



New Golden Sweet Potato Queen Piper Hallman tosses candy to parade goers Saturday morning. The rain cleared just in time for the parade and stayed away for most of the remaining events. (Monitor photo by Phil Major)

Golden carries on no matter the weather

Though rainy weather forced cancellation of the tractor pull, the Golden Sweet Potato Festival went on without further challenges last week. Rain cleared in time for the Saturday morning parade and following events. The annual auction raised \$30,000, while donors combined to award the scholarship for the new Sweet Potato Queen, Alba-Golden senior Piper Hallman, for \$23,000. Other winners and awards included the following: Parade Grand Marshal Bubba Peebles

BAKING CONTEST WINNERS

Adult

1. Sarah Gonzalez
2. Kirsty Colegrove
3. Ashton Young

Youth

1. Lyla Sipe

2. Hazel Bohannon
 3. Cassi George
- Disguise a potato winners, Alba Golden Elementary
1. Peacock - Melanie Bohannon
 2. Golden Bookworm-Rhyker Beverly
 3. Bluebird - Ethan De La Paz
- Business owners/individuals who contributed

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The Alba-Golden marching band performed in the area marching contest Saturday, held in Mineola. The band did not advance to state. See Page 9A for results of Mineola and Quitman at last week's region marching contest, where both bands advanced to area. (Monitor photo by Phil Major)

Josh Abbott Band headlines County Old Settlers Reunion

By CARLEY TUCKER

Texas country favorites the Josh Abbott Band will close out this year's Wood County Old Settlers Reunion with a Saturday night concert that's sure to draw a crowd. The show will take place Nov. 1 at Floyd Field, across from the Civic Center, with gates opening at 5 p.m. Opening act One Horse Town will perform at 6 p.m., followed by the Josh Abbott Band at 7:30 p.m. Advance tickets are \$36.50 at stubwire.com or \$47.50 at the gate. A \$29 cooler fee will allow guests to bring their own beverages. The Lubbock-based band has been a Texas country staple for nearly two decades, known for their heartfelt

lyrics, lively performances and loyal fan base. The Josh Abbott Band first got their start at Texas Tech University in the mid-2000s and quickly rose to prominence on the Texas music scene. Their newest album, Somewhere Down The Road (2024), has been praised for its honest songwriting and modern sound. After major shows at the Stagecoach Festival, The Long Road Festival in England and the Ryman Auditorium in Nashville, the band will bring their signature Texas country energy to Quitman. This year's reunion will take place Wednesday, Oct. 29 through Saturday, Nov. 1, marking the first time in its long history the event has been scheduled for October.



Josh Abbott Band will perform Saturday night to close out the Wood County Old Settlers Reunion in Quitman. (Courtesy photo)

The four-day celebration will open Wednesday evening with the return of Gospel Night and Trunk-or-Treat for children. Local worship bands will compete in a "Battle of the Bands" starting at

6 p.m. under the pavilion, followed by a devotional and a 7:30 p.m. performance by Grammy-nominated Christian group The Erwins. Trunk-or-Treat will take place in the pavilion parking area

from 6 to 7:30 p.m. With Quitman ISD students out for fall break Thursday and Friday, the park will open daily at noon with plen-

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Voters deciding amendments

Wood County voters will help decide the fate of 17 state constitutional amendments, and Hawkins ISD voters will weigh in on a property tax increase in the Tuesday, Nov. 4 general election. Early voting extends through Friday in the Wood County elections office in Quitman from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. Voting day hours are also 7-7, and voting will be held at the various polling locations around the county, but not at the elections office. Some precincts have been consolidated for this election. Election Day polling locations are as follows:

PRECINCTS 1-1, 3-1, 4-1, 4-4

- Carroll Green Civic Center, 602 McAllister St., Quitman
- PRECINCT 3-2**
- Holly Lake VFD, 126 PR 7869, Holly Lake Ranch
- PRECINCT 1-2**
- Yantis Community Center, 101 City Circle, Yantis
- PRECINCTS 1-3, 1-4**
- Harold Simmons Community Center, 5921 FM 779, Golden
- PRECINCTS 2-1, 2-2, 2-3**
- Mineola Civic Center, 1150 N. Newsom St., Mineola
- PRECINCT 3-3**
- Hawkins Community Center, 301 Lynch St., Hawkins
- PRECINCTS 4-2, 4-3**
- Winnsboro City Auditorium, Hwy. 515 to Wheeler Dr., Winnsboro

The Hawkins ISD election proposition is as follows: THIS IS A PROPERTY TAX INCREASE. Ratifying the ad valorem tax rate for maintenance and operations of \$0.6992 per \$100 taxable assessed valuation in Hawkins Independent School District for the current year, a rate that will result in an increase of 24.88 percent in maintenance and operations tax revenue for the district for the current year as compared to the preceding year, which is an additional \$1,097,426.60. A list of the state propositions appearing on the ballot can be found on Page 6A.

Christian music festival proposed for '26

By PHIL MAJOR
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The Wood County Economic Development Commission heard a proposal to hold an outdoor Christian music festival at the Mineola Nature Preserve in October 2026.

John Henry of Winnsboro said there is no longer a major festival of this type in Texas, after three ceased operations several years ago. Similar festivals around the country draw thousands, and he said he expects up to 10,000 to attend the first year for a one-day event, with plans to grow it into a three-day affair. He said six major acts will be featured, with a smaller stage for local artists. The first event would be all day Saturday followed by a Sunday morning worship event. Henry is the owner of Honor Coffee in Winnsboro and the recently-acquired Speakeasy Coffee House in Quitman. But his background is in the music business, having spent time in Nashville. He plans a family-friendly event with ticket prices kept inexpensive, at \$35, with

children 12 and under free. Proceeds would be funneled to local non-profits as well as a benevolence fund for persons in need. The festival would feature vendors, carnival rides and a kids zone. He said he checked with other towns that host such events, and they reported significant economic impact. It will be known as Rock The Pines. The board also heard a report last Wednesday from Vic Savelli concerning the efforts of the Airport Land Use Task Force and the Aviation School Task Force, to ramp up development at the county airport which is nearing completion on an expansion to 5,000 feet that will allow jet traffic. He described the projects as long-term, and include improving infra-

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Sally Attaway is congratulated as the Quitman ISD’s Top Dog award winner at last week’s board meeting by Superintendent Chris Mason. (Monitor photo by Brynna Williamson)

QISD honors Attaway

By BRYNNA WILLIAMSON
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The Quitman ISD school board gave the October Top Dog Award to beloved Quitman citizen Sally Attaway on Monday, Oct. 20.

Attaway, who is involved in many boards, committees and organizations in Quitman, said that she was “completely surprised because I’m just one person...not an organization.”

“I’m very humbled, honored; but mainly, it’s just my gift for God,” said Attaway. “I try to exhort people that are not told enough how thankful we are for all of your time.”

QISD Superintendent Chris Mason said they awarded the Top Dog award to Attaway for her heavy involvement in Quitman, investment in Quitman children’s lives and commitment to “(tell) the truth.”

“One of the things I admire most is that she tells the truth, and she can tell you how it is,” said Mason. “(We) could not recognize a better human (with the award), so we’re super excited to say, ‘This month’s Top Dog Award goes to Miss Sally Attaway’ – and I have to do this – ‘Attaway to go, Miss Sally!’”

The board also gifted Attaway a small bouquet of roses.

Long-awaited Ima Hogg museum opens

By BRYNNA WILLIAMSON
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Five years, more than 10 volunteers and thousands of hours.

That’s the quickest overview of what many people, including Quitman Library Director Delene Allen and the Elizabeth Denton English Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR), have put into the new Ima Hogg Museum.

Ima Hogg was far beyond someone with a “unique” name. Hogg was the daughter of James Stephen Hogg, the “Jim Hogg” for whom Quitman’s City Park is named and himself the first native-born governor of Texas.

Throughout her lifetime, Ima became an extraordinarily generous and even legendary person; among many other projects, Hogg established the Houston Symphony Orchestra, helped source historic furniture for the White House due to her reputation for art acquisition and founded the Hogg Foundation for Mental Health.

Ima Hogg’s amazing legacy, says Allen, is part of why the museum has a focus on her. Although the museum does have an emphasis on the life and philanthropy of Hogg, it also heavily features other Quitman/East Texas history.

The museum features



Docent Larry Tucker and DAR member Linda Haddock look over some of the items donated by Ima Hogg at the museum in the city park that bears her father’s name. (Monitor photo by Phil Major)

such interesting items as handwritten notes from Ima, photographs of early, notable families from Quitman, Governor Hogg’s personal rocking chair and autographed movie scripts from Quitman-born actress Sissy Spacek.

Through the generosity of many local citizens, who gave financial donations and donations of items, the hometown museum is able to feature beautiful items like a \$35,000 table grand piano that belonged to Ima or an original, functional carriage from 1842.

“(These things) need to be displayed; they need to be out of the boxes,” said Allen. “The younger generation needs to see these things.”

