litem be appointed to represent the interests of heirs whose names or locations are unknown; that the Court determine who are the heirs and only heirs of Decedent and their respective shares and interests in this Estate; and that all other orders be entered as the Court may deem proper. Said application will be heard at 10:00 a.m. on the first Monday next after the expiration of ten (10) days from the date of publication of this citation, at the County Court in and for Wood County, Texas, Courthouse, One Main Street, Quitman, Texas 75783, Wood County, Texas. All persons interested in said estate are hereby cited to appear before said Honorable Court at, said above mentioned time and place by filing, a written answer contesting such application should they desire to do so. If this citation is not served within 90 days after the date of its issuance, it shall be returned, unserved. GIVEN UNDER MY HAND AND SEAL OF SAID COURT at office in Quitman, Texas, this the 8th day of October, 2025. KELLEY PRICE, County Clerk Wood County, Texas By: Dachele Byford Deputy

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THE STATE OF TEXAS

COUNTY OF WOOD

CITATION BY PUBLICATION

TO: CHY KHOUN

DEFENDANTS, GREETINGS:

NOTICE TO DEFENDANT: YOU HAVE BEEN SUED. YOU MAY EMPLOY AN ATTORNEY. IF YOU OR YOUR ATTORNEY DO NOT FILE A WRITTEN ANSWER WITH THE CLERK WHO ISSUED THE CITATION BY 10:00 A.M. ON THE MONDAY NEXT FOLLOWING THE EXPIRATION OF FORTY-TWO (42) DAYS AFTER YOU WERE SERVED THIS CITATION AND PETITION, A DEFAULT JUDGMENT MAY BE TAKEN AGAINST YOU.

You are commanded to appear by filing a written answer to the PLAINTIFF’S ORIGINAL PETITION on or before 10:00 a.m. on the Monday next after the expiration of forty-two (42) days after the date of issuance of this citation the same being November 10, 2025 ta 10:00 a.m., before the 402nd Judicial District Court of Wood County, at the Courthouse in said County in Quitman, Texas. Said PLAINTIFF’S ORIGINAL PETITION filed in said Court on the 4th day of March. 2025, entitled:

Cause No.2025-112

CINDY NGUYEN

VS.

CHY KHOUN

Plaintiff’s suit is for Trespass to Try Title under Chapter 2 of the Texas Property Code, and Rules 783 et seq., of the T.R.C.P., and concerns title to real estate described as PART of LOT NO. 6 and LOT NO. 7, in BLOCK 26 of the CITY OF MINEOLA, Wood County, Texas, commonly known as 426 S. Pacific, Mineola, Texas, and more fully described in a Warranty Deed With Vendor's Lien to Plaintiff and Defendant dated January 25, 2018, recorded under Instrument Number 2018-00000682, Official Public Records of Wood County, Texas.

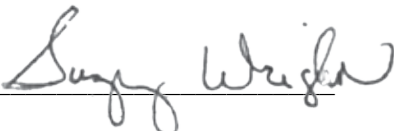
ISSUED AND GIVEN UNDER MY HAND AND THE SEAL OF SAID COURT, at office, this 26th day of September, 2025.

DISTRICT COURT

WOOD COUNTY TEXAS

SUZY WRIGHT, DISTRICT CLERK

WOOD COUNTY, TEXAS

By: 

Not PREPARED or VERIFIED by The District Clerk of Wood County

VOTE

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the succeeding terms to be six years, so that upon

completion of the initial terms, the SCJC will be composed of members serving staggered six-year terms.

The proposed amend-

ment will appear on the ballot as follows: “The constitutional amend-ment regarding the membership of the State Commission on Judicial Conduct, the member-ship of the tribunal to review the commission’s recommendations, and the authority of the com-mission, the tribunal, and the Texas Supreme Court to more effectively sanc-tion judges and justices for judicial misconduct.”

PROPOSITION NUMBER 13 (SJR 2)

SJR 2 proposes a con-stitutional amendment to increase the mandatory

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IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF WASHINGTON

FOR KING COUNTY

In Re The Estate of:

BETTY M. HELGESON,

Deceased.

§ No. 25-4-06342-6 KNT

§ PROBATE NOTICE TO CREDITORS

§ (RCW 11.40.030)

The individual named below has been appointed as Executor of this Estate. Any person having a claim against the decedent must, before the time the claim would be barred by any otherwise applicable statute of limitations, present the claim in the manner as provided in RCW 11.40.070 by serving on or mailing to the Executor or the Executor’s attorney at the address stated below a copy of the claim and filing the original of the claim with the court in which the probate proceedings were commenced. The claim must be presented within the later of (1) thirty days after the Executor served or mailed the notice to the creditor as provided under RCW 1.40.020(1) (c); or (2) four months after the date of first publication of the notice. If the claim is not presented within this time frame, the claim is forever barred, except as otherwise provided in RCW 11.40.051 and 11.40.060. This bar is effective as to claims against both the decedent's probate and nonprobate assets.

