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## Watchdog

## County intervenes with owner of 29 pit bulls

BY KATHY CRUZ HOOD COUNTY NEWS

A man well known to Animal Control who was recently found in possession of 29 pit bulls at two locations in Indian Harbor told officers Thursday that he had found homes for most of the dogs.

Sheriff Roger Deeds isn't

"We don't trust this guy," he said, adding that the man has several properties in Hood County and has been known to move dogs from one location

to another – including possibly to a relative in Houston.

Deeds said he does not know whether the man is raising the pit bulls to fight, but said that law enforcement will continue to monitor the situation and that his office may contact Houston authorities.

Sgt. Kelly McNab told the **Hood County News Thursday** evening that 21 of the pit bulls were gone, as were their kennels.

The man, who has not been cited or charged, surrendered one pit bull to McNab on Thursday, and she removed another pit bull from the other location.

This resulted in one pit bull remaining at one location, and four remaining at the other location.

McNab said that she saw a total of 28 pit bulls on the properties, but that veterinarian records indicate a total of 29.

The man also has two German shepherds, one Chihuahua and a husky, according to McNab.

Deeds said that his department has received "lots of calls" about the man.

The man is aware, he said, of what laws the county is able to enforce and "stays in compliance." Just barely, though.

McNab indicated that the animals' living conditions were less than ideal.

Animal Control had been monitoring the latest situation involving the man since receiving a call at about 4 p.m. on Thursday, Feb. 9.

The caller stated that there was a situation involving multiple dogs that had no food or water and were being kept in kennels that contained feces.

McNab and a sheriff's deputy responded to that call.

The call was to an address on Huron. Five pit bulls in chainlink kennels were found in the back yard.

The dogs had access to water and there was dog food on the property, but the dogs appeared dirty and there was some feces in the kennels, she

McNab said she knew that the homeowner there is the brother of the man already well known to Animal Control.

After she recognized one of

the dogs as belonging to that man, she went to his home on Pawnee.

Both streets are in Indian Harbor.

At the Pawnee address, McNab found 24 pit bulls, as well as two German shepherds, a husky and a Chihuahua.

The pit bulls were in the back yard. They were in kennels and/or chained, she stated. Some of the kennels contained

The dogs had access to water and were being fed when

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#### **Happy Hood County Day in Austin**

at his side, state Sen. Brian Birdwell (R-Granbury) (center) and his office manager Liz Sanchez lead Granbury Chamber

With Granbury Chamber of Commerce President Mike Scott of Commerce Hood County Day in Austin attendees through the halls of the state Capitol Wednesday morning as the delegation's busy day gets underway. More than 100 people

made the trek from Hood County to Austin for the semi-annual event. See P. 5A for related photos.

## County workers ask for parking spots at courthouse

HOOD COUNTY NEWS

Are county employees entitled to designated parking spaces at the courthouse, even if it reduces the amount of parking spaces available to the public?

That topic caused some spirited exchanges at this week's regular meeting of the Commissioners Court.

The matter, put on the agenda by County Judge Darrell Cockerham, was tabled after county officials disagreed over whether creating more designated parking spaces at that location is the right thing to do.

Some parking spots already are reserved. Cockerham, whose office is

located inside the courthouse,

explained why county employees asked him for designated parking spots.

"There are a couple of people that can't walk a long way," he said, adding: "Some of the employees said that when they leave for lunch, it's hard for them to find (open parking spaces).'

The parking lot on the courthouse proper is frequently full, especially mid-day when many people are eating out for lunch.

Parking will especially be at a premium now that construction has begun on the city's Downtown Streetscape and Pedestrian Improvement Project. Cockerham said that con-

struction workers have been parking on the courthouse lot, sometimes straddling two parking spaces.

In his view, they should use public parking lots that are available off the square, within easy walking distance. For instance, there is a parking lot on Houston Street, and another on East Pearl Street.

#### HARDSHIP FOR OTHERS

Precinct 4 Commissioner Steve Berry was annoyed that the item was placed on the agenda - especially considering what the court had asked of the sheriff a few minutes earlier in the meeting.

The court asked Sheriff Roger Deeds to ask representatives of the Paluxy River Children's Advocacy Center if they would consider a different location than the courthouse parking lot for the placement of playhouses that are part of their annual fundraiser.

The group had requested eight parking spots on the courthouse lot so that the public could see the playhouses.

However, commissioners felt that the parking spaces couldn't be spared while construction work is going on. "We've got a shortage of

parking right now," Berry said. "We need to be a good steward and help those merchants." He pointed out that mer-

chants on the square stand to be affected by the current construction work, and that they had to endure parking hardships several years ago when the courthouse went through a long renovation.

Berry noted that there already are several parking spaces that are dedicated to county officials who office at the courthouse.

Designating spaces for their employees as well would pose too great a hardship for both the merchants and the public, he said.

"I was just appalled that they would ask," he said.

Berry also stated that he and other commissioners would have to answer to angry merchants and members of the public if available parking at the courthouse was further reduced.

"I'm the one who's going to get those calls - not the constable, not the JP," he said, referring to elected officials who office at the courthouse.

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## **Former** model hit, run victim?

BY ROGER ENLOW **EDITOR** 

What happened to former model Martine Anne Turrey? Her body was found by a

passerby on the side of the road in the dark hours of монаау шогшп<u>д</u>

She died from blunt force trauma, according to the preliminary autopsy results.

Authorities be-

lieve Turrey, 46, was the victim of a hit and run. Was she walking? If so, where

was she going? Turrey's last known address

was Lipan, but she hadn't lived there for some time, according Sheriff's Office Public Information Officer Lt. Johnny Rose. A friend said she had been liv-

ing in Lake Granbury Harbor on Tin Top Highway, which is not far from where her body was

It was the family's second tragedy in less than a year. Eleven months ago, the man with whom Turrey had a son

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#### His smile was 'contagious'

BY ROGER ENLOW

Cody James Sayer's smile was infectious.

"He had a contagious smile - always lighting up a room when he walked in,"

according to his obituary. Sayer, 26, of Granbury, died early Tuesday

morning. The



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#### **CRASH**

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vehicle he was driving left the roadway at a narrow bridge and plunged into flooded Contrary Creek in Indian Harbor.

Deputies responded to a 4:20 a.m. call of a vehicle in the water. First responders recovered the body inside the vehicle. Sayer apparently drowned, au-

The body was sent to the Tarrant County Medical Examiner's Office for an autopsy.

The Sheriff's Office continues the investigation on how Sayer left the road and ended up in the water. Rain is believed to have played a role in the crash, according to Sheriff's Office Public Information Officer Lt. Johnny Rose.

Services are 2 p.m. today (Saturday, Feb. 18) at Wiley Funeral Home in Granbury.

Sayer was born in Bellflower, California, and graduated from Granbury High School in 2009. He studied computer engineering at Texas Tech.

"He was a very happy young man, always courteous and will-



MARY VINSON | HOOD COUNTY NEWS | BUY REPRINTS AT HCNEWS.COM/GALLERIES TRAGEDY: Emergency personnel pull Cody Sayer's car from Contrary Creek in Indian Harbor Tuesday morning.

ing to help others," according to his obituary. "He had true joy in his heart for family, friends

and life."

Survivors include his father and mother, four brothers and three sisters.

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## Democrats form ICE 'rapid response team'

BY KATHY CRUZ HOOD COUNTY NEWS

As arrests of immigrants occur across the country, local Democrats are teaming with United We Dream to help anyone in Hood County targeted by Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE).

According to Hood County Democratic Party Chair Robert Vick, those wishing to receive

notification if ICE officers enter their zip code area can text "Here to stay" to 877877.

Vick said that a "rapid response team" will come to the scene immediately to help anyone threatened with arrest by ICE officers.

He said the team will inform the detainee of their rights, provide bilingual services and help as needed with pets or children.

As an example of what rights an immigrant would have in such a situation, Vick stated: "If they're just doing search-

es, they really can't go in your house unless they have a warrant."

He added: "You have the right to remain silent and the right to not sign anything unless you talk to an attorney first."

United We Dream is the larg-

est immigrant youth-led organization in the nation and is in 26 states.

"I don't know if (ICE officers) are going to get down to this level," Vick said, referring to Hood County.

A source reported to the HCN on Thursday afternoon that ICE officers had been spotted in a predominantly Hispanic area in Fort Worth.

## **TxDOT: Cresson** bypass won't start until 2019

BY KATHY CRUZ HOOD COUNTY NEWS

Progress on the Cresson bypass is moving as slow as the

Less than a year ago - in April - the HCN reported that construction on the long awaited bypass would start in 2017 and be finished in 2019.

Earlier this week, Cresson Mayor Bob Cornett said that the most recent information he had was that dirt would turn, not in 2017, but in the first quarter of 2018. It would be finished, he said, by 2020.

But a TxDOT representative said Wednesday that construction won't begin until 2019.

The project is expected to take two and a half years to complete, according to Public Information Officer Natalie Galindo.

She said that TxDOT is "still working towards environmental clearance" and that the agency's Austin office has forwarded the Conformity Report to "the Feds" for "review and approval."

Galindo said that TxDOT expects to receive by late spring the Environmental Assessment approval and a green light to proceed with the for-



Cornett said he was told that once that happens, TxDOT will start negotiating on the land.

The county has a Memorandum

of Understanding with TxDOT for the project, which involves the bypass veering north of Old Granbury Road and swinging to the west, bypassing the railroad switch yard at the intersection of U.S. Highway 377 and State Highway 171 that oftentimes causes traffic back-ups.

The Cresson bypass project was approved by the state for "pass-through" funding several years ago.

That program involves counties fronting the money but being reimbursed by the state based on traffic counts once the projects are completed. The pay-backs stretch over a period of about 20 years.

TxDOT offered a deal to Hood County that will save the county millions.

Instead of having to front about \$28.9 million, the county's portion of the project will be capped at \$11.8 million.

#### Free storm spotter class Monday at local theater

Nothing like being prepared especially for severe weather.

The National Weather Service (NWS) in Fort Worth wants you to prepare for the 2017 severe weather season.

NWS will offer a free SKY-WARN severe weather program on Monday evening from 7 to 9 at Driftwood Theater in Gran-

It will be held in partnership with Hood County Emergency

Management.

This class is free of charge, and no pre-registration is necessary. This class is for storm spotters and anyone with an interest in severe weather.

This is part of a regional severe weather preparedness campaign, which will include spotter training sessions across 46 counties in North and Central Texas. Other classes in the region can be found on the full

schedule http://www.weather. gov/fwd/skywarnsch?sptrsch. This year's program discusses

> thunderstorm formation and features associated with severe and non-severe storms. Several examples and cases for 2015 and 2016 will be shown. The program will discuss spotter operations and recommended reporting procedures.

NWS will discuss what you can do to keep you and others safe when thunderstorms threaten.

Waiting until storms are on your doorstep is not the time to start thinking about severe weather preparedness.

For more information on severe weather, visit http:// www.weather.gov/fortworth, on Facebook: https://www. facebook.com/NWSDallasFort-Worth and on Twitter: @NWS-FortWorth.

#### **DOGS:** Man not ticketed, but authorities are on alert

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McNab arrived. She stated that the dogs appeared dirty.

**STEPS TAKEN** 

McNab said that the owner was given until 11 a.m. Friday, Feb. 10, to provide proof of rabies vaccinations on all of the dogs, clean up the feces and remove dogs from chains that were too short.

When she returned to the

property on the 10th, McNab found that the man had complied with her requests and with the requirements of the Texas Health and Safety Codes.

That visit included the presence of three sheriff's deputies. a veterinarian, a veterinarian's assistant, a Child Protective Services (CPS) agent and an Indian Harbor Property Owners Association board member, she said.

Deeds, who lives at Indian

Harbor, said there are covenants stating that residents can have just two dogs on a prop-

However, he said that he can only enforce state laws, and has no enforcement authority regarding covenants.

McNab told the HCN Thursday morning that another welfare check at the properties would be done this week. She contacted the newspaper again

that evening to say that the welfare check had been done and that most of the dogs were

"I think the dogs deserve a better life than what they (were) given," she said.

"We cannot force a pet owner to love and care for their pets like we would want them to, but we can help enforce the humane treatment of them under the Texas Health and Safety Codes."

#### Elections office to speak through social media its regular meeting Tuesday.

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**Elections Administrator** Jenise "Crickett" Miller has received permission from the Commissioners Court to create an elections Facebook page and Twitter account.

Miller said she feels that people will be more inclined to pay attention to important election related messages if they are posted or sent by the elections office. She said she suspects that

people oftentimes ignore governmental postings or mesthem or share them on Facebook.

The Commissioners Court gave Miller permission to move forward with the plan at "We'll be able to get infor-

mation quicker to the public," Miller said after the meeting. The procedure up to this

point has been that the elections office would communicate with the county's IT department, and IT would post election related information on the county's website or Facebook page, or would send out a Tweet from the county's account.

Miller said that the new system will be used to get out timely information, such as the last day to register to vote lines of people waiting to vote and which ones don't.

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#### **WOMAN:** Was a popular beautician in Granbury area

drowned in a fishing accident on Robinson Creek between Granbury and Lipan.

"There's really nothing that can describe what you go through," said Cindy Getchell, sister of the man, "Boogie" Mills, who drowned. She and her husband, Kit Getchell, are raising the son.

"She trusted us to raise her son. She wanted us to take care of him.