Here’s the funny thing:

according to Allen, Ima Hogg herself commissioned, in 1969, the beautiful brick building where the museum honoring her now sits.

Hogg’s original vision for the building was of a museum that could “collect the stories” of her family and of her beloved Wood County, Texas.

Though the building sat vacant after her death, and the museum exhibits were then dismantled and stored away, local citizens are now restoring it to Hogg’s vision.

Wood County residents who are friends and family of beloved local Larry Tucker will also be glad to know that Tucker has been hired as the Ima Hogg Museum docent through an

AARP grant called the Senior Community Service Employment Program.

“There’s a lot about (Hogg) that a lot of people don’t know,” said Tucker. “She went on to do great things.”

After a grand opening on Wednesday, Oct. 29 – during the Quitman Old Settlers Reunion – the museum will be open free of admission to walk-in visitors from Wednesday to Sunday. The museum will be open from 10-3 Wednesday through Friday and 10-1:30 on Saturday and Sunday. Visit “The Honeymoon Cottage & Ima Hogg Museum” Facebook page for more information.

Communities schedule Halloween events Friday

The traditional downtown Mineola trick or treating will be held on Friday, Oct. 31 from 5-7 p.m. The mini-train at Iron Horse Square Park will also be running from 5-8 p.m.

Quitman will have its downtown candy walk on the 31st plus Halloween-themed activities at Jim Hogg City Park during the Wood County Old Settlers Reunion (see related story).

Trunk or treat will be held on the square in Alba. Set up is from 4:30-5 p.m. with contests for best costume and best decorated trunk.

een-themed activities at Jim Hogg City Park during the Wood County Old Settlers Reunion (see related story).

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Mineola High School will celebrate homecoming when the Yellowjackets host the Rains Wildcats on Friday, Nov. 7 at Meredith Memorial Stadium. Kickoff is set for 7:30 p.m., with the king and queen to be crowned in a ceremony at 7. The homecoming court includes, back from left, freshman duke Jerry Gaskill, sophomore duke Kipton Neighbors, freshman king nominee Jonathan McKinley, sophomore king nominee Bendix Smith, junior king nominee Eddie Guerra, senior king nominee Matthew Ballew (not pictured- junior duke Daysen Cook and senior king nominee Juan Cervantes); and, front, freshman duchess Canyon Redding, sophomore duchess Marley Johnson, junior duchess Julieann Coats, freshman queen nominee Sawyer Kindel, sophomore queen nominee Makena Quiambao, junior queen nominee Jorja Young and senior queen nominees Clara Marlow and Tierany Neighbors. (Courtesy photo)

CORRECTION

The Wood County District Clerk’s office issues passports Monday through Thursday, from

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WOOD COUNTY COMMUNITY CALENDAR

MINEOLA REBEKAH LODGE – every other Saturday, 11 a.m., 106 S. Line St. All Rebekahs welcome, 769-4024.

MINEOLA ROTARY CLUB - Monday noon, Mineola Civic Center.

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.

MLOTA WOOD CARVING GUILD – Mondays at 10 a.m.

MT. PISGAH COMMUNITY LUNCHEON – Every Thursday, 11 a.m., Mt. Pisgah Baptist Church, 4995 FM 49.

PARENTS ANONYMOUS GROUP - Saturday, 2-3:30 p.m., First Baptist Church, Quitman. Children’s program provided. 903-629-2114

PILOT CLUB OF MINEOLA - second Tuesday, 6 p.m. Mineola Civic Center. President Joyce Curry.

QUITMAN CITY COUNCIL – third Thursday, 6:00 p.m.; city hall.

QUITMAN FARMERS MARKET, second Saturday, 8 a.m.-Noon, Jim Hogg City Park, April-October. Info: Quitman Chamber, 903-763-4411, QuitmanChamber@QuitmanCoC.com

QUITMAN/LAKE FORK KIWANIS - Wednesday, noon, Faith Student Center, 403 S. Main St., Quitman.

QUITMAN PILOT CLUB - third Tuesday, 5:30 p.m., Quitman Library. 903-383-5075.

QUITMAN ROTARY CLUB, Thursday, noon, Red Dome.

QUITMAN SCHOOL BOARD – third Monday, 6 p.m. Administration Building.

REPUBLICAN WOMEN OF WOOD COUNTY - for information call/text 903-841-2808.

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 Willsboro. 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 kay-oung.wdp2001@gmail.com

WOOD COUNTY AGGIE MOMS - 1st Monday, 6 p.m. at Red Dome in Quitman (except January, June, July, August), 903-539-7049 or Wood County Aggie Moms Facebook page.

WOOD COUNTY APPRAISAL DISTRICT - Quarterly, 3rd Thursday, 8 a.m., district office, Quitman. Open to public.

WOOD COUNTY ARBORETUM & BOTANICAL GARDEN

DENS – garden workday each Wednesday 9 a.m. to noon, all levels of experience welcome. Come at 8:45 a.m. in the kitchen of the Stinson House for coffee. 175 Gov Hogg Pkwy, Quitman – the two-story white house behind the pavilion at Hogg Park.

WOOD COUNTY BEEKEEPERS – 1st Thursday, 7 p.m., American Legion Post, 201 W. Broadway, Willsboro.

Beekeeping 101, 1st Thursday, 6 p.m., Jan., April, Aug., American Legion Post, woodcountybeekeepers@gmail.com for more info.

WOOD COUNTY CENTRAL HOSPITAL DISTRICT - third Monday, 5:30 p.m. in the UT Health Quitman hospital board room (every three months).

WOOD COUNTY COMMISSIONERS COURT - every other Tuesday, Courthouse, Quitman, 10 a.m. 903-763-2716.

WOOD COUNTY CRIME STOPPERS - every other month, third Monday, 6 p.m., depending exceptions. Wood County Justice Center courtroom. Public invited. 903-569-3711

WOOD COUNTY DEMOCRAT CLUB – fourth Thursday, Quitman Public Library, at 6:15 p.m. www.woodcountydem.org 936-635-4656

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 ASSOCIATION - third Monday, Sept.-Dec. and Feb.-April, 2 p.m. and in May at 5 p.m., Forever Young Activity Center, 402 S. Main St., Quitman. All retired school personnel are invited.

YANTIS CITY COUNCIL – second Tuesday, 6 p.m., city hall.

YANTIS SCHOOL BOARD – second Monday, 6 p.m., school cafeteria.

YANTIS/LAKE FORK LIONS CLUB - second Thursday, 6 p.m., Yantis Community Center.

UPCOMING IN WOOD COUNTY

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Antique green pickup stands out

By JOHN ARBTER
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Somewhere along the way, major car manufacturers stopped making green trucks. Like many modern things, the color green seems to have been lost amid a dozen shades of gray and a few blues.

There are some exceptions, and when they are sighted along East Texas roads, people take notice.

One such truck is a 1959 Chevrolet Apache owned by Ken Pearce. Even in the easy morning sun, the brilliant color of Pearce's Apache demands attention. The combination of color and classic curves of the '59 pickup is at the same time comforting and awe-inspiring.

As in many cars and trucks of that era, the designers incorporated aesthetics into every angle of the vehicle.

"Those designers were certainly influenced by the evolution of aircraft in the Second World War," stated Pearce. He offered that the accents on the front fenders and the fins in the back are reminiscent of WWII warbirds. "Even the metal detailing atop the fenders were called 'gunsights' by the auto-makers," Pearce noted.

Old cars and trucks have a particularly powerful place in the collective memory of America, an automobile nation.

When automobiles, however, can be resur-

rected from youthful memories to an active hobby to a personal connection with one's life – that is a unique thing.

Ken Pearce attended Winston Churchill High School in San Antonio. At age 16, Pearce took a part-time job at a local barbecue place. There, he became friends with two co-workers, Mark and Scott Bowdoin.

The twin Bowdoin brothers drove a 1958 Chevrolet Yeoman. It became the trio's wheels for their youthful adventures.

The Yeoman was produced as a working-man's station-wagon.

"It was only made that one year," Pearce noted, "...there were around 26,000 built, and I expect half of those were the more unique two-door model."

What Pearce most remembered of that Yeoman was the condition that Mark and Scott kept it in.

"It was absolutely immaculate," he recalled. The Yeoman spurred in Pearce, a life-long interest in automobiles.

Pearce headed to college at Texas Tech – selling his Pontiac GTO to fund his education – and the Bowdoins went on to Sam Houston State.

Life intervened; the friends fell out of contact. Decades passed.

A successful career in accountancy followed for Pearce, as did raising a family. With extended family in the Tyler

area, Pearce relocated to Wood County.

One day he managed to contact his old high school buddies.

The conversation soon turned to the Yeoman, "What ever happened to the '58?" Pearce asked. It was yet in their possession, resting in a pole barn in Pleasanton.

That question launched a quest. As Pearce explained, "It took me three years to convince them to sell it to me. Once they did, it took another year to take possession."

Eventually, Pearce signed the title of the '58 Yeoman, and that prized conveyance of his youth was his.