Date of First Publication: October 16, 2025

/s/ Lisa G. Ahlen, Executor

/s/ Michelle R. Siebenaler, WSBA # 42137

Attorney for Executor

Address for Mailing or Service:

SIEBENALER LAW, PLLC

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Court of probate proceedings and cause number:

King County Superior Court: 25-4-06342-6 KNT

THE STATE OF TEXAS

COUNTY OF WOOD

By virtue of Orders of Sale issued out of the Honorable 402ND JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT of WOOD County in the following cases, and to me, as Sheriff, directed and delivered, I will proceed to sell at 1:30 PM on the 4th DAY OF November, 2025, which is the first Tuesday of said month, at the Official Door of the Courthouse of said WOOD County, in the City of QUITMAN, Texas, the following described property, to wit:

Cause No: T-2943 YANTIS ISD vs. TRACY BILLS

TRACT 1: GEO: R50038 ABS 0225; GROCE J; TRACT 162; 3.07 ACRES

Cause No: T-4374 QUITMAN ISD vs. BILLY R FRITZ AND CATHERINE FRITZ, ET AL

TRACT 1: GEO: R73455 LOT 57 BLK A(TIMBER LAKE ESTATES) .1148 HOLIDAY VILLAGES OF FORK

Cause No: T-4453 YANTIS ISD vs. DAVID HOOKER

TRACT 1: GEO: R10918 ABS 0011; ARNOLD H; TRACT 5; 24.292 ACRES

TRACT 2: GEO: R10919 ABS 0011; ARNOLD H; TRACT 6; .61 ACRES

TRACT 3: GEO: R15350 ABS 0225; GROCE J; TRACT 33; 6.4285 ACRES

TRACT 4: GEO: R57501 LOT 2 3 5 6 7 2.9143 WHITEWATER RISE EST A-225 J GROCE A-225 J GROCE

TRACT 5: GEO: R70300 ABS 0225; GROCE J; TRACT 32; 3.489 ACRES

Cause No: T-4473 MINEOLA ISD vs. JOHN C LEE DBA JOHN C LEE DDS AND MINEOLA DENTAL DIAGNOSTIC

TRACT 1: GEO: 000036013 LOT 4A,5 BLK 56 .2726 MINEOLA TOWNSITES

Cause No: T-4484 YANTIS ISD vs. DAVID LONGRIE

TRACT 1: GEO: R70264 ABS 0105; CLUTE J R; TRACT 15; .665 ACRES

Cause No: T-4562 QUITMAN ISD vs. LISA LAYNE ROCKHILL

TRACT 2: GEO: R1 8255 ABS 0388; MARTIN G F; TRACT 1; 66.5 ACRES

TRACT 1: GEO: R16441 ABS 0296; HARE R; TRACT 2; 40.0 ACRES

Cause No: T-4572 YANTIS ISD vs. LARRY W LOTT JR

TRACT 1: GEO: R74829 LOT G-23 BLK PHASE III .5 LAND'S END AT LAKE FORK

Cause No: T-4574 MINEOLA ISD vs. CARL MAYO, ETAL

TRACT 1: GEO: 000038846 LOT 3,2B BLK 36 .242 HAM ADD

Cause No: T-4707 QUITMAN ISD, ET AL vs. CIRCLE C CROSS R INVESTMENTS LLC

TRACT 1: GEO: 000036246 LOT 11G BLK 160-2 .0813 MINEOLA TOWNSITES

TRACT 2: GEO: R17548 ABS0381; MANNING J M; TRACT 88; 2.01 ACRES

TRACT 3: GEO: R20537 ABS 0482; RICHARDS J; TRACT 76 PT; 3.748 ACRES; HUD# TEX0370184

Cause No: T-4607 MINEOLA INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT vs. CHAMAR LONDON, ETAL

TRACT 1: GEO: 000133843 ABS 0107; CARLSON W S; TRACT 25 PT; 6.0 ACRES

TRACT 2: GEO: 000133844 ABS 0107; CARLSON W S; TRACT 25 PT; 6.0 ACRES

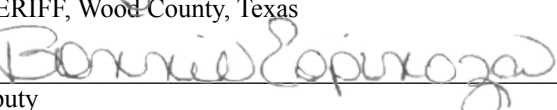
TRACT 3: GEO: 000133845 ABS 0107; CARLSON W S; TRACT 25 PT; 6.0 ACRES

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Kelly Cole

SHERIFF, Wood County, Texas

By: 