Cindy said that Turrey was a "loving, caring, beautiful person" who helped take care of Cindy's ill father. Turrey was a popular beauti-

cian in Granbury several years ago, friends said. Martine's sister, Brigitte King,

received the sad news at her home in California. King said her sister was al-

ways cheerful and had a love "Her kindness was limitless," King said. "She was a beauti-

ful young woman, with bright eyes and an infectious smile. She spent years in modeling and was even a runner-up in the Miss Teen California competi-Turrey also excelled in soccer,

and track and field in school, King said. She also loved hunting and fishing with her boys, she added.

"She was a talented beautician, and her clients were her friends," King said. "People that knew her couldn't help but love her, and we are heartbroken by this incredible tragedy.

"Martine Turrey is not just a body discovered on the side of the road. She is a daughter, a mother, a sister and an aunt who will be missed dearly by a family that loved her."

The investigation continues by the Hood County Sheriff's Office and Texas Rangers. Call 817-573-TIPS if you have information.

Turrey was born in Abilene and lived in California and Europe before returning to Texas to raise her family.

Survivors include three sons,

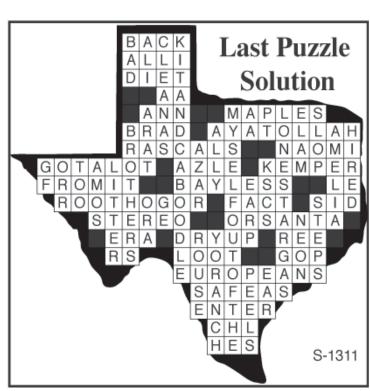
her mother, stepfather, two sis-

ters and a brother.

Services will be today (Saturday, Feb. 18) at 2 p.m. at Martin Cemetery on the Diamond A Ranch in Lipan.

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## **CURBING THE FEDS**

## Hearing held on Birdwell's 'convention of states' bill

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State Sen. Brian Birdwell's bill calling for a convention of states to control the federal government this week progressed further in the legislative process.

A public hearing on his Senate



of staff, Ben Stratmann, told the Hood County News about an hour before

the hearing that it would be before the Senate

Committee on State Affairs. He said he had no knowledge

as to whether anyone would speak, either for or against the bill, at the public hearing.

The aim of the legislation is to curb, through an Article V convention of states, what some believe is over-reach by the federal government.

A convention of states is a mechanism provided through Article V, Section 2 of the U.S. Constitution.

When the bill was filed, Texas became the eighth state to push for such a convention.

Birdwell is a Republican who lives in Hood County. Eight other lawmakers are listed as

"primary authors" on SB 21, and there are three co-authors. Gov. Greg Abbott and Lt. Gov. Dan Patrick support it.

Through an Article V convention of states, any amendment to the U.S. Constitution would require ratification by threefourths of all state legislatures or conventions (38 of 50).

It could be defeated by a negative vote of as few as 13 states. A convention of states would focus on imposing fiscal re-

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straints on the federal government, limiting the power and jurisdiction of the federal government, and limiting the terms of office of federal officials and members of Congress.

## Lang gets committee assignments

BY KATHY CRUZ HOOD COUNTY NEWS

Freshman state Rep. Mike Lang (R-Granbury) received several House Committee assignments this week.

He was appointed to the House Committees on Criminal Jurisprudence and Special Purpose Districts.

The Criminal Jurisprudence committee will debate issues pertaining to criminal laws and procedures.

The other committee will discuss topics regarding special purpose districts throughout the state.

Lang, a former Hood County constable, said that he is "excited" about his first committee assignments and that he feels



his background will enable him to be useful in those capacities. Lang said he intends to also participate in a number of other

special groups. They include: the Republican Caucus; the House Energy Caucus; the Freedom Caucus; the Texas Veterans Caucus; the Agricultural Caucus; the Aerospace Caucus; the General Aviation Caucus; and the Texas Conservative Coalition.

The new state representative for District 60 also has been actively involved in the Rural Caucus and serves as one of its vice chairs.



COURTESY

**About what year?** 

A man found this old photograph at a local garage sale. He is wonder- can trees. The old Pecan Plantation bridge is above and the dam farther ing about what year the photo was taken. Lake Granbury was formed in 1969. Note the fledgling Pecan Plantation on the left and young pe-

above. If you have information about the photo, please email editor@hc-

#### **Holiday Monday for many**

City, county, state and federal offices will be closed Monday for Presidents Day.

Also, Granbury and Lipan stu-

dents get a holiday, but teachers have staff development. Tolar classes will be in ses-



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#### JOE HELLER



## Church announcements can be a holy mess

uring these recent months of intense political bickering, how many times have we heard that "words matter"?

Words do, in fact, matter and so do punctuation and sentences that can have double meanings.

That's why we really have to be on our toes when writing something that will be read by

After all, a question such as, say, "What's that in the road ahead?" could come out "What's that in the road, a head?" if a writer is not paying attention.

There's an old adage in journalism that everybody needs

Apparently, so do those who write announcements for church bulletins or to be read from the pulpit.

A co-worker emailed me a list of such announcements that were written by wellmeaning church members.

The list makes me think that maybe God should have written an 11th commandment: Thou shalt proof thy work.

#### UMM... WHAT?

■ Ladies, don't forget the rummage sale. It's a chance to get rid of those things not worth keeping around the house. Bring your husbands.

■ The Fasting & Prayer Conference includes meals.

■ Scouts are saving aluminum cans, bottles and other items to be recycled. Proceeds

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

LOOK AT IT THIS WAY



Kathy Cruz

children. ■ The sermon this morning: "Jesus Walks on

the Water." The sermon tonight: 'Searching for Jesus.'

■ Don't let worry kill you off - let the church help.

Charlene Mason sang "I will not pass this way again," giving obvious pleasure to the congregation.

■ For those of you who have children and don't know it, we have a nursery downstairs.

■ Next Thursday there will be try-outs for the choir. They need all the help they can get.

■ Irving Benson and Jessie Carter were married on October 24 in the church. So ends a friendship that began in their school days.

■ A bean supper will be held on Tuesday in the church hall. Music will follow.

■ At the evening serving tonight, the sermon topic will be "What Is Hell?" Come early and listen to our choir practice.

■ Eight new choir robes are currently needed due to the addition of several new members and to the deterioration of some older ones.

■ Please place your donation in the envelope along with the

deceased person you want reto cripple membered.

■ The church will host an evening of fine dining, super entertainment and gracious

■ Pot-luck supper Sunday at 5 p.m. - and prayer and medication follow.

■ The ladies of the Church have cast off clothing of every kind. They may be seen in the basement on Friday afternoon.

■ This evening at 7 p.m. there will be a hymn singing in the park across from the Church. Bring a blanket and come prepared to sin.

■ The pastor would appreciate it if the ladies of the Congregation would lend him their electric girdles for the pancake breakfast next Sunday.

■ Low Self Esteem Support Group will meet Thursday at 7 p.m. Please use the back door.

■ The eighth-graders will be presenting Shakespeare's Hamlet in the Church basement Friday at 7 p.m. The congregation is invited to attend this tragedy.

■ Weight Watchers will meet at 7 p.m. at the First Presbyterian Church. Please use large double door at side entrance.

And, lastly, there is my personal favorite: ■ The Associate Minister un-

veiled the church's new campaign slogan last Sunday: "I Upped My Pledge - Up

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## Park your problems somewhere else

ranbury traffic and parking headaches go back 10, 20, 30, even 40 years ... back when Lake Granbury was formed and the population started ballooning.

They called it "growing pains.' One of the pains had to do

with parking. Or lack of. I remember one oldtimer complaining that when a new school went up – and it was frequent in those days – they never allowed enough parking.

He was right about that, especially at the landlocked high school during Friday night football games. They'd find parking and continue to find parking - across the street at the Church of Christ and risk injury or worse while scooting across busy and dark West Pearl Street.

Parking is still an issue. It hasn't gotten better. Probably So it makes sense that County

Commissioner Steve Berry's feathers were ruffled when county employees wanted designated parking spaces at the downtown courthouse. A couple of the employees

walk a long way; others find parking spaces when they return from lunch.

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Roger Enlow

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A CLOSER LOOK

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JUSTICE OF THE PEACE PRE-

And, "RESERVED FOR DISTRICT JUDGE.'

At Annex I on West Pearl where you get your car tags, there are five cozy spots next to the building:

"RESERVED FOR COUNTY

JUDGE. MONDAY - FRIDAY 6:00

What about City Hall? There's

"RESERVED FOR MAYOR."

Seven reserved spots are

"RESERVED FOR EMPLOYEES." Berry's on target about park-

Those who work for the public should remember who they're working for.

Late County Judge Milton Meyer used to say, "We have nothing to give but service." editor@hcnews.com | 817-573-7066, ext. 245

## Plan to attract pollinators

ccording to Farmer's Almanac, we have pollinators to thank for every third bite of food we eat.

These creatures include bees, moths, butterflies, flies, a few beetles plus birds and bats. Without the help of pollinators, fresh food supplies would dwindle and the world of plants would face extinction.

While this scenario seems far-fetched, it is a possibility given the perils pollinators face.

Insecticides and pesticides kill pests, but they also kill plants, bees, butterflies and more. Increasing light pollution harms nocturnal pollinators including fireflies and some moths.

The steady encroachment of development into natural areas decreases habitat and threatens butterflies and hummingbirds.

For example, the loss of native plants such as common milkweed on undeveloped land affects the life cycle of monarch butterflies. As a result, the monarch butterfly population is decreasing. GARDEN PATCH

Gardeners can affect change by providing these creatures with areas where they can breed, eat, drink and reproduce. Properly planned and managed landscapes can ensure pollinator health, particularly if these spaces

resemble nature. For instance, pollinators are four times more likely to

Phyllis Webster choose native plants over exotics to fulfill their basic needs. And much like native prairies, gardens sited in full sun will lure insects, particularly if filled with flowers.

When planting a new landscape or revamping an older one to attract pollinators, aim to have blooms from early spring through late fall with at least three species blooming per season. Use large clusters of each flower species rather than scattering myriad flowers.



PRETTY PLEASING: Native wildflowers such as gaillardia lure pollinators to landscapes with their color, form and nectar.

Choose flowers in a variety of shapes and bright colors. One flower type does not suit all pollinators! Also, opt for heirloom plant varieties whenever possible rather than hybrids that do not produce pollen.

Be sure to incorporate herbs in landscape and kitchen gardens. Herbs such as basil, bee balm, cilantro and oregano are particularly attractive to

A few edible flowers for kitchen gardens include cosmos, coneflower, black-eyed Susan, sunflower and zinnia.

To attract specific pollinators, such as birds or butterflies, use plants exhibiting preferred plant traits and forms. For example, hummingbirds like salvia flowers for their color, tubular shape and strong stems.

For answers to your horticulture questions, please call the Texas AgriLife Extension, Hood County at 817-579-3280 or go online to visit lakegranburymastergardeners.org.

#### **WE ARE ALL AMERICANS** This is the United States

of America. Any and all who come into this country should learn the language and respect the laws of their new home-They should read, learn and

understand what our constitution says and understand why we have it. One Nation Under God. We can survive the division

between Democrats and Republicans as we have done for well over 200 years. However, we will not survive the division among us of races. As long as this country has a hyphenated race we are doomed to failure.

We are all Americans and should be addressed as so.

There should not be any Mexican-Americans, or African-Americans, or Italian-Americans or any other blank-Americans. We are all Americans.

While at it let's get rid of the Black congressional caucus, BET network and the black only colleges around the United States of America.

If I started a white entertainment network I would be a racist. I just cannot comprehend what is happening to my

Very sorry to learn that Gen-

eral Flynn had resigned as National Security Advisor to the President.

Beyond a shadow of a doubt he was the most qualified person to serve in that position, now we just need to find out who leaked the information to the press.

We all need to be praying that President Trump has a successful term in office and gets the swamp drained. It may take a second term but he is working on it.

> **Con Shuck** deCordova

#### **NEED FOR SCHOOLS**

It is great to see that the Saratoga development will include apartments as there seems to be a critical shortage of such in the county.

I'm also impressed with the city's requirements for parkland associated with the development and pleased that the developer has exceeded the minimum requirements by almost 10 percent.

I wonder though, given an estimated 2,000-plus residents, why there was no mention of dedicated plot(s) for schools?

It isn't uncommon in other school districts to require developers to deed property for schools, and to include ad-

ditional utility capacity and roads sized to service them in the initial development.

During the original settlement of Texas, major landholders would routinely donate property for schools and other civil buildings such as courthouses as a means to attract settlement.

That's a tradition with real merit, and I hope that these developers are already working

> **Charles Stonick** Granbury

#### EXTREME WRONG

The simplistic answer to the difference between far left and far right at first had me laughing at its absurdity.

Then I realized that there are still people out here that think the left is wrong and the right is correct.

Either extremity is wrong. This nation is divided and may never recover from the ludicrousness that sits in the White House.

going to help destroy us from A house divided will surely

fall, and this one is doomed.

His equally unfit cohorts are

LaCelle Howard **Oak Trail Shores** 

#### YOUR TURN

## If you were a state lawmaker, what bill would you propose?



J.C. Campbell

"If I were an elected official I would work on school issues. I would address anything that has to do with schools."



**Jasmyn Richie** 

"It's so hard to find child care at a reasonable price. I think we need an affordable child care supplement."



**Duane Durrett** "I would propose

funding for community colleges."



Nikki Sobchak

"Mine would be funding for alternate health care options regarding mental health options."