As with most all car-aficionados, Pearce has his own philosophy about working on old cars, "I want to drive it, anywhere in the United States."

That often means replacing the engine and the transmission and installing power brakes, power steering and air conditioning. He related that, luckily, there are conversion kits available for such modifications.

Of course, the work is not without challenges.

As Pearce admitted, "I am not a fabricator, so the kits work for me." He then added with a smile, "Whatever a mechanic can do in an hour, I can do in five."

No doubt, Pearce is well-practiced. He has four automobiles in his collection: the '58 Yeoman, the '59 Apache, a

'65 Pontiac GTO and a '76 Chevrolet Camaro.

Pearce ran down the prime mover changes which have transformed each of the cars. The Yeoman originally had a 283 motor with a 3-speed on the column and is now running with a bored-360 and an automatic transmission with overdrive. The Apache's original 6-cylinder was replaced with a 350 Ramjet fuel-injected V8. The GTO's Tempest custom 326 has been replaced with a 6.0 LS engine, and the Camaro is powered by a 5.3 LS in place of the factory 350.

He has indeed taken his cars on the road. Pearce drove the GTO to a national car show in Louisville, Ky. and the Camaro to shows in Houston, Austin and Lubbock. The Yeoman has been displayed at the Lone Star Round-Up in Austin.

The Yeoman appears to be a favorite in his collection. It is also the only car which has its weather-worn exterior preserved.

"I keep the patina as is," he said, "and treat the car with linseed oil periodically to give it a bit of a sheen and to slow rusting."

That weathered patina draws attention at car shows. Folks come to see the patina and then discover that the car is a Yeoman – and a two-door Yeoman at that.

Pearce doesn't make as many car shows as he once did, but a couple of select shows yet make it onto his calendar every year. He is hoping to make it to the national show 'Cruisin' the



Above, Ken Pearce standing next to his 1959 Chevy Apache. Below, close-up of the tail-light assembly and artful curves of Ken Pearce's 1958 Chevrolet Yeoman. (Monitor photos by John Arbter)

Coast' which is a traveling show which runs along the gulf coast.

And the green Apache? It too, was obtained via an old friend, who's extended family had it on a ranch in Dripping Springs. Pearce first sighted that truck in the '80s. It came to him after

long negotiations with his old friend.

The hobby which keeps Pearce busy is one of diligence and patience. As he summarized, "The effort is rewarded by taking one of those classics down the road."

Quitman student joins UT-Tyler program

The University of Texas at Tyler Soules College of Business announced the inaugural cohort of the UT Tyler human resource development in higher education leadership doctoral program.

Designed to prepare scholars and leaders for senior administrative roles in higher education, the 60-credit-hour, 100% online degree pro-

gram utilizes a cohort model and features flexible learning options for working professionals.

"We are proud to announce the latest inaugural program cohort that comes from our HRD department here in the Soules College of Business," said Dr. Krist Swimberghe, college dean. "These talented individuals will gain the advanced skills, knowledge and vision they need to excel in today's dynamic academic environment, all while making a meaningful impact on higher education here in East Texas and beyond."

Students in the inaugural cohort include Chastity Hawkins of Quitman.

UT Tyler program graduates are well prepared for senior and leadership positions in organizational settings or for research and teaching roles in academia. Career options include community college or university faculty member, higher education consultant and leadership roles within academic affairs, student affairs, enrollment management, and other units like education technology and advancement.



A seldom-seen sight these days: a green pick-up truck, and a classic as well.



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Tues. Nov. 4 - BBQ Pork Riblet, Country Corn, Carrots, Hamburger Bun, Applesauce, Milk

Wed. Nov. 5 - Cheese Enchiladas with Con Carne Sauce, Black Beans, Country Vegetables, Grape Juice, Milk

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ty of free fun, including a giant maze, pony rides, life-size Hungry Hippos and midway games. Visitors can also tour the Honeymoon Cottage and museum from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., restored by the Daughters of the American Revolution. More than 30 vendors, food trucks and Hooker Ranch’s rescue horses will be on site, and the Civic Center will host bridge club demonstrations from noon to 5 p.m.

Paid attractions such as ziplining, axe throwing, Gelly Ball, laser tag and glow-in-the-dark mini golf will open at 3 p.m. each day. Unlimited-ride armbands will be available from 3 to 9 p.m.

Thursday evening will feature Dale Cummings, a local favorite, performing hits from the ’50s, ’60s and ’70s under the pavilion from 6 to 7:30 p.m. DJ Mike Gilmore will provide music before and after the show, and a beer garden will be open during the performance. The Quitman-Lake Fork Kiwanis Club will once again host bingo at the Civic Center from 6 to 9 p.m. Thursday and Friday nights.

Friday’s lineup includes all regular attractions plus Halloween-themed fun. Layton Myers will perform on the Honeymoon Cottage porch at 4:30 p.m., followed by the Chamber of Commerce’s Candy Walk on the square. Beginning at 5 p.m., families can enjoy games, hayrides, and other fall activities in the park. The Quitman High School Junior Class will host a family-friendly dance at 7 p.m. under the pavilion, with DJ Mike Gilmore providing music.

Saturday will begin bright and early with the People’s Impact Foundation 5K Run at 8 a.m. The Wood County Electric Cooperative will also hold its annual meeting from 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m., offering updates, giveaways, and food truck coupons for members. Other Saturday highlights include a quilt show and kids’ craft area hosted by Stitchin’ Heaven, arboretum tours and museum exhibits. Speaker forums under the pavilion will feature presentations from the Wood County Extension Office, Master Gardeners, Aspen Hospice and the Quitman Pee-Wee Cheerleaders. At 4:15 p.m., County Judge Kevin White and the Wood County Historical Commission will present the 175th Anniversary of Wood County Awards.

While the reunion will not include a traditional carnival this year, organizers say the expanded venues – particularly the Civic Center and Floyd Field – will make the 2025 event one of the biggest and most enjoyable yet.

Newly-appointed Board Director Brook Rogers said helping organize this year’s reunion has given her a deep appreciation for the teamwork behind the scenes.

“As one of the newest board members for the Old Settlers Reunion, I’ve had the chance to see firsthand just how much time, effort and heart goes into making this event happen,” Rogers said. “It’s easy to show up and enjoy the fun, but what most don’t see are the countless hours of planning, late-night messages and the teamwork it takes to pull everything together. This event is truly a labor of love – made possible by an incredible group of board members, our hardworking vendors, generous sponsors and the surrounding volunteer fire departments and local police and county officers who help keep everyone safe.”

Rogers added that being part of the reunion has given her a “whole new appreciation for what community really means – neighbors helping neighbors, small businesses stepping up, and everyone coming together to keep a piece of Quitman’s history alive.”

From gospel music and Halloween fun to the energy of a major concert, the Old Settlers Reunion remains a beloved Quitman tradition that celebrates community, history and hometown pride.

WOOD COUNTY CHURCH DIRECTORY

Don't Run Down Steps

One day as a young boy was on his way to church when, knowing he was already late for the service, he tried to rush. He was running down some steps in front of his home when he fell and bruised himself in several places. He was thinking, "Here I am going to church, so why would God let me fall down and hurt myself?" He was blaming God for his clumsiness. And although blaming God when things go wrong may seem absurd, it's not too surprising in a day and age when we may fail to accept responsibility for our own actions, often blaming others for our shortcomings instead. And, when a disastrous situation comes along that can't be blamed on some individual, we can always blame God. However, a more beneficial approach is knowing that God always loves us, and even when things don't go as we believe they should, realizing that perhaps He is trying to teach us a lesson. The boy only fell down those steps once, and he is now aware that when descending stairs he should go one step at a time and without running. Throughout our lives, we are subject to many learning experiences, and God's gentleness in dealing with us should always be appreciated.

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Wood County Sheriff's Report

OCTOBER 15

Sgt. Cox, criminal trespass, FM 17; store owner wanted neighbor trespassed from property, deputy made contact with subject, trespass warning issued.

Deputy Williams, motorist assist, Hwy. 69; caller struck deer with vehicle, deer still in roadway, deer removed from roadway, vehicle towed per owner's request.

OCTOBER 16

Deputy Haley, suspicious circumstance; caller's cow walked into snare on property that he did not place, four other snares located on property, game wardens notified.

Sgt. Skinner, Deputy Tustin, agency assist, Winnsboro; Winnsboro PD had vehicle pulled over with five occupants, all were arrested.

Deputy Knox, welfare concern; property owner advised she had low mobility but refused EMS or APS.

OCTOBER 17

Sgt. Morrison, Deputy Smith, Deputy Vanatta, warrant service, Hwy. 37. Richard McLemore arrested on active warrant.

Sgt. Morrison, Deputy Smith, warrant service, CR 2377. Darrell Shirley arrested on active warrant.

Sgt. Williams, Deputy Gloar, assault, CR 2954; victim came

to hang out with boyfriend, who had been drinking, became upset and assaulted her, offense report completed.

