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The eyes of Texas County fights state plan that could release private information

BY KATHY CRUZ
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The situation regarding unfunded state mandates is getting worse, inching Hood County government toward possible layoffs and tax rate increases.

The latest threat centers around the county clerk and district clerk.

At its regular meeting Tuesday, the Commissioners Court joined about 150 other courts across the state in adopting a resolution aimed at protecting county and district clerks who fear they could be sued because of mandates from the Texas Supreme Court and the Office of Court Administration (OCA).

Under the direction of the Supreme Court, the OCA created re:SearchTX, a web portal that allows judges secure access to a consolidated database of case information that has been e-filed.

The electronic filing of court documents has been in effect since January of last year.

The OCA is moving toward making court documents filed by attorneys in county and district clerks' offices available online to the public.

Court documents typically involve confidential information, such as bank account and Social Security numbers.

If sensitive information fails to be redacted, county and district clerks could be subjected to lawsuits. Under the Texas constitution, they are the custodians of those records.

When the e-filing system first began, clerks were told that

THE RISING COST OF STATE MANDATES

Earlier this week, County Judge Darrell Cockerham sent an email to other county officials listing how much certain state mandated services have risen in the 5-year period between 2011 and 2016.

Counties are scrambling to keep up and will likely face crippling challenges if the Legislature succeeds in imposing revenue caps, lowering local tax rollback rates from 8 percent to 4 percent.

Cockerham said he got the percentage increases from the Texas Association of Counties. Here is the list:

Percentage increases statewide

- Indigent defense: 136 percent
- Judicial costs: 21 percent
- Court-appointed attorneys for CPS cases: 28 percent
- Collection Improvement Programs: 29 percent
- Victim assistance coordinators: 28 percent
- Jury pay: 19 percent
- Bail Bond Boards costs: 37 percent
- eFiling: 2,139 percent
- County jails: 20 percent
- Inmate emergency room visits: 61 percent
- Prescription drugs for inmates: 20 percent
- Mental health evaluations: 26 percent
- Adult Probation facilities: 78 percent
- Juvenile Probation: 26 percent
- Indigent health care: 26 percent
- Medical care for inmates: 22 percent
- Mandated training: 51 percent
- Mandated jail staff training: 50 percent
- Election costs: 229 percent
- Electronic voting equipment: 30 percent
- Indigent burials: 11 percent
- Autopsies: 41 percent

documents would be stored for just 30 days, according to District Clerk Tonna Hitt.

However, the OCA now says it has been retaining those documents and may make them available to the public for free, or for an as-yet-undetermined fee, through re:Search TX.

In addition to concerns over private information being unlawfully released, the move would deprive county offices

of revenues collected through copy fees.

When making copies for the public, county staffers redact sensitive information.

"They have actually lied to us," Hitt told commissioners about state officials during Tuesday's meeting.

She indicated that she places much of the blame on Supreme

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In the circle

Tolar senior pitcher April Rhine delivers towards home plate against Coleman on Tuesday. The Lady Rattlers won, 15-13, in a non-district contest that featured an 8-run home half of the 5th inning. For more on this game, please turn to P. 6A.



YOUNG STARS: Paden Bray, an 18-year-old senior at Lipan High School on the right, and his roping teammate 17-year-old Brenten Hall, left, earned a chance to compete with the top pros in the world at The American rodeo, held Feb. 19 at AT&T Stadium. The pair were the youngest team to qualify for the event.

Teens compete with top pros

BY BETHANY KURTZ
HOOD COUNTY NEWS

A young Lipan team roper and his Oklahoma-based partner were the youngest team ropers to qualify for The American this year, the world's richest one-day rodeo.

Though they didn't finish in the money, they are setting their sights on a return trip, said Paden Bray, an 18-year-old senior at Lipan High School.

He and his roping teammate, 17-year-old Brenten Hall, made it through four rounds of professional ropers to reach the final competition in AT&T Stadium in Arlington on Feb. 19.

"Honestly - just to even make it that far is a feat in and of itself," Bray said. "Out of 97 teams, to be in the top five was incredible."

The two high school students were competing against seasoned professionals the entire

way, said Brad Harrison, Bray's ag teacher and supporter.

"He is really good for his age," Harrison said. "The top ropers in the world are ranked on a scale of 1 to 10. The top ropers are a 10, and at 18, he is a 9."

The American organizers invite the top 10 professionals in each rodeo event and then allow five additional contestants to qualify through a series of preliminary and semifinal rounds, according to the event's website www.americanrodeo.com.

Bray and Hall competed against more than 90 other teams from across the nation for the five open spots.

Even though rodeo is not part of the Lipan ag program, Harrison and his wife, an English teacher at the school, have been following Bray's progress and understand the huge challenge the student he described as humble and responsible was up against.

HOW TEAM ROPING WORKS

Team roping developed out of necessary ranching skills, according to the United States Team Roping Championships.

Two competitors mounted on horseback attempt to use lassoes to capture first the head and then the rear legs of a steer. Both ropes are then pulled snug to halt the steer between the two competitors.

On a ranch and animal could then be held securely for branding or

doctoring.

Team Roping is one of the six standard rodeo events. The clock is started when the steer exits the holding shoot and ends when the judge determines the ropes are taut.

The action usually takes less than 15 seconds. Time penalties are added if one of the competitors' horses leaves the staging area before the steer is fully out of the shoot or for incorrectly roping the steer.

"You are talking about thousands of people across the nation trying for those spots," Harrison said, putting the teens' achievement into perspective. "I explained it to my high school class like this. Basketball is big in Lipan. It's like they showed up at a tryout and LeBron James was there to try out. He had to compete against professionals in order to play on the same

team with them."

The pair made some waves at the semifinals in Fort Worth when they took the lead by roping a steer in 4 seconds flat, according to The American website.

Roping is in his blood, Bray said, explaining that his parents work at Equibrand in Granbury,

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WHAT IS IT?



GINGER HALE

WHAT IT IS: Hood County News readers were able to identify this piece of furniture Ginger Hale found at her husband's family home as a sitz bath.

A tub to soak 'nether regions'?

BY BETHANY KURTZ
HOOD COUNTY NEWS

Hood County News readers sent in a chorus of answers for this week's "What Is It?" item. Reader Ginger Hale submitted this week's photo.

"We discovered this 'tub/sink/?' back behind an out-building on my husband's old home place in Arkansas many years ago with standing water in it.

"It is cast iron and extremely heavy; porcelain coated on the inside; four large ball and claw feet on the bottom.

"It has obviously been plumbed for water as there is a drain in the bottom, but I don't know if it came that way. There are no names on it that we have been able to find."

Readers who called and emailed recognized the item as a tub.

"It looks like a tub that a woman would sit in to take a sponge bath," said Beverly Parks.

Other readers like Christine Roberts recognized the item by its official name, a sitz bath.

Dottie Moss said she remembers seeing one on vacation.

"I saw it at the Hot Springs in Arkansas," Moss said, adding that the tub was used by patrons who wanted to soak in the Hot Springs water while sitting up.

One reader explained the tube's name and its medical use.

