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Case dismissed

Current and former county attorneys disagree over dropped cases

BY KATHY CRUZ
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It's been months since the election, but former contenders for county attorney are still sparring over their differing prosecution philosophies. Even though the county attorney's office handles misdemeanors, not felonies, the stakes are nevertheless high. It is the county attorney's responsibility to seek justice for victims and ensure that innocent people don't end up with a criminal record. At issue is County Attorney Matt Mills' dismissal of cases since taking



Mills

office last month. Six of those cases involved allegations of family violence. Former County Attorney Lori Kaspar, whom Mills defeated in last year's Republican primary, feels her former opponent is mishandling cases. She has criticized him on social media. The way Kaspar sees it, criminals and abusers are being allowed to walk free. In cases of family violence, that puts victims in greater danger, in her view. County Court-at-Law Judge Vincent

Messina acknowledged that there are times when, for various reasons, family violence cases must be dropped, but said that dismissals "should be the absolute last resort." There's more. Mills' handling of family violence cases isn't Kaspar's only issue with him. She posted this message on her Facebook page: "In January 2017, the Hood County Attorney's Office convicted less than half the number of drug offenders as it did in January '16. What kind of mes-

WHAT IT MEANS

FORMER County Attorney Lori Kaspar has been criticizing new County Attorney Matt Mills for dropping cases.

THE cases in question include alleged drug offenses and family violence.

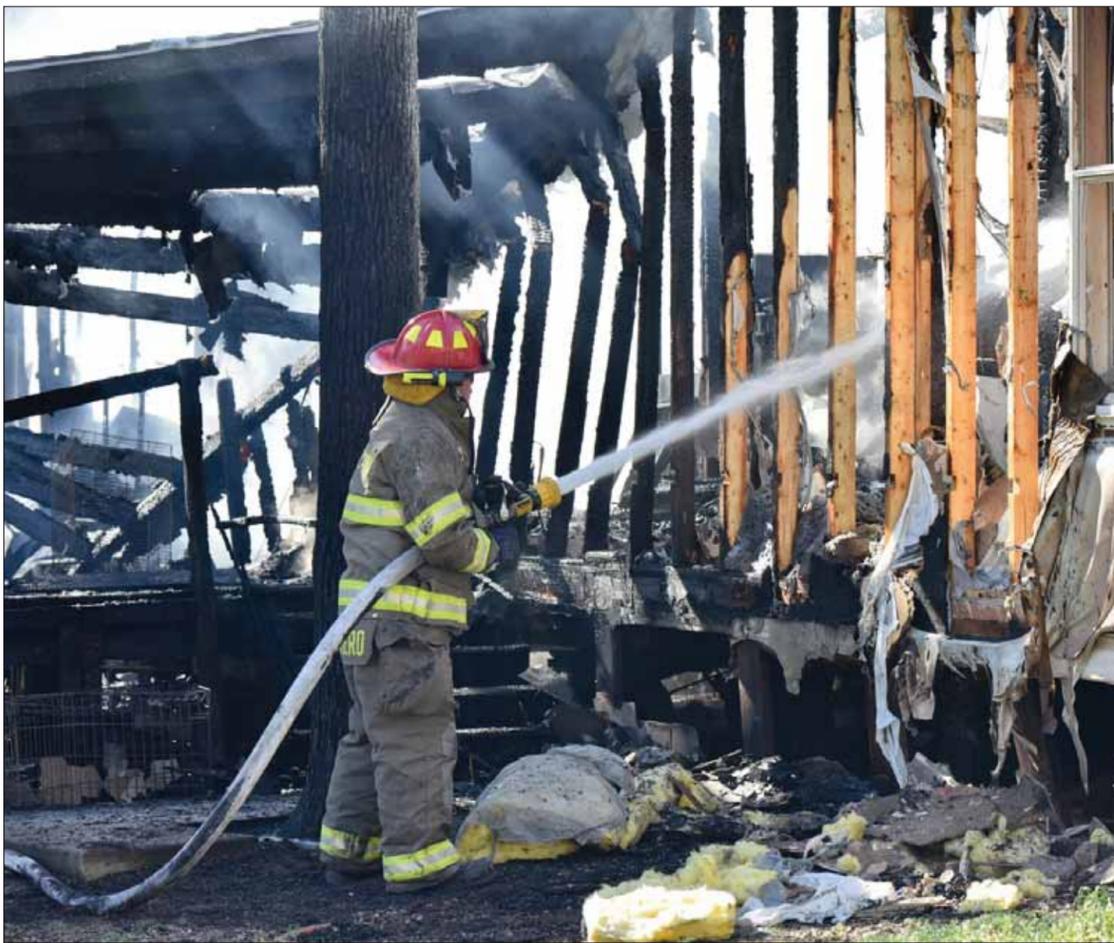
MILLS, who has broken a long-standing tradition in Hood County of not dropping family violence cases even when the alleged victim does not want to prosecute, acknowledged that he has dropped six such cases since taking office last month, but said that none of the women wanted

to prosecute and none had visible injuries.

KASPAR and county Court-at-Law Judge Vincent Messina, who himself is a former county attorney, said it is common for victims to be reluctant witnesses because they are being threatened or intimidated by their abusers.

KASPAR, who was defeated by Mills in last year's Republican primary, also said that no visible injuries does not mean that there was no assault, and that Mills' office should be investigating beyond the law enforcement incident report.

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One of three fires

A firefighter finished extinguishing a fire at a mobile home in Deer Run Acres northeast of Granbury Thursday afternoon. No one was home when the fire started. The resident said he turned on his air conditioner, left and returned only to see his home on fire. It was one of three fires that

broke out mid-afternoon during a period of high fire risk due to low humidity, high wind and unseasonably warm temperatures. The other two were grass fires.

Carriage driver recovering from severe injuries

Benefit auction next Saturday

BY BETHANY KURTZ
HOOD COUNTY NEWS

As Granbury carriage driver Wendy Inga recovers in the hospital, a local business is preparing to support her.

Tammy and Rock Pistillo, owners of SpellBound on the square, will hold a silent auction from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. next Saturday in their shop.

All profits from the sale will be donated to a GoFundMe account set up by Inga's family to help pay her medical bills and other bills until she can return to work.

"We knew her before the accident," Rock said. "We liked having her here in Granbury. She is a really great lady."

"She is a real asset to the community," Tammy added.

On Feb. 1, Inga was crushed while working with one of her horses inside a trailer. One leg was broken and she had multiple internal injuries, according to her sister Diane Gilbert. Since then, Inga has been recovering in a Fort Worth hospital.

Inga started therapy this week, but her recuperation and rehabilitation process will be lengthy due to the severity of



Inga

her injuries, Gilbert said. But her spirits are returning and the sisters are able to have some fun even in the hospital.

"She is clucking - as in urging the horses to 'move up' - and using that left hand in a whipping motion. I provided a straw as her 'whip' and she is bopping imaginary horses and people with it. We are laughing!" Gilbert said.

"She can receive visitors for short visits. They may sign the visitors journal in her room. Please do not over-tire her."

Even though the recovery will go on for a while, Gilbert has faith in her sister's spirit to press on.

"Toughness with a positive attitude will carry her far," Gilbert said.

The Pistillos hope their auction will draw out the community to support Inga.

Auction items will include a 1906 Player Piano, fully refurbished and electrified, and a 1939 slot machine that runs on dimes instead of the typical

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Only one election this May

According to election officials, only one election will be held in May, and it will be for the Acton Municipal Utility District (AMUD).

Lipan holds city and school district contests in May, but no incumbents are being challenged.

For AMUD, four contenders are vying for three at-large seats.

Incumbents Don Cleveland, John Featherston and Ron Cotton are seeking another term.

A challenge is being posed by Richard Huckel.

What about that RV in the yard?

BY KATHY CRUZ
HOOD COUNTY NEWS

Granbury City Manager Chris Coffman has alerted the City Council to the need for a zoning ordinance update after a woman filed more than 75 complaints about RVs that are allegedly out of compliance.

The woman took the action after her Homeowners Association and the city's Zoning Board of Adjustment (ZBA) did not side with her on an issue involving her own RV.

Coffman explained the situation to the council at its regular meeting Tuesday night.

He said that the woman's HOA prohibits RVs from being stored.

She sought a variance through the ZBA, but it was denied.

City to address codes for boats, RVs and trailers

City staff sent the woman a letter and waited 10 days for her to comply.

Meanwhile, Coffman said, "neighbors vocalized their concern," asking when the city "was going to enforce the law."

"Ultimately, we got compliance from the homeowner, but since that time the homeowner has been driving all over the city limits identifying RVs that are parked at other people's homes, regardless of whether there is an HOA or not," the city manager said.

Coffman stated that there are clear rules about parking on the street, but there are ambiguities in the city's ordinances that need to be addressed.

He said that some citizens

who have boats, RVs and trailers in residential areas claim that city staffers have told them in the past "exactly what they needed to do in order to be legal."

Coffman said that city staffers are currently working to address "any ambiguity" with current codes, and that there will probably need to be "some rewriting."

"Boat, RV and trailer storage - that's kind of a gray area in our zoning code," he said, adding that it is "where this lady is finding her footing to file over 75 complaints."

"We've got a lot of work to do here on this ordinance," Coffman stated.

"Zoning ordinances are hard to change, and it takes time."

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HELPING WENDY: Tammy and Rock Pistillo, owners of SpellBound on the Granbury square, will hold a silent auction benefiting Wendy Inga's recovery fund from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. next Saturday. Inga, who, with her horses, gave carriage rides around downtown Granbury. She was injured in an accident on Feb. 1.

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A GREAT START: Lipan's title hopes were bolstered by Thursday's blowout of Zephyr. 6A



State asks for Tolar RR crossing to close

The Tolar City Council is considering a request from the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) to close the railroad crossing on Oak Street.

First, though, they want to hear the views of local residents and do a traffic study.

"The state has offered us up to \$150,000 to close it," Mayor Terry Johnson said of the crossing, which does not have crossing arms.

The mayor said that the request is a new development and, even though it was discussed during Tuesday night's regular City Council meeting, most citizens don't know about it yet.

Johnson said that he is not in favor of the move, which would require traffic to be rerouted.

New city water plant at halfway mark

BY KATHY KRUZ
HOOD COUNTY NEWS

The first phase of Granbury's new water plant is about 50 percent complete, according to Public Works Director Rick Crownover.

Phase one is expected to go online around Oct. 1 when the city's contract with the Surface

Water and Treatment System (SWATS) contract expires.

At Tuesday night's regular meeting of the City Council, Crownover thanked the elected officials for purchasing a "pie-shaped" piece of property next to the plant, which is located on East Pearl Street across from the Plantation Inn.

"I feel certain that an additional storage tank will be needed in the not too distant future," he said.

Crownover said that the city's current water plant has been shut down "for a couple of weeks," but that this is a good time of year for that to happen.

He said that, at 1.4 or 1.5 million gallons per day, the average daily consumption is lower than during peak summer months, when daily consumption averages 3.2 or 3.3 million gallons.

The city is relying on well water for now, as the first phase of the new \$16 million desali-

nation water treatment plant progresses.

Crownover said that "slab and containment for chemical storage" will be done in the next couple of weeks.

"I would say, construction-wise, (the plant) is probably in the neighborhood of halfway complete," he said.

MILLS: Taking only strongest cases to trial better use of resources

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sage does that send?"

She also posted this: "In January 2016, the Hood County Attorney's Office convicted 68 defendants. In January 2017, only 23 were convicted."

It looks bad. But is it?

A TRUER FORM OF JUSTICE?

In Mills' mind, his record thus far sends a message of fairness, a greater chance for offenders to turn around and prudent use of county resources and jurors' time.

He said that cases can be dismissed "for a variety of reasons."

For instance, Mills said that he sometimes drops lesser cases when a defendant is facing multiple charges.