#### WRITE

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#### First and foremost

The first item on Wednesday's agenda was to gather on the steps of the state Capitol for a group photo op with state Rep. Mike Lang (R-Granbury) and state Sen. Brian Birdwell (R-Granbury).

## **Hood County has its day in Austin**



#### Good for Hood

Hood County was well-represented for this year's Hood County Day in those in attendance. The Granbury Chamber of Commerce sponsors the Austin. Granbury (pictured above) and Tolar honor students were among semi-annual trek to the state Capitol.





#### **Warm welcome**

Hood County Day in Austin attendees received a warm welcome when they dropped by state Rep. Mike Lang's office. Lang is pictured with Granbury Chamber of Commerce board chair Trish Reiner. Attendants were also invited to drop by state Sen. Brian Birdwell's office.



#### **Salutation**

State Sen. Brian Birdwell (R-Granbury) waves to the Hood County crowd in the balcony of the Senate Chamber.



#### Time's-a-wastin'

Thanks for the memories

Sammi Kaye Herren (left) and Paige Hopkins, both with Boucher, Morgan & Young CPA, enjoyed their Hood County Day in Austin experience. The pair

took plenty of selfies to commemorate their fun-filled day.

After the group photo, Hood Countians hit the ground running to stay on schedule for their busy day ahead.



#### Welcome! 9:30 a.m. Sunday mornings 'Good Shepherd Episcopal Church, a parish in good standing with the Episcopal Church in the United States of America, a part of the worldwide Anglican Communion." The Episcopal Church welcomes all who worship Jesus Christ. EPISCOPAL CHURCH Good Shepherd The Rev. Dr. Suzi Robertson, Priest in Charge 832-723-3129 Ian Moore, Sub Deacon 817-219-5382 Leslie Guinn, Sub Deacon 817-219-3510 2016 Acton Hwy - Hwy 4 across from Morrison Supply at Seventh Day Adventist Church



## Overtime buzzer-beater ends Pirates' season

BY GRANT MCGALLIARD HOOD COUNTY NEWS

ARLINGTON - The Granbury Pirates came into Tuesday night's game against the Arlington Seguin Cougars needing a win to secure a playoff spot in Division 9-5A.

They were two points away. A buzzer-beating jump hook in overtime from the right block gave Seguin a 56-54 win, ended a four-game winning streak for Granbury and prevented the Pirates from advancing to the postseason.

The loss made head coach David Breazeale "sick" for his team, especially the seniors.

"It's always tough letting the seniors go," Breazeale said. "Jordan (King)'s injury didn't help us, but when he got healthy, we started playing bet-

"(Eric) Kirchner's one of the most cherished kids I've ever coached in my career," Breazeale said. "He only knows one speed in practice."

Granbury closed out the year having won five of their last seven games, but as Breazeale said, they faced too steep of a climb after a disappointing start to district play.

"I feel like, where we're at right now, I think those are the two best teams in the district," Breazeale said about his squad and Seguin. "But we dug a hole, and eventually, that's what

killed us, being 2-5 and 3-6."

The Pirates still could have been in contention for the last playoff spot in the district had Crowley lost to Burleson on Tuesday. The Eagles won 65-52, however, eliminating Granbury.

It was easy to see from the opening tip that this game meant something extra for both teams. A win for Seguin would clinch the district title, and the Cougars could cut down their nets in front of their home fans on Senior Night.

#### **TENTATIVE START**

Perhaps because of this extra pressure, both teams came out cautious in the opening minutes. Cade Dudley's corner three-pointer for Granbury opened the scoring for both teams with 5 minutes left in the first quarter.

Dudley was allowed to fire away from the corners for most of the game. Seguin ran a fullcourt press that Granbury for the most part had no trouble with, and Dudley knocked down five corner threes, most of which were created from the press break.

Eric Kirchner went to work down inside for Granbury early, scoring 8 first-quarter points and giving the Pirates a 14-10 lead after one.

The second quarter saw Seguin pull even with Granbury. Michael Horne's two high-arcing threes from straightaway

gave the Pirates a boost, and the teams went into the locker rooms tied at 25.

Breazeale said he was surprised at Seguin's high shooting percentage from three-point range and expected the Cougars to pound the ball down low.

"Last game they go 4-21 from three, and they're 3-5 now," he said. "Stopping them inside was a priority, and man, we did everything,"

The Cougars briefly grabbed the lead in the third quarter, but Horne's midrange jumpers kept Granbury in the game and the Pirates led 40-38 at the end of the third.

For a brief moment in the fourth quarter, after Kirchner had put up 8 points in the period, Granbury looked to be in control. Mason Hix's first field goal of the game was a threepointer with 3:20 left that put the Pirates up 51-45.

"We got up six, and we had a chance," Breazeale said.

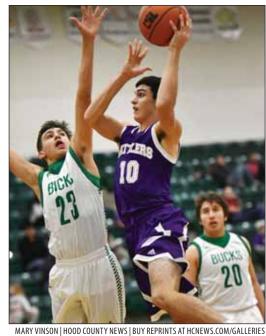
But Seguin tied it up with a three of their own with 1:16 remaining and sent it to overtime, where the Cougars capitalized with a shot created out of a timeout with 1.7 seconds left that beat the buzzer and ended Granbury's hopes.

The Pirates finished the season with a 20-13 (7-7 in district) record.

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MARY VINSON | HOOD COUNTY NEWS | BUY REPRINTS AT HCNEWS.COM/GALLERIES RAINING THREES: Devin Hodges (12) and his Tolar Rattler teammates celebrate a three-point barrage that propelled them to a 54-32 win over Breckenridge. Hodges had 6 three-pointers on the night.



RISING UP: Tolar's Derian Morphew (10) leaps to make a play in the paint against Breckenridge on Thursday night. Morphew's Rattlers won 54-32.

## Tolar boys' hot shooting sinks Breckenridge, 54-32

BY GRANT MCGALLIARD HOOD COUNTY NEWS

**DUBLIN - The Tolar Rattlers** had scored just one point in the first six minutes of the third quarter and were in danger of blowing their 24-17 halftime lead over the Breckenridge Buckaroos.

Then they decided to get blisteringly hot from behind the three-point line, hitting 9 second-half threes and putting Breckenridge away in a 54-32 win Thursday night.

Every made second-half field goal but one for the Rattlers came from beyond the arc. Tolar used a combination of high screens at the top of the key and spot-ups in the corner to free up shooters.

Devin Hodges, in particular, torched Breckenridge on the offensive end. Hodges finished with 6 three-pointers, including the trey that ignited the Tolar run in the third quarter.

All of this came as a surprise to Rattler head coach Kent Caruthers.

"We haven't shot that well in a long time," Caruthers said. "The other day we were 1-21 from the three-point line."

Hodges wasn't the only Rattler that hit big shots. All of Bryce Farmer's buckets, in-

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## Baseball, Softball Preview Hood County squads eye playoffs

## New district not fazing Tolar

BY GRANT MCGALLIARD

The Tolar Rattler baseball team made it to the third round of the University Interscholastic League playoffs last year, and head coach Darrell Hogan expects this season to be no different.

"We expect to make the playoffs," Hogan said. "Our goal is to finish in the top 2 of dis-

Considering Tolar's move into a new district featuring Brock and Peaster, two of the top schools in 3A baseball, the Rattlers will have to fight hard to reach that position.

It's not just Hogan that's aiming for top 2, however. "That's what the boys want their goal to be," Hogan said.

With the talent that Tolar has on the mound, the Rattlers may well be able to achieve what they're setting out to do.

"Baseball is all about pitching," Hogan said, and Tolar stands out in that department.

Senior starting pitcher Cade Brown is expected to lead the Rattler rotation. "He's been

hitting the 80s (mile per hour range), and he's got great control," Hogan said. Sophomore Bryce Scott provides a different sort of approach to pitching. Tall and

sistently around the plate" and will be a welcome mainstay in the starting rotation. Junior starting pitcher Dustin Twigg was the number 2 man for Tolar last season,

and his curveball has only got-

lanky, Hogan said Scott is "con-

ten better, Hogan said. It's this trio that Hogan expects to carry the team into the new district. The adjustment won't be easy, but Hogan is hoping his team rises to the

"The district we've been in is 2A, and had teams like Gorman and Lipan in it that don't have the numbers," Hogan said, "so we dominated.

"It's not going to be like that this year, with quality programs like Peaster and Brock."

A good offseason has Hogan hopeful that his team is capable of competing with those

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## will define team

**GRANT MCGALLIARD** HOOD COUNTY NEWS

bury High School officially starts February 23rd, and the Pirates will have a different

form of motivation this year than the last.

"It's easy to take on the 'nobody thinks we can do this' mentality and play with a chip

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## Lady Rattlers face rebuild

BY GRANT MCGALLIARD HOOD COUNTY NEWS

Last year, the Tolar Rattler softball team had six senior stars, a healthy roster and a district that provided fertile ground for wins.

In 2017, head coach Allan Nance and his squad will have to overcome much greater odds if they're to have a successful campaign.

Tolar now competes in District 7-3A, alongside perennial powerhouses Brock and Peaster. The Rattlers bring in a young squad with just three seniors and have suffered dam-

aging injuries in the offseason. All this means that Nance isn't afraid to approach the

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## Pirate pitching

ON THE MOUND: A Pirate pitcher hurls a pitch towards home plate in a

2016 game. Granbury enters the 2017 season with a pitching rotation

that head coach Brad Eppler thinks will be one of the best in the divi-

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Baseball season for Gran-

#### Jayjohn eyes breakthrough

BY GRANT MCGALLIARD HOOD COUNTY NEWS

Heading into the 2017 season, Granbury softball head coach Erinn Jayjohn has a simple goal in mind.

"Our expectation is to win, to succeed," Jayjohn said. The Lady Pirates were competitive in several district games last season, but couldn't seem to find a way to

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## Returning core to power indians

BY GRANT MCGALLIARD HOOD COUNTY NEWS

The Lipan Indian baseball team made the playoffs in head coach Mike Sneed's first season, and they're looking to return to the postseason in 2017.

"We want to be very competitive," Sneed said. "We made the playoffs, and we want to accomplish that and build a solid foundation."

Lipan will lean on a core group of talented returning upperclassmen that Sneed termed "crucial," including some all-district selections.

Junior Ryder David will pitch and play infield for the Indians, and was named to second-team all-district in 2016. Sneed described him as the "workhorse" of the rota-

Cliff Campbell was a firstteam all-district selection last season, and he'll play in the left side of the infield at either shortstop or third base. "He's one of the fastest guys on our team," Sneed said.

Senior Hayden Richardson and juniors Connor McFadden and Braden Jones will also be key players in the Lipan lineup.

Bryce Shockley, a sophomore catcher, was on varsity as a freshman last season and should only continue to get better.

"He hit pretty well and played really good defense," Sneed said.

A new face to the Lipan Indians, sophomore Landon Larkin, should make an impact in the outfield and at the

plate, Sneed said. The Indians will make their name on the pitching mound, Sneed said, and try to force teams to make mistakes on defense.

"We'd love to be a good pitching team," Sneed said. "My deal is, if you can hit the ball and put it in play, you have a good chance to be successful. There's a lot of teams that don't play good defense."

#### **NEW OFFSEASON TRAINING**

Lipan will enjoy the benefits of an offseason training program for the first time.

"This is the first year that we've had a baseball offseason at Lipan," Sneed said. Most years, the majority of the players are still competing on the Lipan basketball team while baseball season Although the Indian basket-

ball team is still in the playoffs, enough members of the baseball squad went through the training program for Sneed to have already seen improvements.

'Our guys got a little bit bigger and stronger through weight training," Sneed said.

In addition to the weight room, Sneed wants to see his team develop an identity together.

"What I want to do is see us grow together in team unity,' Sneed said. "We're going to play hard-nosed baseball, and play the right way."

"We're going to be aggressive on the bases and try to be a team that pitches well and has a chance to win."

## Interference on your electronics

Nothing is more frustrating to me than when I cannot run my trolling motor without generating noise or interference on my sonar. There are some simple actions that you can take to minimize this issue.

The most prevalent interference on a sonar graph is noise generated from trolling motor electronics. Following the instructions on your trolling motor internal wiring can usually eliminate the noise.

Two major trolling motor manufacturers have a ground lead that is left unconnected in the trolling motor head. If you have interference on your sonar when you change speeds on your trolling motor, you may need to connect this ground

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if you have two sounders they probably operate at the same frequency. You can eliminate the 'cross talk" interference by only using one sounder at a time or by having sufficient distance

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frequency of

200 khz, and

transducers.

Make sure your electronics are powered from a separate battery than the trolling motor. In addition, make sure your ground conductor is grounded at one point closest to the

ground electrode that is normally on the main motor.

Also, ensure the cabling to your sounder is not routed along with the trolling motor power cabling.

Finally, mount the sounder as far away from the trolling motor itself as you can stand if noise is a problem.

#### **HOOD COUNTY FISHING REPORT**

Striper fishing is sporadic, and the sand bass fishing is good with the spawning season taking off early with the warmer weather we have been having. Best action for largemouth bass is on warmer afternoons as the water warms. Squaw Creek black bass to 7 pounds on soft plastics are good near drop-offs with some early top action.

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#### **TOLAR:** Rebuilding Rattler softball team

new season as a "rebuilding"

"We've got several young players that are playing well," Nance said. "But now we're playing state title contenders in Brock and Peaster."

Nance said juniors, especially third baseman Raylee Anderson and shortstop Kyndel Hall, "will help carry the team."