"It comes from the German

word meaning 'to sit' - 'sitzen.' You would literally sit in it to soak the nether regions. It is still used today but in smaller, more efficient models," she said. "According to the online medical dictionary it is used for patients who have had rectal surgery and to 'ease the pain of hemorrhoids, uterine cramps, prostate infections, etc.'" A European 'invention,' the sitz bath in this form has been around for at least 200 years."

A tub with similar feet and features was produced by Standard Manufacturing Company of Pennsylvania, which later became American Standard, still in business today, said Andrew Shedlosky.

"I couldn't find the exact dates of the company existence, but it was formed in the late 1800s," he said.

To submit our next mystery item, send a photo and a short description. We will share the item in a future issue.

If you recognize an item, give us a call, an email or a letter explaining what you know about the object and how you learned it so we can share the information in the paper.

Direct calls and emails to Bethany Kurtz at bkurtz@hcnews.com or 817-573-7066, ext. 256. Submitted items and answers must include a name and city for publication. Please also include a way to reach you if our staff needs more information.

ROPERS: Started young

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creating lariat ropes like the ones he uses to compete.

"I have been roping probably since I was 3 or 4 years old," he said.

Hall has been his team roping partner for a while now, Bray said, even though they live in different states.

"Every time we go to the same event, we rope together," he said.

Advancing to the finals of The American came with a second perk for Bray.

"Getting to rope on the Cowboys field was awesome, and the fans were great," he said, adding that he is a fan of the football team but hasn't been able to watch as much as he used to.

Once they reached the finals, there was extra pressure. Because of the times put up by the other contestants, they had a short time limit that required

them to give it their all and hope to avoid mistakes or bad luck, Bray said. But Hall missed their steer's head, leaving them with no time and out of the competition.

"We had 3.99 seconds to make it. That is extremely fast," Bray explained. "Maybe 7 or 8 teams out of the 16 made it."

But Bray said he was not disappointed in what they had accomplished.

"Making it this far is an accomplishment for anyone, especially an 18-year-old kid," he said.

For now, Bray said he plans to continue competing over the summer and attend Cisco College where he will compete on the rodeo team.

"We are trying again for next year, I promise you that," Bray said.

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City launches webpage on square project

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The city of Granbury has launched an information webpage where updates will be posted on the Downtown Streetscape and Pedestrian Improvement Project.

To access the page, go to the city's website www.granbury.org and click on "Downtown Streetscape Project" under "Top Pages" on the homepage.

The page will be updated with construction information, progress photos and design information as the project moves forward.

The project is expected to be completed by September. It is being done in phases, to lessen the impact on merchants and their patrons.

According to Public Information Officer Bethany Kyle, news releases will be sent out periodically during the course of the project, but the webpage will be updated more frequently with short items.

The city also will be communicating through social media and will be sending emails to relevant parties, such as square merchants.

As of Wednesday, Phase 1 work was on schedule and about 40 percent complete, according to the city. Water main installation had been completed, as well as electrical lines for the new pole lighting.

Existing concrete and pavement removals and irrigation lines and valves for the new trees were expected to be completed by the end of the week.

A post on the informational webpage stated that form work for the new concrete curb, gutter and parking areas was ongoing and that concrete placement would commence before the end of the week.

Upcoming work includes sidewalk replacement, curb ramp replacement and asphalt paving.

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INDICTMENTS

The grand jury returned 26 indictments Wednesday. Indictments are formal charges.

Charged are:

- Jeffery Lee Alston, 50, Granbury, assault family/household member with previous conviction.

- Joseph Edward Brush, 24, Granbury, theft of property less than \$2,500 with two or more previous convictions and theft of property less than \$2,500 with two or more previous convictions.

- Christopher Lewis Carson, 42, Fort Worth, forgery financial instrument.

- Jesus R. Chavez-Hinostraza, 28, Granbury, forgery financial instrument.

- Montana Todd Chick, 24, Waco, possession of a controlled substance penalty group two, more than or equal to 4 grams but less than 400 grams.

- Jonathan Ryan Crimmins, 26, Granbury, possession of a controlled substance penalty group one, more than or equal to 1 gram but less than 4 grams and abandonment endangerment of a child criminal negligence.

- Dana W. Daniels, 50, Granbury, possession of a controlled substance penalty group one, more than or equal to 4 grams but less than 200 grams.

- Nichilas Tanner Fitzpatrick, 17, Granbury, unauthorized use of a vehicle.

- Cory Aron Foster, 24, Arlington, driving while intoxicated third or more.

- Sergio Edgardo Garcia-Pedroza, 25, Granbury, driving while intoxicated with a child under 15 years old.

- Olivia Maria Gomez, 21, Granbury, injury of a child/elderly/disabled criminal negligence.

- Charles Edward Gordy, 52, Granbury, driving while intoxicated third or more.

- Richard James Heffner, 45, Granbury, possession of a controlled substance penalty group one, less than 1 gram.

- Jared James Hoffman, 24, Granbury, forgery financial instrument.

- Bobbie Jo Michelle Holmes, 47, Granbury, theft of property less than \$2,500 with two or more previous convictions.

- Ryan Cameron Lewis, 22, Mansfield, robbery.

- Thomas Tyler Litke, 37, Lipan, sexual abuse of a child continuous victim under 14.

- Samuel Christopher Martinez, 31, De Leon, unlicensed possession of a firearm by a felon.

- James David McDonald, 33, Granbury, tampering/fabricating physical evidence with intent to impair an investigation.

- Leland Trotter Negrete, 24, Granbury, injury to a child/elderly/disabled criminal negligence.

- Jacob Ross Putnam, 26, Fort Worth, possession of a controlled substance penalty group two, less than 1 gram.

- Audrey Faye Rollins, 53, Granbury, credit card or debit card abuse.

- Sanburn Dean Spears Jr., 52, Granbury, possession of a controlled substance penalty group one, less than 1 gram.

- William Collins Taylor IV, 37, Tolar, assault family/household member with previous conviction.

- Richard Vargas Jr., 34, Fort Worth, possession of a controlled substance penalty group one, less than 1 gram.

- Phillip David Warren, 34, Fort Worth, credit card or debit card abuse.

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MANDATES: Counties pay

FROM PAGE ONE

Court Chief Justice Nathan Hecht.

Hitt and County Clerk Katie Lang said they fear they will be forced to ask the Commissioners Court for money to hire additional staffers to handle redactions and/or to buy expensive redaction software.

The resolution adopted by the court opposes "any change to current statutes" pertaining to control of those types of records.

Lang's husband, freshman state Rep. Mike Lang, R-Granbury, signed on in support of HB 1258, which protects court records and preserves local authority over them.

Precinct 1 Commissioner James Deaver said the situation is similar to that involving Tax Assessor-Collector Teresa McCoy and other tax assessor-collectors in the state.

The state hired a private vendor to handle online vehicle registrations, which means that individual counties are losing out on revenue that comes from those fees.

Many county-level elected officials throughout the state believe that if the Legislature imposes revenue caps - which is a very real possibility - then county governments will be thrown into crisis mode.

AND THEN THERE'S THIS

Hitt said county coffers are going to be hit because of another issue involving fees that are collected by her office and other justice-related offices.

She said that indigent defendants can now fill out a form to avoid paying fees and court costs.

Until now, defendants have

been responsible for those costs, even when they are deemed indigent and granted a court-appointed attorney. They pay down the balance during the time they are on probation when, hopefully, they are holding down a job.