By doing so, he said, offenders - many of whom are indigent - have a better shot at paying fines and court costs, thus extricating themselves from the system and not staying in jail for months at taxpayers' expense.

He also said that he focuses on charges that can be enhanced.

"I'm going to take strong cases to trial and not poor cases to trial," Mills said.

Regarding the family violence cases that were dropped, Mills said that none of victims - all of whom are women - wanted to prosecute. Also, he said, none had any visible injuries in photos taken by law enforcement.

"Give me a black eye, give me a cut," he said, as he showed the Hood County News photos taken in those cases in which no injuries were apparent.

"If she's not going to be a witness who's cooperative, I need to have something to back (the abuse claim) up," the county attorney said.

Mills also said that the alleged victims in some cases might have been drunk, or might "have an ax to grind," a criminal record or some other issue that could affect their credibility.

KASPAR'S VIEW

Kaspar presented a different view of how family violence cases should be handled.

It is common, she said, for an abuse victim to say they don't want their abuser prosecuted, even though abuse did occur and they do want help from the justice system.

Most cases, she noted, involve a male abuser and a female victim.

The reason victims say they don't want to follow through with prosecution, she said, is because they are afraid and are being threatened or intimidated by their abuser.

Messina, himself a former county attorney, agrees with this.

He said he found during his time as a prosecutor that pressure placed on victims of family violence can be "physical, emotional, sexual or financial - or all four combined."

"This led me to conclude that the safest approach would be simply to have a 'no dismissal' policy when dealing with family violence cases," he stated.

Mills has broken that long-standing

Hood County policy.

Unlike his predecessors, he has dropped a case based on a victim's affidavit for non-prosecution.

He noted, however, that he has also refused to drop cases in which such affidavits were presented.

"It's a factor," Mills said of the affidavits, "and it's something you have to consider if the other evidence in your case is weak."

Kaspar said that victims are often threatened in an attempt by their abusers to get them to sign the affidavits.

She further stated that a lack of visible injuries does not mean that an assault did not occur. The abuser may have pulled the victim's hair, or shoved them, she said.

She said that during her tenure, investigator Pete Wilkerson, who has since retired, "worked endless hours" to get to the bottom of what occurred in cases of family violence.

Most of the time, she said, a police or sheriff's deputy report is not going to contain all the information needed to prove up a case and that further investigation is needed.

Kaspar noted that Mills does not have a full-time investigator.

She said that family violence cases sometimes take time to prove, and that's why a prosecutor shouldn't simply rely on an incident report and whether there were any visible injuries.

Kaspar said that she and Wilkerson at times were able to prove abuse cases

after spending a good deal of time monitoring an offender's phone calls and letters from jail, which is permissible under the law.

DIFFERENT PHILOSOPHIES

Mills points out that statistics from the Office of Court Administration show 26 acquittals during Kaspar's term in office - seven by the judge, and 19 by juries.

Nine of those acquittals were in family violence cases. There was one family violence conviction.

By comparison, the total number of convictions was 24 - less than the number of acquittals.

These numbers represent only contested cases. Most cases handled by the county attorney's office involve plea bargains and don't go to trial.

To Mills, the number of acquittals under Kaspar - and the waste of time and resources they represent - are "unacceptable."

He said he also feels that Kaspar's criticism is nothing more than "sour grapes" over losing the election.

"He can say that. That's his opinion," Kaspar said. "But I think people have a right to know (about the dismissals), and people can decide for themselves."

As for Mills, he summed up his prosecution philosophy this way: "We try to know when to hold 'em and know when to fold 'em."

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AUCTION

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quarters and nickels.

"We are trying to do unique things - one-of-a-kind things that people would really care about," Rock said.

Other items include a neon roping Nolan Ryan sign, Vera Bradley TCU and Texas A&M print bags, a signed Dak Prescott print, an Elgin watch counter display and several Texas-themed wall-art pieces.

Bidding will start at a minimum open bid for each item, and there will be refreshments available throughout the auction, Tammy said.

Top bidders will be notified after the end of the sale if they are not present, she said.

To make a donation directly to Inga, visit <https://www.gofundme.com/xbky34n7-wendys-medical-fund>.



HOOD COUNTY 4-H

THIRD PLACE: Emily Brite, 11th grade, shows off her third-place finish in the Southdown lamb show in San Antonio.



HOOD COUNTY 4-H

IN THE SALE: Tori Taylor shows off her medium wool lamb that finished in eighth place and made the sale in the market show.

Hood 4-H'ers shine in San Antonio

BY BETHANY KURTZ
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Hood County 4-H students are making a strong showing at the San Antonio Stock Show.

The show runs through Sunday. So far, Hood County students have placed seven times in the breeding and market shows and four times in contests.

"It is really a good group of youth with a hard work ethic. We have a lot of parents and leaders who support and help them with their projects," Hood County AgriLife Extension Agent Marty Vahlenkamp said.

Emily Brite, a junior, has stacked up the most wins at

the show, placing first, second, fifth and eighth in the Breeding Sheep Show and third with her Southdown in the Market Show to make the sale.

She also won a \$1,000 scholarship for her second place finish in the Senior Sheep Skillathon.

"Emily has been working at this since third grade," Vahlenkamp said, explaining the skillathon is a knowledge-based contest of the sheep industry.

Contestants have to take a test and know about feeds, breeds and medicines. Finalists have to do hands-on skill stations and give a speech.

Eighth-grader Kyle Vahlenkamp won the Intermediate

Sheep Skillathon with a \$250 scholarship, and third-grader Rylee Vahlenkamp was second in the Junior Sheep Skillathon, earning a \$200 scholarship.

Fifth-grader Wyatt Oldham exhibited his breeding Duroc in the Junior Breeding Swine Show. He did not place in that class, but earned the 10th spot in the open show.

Tori Taylor, a senior, finished eighth with her medium wool in the market show and made the sale.

Sixth-grader Camey Powers was the seventh high individual in the Junior Horse Judging Contest.

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SKILLS DRILL: 4-H students competed in different levels of the Skillathon. From left, Emily Brite was second in the Senior Sheep Skillathon, Kyle Vahlenkamp won the Intermediate Sheep Skillathon and Rylee Vahlenkamp was second in the Junior Sheep Skillathon.

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A FAST CLIP: Public Works Director Rick Crownover said that crews are getting work done so quickly that the Downtown Streetscape and Pedestrian Improvement Project may be finished early. As it stands, the project is expected to be finished in September. Crownover urged everyone to remem-

ber that the Bridge-Houston intersection area on the square is "a construction area." Some people are not using the crosswalks, he said, adding that a woman recently fell.

Square project progressing quickly

BY KATHY CRUZ
HOOD COUNTY NEWS

Granbury Public Works Director Rick Crownover said this week that work is going so quickly on the square improvement project that it might be finished ahead of schedule.

The almost \$3 million project, which is largely being funded through a grant, has been slated

for completion around September.

"These guys are... moving fast," Crownover said when he addressed the City Council at its regular meeting Tuesday night.

He said that crews had pressure tested the 8-inch water line on Monday and had put in new curbs on the inside diameter by the courthouse.

They have finished the "demo" on the Bridge-Houston intersection, removed pavers and put in pedestrian crosswalks, he said.

"I would like to remind everybody that this is a construction zone," Crownover cautioned.

He stated that a lot of pedestrians have not been using the crosswalks.

"I worry about that," he said.

"I think it was yesterday, or Saturday, we had a lady fall."

Crownover said that crews are busy hauling debris, and that two of his men are on site every day.

"I think we're moving forward at a really good pace," he said.

When finished, the square will have wider, safer sidewalks, and there will also be lighting and landscaping improvements.

City manager works to fix drainage problem

BY KATHY CRUZ
HOOD COUNTY NEWS

More than 8 months after floods caused soil erosion on Doyle Springs Road near the lake, City Manager Chris Coffman is still trying to help homeowners find a way to prevent future problems.

Although, according to Coffman, the city is not liable for the

erosion that damaged two properties, he is nevertheless "working to come up with a solution."

Coffman said that two homeowners claim the area was not properly developed. A concrete drainage ditch, probably put in back in the '70s, wasn't "poured all the way to the lake," he said.

Compounding the problem is an underground spring.

Coffman told the City Council that an insurance claim was submitted to the Texas Municipal League (TML), but it was denied.

"The city has immunity over drainage issues," he said.

Coffman stated that he volunteered to get a structural engineer "to see what we can do to complete the drainage structure."

This pleased one homeowner,

but did not appease the other, the city manager said.

"These folks, not only have they suffered from this storm drainage, but they suffered because their entire property is sloughing into the lake," Coffman said.

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Ives

Tolar husband, 31, charged with pointing gun

Sheriff's deputies arrested a man Monday for pointing a rifle at his wife, said Public Information Officer Lt. Johnny Rose

Monday around 1 p.m., deputies responded to the 7000 block of Highway

377 West in response to a disturbance, he said.

They were told that Isaac William Ives, 31, of Tolar, had pointed a rifle at his 25-year-old wife during an argument.

No one was injured during the incident.

Ives was arrested and charged with aggravated assault with a deadly weapon/family violence, a first-degree felony with a \$75,000 bond.

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Wonders of the World?

With the rancor running rampant in the world today, it's remarkable that the Seven Wonders of the World are staying stitched, at least so far.

This day, I cite three personal "wonderments," none of which rises to the level of minutia.

They have long been bewildering to me. Perhaps you'd prefer making your own list.

Your call...

- Recorded messages: We're all weary of the worn response about how much our calls are appreciated, but are disappointed that typically "associates are busy assisting other customers."

My curiosity is piqued by this frequent reminder: "Please listen to the following prompts, since some of them may have changed."

Oh, really? Has anyone ever learned - beyond reasonable doubt - that any prompt has ever changed?

Further, when one prompt leads to another, to another and to another, are we finally justified in wondering if our calls are all that important?

Is there a better gamble to reach a "live" person quickly than to immediately hit "0" at the outset of recorded messages? I wonder...

- Does anyone else tire of TV newscasts invariably beginning with these words, or something akin thereto? "Breaking News." (Brace yourself. If news gets worse, we may be in for "compound fractured news.")...

- Each of us has a memory of larger-than-life figures believed to best typify THE OLD WEST. How about The Marlboro Man? Roy Rogers? The Lone Ranger?

My vote goes to Dr. Marvin Knight, the Stetson-wearing, cigarette-smoking surgeon who roamed the Dallas Cowboys' sidelines for 27 years.

He never had a contract with the team, and never cared if he did. Devoid of pretense, he was recognized as a world leader in orthopedic surgery.

No wonder injured players checked into the 18-bed Muenster General Hospital, where Knight preferred to conduct surgeries during his final 16 years of practice.

This allowed him to return to his beloved ranch ASAP. Next to "doctoring," that's where he most liked to be...

- Books could be written - and should be - about this pioneering physician who introduced orthopedic surgery to West Texas. His was a revered name and stories of his experiences are legion.

Patients came from miles around, particularly for knee surgeries. One he spoke of was a highly successful knee fix-up of an immensely wealthy woman with vast ranching interests.

After several follow-up visits and declared ready to resume normal activities, she mentioned she had yet to receive a bill for the surgery...

- "I know," Dr. Knight said. "I've been thinking about sending one, but I can't decide how much to charge."

The woman bristled.

"I'd like to be billed at the going rate," she snapped.

"Oh, that it could be so simple," Dr. Knight explained. "More than half of the surgeries I perform are on patients without portfolio."

He said he never expected to get a dime from names on his, uh, "deadbeat list."

She asked what he expected her to do about the ne'er do wells.

"I was thinking of triple-billing you to cover your surgery and for two others who didn't pay."

Again, she objected, saying she'd never pay on this basis...

- "That's pretty much the response I expected," he grinned. "Paying is your option. If you choose not to, I'll just add your name to my deadbeat list."

