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At the Alba-Golden home football game Friday, Braelyn Massie was named the homecoming queen and Jose Villeda was selected as the king. (Monitor photo by John Arbter)

RV park OK'd over objections

By PHIL MAJOR
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Despite objections of neighbors, Wood County commissioners approved the Bigfoot's Hideaway RV Park on County Road 4730 just east of State Hwy. 37 on Tuesday.

A public hearing preceding the approval drew comments from three neighbors, as well as the property owners, James and Misty Deluco.

Laura Funk said all the neighbors are opposed. She said it will impact the quality of life and the property values.

Stacey Woods said she was the only neighbor that received a required letter from the county about the public hearing and had a number of serious concerns, including potential safety implications and possible intrusions and interactions with the animals on her property.

She also had questions about trash management, odor and rodent control.

Misty Deluco said they will be living on the property and plan to keep it neat and clean.

They plan to have rules and regulations for the park's users similar to other parks, such as quiet hours, and conduct background checks on renters.

"We moved out there for the same reasons (as you)," she said.

The park plans 20 rental spaces.

Prec. 4 Commissioner Russell Acker said that until 6-7 years ago, the county had no regulations for such parks, and the state will allow the county to have only certain restrictions.

If the rules and regulations are met, commissioners can't deny the application without risking legal action.

"We cannot stop growth," he said. "We work to have sustained growth."

Sheriff proposes financing vehicle purchases

Plans to purchase 12 new sheriff's department patrol vehicles drew lengthy discussion with Wood County commissioners and Sheriff Kelly Cole Tuesday.

The sheriff said the department has nine Ford Explorers that have been recalled by Ford, and the manufacturer has no way to repair the problem, which includes fumes and fire risk.

The possibility of a lawsuit against Ford has been discussed, Cole said.

Many other police departments are dealing with the same issue.

What Cole requested on Tuesday was the authority to proceed with a formal proposal to purchase 12 Dodge Durangos at $71,000 each, financed for four years.

The sheriff's department budget, combined with a state grant, can handle the purchase, but the question is whether

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Mineola City Council can't decide whether to expand boundaries for city volunteer boards

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Whether to allow residents living outside the Mineola school district to serve on volunteer boards of the city of Mineola drew much debate among the Mineola City Council Monday but yielded no decision.

Council member Polly Jones said there have been residents who live just outside the MISD boundaries who would like to serve on city boards.

Councilman Mitch Tuck made the motion to leave the current policy as is, saying the MISD boundaries are large enough.

That motion failed on a 3-2 vote. Jack Newman, who did not support Tuck's motion, said some the 75773 ZIP code suggested as an expanded boundary includes some areas outside of Wood County.

Then Jones made a motion to expand the boundaries to include the portion of ZIP code 75773 that is inside Wood County, but that option died when it failed to gain a second.

Finally Mayor Pro Tem Terry Eaton, who voted with Tuck to leave things as is, moved for the council to set a workshop to further discuss the matter, and the council was unanimous in support of that.

The matters of approving the 2025-26 city budget and property tax rate drew little discussion and were approved unanimously.

The tax rate of $.497131 per $100 valuation is lower than last year's by 3.2 cents but will raise more revenue ($2,290,622) due to higher valuations and new properties.

City Manager Cindy Karch noted that the budget includes a 4% increase in sales tax revenues.

The final tax report for the current year just came in and showed an increase of 4.5% for the past year.

It also includes an increase in the trash service fee from $20.34 to $24 for residents in the city and from $17.86 to $21.50 for those outside the city, who are not able to use the brush chipper and leaf pickup services.

It calls for spending just under $6 million for the general fund and just over $3.5 million for the water and sewer fund.

After a brief closed session, the council voted to extended the contract of Police Chief Chuck Bittner through 2029 along with a 5% pay increase.



The hay of first place winner Greg Walker, right, sold to City National Bank, represented by Ryan James and Jerry Jackson. Representing the Mineola FFA is Andres Martinez. (Monitor photo)

Hay Show 59 and counting

For the first time since 2009, there were more than 100 entries in the Mineola Hay Show.

The 59th edition of the state's longest running event of its type last Tuesday, Sept. 9 saw not only large numbers but high quality hay.

Brady Smith stepped in as auctioneer for the first time and brought $36,400 in bids from the floor for 30 lots of hay plus five other bid items at the Mineola Civic Center.

The show acknowledged 11 May graduates of Mineola High School who received $20,500 in scholarships. The show has given out more than $400,000 in scholarships in its history, including more than $176,000 in the previous eight years.

In his opening prayer, Mineola ISD Superintendent Cody Mize said the event symbolizes the good in the community.

SCHOLARSHIPS

$2,500

Ryleigh Van Cleave, Texas A&M, construction science
Gabriel Bardwell, Dallas Baptist, biblical studies
Gracie Lindley, University of Arkansas, pre-nursing
Sarah Smith, Abilene Christian, animal science pre-vet

$1,500

Carmen Carrasco, Tyler Junior College, dental hygiene
Hector Rodriguez, Tyler Junior College, HVAC
Allena Andablo, Tyler Junior College, radiology technician
Olivia Hughes, Texas Tech, petroleum engineering
Colette Harle, Tarleton State, marketing
Yoselin Bizarraga, The Salon Professional Academy, cosmetology
Emma Black, University of North Texas, elementary education

EXHIBITORS AND AUCTION BUYERS

Greg Walker, $1,300, City National Bank
Old Airport ranch, Pecan House, $900
David Miller, Legacy Ag Credit, $4,000
Jerry Huff, $2,000, Broadstreet Bank
Jody Holmes, $1,500 City National Bank
Lisa Miller, $1,200, Big Country Farm Store
Rex Coulter, $700, Peoples Telephone
Francie Hayden, $900, Texas Ranch Sales
Justin Powell, $700, Robert Reynolds
Tuff Arney $1,400, Jerry and Brenda Huff
Ricky Laprade, $500, Big Country Farm Store
Jimmie Smith, $900, Cody Mize
Grant Goforth, $1,000, Dwain Henry
Levi Goforth $1,000, Miller Hay Sales
Froilan Martinez, $600, Wood County Farm Bureau
John Mays, $550, Winnsboro Livestock and Dairy Auction

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Hughes to serve as vice chair of select senate committee

State Sen. Bryan Hughes of Mineola has been named the vice chairman of a Texas Senate Select Committee on Civil Discourse and Freedom of Speech in Higher Education.

The committee, and a select House committee, were announced on Friday in the wake of the murder of political activist Charlie Kirk on Wednesday, Sept. 10 at Utah Valley University.

"The First Amendment guarantees the freedom of religion, of speech, of the press, of assembly, and of petition," said Lt. Gov. Dan Patrick. "It is the First Amendment because it is the foundation of all our rights. In that list, the free exercise of religion is paramount. Take away a person's right to free exercise of religion and every other right falls quickly. Charlie Kirk was my friend. He was assassinated for simply expressing his First Amendment rights. The attack on Charlie was an attack on the First Amendment. Those who cheered his murder are also cheering for the death of America. We cannot tolerate either at our institutions of higher learning."

The committees will meet jointly to study and issue reports on bias, discourse and freedom of speech across Texas college campuses.

Joining Hughes on the Senate committee are Sen. Paul Bettencourt, R-Houston, chair; Sen. Cesar Blanco, D-El Paso; Sen. Donna Campbell, R-New Braunfels; Sen. Bob Hall, R-Edgewood; Sen. Juan "Chuy" Hinojosa, D-McAllen; and Sen. Lois Kolkhorst, R-Brenham.

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Letters to the editor

To the editor:

It was a sad day for the nation. The killing of Charlie Kirk will likely be a watershed event in the cultural wrestling match underway in the country. The implications will far outlive all of us. What those implications are and how they will alter the United States will unfold in the years to come.

The coverage of the event and of Kirk's life and his message cannot be avoided. Rightfully, his views, his humanity and, above all, his faith strike deeply into one's psyche and one's soul.

It is Kirk's willingness and enthusiasm to speak and live his faith which has struck home. He confessed his faith with conviction but without prejudice, with confidence but without pride, and with a willingness to share but not to judge. He was a Christian.

Perhaps the greatest lesson taught by Kirk was how he professed his faith. Listening to him shames many – who may have fallen short of being a good and loyal servant. Thank you for the example of living and articulating your faith, Charlie Kirk.

John Arbter
Mineola



Jerry (Jer-Ray) Gaskill, left, and father Jerry Gaskill.

Gaskill seeking Prec. 2 post

Jerry Ray Gaskill is retiring as Wood County commissioner for Prec. 2 at the end of his term Dec. 31, 2026.

The filing period for the March party primaries begins in November, and the first person to announce his intentions to seek the position is Jerry Ray Gaskill.

Gaskill, the father, is endorsing Gaskill, the son.

The two share the identical name, as "junior" or "II" did not make it onto the birth certificate.

As a youth he received the nickname Jer-Ray, to differentiate from his father.

He has worked for Wood County for 15 years in precincts other than his father's.

He and his wife, Lauren, both graduates of Alba-Golden High School, have four children who attend Mineola schools. They are lifelong members of the Sand Springs Baptist Church. He serves as chairman of the Mineola Main Street Advisory Board, serves on the Mineola Youth Foundation board and is a member of the Mineola Kiwanis Club.