Senior starting pitcher April Rhine will also play a major part in the Rattlers' success.

"Those three provide a great amount of leadership," Nance

Several young players will get a chance to make an impact this season, including sophomore catcher Morgan Hutsel.

"She has varsity experience backing up Katie Keith," Nance said. "We're going to miss Katie, but we're excited to see what Morgan can do."

The offseason has provided Nance with hope that his team has the capability to improve

"We've done a great job in the weight room," Nance said. Scrimmages have given Tolar opportunities to show what they're made of, and despite there "always being something for coaches to get mad and gripe about" after a scrimmage, Nance said he's pleased with his team's effort thus far.

The biggest improvements must come at the plate if the Rattlers are to make noise in the new district.

Nance says his team needs to get used to the better pitching

they'll face against higher-quality teams.

"Young players just don't have experience to be successful hitting," Nance said. Even "productive outs" would be a sign of improvement for this squad.

Despite the setbacks Tolar faces, Nance says his team will hang their hat on effort.

"We may need to get a few games under our belt to find an identity," Nance said. "I hope it's our defense, playing scrappy.

"We have to find ways to win," Nance said. "We may not have home run hitters, but we can lay down a bunt if we need to."

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#### **GRANBURY:** Confidence key for softball

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win, going 3-11 in their district. But now, in Jayjohn's second year at the helm of Granbury, the Lady Pirates believe they're ready to make the leap to playoff contention.

"We're returning 8 starters, and expecting a lot out of our girls," Jayjohn said. "Texas Prep magazine has us picked 4th and in the playoffs."

Granbury will re help from the realigned University Interscholastic League districts, which removed perennial powerhouse Aledo from their district schedule.

The Lady Pirates have a clearer path to a playoff spot, and Jayjohn's players are convinced they have what it takes to get

there. "We believe we have unfinished business," Jayjohn said. "We've got a good group of girls, and a lot of vocal leader-

This offseason has been a productive one, Jayjohn said, largely due to the squad getting used to their new coach.

"It's my second year, so the girls know what to expect from me and they know my expectations for them," Jayjohn said. "We're seeing good things from JV and varsity. We've been able to have a lot more intrasquad practices."

The strength of the squad begins with sophomore pitcher Kelby Been, whom Jayjohn says "can do a lot from the circle."

Jayjohn says she's also "seen some good things" from freshman pitcher Brianna Venable, who could see some time in relief of Been.

After a down year offensively last season, Granbury hopes to improve in the batter's box. Captain Livia Zamora will play

at Texas Women's University after graduation, and is expected to make some noise at the plate. Sophomore Lani Hickey will

also be an impact player, Jayjohn said. As far as up-and-comers go,

freshmen Venable and Rayli Ruby could make a "quick impact" for Granbury this season and if not this year, "than certainly the next," Jayjohn said.

For the Lady Pirates, the key will be believing they can achieve what Texas Prep and Jayjohn think they can.

"We didn't win a lot of games last year, but we had moments of glory," Jayjohn said. Confidence, and "knowing that they can compete in a tough district," will go a long way towards proving that the Lady Pirates belong among the top teams in the region.

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## Lipan wins top-10 showdown

BY GRANT MCGALLIARD

Two top-10 teams in 1A basketball met on Tuesday night, but after the final whistle, it was clear who deserved the No. 1 ranking.

The Lipan Indians blew the doors off the Lingleville Cardinals in a 77-24 win that sealed an undefeated district cam-

Tate Phillips stuffed the stat sheet with 19 points, 8 rebounds, 5 assists and 4 steals.

Ty Bryant finished a rebound shy of a double-double, with 14 points and 9 rebounds. Layton Sharp put up 13 points, Ty Phillips had 9

points, 6 assists and 6 steals. Lipan will tune up for the playoffs with a practice game

against the No. 1 ranked team in 2A, Muenster, today at 3 p.m. at Chisholm Trail High School in Fort Worth.

The Indians will have a firstround bye and begin playoffs at the area round late next week. The potential playoff opponents for Lipan haven't been announced vet.

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#### Lady Indians move past Zephyr

BY GRANT MCGALLIARD

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The Lipan Lady Indians continued their defense of their state basketball title with a 43-26 win over Zephyr Thursday night in Eastland.

Lipan trailed 10-8 after one quarter, but a strong second quarter gave the Lady Indians a 23-16 lead at the half.

Head coach Amber Branson

says the difference came on the defensive end.

"We stepped up on the defensive end," Branson said. "A little more intensity than we started with.'

Lipan struggled shooting, going 2-15 from three-point range.But Zephyr couldn't hold on to the ball, with 25 turnovers on the night, and Lipan was able to capitalize on those to seal the win.

Although the Lady Indians didn't shoot well from deep, Maddie McGee dominated the paint. The center put up 23 points on 9-15 shooting, and 5-8 from the free-throw line.

Lipan will move on to play the winner of Newscastle and Iredell, which was played Friday night. Lipan's game will be Monday or Tuesday.

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#### **HOT SHOTS:** *Tolar lights-out from deep*

cluding 3 three-pointers of his own, seemed to come at just the right time for Tolar, and Michael Golba's three-pointer with 20 seconds left in the 3rd quarter was a major exclamation point to end the Rattler

The Tolar defense was strong during most of the game, as well. Breckenridge was limited to passing the ball around the perimeter and trying to find a way into the paint, but the Rattlers turned up the heat inside and never gave the Buckaroos good looks.

"They played well on defense, they really did," Caruthers said of his team. "The post on the other team scored like 18 on us last time.

"Will Bonnell did a great job on him, not going for the head fakes, staying on the floor and forcing him to shoot over The Rattlers took awhile to

get going on offense after the

Devin Hodges broke the opening scoring drought for Tolar with a three-pointer 4 minutes into the game. He'd follow that up with another trey a minute later, and Tolar took a 15-10 lead after the first quarter.

The game was on the verge of bogging down midway through the second quarter, as both defenses were denying

any good looks. Bryce Farmer's layup and foul with 2:20 left in the half gave the Rattlers a boost of momentum before the break, and Tolar held a 24-17 lead through two.

That's when the threes started falling, and when Tolar pulled away from the Buckaroos for good.

This game was part of a special play-in contest to determine the final playoff spot in District 7-3A. Tolar moved on to play Eastland on Friday night for the right to play in the postseason.

Check out hcnews.com for the score and recap of that matchup.

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#### **PIRATES:** No days off for Granbury

on your shoulder," head coach Brad Eppler said. "We can't do that this year. "We had a lot of success last

year. Now the hard part is proving it was the real deal. Last season, Granbury finished 30-9 (11-4 in district) but

postseason. This year, the challenge will be to build off the regular season success while moving past

fell to Grapevine early on in the

the early playoff exit. Eppler thinks that won't be a problem.

"We can compete at most phases of the game with just about anyone in both athletic ability as well as level of skill,"

Eppler said. Most of that skill is found on the mound, where Granbury will field several of the top pitchers in the conference.

Matthew Hickey, a Weather-

ford Junior College commit,

is a four-year starter and the

Pirates' projected ace. Chance

Turney, another Weatherford commit, will fill out the rotation alongside Wesley Case, who will play at Murray State at the next level. Bryce Foutz will lead the Pi-

rates offensively, having hit .371 last season. The outfield will see several players fight for playing time, Eppler said, including Rustin Beasley and Andrew Walters, two Pirates who will also pitch for Granbury.

Defensive stalwart Corbin Harris "looks to be the full time catcher," Eppler said, after an offseason in which he "has worked hard to become defensively invaluable."

That offseason work fits in line with Granbury's policy of never taking days for granted, Eppler said. "Practices are long and fairly

intense," Eppler said. "We are making strides every day to get "Our focus now is the mental

aspect of the game. We com-

pete daily, award no points for second place, and ignore everything we cannot control."

"Offseason for GHS baseball is more about strength than it is baseball," Eppler said. "We work on strength and power in the weight room so we are ready to play in the spring."

Improvements don't stop once the season begins, however, and Eppler expects his team to develop a consistent level of excellence. "We will have to improve

practice and game," Eppler said. "By district we need to be building towards our best baseball. If Granbury can take care of their own business and eliminate mistakes, Eppler thinks

every week with each passing

deep into the playoffs. "We try to play 7 innings and not be the reason we lose," Eppler said. "If we can mix in a few great (plays), this team can play a while."

this team may be built to go

#### **RATTLERS:** Tolar ready to surprise

quality programs. The coach said he is "pretty happy" with the way his team has performed in practices and scrimmages.

"We played Friday against Glen Rose and won 8-7," Hogan said. Tolar was able to rotate in pitchers and get a "real good

showing" from their rotation. Last year's deep playoff run has given Tolar the reputation that Hogan wants.

"We showed people a lot last season, and we're getting respect," Hogan said.

The key will be carrying that

respect up the ranks to 3A base-

"We're going to surprise some people, being new to the district," Hogan said. "We're going to put a quality team out there.

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SO SWEET: Kailey Mabery brought her goat named Rojo to the Bow Wow Trick or Treat fundraiser last year.

MARY VINSON | HOOD COUNTY NEWS | BUY REPRINTS AT HCNEWS.COM/GALLERIES The annual event in October is a benefit for Hood Animal Lovers Organization, better known as HALO.

## HALO promotes education, fosters pets waiting for homes

BY DEBBIE SCHNEIDER HOOD COUNTY NEWS

The Hood County Animal Lovers Organization, better known as HALO, works with the community, Hood County Animal Control and local animal shelters to find homes for displaced and abandoned animals in Hood County.

HALO is not a shelter, but a group of volunteers who foster displaced animals in their homes until permanent homes can be found. Foster animals are vetted and taken to adoption sites around Hood County in search for a new loving home.

HALO is a nonprofit run solely by volunteers. All money raised through donations, benefits and adoptions goes to the care of HALO's animals.

**TOP DOGS & CATS** special section features pets and their owners in this is-

**ANNUAL BENEFITS** 

The spring Chari-Tea is March 26 from 2-4 p.m. at Bentwater Activity Center, 1800 W. Emerald Bend Court.

Doors open at 1 p.m. for Mimosas, champagne and visiting with friends. The tea begins at 2 p.m.

Tickets are \$30 and can be made payable to Lynne Green, 4322 Fairway Drive, Granbury.

The Bow Wow Trick or Treat in October gets bigger every

The Bow Wow features dogs in costume, along with their owners. Games and food booths are part of the fun. Last year's event was at Hewlett Park. For more information visit

www.hoodanimallovers.org.

#### FOR THE LOVE OF ANIMALS

HALO offers the SNIP program for people who cannot afford to have their pet fixed. The group promotes spay/neuter for pets to help cut down on unwanted litters.

"We have adopted out dogs, cats, birds and we just adopted out our first pig," said spokeswoman Linda Oeller. "I can tell you he was so cute.'

"We have taken in old dogs. That just breaks my heart that they have no one in their lives,' she added. "Since we started, I have taken two old girls in my home and let them live out their lives loved and happy."

#### **BUILDING PERMITS**

A new mattress store is coming to town, along with a mobile phone store.

Mattress IQ will be a stone's throw from Mattress Firm, catty-corner across Highway 377 at the intersection with Acton

A building permit for a \$130,000 was given in January to Cardinal Ridge LLC to finish out the Mattress IQ store. The location is at 3803 E. Highway 377, Suite 200, in the shopping center in front of Kroger Marketplace.

At the same street address, in Suite 100, a \$70,000 building permit was given to Ameriteck Building Services to finish building shell for a T-Mobile store. It opened last Friday.

More construction on that end of town includes an enclosed bar and rest room addition at Grumps Burgers. The building permit shows a value of \$42,000.

A non-residential permit was issued for Capital Senior Living for drywall and insulation at 801 Calinco Drive for \$20,000.

Permits also show a \$10,000 renovation for an unoccupied building at 1300 S. Morgan St. by Glenn Wilson.

Pitts Roofing Company was given a permit for a roof at 903 E. Highway 377.

#### **JANUARY RESIDENTIAL PERMITS** A total of 13 residential per-

mits were issued in Granbury during the month of January. - 1403 Carmoustie Court, new

single family, \$306,182.70, J Allen Homes, Inc. - 1707 Troon Court, new

single family, \$261,348, J Allen Homes, Inc.



DEBBIE SCHNEIDER | HOOD COUNTY NEWS | BUY REPRINTS AT HCNEWS.COM/GALLERIES FINISHED: The T-Mobile store opened last week in a shopping center at the intersection of Highway 377 and Acton Highway.

- 1105 Catalina Bay Blvd, new single family, \$475,143.85, Rock Ridge Homes.

- 2018 Clive Drive, new single family, \$338,400.60, Couto Homes Inc.

- 1400 Carmoustie Court, new single family, \$261,348, J Allen Homes, Inc.

- 1401 Carmoustie Court, new single family, J Allen Homes, Inc.

- 901 Pate St., single family home, \$279,935.24, Couto Homes Inc.

- 204 Jacinth, fence, \$300,

Larry Dontos.

- 4311 Logan's Circle, accessory structure, Robert Brodie.

- 3444 Abe's Landing Drive, new single family, \$329,163.30, Flippin Construction and Custom Homes.

- 915 Joshua Court, fence, Premium Construction.

- 315 W. Bridge St., addition to structure, \$14,000 Edward Construction Services.

- 2093 Clive Drive, new single family, \$371,519.70, Couto Homes Inc.