Deputy

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VOTE
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homestead exemption from property taxation for general elementary and secondary public

school purposes from \$100,000 to \$140,000 of the market value of the residence.
The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: “The constitutional amend-

ment to increase the amount of the exemption of residence homesteads from ad valorem taxation by a school district from \$100,000 to \$140,000.”
PROPOSITION NUMBER 14 (SJR 3)

SJR 3 proposes a constitutional amendment to require the legislature to establish a new state agency, the Dementia Prevention and Research Institute of Texas (DPRIT). The proposed

amendment would create the Dementia Prevention and Research Fund to be administered by DPRIT. Under the proposed amendment, DPRIT would be responsible for awarding finan-

cial grants for research on and the prevention and treatment of dementia, Alzheimer’s disease, Parkinson’s disease, and related disorders. The proposed amendment would also authorize the Texas Comptroller of Public Accounts to transfer \$3 billion from the state general revenue fund to the Dementia Prevention and Research Fund.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: “The constitutional amendment providing for the establishment of the Dementia Prevention and Research Institute of Texas, establishing the Dementia Prevention and Research Fund to provide money for research on and prevention and treatment of dementia, Alzheimer’s disease, Parkinson’s disease, and related disorders in this state, and transferring to that fund \$3 billion from state general revenue.”

PROPOSITION NUMBER 15 (SJR 34)

SJR 34 proposes a constitutional amendment to affirm that a parent has the responsibility to nurture and protect the parent’s child and the corresponding fundamental right to exercise care, custody, and control of the parent’s child, including the right to make decisions concerning the child’s upbringing.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: “The constitutional amendment affirming that parents are the primary decision makers for their children.”

PROPOSITION NUMBER 16 (SJR 37)

SJR 37 proposes a constitutional amendment to provide that only United States citizens are allowed to vote in Texas elections.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: “The constitutional amendment clarifying that a voter must be a United States citizen.”

PROPOSITION NUMBER 17 (HJR 34)

HJR 34 proposes a constitutional amendment to allow the legislature to exempt from property taxation, in counties that border the United Mexican States, the portion of a real property’s assessed value that arose from the installation or construction of border security infrastructure and related improvements. The proposed amendment would authorize the legislature to define “border security infrastructure” and prescribe additional eligibility requirements for the exemption.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: “The constitutional amendment to authorize the legislature to provide for an exemption from ad valorem taxation of the amount of the market value of real property located in a county that borders the United Mexican States that arises from the installation or construction on the property of border security infrastructure and related improvements.”

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TAX
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most 3%.
Wood County income rose almost \$100,000 for the month to \$353,679, a gain of 36.5%. That makes the yearly total \$2,711,377, up by almost 10%.
For the year, consumers have paid \$8,312,123 in sales taxes in Wise County, up by \$422,585 from 2024.

NOTICE OF SALE

STATE OF TEXAS

WOOD COUNTY

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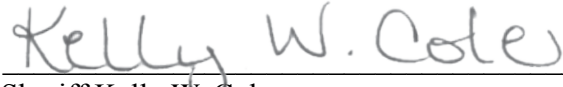
BY VIRTUE OF AN ORDER OF SALE

and issued pursuant to judgment decree(s) of the District Court of Wood County, Texas, by the Clerk of said Court on said date, in the hereinafter numbered and styled suit(s) and to me directed and delivered as Sheriff or Constable of said County, I have on October 2, 2025, seized, levied upon, and will offer for sale the following properties, on the first Tuesday in November, 2025, the same being the 4th day of said month, at the East Door, Wood County Courthouse of the Courthouse of the said County, in the City of Quitman, Texas, between the hours of 10 o’clock a.m. and 4 o’clock p.m. on said day, beginning at 01:30 PM, and will proceed to sell for cash to the highest bidder all the right, title, and interest of the defendants in such suit(s) in and to the following described real estate levied upon as the property of said defendants, the same lying and being situated in the County of Wood and the State of Texas, to-wit:

Sale #	Cause # Judgment Date	Acct # Order Issue Date	Style of Case	Legal Description	Adjudged Value
1	T-4431 08/09/24	R38391 OCTOBER 02, 2025	WOOD COUNTY, ET AL VS. SUSAN DELL TAYLOR JOHNSON, INDIVIDUALLY AND, AS INDEPENDENT ADMINISTRATRIX OF JUDY E STUEVER, ETAL	LOT 6 PT BLK 6 2.795 GOLDEN UNDIVIDED INTEREST 50.0000000000% (R38391 & R392370: CAD #127531 & mother account # is 127529) SALE NOTES: (Subject to Post-Judgment Taxes)	\$208,230.00
2	T-4537 05/28/25	R16284 OCTOBER 02, 2025	WOOD COUNTY, ET AL VS. ACENCION MARTINEZ CORTEZ, AKA ACENCION CORTES, ETAL	TRACT 1 ABS 0284: HALL HMC; TRACT 30; 1.0 ACRES; HUD # LOU0020455; SNI 02530781R SALE NOTES: Subject to Post Judgment Taxes Sell Tract 1 and 2 together as one combined bid	\$28,580.00
3	T-4537 05/28/25	R365140 OCTOBER 02, 2025	WOOD COUNTY, ET AL VS. ACENCION MARTINEZ CORTEZ, AKA ACENCION CORTES, ETAL	TRACT 2 ABS 0284; HALL H M C; TRACT 30; M/H ONLY ON R 16284 (CAD#114564) SALE NOTES: Subject to Post Judgment Taxes Sell Tract 1 and 2 together as one combined bid	\$2,940.00
4	T-4550 05/28/25	R19029 OCTOBER 02, 2025	WOOD COUNTY, ET AL VS. LENA JONETTE THORNHILL, AKA JONETTE THORNHILL AKA LENA JONETTE PRICKETT THORNHILL, ET AL	TRACT 1 ABS 0431; NELSON H; TRACT 136 137; 6.9761 ACRES SALE NOTES: Subject to Post Judgment Taxes Sell Tract 1 and 2 together as one combined bid	\$188,260.00
5	T-4550 05/28/25	R340809 OCTOBER 02, 2025	WOOD COUNTY, ET AL VS. LENA JONETTE THORNHILL, AKA JONETTE THORNHILL AKA LENA JONETTE PRICKETT THORNHILL, ET AL	TRACT 2 ABS 0431: NELSON H; TRACT 136 137; M/H ONLY ON R19029&BEING ASSESSEDON THE TAX ROLLS OF WOOD CO. TO JONETTE THORNHILL UNDER ACCT NO. R340809. CAD # 100893 SALE NOTES: Subject to Post-Judgment Taxes Sell Tract 1 and 2 together as one combined Did	\$11,750.00
6	T-4559 05/28/25	R25330 OCTOBER 02, 2025	WOOD COUNTY, ET AL VS. JEREMY SPENCE, AKA JEREMY DON SPENCE. ET AL	LOT 134 and 118 .3504 BIG WOOD SPRINGS SEC 2 TR 1SEC 2 TR 1 SALE NOTES: Subject to Post-Judgment Taxes	\$119,550.00
7	T-4576 05/28/25	R30240 OCTOBER 02, 2025	WOOD COUNTY, ET AL VS. RAYMOND FRANKLIN SHELTON, AS TRUSTEE UNDER THE LAST WILL AND TESTAMENT OF VIVIAN CALLEENE SHELTON, DECEASED. ETAL	LOT 119 HOLLY LAKE RANCH (SEC 6) SALE NOTES: (Subject to Post-Judgment Taxes)	\$150,660.00
8	T-4592 08/09/24	R28293 OCTOBER 02, 2025	WOOD COUNTY, ET AL VS. MOWWW CONSULTING CORPORATION, ET LA	HOLLYLAKE RANCH (QUADS) SEC 4UNIT 1 BLDG 3 UNIT 1 BLDG 3 SALE NOTES: (Subject to Post-Judgment Taxes)	\$173,260.00
9	T-4612 05/28/25	R301891 OCTOBER 02, 2025	WOOD COUNTY, ET AL VS. LUCAS J. SIMMON, AKA LUCAS JEFFERSON SIMMON, ET AL	TRACT 1 ABS 0109; CRAWFORD J C; TRACT 41; 2.9 ACRES R301891 (CAD #85430) SALE NOTES: (Subject to Post-Judgment Taxes)	\$87,000.00
10	T-4612 05/28/25	R308892 OCTOBER 02, 2025	WOOD COUNTY, ET AL VS. LUCAS J. SIMMON, AKA LUCAS JEFFERSON SIMMON, ET AL	TRACT 2 ABS 0615; WARD H L; TRACT 1; 75.8 ACRES R 308892 (CAD #59067) SALE NOTES: (Subject to Post-Judgment Taxes)	\$568,500.00
11	T-4612 05/28/25	R59066 OCTOBER 02, 2025	WOOD COUNTY, ET AL VS. LUCAS J. SIMMON, AKA LUCAS JEFFERSON SIMMON, ET AL	TRACT 3 ABS 0109; CRAWFORD J C; TRACT 21; 47.35 ACRES R59066 (CAD #59066) SALE NOTES: (Subject to Post-Judgment Taxes)	\$355,130.00
12	T-4617 05/28/25	R40784 OCTOBER 02, 2025	HAWKINS INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT, ETAL VS. JASON CRAFT, ET AL	LOT 6 BLK 9 MURPHY ADD SALE NOTES: (Subject to Post-Judgment Taxes)	\$53,970.00
13	T-4629 05/28/25	R67895 OCTOBER 02, 2025	ALBA - GOLDEN INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT, ET AL VS. KEITH A MEYERS	LOT 13 0.682 EAGLE POINT ESTATES SALE NOTES: (Subject to Post-Judgment Taxes)	\$634,460.00
14	T-4685 05/28/25	R18791 OCTOBER 02, 2025	ALBA - GOLDEN INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT, ET AL VS. JUDY E. YOUNG	ABS 0430; NUNEZ M J; TRACT 12; 19.86 ACRES SALE NOTES: (Subject to Post-Judgment Taxes)	\$535,820.00
15	T-4688 05/28/25	R31321 OCTOBER 02, 2025	WOOD COUNTY, ET AL VS. REBECCA ANN SUTTON, NKA REBECCA ANN KEFFER, ET AL	LOT 101 HOLLY LAKE RANCH (SEC 9) SALE NOTES: (Subject to Post-Judgment Taxes)	\$8,500.00
16	T-4708 05/28/25	R39371 OCTOBER 02, 2025	CITY OF WINNSBORO, ET AL VS. ALTON R. WILLIAMS, AKA ALTON RAY WILLIAMS, ET AL	LOT 2 PT LT 3 BLK 16 0.184 CITY OF WINNSBORO SALE NOTES: (Subject to Post-Judgment Taxes)	\$4,010.00