"I enjoy helping people and believe in serving with conservative values, hard work, integrity and accountability," he said of seeking the office.

The current commissioner has endorsed his son for the position, saying that he is the most qualified for the job, and has the necessary experience as well as being technologically proficient.



Brenadine Corley, right, owner of Dinky's Monogramming, Embroidery & Applique, with Brenda McClenny in the embroidery shop in Mineola. McClenny was Corley's first customer when she opened her embroidery shop; since then, Corley has designed custom gifts for each of McClenny's 11 great-grandchildren. (Monitor photo by James Taylor)

QISD board gets update on bond projects

By BRYNNA WILLIAMSON
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The Quitman ISD Administration building was attended by many young families Monday night, who came to support their little ones in the elementary showcase and the pledges. In reference to the packed crowd, QISD Superintendent Chris Mason took a moment in the invocation to thank God for "a full house… for laughter, for giggles, and for cute babies."

The school board heard a brief update from Brett Patrick of Harris-Craig Architects Inc. regarding the bond and construction process. He said the company is "two to three weeks ahead of the schedule that we have." Patrick says he hopes to be able to send out for construction bids by Thanksgiving, rather than the end of December.

Patrick also reviewed the finances of the project. The elementary school addition is $80,000 under budget; the junior high addition is $800,000 over budget due to having to unexpectedly build a larger storm shelter to comply with code; the locker room renovation is $275,000 over budget; the field house addition is $900,000 under budget; and the career and technology center is $70,000 over budget. The baseball field is still in a "big unknown" stage financially.

"All that being said, we're less than 1% over what we budgeted initially," said Patrick.

The board voted to allow several QISD FFA students to go on a trip to Indianapolis, Ind. from Oct. 27-Nov. 1 in order to "walk the stage" and receive an award. The award is for being "one of the top FFA chapters in the nation."

"We think that it would be really important and beneficial for our students to have the opportunity to walk across the national stage and accept that award," said Emalee Burt, high school teacher in the ag department. "It's a very high honor, and we're very fortunate that our students achieved that. We're very proud of them."

The board voted to accept the $20,000 budget amendment allowing them to attend the trip. School board member Michael Hipp was so enthusiastic about the honor – which he said "has been a long time in coming" – that before the budget amendment presentation was presented, he made a motion to accept it.

The board also gave special approval for several administration members to continue receiving compensation from other school districts for coaching or leading track meets, etc. These employees must take a day off from QISD in order to participate in these activities, but have received official permission to do so. These include Assistant Superintendent Bryan Hurst, Junior High Principal Ashley Day and Elementary Assistant Principal Angie Andrews.

The board also updated their School Board Operating Procedures handbook to reflect several small changes, but mostly to include the wording that anonymous correspondence or complaints will not be received by the school board as a whole, "unless deemed to be hazardous or threatening in nature."

"I'll say this…the idea is that, when someone does something anonymously, (and) sends information – whether it's to you or the administration staff anonymously – it really hinders our ability to investigate a concern," said Mason. "It's not that we won't act on it; it's just that, if we don't have the ability to ask questions and ask for the time and date and where, then it really hinders our ability to fully investigate a concern."

Mason reiterated that the board, or individual, would still pursue closure over the complaint "as best we can," but that this wording "just allows those open and transparent conversations to take place."

The board approved the annual 4-H resolution, which allows students to attend 4-H activities without counting against their attendance; to approve the 16 DOI (District of Innovation) Local Teacher Candidates for 2025-2026; to purchase a new tractor for the maintenance department, which cost $50,226 and was already budgeted; and to partner once again with Symmetry Sports Construction, who takes care of the QISD athletic fields, for $50,498.00.

Mason noted that enrollment is starting off with "great numbers," and is currently siting at 1,237 students.

"To my knowledge, that's the largest we've ever been," said Mason.

The Top Dog award was given to the Andrews Center for their work with youth in the school. The elementary showcase was given by four elementary students, who showed the board the school's new data tracking system. Per the system, each student tracks their own scores and data and is able to identify what areas to work on. Citizen Sally Attaway also spoke to the board in appreciation of the new parking lot and pavement outside the school gym, of the new football field, of the recent cheerleader tribute to 9/11, and more. Mason said that 95% of teachers have now received their certification.

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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.
MLOTA FIBER ARTS GUILD – Rug Hooking first Thursday, third Wednesday at 10 a.m.; Crochet/Knit 2nd/4th Thursday 10 a.m.; Fiber Friends Mondays 10 a.m., Spinning 1st/3rd Tuesday 10 a.m., Weaving 2nd/4th Tuesday 10 a.m.
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.
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PARENTS ANONYMOUS GROUP - Saturday, 2-3:30 p.m., First Baptist Church, Quitman. Children's program provided. 903-629-2114
MT. PISGAH COMMUNITY LUNCHEON – Every Thursday, 11 a.m., Mt. Pisgah Baptist Church, 4995 FM 49.
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.
ROSE HILL FOOD PANTRY – 2nd Wednesday, 10 a.m. til out, regular pickup and Senior Box Day, 3rd Saturday 10 a.m., regular pickup, 110 PR 6882 (Hwy. 80 West), 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.
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
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WOOD COUNTY APPRAISAL DISTRICT - Quarterly, 3rd Thursday, 8 a.m., district office, Quitman. Open to 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.
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WOOD COUNTY MARINE CORPS LEAGUE DET. 1278, 3rd Tuesday, dinner 6 p.m., meeting 7 p.m., 369 CR 2784, Mineola, info@mineolamcl.com
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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American Legion Gun Show
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Iron Horse Heritage Festival
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Knife making part chemistry, part artistry

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Wyatt Baker described, "At the molecular level, the atoms inside this steel are angry. They were just heated to over 1,600 degrees (Fahrenheit) repeatedly and banged with my ball-peen hammer. They are not happy." Baker was communicating a moment in the process of creating a custom-made knife.

His description was exact and full of imagery. Many people use procedures every day in their work and personal lives.

Few appreciate the physical consequences of a process like the young knife-maker. Baker's explanation explored the balance between hardness and malleability, strength and brittleness.

Standing in his workshop just west of Yantis one gets the impression that making knives is a whole lot more complicated than one may think.

"There are over 100 different types of steel which may be used in knife-making," Baker had begun.

Each of those types has a different chemical composition, giving it unique properties when undergoing the process of normalization, heat transfer, tempering and grinding – the basic stages of the knife-forging process.

As an example, for making fishing knives, Baker uses 15N20 steel exclusively.

"It has a high-nickel and high carbon content," he noted.

For his range of kitchen knives, Baker manipulates 80CRV2 steel, a professional grade, Swedish sawmill steel.

In his efforts to construct the most effective custom knives available, Baker relies on a well-developed sense of attention-to-detail. That quality can be traced in his bloodlines.

His family founded Baker Manufacturing of Tacoma, Wash. in 1983. The company produces specialized parts, assemblies and components for high performance aircraft, spaceships and submarines. The high-tech machine shop uses computer numerical control machines to fabricate products with the most stringent of tolerances.

From the age of eight, Baker was active in the family's high-tech machine shop.

He also shared a penchant for knives and working a forge with his grandfather. Baker admitted that he had an obsession with making tools, specifically knives, as long as he could remember. He would grind old files into knives and fashion tools by using a sledge on large nails or spikes.

As he grew into a young man, Baker answered the call to service, enlisting in the Navy. He was advanced to petty officer under the Command Advancement Program and became the catapult captain in the nuclear-powered aircraft carrier USS John C. Stennis (CVN 74).

Following a five-year stint in uniform, Baker was honorably discharged from the Navy, and relocated with his wife, Taylor, and their growing family to New Braunfels. Although they had extended family in the New Braunfels area, the Bakers sought a less-crowded hometown.

Baker Manufacturing had opened a second high-tech manufacturing facility in the Alba area. Although Baker was not involved in the facility, it did draw his attention to the possibilities that East Texas offered.

In March, the Bakers relocated to northwest Wood County, and Wyatt launched the Baker Knife Company.

Baker walked through his creative process of converting a piece of 5160 steel, which was previously a steel spring off an old truck, into a knife. After firing-up his acetylene-fueled forge, Baker explained that the first heating of the steel, called normalization, serves to reshape the steel into the approximate shape and size desired.

Normalization consists of three heatings at 1,800 F, 1,700 F and 1,600 F and working the steel with a ball-peen hammer on an anvil to reconstitute the steel.

The now, quite angry, atoms are heated again to 1,650 F for 30 minutes. A quenching dip of canola oil is prepared by heating railroad spikes and placing them in the oil bath. The steel is then removed from the forge and is quenched in the oil bath, which slowly and evenly cools the steel.

"The slow heat transfer allows the atomic elements in the steel to relax and reorder themselves in an organized fashion. The result is strength," Baker advised. The knife must be kept in continual motion to prevent warping as it cools.

At this juncture, Baker advised, he has a very well-hardened knife.



Baker demonstrating working steel on an anvil. The forge is operating in the background. (Monitor photo by John Arbter)

"It is brittle, however, so we must do some more heating to temper the steel," he stated. The tempering involves a closely-monitored sequence of heating and measured cooling. A bit of hardness is thereby sacrificed to ensure a degree of malleability which prevents the knife from failing due to brittleness.