OCTOBER 18

Deputies, disturbance, CR 3494; caller's son became upset, threatened to harm her, deputies spoke with son who appeared calm, advised he did not want to hurt anyone, parties separated.

Deputy Gloar, welfare check, Private Road 5937; caller had not heard from sister in a while, concerned about her, deputies located her at residence where she advised she was fine.

Deputy Beck, agency assist, Mineola; Mineola PD requested assistance for warrant service, deputies located subject, placed in custody.

OCTOBER 19

Deputy Gloar, theft; caller's friend has her personal items including debit card, has refused to meet with caller, used debit card without permission, deputy discovered offense occurred in another county, advised caller contact them to make report.

Deputy Whisenhunt, suspicious person, Hwy. 154; person sitting outside store all day talking to himself, deputy located subject walking, advised he was waiting on friend, subject transported to friend's house.

Deputy Whisenhunt, damage

to property, Holly Lake Ranch; subject cut off caller at gate, struck their vehicle, no damage to their vehicle.

OCTOBER 20

Sgt. Espinoza, Deputy Hammond, Deputy Knox, disturbance, Hwy. 154; deputies located subject who was having mental episode, transported to receive treatment.

Deputy Haney, disturbance, Holly Lake Ranch; caller and grandson got into argument that turned physical. Dean Brown arrested for assault family violence.

Deputy Haney, vehicle fire, Hawkins; caller had video of suspect lighting his truck on fire, offense report completed.

OCTOBER 21

Deputy Hammond, traffic stop, Hwy. 182; standard field sobriety tests conducted on driver. Sterling Sanders arrested for DWI.

Deputy Knox, theft; caller went into gas station, when she came outside, vehicle was gone, dealership where car was purchased advised they did not repo it, offense report completed.

Deputies, warrant service, CR 3265. Clayton Pasteka arrested on active warrants.

Deputies, warrant service, CR 4575. Rachel Brassfield arrested on active warrants.

Mineola Police Report

OCTOBER 18

9:05 a.m., found property, N. Line, homeless person left bottle of pills at estate sale.

9:52 a.m., public assist, 300 Greenville, property release.

10:13 a.m., public assist, N. Pacific, message delivered.

12:11 p.m., motor vehicle accident, 100 blk E. Broad, backed into parked vehicle.

12:57 p.m., disturbance, 100 blk E. Broad, male causing problem with protesters.

1:21 p.m., escort, N. Pacific at Loop 564, funeral.

1:25 p.m., found property, 100 blk S. Johnson, wallet.

2:32 p.m., reckless driver, S. Pacific at city limits, aggressive driving, unable to locate.

3:13 p.m., reckless driver, 100 blk N. Pacific, unable to maintain lane, unable to locate.

8:22 p.m., warrant service, Carolyn, subject not located.

8:23 p.m., unsecured area, W. McDonald, door open, everything appears secure.

9:14 p.m., assist other agency, University, burning in backyard, found smoke, no active fire.

9:29 p.m., disturbance, Du-bose, female heard screaming.

OCTOBER 19

12:35 a.m., vehicle stop/arrest, 200 blk E. Kilpatrick, Victor Antonio Amoles-Gutierrez arrested.

10:45 a.m., assist other agency, Molly, structure fire, three persons out of residence.

3:38 p.m., theft, NE Loop 564, lost wallet found at lost and found, money missing.

7:29 p.m., information, Sycamore, vehicle repossession.

8:18 p.m., reckless driver, 2200 blk N. Pacific, all over road, vehicle stopped, warning issued.

8:45 p.m., warrant service, 1200 blk Bromberg, William Cory Berry arrested.

OCTOBER 20

2:36 a.m., suspicious vehicle, W. Broad, individuals sleeping in vehicle.

8:35 a.m., motor vehicle accident, 1300 blk S. Pacific, one vehicle hit guy wire.

1:22 p.m., suspicious vehicle, 200 blk E. Broad, no one around vehicle.

1:33 p.m., public assist, 400 blk S. Pacific, bumper in roadway, unable to locate.

1:58 p.m., welfare concern, Circle, bad water leak, no one answers door, party contacted.

2:05 p.m., information, E. Broad, vehicle repossession.

7:05 p.m., harassment, 300 Greenville, other party from prior accident keeps calling and texting subject, officer contacted subject who advised he will stop.

7:22 p.m., reckless driver, W. Broad at W. Loop 564, east-bound in westbound lane, unable to locate.

8:03 p.m., public assist, E. Broad, no offense, advice given.

8:18 p.m., reckless driver, S. Pacific at city limits, high speed, unable to locate.

8:54 p.m., vehicle stop/arrest, 2200 blk N. Pacific, Weston Stewart arrested.

9:36 p.m., assist other agency, CR 2810, look out for vehicle, unable to locate.

11:36 p.m., unsecured area, N. Pacific, public works bay door open, crew is out on call.

OCTOBER 21

7:45 a.m., reckless driver, S. Hwy. 69 at CR 2330, passing in no passing zone, everything OK.

11:24 a.m., information, South, vehicle towed for land owner.

11:31 a.m., theft, 1200 blk Bromberg, wallet taken from vehicle, no offense, subject lost it.

12:16 p.m., civil matter, W. Blair, referred to justice of the peace over property left in residence after eviction.

11:14 p.m., assist other agency, Karen, warrant service, no contact.

OCTOBER 22

7:38 a.m., motor vehicle accident, 1200 blk N. Pacific, two vehicles.

8:56 a.m., public assist, 300 Greenville, fingerprinting.

9:52 a.m., public assist, lvey, 2-year-old locked in vehicle, vehicle unlocked.

2:23 p.m., theft, Francis, neighbors had water cut off, taking victim's water, advised no charges if neighbors will stop.

2:23 p.m., motorist assist, S. Pacific at McWhorter, gone upon officer arrival.

3:11 p.m., information, 300 Greenville, male subject cursing and flipping off people at protest, advised how to handle next time.

3:57 p.m., assist other agency, 200 Greenville.

6:29 p.m., reckless driver, 1000 blk N. Pacific, aggressive driver, no violations observed.

8:13 p.m., disturbance, NE Loop 564, verbal only.

8:25 p.m., welfare concern, 500 blk lvey, heard someone yelling "Help" from passing vehicle, unable locate.

9:02 p.m., reckless driver, 2000 blk N. Pacific, crossing center line, vehicle stopped, no impairment observed.

OCTOBER 23

9:19 a.m., reckless driver, E. Broad at Loop 564, unable to locate.

5:09 p.m., theft, Inwood, spare tire cover stolen.

8:07 p.m., motorist assist, Green at W. Broad, everything OK.

9:16 p.m., reckless driver, S. Pacific at city limits, unable to maintain lane, warning issued.

OCTOBER 24

12:19 a.m., suspicious person, 1800 blk W. Broad, individual walking, given ride to train station.

5:13 a.m., disturbance, NE Loop 564, individual antagonizing employees, criminal trespass warning issued.

9:51 a.m., motor vehicle accident, N. Pacific at Buchanan, two vehicles, no injuries.

11:20 a.m., fraud, N. Pacific.

2:25 p.m., welfare concern, NE Loop 564, elderly couple, male being aggressive, left prior to officer arrival.

3:03 p.m., city ordinance violation, Pamela at Meadowbrook, 18-wheeler cab, noise wakes everyone up at 2 a.m., no offense.

7:45 p.m., reckless driver, N. Pacific at city limits, high speed, unable to maintain lane, no traffic offense observed.

8:19 p.m., suspicious persons, E. Broad, group of kids came into restaurant, tried to fight someone, left.

8:29 p.m., suspicious person, W. Broad, screams heard, subject informed it was a haunted house, became upset.

11:49 p.m., suspicious person, N. Pacific, making customers uncomfortable, leaving property.

Officers also made 38 traffic stops and answered 22 animal control calls and three alarms.



Wood County District Attorney Angela Albers accepts the county commissioners' proclamation declaring October as Domestic Violence Awareness Month. (Courtesy photo)

DA hosts benefit softball tournament

The Wood County District Attorney's Office and UT Health East Texas, hosted its sixth annual First Responders' Softball Tournament Oct. 18. The tournament raised \$14,241 for the East Texas Crisis Center (ETCC) through community and corporate sponsorships, participatory entry fees, donations and concessions.

ETCC, which opened in 1978, is a non-profit organization committed to providing safety, shelter and education to victims of family violence, sexual assault, dating violence and other violent crime and restoring dignity and purpose to their lives while promoting public compassion and awareness to reduce violence in the community.

October is Domestic Abuse Awareness Month, and the softball

tournament was designed to raise community awareness about the devastating effects of family violence.

"Domestic violence has no boundaries. It knows no racial, financial or locational lines. It impacts us all in our schools, churches and communities. It is my hope that by raising awareness, we can each do our part to end the cycle of abuse," said Wood County District Attorney Angela Albers.

This year's tournament attracted 106 players with eight teams from throughout the first responder community. Teams included UT Health, Mineola Fire Department, Wood County Sheriff's Office, Mineola Police Department, Quitman-Hawkins Fire Departments, East Texas Crisis Center, Depart-

ment of Public Safety and Christus EMS.