(any volume and page references, unless otherwise indicated, being to the Deed Records, Wood County, Texas, to which instruments reference may be made for a more complete description of each respective tract.) or, upon the written request of said defendants or their attorney, a sufficient portion of the property described above shall be sold to satisfy said judgment(s) interest, penalties, and cost; and any property sold shall be subject to the right of redemption of the defendants or any person having an interest therein, to redeem the said property, or their interest therein, within the time and in the manner provided by law, and shall be subject to any other and further rights to which the defendants or anyone interested therein may be entitled, under the provisions of law. Said sale to be made by me to satisfy the judgment(s) rendered in the above styled and numbered cause(s), together with interest, penalties, and costs of suit, and the proceeds of said sales to be applied to the satisfaction thereof, and the remainder, if any, to be applied as the law directs.

Dated at Quitman, Texas, October 2, 2025



Sheriff Kelly W. Cole
Wood County, Texas

By 

Deputy

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Stacy Van Vleet carries the American flag on her horse Cookie Friday in the Quitman homecoming parade. (Monitor photo by Samantha Luscomb)



Quitman Police Dept. gets a group photo at the National Night Out event held at Jim Hogg City Park on Tuesday, Oct. 7. The Quitman Fire Dept. was also represented. (Monitor photo by Ben Barnett)



Quitman High School cheer captain Cooper Marcee leads the team during the homecoming parade Friday through downtown Quitman. (Monitor photo by Samantha Luscomb)



Quitman Fire Dept. provided transportation for the football team in Friday's parade. (Monitor photo by Samantha Luscomb)

MEET

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pez, 25th, 22:16. Mineola boys were led by Sebastian Klodnicki, placing 15th in 19:52 over the 5,000-meter course. Others were Andrew Vega, 16th, 20:53; Kaleb Silverio, 23rd, 21:36; Alfredo Hurst, 24th, 21:55; and Kage

Ristau, 26th, 27:53. Caroline Castleberry also had a top ten finish for the Mineola girls, placing 10th in 13:47. Others were Julianne Hoff, 16th, 14:18; Emily Vega, 19th, 14:47; Larisa Gonzales, 20th, 14:52; Tierany Neighbors, 26th, 15:16; Vanessa Anaya, 27th, 15:31; Claire Potts, 15:59; Stephanie Rojas, 16:40; Leighlah Wilson,

17:29; and Amera Caldwell, 20:51. Placing for Quitman girls were Laine Kelly, 11th, 13:47; Jadea Comenux, 14th, 14:12; Christina Plata, 22nd, 14:47; Brittany Santiago, 25th, 15:03; Cooper Marcee, 26th, 15:04; Carly Plata, 30th, 15:58; Carlee Alcorn, 16:35; Penelope Gagnon, 18:03; and Haley Lozano, 20:27.

Old Settlers Reunion has full lineup for fall move

By CARLEY TUCKER

The 2025 Wood County Old Settlers Reunion is set to kick off on Wednesday, Oct. 29, and continue through Saturday, Nov. 1, marking the first time in the event's long history that it will be held in October.

Organizers say the change came in response to numerous community requests "to move it to a cooler time of year."

Wednesday night will feature a return of "Gospel Night" and "Trick or Trunk" for kids. Festivities will begin Wednesday evening under the pavilion, with local worship bands facing off in a "Battle of the Bands" for bragging rights starting at 6 p.m. This will be followed by a short devotional and a special performance by Grammy-nominated Christian group, The Erwins, at 7:30 p.m.