Now properly tempered, the knife is worked on a belt grinder and the bevel, or cutting edge, is applied. Baker sharpens his kitchen knives with a single bevel, while his outdoorsman knives are given a double bevel for increased strength.

The finishing touches involve yet another detailed procedure of building and securing the handle. Baker prefers the Texas orange osage (bois d'arc) tree for handles, although he is comfortable using practically any wood. The knife handle may be further customized in shape and color.

The handle manufacture involves shaping, attachment, application of a stabilizer, use of a vacuum chamber, baking, resin application and finishing. Nothing is left to chance; it is all planned in detailed steps.

The whole process involves about eight hours of labor. "I am an artist,"

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Wyatt Baker with one of his creations.

Mineola Animal Shelter



Ranger

Ranger is 5-years-old, 55 lbs.
Completely vetted & Heartworm negative. He gets along with people, cats & dogs. A big goofball with over sized feet & possibly some Great Pyrenees in him. He has double dewclaws on his back feet.

Hank



Hank is a 2-year-old, 26 lb cutie.
He may have a little Corgi mix in him, which only adds to his charm! Hank is a bundle of energy who loves to play & would be a great adventure buddy. If you're looking for a loyal & fun-loving companion, Hank could be the perfect fit!

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This year's theme, "More Jesus Less Me," inspired by John 3:30, seeks to ignite hearts, uplift souls and transform lives through the Holy Spirit's power.

Dynamic guest speakers and worship leaders throughout the week include Pastor Bobby Strong (Sunday, 10:50 a.m.), Pastor Cody Mize (Sunday, 7 p.m), Pastor Michael Mize (Monday, 7 p.m.), Evangelist Hayland Hardy (Tuesday, 7 p.m.), and Pastor George Willis (Wednesday, 7 p.m.).

Church praise band, Whosoever, will lead uplifting worship each night, and a nursery will be available for children four and younger.

KNIVES

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Baker offered with a smile.

That artistry is building quite a following. Baker advised that he has orders through the turn of the year – an unqualified success for a newly-launched business.

"I take my products to area shows such as Canton Trade Days, the Rose City Farmers Market in Tyler, Bassmaster events, and get my knives in front of people," Baker stated. He admitted that it's tough to talk to 100 people and not generate a sale, but one has to speak to the 101st person as if they were the first – not an easy task.

Baker was asked about any recommendations for other folks who may be opening a small business.

He said, "Sixty per cent of my time is spent marketing my knives, while I spend 40 per cent of my time actually creating them."

Buying a working knife is a personal purchase, hence Baker spends a lot of time connecting with potential customers.

His diligence is certainly paying off. Presenting a top-quality custom product, maintaining an active social media presence and targeting hunters, fishermen and chefs has thus far been a path to success for Baker Knife Company.

Quality begets quantity, and Baker is now realizing custom orders as his skills become known.

Baker could be described as a bit of a throwback to an earlier generation. Despite his youth, he abhors waste, would rather repair equipment than buy new and takes great joy in creating.

"It's what I do," he simply stated.

COUNTY

From page 1A

the county will foot the bill for $31,000 in interest.

Cole said the plan is to pay off the loan early, in two years.

Auctioning the Fords, as well as other older vehicles, should be able to cover one of the interest payments, Cole said.

Delivery would be in about three months, Cole said, allowing the department to get back on its vehicle-buying cycle of rotating a few vehicles each year.

County Judge Kevin White said his biggest apprehension is the moves the legislature made to add more control over local government, a bill that failed during the recent special session.

Cole agreed, and said that is one reasons to try to pay off the note in two years

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Wood County Church Directory

Remaining in God's Love

As the Father has loved me, so have I loved you; abide in my love. If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and abide in His love. These things I have spoken to you, that your joy may be full (John 15:9-11). These encouraging verses from the Holy Bible should be beneficial in helping us build a deeper relationship with God, and allow us to stay in His love. At times, the daily happenings of our busy world may cause us to forget about God's love, and this may cause us to separate ourselves from Him. Having a good prayer life and asking God for His help in everything we do will strengthen our relationship with Him. We should try to recognize all of the daily blessings that come our way, and also accept any disappointments without grumbling or complaining. Problems, or even disasters, should be a means to help us grow in God's love, we abide in Him and our joy may be full.

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Mineola Police Report

SEPTEMBER 6

11:53 a.m., motor vehicle accident, W. Broad, vehicle hit in parking lot, contact made with subject, unaware vehicle was hit, information exchanged.

12:14 p.m., theft, 300 Greenville, wallet stolen, credit card has been used.

1:45 p.m., welfare concern, 300 Greenville, subject in and out of police department lobby, Adult Protective Services contacted.

4:45 p.m., found property, W. Front, keys found.

5:02 p.m., public assist, NE Loop 564, diamond ring lost.

5:15 p.m., assist other agency, W. Blair, EMS call.

7:57 p.m., theft, NE Loop 564, Jesse Dominguez Jr. arrested.

10:11 p.m., city ordinance violation, Kevin, loud music, music not loud but homeowner agreed to turn down.

SEPTEMBER 7

12:16 a.m., suspicious vehicle, NE Loop 564, everything OK.

2:28 a.m., assist other agency, Wigley, no contact made at residence.

10:46 a.m., information, E. Broad, possible harassment.

1:54 p.m., theft, NE Loop 564, Sharon Sue Allen arrested.

6:47 p.m., reckless driver, E. Hwy. 80 at Loop 564, ulna able to maintain lane, no signs of intoxication, subject having trouble with trailer fishtailing.

9:36 p.m., suspicious vehicle, 1000 blk NW Loop 564, subject giving driving lessons.

SEPTEMBER 8

12:43 a.m., suspicious vehicle, 1000 blk S. Pacific, driver asleep at gas pump, waiting for vehicle to cool down.

1:33 a.m., motorist assist, N. Pacific, vehicle, changing tire.

10:19 a.m., welfare concern, N. Pacific, barking noise for about an hour, dogs playing in apartment.

5:27 p.m., welfare concern, E. Kilpatrick, male on dirt bike, officer spoke with subject, will not be riding in roadway.

5:32 p.m., suspicious person, NE Loop 564, male asking for money, unable to locate.

9:00 p.m., welfare concern, 100 blk S. Pacific, subject approached by two children asking for food, saying they were locked out of house, unable to locate.

9:21 p.m., suspicious vehicle, 200 blk E. Kirkpatrick, employee leaving office.

9:46 p.m., welfare concern, W. McDonald, child left alone.

SEPTEMBER 9

1:28 a.m., welfare concern, Bluebird, unable to reach subject, no contact made.

2:42 a.m., information, Bluebird, subject from prior call.

9:39 a.m., information, 2200 blk N. Pacific, stolen license plate on vehicle, last seen traveling north on Hwy. 37.

1:12 p.m., information, Graves, vehicle repossession.

3:50 p.m., reckless driver, 1100 blk N. Pacific, unable maintain lane, driver is OK, vehicle parked.

6:52 p.m., reckless driver, 1000 blk S. Pacific, unable to maintain lane, verbal warning.

7:02 p.m., public assist, 1900 blk W. Broad, smokier area, coming from burn barrel.

7:56 p.m., civil matter, 300 blk Greenville, subject bought vehicle and seller refuses to give it to him.

8:32 p.m., warrant service, Goodson Cir., Chasity Marie Davis arrested.

8:35 p.m., welfare concern, E. Good, subject OK.

SEPTEMBER 10

8:44 a.m., assault, Peachtree, occurred in late July/early August.

9:59 a.m., motor vehicle accident, 1400 blk S. Pacific, minor, no injuries.

10:24 a.m., assist other agency, N. Johnson, EMS call for overdose.

3:21 p.m., information, 1200 Bromberg, vehicle repossession.

5:32 p.m., terroristic threat, Greenville, ex-employee made threat.

8:19 p.m., suspicious vehicle, N. Pacific, cleaning crew.

8:46 p.m., unknown offense, N. Pacific, false report of accident.

9:28 p.m., welfare concern, Debby, female from prior call cannot pay for room, trying to sleep on lobby floor, subject left.

9:45 p.m., suspicious person, S. Johnson, male following subjects, no crime committed.

11:27 p.m., welfare concern, S. Pacific, 18-wheeler stopped in roadway, delivery driver does not know gate code.

11:54 p.m., drunken subject, N. Pacific at city limits, unable to locate.

SEPTEMBER 11

4:52 a.m., harassment, E. Broad, disagreement about land.

8:30 a.m., warrant service, 300 Greenville, David Quitman Frederick Jr. turned self in.

10:04 a.m., theft, W. Broad, wallet.

1:37 p.m., subject stopped, 600 blk E. Broad, semi-truck parked on side of road several hours, driver had run out of drive time.

2:46 p.m., someone breaking into trash compartment of vacuum cleaners, directed patrol issued.

2:52 p.m., public assist, 300 Greenville, fingerprinting.

6:31 p.m., city ordinance violation, Greenville, gun shots, unable to locate.

7:54 p.m., welfare concern, S. Pacific at S. Loop 564, man racing back and forth on overpass, unable to locate.

8:32 p.m., assist other agency, Elliot, EMS call.

11:43 p.m., assist other agency, Molly, EMS call.