But now, defendants can request an "alternative means of punishment," such as more community service, Hitt said. "They've already been filing these things," she stated.

The problems imposed by new rules set forth by the Supreme Court and the OCA through the state's Collections Improvement Program don't end there.

Onerous record keeping that is now required virtually guarantees that county offices will fail audits, Hitt said, which will jeopardize grant funds provided by the state to defray indigent defense costs.

As it stands, those funds aren't nearly enough, leaving counties to foot most of a steadily rising bill.

Hitt said that the fees collected by her office and the offices of Lang and McCoy are the county's top revenue producers, funding not only their offices but helping to fund other county offices as well.

McCoy's office alone, she said, stands to lose \$100,000 per year because of changes to online registration.

"How much more can we take?" Hitt posed, referring to unfunded mandates and the financial impact they have on county governments and the taxpayers who fund them.

"They (commissioners) are going to start making us cut employees, I guarantee you."

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Court denies library board candidate

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The Commissioners Court on Tuesday declined to appoint the Library Advisory Board's (LAB) chosen candidate for a seat on that panel.

The problem wasn't the candidate, but rather a process that commissioners felt was unfair.

Several members of the court expressed a desire to hold a workshop in the near future in order to clarify the LAB's bylaws and procedures.

New LAB chair Nancy Suther-



White

land indicated several times during the discussion that the board needs clearer guidelines from the court, which makes final decisions on appointments.

Commissioners decided to pass on the appointment of Nan Charpiot, at least for now, because they felt that the public had not been given enough no-

Officials say board should have publicized opening

notice that there was a vacancy on that board.

Precinct 3 Commissioner Bruce White, who is the court's newest member, requested that a discussion of the LAB's selection and nomination process be placed on this week's agenda.

He said that his main concern was giving citizens adequate notice of openings. He told the Hood County News that he will have no problem if Charpiot

again ends up being the LAB's top choice.

The LAB advertised for applicants last September because it was known that the term of then-chairman David Wells would be expiring at the end of the year, White said.

But when another spot came open due to a resignation, the group did not advertise again for applications. Instead, it chose from a handful of appli-

cations received months ago.

"It's not about the person you brought forward... It's about, are we doing this correctly," Precinct 4 Commissioner Steve Berry told Sutherland.

For years, hardly anyone volunteered to serve on the committee, which serves strictly in an advisory capacity. It has no power to hire and fire, or to allocate funds.

But there was a surge in inter-

est in the LAB after a controversy arose in the summer of 2015 over children's books that encourage tolerance for alternative lifestyles.

Berry said he was told by the previous LAB chair that the 9-member group didn't want to bring on anyone who doesn't support their views.

"I think you should have people that don't always agree on the same topic, because that makes a healthy discussion," he said. "If two or three don't agree, it's still a democracy."

Sheriff: Man flees deputy

After a short vehicle chase, a Glen Rose man was arrested Tuesday.

Around 6:45 a.m. Tuesday, a Hood County Sheriff's Office deputy conducted a traffic stop at Highway 377 East and Old Granbury Road, according to Public Information Officer Lt. Johnny Rose.



Cagle

Cagle got back into his vehicle before the traffic stop was over

The driver, 34-year-old Travis James Cagle, was asked to step out of his vehicle and meet with the deputy.

During the stop

and fled.

The deputy gave chase. Cagle drove approximately 300 yards down Old Granbury Road before pulling over again without incident.

He was arrested and charged with evading arrest in a motor vehicle, a third-degree felony with a \$5,000 bond.

Teen, 17, charged with cocaine

A Granbury teenager was arrested on drug charges Wednesday. Around 8:30 p.m., Hood County Sheriff's Office deputies conducted a traffic stop at Highway 377 East and Temple Hall Highway.

During the stop, Chloe Nicole Cobler, 17, was found to be in possession of under a gram of cocaine, according to Public In-



Cobler

formation Officer Lt. Johnny Rose. Cobler was taken to jail and tried hiding several capsules of cocaine in the back seat of the patrol car, Rose said. More capsules of cocaine were found to be in her possession in the Hood County

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Jail during the booking process, he said.

She was charged with possession of a controlled substance, a state jail felony with a bond of \$5,000, tampering with evidence, a third-degree felony with a \$10,000 bond, and prohibited substance in a correctional facility, a third-degree felony with a \$10,000 bond.

Traffic stop leads to drug arrest

Hood County Sheriff's Office deputies arrested a Stephenville man last Saturday on drug-related charges.

Saturday around 10:30 p.m. deputies conducted a traffic stop at the 1400 block of North Plaza Drive.

During the stop Joshua Allen



Daniel

Information Officer Lt. Johnny

Daniel, 28, was found to be in possession of over 4 grams of methamphetamine and under 2 ounces of marijuana, according to Public Information Officer Lt. Johnny

Rose. Daniel was arrested and charged with delivery/manufacturing of a controlled substance, a first-degree felony with a \$25,000 bond. He was also charged with misdemeanors for possession of marijuana and driving while license invalid.



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Four-vehicle fire

Three cement mixer trucks and a front end loader caught fire at the Ingram Concrete plant Wednesday afternoon on Old Granbury Road east of Granbury. The vehicles were parked, and no one was in them

when the fire started in one of the trucks and spread to the other vehicles. The cause is still under investigation, according to Hood County Fire Marshal Ray Wilson.

Fire burns in rough terrain

BY BETHANY KURTZ
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Difficult terrain caused firefighters to spend 24 hours putting out a small grass fire.

The fire was reported about 2:30 p.m. Wednesday on a private ranch off Hayworth High-

way, said Hood County Fire Marshal Ray Wilson.

By Thursday afternoon, the fire had burned only about 2 acres, Wilson said.

The fire was burning the steep land and cliff along the edge of the Brazos River with heavy trees.

Local fire departments had to rotate in and out and work with Forest Service crews to extinguish remaining hot spots by hand because trucks could not access the spot, Wilson said.

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Passing the Keys



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Youth, go-carts don't mix on public roads

hope they don't wreck and hurt themselves.

Or worse. These kids are not making smart choices when they climb into golf carts, go-carts and 4-wheelers and take off at breakneck pace on public roads.

The ingredients are there for disaster:

- Speed;
- Youth;
- Lack of protection (no helmets);
- Competing with trucks, cars on the roadway.

I witness this all the time where I live, in an ungated subdivision west of Acton.

And it gets even worse.

Sometimes they whiz by at night.

None of this is legal, according to the sheriff, and he wants to put a stop to it.

"My guys (deputies) can take care of that if they catch them," Sheriff Roger Deeds said.

Then there's the issue of golf

A CLOSER LOOK



Roger Enlow
Editor

carts on roads in gated communities such as Pecan Plantation and Decordova.

Residents complain about some golf cart drivers who seem oblivious to passenger vehicles. They're driving their carts to and from the golf course, or just Sunday afternoon sightseeing with their spouse and dog.

The sheriff's hands are tied in gated communities.

"In a gated subdivision, I don't have any control of that," he said.

Not long ago a young woman was injured in a golf cart accident when she lost control and overturned near the shopping center in Pecan.

And a few years back a woman driving a golf cart in Pecan was killed when the cart plowed into a brick mailbox.