Children can also enjoy a festive Trunk-or-Treat in the parking area next to the pavilion from 6 to 7:30 p.m.

With Quitman ISD students out for fall break on Thursday and Friday, families will have plenty to enjoy at the reunion. Events open both days at noon, featuring free activities such as a giant maze, life-size Hungry Hippos, pony rides and midway games.

Visitors can also tour the Honeymoon Cottage and adjacent museum at the front of the park from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. The restoration of these museums are the result of preservation efforts from Mineola's Elizabeth Denton English chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution.

Over 30 vendors and a variety of food trucks will also be on-site, along with Hooker Ranch's rescue horses for families to meet and pet.

For adults, a new bridge club will host demonstrations and lessons at the Civic Center from 12-5 p.m.

Paid attractions begin at 3 p.m., including Blue Line Mobile Gelly Ball,

a zipline, rock climbing wall, axe throwing, glow-in-the-dark mini golf, laser tag and more. Guests can enjoy unlimited access to these with an armband from 3-9 p.m. At 6:30 p.m., Dance Dimensions will perform at the Quitman-Lake Fork basketball court.

Thursday night will also feature local favorite Dale Cummings performing hits from the '50s, '60s and '70s under the pavilion from 6-7:30 p.m., with DJ Mike Gilmore spinning tunes before and after. A beer garden will be open during the show. Meanwhile, bingo moves to a new location this year, the Civic Center, from 6-9 p.m. on Thursday and Friday.

Friday Night: Halloween Festivities

Friday continues with all the same daytime attractions, followed by Layton Myers performing on the Honeymoon Cottage side porch at 4:30 p.m. After the Chamber of Commerce's annual Candy Walk on the square, families can head to the park for Halloween games, booths and hayrides beginning at 5 p.m.

At 7 p.m., the Quitman High School Junior Class will host a family-friendly dance under the pavilion, again featuring DJ Mike Gilmore. The juniors will sell refreshments and trinkets to raise funds for prom and offer a haunted bus tour for the brave!

Saturday will be packed with activities for all ages. The day begins with the People's Impact Foundation 5K Run at 8 a.m. From 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., Stitchin' Heaven will hold a quilt show, while the Friends of the Arboretum offer tours of the Stinson Home. Museum tours at the front of the park will also be available from 1-3:30 p.m.

The Wood County Electric Cooperative will host its annual meeting under the pavilion from 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m., with updates on elections, financials and operations. Members

can enjoy giveaways and new food truck coupons.

Children can participate in a Kids' Quilt Craft, sponsored by Stitchin' Heaven, at the "little pavilion," and continue enjoying all the same activities and attractions.

The Chamber of Commerce will also host its annual Cornhole Tournament at the Quitman-Lake Fork Kiwanis Club basketball court.

In a nod to the event's early traditions, the Old Settlers Reunion Board of Directors is introducing speaker forums under the pavilion.

2:00-2:45 p.m. – Wood County Extension Office on 4-H and soil sampling

2:45-3:15 p.m. – Master Gardeners on local horticulture topics

3:15-3:30 p.m. – Aspen Hospice presentation

3:30-4:00 p.m. – Quitman Pee-Wee Cheerleaders' competition routines

At 4:15 p.m., County Judge Kevin White and the Wood County Historical Commission will present the 175th Anniversary of Wood County Awards.

The celebration wraps up with a major concert at Floyd Field (on McAlister Street across from the Civic Center). Gates will open at 5 p.m., with local favorites One Horse Town performing at 6 p.m., followed by the Josh Abbott Band at 7:30 p.m.

Tickets are available at stubwire.com for \$36.50 or \$47.50 at the gate. A \$29 "cooler fee" allows concertgoers to bring their own beverages.

While this year's Old Settlers Reunion will look a little different – with no traditional carnival and with events expanding to the Civic Center and Floyd Field – organizers say they're excited about the packed schedule and fresh fall setting.

OSR Board Treasurer Joanne Wisdom said, "The volunteer board has worked very hard to preserve tradition while also making several shifts based on feedback to bring the festival into the present day and future. Great care and expense were taken to consider activities for people of all ages, and this year's event has a packed lineup."

Wisdom also added that the board hopes everyone will come check out the event and give feedback.

For more information, visit the 2025 Wood County Old Settlers Reunion Facebook page or www.oldsettlersreunion.org.

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Some of the largest quilts of the show were too big for frame display, and were hung along the walls of the League of The Arts building.