SEPTEMBER 12

4:11 a.m., suspicious persons, N. Newsom, persons at back of business, criminally trespassed.

8:45 a.m., assist other agency, 2200 blk E. Broad, runaway stole parents car, subject located at 8:59.

8:57 a.m., harassment, W. Blair, party being harassed by ex-wife, ongoing, subject told to stop engaging and ask her to stop.

2:50 p.m., public assist, S. Pacific, vehicle parked in street, removed before officer arrival.

3:45 p.m., welfare concern, Humphreys, infant is OK.

4:47 p.m., burglary, Sycamore, items taken while subject away, directed patrol, no case filed.

5:52 p.m., city ordinance violation, Sycamore, gun shots, subject agreed not to shoot guns, checking to see if inside city limits.

6:58 p.m., reckless driver, NE Loop 564, man attempting to purchase alcohol became angry when requested to show ID, driving in circles around store, directed patrol set up.

7:25 p.m., terroristic threat, N. Newsom, phone call from someone trying to obtain debit card info, subject refused and was threatened, directed patrol set up.

9:29 p.m., city ordinance violation, Kevin, loud music, music is not loud.

10:39 p.m., motor vehicle accident, W. Loop 564 at Broad, party following vehicle that left scene after being rear-ended, one driver transported to hospital.

Officers also made 51 traffic stops and answered 19 animal control calls and two alarms.

Wood County Sheriff's Report

SEPTEMBER 3

Deputy Knox, disturbance, Hwy. 154; caller's boyfriend slapped her during argument, boyfriend advised he did slap her. Nicholas Duval arrested for assault.

Deputy Knox, theft, FM 2088; caller had tanks on a person's property, when he went to retrieve them, they were gone, later located on neighbor's property, returned to the owner.

Deputy Haley, assault; caller's son was assaulted by another student, more information requested from the school.

SEPTEMBER 4

Deputy Knox, suspicious person, Hwy. 154; store manager advised female came in claiming to be from corporate, needed to take pictures of property, manager advised other stores have had same issue and people breaking in, pictures of suspect and vehicle provided.

Sgt. Cox, warrant service, Adult Probation. Schelle Browning arrested on active warrant.

Deputy Haley, burglary, Hawkins; store employee advised bank bag with cash missing from store, nothing else was out of place, offense report completed.

Sgt. Skinner, traffic stop, Hwy. 37; deputy was denied consent to search vehicle, K9 was called, after positive K9 alert, search conducted, 25.9 grams of crystal-like substance, 14.2 grams of green leafy substance located. Driver Robert McKenzie arrested for manufacture/delivery.

SEPTEMBER 5

Deputy Smith, Deputy Whisenhunt, Deputy Vanatta, disturbance, FM 2869; subject in parking lot causing disturbance, throwing items, subject had fled scene, later located, issued criminal trespass from store.

Deputy Smith, Deputy Vanatta, welfare concern, Hwy. 80; driver of vehicle appeared to be under the influence, standard field sobriety test conducted, driver began to refuse taking tests, deputies began to place subject in custody, he began to resist. Jase Goode arrested for DWI.

Cpl. Rich, suspicious vehicle, CR 3978; Cleveland Harrison arrested on active warrant.

SEPTEMBER 6

Sgt. Morrison, Deputy Hammond, warrant service, Winnsboro. John Wolf arrested on active warrant.

Deputy Hammond, Deputy Whisenhunt, welfare concern, FM 515; deputy observed two subjects sleeping in vehicle, drug paraphernalia in plain view, located several bags of crystal-like substance. Amy Wills arrested for manufacture/delivery.

Sgt. Morrison, Deputy Hammond, assault, CR 1555; victim's mother struck him in face during argument, suspect fled into nearby woods where she was located. Jennifer Eddington arrested for assault family violence.

Deputy Smith, Deputy Vanatta, warrant service, CR 2176. Ian McGaughey arrested on active warrants.

Deputy Beck, suspicious activity, Hawkins. Devon Harper arrested on active warrants.

SEPTEMBER 7

Deputy Way, structure fire, CR 1900; structure completely engulfed, property owner's son stated his dad had a small fire but was not on scene to watch it, fire marshal notified.

Deputy Way, disturbance, Hwy. 154; caller advised girlfriend came to residence yelling to come outside and talk to him, deputies located subject who was still screaming at caller, caller did not wish to have subject trespassed from residence.

Deputy Way, protective order violation; caller has protection order against ex-wife, she has sent message to him through his family, subject told a family member a message to get to him, did not directly speak to him.

SEPTEMBER 8

Deputy Haley, death investigation, Hawkins; Hawkins Fire Dept. sent on call for male not breathing, subject's sister advised he had list of medical conditions.

Deputy Knox, dispute, CR 1813; caller refusing to allow neighbor to fix shared fence, neighbor's cows have gone through fence onto caller's property previously, he was attempting to secure fence, caller began tearing down her own fence, was reminded that would cause neighbor's cows to come onto her property.

Deputy Williams, Deputy Tustin, assault, Quitman ER; ER advised female patient had been assaulted by her boyfriend in the lobby, parties advised they were in an argument, female began pulling male's hair causing disturbance, female was found to be the aggressor, not arrested due to receiving treatment, offense report completed.

SEPTEMBER 9

Deputy Hammond, assault, Hawkins; victim advised he had been assaulted three days ago, subject pointed gun at him, offense report completed.

Sgt. Cox, accident, CR 4885. CID and Sgt. Cox located driver of vehicle who struck another vehicle and was unconscious, deputies performed CPR until EMS arrived, subject later pronounced deceased.

Deputy Hammond, theft, CR 2918; caller advised someone broke into shop, items missing, offense report completed.

Deputies assisted DPS with vehicle accident, FM 515, caller advised major accident, one subject walking away, advised he was going to hide in the woods. DPS, DPS Air, deputies searched area, did not locate subject.

Mineola Fire Department Report

Power line down: Sept. 4, 3:38 a.m., Pecan.

Smoke or odor removal: Sept. 4, 9:19 a.m., CR 2220

Medical assist, assist EMS crew: Sept. 4, 10:52 a.m., N. Pacific; Sept. 6, 12:37 a.m., Goodson Cir.; Sept. 7, 7:35 a.m., Mimosa; Sept. 8, 10:07 p.m., N. Newsom;

Grass fire: Sept. 4, 2:10 p.m., FM 17; Sept. 4, 2:10 p.m., FM 17 at Sabine River bridge.

Motor vehicle accident with no injuries: Sept. 4, 4:20 p.m., CR 2320; Sept. 9, 4:27 p.m., Hwy. 69 at CR 2260.

Motor vehicle accident with injuries: Sept. 4, 9:03 p.m., NE Loop 564.

Steam, other gas mistaken for smoke: Sept. 5, 8:06 a.m., Dogwood.

Dispatched and canceled en route: Sept. 6, 5:13 p.m., W. Blair; Sept. 6, 10:11 p.m., CR 2434.

Gas leak (natural gas or LPG): Sept. 9, 8:27 a.m., CR 2330.

EMS call excluding vehicle accident with injury: Sept. 10, 2:07 p.m., CR 2262.

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Mineola Library Notes

BY LIBRARIAN MARY HURLEY



September is off to a flying start.

If you missed Read to a Dog, you missed getting to know to wonderful therapy dogs and their humans. Oct. 4 at 9 a.m. will be the next visit and we'll see which dogs join us for the event.

Toddler Time, Preschool Story Time and Homeschool Heroes are back up and running with fun things to do. Youth Advisory Committee saw its biggest attendance during their inaugural meeting.

The library will be participating in the Iron Horse Heritage Festival with a booth.

Stop by and see us on Sept. 27 and learn about the library, what it has to offer and maybe purchase a bag of books in support of the library.

Each January begins a task of completing the Annual Report/Survey of libraries in Texas.

This information is collected by the Texas State Library and Archives Commission.

Once again, Mineola Memorial Library is an accredited library based on our responses.

Basically, we measure up to the expectations set by the state.

We are happy to be accredited as it allows us to participate in the TexShare Database program and the inter-library loan program among other things.

Remember, the Mineola Memorial Library is a 501(c)3, non-profit and your donations not only help the library, they may be tax-deductible.

Many thanks to Kiwanis and Hochheim Prairie for their donations.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Notice is hereby given that original Letters Testamentary for the Estate Judy Diamond Gwaltney, Deceased, were issued on September 8th, 2025, under Cause No. 15,036, pending in the County Court of Wood County, Texas, to, Independent Executor Lowell Konrad Gwaltney, Sr.

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

Lowell Konrad Gwaltney, Sr.,
Independent Executor Estate of
Judy Diamond Gwaltney, Deceased
c/o Robert B. Wilson
Attorney at Law
Law Office of Robert B. Wilson, PLLC
P. O. Box 1529
Quitman, Texas 75783

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

Dated September 8, 2025.

Robert B. Wilson
Attorney for Executor

Obituaries

JEANENE C. DOUTHIT
1938-2025



Jeanene C. Douthit, 87, of Longview, passed away in the early morning hours of Sept. 8, 2025 at Summer Meadows Nursing Facility, due to complications following major neck surgery.