She wrote the "check for three" before leaving the office. When he died at age 91 in 2000, one of the nation's most distinguished - and most colorful - went on to glory.

He may not have been the eighth Wonder of the World, but he came close...

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THE IDLE AMERICAN



Don Newbury
Guest columnist



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Warm winter weather

February's spring-like weather has drawn many Hood Countians out to enjoy the great outdoors. While some frolicked along the shoreline, others enjoyed strolls along the boardwalk at Granbury City Beach Park. The weekend weather outlook calls for cooler

temperatures. The next opportunity for rain comes Tuesday with a 20 percent chance of thunderstorms.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

MISSING IN ACTION

To say that the first month of the Trump administration has been "rocky" would be an understatement; virtually every nomination, executive order, and bill have been extremely contentious, and the administration itself has been mired in accusations of scandalous (and potentially treasonous) contacts with Russia, conflicts of interest and abuses of public office for private gain.

This week marks the first recess of the 115th Congress, which would be a perfect time for our state representatives to come home and talk about how things are going in Washington.

Unfortunately, there has been little to no response to requests for local town halls from either of our state senators, Ted Cruz and John Cornyn, or from our District 11 representative, Mike Conaway.

And this isn't just happening in Hood County; Republican representatives across the state and across the country have gone missing-in-action at a time when they should be meeting face-to-face with their constituents.

They're almost certainly worried that they'll be bombarded with liberal backlash, but some of the issues facing us right now - such as the ad-

ministration's mysterious ties to the country that tampered with our election - are not partisan issues: They affect all of us and demand immediate investigation and explanation.

Mr. Conaway is part of the Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence, which is responsible for oversight of the intelligence community. This committee is in a position to investigate Michael Flynn and the rest of the Trump administration for potential collusion with Russia, but Devin Nunes, the committee chair, is stonewalling the process.

What does Mr. Conaway have to say about this? Does he support Mr. Nunes' position or will he press for an investigation?

We don't know because he apparently won't be holding a town hall meeting to answer these questions and to hear our concerns. How can representatives listen to their constituents as long as they write us off as paid protesters or fake news peddlers, refuse to meet with us, fail to answer their phones and allow their voice mailboxes to remain full?

The troubling answer is this: They can't.

Mr. Conaway, if you're reading this, then please hold a town hall meeting in your district. Please don't forget

that your district, state and country are made up of people of all stripes.

We all (liberals and conservatives alike) feel a deep love for our country and worry desperately about its health in times like this.

I have not been paid to write this, and I do not work for a news organization; I'm merely a concerned citizen. I have no wish to rail or shout or be verbally abusive. All I want, and what so many others want as well, is to have a conversation with you so that we can understand what's going on and work together on these issues.

Your silence makes it seem like you don't want to listen. I appreciate that your office has been better than Mr. Cornyn's or Mr. Cruz's at answering the phones; but even so, we'd really like to talk to you in person.

Please meet with us!

Josh Castle
Granbury

A LETTER TO LACELLE

Ma'am:

Thank you for your response to my letter "Somewhere in the Middle" printed in the Feb. 11 issue of this paper. Please consider the following:

In paragraph 1: Please describe the

absurdities and their resolutions. Derision is not an argument. Use the opportunity to educate.

In paragraph 2: Please explain why this is the case. The strawman: "... there are still people..." is not an argument. Disagreement is not a flaw; it is a feature of our country.

Paragraph 3: We agree extremism is dangerous. My assertion is there is less danger in the politics of the Right because there is no compulsion on the right to compel.

Paragraph 4 and 5: The ridicule of President Trump is not an argument. Why are his policies ridiculous? What makes his "cohorts" unfit? How will this administration destroy the country? Please be specific.

Paragraph 6: Pointedly, is it that anyone who disagrees with your positions divides the country? I propose good argument from all citizens serves a unifying purpose.

In closing, I offer the following thoughts: From the Right (paraphrasing Thessalonians 3:10): If you don't work, you don't eat. The Left requires: "If you don't obey, you don't eat." I will take my chances with the politics of the Right.

Peter Stroempl
Granbury

YOUR TURN

Do you think Texas should eliminate daylight saving time?



Gene Barrett

"I do think it should be eliminated. I'm a retired farmer, and daylight saving time messes up farmers."



Harold Billings

"I wish they'd just leave it like it is. I think the school kids probably benefit from it."



Debby Williams

"We prefer it. We love the evenings living on the lake. My dad was so against it he'd refuse to set his clocks."



Ellen Kile

"I think it should be eliminated. It's so confusing. Although I do enjoy the extra daylight."



Amber Morrison, center, and her daughter Tegan joined Hood County Rocks founder Hadlee Jackson in Shanley Park to show off the rocks they were going to hide. The Facebook group allows people to decorate, hide and search for rocks around Hood County to spread inspirational thoughts or happy feelings to others.

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Stone-Age

Between a rock and a happy place

BY BETHANY KURTZ
HOOD COUNTY NEWS

Rocks with cheerful messages or whimsical creatures are being scattered across Hood County in an effort to brighten the world just a little.

A box of brightly painted rocks in one hand, Hadlee Jackson points out great hiding places in Shanley Park just north-west of the Granbury square.

Jackson started the Hood County Rocks page this fall and said she still feels blessed by how many people have given their time and talents.

"It's just to spread kindness and give people a reason to smile. Hopefully, they will re-hide the rock or replace it with one of their own to share that smile with someone else," she said.

The premise of Hood County Rocks, and the international Kindness Rocks Project, is simple. Anyone can decorate a rock with paint, marker or whatever they can find. The message or image should be encouraging and child-friendly.

On the back should be a message encouraging the finder to share their find on a social media page and then either rehide the rock or make a new rock to share with others.

"Living near the ocean, I walk the beach daily. The beach is where many go when they seek insight or a peaceful place to think," said Kindness Rocks founder Megan Murphy on the group's webpage. "During diffi-

cult or stressful moments in my life, I found myself looking for "signs" on my morning walk, such as a heart shaped rock or a piece of sea glass. I perceived this 'sign' as a divine message or the random inspiration I needed to signify that things would be okay."

She started painting rocks to encourage others, and it grew from there.

Jackson said she had seen other rock groups in her Facebook friends' communities and decided to get one going with her friends and associates in the area.

"I didn't expect it to get so



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HIDE AND SEEK: Tegan Morrison, 4, shows off a good place to hide a rock for the Hood County Rock hunters to find. Started in the fall, the Facebook group has grown to more than 1,000 rock hounds.

many people to continue to work on it," she said.

GROWN TO 1,000 MEMBERS

The Hood County Rocks Facebook page started in October, she said. Today it has more than 1,000 members including some local artists who lend their talents to the project.

One such artist is Lois Ray Craft.

Her daughter Tanya Patterson said medical issues keep her mother in bed most days, but that Craft loves to sit and paint rocks. Patterson clear coats the rocks to protect the paint before she and her granddaughter hide them.

"When someone finds a rock and reports it, we show it to her and she asks if they liked it," Patterson said. "One rock got found twice so she was so tickled it had been rehidden."

In the first week Craft painted rocks for the project, she made at least 60.

On Tuesday, Facebook profile user Monica Plata Polichetti posted a photo of her dog and a rock she had found.

"We found this cute rock in Granbury Park. Good way to spread a nice and kind message. Rock relocated," Polichetti wrote.

Facebook profile user Jeremy Raines posted a photo Tuesday of a rock that said "We do together like peanut butter and jelly" with small cartoon sandwich characters.

"My son found his first rock at the park! We hid it again,"

Raines wrote.

As Jackson began painting rocks to spread around Hood County, she also rediscovered a part of her childhood, she said. Her father was an artist and owned a business on the Granbury square. The two of them used to paint rocks to give away as Christmas presents, but she found several of the ones she had painted saved carefully amongst his possessions after he passed away.

Jackson said she can't do the same level of artwork as many other local artists can, but her designs are inspired by the season and upcoming holidays.

"Right now, everything is green, purple and yellow for Mardi Gras," she said with a chuckle.

Jackson's favorite spots to hide the palm-sized or smaller rocks are in the local parks, near the hospital or at restaurant tables.

"Everybody is finding them. I have men posting about a rock they found at Walmart or Home Depot. And they are excited about it," she said. "I love to hit the playground because of the kids and their smiles."

But after four months of hiding rocks, she has to be careful now.

People who frequent the parks have identified her and will sometimes swarm the area after she leaves, looking for the latest deposits.

So she hides them in her pockets until she can slip them, unnoticed, onto park benches,



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HIDE US: A collection of rocks is ready to be hidden. Local artists, children and anyone with a desire to can decorate rocks with characters, words, or just swirls and lines, as long as the message is positive and child friendly.

picnic tables, near light poles and other frequented areas.

"I have gone through several 30-pound bags of rocks," she said, estimating she has painted about 100 rocks.

The Hood County Rocks Facebook page includes a complete set of instructions including warnings not to trespass or steal rocks from private or business landscaping.

The instructions also caution against leaving rocks in dangerous places like in the grass where they could get picked up and thrown by lawn mowers.

Rocks should also not be used

as advertising or for discouraging purposes. Group members will also questions about hiding or decorating rocks.

As Jackson left the park on Wednesday, two ladies approached her, asking if she was the one leaving the rocks they had found around the park.

After Jackson explained the project, the women asked if they could take a few of her remaining rocks and hide them around town.

"It has been so much fun, and I have met so many nice people through this," Jackson said with a beaming smile.

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Rattlers' season ends with Bowie loss, 63-51

BY GRANT MCGALLIARD
HOOD COUNTY NEWS

The 2017 basketball season came to an end for the Tolar Rattlers in Azle on Tuesday with a 63-51 loss to the Bowie Jackrabbits.

The Rattlers were riding a two-game win streak that earned them the final playoff spot in District 7-3A, but were matched up in the bi-district round of the University Interscholastic League playoffs against a Bowie squad that had marched through District 8-3A with a perfect 14-0 record.

Tolar didn't get overpowered. The Rattlers held a 24-12 lead in the second quarter on the strength of their four senior starters.

"I felt like my best chance was to give those seniors the game, like I did the last couple of games," Tolar head coach Kent Caruthers said. "I just think we got a little worn out."

Those seniors - Will Bonnell, Bryce Farmer, Michael Gola and Devin Hodges - put up 46 of the Rattlers' 51 total points.

The Rattlers initially were able to deny entry passes into Bowie big men Daniel and Gary Mosley, two brothers who manned the paint for the Jackrabbits.

Tolar used the strength of this defense to jump out to a 7-2 lead, but Bowie came back to claim a 12-11 advantage with 2:50 left in the first quarter.

The Rattlers refused to back down to pressure, and Bonnell's corner three near the end of the quarter made it 18-12 Tolar through one.

Bryce Farmer opened up the second quarter with two threes from the exact same spot in the left quarter, and for a brief moment, it looked like Tolar would build on their 24-12 lead and upset Bonnell.

But the Jackrabbits were too good of a team to go down. Daniel Mosley's 8 second-quarter points gave Bowie life on the offensive end, and they took a 29-26 lead into the half.

The Mosley brothers provided a defensive problem for Tolar - when the Rattlers fronted the post to prevent Daniel Mosley from catching an entry pass, they also gave up rebounding position. Great Tolar defensive possessions were wasted throughout the night as Bowie was able to continually get second chances.

The wave of momentum for Bowie carried into the second half, as the Jackrabbits took a 41-33 lead.

Tolar couldn't string together enough positive offensive possessions in the second half to cut into Bowie's lead.

The Rattlers trailed Bowie 46-38 at the end of the third quarter.

The fourth quarter saw Tolar endure another scoring drought that lasted until a Farmer layup



ACROBATIC: Tolar's Bryce Farmer adjusts in mid-air under the basket against the Bowie Jackrabbits in University Interscholastic League bi-district action in Azle on Tuesday. Farmer's 15 points helped lead Tolar, but the Rattlers fell to Bowie 63-51.