"The tournament was a tremendous success. First responders, who work so hard in keeping us healthy and safe, were able to enjoy playing softball together while we raised funds for a non-profit organization that provides much needed services to victims. It was exciting to see the players having a great time interacting with one another on the softball fields with a spirit of friendly competition," said Albers.

The Ash Kickers, a team of Quitman and Hawkins Volunteer Firefighters and employees of Wood County Electric Cooperative and their families and friends, took home the first-place trophy. Mineola Fire Department came in second.

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structure at and around the airport.

For example, there is

only a narrow county road to access the airport, which would need to be expanded if manufacturing concerns are located there.

He also noted the need

Mineola Fire Department Report

Dispatched and canceled en route: Oct. 16, 7:28 a.m., Phillips; Oct. 18, 10:11 p.m., N. Hwy. 69.

Medical assist, assist EMS crew: Oct. 16, 7:40 a.m., Live Oak; Oct. 21, 8:52 a.m., CR 2840; Oct. 21, 11:25 a.m., CR 2840.

Motor vehicle accident with injuries: Oct., 16, 11:30 a.m., US Hwy. 80 at

FM 1804.

EMS call excluding vehicle accident with injuries: Oct. 16, 12:32 p.m., US Hwy. 80 West.

Grass fire: Oct. 16, 4:53 p.m., CR 2150, Quitman; Oct. 17, 5:22 p.m., CR 2427; Oct. 20, 1:43 p.m., CR 2345; Oct. 21, 2:01 p.m., FM 1799.

Motor vehicle accident with no injuries:

Oct. 17, 4:37 p.m., US Hwy. 80 at FM 1799; Oct. 20, 8:34 a.m., S. Pacific.

Building fire: Oct. 19, 10:40 a.m., Molly.

Natural vegetation fire, other: Oct. 20, 2:22 p.m., Landers.

Smoke detector activation due to malfunction: Oct. 22, 10:43 a.m., Bromberg.

Trinidad-Benham lots rezoned

By PHIL MAJOR
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A series of tracts around the Trinidad-Benham facility was rezoned by the Mineola City Council on Monday.

The company just southeast of downtown is planning an expansion and owns 25 lots around its plant that are zoned for single-family residential.

The rezoning makes them all industrial.

Planning Director David Madsen said the expansion plans includes building to the south and parking to the east.

Anthony Edwards, who owns a single lot, which is surrounded by Trinidad-Benham

property, said he is not opposed to the property owner's right to do with the property as it pleases but called for the city to balance the needs of businesses with the needs for affordable housing.

The council approved a plan by the Mineola Fire Dept. to use a \$150,000 grant from the Texas Forest Service plus \$150,000 in the capital reserve fund and a lease-purchase for the remaining amount to purchase a new brush and rescue truck.

It will be ordered soon and completed in 2027 for around \$450,000.

It will replace an aging truck, and Madsen explained that it will serve as a rescue truck

in rural areas while the department's new ladder truck, expected to be delivered in 2027, would also be equipped for rescue operations.

Several matters involving the city's \$5.5 million Texas Water Development Board loan, which is 90% forgivable, met approval.

The city will be responsible for a 10% match, or \$550,000, and certificates of obligation for that amount were approved.

Rates for the city's new septic receiving station were adopted. The station, funded by Wood County's ARPA Covid-relief funds, is set to open next week with a ribbon cutting on Nov. 6 at 11 a.m.

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Obituaries

PATRICIA ANN V. CUPIT
1941-2025



After a long and courageous 16-year battle with breast cancer, fought with the utmost grace and surrounded by her loving family, Patricia Ann Vaughn-Cupit claimed victory and transitioned peacefully to Heaven in her sleep at her home in Sulphur Springs.

She was born in Sulphur Springs on April 15, 1941 to Henry and Frances Britton, the fourth of five children. She was preceded in death by her parents; her first husband, Bobby J. Vaughn of Greenwood, S.C.; two sisters, Betty Clark and Marie Casey of Sulphur Springs; and step-daughter, Diana Batton.

Shortly after graduating from Sulphur Springs High School in 1959, she began her professional journey in Washington, D.C., working as a secretary for the FBI. She went on to build an impressive administrative career, spending the latter half at Wells Fargo, where she created lifelong memories and friendships. Her career was more than a job – it reflected her character: dependable, caring, loyal and dedicated to excellence in everything she did.

But above all, Pat’s true calling was loving and caring for others. A woman of deep faith and immeasurable heart, she poured herself into her family – her greatest joy and life’s work. She was a devoted wife, mother, grandmother and great-grandmother whose love knew no limits. Her children and grandchildren were the light of her life, and she treasured every laugh and every moment spent together.

She leaves behind a legacy of love, faith and family that will continue for generations. She is survived by her husband of 32 years, Jacky Douglas Cupit, of Mineola; sister, Martha Person of Arlington; brother, Charles Britton [Joy] of Sulphur Springs; three daughters, Teresa V. McGarity [Michael] of Rock Hill, S.C., Cindi V. Overcash [Johnny] of Surfside Beach, S.C. and Sandra V. Harred [Derrek] of Dike; step-daughter, Carrie Cox [Dan] of Alvarado; 13 grandchildren; and 12 great-grandchildren.

A celebration of life will be held at 2 p.m. on Nov. 2, 2025 at First Baptist Church of Alba, 219 E. Holley Street.

Pat had a special place in her heart for children and faithfully supported St. Jude Children’s Research Hospital, reflecting her lifelong generosity and compassion. The family requests that, in lieu of flowers, memorial donations be made in her honor to St. Jude Children’s Research Hospital at www.st-jude.org

BARBARA JEANETTE (ALLEN) ROMACK
1940-2025



Barbara Jeanette (Allen) Romack, devoted mother, grandmother and wife, passed from this life on Oct. 14, 2025. Born in Hopkins County on Dec. 6, 1940 to Howard Allen and Hazel Nichols Allen, she was raised under the watchful eye and loving care of her grandparents, Melvin and Viola Nichols. Barbara attended Pickton High School, where she excelled academically and athletically. Barbara was named

valedictorian of her class and was also a force to be reckoned with on the basketball court. After high school, Barbara worked for Ramey Law Firm. After receiving her degree from East Texas State University, Barbara began her professional career serving as the highly respected director of medical records for Hopkins County Memorial and Presbyterian Hospital of Winnsboro before retiring.

Barbara married Hal Romack with whom she raised two sons, Greg and Jeff. They were the proud owners of Romack Supply Company in Winnsboro for many years. She and Hal loved traveling together, exploring the continental United States, Alaska, Hawaii and Mexico. As long as their health permitted, Barbara and Hal were faithful members of Caney Baptist Church in Pickton.

She was preceded in death by her husband, parents and brother, Michael Ezell. She is survived by her two loving children, Greg Romack of Sulphur Springs and Jeff Romack and wife Kelly of Heath. Barbara, affectionately known as “Bebe” also leaves her precious grandsons, Landon Romack (Nicole) and Connor Romack (Logan) and the newest blessings, great-granddaughters Palmer Raye and Sophia Rose, all of Heath. She is also survived by her sister and best friend, Patsy Bolton of Sulphur Springs, and numerous nieces and nephews who loved her so.

Following a private interment at Caney Cemetery in Pickton, a memorial service to honor Barbara was held at West Oaks Funeral Home in Sulphur Springs on Sunday, Oct. 19, 2025 at 2:30 p.m.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be sent to Caney Cemetery Association, c/o Sonja Bolton, 123 Charles St., Sulphur Springs, Texas, 75482.

Mineola Library Notes

BY LIBRARIAN MARY HURLEY

The holidays are upon us. Can you believe it? We have many books with delicious recipes, craft ideas and seasonally themed stories. Come check out what we have.

Mineola Memorial Library will be downtown as part of the annual trick or treat festivities. You can find us in front of the Select Theater. We hope to see you there.

November is coming up fast and we will host Read to a Dog on Saturday, Nov. 1 at 9 a.m. We have dogs and their trainers from Alliance of Therapy Dogs: Therapy Dogs of East Texas. We have hosted this twice and have really enjoyed the dogs and their trainers and the children seem to have enjoyed the dogs as well.

In November we will continue Toddler Story Time on Tuesday mornings at 9. If you cannot make this activity with your 18-month to 3-year old, try our Toddler 2 x 2 on Saturday, Nov. 8 at 2 p.m. This program helps the children make friends, learn to play

together, parents get to meet other parents and visit while playing with their child, and then there’s always a story.

Youth Advisory Committee will meet Tuesday, Nov. 4 at 4 p.m. If you are a tween or teen, contact Mrs. Pam at the library (903-569-2767) and learn about this group that helps youth meet each other, learn about the library and ways to volunteer.

Wednesday is Preschool Story Time at 10 a.m. for the 3-5 year old crowd and their caregiver/parent. This is more structured as they learn to sit and listen to stories and then complete an activity related to the stories. Preschool will not meet on Wednesday, Nov. 26 as the library will be closed.