Funeral service for Mrs. Douthit was held at 10 a.m. on Saturday, Sept. 13, 2025 at Rader Funeral Home of Longview. Rev. Kip Salser officiated. Burial followed at Roselawn Memorial Gardens in Mineola. The family received friends for viewing at the funeral home from 5-7 p.m. on Friday evening, Sept.12.

Jeanene was born in Gladewater on Sept. 8, 1938 to Rodney Andrew Charles and Bertha Ella Gay. She attended Texas Christian University, where she rushed and was inducted into Kappa Kappa Gamma Sorority. After two years at TCU, she moved to Midland, where she worked until she met her true love, Doug Douthit. They were married in 1962, and they welcomed their daughter, Julie, five years later. Doug's profession with Texaco took them to New Orleans, La. and 19 years after that to Tulsa, Okla. Upon retirement, they settled in Longview.

In Longview, Jeanene served 32 years with the Good Shepherd Hospital Volunteer Auxiliary, and it meant so much to her that she wanted to be buried in her volunteer uniform. Jeanene made friends wherever she went. She had a fondness for helping those in need. She also had a great love for animals and fed and watered many feral cats on her back porch. The many cats and dogs who called her house a home enjoyed Taj Mahal for pets. Other interests included a love for history, World War II and all things mechanical. She played the piano and trombone in school, loved to tell jokes and had tons of stories to share.

Survivors include her daughter, Julie McReynolds and her husband Weldon of Longview; cousins, Amy Anderson and husband Philip, and Allan Miller and wife Mickie of Bettie; their children, Kristi Cruthirds, Brad Knight, Kelli Hood, Michael Miller and Kevin Miller; and their children, Pierson, Reid and Emerson Cruthirds; Jillian and Jackson Knight; Madilynn, Maycee and Maebry Hood; Caroline and Colynn Miller; and Cole and Laikyn Miller.

A special thank you to Visiting Angels, and especially to Laura Bledsoe, for helping to make the last days of Jeanene's life more bearable.

SHOW

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Luke Goforth, $1,000, Sammy Carr, Tyler Rose Group, Realty One
Damon Young, $900, Emory Livestock
Mark Hooton, $500, Brady Smith
Justin Lynch, $550, Jason Ray-Edward Jones
Taylor Arney, $800, Miller Hay Sales
Martha Holmes, $700, Wyatt's Towing
Leon Anderson, $900, Tim and Mercy Rushing
Tyler English, $800, Potts Feed
Heather Allen, $800, Seth's Lake Fork Creek Restaurant
Narwin Gaby, $1,500, Keys and Locks
Sammy Young, $1,200, Kevin Merritt and James Huff
David Rains, $700, Legacy Ag Credit
Jim Hooton, $550, Big Country Farm Store
Tom West, $900, Jerry Gaskill

OTHER AUCTION ITEMS

Hollis Weekender and blanket from Envy Stylz Boutique, $600, First National Bank of East Texas
Hog hunt, steak dinner from Trey and Buddy Huff, $1,200, Monica Cook State Farm
Dooney and Bourke bag and Kendra Scott necklace from Young Oil Co., $1,000, Loretta Huff
Mystery cooler Igloo 60-quart from Mako Solutions, $1,000, Young Oil Co.
Square bales (42 bales) from W6 Farms, $1,000, KM Cattle, resale $650, Ventura Stained Concrete.

HAY DECORATING CONTEST WINNERS

Large decor - Gray's Nursery, Guild Mortgage
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8:45 am USDA-NRCS Technical & Financial Assistance Programs
9:30 am USDA-Farm Service Agency (FSA) Financial Assistance
10:15 am Texas A&M Forest Service
10:45 am USDA-Rural Development Financial Assistance
11:00 am Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Resources
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NO. 15,011

ESTATE OF	§	IN THE COUNTY COURT
DORIS ALENE LORENZ,	§	OF
DECEASED	§	WOOD COUNTY, TEXAS

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Notice is hereby given that original Letters Testamentary for the Estate of DORIS ALENE LORENZ, Deceased, were issued on September 15, 2025, in Cause No. 15,011, pending in the County Court of Wood County, Texas to WALTER HARTMAN.

The residence of the Independent Executor is in Wood County, Texas. The post office address of the Independent Executor is c/o Jason A. Holt, P.O. Box 937, 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 15th day of September, 2025.

JASON A. HOLT

Downsizing Sale for Cynthia and Whit Riter
Drs. Jeanette and Kirk Calhoun
Jewelry selections consigned by Lois Roncal
4809 Hightech Drive, Tyler 75703

(Outside SSE Loop 323 and off Paluxy; turn east on Shiloh Rd. and turn north on Hightech Dr.)

Sept. 17, 1-5:30; Sept. 18 ~ 8:00 - 5:30 *(NOTE TIME CHANGE from our normal sale time)***; Sept. 19 ~ 8:00 - 5:30 ; Sept. 20 ~ 8:00 - 2:00**

Baccarat, Waterford, Limoges, Herend, Rogaska/Bacchante; Vietri pottery, Bordallo Pinheiro china; antique French candelabra lamps; original Pen King art. Chanel, St. John, Celine Triomphe, Marni Tropicalia, Roberta di Camerino, YS Laurent, L. Vuitton, Hermes, Ferragamo; furs, Barbour, Layfette, Armani, Versace, Chanel. Yurman, Konstantino. Antique St. Clair clock; signed Stetson by Larry Hagman/ Linda Grey; Hakata Dolls, J. Dubin; coppertop tables, Doheney furniture, entertaining supplies; variety custom linens. Radko; Duncan Royal Santa collection. Patio/outdoor/pool/lake; golf/tennis, tools. Toys, books, games, trains, Legos, Hot Wheels; hunting mounts, clothes, boots; Orvis luggage. Lg. selection of furniture, décor, lamps, art/pictures.

Next sale: Oct. 2-4
Pictures: DivideAndConquerOfEastTexas.com or EstateSales.Net

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Notice is given that original Letters of Administration for the Estate of Allen David Dinsmore, Sr. were issued on September 8, 2025, in Cause No. 15,004, pending in the County Court of Wood County, Texas, to Krysten Nicole Dinsmore.

All persons having claims against the estate, which is presently being administered, are required to submit them, within the time and manner prescribed by law, and before the estate is closed, addressed as follows:

c/o Bradley S. Campbell
228 W Broad St
Mineola, Texas 75773

Dated: September 8, 2025

/s/ Bradley S. Campbell
Bradley S. Campbell
Attorney for Administrator of the Estate of Allen David Dinsmore, Sr.

NO. 15,043

ESTATE OF	§	IN THE COUNTY COURT
LYNDON RAY REED,	§	OF
DECEASED	§	WOOD COUNTY, TEXAS

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Notice is hereby given that original Letters Testamentary for the Estate of LYNDON RAY REED, Deceased, were issued on September 15, 2025, in Cause No. 15,043, pending in the County Court of Wood County, Texas to RITA BETH BRANCH REED.

The residence of the Independent Executor is in Wood County, Texas. The post office address of the Independent Executor is c/o Jason A. Holt, P.O. Box 937, 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 15th day of September, 2025.

JASON A. HOLT, Attorney for
RITA BETH BRANCH REED,
Independent Executor

Wood County Yesteryear

Wood County news and advertisements from nearly 75 years ago, as seen in the September 21, 1950 edition of the Mineola Monitor

"Hainesville School District Abolished"

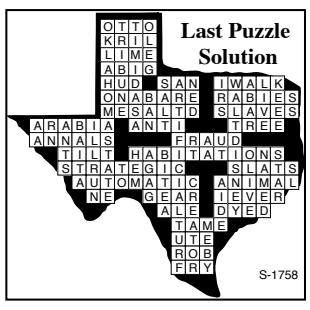
"(Previous Mineolean) Susan Shirey Stricken With Polio in Alaska"

"Mineolean Listed Among Wounded In Korean War: Corporal Charles Allen… was slightly wounded in combat Sept. 6, and his condition is not serious. Allen is the third Mineola soldier wounded in the fighting in Korea."

"The Most Beautiful Thing on Wheels: A Truly Wonderful Car! Dollar for Dollar you can't beat a Pontiac."

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LEGAL NOTICE

Notice to Creditors of THE ESTATE of INGRID EMMA GOTTSCHE ORTEGA, Deceased

Notice is hereby given that Letters Testamentary upon the Estate of INGRID EMMA GOTTSCHE ORTEGA, Deceased were granted to James Harold Ortega on August 27, 2025 by the County Court of Wood County, Texas.

All persons having claims against said estate are hereby required to present the same to James Harold Ortega c/o D.P. WOOD LAW, PLLC within the time prescribed by law.

D.P. WOOD LAW, PLLC
17177 Preston Road, Suite 340
Dallas, Texas 75248

Attorney for Independent Executor of the Estate of INGRID EMMA GOTTSCHE ORTEGA, Deceased.