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with 5:21 remaining. The Rattlers kept the deficit under 10 points for most of the quarter, but Bowie slowly pulled away to win 63-51.

For Caruthers, the end of the

season means having to say goodbye to an enjoyable senior class that also includes guard Austin Boatman.

"They're a fun group of kids to be around," Caruthers said.

"They enjoy being around each other, they rib each other a good bit, and they have a lot of fun."

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Pirate golf places top-6 in Azle

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HOOD COUNTY NEWS

The Granbury boys' golf team went to Azle's Cross Timbers Golf Course to compete in the Buzzy Open on Tuesday.

Lawson Berry fired a 90 to lead the Pirates. Cage Crain shot a 96, Tyler Sheppard had a 99, R.J. Howell shot 100, and Zane Phelps added a 106.

Granbury finished in 6th place out of 12 teams with a team total of 385 after taking the four best scores.

The Pirate boys will next head to Burleson to play in the Centennial Tournament this weekend.

NCTA basketball rolls on

BY GRANT MCGALLIARD
HOOD COUNTY NEWS

Tuesday was a good day for the basketball squads of Happy Hill Farms, as both the boys and girls of North Central Texas Academy earned victories in the Texas Association of Private and Parochial Schools playoffs.

The Pioneers easily knocked off Longview Christian with a 81-42 win. The boys will play Wichita Falls Notre Dame.

The Lady Pioneers beat Athens Christian 46-31 in the area round to move on to the regional round. NCTA will play DeSoto Canterbury Episcopal.

The Lady Pioneers played Friday at 7 p.m. at King High School. Check hcnews.com for scores and stats.

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Pirates face pair of shootouts

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The Granbury boys and girls soccer teams both traveled to Burleson Tuesday night for a matchup with Burleson High School, and both matches went down to the wire.

The boys squad used a Zach Moore goal from a Logan Moore assist and a Javier Espinoza penalty kick to level with Burleson at 2-2 when the final whistle blew.

In the shootout, Granbury fell 5-4 to the Elks. Ethan Campbell, Sean Lewis, Zach Moore and Espinoza converted their penalty attempts.

The boys squad moved to

6-5-4 (3-3-2 in district) on the season.

After a scoreless regulation, the girls also went to a shootout. The Lady Pirates were able to pull out a 5-3 win from the spot.

Kaitlyn Washburn, Andi Smith, Kennedy Roy, Miriam Espinosa and Laynee Pence put away the extra penalty shots.

Lady Pirate head coach David Winkleman said his defensive unit played "outstanding" in the win and credited keeper Payton Bell with an "awesome" save in the shootout.

The Lady Pirates now sit at 12-6 (6-4 in district).

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Lady Rattler softball edges Dublin, 9-7

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The Tolar girls used a hot performance at the plate to beat the Dublin Lions 9-7 on Tuesday.

Kyndal Hall had a stellar day from the leadoff position for the Lady Rattlers, going 4-4 with 3 runs and an RBI.

McKenna Tatum went 3-4 and added 2 RBI. Railee Anderson also added 2 RBI, as did Alicia

Hamm.

On the mound, April Rhine allowed 5 earned runs in 7 innings and struck out 6 Lion batters.

The Lady Rattlers were extremely active on the basepaths, swiping 10 total bases.

Tolar is currently taking part in the Glen Rose Tournament. The Lady Rattlers began play on Thursday and will compete through Saturday.

Lipan runs over Zephyr

GRANT MCGALLIARD
HOOD COUNTY NEWS

EASTLAND - Somewhere between Ty Phillips' third three-pointer in the first 1:15 of the game and his fourth, which came two minutes later, it became clear that Lipan may just deserve their No. 1 ranking in Texas 1A basketball.

Use whatever dramatic basketball adjective there is - dominating, suffocating, white-hot - Lipan was all those things and more against Zephyr on Thursday in Eastland, beating the Bulldogs 78-40 and breezing through the area round of the University Interscholastic League playoffs.

The Indians used a blistering first quarter to put the game out of reach after 8 minutes, and truthfully even before that.

At one point Lipan led 25-0 in the first quarter, and the lead more or less stayed the same through the second, with the Indians leading 43-19 at the half.

The full-court press came with the beginning of the third quarter, and the gap

only continued to widen. Lipan won the third quarter 26-6, and the final eight minutes were little more than a formality.

Lipan head coach Brent Gaylor said he was pleased with his team's start, despite not knowing how Zephyr would set up defensively.

"We didn't know if they were going to play us man or zone," Gaylor said. "We just started moving the ball around, and Ty Phillips got hot."

Phillips' first three baskets were corner threes, and there wasn't a Bulldog defender within four feet of him on any of those shots.

Even more impressive than Phillips' shooting was the Indians defense, which Gaylor said was the key to the win.

"The biggest part of it was our defense," Gaylor said. "We thought we would be able to pressure them, and that their guards wouldn't be able to handle our pressure."

After the first quarter shooting display, the second quarter saw Lipan pound it down low to forward Derrick Cook, who used an array of

post moves to put up 9 in the quarter.

Gaylor knows his team's ability to score from anywhere on the court is a big bonus.

"We've had 8 or 9 guys that have scored in double figures this year," Gaylor said. "We don't rely on any one guy to carry the load."

Cook finished with 17 points, while Ty Phillips led the Indians with 19.

Tate Phillips chipped in 14 points as well.

Lipan is built to go all the way to the state title this year, many think. Gaylor says his team will have to keep a level head if they're to make it to San Antonio.

"We can't get too high, and we can't get too low," Gaylor said. "We can't get too overenthusiastic. Just come out, play our game, and have fun."

The road continues for Lipan next week, when the Indians play the winner of Iredell and Gorman, contested on Friday night.

The Indians will play on either Monday or Tuesday of next week.



SARAH SCHULTZ

INSIDE POSITION: Kelsey Kacal has her defender right where she wants her as she waits for a pass from a teammate. North Central Texas Academy beat Athens Christian Prep 46-31 on Tuesday.

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FASTBREAK: Urged on by her teammate Sarah Callaway (33), Lipan's Faith Ross (5) turns defense into offense against Newcastle on Tuesday night in Eastland. Lipan won 52-24 and advanced to the regional semifinals.

McGee-Callaway combo lead Lipan to 52-24 win

BY ROGER ENLOW
EDITOR

EASTLAND - The Lipan Lady Indians are a good basketball team but much better when hitting from the outside.

That opens up the middle for their leader, senior post Maddie McGee.

The 6-foot lefty poured in 22 points Tuesday night as the defending Class A state champs dominated Newcastle 52-24 in the regional quarterfinals.

But it was fellow senior Sarah Callaway's long-range shooting that inspired McGee.

Callaway drained five treys - four in the first half - and McGee took over in the second half with 18 of the Lipan's 28 points.

"I think every team is like that," Lipan coach Amber Branson said. "Getting the ball inside opens up the outside, and when you start making outside shots, it opens up the inside."

Newcastle hit a pair of early 3-pointers to give the Ladycats a 6-3 lead, but it was short-lived as the Lady Indians turned up the defensive pressure. Newcastle scored only one goal in the last quarter and half and trailed 23-9 at intermission.

It didn't get any better for the Ladycats who managed only two points in the third quarter and found themselves in a 40-11 hole going into the last stanza.

Newcastle won district - its fourth straight - and had Branson worried before the game. She knew they had good shooters and were aggressive defenders.

But they were no match for the Blue and Gold Tuesday night.

"I thought we played pretty dad-gum good," Branson said.

Callaway finished with 18 points, Faith Ross added seven, Joy Miller four and Blaire Vance one.

Lipan advanced to the regional semifinal game against Slidell last night at Mansfield High School. The winner plays the winner of Huckabay and Dodd City today at 2 p.m.

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HUG IT OUT: Members of the Lipan Lady Indians celebrate after beating Newcastle 52-24 in Eastland on Tuesday to advance to the UIL regional semifinals.

Pecan Plantation hosts ladies' playday

GRANT MCGALLIARD
HOOD COUNTY NEWS

The Pecan Plantation Country Club Ladies' Golf Association held its Tuesday playday this week, and several ladies went home winners.

In the 18-hole silver tees division, Jeanne Green took first place gross, ahead of Cindi Pustejovsky. Bonnie Beatty had the best net score, followed by Mary Ann Green and Cecil Long.

In 18-hole green tees play, Ann Peal won first-place gross in the first flight, followed by Billie Henderson. Madeline Longmire took first place net over Anne Drake.

The second flight saw Clara Garcia win the gross score com-

petition over Goldie Kelly. Gail Masters beat out Pam Meyer for best net score.

Joyce Kerin won the third flight gross score, while Suzy Stout came in second. Margie Johnson had the best net score, edging out Debbie Jansen.

First place gross in the fourth flight went to Jeri Killingsworth, while Sue Dewey took second. Beverly Franzen posted the best net score over Debbie Conaway.

In the 9-hole first flight division, Caron Nicklas won the gross competition while Nancy Hill had the best net score.

Second flight in the 9-hole division had Delaine Sharkey win the gross competition, while Martha Sheets beat out Sharon Harris for best net.



TROPHY TIME: The Lipan Lady Indians pose with their regional quarterfinal trophy after beating Newcastle 52-24. Lipan played Slidell in the regional semifinal on Friday in Mansfield.

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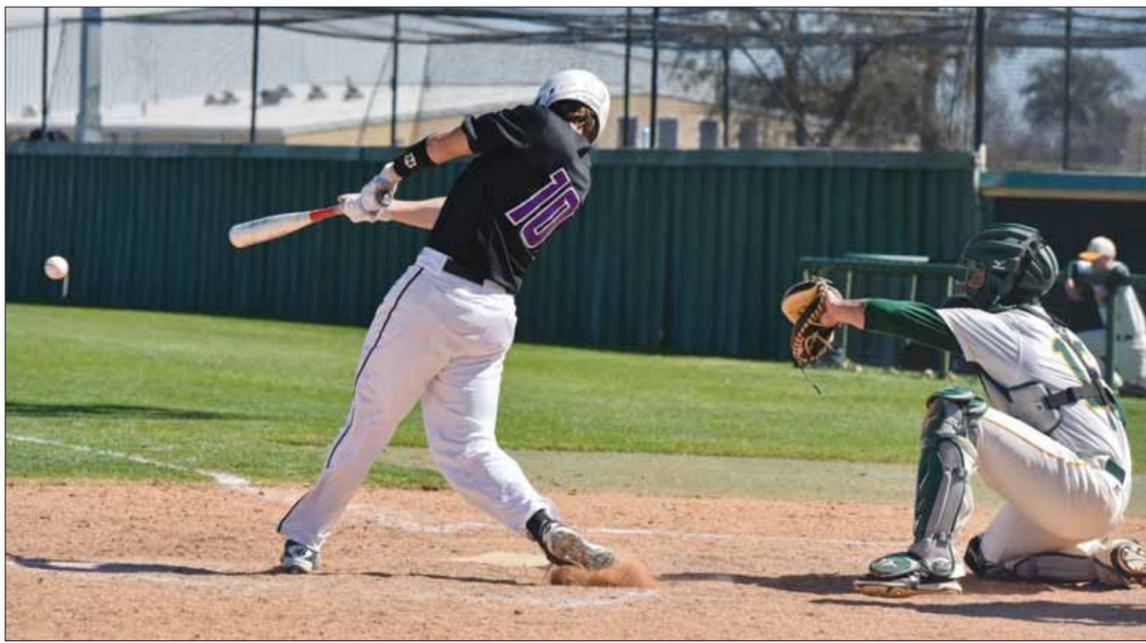
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AT THE PLATE: Granbury catcher Corbin Harris smacks a ball back up the middle against Western Hills on Thursday as part of the Granbury Classic Chevrolet Tournament. The Pirates rolled 14-4 over the Cougars in five innings.