Friday, Nov. 7 and Friday, Nov. 21 brings us Homeschool Heroes at 10 a.m. This is an opportunity for home-school families to meet other families, network and complete an activity. The



theme for Nov. 7 is Hug a Bear and Nov. 21 is Thankful.

Friday, Nov. 14 at 10 a.m. is our book club: Generally Speaking. Our theme this month is gratitude. Read any book about gratitude (fiction or non-fiction) and we’ll discuss our selections and why we chose them or liked them or why we recommend them. This book club allows you to read any book you choose within a theme.

Early notice: the Mineola Memorial Library will be closed Wednesday, Nov. 26 and Thursday, Nov. 27 so our staff may spend time with family and friends.

Mineola Memorial Library is a 501(c)3, non-profit and donations may be tax-deductible. The library has received memorial donations for George Wilson from Jammie Kirchner and from Greg and Carol Hollen and Susan Few. We could not do what we do without community support.

Commissioners OK \$800K for 50 vehicles

Wood County commissioners declared an emergency Tuesday to spend up to \$800,000 from fund balance for the purchase of 12 new sheriff’s patrol vehicles.

Ford Explorers with mechanical issues that

cannot be resolved are putting deputies at risk, and they will be replaced with Dodge Chargers.

The expenditure will be covered by the annual state law enforcement grant over time, but the

emergency declaration will allow the purchase to be made as soon as the vehicles can be obtained.

Sheriff Kelly Cole said several sources are being considered.

17 propositions appear on Nov. 4 ballot

PROPOSITION No. 1
“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 No. 2
“The constitutional amendment prohibiting the imposition of a tax on the realized or unrealized capital gains of an individual, family, estate, or trust.”

PROPOSITION No. 3
“The constitutional amendment requiring the denial of bail under certain circumstances to persons accused of certain offenses punishable as a felony.”

PROPOSITION No. 4
“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 No. 5
“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 No. 6
“The constitutional amendment prohibiting the legislature from enacting a law imposing an occupation tax on certain entities that enter into transactions conveying securities or im-

posing a tax on certain securities transactions.”

PROPOSITION No. 7
“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 No. 8
“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 No. 9
“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 No. 10
“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 No. 11
“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 No. 12
“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 No. 13
“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 No. 14
“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 No. 15
“The constitutional amendment affirming that parents are the primary decision makers for their children.”

PROPOSITION No. 16
“The constitutional amendment clarifying that a voter must be a United States citizen.”

PROPOSITION No. 17
“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.”

Wood County Yesteryear

Wood County news from nearly 25 years ago, as seen in the October 30, 2000 edition of the Winnsboro News

“Boy, 3, grabs wheel, averts wreck: A 3-year-old boy (Dustin Morgan) saved himself and his father from serious injury or even death Sunday by grabbing the wheel of his unconscious dad’s car, and steering the vehicle out of a ditch and

back onto the highway – and away from an oncoming car.”

“The current uproar by a group of activists over Ozarka’s proposal to build a plant for the bottling of spring water in Wood County reminds me of the old ground-water issue that so divided Winnsboro in the mid-1980s.”

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NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Notice is given that original Letters of Administration for the Estate of Larry Weaver Green were issued on October 27, 2025, in Cause No. 15,046, pending in the County Court of Wood County, Texas, to Dustin Paul Green.

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: October 27, 2025

/s/ Bradley S. Campbell
Bradley S. Campbell
Attorney for Administrator of the Estate of Larry Weaver Green

NO. 15,077

ESTATE OF \$ IN THE COUNTY COURT
DANNY \$
DENTON, \$ OF
DECEASED \$ WOOD COUNTY, TEXAS

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Notice is hereby given that original Letters Testamentary for the Estate of DANNY DENTON, Deceased, were issued on October 27, 2025, in Cause No. 15,077, pending in the County Court of Wood County, Texas to CATHY DENTON.

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 27th day of October, 2025.

JASON A. HOLT, Attorney for
CATHY DENTON,
Independent Executor

LEGAL NOTICE

Application has been made with Texas Alcohol Beverage Commission for a Wine Only Package Store Permit (Q) by F&S STARMART COMPANY LLC dba STAR MART to be located at 515 W Bermuda Street Quitman Texas 75783.

Owner/Officer of said corporation is: Frank Hemani

ALBA-GOLDEN INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT

Alba-Golden ISD is accepting competitive sealed proposals to replace the metal roof system on the Elementary School Gymnasium. All proposals to be considered by Alba-Golden ISD for the project shall be included in a sealed envelope and delivered to Alba-Golden ISD central office no later than the specific time as outlined below.

It is highly recommended that the contractor attends the Pre-Proposal Conference which will be held at 10:00 A.M., on Tuesday, November 4, 2025, at the Alba-Golden ISD Administrative Offices, located at 1373 Co. Rd. 2377 Alba, TX 75410. The Proposal, Contract Documents, General Instructions, Materials, Execution, and Drawings may be obtained from the Alba-Golden ISD web site on Thursday, October 30, 2025. Printed copies available upon request. Roof access will be made available the day of the Pre-Proposal Conference. To inspect the work for this project on a different day after the pre-proposal meeting and prior to submitting their proposal, the Contractor shall contact Alba-Golden ISD to schedule visit.

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NO. 15,044

ESTATE OF \$ IN THE COUNTY COURT
IDA MARIE \$
WHITE, \$ OF
DECEASED \$ WOOD COUNTY, TEXAS

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Notice is hereby given that original Letters of Independent Administration for the Estate of IDA MARIE WHITE, Deceased, were issued on October 27, 2025, in Cause No. 15,044, pending in the County Court of Wood County, Texas to NICOLLE ESCALANTE-SPOKES.

The residence of the Independent Administrator is in Maricopa County, Arizona. The post office address of the Independent Administrator 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 27th day of October, 2025.

JASON A. HOLT,
Attorney for the Estate

PUBLIC NOTICE

On September 9, 2025, East Texas Electric Cooperative, Inc. ("ETEC") and Northeast Texas Electric Cooperative, Inc. ("NTEC") filed a Joint Application with the Public Utility Commission of Texas ("PUC" or "Commission") requesting the Commission approve the transfer of Certificate of Convenience and Necessity ("CCN") rights held by NTEC to ETEC pursuant to Public Utility Regulatory Act ("PURA") § 37.154.

If the PUC adopts the 45-day intervention deadline proposed in the Joint Application, the deadline to intervene will be October 24, 2025, and a letter requesting intervention should be received by the PUC, at its address provided below, by that date. Persons who wish to intervene in or comment upon these proceedings, or obtain further information, should contact the Public Utility Commission of Texas, P.O. Box 13326, Austin, Texas 78711-3326, or call the PUC's Office of Consumer Protection at 512-936-7120 or 1-888-782-8477. Hearing and speech impaired individuals with text telephones (TTY) may contact the PUC at 512-936-7136 or use Relay Texas (toll-free) 1-800-735-2988. All communications should refer to Docket No. 58654, and any request to intervene in that proceeding should include an email address and fax number (if available) as contact information. Persons with questions or who want more information about this Joint Application may contact ETEC's legal representatives at Balch & Bingham LLP, 919 Congress Avenue Suite 840 Austin, Texas 78701, or call (512) 583-1714 during normal business hours. A complete copy of the Joint Application is available on the Commission's website at www.puc.state.tx.us. The Commission maintains an electronic copy of all filings on the "Interchange Filing Search" section of its website. The control number for this proceeding is 58654.

IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF WASHINGTON FOR KING COUNTY

In Re The Estate of: § No. 25-4-06342-6 KNT
BETTY M. HELGESON, § PROBATE NOTICE TO CREDITORS
Deceased. § (RCW 11.40.030)

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

Date of First Publication: October 16, 2025

/s/ Lisa G. Ahlen, Executor

/s/ Michelle R. Siebenaler, WSBA # 42137
Attorney for Executor

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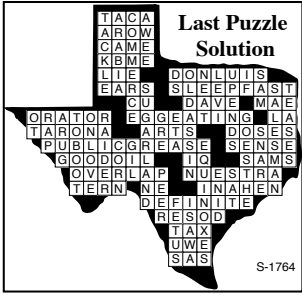
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- 6 succulent plant grown in the Valley
- 7 camping shelter
- 8 "Gig" Aggies!
- 9 San Angelo was named for one
- 12 this TX English was on the Lawrence Welk show
- 17 TXism: "it's cats and dogs"
- 20 TXism: "got as big as Texas" (kind)
- 22 San ___ TX
- 23 WWII book: "Texas ___ War"
- 24 chemical compound that neutralizes acid
- 29 TX Forrest played Hondo on this show (1975-76)
- 30 held at 22-across: "Texas Mardi ___"
- 31 fin on Gulf sharks
- 32 TXism: "flush ' ___" (hunting phrase)
- 36 former Fort Worth mayor, Willard (1965-67)
- 37 Copperas Cove newspaper (2 wds.)
- 43 "Giant" star Liz also played this queen
- 45 Warren of "Tough Enough" with TX Dennis Quaid
- 47 TXism: "wouldn't know him from ___"