CAUSE NO. 15,039

CITY OF MINEOLA

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The public is hereby notified that the Planning & Zoning Commission of The City of Mineola will hold a public hearing to receive public comment on Monday, October 6, 2025 at 5:30 pm at City Hall, 300 Greenville Hwy., Mineola, TX. The purpose of the hearing is to discuss a request for the rezoning of the following properties owned by Trinidad Benham:

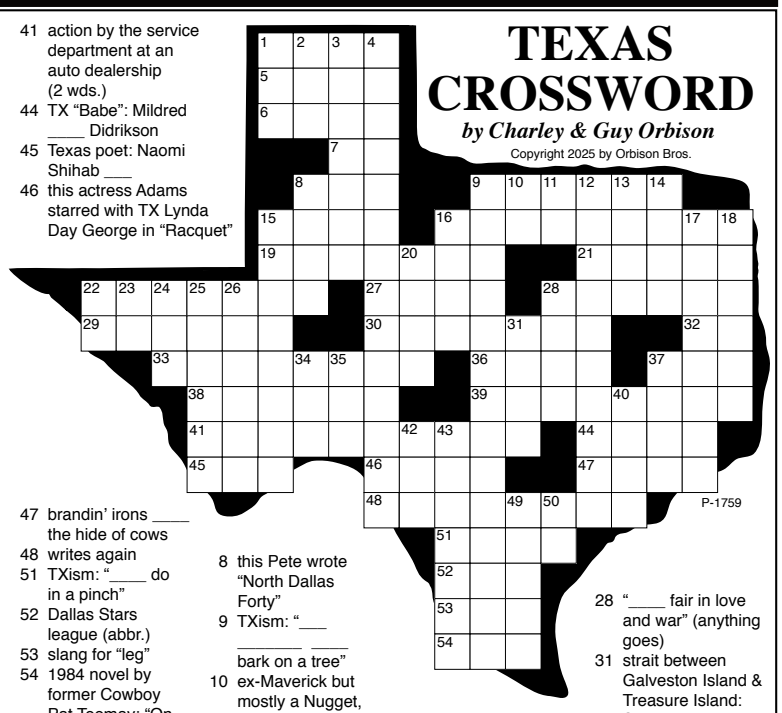
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ACROSS

1 soft Texas mineral
5 in 1965, USAF 7th Bomb Wing from Texas flew missions over Southeast ____
6 TXism: "does a ____ office business" (successful)
7 __boll, TX
8 a cowgirl
9 TXism: "dicker"
15 TXism: "got his spurs tangled"
16 some young plants
19 James McLure wrote these types of plays about Texas (2 wds.)
21 pungent chili ingredient
22 undermine established authority
27 layer of paint
28 "ain't got _ ___ __ lie in" (homeless)
29 these words follow Panna & Santa in two Texas towns
30 Lisalverto who pitched for the Rangers in 2014
32 "Cowpokes" artist, TX Ace (init.)
33 Houston: "The Golden Buckle __ ___ ___ Belt"
36 brave sea bird at Gulf restaurants
37 TXism: "___ your head for something besides a hat rack"
38 State Park near Port Arthur (2 wds.)
39 TXism: "got ___ _____ tangled" (lied)
41 action by the service department at an auto dealership (2 wds.)
44 TX "Babe": Mildred ____ Didrikson
45 Texas poet: Naomi Shihab ___
46 this actress Adams starred with TX Lynda Day George in "Racquet"
47 brandin' irons ____ the hide of cows
48 writes again
51 TXism: "____ do in a pinch"
52 Dallas Stars league (abbr.)
53 slang for "leg"
54 1984 novel by former Cowboy Pat Toomay: "On ___ Given Sunday"

DOWN

1 noted past Astro GM, Smith, in Astro Hall of Fame
2 TXism: "clean __ _ hound's tooth"
3 in Smith County on U.S. 69
4 TXism: "hot as a _____ _____"
8 this Pete wrote "North Dallas Forty"
9 TXism: "___ _____ ____ bark on a tree"
10 ex-Maverick but mostly a Nugget, Alex (init.)
11 Dallas County named for this VP (init.)
12 New York international music festival
13 TXism: "hook, ____, and sinker"
14 Oklahoma town
15 TXism: "spends his time looking ___ _____" (lazy)
16 this Musial's "World Series" is in Texas
17 TX Mac Davis ___ _ ____ on Hollywood Blvd. in 1998
18 sleep sounds
20 Alamo's Davy wore a ____skin cap
22 Texas-born comedy actor, Martin (init.)
23 a MGM co.
24 sis' sib
25 Texas actress Helen of 1940 film "Curtain Call"
26 restaurant or cafe
28 "____ fair in love and war" (anything goes)
31 strait between Galveston Island & Treasure Island: San ____ Pass
34 poetic "before"
35 British 1967 film: "To ___ With Love"
37 Troy Aikman's alma mater
40 strong beers
42 citrus drink ending
43 tinhorns can get saddle sore _____ _ horse
49 TXism: "never in ___ __ born days"
50 Ron DeSantis state (abbr.)

CITATION BY PUBLICATION

THE STATE OF TEXAS **COUNTY OF WOOD**

TO: ALL THE UNKNOWN HEIRS AND OTHER PERSONS INTERESTED IN THE ESTATE OF LARRY WEAVER GREEN, DEC'D Cause No. 15,046 in County Court in and for Wood County, Texas

Dustin Paul Green, Applicant in the above numbered and entitled case, filed on the 27th day of August, 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 here 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 often (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 9th day of September, 2025.

COUNTY COURT OF WOOD COUNTY TEXAS

KELLEY PRICE, County Clerk
Wood County, Texas

By: _____
Dachelle Byford, Deputy

QUITMAN

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fell short on the scoreboard, the night carried a deeper meaning as the community came together to remember the lives lost on Sept. 11 and to honor the heroes who continue to serve.

Quitman goes on the road Friday to face Eustace for a 7:30 p.m. kickoff.

CITY OF MINEOLA

NOTICE OF INTENTION TO ISSUE CITY OF MINEOLA, TEXAS CERTIFICATES OF OBLIGATION

TAKE NOTICE that the City Council of the City of Mineola, Texas, shall convene at 5:30 p.m. on October 27, 2025, at its regular meeting place in City Hall located at 300 Greenville Highway, Mineola, Texas, and, during such meeting, the City Council will consider the passage of an ordinance authorizing the issuance of certificates of obligation, in one or more series, in an amount not to exceed FIVE HUNDRED FIFTY THOUSAND DOLLARS ($550,000) for the purpose of paying contractual obligations to be incurred for (i) the construction of public works, to wit: designing, constructing, renovating, improving, and equipping the City's water system and any necessary land and rights of way therefor and (ii) professional services rendered in connection with such projects and the financing thereof, such certificates to be payable from ad valorem taxes and a pledge of the surplus net revenues of the City's waterworks and sewer system. In accordance with Texas Local Government Code Section 271.049, (i) the current principal amount of all of the City's outstanding public securities secured by and payable from ad valorem taxes is $2,611,250; (ii) the current combined principal and interest required to pay all of the City's outstanding public securities secured by and payable from ad valorem taxes on time and in full is $3,913,500; (iii) the estimated combined principal and interest required to pay the certificates of obligation to be authorized on time and in full is $736,414; (iv) the maximum interest rate for the certificates may not exceed the maximum legal interest rate; and (v) the maximum maturity date of the certificates to be authorized is September 1, 2055. The above information excludes $13,992,750 in principal amount of outstanding debt obligations the City has designated as self-supporting which the City reasonably expects to pay from revenue sources other than ad valorem taxes; provided, however, that in the event such self-supporting revenue sources are insufficient to pay debt service, the City is obligated to levy ad valorem taxes to pay such debt obligations. The certificates are to be issued, and this notice is given, under and pursuant to the provisions of Texas Local Government Code, Subchapter C of Chapter 271, as amended.

Lisa Morrison, City Secretary
City of Mineola, Texas



Chloe Jones goes for a score for the Quitman Lady Bulldogs last week against Grand Saline. (Monitor photo by Samantha Luscomb)

Lady Bulldogs grind out victory over the visiting Grand Saline Lady Indians

By SAMANTHA LUSCOMB

The Quitman Lady Bulldogs battled their way to a hard-fought 3-1 victory over the Grand Saline Lady Indians in Tuesday night's volleyball matchup Sept. 9.

Grand Saline came out strong in the opening set, jumping to an early lead and keeping Quitman just out of reach. Despite a late push from the Lady Bulldogs, the Lady Indians held on to secure the first set, 25-22.

Quitman wasted no time bouncing back. Behind sharp spikes and tough serving, the Lady Bulldogs powered through the second set. Grand Saline fought to stay close, but Quitman pulled away late to take it, 25-22, and even the match at 1-1.

Momentum fully shifted in the third set. The Lady Bulldogs surged ahead quickly and never looked back, dominating with a commanding 25-9 win to grab control of the match.

Grand Saline answered with renewed intensity in the fourth, keeping the set tight from start to finish. But Quitman stayed composed under pressure, closing out the night with a 25-22 victory to seal the match, 3-1.