Members of the Kaufman Quilt Guild, who came to support the Mineola show, pore over the many fabrics available for purchase. (Monitor photos by James Taylor)



Tim Maples, owner of Your Service Center in Quitman, invites the Wood County community to the automotive repair shop's Grand Opening and Customer Appreciation Day Wednesday, Oct. 22. There will be oil change specials, service discounts and Papa T's BBQ. (Monitor photo by James Taylor)



Boom Nutrition of Mineola has moved, now located in the Boom Fitness Center at 701 Greenville in Mineola. Pictured are Emily Wiley, longtime team member, and Katrina Yager, owner of Boom Nutrition and Boom Fitness. Boom Nutrition offers a variety of healthy teas, drinks, shakes, protein bites and more. For more info, call 430-260-7192 or 903-638-6031. (Monitor photo by James Taylor)



Libero Kaitlyn McMahon in action against Edgewood. (Monitor photo by John Arbter)

PLAYOFF

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McMahon uncorked an emphatic spike, and Mineola took a 5-4 lead. The Lady Jackets began to get into an attacking tempo. Kills by Milo Reed and Redding were followed by a Kaitlyn McMahon ace. Redding blistered a shot, and Mineola took an 10-8 lead. The theme to Mineola's performance was 'everyone contributes.' It is impossible to overstate the importance of having two skilled

scorers such as Mahayla McMahon and Redding along the net, but there is a whole lot more to the Lady Jackets side than two strikers. If the squad is able to continue playing the disciplined, fundamental and unselfish game which they have demonstrated in the second round of district play, it could make for an interesting post-season. Mineola never trailed in the first set against Edgewood and won it handily. The second set was nerve-racking. The Lady Jackets overcame an initial deficit and twice

built 4-point leads. The longest volley of the match ended with Black making yet another drop shot off of a stabbing dig by Mahayla McMahon. Edgewood rallied, and the set was put away by back-to-back kills from Redding and McMahon. Mineola dispatched the visitors with little resistance in the third set. The Lady Bulldogs had had enough of fielding the strikes coming over from the left and right wings. After a bye, the Lady Jackets will entertain Winona Friday. Varsity begins play at 4:30 pm.



Yellowjacket stand-out Kipton Neighbors had yet another big game against Malakoff, scoring thrice and providing highlight-reel plays. (Monitor photo by John Arbter)

JACKETS

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Jackets defense. Early in the fourth quarter it was 37-13. Mineola managed one more score when Neighbors was split wide left and out-leaped a Tiger defender to high point a long pass from Bowk-

er. Once he secured the catch, no one could catch him for another long highlight score. Malakoff's late game production, however, was relentless. They scored twice more to finalize the lop-sided score. The game was one of possessions. Each team had 10 possessions. Mineola scored thrice

with three punts and three turnovers (two on downs). Malakoff scored on eight of their ten possessions, punted once and suffered one turnover. The Yellowjackets return to Meredith Memorial Stadium on Friday when they host the Commerce Tigers. Kick-off is set for 7:30 p.m.

Fall Festival



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Welcome everyone



Quitman senior Annebelle Popek has been sidelined this season with a foot injury but made the ceremonial first serve at last Tuesday's senior night game against Mineola. (Monitor photo by Samantha Luscomb)

Lady Jackets sweep Quitman in district volleyball contest

Mineola spoiled Quitman's senior night with a three-game sweep Tuesday, Oct. 7.

The Lady Jackets posted winning scores of 25-17, 25-22, 25-16 at Ballard Gym.

Quitman senior Anna-belle Popek got things started with the ceremonial first serve.

She has been unable to play this season due to a foot injury but started

the match despite her casted left foot.

Mahayla McMahon posted 17 kills and Canyon Redding 12 for the Lady Jackets. Callie Black recorded 33 assists. She and Kaitlyn McMahon each had 12 digs and Mahayla McMahon eight. The Lady Jackets combined for 74 of 82 serves in play with nine aces, five by Redding.

Quitman boys, Mineola girls qualify for regional meet in cross country

Quitman boys and Mineola girls advanced to their regional track meets with their performances at the district meet, hosted by Quitman on Tuesday, Oct. 7.

Their counterparts just missed regional qualifying by one spot, though individual performers managed to advance.

Quitman senior Braleigh Wood qualified in the girls division, placing fourth in 13:00. She edged Mineola senior Raylie Peebles, who was also recorded in 13:00 on the 3,200-meter course and placed fifth.

The Mineola girls totaled 70 points to secure third place and the right to advance to the region meet Oct. 21.

Quitman was just six

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2025-2026 SPORTS SCHEDULE				
FOOTBALL				
Alba-Golden	@ Honey Grove		Oct. 17, 7PM	
Mineola	vs Commerce		Oct. 17, 7:30PM	
Quitman	@ Lone Oak		Oct. 17, 7PM	
VOLLEYBALL				
Alba-Golden	vs Neches		Oct. 17, 4:30PM	
	vs Yantis		Oct. 21, 5PM	
Mineola	vs Winona		Oct. 17, 4:30PM	
	@ Eustace		Oct. 21, 4:30PM	
Quitman	@ Eustace		Oct. 17, 4:30PM	
	@ Winona		Oct. 21, 4:30PM	
CROSS COUNTRY				
Alba-Golden	@ Region Meet		Oct. 21	
Mineola	@ Lynn Creek Park, Regional Meet		Oct. 21	
Quitman	@ Lynn Creek Park, Regional Meet		Oct. 21	



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Lady Jackets seal post-season spot

By JOHN ARBTER
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The Mineola Lady Jackets are playoff bound. With a 7-2 district volleyball mark – thanks to a home win Friday against the Edgewood Lady Bulldogs – Mineola secured their spot in the post-season tourney.