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Granbury bats ride wind to victory

BY GRANT MCGALLIARD
HOOD COUNTY NEWS

Call it Granbury 14, Western Hills 4, The Wind 9.

A blustery wind blowing from home plate to left center wreaked havoc on pitchers and fielders all morning in Granbury on Thursday as the Pirates took their opening game of the Granbury Classic Chevrolet Tournament.

Granbury ten-run-ruled the Western Hills Cougars in the fifth inning on a sac fly that mercifully made it 14-4.

Western Hills could not find the ball in the sky, and the Pirates were able to capitalize on a bevy of errors and blooped singles that rode the wind to fall into gaps.

Whether or not he was playing the wind, Chance Turney was able to tee off against Western Hills, going 4-4 with 3 RBI and 3 runs of his own.

Bryce Foutz, Rustin Beasley and Wesly Case all drove in two runs apiece. Matthew Hickey's 3-4 day included 3 runs scored and an RBI.

On the mound, sophomore righty Trevor Jones earned a

win in his first varsity start.

It started off bumpy for Jones, however. In the first inning, Western Hills launched a 3-run shot that rode the wind over the left field fence. Jones' day looked like it was over shortly after it had begun.

But the sophomore settled down, and didn't allow an earned run for the remainder of his outing. He got ahead in the count early - 14 of his 22 first pitches were strikes - and induced 6 groundouts to keep the ball out of the wind and into the hands of his capable infield.

Eppler was pleased with Jones' start, although he noted room for improvement.

"That's a guy that's been really good for us early on the spring," Eppler said. "A couple of early issues, especially in the first inning, but other than that, he pitched to contact and let us play."

And besides, Jones' early hiccup didn't matter too much, especially when the Pirates scored four runs in the bottom half of the first inning to take a lead they wouldn't relinquish for the rest of the game.

Granbury put bats on the ball

and simply dared Western Hills to make mistakes, which Eppler said before the season was a priority.

"We try to play 7 innings and not be the reason we lose," Eppler had said. "Very rarely do you have to actually go out and beat somebody."

After Thursday's game, he echoed that.

"This is a team that on paper, we should handle," Eppler said, "and we did. We expect to go out there and be real aggressive with them offensively."

Granbury wasn't afraid to swing away, and the runs quickly began to pile up. A four-run first inning was followed by three runs each in the third and fourth frames.

The third inning encapsulated how the Pirates were able to score. Granbury got three runs out of a single, a hit by pitch, an error, a walk, a sacrifice bunt, and a groundout.

For their part, the Granbury infielders were mostly able to handle the conditions, although the Pirates did have two errors.

"The very first error of the year was committed by our very best baseball player, our most

sure-handed guy," Eppler said, referring to shortstop Matt Hickey. "There were a couple of other things that we see behind the scenes, but other than that, it was a pretty clean game on our side."

Hickey doubled in the bottom of the fifth inning, and scored immediately after when Turney tripled off the right field wall.

Foutz's sac fly to right scored Turney and put an end to the ballgame two innings earlier than planned.

Despite the win, Eppler knows his team will have to do more against other schools at the Granbury Tournament.

"If we make some of the same swings and put those same balls in play against a better baseball team, we're going to get a far different outcome," Eppler said. "I'm not saying we'd lose, but it'd be a much different game."

His Pirates will test that theory throughout the weekend, concluding with the closing game of the tournament on Saturday at 3:45 p.m.

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Cleaning fish: A chore to some

At the end of the fishing day for those keeping fish, cleaning your catch is usually perceived as a negative experience. Yes, we all know it can be a chore, but it is well worth it once the fish fry or feast occurs.

This time of year, the fish are full and fat during the pre-spawn or spawning time of the year. Many folks are keeping limits of sand bass, catfish, hybrids/stripers and crappie. The fillets are thick and healthy and the fish are generally easier to catch during their spawning efforts.

Having to clean thousands of stripers/hybrids and sand bass over the years, I have learned that, as with any profession, you must have the right tools for the job.

Good knives, a good ergonomic cleaning station, freezer bags and water are essential. Many places where I fish do not have cleaning stations. I have everything I need in the back of my truck. I'd rather clean them at or near the lake than to bring them home to clean -- for obvious reasons.

Ergonomics are important when cleaning numbers of fish. You should be able to stand straight up and not overstress your back or legs by excessive bending. The job will finish easier and quicker if you are comfortable during the process.

A good filet knife with metal

HOOD COUNTY FISHING REPORT

Water temperatures are quickly approaching 60 degrees which is bringing on the spring feeding frenzy on almost every reservoir. Some good reports from Granbury on the upper ends are still coming in. Sand bass action has been good on slabs on several areas of the lake in 23 feet of water. Stripers have been slow. Black bass fishing continues to be really good on the warmer afternoons in the back of sloughs. Crappie catches are also good near creek entrances.

Squaw Creek black bass are excellent in numbers with an occasional bigger fish to 9 pounds. Tilapia catches are being reported as well on worms.

gears is preferred. Seven-inch blades for the smaller fish and 9-inch blades for the larger fish normally do the trick.

I start filleting with the electric and trim out the rib cage with the manual fillet knife. You can also fillet out the rib cage with the electric knife.

Once I have finished filleting the fish, I put the fillets in fresh water in a bucket to rinse. I rinse the fillets and put them in freezer bags. If you're putting the fish in the freezer, a little care is needed to avoid freezer burn. Vacuum packing is the best and probably the most costly upfront, but the fish will last longer this way. I generally freeze my fish in water to help prevent freezer burn, and they'll last several months in water. A fillet glove to prevent filleting your hand is a good idea.

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IMPACT PLAYER: Gabbie Nunn (34) was one of three Granbury Lady Pirates named to an All-District 7-5A team in 2017. Nunn was named as a first-team selection.

Lady Pirates earn all-district honors

GRANT MCGALLIARD
HOOD COUNTY NEWS

Three Granbury girls' basketball players earned All-District 9-5A selections on Wednesday.

Senior forwards Gabbie Nunn and Amber Strange were named to First Team All-District on the strength of their stellar seasons.

This is Nunn and Strange's second straight year on the

first-team squad. Nunn averaged 15.4 points and 8.8 rebounds per game, while Strange put up 11 points and 10.2 rebounds per game.

Sophomore Maddi Samuelson was an Honorable Mention selection, averaging 4.4 points and 2 steals a game.

Led by head coach Steve Schmidt, the Lady Pirates went 9-20 on the year and finished 5-9 in District 9-5A.

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1969-73?

Retired attorney Wynette Burns of Pecan Plantation provided some answers to this photograph that was found at a local garage sale. He said the Brazos River bridge (in photo) leading into Pecan was built in 1969. He believes the photo was taken from 1969-73. "The clearings on either side of the front circle were the sales office on top and a residence below. It is not clear if there are buildings yet. The lot between the residence and Monticello is where the Boysen family built a home, moving in 1974."



COURTESY

Stock show boys

We think we've identified the boys in this photograph, thanks to Hood County News readers Gary Best, Joni Rhodes and Jimmy Bramlett. They are (from left) Neil Eddleman, Gary Holmes, Glenn Crook and Jimmy Bramlett. The photo is believed to be from the 1970 Hood County Junior Livestock Show at the Granbury Reunion Grounds.



COURTESY

CHAMP: Lipan FFA seventh-grader Ben Montoya showed the champion commercial crossbred gilt at the Fort Worth Stock Show and Rodeo.

City offers new web-based tool

In an effort to utilize technology to better serve citizens and businesses, the city of Granbury is utilizing the web-based tool Geographic Information System (GIS).

GIS is a popular system used by all levels of government around the country to enhance the management of information. A number of cities in Texas use it.

GIS will allow Granbury residents, and also city workers, to search for information based on different categories, such as parcel ID, owner name, address

and zoning classification.

NewEdge Services has been working with city departments to collect all available data, build the base maps and layers and then tie all the data together in the GIS tool.

The new web-based GIS tool can be accessed through the city's website: www.granbury.org.

Select "GIS Web Tool" at the middle left of the main page under "Top Pages."

The web tool will work in multiple browsers as well as on mobile devices.

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Life

Students will write, stage plays

Not everyone leaves town for spring break. Some will attend acting camp.

Granbury Theatre Academy is offering two camps, one for ages 6-12 and another for ages 13-18, during the week off from

school March 13-17.

Students will create their own plays and present them for family, friends and anyone else who may want to attend.

Register through the GTC box office at the Granbury Opera

House on the square, or call 817-579-0952.

A limited number of scholarships are available. If a student is interested, send email to academy@granburytheatrecompany.org.

Granbury Theatre Company is a nonprofit organization that manages the Granbury Opera House, produces critically-acclaimed plays and musicals, and hosts concerts and other special events.



BACK IN THE DAY: It always tastes better when food is prepared from the chuck wagon. Adding ambiance to last year's Texas Independence Day rec-

ognition are (from left) Tex Krahemann, Lane McRae and Frank Bussey with the Shepherds Valley Cowboy Church chuck wagon.

Join Texas History Stroll in Acton

The Texas Heroes Foundation presents the Texas History Stroll to celebrate Texas Independence Day. The main event takes place March 4 at the Acton Cemetery parking area from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

The public is invited to the Texas History Stroll to meet the Texas heroes, David Crockett, William B. Travis, first Americans and other historic characters. Jeff Mastick and Peggy Freeman serve as co-chairs for the event.

In addition to the activities in Acton, Texas flags will be displayed at the courthouse on the square and down Fall Creek

Highway in Acton.

THF board members, John Campbell and Danny Shipman, have marked each the Texas flags with the name and information of Texas heroes who were at the Alamo.

"The flags are beautiful from a distance," said Freeman. "Up close the beauty is noted by the sacrifice of those who won our Texas Independence."

CROCKETT REMEMBRANCE

A memorial ceremony at Elizabeth Crockett's grave includes members of the Crockett family at 2 p.m. on March 2 and 3, followed by a black powder mus-

ket and cannon salute. Sylvia Hickey is chairing the Crockett memorial program.

STUDENT HISTORY FAIR

Students will be submitting entries Feb. 26-27 to compete in the THF History Fair of North Texas. The theme is "Taking a Stand in Texas History."

The History Fair display will be at Acton Baptist Church, 3500 Fall Creek Highway in Acton.

Viewing for entries is Friday, March 3 from 4 to 6:30 p.m. followed by the awards program at 6:30 p.m.

Students from public and pri-

vate schools are registered on March 2-3 for the Student Stroll with over 1,000 students and teachers attending.

"The Texas Heroes Foundation's (THF) goal is to tell our state's fascinating past to current and future generations. These events involve a great deal of work by the Texas Heroes Foundation board and many, many volunteers," Freeman noted.

Questions? Contact Freeman at 214-675-5752, send an email to March2Texas@gmail.com or visit www.TexasHeroesFoundation.org.

Learn about Social Security, Medicare options

American Financial Education Alliance is presenting several free programs on Medicare, Social Security benefits and long term care at the Hood County Library, 222 N. Travis St.

ALL ABOUT SOCIAL SECURITY

The program Tuesday, March 7 will cover Social Security options from 6-8 p.m.

Topics include:
- How to file for Social Security benefits.
- How to maximize the amount you are eligible for.
- How to avoid common mis-

takes people make when claiming their benefits.

- How to optimize your assets to minimize or avoid paying taxes on your Social Security benefits.

- How much income you can have and still draw Social Security.

- How Social Security is taxed.
- How and file and suspend.
- How to claim a spouse's benefit, even if divorced.

MEDICARE EXPLAINED

On Wednesday, March 8, the program feature Medicare from

4-6 p.m. at the library.