PUBLIC NOTICE
Brief Explanatory Statements of Proposed Constitutional Amendments Special Election, November 4, 2025

Proposition Number 1
(SJR 59)

SJR 59 proposes a constitutional amendment to establish two special funds in the state treasury to provide a dedicated source of funding for capital projects and equipment purchases related to educational programs offered by the Texas State Technical College (TSTC) System. The proposed amendment requires the Texas Comptroller of Public Accounts to manage the funds, including managing any investment activities related to the funds and making the funds available for use by the TSTC System. The proposed amendment authorizes the TSTC System Board of Regents to use amounts distributed by the Comptroller to the available fund to acquire land, construct and equip buildings and other permanent improvements, make major repairs and rehabilitations of buildings or other permanent improvements, acquire capital equipment, acquire library books and materials, make payment of the principal and interest due on any bonds or notes used to finance permanent improvements, or for any other purpose authorized by law. Under the proposed amendment, the TSTC System could not use the appropriated funds to construct, equip, repair, or rehabilitate buildings or other permanent improvements that are to be used for intercollegiate athletics or auxiliary enterprises.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: **"The constitutional amendment providing for the creation of the permanent technical institution infrastructure fund and the available workforce education fund to support the capital needs of educational programs offered by the Texas State Technical College System."**

Proposition Number 2
(SJR 18)

SJR 18 proposes a constitutional amendment to prohibit the legislature from imposing a tax on the realized or unrealized capital gains of an individual, family, estate, or trust. This prohibition would include a tax on the sale or transfer of a capital asset that is payable by an individual, family, estate, or trust selling or transferring the asset. The proposed amendment would not prohibit the imposition or change in the rate of an ad valorem tax on property; a sales tax on the sale of goods or services; or a use tax on the storage, use, or other consumption in this state of goods or services.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: **"The constitutional amendment prohibiting the imposition of a tax on the realized or unrealized capital gains of an individual, family, estate, or trust."**

Proposition Number 3
(SJR 5)

SJR 5 proposes a constitutional amendment to require the denial of bail pending trial for persons accused of certain criminal offenses. The proposed amendment would apply only to a person accused of committing one or more of the following offenses: murder; capital murder; aggravated assault if the person caused serious bodily injury to another, as defined by law, or the person used a firearm, club, knife, or explosive weapon, as those terms are defined by law, during the commission of the assault; aggravated kidnapping; aggravated robbery; aggravated sexual assault; indecency with a child; trafficking of persons; or continuous trafficking of persons. Under the proposed amendment, a person accused of one or more of these offenses must be denied bail pending trial if the attorney representing the state demonstrates by a preponderance of the evidence that the granting of bail is insufficient to reasonably prevent the person's willful nonappearance in court; or the attorney representing the state demonstrates by clear and convincing evidence that the granting of bail is insufficient to reasonably ensure the safety of the community, law enforcement, and the victim of the alleged offense. A judge or magistrate who grants bail to a person accused of one or more of these offenses under the proposed amendment must set bail and impose conditions of release necessary only to reasonably prevent the person's willful nonappearance in court and ensure the safety of the community, law enforcement, and the victim of the alleged offense. The judge or magistrate must also prepare a written order that includes findings of fact and a statement explaining the justification for the grant of bail. The proposed amendment specifies that it may not be construed to limit any right a person has under other law to contest a denial of bail or to contest the amount of bail set by a judge or magistrate or to require any testimonial evidence before a judge or magistrate makes a bail decision with respect to a person to whom the amendment applies. A judge or magistrate who determines whether a preponderance of the evidence or clear and convincing evidence exists under the proposed amendment shall consider the likelihood of the person's willful nonappearance in court; the nature and circumstances of the alleged offense; the safety of the community, law enforcement, and the victim of the alleged offense; and the criminal history of the person. A person is entitled to be represented by counsel at a hearing described by the proposed amendment.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: **"The constitutional amendment requiring the denial of bail under certain circumstances to persons accused of certain offenses punishable as a felony."**

Proposition Number 4
(HJR 7)

HJR 7 proposes a constitutional amendment to dedicate a portion of the revenue derived from state sales and use taxes to the Texas water fund and to provide for the allocation and use of that revenue. The proposed amendment would authorize the legislature to allocate and transfer funds to accounts administered by the Texas Water Development Board. The proposed amendment also allows the legislature to suspend allocations of funds to these accounts during a state of disaster declared under Chapter 418 of the Texas Government Code.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: **"The constitutional amendment to dedicate a portion of the revenue derived from state sales and use taxes to the Texas water fund and to provide for the allocation and use of that revenue."**

Proposition Number 5
(HJR 99)

HJR 99 proposes a constitutional amendment to allow the legislature to exempt animal feed held by the owner for retail sale from ad valorem taxation. The proposed amendment would authorize the legislature to provide additional eligibility requirements for the exemption.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: **"The constitutional amendment authorizing the legislature to exempt from ad valorem taxation tangible personal property consisting of animal feed held by the owner of the property for sale at retail."**

Proposition Number 6
(HJR 4)

HJR 4 proposes a constitutional amendment to prohibit the legislature from enacting a law that imposes an occupation tax on a registered securities market operator or a tax on a securities transaction conducted by a registered securities market operator. The proposed amendment would not prohibit the imposition of a general business tax measured by business activity, a tax on the production of minerals, a tax on insurance premiums, a sales and use tax on tangible personal property or services, or a fee based on the cost of processing or creating documents. The proposed amendment would also not prohibit a change in the rate of a tax in existence on January 1, 2026.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: **"The constitutional amendment prohibiting the legislature from enacting a law imposing an occupation tax on certain entities that enter into transactions conveying securities or imposing a tax on certain securities transactions."**

Proposition Number 7
(HJR 133)

HJR 133 proposes a constitutional amendment to allow the legislature to give surviving spouses of United States armed services veterans a property tax exemption on their residence homestead. The proposed amendment would exempt all or part of the property tax on the spouse's residence homestead if the veteran died from a condition or disease presumed under federal law to be service-related. The exemption would apply only to a surviving spouse who has not remarried since the veteran's death.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: **"The constitutional amendment authorizing the legislature to provide for an exemption from ad valorem taxation of all or part of the market value of the residence homestead of the surviving spouse of a veteran who died as a result of a condition or disease that is presumed under federal law to have been service-connected."**

Proposition Number 8
(HJR 2)

HJR 2 proposes a constitutional amendment to prohibit the legislature from imposing a state tax on a deceased individual's estate because of the individual's death, including an estate, inheritance, or death tax. The proposed amendment would prohibit the legislature from imposing a state tax on the transfer of an estate, inheritance, legacy, succession, or gift from an individual, family, estate, or trust, including generation-skipping transfers, if the tax was not in effect on January 1, 2025. The proposed amendment would also prohibit the legislature from increasing the tax rate or expanding the applicability to new parties of a transfer tax that was in effect on January 1, 2025.

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Lady Panther Maddy Moore digs a ball in the back court against Harleton. (Monitor photo by John Arbter)

Lady Panthers sweep Harleton

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The Alba-Golden Lady Panthers have been steadily preparing for their opening district match Sept. 23 against Como-Pickton. Their last step forward was a three set (25-13, 25-11, 25-11) sweep of the visiting Harleton Ladycats last Tuesday.

The service game carried the Lady Panthers throughout the match. Alba-Golden recorded 25 aces, including four consecutive by Sadie Wright in the first set.

Wright, more than any of her teammates, was dialed in from the service line – issuing serves which handcuffed the Harleton backline. Her serves were squarely hit and arrived at the backline at just the right height and angle to cause confusion on how to return the serve.

Also having a big day from the service line were Jayla Sitar, Averi Stevenson and Riley Hass. Stevenson ended the first and second sets with aces.

Three passages of play indicated the progress the Lady Panthers have made in the pre-district campaign. Improved timing at the net – as evidenced by Briana Ringgold's block early in the first set – is one obvious improvement.

The short set by Sitar to feed Stevenson in the second set led to a resounding kill and was executed in textbook fashion. Lastly, attacks from the left wing by Campbell Shrum have become well-placed and generated with significant velocity.

While reviewing the many positives from last Tuesday, the Lady Panthers will also digest the number of service errors and mis-hits which gifted points to the opposition. Harleton earned, through attacking volleyball, only ten total points in the match. The other 25 points were handling errors by Alba-Golden.

The Lady Panthers travelled to Lone Oak and Rains for their last two pre-district warm-up matches, before hosting Como-Pickton in the district opener. Look for Alba-Golden to be fighting for a district title.

Second half sends Mineola to season's second loss

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The Mineola coaching staff had to be satisfied with the work of the Yellowjackets in the first half against the Arp Tigers last Friday. The team had produced two quarters of outstanding play: solid assignment football, great effort and almost no mistakes.

Mineola led at the half, 8-7. The second half just did not go the Yellowjackets way. Mineola lost the momentum with a long Tiger kick-off return to open the second half and coughed up two turnovers leading to short fields for the visiting Tigers. The result: Arp 35, Mineola 8.

In what has become an oddity in modern football, each team possessed the ball only once in the first quarter. Mineola drove the ball for 15 plays and Arp for 17 plays. The Jackets turned that possession over on downs, while the Tigers missed a field goal attempt.

The Jackets scored on their second possession, marching 76 yards in 14 plays. Kipton Neighbors carried the ball over the goal-line by busting through three defenders. Braelyn Geremonte scooted around the right end for the 2-point conversion.

Arp struck back. The Tigers hit a 62-yard go-route to the slot receiver, taking the ball down to the Jacket 1-yard line. Despite a crunching tackle from Geremonte, Arp managed to just get the ball over the line on the next play.

The Tigers returned the second half kick-off into Mineola territory. Then, they took advantage of Mineola's defensive pursuit by running a series of misdirection plays. One of those crossbuck plays carried the ball to the Mineola 10-yard line. Arp scored two plays later.