The Lady Jackets are simply humming along. They have avenged two losses in the first round of district play by defeating Malakoff and Edgewood in the second round of play, and they are playing excellent team volleyball.

The win over Edgewood (25-16, 26-24, 25-12) was classic Mineola volleyball. Senior Mahayla McMahon and freshman Canyon Redding took turns delivering blazing shots into the Edgewood court. Each registered 16 kills in the match.

The first ten points tell much about the type of



Lady Jacket Canyon Redding sends a shot through the Edgewood blockers. (Monitor photo by John Arbter)

volleyball the Lady Jackets are playing at this stage.

Callie Black chalked up the first Mineola point with a well-timed drop shot. She followed that with the first ace of the night.

After forcing an Edge-

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Malakoff outmans Yellowjackets

By JOHN ARBTER
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The Malakoff Tigers defeated the Mineola Yellowjackets 51-19 in Henderson County Friday. One of the most telling statistics was determined before kickoff. The Yellowjackets dressed 23 players; the Tigers had 33 athletes dressed.

That may not sound like a notable fact, but in class 3A football, those ten additional players open up tremendous flexibility in managing the 11 players on the field throughout the game. It allows a greater sharing of the playing time, which means (usually) less players playing offense and defense. The end result is often less team fatigue and greater focus.

While it is presumptuous to think that the number of athletes dressed had a direct impact on the game, one circumstance could be used to buoy that argument: Mineola was a half-step away from making plays throughout the game.

On both sides of the ball, a half-step or an arm's reach or a split second can make the difference between a big play or zero gain; between a turnover and a score.

For most of the first



Yellowjacket defenders Juan Villanueva (52) and Braelyn Geremonte (12) have a Malakoff ball-carrier anchored down as Eddrick Irving (53) comes in to clean-up the tackle.

half, the game was practically even. The home side scored on their first two possessions and led 14-0 early in the second quarter.

Mineola put together a 15-play, 75-yard drive that included a beautifully-lofted pass from Kipton Neighbors to Eduardo Guerra. The play, executed from a dispersed formation, put Mineola in Tiger territory.

Aidan Shepherd rambled 27 yards to the 10-yard line. Neighbors sliced between the blocks of Eddrick Irving and Elijah Zavalla to score five plays later.

Mineola had made it a one-possession game with 1:54 to play in the half.

Malakoff subsequently attacked through the air, moving 61 yards in three plays to score. Malakoff 20, Mineola 6.

With less than one minute in the half, Neighbors struck. He took a wide receiver screen pass from Beckham Bowker, made two excellent cuts, broke two tackles and raced 77 yards to score. The score closed to 20-13.

Malakoff used the last 28 seconds to move

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Bulldogs edged in homecoming contest

By BEN BARNETT

The Quitman Bulldogs put up a strong fight Friday night against the Chisum Mustangs, trading blows in a back-and-forth contest before ultimately falling just short, 34-26.

Quitman came out strong on their opening drive as Rhett Kelly found the end zone to give the Bulldogs an early 7-0 lead after a successful extra point. Chisum responded quickly with a touchdown, but Quitman's special teams made an early stand by blocking the extra-point attempt to preserve a one-point advantage.

Quarterback Clayton Meadows extended the Bulldogs' lead midway through the first half, pushing the score to 14-6 after another successful kick. Chisum answered immediately, returning the following kickoff for a touchdown and adding a two-point conver-



Quitman's Rhett Kelly runs away from the Paris Chisum defense in Friday's homecoming game. (Monitor photo by Ben Barnett)

sion to even the score at 14-14. Before halftime, the Mustangs capitalized on a Quitman punt to take a 20-14 lead into the break.

Quitman came out determined in the second half. Running back Jacob Breeding powered through the defense for a touchdown early in the third quarter, tying the game 20-20. However, Chisum reclaimed the lead on the next possession with a touchdown and successful two-point attempt.

The Bulldogs refused to back down. Meadows punched in another touchdown to pull Quitman within striking dis-

tance, though the extra point fell short, leaving the score at 34-26.

Breeding broke loose on a 30-yard run late in the game, but a fumble near midfield gave Chisum the ball back, allowing the Mustangs to run out the clock and secure the narrow victory.