If it's dangerous for adults, what about the kids?

Pre-teens and teens think they're having a great time driving golf carts, go-carts and 4-wheelers full throttle in their neighborhoods.

It won't be too much fun when they crash into cars and trucks going the same speed.

A woman was telling me about taking her son to the emergency room years ago. He suffered a dog bite and wasn't serious, but she witnessed a family suffering while doctors worked feverishly to save a boy's life.

He had lost control on a go-cart and hit a mailbox.

The boy lived, but it made an impression on the woman who saw the family's pain.

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JOE HELLER



What happened to my country music?

I'm a music lover really, and radio music is an issue I care about.

The odd thing is this: I'm having trouble finding a decent country music station to listen to.

I'm serious. With satellite radio and a trillion songs, I don't know who to blame.

Music flowing from a radio at home and in the car was everyday sounds for me as a child.

My parents listened to the Grand Ole Opry every Saturday night, and Dad kept the radio on when we drove into town or visited family or friends scattered here and there.

Today I can't find a station that plays what I once listened to.

You know who I mean. Patsy, Hank and Buck. Call me out of touch, but I like their music.

Jim, Roy and Merle sang songs for us and brought a tear listening to woes of livin' and hurtin'.

We knew what it was like to walk in the shoes of Loretta, Patsy and Tammy when they sang of leavin' and lovin' gone wrong.

Those songs touched us and got masses through a day.

We sang along with them about a lost job or farm, and stirring hymns brought one back to reality.

Oldies they are called now, tunes we could understand, who owed their soul to the

GUEST COLUMN



Carol Cook

'Patsy, Hank and Buck. Call me out of touch, but I like their music.'

devil, worked in the cotton fields, built cars in Detroit City and knew what

your cheatin' heart meant.

Soulful gospel moved us a little closer to My God to Thee, and Elvis had us tapping the steering wheel as the miles sped by.

Country western artists of another time kept us awake and sane on a long drive home for Thanksgiving or Christmas, on a lonely highway across mountains and deserts, or just to work.

Searching for a country station on the radio in the far north was torture.

In between static and odd stations during late-night driving we endured bop-shoe-bop, nana-nana-la-la, whoa-whoa-baby, wah-wah, ya-yah; sounds that might move an atheist to pray for a country song.

Listening to polka music, or rants by preachers screaming damn-nation, and some of the worst songs ever recorded, including ItsyBitsyTennyWeenyYellowPolkaDotBikini, was agonizing.

Once into the Deep South

country music could be heard once again, moving us to shout out, hallelujah!

But thank the Lord, and car makers who created cassettes, CD disks and now satellite radio, we can listen to music every second of the year.

I love Lyle, Randy, Willie and George, but some of the new country artists sing bland cliché tunes without the ache, a twang guitar, banjo or fiddle. Not one artist knows what real hurtin' or losin' is.

It's ear-splitting noise without the romance or longing. Not one singer has known misery.

Where are Hank, Bobby, Freddie and Jim?

Where is my country music, the ballads Conway, Roy, Eddy and Gene sang?

Even with Satellite Radio, I can't find them often enough.

I hope this doesn't mean people have lost the need to hear true country music and feel the comfort of a soulful ballad.

I'm just not ready for that new country sound, and I bet Hank Williams wouldn't be either.

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YOUR TURN

What advice would you give the president?



Cody Crocker

"That's a tough one. Probably to take into account the people's opinion. We are one nation under God. Our voices should be heard."



Glenn Rodgers

"There's really nothing more for me to say than to stop the hate."



Courtney McClelen

"Be careful with the choices you make. We don't want a lot of conflict in this nation."



Joseph Johnson

"If you have the power to change something, then change it. Don't be like everyone else."

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

ILLEGAL IMMIGRANTS

If a legitimate question is asked, "Where were you born?" be reason for suspicion if one answers, "I want to talk to an attorney."

For those who demonstrate "NO MORE DEPORTATIONS" wouldn't it be somewhat akin to demonstrating as "NO MORE LAW ENFORCEMENT"?

Those who entered our country illegally have violated a federal law.

Those who have entered our country, the USA, illegally in the last seven years should be automatically deported, today.

For those here longer, deportation should be handled on a case by case, if it takes 50 years to do so.

All people illegally here, regardless of time, should be deported upon conviction, when found guilty of a crime.

Roy L. Hawbaker
Tolar

IT CAN'T BE FIXED

Mr. Mike Flynn, the president's National Security Adviser, told a lie.

Before Trump took office, Flynn talked to the Russians about Obama's upcoming sanctions. But when he was asked if he talked to the Russians, he said no.

So, he lied. He lied to God, to country, and worst of all to the FBI. God may forgive him,

the country no doubt will forget him, but the FBI will do neither.

The FBI has teeth it can use when someone tells it a lie. Just ask Martha Stewart.

Of course, Mr. Comey of the FBI must first possess a willingness to pursue Flynn's lie. To do that, Comey may actually have to tear himself away from Mrs. Clinton's emails for a while.

It's hard to believe Flynn didn't think his phone conversations overseas would be monitored and recorded.

Intelligence sources say other Trump representatives also talked to Russians. Sounds like serious cases of obstruction of justice and extreme ignorance.

Of course, extreme ignorance is like stupid. It can't be fixed.

I seem to remember Flynn yelling with the crowd about Mrs. Clinton to "Lock her up!" Funny how things come around, ain't it?

Trump likes to refer to unpleasant news as fake news. Putin, Stalin and Hitler would agree with him. After all, they knew what was best for the people.

Everyone else on the planet refers to it as freedom of the press. Trump better get used to unpleasant news 'cause he's gonna get a lot of it. And he ain't got what it takes to stop it.

After only a month on the job, Trump appears to be woefully incompetent. Three weekends in a row, he's

run off to Florida at taxpayer expense. Imagine what he would say if Obama had flown off to his birth place in Kenya every weekend.

As for Republicans in Washington, they're scrambling to figure out plausible ways to separate themselves from Trump or, at least, come up with good explanations to use when everything goes belly up.

Those old tired excuses of, "I know nothing, the check's in the mail, and I wasn't even in town" ain't gonna fly. However, if things really go south for them, there's always that truck driving school back home they can sign up for.

Grady Smith
Granbury

SILENCING THE CRITICS

In further response to Mr. Stroempl, you managed to take my statements out of context.

I was giving some Republicans the benefit of the doubt because I am certain there are some that are seeing what the GOP put in office is doing to our nation.

Disagreement is not a flaw, but when our voices are silenced, when the press is silenced, that is a flaw.

He has banned CNN and any press that disagrees with him, or calls him out. But he listens to Breitbart, and has admitted that he reads the National

Enquirer, and he believes whatever Fox News puts out there. That was one of the points that Hitler made. Silence the critics.

As to whether there is less danger in the far right, I see our rights being denied, I see the Constitution and Bill of Rights being pulled apart by people who pick and choose.

The "left" (you say it as though it is bad) doesn't want to take away your symbols of manhood by stopping free-wheeling sales of assault rifles. Where does it say that we are compelling you to do anything?

From what I see, the alt-right is forcing us to believe what you want us to believe, and force feeding us whatever Kellyanne Conway tells us. Thankfully, we are not lemmings and will not be silenced.