Topics include

- What Medicare does and does not cover
- Learn the differences between parts A, B, C and D.

- Understand the costs for each part.

- Which Medicare supplement is right for you.

- Know the difference between Medicare and Medicaid.
- Medicare Advantage plans will be explained.

- Latest changes to Medicare and Social Security and how they affect your benefits.

LONG TERM CARE

Planning for Long Term Care will be covered from 4-6 p.m.

Topics include:

- What is long-term care, and where it's provided.

Strategies to pay for long-term care.

Key features and government incentives for long-term care insurance.

How Medicare and Medicaid factor into long-term care planning.

Milestones

WEDDING

NUSSLE, DOUGLASS

Keally Ann Nussle of Bay City and Chad Westbrook Douglass of Granbury were united in marriage on Dec. 17, 2016, at Granbury Resort and Conference Center.

The bride is the daughter of Wally Nussle of Enid, Oklahoma, and Donna Broussard of Groves, Texas.

The groom is the son of David and Sandra Douglass of Granbury.

Grandparents of the groom are Virginia and Will Rollins of Granbury.

Taylor Espinosa, sister of the bride, was matron of honor.

Bridesmaids were Stefanie Douglass, sister of the groom, Stephanie Deo, Kaela Beuman, Erin Ryman and Ciera Lara.

Flower girls were Maya and Madilynn Espinosa, nieces of the bride.

Best man was Tanner Moore. Groomsmen were Karl Kresusel, officiant, Justin Fleming, Josh Blevins, Phillip George and Mason Jackson.

The bride is a 2007 graduate of Bay City High School. She earned a Bachelor of Science in nursing Texas A&M Universi-



ty-Corpus Christi in 2012 and employed at Cook Children's Hospital.

The groom is a 2007 graduate of Granbury High School. He earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in 2011 from TAMU-CC. He is C-130 pilot and lieutenant with the Texas Air National Guard, 181st Airlift Squadron, Joint Reserve Base in Fort Worth.

Following a honeymoon to San Francisco the couple will reside in Granbury.

ANNIVERSARY

THE UMPHRESSES

Kenneth and Esther Umphress of Granbury recently celebrated their 38th anniversary.

Kenneth Dale Umphress and the former Esther Bunch were married on Feb. 10, 1979 at Clara Hardin's home in Granbury.

They are retired and live happily on 42 acres that they declared as a wildlife preserve.



ANNOUNCEMENT GUIDELINES

Wedding, engagement, anniversary and birth announcements appear in the Hood County News at no charge. Go to www.hcnews.com/forms or type your announcement and email to lifestyles@hcnews.com. Announcement examples are available at the Hood County News office, 1501 S. Morgan St.

ANNIVERSARIES

Announcements for the 25th, 30th, 35th, 40th, 45th, 50th and over wedding anniversaries will be published free of charge.

The announcements will appear in the paper (after the event) as space permits.

Couples may provide "now and then" type photos, with a current picture and their old wedding picture.

Announcements can be typed and emailed to lifestyles@hcnews.com. Photos can also be emailed to the same address.

BIRTHS

Birth announcements should be submitted within two months after the birth. The announcements will appear in the paper as space permits.

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ENGAGEMENTS

Engagement announcements should be turned in at least one month prior to the wedding date.

The announcements run with a picture and will appear in the paper as space permits. Announcements can be typed and emailed with a photo to lifestyles@hcnews.com.

WEDDINGS

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INGREDIENTS

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 1 Medium onion, chopped
 6 Cups chicken stock
 Nutmeg
 Salt and freshly ground black pepper.

DIRECTIONS

1. Cut squash into 1-inch chunks.
 2. In large pot melt butter. Add

onion and cook until translucent, about 8 minutes. Add squash and stock.
 3. Bring to simmer and cook until squash is tender, about 15-20 minutes.
 4. Remove squash chunks with slotted spoon and place in a blender and puree.
 5. Return blended squash to pot. Stir and season with nutmeg, salt and pepper. Serve.
 Makes six servings.

FLEXIBLE SOUP RECIPE: While the recipe is written for butternut squash, others vegetables can but used instead of squash. You can impress friends and family with this soup that's actually pretty simple to make.

Messina pairs wine with the entree when entertaining

Here's a combo you're sure to like: butternut squash soup and standing rib roast.

County Court-At-Law Judge Vincent Messina is sharing these two favorite recipes.

"I recently made the standing rib roast for a dinner party. And the butternut squash soup is a perfect accompaniment," he said.

The squash soup is super easy. "People will think you've spent a lot of time making the soup, but it's really simple," Messina said.

Not only easy, the soup recipe is also versatile. Other vegetables can be substituted for the squash. Messina has

used asparagus, carrots, leeks and potatoes for the soup.

When preparing a meal for guests, Messina generally prepares the entree and pairs the wine with the meal. His wife, Margie, works on the sides and appetizers.

Not only food lovers, the Messinas also have a passion for wine. Hundreds of wine bottles are kept in their large, basement wine cellar - which can double as a safe room during stormy weather.

Messina said they cook at home about five days a week. Chicken, turkey tacos and lean rib eye can be found on the supper table.

Roasted vegetables are a favorite. Rub some olive oil on the vegetables and place them on a sheet of parchment paper on a tray. Roast at 350 for 15 minutes or less, and the vegetables will be done, Messina said.

Sweet potatoes are especially tasty when roasted. Cube the sweet potatoes and place in plastic storage bag with olive oil, and seasonings like Parmesan cheese, salt and pepper before roasting. "If you like sweet potatoes, it's the best ever," Messina said.

Come vacation time, the couple scopes out the local restaurants before arriving. "Margie picks the restaurants before we go," Messina said.

Eating at new restaurants only spurs Messina's love of cooking.

"Growing up, my parents liked to cook, so I grew up with people who cook," he explained. "I developed a love to prepare food."

The Messinas have three children and two grandchildren. Son Nick is an attorney in Dallas, daughter Maggie is a child therapist in Marble Falls and daughter Lydia is community relations director at the Arbor House in Granbury.



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PRESENTATION: County-Court-at-Law Judge Vincent Messina enjoys preparing food for family and friends.

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If you would like an appointment to speak to an attorney please call 512-637-6755. Let them know what your question or issue is so they can set you up with an attorney who specializes in that area. I will be there to assist anyone with questions.

If all goes well, we hope to host this clinic monthly so please, take advantage of this no cost expert help. This clinic is not just for individuals with limited means. ALL veterans are able to use this service.

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BATIOWOW BIKE RIDE IS APRIL 22

VFW Post 7835, at 3670 Highway 377 W., will be hosting Pecan Valley Center's fourth annual BATIOWOW motorcycle run. BATIOWOW stands for Bring Awareness to Invisible Wounds of War.

The event takes place Saturday, April 22, from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Registration for this event runs from 8:30-10 a.m. The fee is \$20 and \$5 for an addition-

al rider. Kick stands up at 10:15.

Riders will enjoy a scenic trip through the most beautiful areas of Pecan Valley's region and finish at the VFW. You don't have to be a motorcycle enthusiast to enjoy this family-friendly event which includes some great live music, shopping with local vendors and raffles to raise money for this much-needed cause.

I will be there along with representatives from the VA and our local service officers to assist veterans with questions they may have about their benefits.

With a donation, local business and other organizations are invited to be official sponsors of this event.

The BATIOWOW event is held annually to acknowledge and assist those

who suffer from Post Traumatic Stress and major depressive disorders associated with combat and other traumatic events veterans faced while serving their country. Pecan Valley Centers serves over 400 veterans a month so they are intimately familiar with the unique struggles they face.

As a service officer and a veteran myself, I so appreciate the hard work our Veteran Services Coordinator at Pecan Valley Centers, Robin Greer puts into this important event every year. If you'd like more information or would be interested in sponsorship, please contact Robin at 817-579-4489, or 817-736-6089. You may also email her at rgreer@pecanvalley.org. Flyers are posted in the Hood County

Courthouse along with registration forms for sponsors.

CONSTRUCTION ON THE WEBSITE AND ON GRANBURY SQUARE

Hood County made some nice improvements to its official website recently. "Veterans' Services" is still there but needs serious updating so please be patient while I work to improve our webpage.

As some of you have noticed, the square is a mess right now so if you have difficulty coming to the office here in Hood County, I can schedule you at my office in the Somervell County Annex across from Hollywood and Vine Restaurant.

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LANA ROBINSON

WATCH IT: A new television screen in the Pecan Plantation VFD/EMS building will be used for presentations and meetings. The TV was a group effort by Pecaners. From left: Ray Zimmerman and Mary Ann Murray, Brazos Riv-

er Travel Club organizers; Rene Garrett, EMS deputy chief; Tim Matthews, Pecan resident who donated electrical skills to the project; and Donna and Richard, charter members of the Brazos River Travel Club.

MESSINA: Good together

FROM PAGE 1B

STANDING RIB ROAST

INGREDIENTS

- 1/2 Bunch rosemary, leaves finely chopped.
- 3 Cloves garlic, smashed and finely chopped
- 1/2 Teaspoon cayenne pepper
- Extra-virgin olive oil
- 1 8-8 1/2 pound bone-in standing rib roast
- Kosher salt
- 1 Onion, cut into 1/2-inch dice
- 1 Pound baby carrots, tops trimmed
- 3 Stalks celery, cut into 1/2-inch dice
- 1 Pound cremini mushrooms, stems removed, quartered
- 1 Cup dry red wine
- 1 to 2 cups chicken stock
- 2 Bay leaves

DIRECTIONS

1. Preheat the oven to 450 degrees.
2. Combine the rosemary, garlic and cayenne in a small bowl. Add enough olive oil until it becomes a loose paste.
3. Schmear the roast with rosemary-garlic paste and really massage it into the meat. Season generously with salt.
4. Put the onion, carrots, celery and mushrooms in the bottom of a roasting pan. Toss with a little olive oil and salt to taste. Add the wine, 1 cup chicken stock and the bay leaves.
5. Put the roast on top of the veggies; roast until the meat is really brown and lovely, about 45 minutes. Reduce the oven temperature to 350 degrees.
6. Continue roasting another 2 hours, 20 minutes, rotating the pan halfway through, until an instant-read thermometer inserted into the center of the meat reads 125 degrees for medium rare, 130 for medium.
7. During roasting time, occasionally spoon some of the pan juices over the meat. If the liquid level in the pan goes down too much, add the remaining 1 cup stock.
8. Remove the roast from the oven and transfer to a cutting board. Let rest 15 to 20 minutes before carving.
9. Taste the veggies and season with salt, if needed. Skim off any excess fat from the pan juices and remove the bay leaves.
10. Slice the roast and serve with the veggies.

CHURCH CLIPS

BLACK HISTORY CELEBRATION AT CONFERENCE CENTER

The 8th Annual Black History Celebration is from 6-8 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 26 at the Granbury Resort Conference Center, 621 E. Pearl St.

The Lake Granbury Ministerial Alliance invites everyone to enjoy the special night with the theme, We Can Work It Out.

Speakers include Julian Corpus, Granbury Church of the Nazarene; Barry Jenkins, Barry Jenkins Ministries; Lonnie Lehrman, Granbury Baptist Church; and Lloyd H. Spence, NOIZ Media and Entertainment.

The Granbury Mass Choir,

Lloyd Spence, BHC Band and Randy Adams will be leading the worship with music.

ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICE WEDNESDAY AT EMMANUEL

Ash Wednesday service with Holy Communion and distribution of ashes takes place at Emmanuel Lutheran Church Wednesday, March 1. The revised time is 7 p.m.

Revised times and dates for the mid week Lenten services are Wednesdays March 22, 29 and April 5. Soup supper at 6 p.m. and service at 7.

Emmanuel Lutheran is at 2301 Fall Creek Highway. Call 817-326-2201 for more information.