- 48 illegal block in the back
- 50 TXism: "it'll kill it or ___" (medicine)
- 51 TXism: "two peas in a ___" (alike)
- 52 TX Audie in WWII
- 53 makes eyes at
- 54 words with Chico & Fenix
- 55 star of "Silkwood," filmed in Dallas

- 56 explosive used by Texas oilfielder "Red" Adair
- 58 former athletic assn. of Midwestern State
- 59 TXism: "could strut sitting down"
- 60 a ___ of dominoes

DOWN

- 1 runs between Rusk & Palestine: "Texas ___"
- 2 it's a county and town on U.S. 84
- 3 early Fort Worth publisher, Carter
- 4 "Antique Auto Swap ___" in Wise County
- 9 this Columbus ship replica came to Texas in 1992

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10 a company that flies into DFW (2 wds.)
11 "Stop ' ___"
12 TXism: "limp as a dish ___"
13 TXism: "scarce as grass around ___"
14 lascivious look
15 Houston space agcy.
16 Chuck Norris has a martial ___ program in Houston
18 Texas Light Crust Doughboys tune: "When ___ Round up Time In Heaven"
19 Garth tune: "What She's Doing ___"
21 TV film: "Gone ___ Texas" (1986)

24 this TX Dexter sang "Pistol Pack-in' Mama" (init.)
25 Yo ___ Digo Creek
26 Abilene TV station
27 TXism: "tame ___ ___ dog"
28 song: "Streets of ___"
33 TXism: "sold ___ a bill of goods"
34 TXism: "it's root hog ___ die"

35 TXism: "___ to snuff"
37 Texas inn: ___ Quinta
38 " ___ it in stone" (make it permanent)
39 this Whelan starred in 1953 film "San Antonio"
40 this Steve sang "San Antonio Girl"
41 TXism: "he speaks cow like a ___"
42 Fiesta Diez y ___ after lunch (init.)
46 ___ Jo, TX (abbr.)
49 TXism: "sticks like a ___ stamp"
50 young'uns drink
57 "One ___ one Ranger"



Festival goers ponder how many sweet potatoes are contained in the bin to win a prize, above. Mr. Tater Tot Max Hammond has a bird's-eye view of the parade route. (Monitor photos by Phil Major)



Tony and Sheree Montgomery are joined by friends, family and fellow business owners as they cut the ribbon on their new business in Quitman, SheShedz Thrift House, at 206 Winnsboro St.. “Thank you to the community for supporting us; it was so wonderful meeting so many of our neighbors today,” Sheree said. The store is open Wednesday to Friday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., and Saturday 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. For more information, visit sheshedzthriftstore.com. The ribbon cutting was hosted by the Quitman Chamber of Commerce, quitmancoc.com. (Monitor photo by James Taylor)



A unique classic Chevy C10 pickup that has been in the family since it rolled off the showroom floor was part of the Oct. 18 Third Annual ABC Auto Parts Car Show in Mineola. (Monitor photo by James Taylor)

GOLDEN

From page 1A

to the Queen’s Scholarship.

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Miss Potato Sprout,	Personality - Sawyer	Stevenson
Beni Grey Ragan	Best dressed - Lynlee	Bohannan
Mr. Potato Sprout,	Lil Miss Sweet Potato	Hattie Lu Barr
Rhyker Honneycutt	Personality - Amari	Bohannan
Miss Potato Spud,	Costume - Lola Rut-	ledge
Poppy Wilcoxson	Lil Miss Potato Wedge	Hadelynn Webster
Personality - Adrianna	Personality - Charlie	Vaughan
Bellar	Costume - Melanie Bo-	hannan
Best dressed - Gabriel-	Jr. Miss Sweet Potato	Harper Christian
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Personality - Ellie		
Quintana		
Best dressed - Teagan		
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Mr. Curly Fry Asher		
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Ann Hays		
Personality - Elsie		
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Best dressed - Parker		
Culver		
Miss Sweet Potato Pie		

Alba-Golden team reviewing facilities

By JOHN ARBTER
woodcylstringer@gmail.com

The board took two further decisions, approving Nov. 17 for the Financial Integrity Rating System of Texas public meeting and approving a shared service agreement with Tyler Regional Day School for teaching deaf children.

The highlight of the meeting was the conduct of the Alba-Golden FFA Leadership Development Event (LDE) team which presented their debate: ‘Industrial Agriculture: Survival vs Sustainability.’

Led by Ellie Wright the team provided a riveting 15-minute debate which was well-researched, well-reasoned and convincing from each side of the argument.

The school will be hosting an FFA LDE competition Friday. Over 30 schools are scheduled to attend. Davidson invited the public to visit the event and see what kind of amazing work is being done by FFA teams throughout East Texas.

The Prowlin’ Panther Band was also recognized. The band earned First Division scores at the regional marching band competition and finished in sixth at the area competition. It was acknowledged by the board that the band has already made quite a mark in the past two years, and that the Alba-Golden music department is beginning to become known as an up-and-coming program.

Other recognitions included student of the month awardees Charlie Vaughan (elementary), Cason Hawthorn (junior high) and Carter Ma-

son (high school). Math coach Deanna Reynolds and biology teacher Laura Marder were awarded as employees of the month for the elementary and secondary schools, respectively.

Curriculum director Megan Smith updated the board that the district expects 40 teachers to be designated as bonus eligible this year. That includes 22 carry-overs from the previous year, 15 new designations and three teachers who have leveled-up.

The non-profit Bright Star, represented by spokesperson Angela Breittkreutz, presented Alba-Golden with the copies of the Ten Commandments for installation in the school. The display of the commandments in each classroom was mandated by Senate Bill 10 which was signed into law this summer. Bright Star had previously supplied Alba-Golden with placards of the National Motto, ‘In God We Trust.’

Upcoming events include public performances of the Theater Department play ‘Beauty and the Beast’ on Thursday, Nov. 6 at 7 p.m. and Monday, Nov. 10 at 2:30 p.m. The Veterans Day program will begin at 8 a.m. Tuesday, Nov. 11 with a breakfast for local veterans.

Davidson remarked that last weekend’s Golden Sweet Potato Festival reminded him of the fundamental values of the community and hence the values of the school.

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

Cause No.2025-112

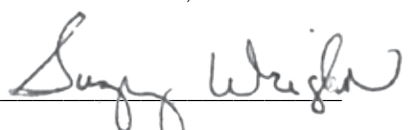
CINDY NGUYEN
VS.
CHY KHOUN

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

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



SUZY WRIGHT, DISTRICT CLERK
WOOD COUNTY, TEXAS

By: 

Not PREPARED or VERIFIED by The District Clerk of Wood County

ATTORNEY FOR PLAINTIFF
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REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATIONS
CITY OF ALBA

The City of Alba is soliciting engineering/architectural firm(s) to assist the City with one or more Hazard Mitigation Assistance (HMA) grants from the Texas Division of Emergency Management, Texas Water Development Board and/or other sources, including Hazard Mitigation Grant Program, Building Resilient Infrastructure and Communities, and/or Flood Mitigation Assistance. Accordingly, the City seeks to contract with a qualified engineering/architectural firm(s).

Please electronically submit your SOQ in .pdf format via email to grantworks@grantworks.net AND submit 04 copies of your proposal of services to the following address: Attn: City Secretary, 145 S. Broadway, Alba, TX 75410. Statements of Qualifications must be received by the City no later than 2:00PM on November 18, 2025, to be considered.

The City of Alba reserves the right to negotiate with any and all proposers, as per the Texas Professional Services Procurement Act and the Uniform Grant and Contract Management Standards. Minority Business Enterprises, Small Business Enterprises, Women Business Enterprises, and labor surplus area firms are encouraged to submit proposals.

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The Mineola High School Sound of the Swarm marching band will defend its six-time area championship on Saturday, Nov. 1 at Whitehouse High School. The Swarm once again received all one's from the judges at the region marching contest on Oct. 21. The band is also the defending state champion and four of the past five. (Monitor photo by Ben Barnett)



The Quitman High School Proud Blue Band received all ones from the judges at the region marching contest on Oct. 21 at Mt. Pleasant and advanced to the area contest on Nov. 1 at Whitehouse. The band will be attempting to qualify for the state marching championship at the Alamodome in San Antonio Nov. 12. (Monitor photo by Ben Barnett)



Cannin Peppers (9) helps clear the way for Jacob Breeding in Quitman's 27-21 loss to Prairiland, rescheduled to last Thursday due to impending weather. (Monitor photo by Ben Barnett)

Quitman falls to late comeback

By BEN BARNETT

The Quitman Bulldogs came out strong last Thursday night, showing plenty of fight and heart, but a few costly turnovers in the second half allowed the Prairiland Patriots to slip away with a 27-21 win.