What "policies" is he (I can't even say his name) promoting? He is taking advice from fascist cohorts and rich old white men who have absolutely no idea what the cabinet position's roles are.

He can't even hold a press conference without resorting to his campaign speeches. Washington is in a feeding frenzy, and we will all suffer for it, even the Republicans.

He is costing us millions with his little jaunts to his place in Florida and with Melania staying away in the golden tower and charging the Secret Service for their accommodations.

If President Obama had done this,

the Pure Right would be screaming their heads off.

Where are those tax returns he promised? What is he hiding?

No, I did not say that anyone who disagrees with my positions is dividing the country. What I said was this nation is divided and may never recover from the ludicrousness that sits in the White House because that "man" gave you people a show every time he stepped in front of a camera, he let you know that if you voted for him you would be getting a clown.

You wanted a businessman. You got a failed businessman. You wanted someone who was not a politician. You got an inept, narcissist who craves adulation but has no concept of what the job of POTUS entails, and he has no one to guide him because they are as inept as he is.

He is so arrogant he won't listen to his own intelligence reports because he is "so smart, the smartest you will ever see, with the best words, lots of the best words."

LaCelle Howard
Oak Trail Sores

WRITE

Email letters to editor@hcnews.com or mail to P.O. Box 879, Granbury, Tex. 76048. Include your name, address and daytime phone number.



Weeds?

LOOK FAMILIAR? Dandelions have started sprouting in yards across Hood County. What can you do? It's too late to apply pre-emergents. That's usually done in September. Mowing or digging is now the first line of defense. Pulling weeds only removes them temporarily if a part of the root structure remains. For answers to horticulture questions, call the Texas AgriLife Extension, Hood County at 817-579-3280 or go to lakegranburymastergardeners.org.

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PHYLLIS WEBSTER

It's mostly a losing battle

Weeds can turn an otherwise peaceful landscape into a war zone.

Tolerance for these pesky plants is at an all-time low come spring when dozens of unwanted sprouts overtake lawns.

In retaliation, homeowners employ an arsenal of weapons to conquer the invading army - often to no avail.

Physically removing weeds, by mowing or digging, is the first line of defense, particularly against annual or biennial weeds such as henbit. If these weeds are removed before they set seed, their population will be diminished. However, digging often brings additional seeds to the surface to sprout.

To rid an area of weeds that sprout from seed, constant diligence and repeated digging is necessary.

Identifying weeds and their habits will help you to stop them before they overtake your landscape. Consider the following

GARDEN PATCH



Phyllis Webster

ing advice to formulate a "weed extinction" strategy:

- Tolerate a few lawn weeds to minimize chemical use and allow biodiversity.
- To minimize weeds that reproduce by airborne seed, mulch bare soil immediately or plant a blanketing groundcover.
- Do not disturb the soil unnecessarily, which exposes buried seed to air/light.
- Solarize the bare soil to kill buried seed. (Cover it with plastic to trap heat.)
- Dig thoroughly. Perennial weeds develop hard-to-eliminate root systems. Pulling weeds only removes them temporarily if a part of the root structure remains. Regularly mowing most perennial weeds weakens them, leading to their eventual death.
- Correctly identify weeds for effective chemical control. Her-

bicides that kill grassy weeds do not kill broadleaf weeds. Products that eliminate annual weeds may not affect perennials.

- Do not spray chemicals where they may contaminate water, such as lakes or rivers.

- Apply herbicides correctly. They are classified according to the type of weed they target and the time in the plant's life cycle when they must be applied. Post-emergent kills growing plants. Pre-emergent, which inhibits seed germination and seedling growth, is applied well in advance. For example, apply in February-March to minimize summer weeds and apply in September to prevent winter weeds. Thorough watering must follow most herbicide applications.

- Contact herbicides destroy the plant part that is sprayed, which may not kill the plant. Translocated herbicides are absorbed by plants and carried to its roots for a more effective kill.

For answers to your horticulture questions, please call 817-579-3280.

Don't fool around Choices at April 1 plant sale are wide but they will go fast

After months of preparation, hundreds of plants will be available for purchase at the annual Lake Granbury Master Gardener (LGMG) Spring Plant Sale Saturday, April 1, at the group's Demonstration and Education Garden behind Annex I, 1410 W. Pearl St.

It is from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. Throughout the winter months, Master Gardeners

tended young seedlings, readying them for transplanting into area landscapes.

On April 1, dozens of perennials, succulents, herbs, grasses and vegetables will be on sale, including drought and deer resistant plants.

By popular request, succulent bowls are also available.

Throughout the day, Master Gardeners will conduct free

tours of the Demonstration Garden. They will also give advice on appropriate horticulture techniques.

Proceeds from the sale benefit LGMG educational projects, such as the Demonstration Garden, community education classes and a scholarship fund.

For more information, call the Texas AgriLife Extension in Hood County at 817-579-3280.



COURTESY

Blooming success

Acton Middle School students visited Camp El Tesoro this fall as part of their Day of Service. Among other projects, they planted hundreds of daffodil bulbs

around camp. The bulbs around the camp's entrance/excit have begun to bloom.

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Lady Pirates open district play in style

BY GRANT MCGALLIARD
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Granbury sophomore pitcher Kelby Been opened Tuesday night's game at home against Burleson with a strikeout, closed it with a strikeout, and didn't make too many mistakes in between en route to a 8-2 victory for the Lady Pirates. Been's seven innings of work

saw her strike out nine Lady Elks in Granbury's district 9-5A opener. Her lone real mistake was sent over the wall for a two-run homer in the top of the 3rd, but for the most part, she was in control.

Of course, she had some help along the way. Everly Casey's spectacular diving grab in centerfield potentially helped save a run in the top of the 5th.

The Granbury bats came alive in the bottom of that inning, too, turning what had been a 3-2 pitchers' duel into an 8-2 rout.

Lady Pirate head coach Erinn Jayjohn was thrilled with her team's performance.

"This win is huge," Jayjohn said. "We've had a tough time with Burleson, so I'd be lying if I said I wasn't nervous about last night, but the girls came out so confident and relaxed and they really came together. I'm just so proud of them."

Granbury's effort at the plate was led by senior shortstop and captain Livia Zamora, who reached base in every at-bat and scored 2 runs.

"Livia is our leadoff for a reason," Jayjohn said. "She has been a consistent big bat for us, and we couldn't be more excited for her to have had a performance like she did last night. She is definitely our offensive spark."

Casey's defensive effort was almost eclipsed by her offensive display. She drove in 3 runs, including two in the 5th inning that blew the game open.

She also tripled in the game's opening run in the bottom of the first inning.

"I know that I can count on Everly to swing hard every time she steps up to the dish so that's what I encourage her to do," Jayjohn said. "I always tell her to swing hard, because what's the worst that could happen?"

"She is the true definition of



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THE WIND-UP: Freshman Brianna Venable prepares to deliver a pitch against Dublin on Thursday morning in Granbury. Venable earned the victory as the Lady Pirates won 9-1.



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EYES ON THE BALL: Granbury's Rachel McWilliams loads up to take a swing against Dublin on Thursday morning. The Lady Pirates will play six games in three days as they host the Granbury Tournament.

an athlete."

Been's stellar outing in the circle also drew praise from her head coach.