## Who is eligible for Medicaid?

Paul Hyde with The Hyde Law Firm, PPLC is coming to Granbury Villa Rehab and Nursing to speak on Simplifying Medicaid. The free program is from 6:30 -

8 p.m. at 2124 Paluxy Highway. Hyde will be going over spousal protection and the requirements for Medicaid eligibility. In his talk, Hyde will be dis-

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GO FLORAL: Representing the Rainbow Room, Kindy Blackwell models a floral print top over a solid blouse at a style show benefit for The Salvation



THOSE BOOTS: Representing Brazos Pregnancy Center, Korayama Martinez models black leggings and fancy boots at a benefit for the Salvation Army Women's Service League of Hood County.



GO WITH THE FLOW: Representing Ruth's Place, Dotti Cloyd models a bright blue dress and large sun hat at a benefit style show for The Salvation Army Women's Service League.



THE ONLY GUY: Representing Mission Granbury, Ron Holmgreen drew hoots and hollars from the female audience while modeling at a style show to benefit the Women's Service League of Hood County.

# Fashion show raises \$46,000

BY DEBBIE SCHNEIDER HOOD COUNTY NEWS

The third annual Charities on the Runway presented by The Salvation Army Women's Service League of Hood County brought in \$46,000 for the non-profit.

Money raised by the group is used for projects in Hood County.

"This year the Women's Ser-

vice League along with The Salvation Army Advisory Council will be moving forward with a plan to help children aging out of foster care," said Sharon Grindstaff, president of the Women's Service League of Hood County.

"We are very excited about this new project as there is a great need in Hood County to

PLEASE SEE **SHOW** | 2B





## Hanson is new preacher in Lipan

e would like to welcome John and Becky Hanson to the Lipan community. John is the newly hired

preacher for the Lipan Church of Christ. He is a graduate of Ranger High School, Abilene Christian University, and the Sunset School of Preaching.

John has worked as an itinerant preacher in several churches. He has also worked in 10 missionary campaigns in Ghana, West Africa.

The Hansons are in the process of moving here from Abilene. John's duties will officially begin on March 1, 2017. He and Becky are active

preaching the word. They love people and are excited to be a part of our community.

assist children who are left to fend for themselves when

they turn 18 and must leave the foster care system," she

**SHOW** 

explained.

Christmas.

AGENCY RECOGNITION

Clubhouse last week.

The works of nine local charities were recognized at the luncheon and style show

at deCordova Bend Estates

County, Brazos Pregnancy

Center, Forward Training

Center, Hood County Chil-

dren's Charity Fund, Meals

on Wheels, Mission Granbury,

Paluxy River Children's Advo-

Voting from the audience

determined which nonprofits

Paluxy River Children's Advo-

would be given cash prizes.

cacy Center took first place and received the \$1,500 prize.

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Hanna of Edward Jones were

The second annual Mem-

bership Tea will be Tuesday,

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lish tea party with British tea,

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her mother Dorothy Martin,

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League projects. There is no

charge for the tea party.

Empire, will be hosting the tea.

The public is invited to learn

scones, petite sandwiches and

March 14 at 10:30 a.m. at

cacy Center, Rainbow Room

and Ruth's Place.

to Ruth's Place.

Featured nonprofits were

the Boys & Girls Club of Hood

rounding counties.

The Service League also

the Granbury ISD Clothes

in evangelism, teaching and

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**Debbie Compton** 

MILITARY HIGHLIGHT Captain Amanda Hendrick of Lipan, assumed command of Cobra Battery, 2nd Battalion, 77 Field Artillery on Feb. 8, at Fort Carson, Colorado.

Captain Hendrick has

two combat deployments in support of Operation Enduring Freedom and Operation Freedom's Sentinel. Her awards include the Bronze Star Medal, the Army Commendation Metal with 2 OLC, the Army Achievement Medal with 1 OLC, and the NATO Medal with Afghanistan device.

Captain Hendrick is the daughter of Colonel (Retired) Kevin and Terri Hendrick of San Antonio. She is the granddaughter of John and the late Myrna Hendrick of Lipan. Captain Hendrick is married to Ryan Winstead of Port Saint Lucie, Florida.

#### FIREFIGHTER HONORED

Ned Tipton was recently honored by the Lipan Volunteer Fire Department for more than 50 years of service to our community. Congratulations Ned, we appreciate all you do to make our town a better place to live.

#### **BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES**

Belated birthday wishes to CeaJaye (Winn) Walters, Larry Williams, and Ned Tipton. They celebrated their birthdays on Nov. 11. Troy and Patti Ranspot along with Phillip and Amanda Tarpley celebrated their wedding anniversaries on Valentines Day, Nov. 14. Jane Massey celebrated her big day on Nov. 15. Creed Hutchins will be a year older tomorrow, Feb. 19. On Monday, Feb. 20, Jane York, Buddy Stoker, Carl Ray O'Bannon, and Sandra Howard will have birthdays. Jerry Comp ton will celebrate his birthday on Tuesday, Feb. 21. Danny Hartman will celebrate his big day on Wed. Feb. 22. Sharla (Pendergrass) Vantine will be a year older on Friday, Feb. 24. Congratulations one and all!

#### **SEND IN THE NEWS**

If you have birthdays, anniversaries, or news that pertains to the Lipan community, please contact me.

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The Community Calendar is Last year, the local Salvaa free listing in the Hood tion Army group purchased a County news to inform Rapid Response Vehicle to aid readers of community profirst responders and those imgrams, special meetings pacted by disasters and other and nonprofit events. To be emergencies in Hood and surconsidered for publication, organizations must include the agenda for the meetfunds the purchase of shoes, ing, or the speaker's name socks, and underwear through and topic. Information Closet, and provides beds for should be submitted two children through the Christweeks prior to the event mas for Children agency. Gifts for consideration. Monthly to nursing homes are given at updates work best. Email information (including the location and street address)

#### SATURDAY, FEB. 18

to calendar@hcnews.com.

KARAOKE NIGHT at VFW Post 7835, 8 to 11 p.m., 3670 Highway 377 W.

#### **WOMEN'S GATHERING**

at Acton Baptist Church, "Let Light Shine Out of Darkness," with quest speaker from Damascus, Syria, \$15 includes lunch, 8:30 a.m. to 3 p.m., 3500 Fall Creek Highway, 817-579-5111 to register.

#### MONDAY, FEB. 20

**PRESIDENTS DAY clos**ings include the Senior Center.

**QUILT GUILD** learns how to quilt preprinted panels, 6:30 p.m., St. Francis Cabrini Church, 2301 Acton Highway.

#### TUESDAY, FEB. 21

PAUL HYDE, attorney at law, will speak on Medicaid rules and regulations with a question and answer time, 6:30 to 8 p.m., Granbury Villa Rehab and Nursing, 2124 Paluxy Highway.

**BLOOD DRIVE,** noon to 5 p.m., First Christian Church, 2109 Highway 377 W. (next to Tractor Supply).

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the requirements for Medicaid eligibility. In his

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of the laws that govern Medicaid.

Please make **RESERVATIONS** by calling **817-219-2566** 



#### **Pecan paramedic honored**

As part of its program to recognize first responders and teachers, the Granbury Rotary Club recently honored Connie Wimberly (right) with its Vocational Service Excellence Award. Wimberly is a licensed paramedic with the Pecan Plantation EMS and received the award from Shirley Hooks (left). Wimberly said she loves her job and has been a paramedic since 2003. In her role of caring for the sick and injured in emergency situations, Wimberly exemplifies the Rotary motto of "Service above Self."

#### FRIDAY, FEB. 24

CHEF'S SPECIAL dinner at the American Legion Post 491, 5 to 7 p.m., 3409 Davis Road.

#### SATURDAY, FEB. 25

**KARAOKE NIGHT** at VFW Post 7835, 8 to 11 p.m., 3670 Highway 377 W.

#### MONDAY, FEB. 27

#### WRITERS' BLOC double

critique session, 7 to 9 p.m., Lakestone Terrace third-floor library, 916 Highway 377 E., 817-578-4272.

#### TUESDAY, FEB. 28

#### **SCRAPBOOKING SESSION**

at the Hood County Senior Center, 10:30 a.m., 501 E. Moore St.

#### **PARKINSON'S DISEASE**

support group welcomes Dr. Bruce Wadley to discuss eye

muscles, 1 p.m., Lakestone Terrace (third floor).

#### **THURSDAY, MARCH 2**

Hatter's Tea Party includes a presentation on tea, 9:30 a.m. to 1 p.m., Pecan Plantation

**NEWCOMERS' CLUB** Mad

Country Club, 8650 Westover Court. Reservations for lunch (\$14) required by noon on Monday, Feb. 27, 817-243-9831.

#### FRIDAY, MARCH 3

**FISH FRY** and bake with cole slaw, hushpuppies, baked potato or fries, 5 to 7 p.m., St. Frances Cabrini Church, 2301 Acton Highway, \$10 adults, \$8 children under 12. Benefits Knights of Columbus charities.

#### SATURDAY, MARCH 4

KARAOKE NIGHT at VFW Post 7835, 8 to 11 p.m., 3670 Highway 377 W.

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crated trained. This cute little girl is great with other dogs, but is quite shy and will need lots of love and kindness from her new family while she settles in. Morgan is a soft gray male tabby cat. He is ten months old and loves to play, but his favorite thing is being held and petted.

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#### Alta 'Mae' Lyons

Alta "Mae" Lyons passed away Wednesday, Feb. 8, 2017, in Keller.

Service: 11 a.m. Friday, Feb. 10, 2017, First Baptist Church Granbury. Burial: Holly Hills Mausoleum.

Mae was born in Hood County on Jan. 22, 1934, to Mack and Leona Tidwell. She attended school in Tolar. As a young girl she played guitar and sang at a local radio station. Mae worked in Dallas many years as a bookkeeper. During that time she traveled to many exotic locations with her husband. When it was time to retire she returned to Granbury. She enjoyed China painting and working in her vegetable and flower gardens. The best part of her day was sitting in her swing outside with the dog and cat at her side, enjoying the beauty and quiet of mother nature. When the family got together we had her fresh vegetables from the garden and



She is survived by her husband of 64 years, William O. Lyons; daughters, Jonnie McGlathery, Betty Watson (husband, Mark); grandchildren, Meredith Kennedy (husband, Brian), Kim Jacks; and great-grandchildren, Vance and Bell Jacks.

Mae was loved dearly and will be greatly missed.

Wiley Funeral Home made arrangements.

#### Jack W. Henline

Jack W. Henline passed away Feb. 14, 2017, at his home in Granbury, surrounded by family after a courageous battle with Alzheimer's.

delicious yeast rolls.

Services: 11 a.m. Saturday, Feb. 18, 2017, in Martin's Funeral Home Chapel in Granbury. Graveside service following at Holly Hills Memorial Park.

Jack was born Feb. 7, 1927, in Marion, North Carolina, and led a full and satisfying life taking care of his family, spending quality time with friends and enjoying all the simple things life has to offer. He retired from Comanche Peak Steam Electric Station after 16 years of service.

He is survived by his wife, Karen; his five children, Craig Henline, Sherry Brockett, Lesha Hampton, Sherri Brown and H.L. Baird, as well as many grandchildren, great-grandchildren and great-great grandchildren.

Arrangements made by Martin's Funeral home.

#### Cody James Sayer

Cody James Sayer, 26, of Granbury passed away Tuesday, Feb. 14, 2017.

Memorial Service: 2 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 18, 2017, at Wiley Funeral Home Chapel, Granbury.

Cody was born Oct. 14, 1990, in Bellflower, California. He graduated from Granbury High School in 2009 and continued his education at Texas Tech University studying to become a computer engineer. Cody was a very happy young man, always courteous and willing to help others. He had true joy in his heart for family, friends, and life. He had a contagious smile always lighting up a room when he walked in. Cody will be missed by his family, friends, and all who knew him.

Survivors: Father, Leonardo Di Masi; mother, Janet Di Masi; biological mother, Jodi Sayer-Dupper; brothers, Bret Sayer,



Dustin Sayer, Christian Sayer, and Austin Dupper; sisters, Cara Di Masi, Francesca Kuruppu, and Giovanna Johnston as well as many nieces, nephews, cousins, and friends.

Arrangements made by Wiley Funeral Home.

#### **Robert Graver**

Robert Graver of Granbury, 79, passed away Monday, Feb. 13, 2017, in Granbury.

The Graver family will celebrate Bob's life privately.
Robert Donald Graver was born Nov. 4, 1937, in Turkey River, Iowa, the youngest of three sons to the late Frank David and Evelyn Elizabeth Scheller Graver. He married Mae on

Don, and Theresa.

Bob had a long career as a mechanical designer but in his spare time loved to fish, hunt, travel, read, and was a fan of the Cowboys and Rangers.

Nov. 12, 1960, and their union

produced three children, Tom,

Bob was preceded in death by a son, Tom Graver; his parents; and two brothers.

Survivors: Wife of 56 years, Mae Graver of Granbury; son, Don Graver and wife, Susan, of Fort Worth; daughter, Theresa Graver of Granbury; grandsons, Bryson Proctor and Landon Childress, both of Fort Worth; numerous nieces and nephews; and a host of loving friends.



#### Lowell Walker Oden

Lowell Walker Oden, of Lewisville and formerly of Granbury, passed away Jan. 4, 2017. He was born August 8, 1920, to the Rev. J. W. Oden and Mary Carter Oden

Services: 1 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 25, 2017, Acton United Methodist Church, 3343 Fall Creek Hwy, Granbury.