Defensively, the Tigers stopped reading the Mineola blocking cues and simply attacked. They rushed in behind any Mineola lineman pulling to the opposite side of the formation. They slant-stunted on nearly every play.

The Jackets were stonewalled in the second half, managing only 68 yards in the face of the onrushing defense.

A fumble gave Arp a short field which they converted to make the score 21-8. Following an interception, Arp scored from 26 yards out on a triple option pitch.

After three quarters the score stood 28-8. The visitors added a score in the final quarter, but the game had been long decided.

There were a ton of positive takeaways from this game and a rich harvest of improvements as well. As the Jackets continue to work toward the Sept. 26 district-opener at Mt Vernon, they will certainly benefit from all the learning points of the Arp game.

Mineola hosts the North Lamar Panthers this Friday in the last pre-district match-up.

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Brief Explanatory Statements of Proposed Constitutional Amendments Special Election, November 4, 2025

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The proposed amendment would not prohibit the imposition or change in the rate or applicability of a general business tax measured by business activity; a tax on the production of minerals; a tax on the issuance of title insurance; a tax in existence on January 1, 2016; a tax on the transfer of a motor vehicle by gift; or an ad valorem tax on property.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: **"The constitutional amendment to prohibit the legislature from imposing death taxes applicable to a decedent's property or the transfer of an estate, inheritance, legacy, succession, or gift."**

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 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 amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: **"The constitutional amendment regarding the membership of the State Commission on Judicial Conduct, the membership of the tribunal to review the commission's recommendations, and the authority of the commission, the tribunal, and the Texas Supreme Court to more effectively sanction judges and justices for judicial misconduct."**

Proposition Number 13
(SJR 2)

SJR 2 proposes a constitutional amendment to increase the mandatory 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 amendment 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 financial 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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Lady Jacket Mahayla McMahon winds-up to send another strike down range. (Photo by Ava Arbter)



Maya Herrera in action for the Lady Bulldogs Friday. (Monitor photo by John Arbter)

Lady Jackets even district record with sweep of Quitman Lady Bulldogs

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With power and precision, the Mineola Lady Jackets bested the visiting Quitman Lady Bulldogs last Friday in a straight set volleyball win, 25-13, 25-13, 25-10.

Mineola featured the strong striking of Mahayla McMahon, whose high-velocity spikes literally kept the Lady Bulldogs on their heels all match. McMahon had seven scoring strikes in the opening set which Mineola dominated in clinical fashion.

A late set rally by the Lady Bulldogs highlighted by an ace and a block by Autumn Cason closed the score somewhat and gave Quitman some life.

The second set began in a wild fashion with long, desperate volleys. It took several service turns until the play settled. A kill by Adelyn Steward restored order for the Lady Jackets, and they went on to double the score at 10-5 with an ace by Lucy Goodson.

McMahon continued to hammer scoring strikes throughout the set, with an occasional drop or push shot when necessary. Teammate Canyon Redding joined her in the last two sets, wielding just as powerful of a scoring stroke. Redding's precision from the service line was also an imposing feature of the Mineola victory.

Junior Callie Black had another excellent match setting the ball. Her consistency and placement were excellent, and the strikers could depend on having the ball set at the proper height with no english.

Two consecutive late-match kills by Lady Bulldog Erin Vander Schaaf declared that, although it certainly wasn't Quitman's day, they too could play some volleyball.

Both teams are 1-1 in district play. Quitman topped Grand Saline before dropping the match to Mineola. The Lady Jackets lost their district opener to Malakoff.

After facing Edgewood, the Lady Jackets travel to Harmony Thursday. The Lady Bulldogs had a bye on Tuesday and entertain Edgewood Friday in Quitman.



Quitman's Bryson Hobbs carries for yardage. (Monitor photo by Ben Barnett)

Roughnecks rough up Bulldogs

By BEN BARNETT

The Quitman Bulldogs took the field Thursday night against the White Oak Roughnecks in an emotional matchup that began with a moving tribute to honor 9/11. The game ball was delivered by the Quitman UT Health helicopter, and first responders, veterans and nursing staff proudly held the American flag during the national anthem.

Once play began, White Oak wasted no time striking first, scoring a touchdown within minutes of the opening quarter. Quitman quickly responded when quarterback Jonathan Hayes pushed into the end zone, and a successful kick tied the score at 7-7. White Oak regained momentum with another touchdown and extra point, pulling ahead 14-7.

Quitman fought to stay close. A clutch reception by Colston Smith set up Hayes for his second touchdown of the night, though the extra point was blocked, keeping the Bulldogs just one point behind at 14-13. But the Roughnecks answered with two quick scores before halftime, stretching the lead to 28-13.

The second half proved even more difficult for Quitman. On their opening possession, the Bulldogs turned the ball over on downs, giving White Oak excellent field position. The Roughnecks immediately capitalized with a touchdown pass and extra point, extending their lead to 35-13.

From there, turnovers continued to haunt Quitman. With five minutes left in the third quarter, White Oak tacked on another touchdown after a turnover on downs, stretching the score to 42-13. A costly interception thrown by Hayes gave the Roughnecks the ball once again, and they quickly converted it into another touchdown, pushing the deficit to 49-13 by the end of the third quarter.

Quitman showed brief signs of life, including another first-down reception by Smith, but White Oak's relentless offense wasn't finished. The Roughnecks piled on one more touchdown giving them a large lead with the score being 56-16.

Although Quitman briefly gained momentum when Cannon Peppers snagged an interception, the Bulldogs' short lived advantage ended with a fumble at the 1-yard line, which White Oak turned into a back-breaking 99-yard touchdown run. That explosive play sealed White Oak's dominant 63-13 victory.

Though the Bulldogs

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The Panthers attack over the left side. (Monitor photo by John Arbter)

Panther comeback falls short

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The Alba-Golden Panthers were undone last Friday by an Ore City Rebels team that took advantage of Panther mistakes en route to a 24-16 win.

The Panthers struggled out of the gate and fell behind early. They rallied in the second half to draw within range of the lead but fell short in the closing minutes.

Two penalties marred the opening possession for Alba-Golden, and they were forced to punt. The punt snap shot over the head of the punter and through the end zone for a safety.

The Rebels were moving on the ensuing short field after the free kick but were derailed when Boogie Trimble undercut an out-route and intercepted a pass. The Panthers could not move and turned the ball over on downs.

The Rebels hit a seam route for a big gain into Panther territory and ground-out a score to take a 9-0 lead.

Alba-Golden put together a 57-yard drive as the quarter expired, reaching the Rebel 8-yard line. A nice draw play by Mason Smith and a screen from Sam Olson to Brett Sutton featured in the drive. The fourth-down pass to end the drive glanced off the Panther receiver, and the team turned the ball over on downs.

The Rebels moved 92 yards on eight plays to score on their next possession. The score came on a 56-yard quick-pitch run around the right end.

After intercepting a deep Alba-Golden pass, the Rebels were stopped at the goal-line as time expired in the half. The score stood 16-0.

Having stopped the Rebels on the opening possession of the second half, Alba-Golden was derailed by another penalty and forced to punt. The snap again was errant and sailed out of the end zone for a safety.

Ore City scored from the ensuing short field.

The Panthers desperately needed a touchdown. They got it when Olson lofted a beautiful pass to Trimble who was streaking down the south sideline. A two-point conversion made the score 24-8 as the third quarter drew to a close.

The Panthers defense shut down the Rebels on their next two possessions, and the team rallied. Another deep ball from Olson to Trimble put the ball at the Rebel 19-yard line.

Smith scored on a 13-yard draw play over the left side. Olson fought his way through two tackles to convert the 2-point try. The home side had drawn to within one score and a try.

The Panthers needed a stop, but Ore City managed a drive of 50 yards to bleed out the clock.

The second half revealed what the 2025 Panthers could be. They limited Ore City to 94 yards of offense in the second half while mounting two lengthy scoring drives. Had the Panthers produced the same quality of play in the opening half, the win would surely have been theirs

Of particular note, Panther Brett Sutton was a defensive stalwart throughout the game. Whenever a critical stop was needed, it seemed as though Alba-Golden's number 3 was in on the tackle. He made critical stops all game on the edge of the defense.

The Panthers will travel to Simms on Friday to face the Pirates of James Bowie High School.

2025-2026 SPORTS SCHEDULE

FOOTBALL

Alba-Golden	@	James Bowie	Sept. 19, 7PM
Mineola	vs	N. Lamar	Sept. 19, 7:30PM
Quitman	@	Eustace	Sept. 19, 7:30PM

VOLLEYBALL

Alba-Golden	@	Rains	Sept. 19, 4:30PM
	vs	Como-Pickton	Sept. 23, 5PM
Mineola	@	Harmony	Sept. 18, 4PM
	@	Winona	Sept. 23, 4:30PM
Quitman	vs	Edgewood	Sept. 19, 4:30PM
	vs	Eustace	Sept. 23, 4:30PM

CROSS COUNTRY

Alba-Golden	@	Lone Oak	Sept. 21, 8AM
Mineola	@	Old Settlers Park Round Rock	Sept. 19, 8:30AM
Quitman	@	MP Chapel Hill	Sept. 20, 8AM

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