"Kelby is a vital piece of our team. She is not only a great pitcher, but she is a great leader despite her only being a sophomore," Jayjohn said.

Catcher Lani Hickey also had a productive night at the plate. Her two hits included a single that scored Carey in the fifth,

and Rachel McWilliams, who courtesy-ran for her, scored later in the inning.

Granbury's win provided the team some momentum heading into this weekend. The Lady Pirates are hosting several area teams in the Granbury Tournament, which began on Thursday morning and stretches to Saturday evening.

"I feel like we couldn't be in a better mindset going into

our tournament," Jayjohn said. "We have a tough schedule ahead of us, but I'm confident that if the girls play softball the way they know how we will be fine."

The Lady Pirates will play in the tournament's closing game on Saturday at 3 p.m. against Chisholm Trail High School.

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Lady Rattlers take high-scoring affair

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There were plenty of runs to go around in Tolar's softball matchup at home against Coleman on Tuesday.

Both teams finished in double digits, but it was the Lady Rattlers who came out on top with a 15-13 win.

Tolar trailed 11-7 heading into the bottom of the fifth inning, but the Lady Rattlers put up eight runs in the frame to take a lead they wouldn't relinquish.

Railee Anderson's five RBIs led Tolar. Anderson had a double in the first inning, a home run in the third, and a triple in the fifth for a total of 9 total bases on 3 hits.

The Lady Rattlers were patient at the plate, drawing 11 walks and striking out only once.

April Rhine earned the win for Tolar. Only 7 of Coleman's 13 runs were earned, as the Lady Rattlers had six errors in the game.

As potent as Tolar's offense was, there were still even more runs on the table. The Lady Rattlers left 11 runners on the basepaths.



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HEADED FOR HOME: Tolar's Haylie Bonnell scores one of the Lady Rattlers' many runs in Tuesday's home matchup against Coleman. Tolar won the high-scoring affair 15-13.

Bates' ace highlights LGA playday

BY GRANT MCGALLIARD
HOOD COUNTY NEWS

The Pecan Plantation Ladies' Golf Association had their Tuesday playday this week, and Sue Bates had the highlight of the day.

Bates aced the 8th hole on the course, a par three, which earned her a spot on the chip-in list in spectacular style.

Other big winners included the first place gross score team of Wynette Burns, Scarlette

Riebe, Ann Brock and Bunny Early.

The first place net score team consisted of Vicki Hassenzahl, Goldie Kelly, Becky Hurlbut and Linda Ritenour.

In individual 9-hole play, Do-reen Warner had the lowest gross score in the first flight, while Annette Nelson had the best net score.

The second flight winners were Louise Swan for best gross score and Martha Sheets for low net score.

JV girls place third; freshman makes ace

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The Granbury Lady Pirate JV golfers went to Azle on Tuesday to take part in the Buzzy Open and came in third place.

The Lady Pirates finished with a team total of 426, just three shots out of first place and two behind second. Head coach Becky Addison said that a tough day putting was what kept Granbury from posting even lower scores.

Morgan Hansen finished fifth overall individually with a 102. Alexis Hansen shot a 106, while Logan Eagle fired a 107. Abbey Griffin and Grace Whidden each shot 111.

All competitors for Granbury were freshmen.

On the boys' side, freshman Pirate Lawson Berry had a day he'll never forget Tuesday when he aced the 2nd hole at DeCordova Bend's Par-3 course. Berry used a pitching wedge for the hole-in-one, which he shot in front of his teammates for permanent bragging rights.



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ALL-DISTRICT: Mason Hix (24) is one of four Granbury players to earn All-District honors this season. Hix was named the District 9-5A Newcomer of the Year.

GHS basketball earns four all-district selections

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The Granbury Pirates were one win away from playoff contention in District 9-5A, and their solid season saw four players earn All-District honors.

Junior forward Mason Hix was named Newcomer of the Year in the district. Hix transferred into Granbury this season and immediately made an impact on the Pirates.

He averaged 16.4 points and 8.8 rebounds a game, and was a force defensively as well, with 1.5 blocks and 1.5 assists per contest.

Center Eric Kirchner, Hix's partner in the frontcourt, had a stellar senior season that placed him on the first team All-District squad for the second year in a row.

Kirchner averaged 18.4 points and 9 rebounds per game. He was extremely efficient offensively, shooting 70.5 percent from the field, and ended his career with 1,465 career varsity points.

Cade Dudley, a sophomore guard, was named to second-team All-District. Dudley averaged 9.6 points per game in district play, shot 40 percent from deep, and led the team with an 83.3 free-throw shooting percentage.

Michael Horne was also named to second-team All-District. Horne averaged 7.8 points per game alongside 2.2 assists.

The Pirates are led by head coach David Breazeale.

Despite playoff loss, Lady Indians have successful season

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Losing four seniors off of a state championship-winning team normally precipitates a drop-off in production, if not a complete rebuilding year.

But the defending University Interscholastic League 1A champion Lipan Lady Indians and their head coach Amber Branson weren't out to rebuild this season, regardless of what others thought.

In fact, they were ready to go back-to-back.

"After losing what we did to graduation last year, I think this team felt like they had a lot to live up to," Branson said. "No one likes to lose."

Despite predictions that Lipan wouldn't be the strong program that they were in the past, the Lady Indians blew away their competition in the first three rounds of the playoffs, winning by an average margin of 27 points.

"They kept working hard, and came together at the right time," Branson said. "They proved a lot of people wrong this season, and it was fun to watch."

Of course, not everything

goes according to plan. Lipan did lose, a 35-30 heartbreaker against Slidell in the regional tournament last Friday, eliminating the Lady Indians and preventing a storybook title defense.

Branson knows how hard it is to win a title, not to mention how hard it is to win two in a row.

"I don't think anyone truly understands how hard it is," Branson said. "There is only one team that will end its season with a win every year."

"We have gotten used to winning, and that's a good thing, but at the same time, we still have had successful seasons without getting to the state tournament. And I feel this was one of those years."

The success was due in large part to the efforts of seniors Maddie McGee and Sarah Callaway. McGee's 20 points against a Slidell defense specifically engineered to prevent her from scoring was what kept the Lady Indians afloat in the regional tournament, and Callaway's ability to get hot from beyond the arc was a valuable weapon.

"They have both been an important part of our program over the last few years," Bran-



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TALKING IT OVER: Lipan head coach Amber Branson gives instructions to her senior forward Sarah Callaway against Slidell on Feb. 24th. The defending champions bowed out in the regional tournament.

son said. "This year, they had more of the burden to carry, but I think they handled it well. They will definitely be missed." Now the focus turns to next

season, and to replacing the production of McGee and Callaway.

Just don't call it a rebuilding year.



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NICE WORK: Granbury's Kevin Moore fist-bumps a teammate as he heads back to the dugout. The Pirates won three out of five games at their home tournament last weekend.

Pirates facing tough test in Leander

BY GRANT MCGALLIARD
HOOD COUNTY NEWS

The Granbury Pirates, fresh off a 3-1-1 start to their season at their home tournament, are taking on tourney play yet again this weekend.

Granbury traveled to Leander Thursday to play in the Leander Tournament, featuring some of the toughest schools in the state.