View adventures on big TV screen

Pecan Plantation is filled with generous benefactors, and one such example is the Brazos River Travel Club who graciously donated a 55-inch screen television and wall mount for installation in the Pecan Plantation Emergency Medical Service (EMS) meeting room at the Charlie Lee Memorial EMS building.

Travel Club members voted to use unspent travel funds to purchase the television, and thanks to Pecan community volunteers, the television is now available to anyone using the EMS building for meetings.

The BRTC plans to show DVDs and images from trips, as well as preview places they may wish to visit. Organizations using the television can hook up equipment to the monitor for instructional videos, training seminars and other presentations.

Donna and Richard Stokes, along with Ray Zimmermann and Mary Ann Murray, BRTC organizers, and VFD/EMS Auxiliary member Jeanie Curry and her husband Lynn were all involved in installing and getting the new television ready for use. Tim Matthews, a Pecan resident and electrician, completed the necessary electrical work.

Groups desiring to use the

PECAN BITS



Diane Long

EMS building and new television screen for meetings should call 817-573-1643 for more information.

MEMBERSHIP MEETING

Pecan's annual membership meeting comes 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.

Vying to serve on Pecan's board of directors are Roger Eades, Joe Hartman, Ron Liddell, Joel Nyman, Darlene Smyth, Vincent Sprinkle and Doug Turner.

NEWCOMERS GATHERING

The Lake Granbury Newcomers Club will meet again next Thursday at the Pecan clubhouse. Ladies are invited to wear special hats and participate in a "Mad Hatter's Tea Party." Karen Call will also be

present to enlighten the ladies on the history of tea.

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

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

TENNIS ANYONE

The Pecan Plantation Tennis Association (PPTA) is looking for a few good volunteers who would like to share time and talent in service on the PPTA board of directors. The 12-month term runs May 2017 through April 2018. Contact PPTA President Shirley Crise for more details: secrise@charter.net.

Furthermore, a Saint Patrick's Play Day will happen on March 10, the first of several upcoming tennis dates.

GAME INSTRUCTION

Eva Margle will be offering Mah-Jongg lessons on Fridays from 10 a.m. to noon beginning March 10. Classes will be limited to eight students, and registering at the Pecan Activities Center (PAC) is necessary: 817-573-7952.

For more information on the classes, contact Eva at evalynn11@gmail.com.

OURDOOR ADVENTURE

The Acton Nature Center (ANC) will host a bird walk March 4 from 7 to 9:30 a.m. The event is free to participants, who should bring binoculars. Billy Teels will lead the expedition to see how many species may be found.

The ANC is located across from the front gate of deCordova Bend Estates.

NATURE TRAIL

A new walking trail with beautiful views is becoming very popular with Pecaners.

The recently completed route begins near the practice green behind the clubhouse and boasts inclines and curves for hiking pleasure.

The Wildlife Committee has adopted the trail, and with the assistance of the Brazos River Sportsman's Club, birdhouses will soon be installed along the path. Thank you to these groups for improving an already enjoyable amenity in our community.

SYMPATHY

Our sympathy goes to the family of Frank Allison, who passed away Feb. 9, and also to the family of Dorothy Johnson, who passed away Feb. 19.

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New Granbury Live announces changes

Theater plans to bring national recording artists, 'up and coming stars'

Local business owners, The Thomas Group, announce major changes coming to Granbury Live and Celebration Hall on the east side of the square.

Though the theater and banquet/meeting hall have been in operation since being purchased by the Thomas Group in 2013, plans are underway for an exterior makeover, interior remodel and significant changes to its productions.

Sam Houston, operations manager of The New Granbury Live, said plans are to renovate the layout of the theater seating, perform an exterior makeover to the building and bring a variety of top quality performers.

"Soon, we anticipate the appearance of national recording artists, regional entertainers, up and coming stars, stand-up comedians and several different variety shows, all in addition to the Big City Music Revue which has performed at Granbury Live for several years," Houston said.

"The addition of a catering kitchen to the Celebration Hall and the ability to serve beer and wine should give our patrons a better overall experience and allow us to expand the use of the facility to many purposes."

Houston anticipates the physical changes to the facility should start taking place soon. "With the city of Granbury's

new sidewalk construction program going great guns, we are looking forward to completing our renovation plans for The New Granbury Live," Houston said. "Granbury has a vibrant and exciting downtown, and we believe the sidewalk improvements and our renovations will add to the overall quality of the square and bring even more people to Granbury to experience top quality live entertainment."

The Thomas Group is a family-holding company owned by Ike and Trisha Thomas of Granbury, Ryan and Anne Thomas of Granbury, and Justin and Kimberly Thomas of Brock.



COURTESY

NEW GRANBURY LIVE OWNERS: The Thomas Group has announced major changes to The New Granbury Live on the courthouse square. The owners plan to renovate the inside and outside of the building, and bring comedians, national recording artists, and up and coming stars. The Thomas Group is a company owned by Ike and Trisha Thomas and family.

FELONY ARRESTS

Thirty felony arrests were made between Feb. 9-22, according to Hood County law enforcement records.

Suspects were arrested in Hood County, but their alleged crimes may have occurred outside the county.

- Kenneth Lee Baker, 41, Glen Rose, injury to a child with intent bodily injury.

- Anthony Kurt Carter, 34, Granbury, theft of property less than \$2,500 with two or more previous.

- Timothy James Garvin, 35, Haltom City, traffic offense, possession of a controlled substance penalty group one less than 1 gram, traffic offense and traffic offense.

- Chelsey Michelle Gibson, 24, Granbury, possession of a controlled substance penalty group one less than 1 gram and prohibited substance/item in a correctional facility.

- James Ray Gilpin, 45, Granbury, possession of a controlled substance penalty group one less than 1 gram and possession of marijuana less than 2 ounces.

- Justin Wayne Herring, 26, Granbury, evading arrest or detention with a vehicle, health and safety violation, violation of bond/protective order, driving while license invalid with previous conviction and violating a bond/protective order.

- John William Hunter Jr., 34, Stephenville, forgery financial instrument and theft more than \$50 but less than \$500.

- Tianna Kay Insall, 22, Granbury, assault bodily injury to a family member with previous conviction.

- James David McDonald, 33, Granbury, tampering/fabricating physical evidence with intent to impair an investigation and theft of property more than \$2,500 but less than \$30,000.

- Steven Laine Meeks II, 22, Duncanville, possession of a controlled substance penalty group one less than 1 gram.

- Andrew Ryan Minyard, 26, Granbury, possession of a

controlled substance penalty group one less than 1 gram.

- Mauro Resendez Jr., 31, Granbury, assault with bodily injury to a family member enhances with previous conviction and criminal trespass.

- Abiel Edgardo Sanchez, 18, Granbury, criminal trespass, burglary of a vehicle, assault causes bodily injury, possession of marijuana less than 2 ounces and engaging in criminal activity.

- Theodore Joseph SanJuan, 24, Granbury, manufacturing/delivery of a controlled substance penalty group two more than 4 grams but less than 400 grams, manufacturing/delivery of a controlled substance penalty group two more than 4 grams but less than 400 grams, possession of marijuana more than 4 ounces but less than 5 pounds and health and safety violation.

- Bradlee Warren Trevino, 28, Glen Rose, credit card or debit card abuse.

- Hunter Ryan West, 20, Trophy Club, manufacturing/delivery of a controlled substance penalty group two more than 4 grams but less than 400 grams and unlicensed carrying of a weapon.

- Kevin Lee West, 28, Glen Rose, theft of property more than \$2,500 but less than \$30,000, theft greater than \$500 but less than \$1,500 and false report to a police/law enforcement employee.

- Danny Michael Bialorucki, 56, Granbury, possession of a controlled substance penalty group one less than 1 gram, unlicensed carrying of a weapon, possession of marijuana less than 2 ounces, duty on striking a fixture or highway landscaping greater than 200 and possession of a dangerous drug.

- Kelvin Lavon Brown, 26, Granbury, possession of marijuana less than 2 ounces, manufacturing/delivery of a controlled substance penalty group 1 greater than 4 grams but less than 200 grams, unlicensed carrying of a weapon,

manufacturing/delivery of a controlled substance penalty group one greater than 4 grams but less than 200 grams and driving while license invalid with previous convictions.

- Jordan Lee Burt, 41, Lovington, N.M., possession of a controlled substance penalty group one less than 1 gram, possession of a controlled substance penalty group three less than 28 grams and possession of marijuana less than 2 ounces.

- Christi Lynn Cummings, 41, Granbury, possession of a controlled substance penalty group one more than 1 gram but less than 4 grams, possession of a controlled substance penalty group three less than 28 grams and possession of marijuana less than 2 ounces.

- Chase Allen Hinchliffe, 28, Cleburne, possession of a controlled substance penalty group one less than 1 gram and possession of marijuana less than 2 ounces.

- Isaac William Ives, 27, Tolar, aggravated assault of a date/family/household members with a weapon.

- Nathan Scott Lillard, 37, Granbury, possession of a controlled substance penalty group one less than 1 gram.

- Jonathan Patrick McGirt, 37, Glen Rose, driving while intoxicated third or more.

- Leland Trotter Negrete, 24, Granbury, possession of a controlled substance penalty group one more than 1 gram but less than 4 grams, injury to a child/elderly/disabled criminal negligence.

- Tyler Paul Pierce, 24, Stephenville, traffic offense, traffic offense, burglary of a building, violating bond/protective order and assault class C.

- Mark Alan Rains, 33, Fort Worth, violation of parole.

- Eliot Craig Schaefer, 42, Granbury, driving while intoxicated third or more.

- Loren Nathan Walls, 20, Granbury, unauthorized absence community correction facility.

Obituaries

Donna Jane Rigger

Donna Jane Rigger, 77, of Granbury died Thursday, Feb. 16, 2017.

Memorial service: 10 a.m. Thursday, March 2, 2017, at Lakeside Baptist Church in Granbury.

Donna was born Sept. 18, 1939, in Salt Lake City, Utah, to the late William Samuel Lair and Mary Loretta Goodman Lair Palmer.

Donna was raised by her mother and stepfather, Hub Palmer from about age 3.

In August 1956 Donna married her loving husband, Ray Rigger. They had two sons, Rod and Randy, and a daughter, Cindy. Donna and Ray enjoyed 60 years of marriage. Donna was a member of Lakeside Baptist Church.

She worked in the school system as a baker and cafeteria manager in California and Oklahoma and was also an accomplished Avon representative in Arlington and Granbury. In Oklahoma she was an adult leader in 4-H.

Her hobbies included painting, art and woodworking. She loved riding motorcycles in the western and central U.S.

Donna will be missed by her family and friends and all who knew her.

Survivors: Husband, Ray Rigger; sons, Rod and Randy Rigger; daughter, Cindy Rigger; brother, Bill Lair (wife, Carol); four grandchildren, Darrin Rigger, Tyler Czebely (wife, Gladys), Rachael South (husband,



Sean) and Alyssa Rigger; seven great-grandchildren and numerous nieces and nephews. Arrangements made by Wiley Funeral Home, Granbury.

The deadline for obituaries is noon Monday for the Wednesday paper, and noon Thursday for the Saturday paper. Obituaries can be emailed to obits@hcnews.com. If the deceased lived in Hood County, a standard obituary, under 200 words, is free in the Hood County News. A fee is applied for expanded or additional information.