The son of a Methodist minister and the eldest of six children, he attended many schools before graduating from Ringling High School in Oklahoma. He attended Cameron State Agricultural College and graduated from Southwestern State College in Weatherford, Oklahoma, in 1942.

Lowell served in the U.S. Army and U.S. Army Air Corps Medical Division until 1946. He lost his brother and best friend, Leroy, who was also serving his country, during the war in Germany in 1945.

Lowell received a Master of Education from the University of Oklahoma in 1949. While teaching in Muskogee, Oklahoma, he met and married Jeanne Musgraves on March 16, 1951. They moved with their three children to Arlington, in 1963 where they remained when he retired in 1985.

Although teaching was his first love, Lowell was always ready to take on a new challenge. His career life took many turns. Lowell was a representative for textbook publisher, Harcourt Brace Pub. Co. He was a sales manager for Ace Rubber Co. and James A. Egan Manufacturing Co. before finally becoming an independent sales representative specializing in the automotive aftermarket.

He spent his retirement traveling around the world and building and living in several homes. The first home was on acreage near Ardmore, Oklahoma, residing there until 1993. Lowell and Jeanne then owned a home on Lake Kiowa before moving to their next home back in Arlington. There they owned and operated The Stitch Niche, a needlework and framing shop,



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until 1997. Then, Lowell and Jeanne "retired" again moving to Granbury where they lived until moving to Lewisville last year.

No matter where he lived, the Methodist church was always a pillar in Lowell's life. He was an avid reader, a yard enthusiast and a lover of OU football (Boomer Sooner!). His travel stories entertained all he met and he always had a joke to share. Lowell chronicled his life and adventures in his published autobiography, "The Life and Times of a Preacher's Kid."

He is survived by his wife of 65 years, Jeanne Musgraves Oden; three children, daughter, Marty Seybold (husband, David), son, John Oden, son, Brent Oden; seven grandchildren, Eric Oram (wife, Christine), Jarrod Oram, Charlsi Thomann (husband, Zach), Gavin Oram, Steven Seybold (wife, Tori), Meryl Oden, Joseph Benton Seybold; five great-grandchildren, Riley and Jack Oram and Carter, Cora and Callum Thomann; brother, Don Oden (wife, Helen) of Tulsa, Oklahoma; brother-in-law, Jim Quetone of Tallequah, Oklahoma; and numerous nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by two brothers, Doyle and Leroy Oden; and two sisters, Doris Jones and Reba Quetone.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to the Acton United Methodist Church library fund, a fund dear to the lifetime learner Lowell.

#### **Martine Anne Turrey**

Martine Anne Turrey, 46, of Granbury went to be with the Lord on Feb. 13, 2017.

Memorial service: 2 p.m. Saturday Feb. 18, 2017, at Martin Cemetery on the Diamond A Ranch in Lipan.

She was born Oct. 5, 1970, in Abilene. Her father's military career allowed the family a lot of travel, including living in California and Europe. She later returned to Texas to raise her family.

Martine was a kind and vibrant woman that loved the Lord. Her caring nature was unparalleled and she was always seeking to help others. She was active and played sports in school. She loved to swim, skate and ski in California; where the sun was almost as radiant as she was. The family will fondly remember her, having spent beautiful moments together

throughout their lives.

Martine is survived by her loving mother and stepfather,



Arlette and Dr. William Johnson; her three sons that she adored, Timothy, Matthew and Hunter; two sisters, Catherine Riggs and Brigitte King; brother, Andrew Johnson; and a niece and nephew that loved her dearly.

She was preceded in death by her father, Neil Pogue and her brother, Kim Robert Pogue.

The deadline for obituaries is noon Monday for the Wednesday paper, and noon Thursday for the Saturday paper.

#### Bascom M. Higginbottom

Bascom M. Higginbottom, 86, of Granbury and formerly of De Leon, passed away Wednesday, Feb. 15, 2017, with his family by his side.

Funeral services: 1 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 18, 2017, at First Baptist Church, De Leon, with Brother Jackie Auvenshine officiating. Bascom will be laid to rest next to his wife in De Leon Cemetery. The Higginbottom family will receive friends from noon to service time Saturday, Feb. 17, at the church.

Bascom was born Dec. 19, 1930, in Rucker to Rufus Marcell Higginbottom and Norma Jewell Bunting Higginbottom. He married Betty Marie Beard May 29, 1950, in Comanche.

Bascom was the CEO of JP EMCO. After he retired from his business, he started ranching and raising cattle. He also enjoyed boating, golfing and wood working. In the late 1940s, he served in the U. S. Air Force Reserves and was stationed in San Antonio.

Bascom's family was the center of his life and he was always his happiest while spending time with them. His grandchildren were his greatest joy in life. He will be missed beyond measure by all who knew and loved him.

He is survived by his son, Wayland Higginbottom (wife, Kathy); daughters, Cynthia Marie Prewitt (husband, Mike), Vivian Lucille



Sykes, and Diana Lynn Wells (husband, Ricky); brother, Harold Gene Higginbottom (wife, Charlotte); grandchildren, Richard Corbitt, Kyle Prewitt, John-Thomas Sykes, Breezy Cooley, Amanda Taylor, Noland Higginbottom, Christina Goussard and Lance Wells; step-grandchildren, Steven Prewitt, Aimee Plummer, Crissie Larson and Theresa Sykes; 11 great-grandchildren, five great-great-grandchildren; numerous nieces, nephews and other extended family.

Bascom was preceded in death by his loving wife of over 66 years, Betty Higginbottom; parents, Rufus and Norma Higginbottom; sister, Mildred Singleton; and son-in-law, John E. Sykes.

Condolences may be offered online at www.nowlinandersfh. com.

#### **Anne Caraway**

Anne Caraway, 88, of Granbury and formerly Stephenville, died Tuesday, Feb. 14, 2017, in Granbury.

Graveside services: 11:30 a.m. Saturday, Feb. 18, 2017, at Rock Church Cemetery in Hood County.

She was born Julia Anne Curlee on June 22, 1928, in Blum to parents Luke and Lola Hall Curlee. She attended North Texas Agricultural College in Arlington, and later TCU in Fort Worth studying psychology.

Anne married the love of her life, Forrest Caraway, in August of 1955 in Fort Worth. They moved to Stephenville and raised two children, a son, David and a daughter, Carole. Anne was a voracious reader, loved her dogs, enjoyed walking, especially on beaches and loved spending time taking care of her yard. She was a loving wife, mother and homemaker.

Anne is survived by her daugh-



ter, Carole; brother-in-law, Robert Bruce Caraway and his wife, Annette; nephew, Bruce Caraway and his wife, Sherri and their children, Avery and Lauren; and by a nephew, Brett Caraway.

Anne was preceded in death by her parents and a sister, Edna Earl; son, David; and her beloved husband, Forrest, on Oct. 20, 2010.

On line condolences may be made at www.stephenvillefh.

#### Robie 'Roy' Sailers

Robie "Roy" Sailers, 84, of Granbury, passed away Saturday, Feb. 11, 2017.

Memorial Service: 2 p.m. Friday, Feb. 24, 2017, at Acton United Methodist Church.

United Methodist Church.
Roy was born July 11, 1932,
to the late Robie F. Sailers and
Genevieve Foster in Henry
County, Indiana. He married
Yvonne Stipe in December
1956. Roy spent most of his life
in Oscoda, Michigan and attended Central Michigan University.

After proudly serving his country for 20 years in the U.S. Air Force Roy retired in 1973. He then became an insurance adjuster for Allstate Insurance Company and worked for Allstate until 1994. Roy was a 32nd degree Mason and member of the Shriners. Roy was a 23-year member of the Pecan Plantation Breakfast Club. He also enjoyed volunteering for People Helping People and was an active member at the Acton United Methodist Church.



Roy was preceded in death-by his sister, Norma Anderson. Survivors: Wife, Yvonne Sailers; son, Stephen Sailers (wife, Melissa); granddaughters, Shelby Clark (husband, Travis); Haley Saxton (husband, Chad); sisters, Rosalie Peterson and Jackie White and numerous nieces and nephews. Arrangements made by Wiley

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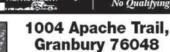
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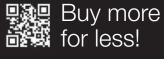
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NOTICE OF PUBLIC SALE Pursuant to Chapter 59 Texas Property Code, 1st Source Storage Center, now Granbury Self Storage, which is located at 212 Temple Hall Highway, Granbury, TX 76049 and 409 Western Hills Trail, Granbury, TX 76049 will hold a public sale of contents to satisfy a landlord's lien. The sale will be at 10:00 AM March 9, 2017. Property will be sold to the highest bidder for cash. The seller reserves the right to reject any bid or withdraw any item from the sale. The auction will begin at Temple Hall and proceed to Western Hills. The tenant may redeem their contents by paying in full before the auction. Property being sold includes contents from the following tenants, and includes display cabinets, furniture and household items: Tyler Baldridge, Kevin Woodlee, Elizabeth Clark

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Application has been made for a Private Club Registration Permit Renewal by Salon El Ranchito, Inc. dba Salon El Ranchito located at 5704 Hwy 377, Tolar, Hood County, TX. Antonio "Tony" Hernandez, President/Secretary/Director Patrocinio T. Hernandez, Vice Pres/

Treas/Director Rutilio T. Hernandez, Director Said application has been made to the Texas Alcoholic Beverage Commission in accordance with the provisions of the TABC Code.

#### **Public Notices**

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC SALE Pursuant to Chapter 59, Texas Property Code, ACI Shops & Storage, Ltd. located at 1650 South Meadow Drive Granbury, Texas 76048 will have a public auction of property being sold to satisfy a landlords lien. Sale wi1l be Tuesday February 28, 2017 at 10:30am. Sign-in at the office. Property will be sold by the unit to the highest bidder for cash. Seller reserves the right to not accept any bid and to withdraw property from sale. Property being sold includes contents in spaces of the following tenants, with a brief description of contents in each space. DANIELLE GABRIELLE BRAFFORD, kids clothes and toys; JUSTIN CODY FULLER, TV, vacuum, toys, storage cabinet; ROBERT HARLAN COBB, car seats, tire, ceiling fan, tools, shop light; TAYLOR NA-COLE DAVIS, chairs, coffee table, clothes; JACK LOWELL ERCANBRACK, electric guitar, amplifier, mirror, couch, dresser; EMI-LY SMITH LOW, secretary's desk, table and chairs, mirror, end tables; CHELSEA SHEY MCCROSKIE, piano, desk, dolly, glass table; FARREN DUNAWAY MATH-ENA, refrigerator, hutch, lariat, dolly, microwave; TERRY DWAYNE BARRINGTON, tall vases, loveseat, lawn furniture, smoker, gas grill, freezer; LISA ANNE GLAZEN-ER, dresser, bed, chest of drawers, hall table, Christmas wrapping paper; LISA ANNE GLAZENER, rope, tree trimmer, barbecue pit, riding lawn mower, patio furn.; ANGELA D. WEST, televisions, exercise equipment, yard tools, wicker furn.; PA-TRICIA MARIE KRUEGER, ladder, stool, shop vac.; CHARLES GILBERT STEINKE, spray paint, hard hats, concrete screws, pop rivet gun, hammer.

NOTICE OF INTENTION TO ISSUE CERTIFICATES OF OBLIGATION TAKE NOTICE that the City Council of the City of Granbury, Texas, shall convene at 6:00 p.m. on the 21st day of March, 2017, in the City Council chambers located at 116 W. Bridge Street, in the City of Granbury, Texas, and, during such meeting, the City Council will consider the passage of one or more ordinances authorizing the issuance of certificates of obligation in one or more series in an amount not to exceed FIFTEEN MILLION DOLLARS

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(\$15,000,000) for the purpose of paying contractual obligations to be incurred for: (i) constructing improvements and extensions to the City's water system and (ii) professional services rendered in connection therewith; such certificates to be payable from ad valorem taxes and a pledge of the surplus net revenues of the City's combined water, sewer, and electric system. The certificates are to be issued, and this notice is given, pursuant to

City Secretary City of Granbury, Texas

amended.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

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Code, Subchapter C of Chapter 271, as

Notice is given that original Letters Testamentary for the Estate of Barbara Lee Osburn, Deceased, were issued on February 13, 2017, in Cause No. P08187, pending in the County Court of Hood County, Texas, to: David Christopher Osburn and Stacey Shelton. All persons having claims against this Estate, currently being administered, are required to present them to the undersigned within the time and in the manner prescribed by law c/o Janet M. Payne, Attorney at Law, 2613 E. Hwy 377, Granbury, Texas 76049. DATED the 14th day of Feb, 2017 SIGNED: Janet M. Payne, Attorney for David Osburn and Stacey Shelton, State Bar No: 24048717, 2613 E. Hwy 377, Granbury, Texas 76049, Ph: 682-936-4700; Fax: 682-936-4701.