During last weekend's Granbury Tournament, Pirate head coach Brad Eppler said he prefers his team to play their strongest opponents at the end of the tournaments, in order for the players to build confidence against teams they should beat.

That isn't the case this week-

end.

The Pirates opened up the tourney on Thursday against Vandegrift, a 6A school that had an unblemished 6-0 record this season. They took on another undefeated 6A team, Vista Ridge, on Friday.

Granbury's schedule had the Pirates taking on 5A Marble Falls in the late game on Friday night.

The Pirates are playing another doubleheader today, taking on 5A Cedar Park in the morning and closing out their weekend with a matchup against Gateway, a 3A school.

For scores and stats from Granbury's weekend, visit hcnews.com.



Thank you and God Bless, DiMasi/Sayer Families

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Who qualifies for an exemption?

Anyone who owned a home on Jan. 1 and used it as their primary residence on that date is entitled to a \$25,000 homestead exemption to lower school taxes. It doesn't matter if your home is a house, condominium or manufactured home. Counties, cities and special taxing districts may also offer homestead exemptions.

Are other exemptions available?

If you're disabled—or if you're 65 years old or older—you are entitled to an additional \$10,000 school tax exemption on your home. And if you qualify for the age 65 or older or disabled exemption, you're also entitled to a permanent, locked-in "ceiling" on the school property taxes on your home. The county or city may adopt a tax ceiling for age 65 or older or disabled homeowners. The age 65 or older homeowners school tax ceiling transfers to the surviving spouse, if the spouse is age 55 or older at the time of death and lives in and owns the home. The age 65 or older homeowners (or their surviving spouses age 55 or older) also may transfer the percentage of school tax paid, based on their former home's school tax ceiling to a new home.

If you are a disabled veteran, surviving spouse or surviving child of a disabled veteran, you are entitled to an exemption from a portion of the appraised value of your residence homestead. This includes homesteads donated to disabled veterans by charitable organizations at no cost to the disabled veterans and their surviving spouses.

If you're a disabled veteran who received 100 percent disability compensation due to a service connected disability and a rating of 100 percent disabled or a determination of individual unemployability from the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs, you are entitled to an exemption from taxation of the total appraised value of your residence homestead. Surviving spouses of veterans who qualified for this exemption or who would have qualified for this exemption if it had been effective at the time of the veteran's death are also eligible with certain restrictions.

If you are the surviving spouse of a U.S. armed services member killed in action, you are entitled to an exemption from taxation of the total appraised value of your residence homestead.

Do I have to apply each year?

No. If you had a homestead exemption on your home in 2016, you won't have to reapply for 2017 unless your chief appraiser requires it. However, if you haven't received an exemption on your present home—or if you've moved to a new home—you'll need to file for an exemption for 2017. If you are 65 this year, you may file for the age 65 or older exemption up to one year after the date you are turned 65. And if you became disabled, you may file for the disabled person's exemption.

When and where should I file?

File applications before May 1 at your local appraisal district office. If you need more time, contact us at:

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Remember to "Render" Taxable property renditions Are due April 15th.

Does this apply to you?

If you own tangible personal property that is used to produce income, such as the equipment or inventory owned by a business, it does.

What is a rendition?

A rendition is a report to your county appraisal district that lists all the taxable property you owned or controlled on January 1st of this year. This often applies to furniture, fixtures, equipment or inventory owned by a business.

What are the advantages of filing?

- You give your opinion of your property's value.
- You record your correct mailing address so your tax bills will go to the right address.
- If your property's value depreciated, you can file a report of decreased value.

What is the deadline?

- The last day for filing renditions is April 15
- An automatic extension to May 15 is available if requested in writing by the April 15 deadline.
- The chief appraiser may grant an additional 15 days to an owner who shows good cause in writing.

REMEMBER!!

Filing is your responsibility. If you render late, don't render or file an incomplete or false rendition, you may face a 10 to 50 percent penalty.

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When is the application deadline?

If your land has never had a productivity appraisal or you are a new owner, you must apply to your local appraisal district before May 1 to take advantage of this benefit on your 2017 property taxes. You may get up to 60 extra days if you have a good reason and ask for it before May 1. If you miss this deadline, you may still be able to apply, but you will pay a penalty. Check with your appraisal district office.

Do you need to reapply annually?

If your land already receives agricultural or timber productivity appraisal, you normally don't need to reapply unless the chief appraiser requires you to do so. If a new application is required, the appraisal district will notify you by mail.

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Big win positions Lady Pirates for playoffs

BY GRANT MCGALLIARD
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The Granbury Lady Pirates are fighting hard for a playoff spot in District 9-5A soccer, and Tuesday's win over Joshua went a long way to securing their status.

Granbury gave Joshua their first loss in district play with a shootout win after the match ended 0-0 in regulation.

Keeper Bailey Eliasson, after a solid regulation period that included several saves, stopped two penalty kicks in the shootout.

It took seven rounds of penalty kicks for the match to be decided, but Granbury emerged as 4-3 winners.

Reagan Brown, Rayni Skaggs, Andi Smith, and Kennedy Roy all buried their attempts from the spot.

"It was an important win," Granbury head coach David Winkleman said. "Our defense was able to shut down Joshua's key players."

"This keeps us in a good place for the playoff run."



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PLAYOFF BOUND? A Granbury Lady Pirate makes her move down the sideline in a February district match. The Lady Pirates were tied for third in District 9-5A after a win over first-place Joshua on Tuesday.

The Lady Pirates sat at 6-4-0 in district play after Tuesday's win, putting them in a tie for third place with Cleburne. Four teams advance to the playoffs from each district. Burleson was at 5-5, lurking

in the fifth place spot with three games remaining.

Granbury took on Everman, the last-place team in the district, on Friday in what was the Lady Pirates' Senior Night.

Granbury tennis is top-five at Bryan

BY GRANT MCGALLIARD
HOOD COUNTY NEWS

The Granbury tennis teams traveled to Bryan for the Viking Classic last weekend and enjoyed their best finish in school history at the event.

The Pirates and Lady Pirates

finished 4th out of 16 teams.

In individual competition, Paige Pritchard took 4th place in girls' singles out of 32 contestants. Kristyna Matejickova finished in 9th place, winning the consolation bracket.

Blake Steinmann and Jamie Burwell came in 11th in boys'

doubles play. Molly Garrison and Shannon Taylor were 7th in girls' doubles.

The mixed doubles competition saw Cadence Chiappe and Payton Freeman finish 4th.

Granbury is in action again this weekend at the Ennis Tournament.

Sand bass action heating up

If you want some of the best sand bass action around, you might give your local lake a try right now.

The sand bass are about to spawn, and the fishing on the upper ends and in the back of creeks is phenomenal. Limits of sand bass are possible on most every reservoir.

Now is the time.

Some reservoirs may have stained water upstream, and you may have to find clear water or use spinners to get the fish to find you.

I know Possum Kingdom and Granbury were releasing some this last week, and some of the water downstream was stained.

Not all the fish will run all the way upstream. For example, there are a bunch of spawning sand bass in the back of Cedar Creek on Possum Kingdom.

Sand bass may spawn on windblown points and other creeks as well as up in the river.

The best depths this weekend with schools of fish were in 20 to 25 feet of water. That can change easily on those warmer days.