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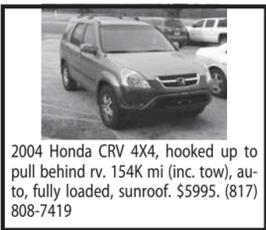
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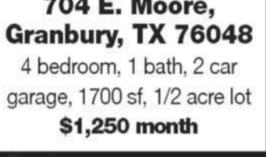


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Medical/Dental

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Lake Granbury Medical Center Job Fair!! March 7th, 2017 at the Hilton Garden Inn, Lakeview Ballroom. 635 East Pearl St. Granbury, TX 76048 10:00am - 2:00pm. Representatives from multiple depts will be available to answer questions. Visit www.lakegranburymedicalcenter.com for a complete list of openings. Bring your resume and dress to impress. Call for inquires, 817-408-3206. 817-247-6933

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Public Notices

ADVERTISEMENT TO BID
Hood County will receive competitive sealed Bids for Pavement Improvements Along Acton Highway until 2:00 PM local time on March 14, 2017, at the Hood County Annex III located at 1402 W. Pearl Street, Suite 1, Granbury, Hood County, Texas 76048, where they will be publicly opened and read aloud. Late bids will not be accepted and returned unopened. Hood County is not responsible for bids that arrive late due to the delivery method the vendor has chosen by courier, UPS, FedEx, USPS or any other company that performs this service. Please be sure to give ample time for the bid to be delivered prior to or no later than 2:00 PM March 14, 2017.

Bids shall be addressed to Nelda Walters, Hood County Purchasing Agent. Bid document # RFB-2017-001 Street Surface Improvements - Acton Hwy should be referenced on the exterior of the envelope or bid packet that is submitted. Bidding Documents and Contract Documents, including Drawings and Technical Specifications, may be examined at: HOOD COUNTY/Don Linney Road Operations, Annex III 1402 W. Pearl Street, Ste. 2 Granbury, Texas 76048

Copies of the Bidding Documents and Contract Documents including Technical Specifications may be obtained at the address shown above for a non-refundable deposit of \$25.00 per set.

Each Bid shall be accompanied by a Cashier's Check or Bid Bond, acceptable to the Owner, in an amount not less than five percent (5%) of the total amount bid, as a guarantee that the successful bidder will enter into a proper Contract and execute Bonds on the forms provided in the Contract Documents. Bid sureties will be returned, upon request, to all but the three lowest acceptable bidders within five days after the opening of Bids. Remaining bid sureties will be returned, upon request, after complete execution of the Contract.

The surety company providing the Bid Bond must conform to the same requirements for surety companies providing Performance and Maintenance Bonds, and Payment Bonds as described below.

The successful bidder must furnish a Payment Bond on the forms furnished with the Contract Documents in the amount of one hundred percent (100%) of the total Contract price, from a surety company holding a permit from the State of Texas to act as surety. The surety company must have a minimum Best's Key Rating of "B" or better. The surety company, the agency and agent issuing the Payment Bond must be authorized to issue such bonds in Texas in an amount equal to or greater than the total contract price.

In submitting this Bid, Bidder hereby acknowledges that the time of completion is the essence of this contract and that bidder has adequate equipment and manpower to complete the work within 80 calendar days of the award of the contract.

In submitting this Bid, Bidder hereby acknowledges receipt of the following Addenda: (List Addenda by Addendum Number and Date):

Addendum No.: Dated: Addendum No.: Dated: Hood County reserves the right to waive any informalities and to reject any or all bids. At the option of the County, all or part of the contract may be awarded. The award of contract will be made at a scheduled meeting of the Hood County Commissioners' Court by the Purchasing Agent noted below: Nelda Walters, Hood County Purchasing Agent, Hood County, Texas Advertising Dates: February 25th and March 4, 2017

INVITATION TO BIDDERS
The Hood County Purchasing Agent's office will receive sealed bids at 1402 Pearl St. Room 1, Granbury, Texas 76048 until 2:00 P.M., March 14, 2017 for RFB2017-001 Street Surface Improvements - Acton Hwy.

Proposals will be opened at that time in a public meeting, held by the Hood County Purchasing Agent's Office, at the above address. All interested parties are invited to attend. The results of the bids received and opened will be presented to Commissioners Court.

Enclosed you will find all documents and specifications pertaining to this bid. All instructions can be located in pages marked General Specifications.

EACH PROPOSAL SHALL BE PLACED IN A SEALED ENVELOPE, MANUALLY SIGNED IN INK BY A PERSON HAVING THE AUTHORITY TO BIND HIS FIRM IN A CONTRACT. ENVELOPES SHALL BE MARKED: BID FOR STREET SURFACE IMPROVEMENTS RFB2017-110). SUBMIT ORIGINAL AND THREE (3) COPIES OF PROPOSAL.

Payment will be processed by the Auditor's Office after notification of satisfactory receipt of items. Hood County reserves the right to award by unit cost or lump sum discounted and to waive formalities for the best interest of Hood County. Hood County reserves the right to accept or reject any and all proposals

All invoices shall be paid at the regular meetings of the Hood County Commissioners' Court.

For additional information, contact Hood County Purchasing Department at (817) 408-3440.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS OF
On February 21, 2017 Letters Testamentary for the Estate of Robert P. Rogers, Deceased, were issued in Cause No. P08173, in the County Court of Hood County, Texas, to: Vicki Lynn Parker. All persons having claims against this Estate being administered are required to present them to the representative within the time prescribed by law as follows: Vicki Lynn Parker P.O. Box 2331 Granbury, Texas 76048 Dated the 23rd day of February, 2017.

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
CITY OF CRESSON
REQUEST FOR REPLAT

Notice is hereby given that on Tuesday, February 28, 2017 at 7:00 P.M., a public hearing will be held by the City of Cresson City Council at the Cresson City Council Chambers, 8901 Highway 377, Cresson, Texas 76035, to receive public input on a request to re-plat received from William Douglas Franklin, regarding the property currently described as being all of Lot 37, Section 1 of Bluebonnet Hills Addition, Parker County, Texas, according to the plat recorded in Volume 362A, Page 49, Plat Records, Parker County, Texas, embracing all of said Lot 37. The proposed re-plat will subdivide Lot 37 into two lots, to be known as Lots 37A and 37B. The application is available for review in the City Secretary's office.

This meeting is open for public comment. All interested parties are invited to attend. The City of Cresson Council Chambers is wheelchair accessible. Request for accommodation or other services must be made 48 hours in advance.

You may contact the City Secretary at 817-396-4729 for further information.

CITATION BY PUBLICATION
THE STATE OF TEXAS: To all persons interested in the Estates OF SANDRA JOAN DERR, Cause No. P08203, County Court of Hood County, Texas.

RODNEY J RADER in the above numbered and entitled estate filed an Application To Determine Heirship and declare who are the heirs and the only heirs of the said Estate of SANDRA JOAN DERR, deceased, and their respective shares and interests in this Estate.

Said application will be heard and acted on by said court at 10:00 o'clock a.m. on the first Monday next after the expiration of ten days from date of publication of this citation, at the County Courthouse in Granbury, Texas.

All persons interested in said estate are hereby cited to appear before said Honorable Court at above mentioned time and place by filing a written answer contesting such application should they desire to do so.

Given under my hand and seal of said court at office in Granbury, Texas this 22nd day of February, 2017.

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GARAGE SALE: 1331 Davis Rd 76049- Couches, pool & foosball table, office furniture, house hold goods, girls clothes 4t-18, toys, jewelry, Plus size name brand/ boutique womens clothing 1-3x 18-24 pants, shoes ect. 2/25-2/26

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YARD SALE: 916 Thelma Dr Granbury 76049- Large variety of household items. Mini bike, clothes, books, furniture and more. Friday/Saturday 8-5.

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SATURDAY, FEB. 25

TEXAS WRITES program at the Hood County Library from 1-4 p.m., 222 N. Travis St. Authors Susan Wittig Albert and Meg Gardiner will lead the free program. Register by calling 817-573-3569. Refreshments provided.

BLACK HISTORY Program at 8th Annual Black History Celebration is from 6-8 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 26 at the Granbury Resort Conference Center, 621 E. Pearl St.

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

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

FUNDRAISER DAY for Friends for Animals at Revolver Brewing Co., noon to 3 p.m. Fun, games, beer. 5650 Matlock Road.

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

TUESDAY, MARCH 7

OPERA GUILD welcomes Phil Groeschel with a program on theatre set design, 10:30 a.m., deCordova Bend Country Club. Optional noon buffet is \$13 with reservation at 682-936-9572 or granburyog@gmail.com

SOCIAL SECURITY benefit options discussed and compared by the American Financial Education Alliance, Free program, Hood County Library, 222 N. Travis St., 6 to 8 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 8

MEDICARE SUPPLEMENTS discussed and compared by the American Financial Education Alliance, free program, Hood County Library, 222 N. Travis St., 4 to 6 p.m.

THURSDAY, MARCH 9

LONG-TERM CARE options and incentives discussed and compared by the American Financial Education Alliance, Hood County Library, 222 N. Travis St., 4 to 6 p.m.



COURTESY

Sweetheart luncheon

Della and Robert (Bob) Weber were among couples who recently enjoyed a Valentine's Day celebration with a catered meal at Arbor House Memory Care community. Most of the participating couples have been married for over 50 years. Some residents at Arbor House were moved to the long-term care facility when their dementia progressed to the point that their spouse could no longer care for them in their home.

FRIDAY, MARCH 10

FISH FRY and bake with cole slaw, hush puppies, 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.

MONDAY, MARCH 13

COLONIAL DAMES 17th Century meeting featuring

guest speaker Liz Caraway on the "The Quill Pen," 10 a.m., 1st Christian Church, 2109 Highway 377 W., 817-579-1779.

TUESDAY, MARCH 14

SALVATION ARMY Women's Service League of Hood County's Second Annual Membership Tea is an authentic English tea party with scones, petite sandwiches and desserts, public welcome, 10:30 a.m., free.

Business

BUSINESS BRIEFS

FIRST NATIONAL BANK PARTNERS WITH RAILROADERS BASEBALL

The Cleburne Railroaders minor league baseball team reports First National Bank of Granbury will be a multi-year partner.

FNB Granbury has six locations in Hood County and will soon open the Nolan River Banking Center in Johnson County. The bank will be near the The Depot ballpark, where the Railroaders will play in Cleburne.

"With Railroader baseball games being a family outing, it ties in with First National Bank's emphasis on family," President and CEO of FNB James Hodges said.

The Railroaders open up at home against the Winnipeg Goldeyes on May 18. Go to railroaderbaseball.com for more information.

H-E-B SEEKS PARTICIPANTS FOR TEXAS BEST CONTEST

Celebrating local foods and all things Texas, H-E-B is searching for the most creative and mouth-watering, Texas-based food and beverage entrepreneurs or small businesses.

H-E-B Primo Picks is visiting Dallas on Wednesday, March 8 to share insight with local food and beverage creators interested in participating in the 2017 statewide competition.

Potential entrants are invited to meet with H-E-B leaders regarding the competition. Space is limited. Interested creators are encouraged to participate in the 2017 H-E-B Primo Picks Quest for Texas Best competition. Those interested may submit product details online at www.heb.com/quest through April 5.

JANUARY HEALTH INSPECTION SCORES

Food service health inspection scores are posted monthly by the city of Granbury.

Inspections occur about twice a year, not all businesses are inspected each month. Each violation has a demerit value, and this is subtracted from 100 to give the inspection score.

Restaurants with a failing score of 59 or below are closed immediately and must be re-inspected before opening.

The inspections are to prevent illness and ensure proper compliance with food safety laws at all establishments in Granbury.

Scoring range/required action

100 - 90
A: Very good (continue with regular inspection schedule)

89 - 80
B: Good (continue with regular inspection schedule)

79 - 70
C: Passing (requires increased inspection frequency)

69 - 60
D: Failing (requires a compliance inspection within 48 hours)

59 and below
Unacceptable (requires immediate closure and re-inspection before reopening)

BUSINESS NAME.....	SCORE
Chick-fil-A.....	94
Taco Casa.....	97
Creations Day Care.....	100
Tommy's # 11.....	90
Willie & Dicks.....	97
McDonalds Luton Ranch.....	87
J-Mart/ Imperio Taqueria.....	98
JJ's Fastop # 278.....	93

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