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING The following items will be considered at a Public Hearing conducted by the ZON-ING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT of the City of Granbury on Tuesday, February 28, 2017 at 5:30 p.m., at Granbury City Hall, 116 West Bridge Street, Granbury, Texas. ZBA-2017-05, Request of RML Granbury Nissan TX LLC for a Special Exception to Section 11.7.B.7 - "Exterior Building Materials, Roof & Articulation Standards (Non-Residential)" to not provide the required 30% masonry on an existing structure prior to issuance of a new Certificate of Occupancy. The property is addressed as 4601-B & 4603 E Hwy. 377. 2. ZBA-2017-06, Request of Grace Bible Church for a Special Exception to Section 11.7.B.6 - "Exterior Building Materials, Roof & Articulation Standards (Non-Residential)" to not provide the required 80% masonry for an addition to an existing structure. The property is addressed as

201 E Clifton Rd. 3. ZBA-2017-07, Request of Art Van Dorn for a Variance to Section 5.5.C - "Height, Area, Yard, and Lot Coverage Requirements" to reduce the rear building setback from 30' to 20' in a Single Family [R-10] zoning district. Request also includes a Special Exception to Section 11.7.A.1 -"Exterior Building Materials, Roof & Articulation Standards (Residential)" to not provide the required 80% masonry for a new residence. The property is located on the northeast corner of S Baker & Torrey

4. ZBA-2017-08, Request of Betty Jacobs for a Special Exception to Section 11.2.A.4 "Off Street Parking" to not provide an enclosed two car garage for off-street parking as required for districts zoned single-family residential (R-12). The applicant is instead proposing to install a detached carport. Request also includes a Variance to Section 12.2 "General Definitions" to increase the maximum length from 24' to 31'. The property is addressed as 226 Cogdell St.

A. § 551.071. Consultation with Attorney. The Zoning Board of Adjustment may convene in executive session to conduct a private consultation with its attorney on any legally posted agenda item, when the Zoning Board of Adjustment seeks the advice of its attorney about pending or contemplated litigation, a settlement offer, or on a matter in which the duty of the attorney to the governmental body under the Texas Disciplinary Rules of Professional Conduct of the State Bar of Texas clearly conflicts with the provisions of Chapter 551.

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and queen of the ball. Aaron Reid and Brenda Palmer served as emcees for the evening, and the prize for best decorating of a table went to the 19th Hole Brewe Krewe, who went all out with a Great Gatsby theme. All of the tables displayed movie decor, and the attendees enjoyed guessing which flick each krewe had chosen.

Brenda Palmer says, "Our attendees totally got into the spirit of Mardi Gras and had great enthusiasm!"

The entertainment committee thanks everyone, especially our clubhouse staff, who had a hand in making this magical night such a success.

#### **GOOD SHOTS**

A 2D/3D archery event happens today at 10 a.m. at the archery/air gun range. Participants and spectators are wel-

#### **BREAKFAST CLUB**

Wednesday morning's Breakfast Club will be an important one for Pecaners as the folks vying to serve on Pecan's Board of Directors will be present to speak and answer members' questions. On the ballot are Roger Eades, Joe Hartman, Ron Liddell, Joel Nyman, Darlene Smyth, Vincent Sprinkle and Doug Turner. Breakfast service begins at 7:30 a.m. with the program immediately following. All Pecaners are welcome.

#### **GOLF GAME**

The Ladies' Golf Association has odd holes on the calendar for Tuesday, and the Men's Golf Association will play shamble: two best balls of foursome. Sign up for golf play in the pro shop.

They are back! The Friends of Pooch Plantation announce that their free pet identification tag offer is available once again.

In order to reunite pets and owners if they get separated, FOPP is offering tags with the owner's name and phone number at no charge.

Stop by the Pecan Activities

PECAN BITS



Diane Long

desk to complete a form.

Center front

#### **NEWCOMERS** GATHERING

The Lake Granbury Newcomers Club will meet again on March 2 at the clubhouse.

Ladies are

invited to don special hats and participate in a "Mad Hatter's Tea Party." Karen Call will also be present to teach the ladies the history of tea.

Reservations are a must and may be made by calling 817-243-9831 before noon on Feb.

Learn more about Newcomers by visiting www.granburynewcomers.org.

#### **MEMBERSHIP MEETING**

Pecan's annual membership meeting is coming up on March 4 at 11 a.m. Members have received ballots for selecting board candidates, voting on the approval of the construction and operation of the Pecan Activity and Wellness Center (including a \$6 per month assessment increase), and two by-law amendments. Ballots are due before the meeting starts.

#### **TOE TAPPING**

Happy Feet and Dance Divas instructor Michele Burger continues teaching tap lessons for adult ladies on Tuesdays from 10 to 11 a.m. at the PAC. Tap shoes are provided. To sign up: 817-573-7952.

Michele is an award winning choreographer with 50 years of dance education. Contact her for more information on the class: 817-201-4617.

#### **TEACHER WANTED**

Pecan is looking for a certified boot camp instructor to lead an early morning and/or evening class in the PAC gym. Interested parties may contact Tracey Seago at 817-573-7952.

#### DATE CHANGE

Pecan's spring garage sale day is moving. The third weekend of April brings Easter this year, so sale days are pushed back a week to April 21 (members only) and April 22.

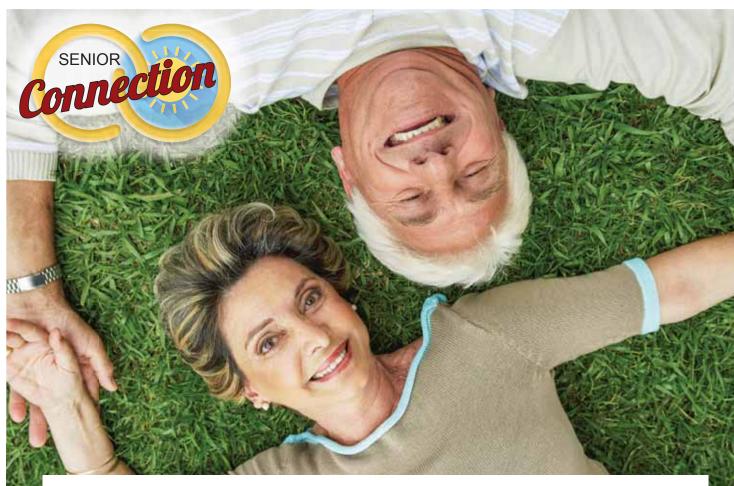
#### **SYMPATHY**

Our sympathy goes to the family of Roy Sailers, who passed away Feb. 11.



MARDI GRAS: Krewes decorated tables with movie themes at the Mardi Gras party in Pecan Plantation. Party participants wore decorated masks and enjoyed Cajun food and music. Guests gathered for this pictured include: (front center) Aaron Reid, (seated on second row) Queen Cheryl and

King Don Moore, and standing (from left) Dennis and Connie Jacomini, Mike and Eva Margle, Brenda and Charles Palmer, Aileen Reed, Patricia and Ken Johnson, Konnie and Joe Sasser, Sassy and Randal Papasan, and honored guests Lula Pope and Jerry Tidwell.



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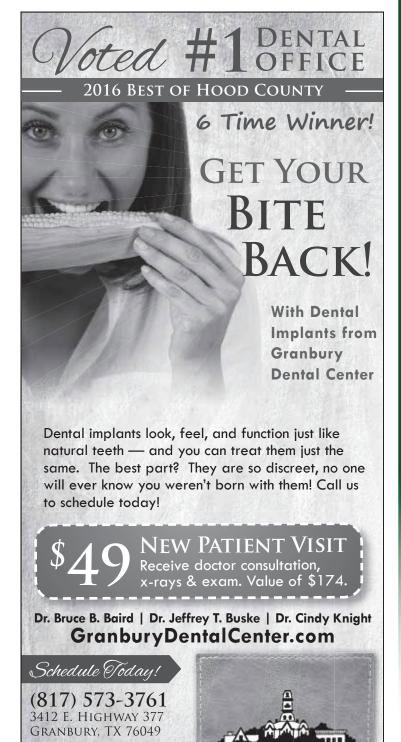
- 34% of the elderly need improvements to bathroom facilities - wheelchair height commodes, grab bars, etc.
- 24% have accessibility issues ramps, repairs to steps and/or porches, removal of overgrown shrubs and/or trees.
- 54% reported their places of residence required them to walk up steps or porches.
- \* Per a representative of the North Central Texas Council of Governments - Committee on Aging: A national survey resulted in these statistics from respondents.

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## Iop Dogs & Cats **PUPPY LOVE: Ten-year**old Sophie Gonzalez cuddles her pups, Tuff Tuff and Marshmallow, during play time at the **Granbury Bark Park.**

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#### City's Bark Park lets dogs be dogs

HOOD COUNTY NEWS

here are lots of dog lovers out there, and the city of Granbury has created a place for them and their pets.

The Granbury Bark Park, located at 600 W. Moore St. by the ball fields, is a 1.5-acre fenced amenity where dogs that are registered and properly vaccinated can run and play un-

The city opened the dog park in April 2013. There are designated areas for large and smaller dogs, and obstacles for lots of play

Water is available for both dogs and people, and there are also benches and picnic tables.

According to Public Information Officer Bethany Kyle, the city does not have any exact counts of how many people use the park, but it does get used, she said - especially when the weather is nice.

"Visitors often sit and visit with one another while their dogs run and enjoy the park," she

Due to flooding last year, the park lost a couple of its trees. According to Kyle, the city is offering a way for pet owners to honor a fourlegged friend through the purchase of a tree that will be planted at the Bark Park.

The city will supply and a plant a 30-gallon (\$250) or 15-gallon (\$150) tree and will put the name of the donor on a name plate on a display board in a central location at the dog park.

The form to purchase a tree and order a name plate is on the city's website, Kyle said.

## Proud of their pets

et owners are oftentimes as proud of their pets as they are their children and grandchil-

You can bet that their pup is the top dog. And their furry family member is the cat's meow, even if he/she feigns indifference.

Some of Hood County's many animal lovers participated in the Hood County News' Top Dogs & Cats contest, helping to raise money for Hood County Animal Lovers Organization (HALO) and the Friends for Animals

no-kill animal shelter.

That's how it is here in Hood County. People love their pets - and they support organizations that connect homeless animals with a forever

The money donated to the organizations came from the proceeds from 131 pet photos submitted and over 6,600 votes cast. The contest ran from Jan. 2-28.

Featured in this section are some of Hood County's most pampered dogs and cats, and their lucky owners.



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SOCIAL HOUR: The Granbury Bark Park, which has fences to separate large dogs from smaller dogs, is a way for pets to play and socialize unleashed. The 1.5-acre park is located at 600 W. Moore St. by the baseball fields. There are obstacles to enhance the experience for playful pooches, and benches and picnic tables so that their owners can relax while taking in the fresh air. The city provides water for pets as well as their owners.

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## Low-cost spay, neuter services available

BY KATHY CRUZ HOOD COUNTY NEWS

Low-cost spay and neuter services are available through the Texas Coalition for Animal Protection, and the savings are probably worth the drive to Weatherford.

On average, costs are 70 percent less than at veterinarian offices.

The Weatherford location at 1302 S. Main St. #114 is one of the nonprofit's six locations.

Other locations include Allen, Burleson, Denton, Fort Worth and Hurst.

Spay and neuter services for cats are \$45 for females and \$35 for

Sterilization for dogs is \$55 for dogs under 50 pounds and \$65 for dogs between 50-80 pounds.

Cats must be at least 10 weeks old, under 5 pounds and at least 2 pounds, with no pre-existing condi-

Dogs must be between 2 pounds and 80 pounds, with no pre-existing conditions.

Surgeries are performed by licensed veterinarians and veterinarian assistants.

Appointments can be scheduled through the website www.texasforthem.org or by calling 817-837-

The Texas Coalition for Animal Protection offers other services for pets, such as dental care and vacci-

Vaccination hours are from 9 a.m. to noon on Thursdays and Fridays.

Those who adopt from Hood County Animal Control are provided a voucher for sterilization and a rabies vaccination at any of the eight veterinarian offices that partner with Animal Control.

The cost to adopt a non-sterilized pet is \$85, and \$25 for those that have been sterilized.

Adopted animals going to their new homes having been microchipped, de-wormed and given their first round of vaccines.

A recent \$10,000 donation to Hood County Animal Control will be used to lower pet adoption fees for veterans and seniors and also to sponsor special adoption events.

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FRIENDLY AMBASSADOR: Tony Denton relaxes with Diesel for a moment before returning to the shop. When Tony and Pam Denton first rescued Diesel about four years ago, he was underweight and had several medical issues to be corrected. The couple also had to buy a new fence to keep him from escaping. Today, he is a friendly ambassador for their shop.

**SNACK TIME: Diesel and** Abby (brown dog) enjoy a snack from Pam Denton in the office of TD's Transmission and Automotive shop in Granbury, Pam and Tony Diesel enjoys visiting with some of the customers and spending time in Pam's lap as she answers the phone. Diesel was rescued through a local animal shelter when he was about a year and a

**Small Dog** 

**Category** 

Denton own the shop.

half old.



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## Local couple rescues and pampers Diesel the dog

BY BETHANY KURTZ HOOD COUNTY NEWS

iesel is just one example of how Hood County shelters are helping animals live happier lives, said Pam Denton.

Diesel, a 5-year-old cocker spaniel and dachshund mix, won first place small dog in the Hood County News Pet Contest.

Denton said she first saw Diesel while volunteering at an adoption event.

"I picked him up in a carrier out of the truck," she said. "He was so small. His tag said he had been surrendered by his owner, but he was covered in fleas, had long nails and was underweight."

She and her husband Tony adopted Diesel and started the long road to getting him healthy again.

"You don't even want to know what we spent," Pam said.

"We redid the fence around our yard because he is an escape artist," Tony said with a fond smile.

"He wouldn't run away now, but at first he could sneak through the smallest crack because he was so small," Pam

The only thing that didn't change about Diesel's life after he was adopted was his name. Pam said.