Quitman wasted no time setting the tone. The Bulldogs took the opening kickoff and marched downfield with confidence, punching it in for the game's first touchdown and extra point to take a 7-0 lead. The Patriots answered with a score of their own to tie things up, 7-7, but the

Bulldogs' offense looked sharp early.

After a turnover on a punt gave Prairiland the ball back, Quitman's defense dug in, forcing a turnover on downs. Unfortunately, a Bulldog interception on the next series gave the Patriots another chance, and they capitalized with a touchdown, though their extra point missed, giving them a narrow 13-7 edge.

Quitman wasn't about to back down. On the next possession, No. 10 broke loose for a big touchdown run, and the extra point gave the Bulldogs the lead once

again at 14-13. The defense then stepped up, stopping the Patriots cold and giving the ball back to the offense. With time winding down in the half, Quitman struck again; another touchdown and extra point stretched the lead to 21-13 with just 13 seconds left before the break.

The second half turned into a grind-it-out defensive battle. Both teams traded punts and turnovers, but a fumble recovery by the Patriots proved costly.

Prairiland converted two touchdowns in the fourth quarter, the first to pull within 21-20 and the second to take the lead.

Quitman had their chances late, driving the ball downfield in hopes of one more rally. However, a late interception ended the comeback bid, sealing the win for Prairiland.

Despite the loss, the Bulldogs showed determination and flashes of dominance on both sides of the ball. With the kind of heart they showed Friday night, there's plenty of reason for Quitman fans to stay proud and hopeful for the games ahead.



Goerge "Papa T" Torres brought his barbecue food truck out of Alba, where his brick and mortar restaurant resides, to feed friends, family and fans during the Your Service Center Customer Appreciation Day in Quitman on Wednesday, Oct. 22. Pictured are Your Service Center owner Timothy Maples (retired gunnery sergeant with the U.S. Marine Corps), Aiden Romano (who ships out soon to join the U.S. Marine Corps), Papa T's BBQ owner George Torres, James Crisp, Stevie Lenser (Papa T's BBQ), Ashtin Tullos, Jacob Napier and Allen Roberts. (Monitor photos by James Taylor)

Quitman business celebrates grand opening

Your Service Center in Quitman celebrated its Grand Opening and Customer Appreciation Day on Wednesday, Oct. 22, offering oil change specials, service discounts and the top-tier experience of Papa T's BBQ as a thank you to the Wood County community.

Timothy Maples, owner of Your Service Center, worked at the automotive repair shop for five years before taking over ownership last year. Before moving to Quitman he worked in the oil field and served 24 years in the U.S. Marine Corps, retiring as a gunnery sergeant.

"I served in the Corps to serve my nation, and now I'm doing this to serve my community and my fellow man," Maples said. "We have a hand-picked team here and we strive for perfection. It's an impossible feat, but our customers and family come first



Timothy Maples, owner of Your Service Center in Quitman, applies some "gentle motivation" with a mallet while working on a customer vehicle during the shop's Customer Appreciation Day Wednesday, Oct. 22.

with us. We are all about honesty, integrity and transparency."

George Torres, owner of Papa T's BBQ in Alba (151 E. Quitman Street, 903-765-9016), brought out his food truck to serve his award-winning barbecue brisket, pulled pork and sausage meals.

Your Service Center offers automotive repair

services from oil changes to complex engine repairs. They offer a 10% discount for military personnel, educators and first responders.

For more information, visit www.yscofquitman.com or call 903-492-3500. Your Service Center is open Monday to Friday, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., and Saturday 8 a.m. to noon.

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Alba-Golden's Brett Sutton just before cutting back through the Cooper defense for a Panther score. (Monitor photo by John Arbter)



The Panthers combine for a gang tackle last Thursday against Cooper. (Monitor photo by John Arbter)

Cooper too much for the Panthers

By JOHN ARBTER
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The visiting Cooper Bulldogs scored on six of their eight possessions en route to a 43-6 win over the Alba-Golden Panthers last Thursday.

The game was one of the more physical games played this season. Crunching tackles and loud collisions were standard fare, and to both teams' credit, it was played largely without penalties.

In the first half, Alba-Golden had drives of 47, 66 and 59 yards, but each drive ended abruptly with a turnover.

In the same stretch, Cooper logged drives of 76, 94 and 47 yards and scored at the end of each. Therein lies the difference in the game.

The Panthers were a bit snake-bit on the night. They suffered three in-

terceptions, two fumbles and one turnover-on-downs. Two of those interceptions were simply excellent plays by the Bulldog secondary on accurately-thrown passes. The fumbles came as a result of the combative nature of the contest.

The first interception of the night, however, was a lofted pass over the middle which made easy pickings for Cooper and resulted in a 65-yard return for a score. That made the score 14-0 at the turn of the quarter.

A fumble midway through the second quarter gave Cooper a short field, and they scored to go up by 27. They added a 42-yard field goal as time expired in the half.

Mason Smith directed the offense in the second half after Sam Olson was sidelined with an injury. Olson and the Panther offense had rolled up

259 yards of offense in the first half, but without a score.

The Panthers took the opening kick-off of the second half and marched 70 yards for a touchdown. They did it all on the ground with carries by Smith, Boogie Trimble, Daidrian Green and Brett Sutton.

It was Sutton who scored – slashing through the middle of the Cooper defense from 10 yards out.

The Bulldog defense tightened, allowing only two Alba-Golden first downs in the remainder of play. The visitors added two scores to close out the game and cushion the lead.

The Panthers demonstrated some great passages of play against Cooper, as they have all season, but they could not sustain the productivity.

Alba-Golden travels to Morris County Friday to face the Brahmas of Paul Pewitt High School and concludes the season hosting Boles on Nov. 7.



The Lady Panthers celebrate a tough point in early action last Friday. The team is matched up against Wolfe City for a bi-district title, Thursday at Quinlan Ford High School. Game time is 7 p.m. (Monitor photo by Ava Arbter)

North Hopkins bests Alba-Golden

By JOHN ARBTER
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The playoff-bound Alba-Golden Lady Panthers hosted the Lady Panthers of North Hopkins High School Friday in the final game of the regular season.

After squeaking by with a 25-23 win in the first set, the squad from North Hopkins -- which is 38-6 on the year -- came to dominate the match (25-23, 25-15, 25-13).

Alba-Golden certainly retained the momentum throughout the first set. Twice the Lady Panthers gave up short runs to the visitors but recovered and closed the scoreline.

Campbell Shrum

came up big with three kills in the first set. She was joined by kills from Averi Stevenson and Sadie Wright and aces from Piper Hallman and Faith Graham.

Alba-Golden tied the set at 23 with a sustained, contested volley at the net, eventually resulting in a North Hopkins mis-hit.

However, North Hopkins dashed Alba-Golden's hopes with consecutive kills to take the set.

The close loss in set one began a slow separation between the teams.

The second set began as a close affair, but North Hopkins was able to go on a long run, mid-match, to build a 10-point lead 23-13.

The trend just continued through set number three.

Alba-Golden could not turn the momentum, as the defense and confident offensive play of North Hopkins remained unshaken.

The North Hopkins team includes a couple of talented volleyballers. This allows one or two players to carry the team.

Alba-Golden's success is tied to the contributions of each individual player on the team.

As Alba-Golden heads to Quinlan-Ford High School Thursday evening to face Wolfe City in the first round of the playoffs, their fortunes will be defined by a true team effort.



Alba-Golden's Campbell Shrum winds-up to send a kill on its way in action against North Hopkins. (Monitor photo by Ava Arbter)

Mineola falls in playoff tiebreaker

The playoff-bound Mineola Lady Jackets ended the regular volleyball season Friday with a 3-1 victory over the Grand Saline Lady Indians.

Coupled with last Tuesday's 3-1 win at Eu-

stace (25-17, 18-25, 25-21, 25-18), the Lady Jackets finished the season tied for the district title with Eustace and Malakoff.

Mineola played an extra match on Saturday in Grand Saline to determine playoff seeding, which Eustace took (25-19, 25-23, 28-26).

Against Grand Saline, Mineola raced to a

two-set lead, 25-14, 25-13 only to have Grand Saline extend the match with a 25-23 win. Mineola took care of business in the fourth set, 25-15, to earn a share of first place at 10-2.

Mineola faces Tatum in the first round of the state playoffs on Thursday at 6 p.m. at Tyler Junior College.

2025-2026 SPORTS SCHEDULE

CROSS COUNTRY

3A Girls State Meet - October 31st, 8:15 am
Old Settler's Park, Round Rock

Quitman - Braleigh Wood

Mineola - Raylie Peebles

FOOTBALL

Alba-Golden	@ Paul Pewitt		Oct. 31, 7PM
Mineola	@ Eustace		Oct. 31, 7:30PM
Quitman	BYE		Oct. 31

VOLLEYBALL BI-DISTRICT PLAYOFFS

Alba-Golden	vs Wolfe City		Oct. 30, 7PM
	@ Quinlan		
Mineola	vs Tatum		Oct. 30, 6PM
	@ Tyler Junior College		

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