"Diesel was written on the tag as the name his previous owners had given him," she said. "I thought, I'm not going to take away his name, he has so little left."

Today, Diesel is a happy dog who enjoys spending time at the Dentons' shop, TD's Transmission and Automotive, in Granbury. He and the Dentons' other dog Abby usually come on Tuesdays to hang out with Pam while she handles the of-

Diesel and Abby enjoy interacting with customers and the special treats they get from representatives delivering auto parts to the shop, Pam said.

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#### **Top Dogs & Cats**

## This Bugg's for you

hough he's living with neurologic issues, Bugg the pit bull is enjoying the good life at his home on the Bra-

Bugg's owners, Scott Andrews and Dana Malone, first saw him in a newspaper ad for Hood County Animal Shelter.

"I really fell in love with him as soon as we saw him," Scott said.

Dana and Scott operate Canine Fitness Camp, and already had two mastiffs and three pit bulls. Bugg makes six.

Bugg has difficultly with coordination. Sometimes it looks like he's drunk when he's walking," Scott said while patting the

It's believed his issues are the result of a bout with distemper when he was

Bugg's eyes light up when he sees Scott with the life jacket. Bugg loves to swim and wears a life jacket for safety when he's in the water.

He likes to play with the other dogs and also enjoys car rides.



LOVES WATER: When Bugg sees his life jacket come out, he knows something fun is going to happen. While swimming in the Brazos River, Bugg wears his life jacket for safety because of his neurological issues.



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## Royal treatment



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PURRFECTLY SUITED: After the death of a cat she had loved for 17 years, Indian Harbor resident Peggy Patterson didn't think she would want another one. But when her husband, Mickey, asked her one day if she'd like to go get a kitten, she quickly agreed. Gracie, whom they adopted at a rescue event, has been living like royalty since the Pattersons brought her home eight years ago. Though she has a food bowl, she loves to be hand fed, Peggy says.

## Princess Gracie loves being spoiled

BY KATHY CRUZ HOOD COUNTY NEWS

here are plenty of sad tales about the fates of homeless dogs and cats. But some of the stories have happy endings. Gracie's did.

Gracie is a cat – a Siamese mix – who was rescued by Indian Harbor resident Peggy Patterson and her husband, Mickey, eight years ago. She has been a pampered princess ever since.

"She's very, very spoiled," said Peggy. "Most people say cats are self sufficient, but this one's not that way. It's me, me, me."

So, how is Grace spoiled?

"She's hand-fed," Peggy said, laughing. "She has a food bowl, but she'll beg in front of you all day long for you to feed her treats from your hand."

Gracie also demands plenty of affection.

"She wants you to pet her and to be in your lap," Peggy said. "If you are sitting on a chair or couch, she likes to curl up in your lap – on her terms, of course."

The Pattersons, who used to live in Fort Worth, have had a lake getaway here since 1982. They moved here permanently 20 years ago

They have a son and two grandchildren - and all of them are animal lovers, too.

"Any kind of animal, they're usually looking to bring it home," stated Peggy.

The Pattersons have owned dogs and



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PAMPERED PET: Gracie, a Siamese mix, gets plenty of cuddles from her owners, Peggy and Mickey Patterson. She loves attention – but on her terms, according to Peggy. Gracie loves to curl up in her owners' laps and be fed treats.

cats over the years.

Mickey, a retired supervisor at the Miller Brewing Company, is more of a dog person.

Peggy, a retired office manager for a company in Alvarado, loves cats.

She didn't think she would want another cat after the death of the one they had before Grace, who lived for 17 years.

But when Mickey one day said out of the blue, "You want to go get another kitten?" Peggy immediately said yes.

They got Gracie from an adoption event at a Fort Worth pet store.

Currently, they do not own a dog.

"I always say one cat, one dog, one husband - one at a time," Peggy said.



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#### And the real winners are!

The Hood County News' quest for top dogs and cats is over, and the 2017 winners have been announced. It may be argued the real winners in this contest are HALO (Hood County Animals Lovers Organization) and Friends for Animals no-kill animal shelter. All proceeds from the Top Dogs & Cats competition were awarded to the two organizations. The online sponsors at Granbury Animal Clinic did a fantastic job getting the word out. Pictured from left are Granbury Animal Clinic office manager Cheyanne Smith, Lynne Green of HALO and Hood County News Publisher Jerry Tidwell. Tidwell met up with Green at Granbury Animal Clinic to deliver a check for \$1,300. Green in turn offered to deliver the \$1,300 check to her colleagues at Friends for Animals. HALO also received a \$1,300 check.

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# People & Pets Category Category

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PUPPY LOVE: Pecan Plantation resident Joyce Boggs and her husband, Wyndell, were drawn to a photo of a Bichon puppy available for adoption on Craig's List. But when they went to see the dog, whose owner happened to live just a mile and a half away, they fell in love with a different pup from the litter. They took her home and named her Posy.

# Dog-loving couple picked a Posy

BY KATHY CRUZ
HOOD COUNTY NEWS

hen Joyce Boggs' husband, Wyndell, phoned after seeing an ad on Craig's List about a puppy, the woman assumed that distance might prevent the couple from coming to see the pooch.

"The girl said, 'Oh, we live way out in the country. We live on Matlock Road in Granbury," Joyce said.

The puppy was just one and a half miles from the couple's home in Pecan Plantation. The Boggses ended up bonding with a different puppy from that litter instead of the one pictured on the Craig's List site. They took her home and named her Posy.

They've had her for five years now.

For the Boggses, who have no children, Posy is their child – and a spoiled one, at that.

"I've always been a dog lover," Joyce said. "I had two Bichons before we got Posy." The couple built a house in Pecan Plantation and moved there from West Fort Worth in 2009.

Wyndell is retired from the insurance business. Joyce was an executive assistant to "various CEOs."

"My husband had had property in Pecan Plantation for several years, and I had always wanted to move there," she said.

Posy loves to run, play with her toys, go for walks with her "parents" and ride in the basket of Wyndell's bicycle.

"She's kind of a daddy's girl. She loves her daddy," Joyce said.

The Boggses keep their bicycles at their getaway in Destin, Florida. They were there earlier this month.

"(Wyndell) took her for a ride this morning," Joyce said of Posy by phone from Destin. "Everybody comments when they see her."

The dog "pretty much goes everywhere with us," she said.
Even when the Boggses go out to eat,

Even when the Boggses go out to eat, Posy is with them.

"We have to sit on patios," Joyce said.



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# All in the family

# Toby the dog gives area couple unconditional love

BY BETHANY KURTZ

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heir favorite pooch has brought a lot of joy to Shelly and Ron Ellison's lives.

Toby, the couple's 9-year-old Yorkie and Shih Tzu cross, won first place medium dog in the Hood Coun-Pet Contest.

Toby came into their lives as a puppy and brought his sister Lucy along with him, Shelly said.

"When I was a little girl, my favorite dog was named Toby. But my mom found out she was allergic to dogs, and we had to give him away," she said. "I was on the internet one day and saw Toby. He

looked almost identical to my old dog. It was like a sign."

Even though Ron didn't want a dog at the time, Shelly said she was determined to have Toby and the couple drove out to

Once they arrived, Lucy captured Ron's heart, so they came home with two dogs, she said.

"I think it was the affection they give to us, unconditional-

ly," Ron said about why he changed his mind about being a dog owner.

**Medium Dog** 

Category

"And the laughter," Shelly added.

Before Lucy passed away, Toby would torment her just like children do, Ron said. The Ellisons usually left about five toys out for the dogs to play with.

"Toby would always take all the toys and lay on them so Lucy couldn't have any," he said. "All we would hear was barking and barking as they went back and forth."

The Ellisons are considering adding a new dog to their family to keep Toby company. They don't like to see him lonely, Shelly said.

"He is like a child. We don't own him. He is like a family member," Ron said.



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SIGHTS AND SOUNDS: During a visit to Granbury Park with his owners Shelly and Ron Ellison, Toby was excited to take in all the sights and sounds of the park. Toby, a 9-year-old Yorkie and Shih Tzu cross, is usually an inside dog but enjoys trips outside especially to hang out with the Ellisons. He's a friendly and affectionate animal, they said, but on his own terms.



FUN-LOVING: Toby, a 9-year-old Yorkie and Shih Tzu cross, shares a moment in Granbury Park with owners Shelly and Ron Ellison. He reminds Shelly of a favorite dog from her childhood, and has brought years of lighthearted fun to the family by teasing his sister and hanging out with the Ellisons.

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WHO CAN RESIST THE CUTENESS? Now really, is there anything cuter than a puppy with a black patch over its eye? This puppy is among several at Friends for Animals shelter in Acton.

## Friends for Animals has a new best friend for you

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uppies are special at the Friends for Animals shelter in Acton. So special that Debbie Melton takes them home with her when the

shelter is closed. Melton is vice president of the board

for Friends for Animals. "Puppies need more attention than dogs. It just works out better if I take them home," she said, noting she has a place to accommodate the pups.

Adoptions are up at Friends for Animals, with 70 more dogs adopted last year than in 2015.

"We had 311 adoptions last year,"

First organized in the 1980s, the facilty became a no kill shelter in 1999.

As a nonprofit agency, Friends for Animals relies on donations to operate. The annual budget is about \$120,000.

The biggest fundraiser is the annual garage sale at the Acton Tabernacle, usually in April.

Monthly pledges add about \$11,000

Board secretary Marilyn Spivey said the bake sale at General Granbury's Birthday on the square brings in around \$1,000 for

the Friends for Animals Shelter running.

Not all donations are monetary. Volunteers provide a variety of services to keep There's a volunteer who helps the dogs

with obedience training. Some volunteers come in to walk the dogs. Other volunteers work special events for the shelter.

You can support the Friends for Animals by donating Pedigree dry puppy food, Purina small breed dry food or Purina One puppy food.

Bleach donations should be the kind that has the word "disinfectant" on the label. Laundry soap, trash bags and aluminum cans are also welcome.

"We get about \$5,000 or \$6,000 a year from the sale of cans," Spivey said.

New veterinarians working with the shelter are Dr. Richard Gesell and Dr. Kristina Gesell.

The shelter can accommodate 20-25 dogs at a time. The adoption fee is \$120 at Friends for Animals. Dogs are advertised on pefinder.com, adoptapet.com, granburyadoptapet.com and on Facebook.

Dogs have been adopted by folks in Colorado, Oklahoma, Florida and all over

"We don't ship," Spivey said laughing. "The person who will be the dog's

owner must fill out an application and come to the facility for an interview," she stated.

Potential owners can bring another pet to the shelter for the interview if they are concerned about the dog's ability to get along with another pet.

Friends for Animals is at 2885 Fall Creek Highway in Acton. Call 817-326-

3646 for more information.

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# Born to be wild

## Doggle-wearing Abby is an eye-catcher

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hile Abby is a registered service dog, she is best known as the dog that rides in a motorcycle sidecar with Allen Wammack of Granbury.

Abby participates with Wammack in rides and events across the state.

"Abby is the official mascot and wears an American Legion Riders patch on her service dog vest," Wammack said.

When Wammack's riding his Indian motorcycle, Abby can be found in the sidecar wearing her Doggles, which are tinted sunshade goggles made especially for dogs.

She rides with the American Legion Riders in events that help veterans, Wounded Warriors and their families.

Sometimes when families request a motorcycle escort for a veteran's funeral, Abby will ride to honor the family and veteran. These events are often through the Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 7835 and Patriot Guard.

Abby is a frequent visitor at VFW and American Legion posts, Wammack said. She also enjoys rides with the UMME (United Methodist Motorcycle Enthusiast) group.

At the Indian Motorcycle Rally in Fredericksburg, Abby rode some 800 miles in four days. She rode in the sidecar to Fort Hood where she won best in show among competitors from all over Texas.

Abby has also participated in General Granbury's Birthday Pa-

"One family followed us all the way home just to get a closer look at Abby in her Doggles and sidecar," Wammack said with a smile.

Following an incident when Wammack and Abby were denied entrance to an out-of-town bar/restaurant, social media support for Abby came from Alaska, New York, San Diego, Florida and other places.

"After the publicity, we were invited to Mary's Cafe in Strawn where 22 veterans and Abby were treated to a free meal," Wammack said.

The group later presented a plaque honoring Mary's for support of veterans and service dogs.

Abby is a special dog, Wammack said fondly.

"She makes people smile, from little children to seniors. Whether it is at events, parades, riding around town, funerals or rallies, she touches the hearts of many," Wammack said.

People use their cell phones to snap pictures of Abby from their car. At gas stations, people flock to take her picture. Even at the funerals, people will take her picture after the ceremony.

"I can say with great certainty, that Abby is the most photographed dog in Texas," Wammack proudly proclaimed.

While she is often in the spotlight, Abby remains very sensitive to her surroundings. If he needs assistance to get up, Abby stands by Wammack's side and lets him use her for balance as he gets up.

"When I have coughing spasms that trigger anxiety, she comes to me and stays near till I tell her I am okay," Wammack said.

He said she's learned to support him and helps calm his anxiety.

"I am a widower, and my kids are grown and gone. For an old man who lives alone with my condition, Abby is more than family. She is my salvation for day-to-day living," Wammack said.



BY YOUR SIDE: Allen Wammack is accompanied by his dog, Abby, when participating in motorcycle events. Abby rides in the sidecar wearing Doggles, tinted goggles for dogs.



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BY YOUR SIDE: Allen Wammack sits on his Indian motorcycle (front) with Abby the dog in the sidecar. The two were participating in a group picture event last year.