After locating the fish, it didn't take much to catch them. We used slabs and jigs to catch these fish one right after another.

I keep a couple of poles with a slab on the end of the line and a small crappie jig about 18 inches above. You can catch two at a time, which is great action for the young anglers.

Floods from last season have sent many of Granbury's and Possum Kingdom's fish downstream to Lake Whitney.

Most every fish I caught in deeper water were females. That tells me that the males more than likely were upstream at the spawning grounds and these females were staged near deeper water waiting to move upstream.

There were not any birds working anywhere I could see. These conditions will change as the water continues to warm.

The stained water upstream will obviously warm faster than the clear water at mid lake. Birds will point you to active fish on many days.

HOOD OUTDOORS



Mike Acosta
Unfair Advantage Charters

Both the chartreuse and silver holographic slabs were effective. A few stripers were also caught mixed in with the sand bass. The stripers were caught on the long narrower slabs.

I also caught fish on Sassy

Shad-type presentations. The sand bass were so active; anything moving down below the boat was attacked. The sand bass even tried to swallow the 4-inch Sassy I use to catch stripers.

Remember that the limit for sand bass is 25 per person per day with a minimum length of 10 inches.

HOOD COUNTY FISHING REPORT

Recent cold snaps lowered the lake temperatures a bit and confused the fish. The warmer days are producing better sand bass and black bass catches.

Best sand bass and striper reports are coming from the Bentwater area and upstream near Tin Top.

Granbury largemouth bass fishing is excellent on soft plastics in the back of sloughs near submerged brush. Crappie are staging for the spawn as well and many are being caught at creek entrances. Stripers are slow to fair.

Squaw Creek black bass action continues to heat up. Big black bass are spawning on the beds. Limits are common.

Possum Kingdom and Whitney stripers are good on slabs and live bait under the birds on the main lake and up in the river. Stripers are about to spawn as several fish I have been cleaning have eggs changing colors. Benbrook action has been reported as slow for hybrids and sand bass.

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Area MGA tournaments produce low scores

BY GRANT MCGALLIARD
HOOD COUNTY NEWS

Men's Golf Associations around Hood County hit the course last week for some team tournaments.

At Harbor Lakes, the MGA hosted a tourney last Saturday for four-man teams.

The team of Kevin Myers, Galon Cox, Rusty Holt and Roger Blackwelder came in first place, with a score of 66. They won a tiebreaker over Dustin Anderson, Harry McKee, Bill Pearson and Charlie Stenholm, who also fired a 66.

The battle for third came down to a tiebreaker as well. Troy Schulz, Tony Reeves, Frank VanCourt and Ken McDonald shot a 68, but lost in a tiebreaker to Steve Hunt, Tony Varnell, Karen Varnell and Gretchen Hunt.

Over at DeCordova Bend, the MGA hosted a scramble tournament on Tuesday that provided some low rounds.

Richard Rioux, Mike Clark, Wayne Burns and Bill Oeller claimed first place with a net score of 55.30.

In second place with a 56.63 were Don W. Kelley, Tom Gebert, Warren Morrison and Reggie Dunn.

Roger Thomas, Eddie Prater, Harold Tomlinson and Spencer Yantis were third after shooting a 57.19.

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With flying colors

The Granbury High School Band Winter Guard had an outstanding show at a North Texas Colorguard Association competition last Saturday at Byron Nelson High School in Trophy Club. The group placed second in the novice division, having previously competed during events at Alvarado High School on Feb. 4 and Frisco Centennial on Feb. 24. They are led by color guard in-

structor Kelli Godi, who also teaches fifth grade at Mambrino School. Pictured are (front from left) Adina Gregory, Elicia Cruz, Kaily Reason, Mikali Porter and Heather Hull. Back from left: Sam Hawley, Amber Pyle, Kynnedey Gardner, Jay Keeney, Melinda Beeson and Valeria Sanchez.

Going national



Ayden Oredson

Student advances in history bee

Brawner Intermediate School fifth-grader Ayden Oredson will advance to a national history bee competition after placing second at a regional contest at Perry Middle School in Carrollton.

Oredson was among 10 fifth-graders from the school who qualified for the regional bee after a classroom-level quiz in-

volving 26 students.

Also competing were Kiley Dove, Andre Guajardo, Shaw Hecker, Hailey Hensley, Mason Holder, Wyatt Lafavers, Hunter McMullen, Samantha Mendoza and Mann Vaghashia.

The national competition will be held June 1-4 in Atlanta.

The students are led by teacher Ashlee Oredson.

Grant to fund Tolar picnic area

Tolar Elementary School has received a \$4,975 Lowe's Toolbox for Education grant for a tree-shaded picnic area.

The grant application was based on the goal of creating a comfortable outdoor space to be used in a variety of ways.

It will provide a space for teachers to bring their messy

classroom projects outside or bring their classes out to enjoy the fresh air, and will benefit family members who want to enjoy Family Picnic Day but have a difficult time sitting on the ground.

The area will be next to the school and will have picnic tables surrounded by ash trees

and crepe myrtles.

The project is expected to be completed later this spring.

"Our school and community will greatly benefit from this grant," Tolar Elementary School Principal Kristen Carey said. "We wish to thank our friends at Lowe's for generously supporting this important project."



GRANBURY HIGH SCHOOL JROTC

SHARPSHOOTERS: Granbury High School JROTC rifle team members qualified for the National JROTC Championship March 23-25 in Anniston, Alabama. They are

(from left) Brittney Pinckard, Elizabeth Plecity, Kayla Hitshe, Tamara Peters, Trinity Hathaway and Clarissa Layland.

JROTC shoots to nationals

Granbury High School JROTC rifle team members excelled at the U.S. Marine Corps Service Championship held February 9-11 in Las Vegas.

The cadets placed fourth to earn a national bid.

Kayla Hitshe led the team and shot a personal best, making finals with the top eight shooters.

The event was a 3x20 air rifle event, with competitors firing 20 record shots from the three

positions of prone, standing and kneeling over the two-day contest.

"We are very proud of this team and their accomplishments," said Lt. Col. Scott Casey, the senior Marine instructor. "When you put it into perspective, our kids are the best out of over 8,000 shooters. That is an amazing achievement."

In addition to Hitshe, GHS was represented by Trinity Ha-

thaway, Clarissa Layland, Tamara Peters, Brittney Pinckard and Elizabeth Plecity.

Newcomers Peters and Layland placed ninth and 11th, respectively.

"That is unprecedented and is a true testament on how well they performed under the pressure at a national match," Casey said.

The National JROTC Championship will be March 23-25 in Anniston, Alabama.

al Leader Award by the Effective Schools Project at Tarleton State University.

Other Granbury ISD educators nominated for the award were Kellie Lambert, principal at Emma Roberson Elementary School, and Margaret Rodriguez, assistant principal at Granbury Middle School.

Nominated for a teaching excellence award was Leska Miller, a kindergarten teacher at Oak Woods School.

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SCHOOL BRIEFS

LUKE MILLER ON DEAN'S LIST

Luke Miller of Granbury was named to the Rochester Institute of Technology Dean's List for the fall semester. Miller is studying in the game design and development program.

KRISTIE BERRYMAN HONORED

Kristie Berryman, assistant principal at Acton Middle School, was honored with the Instruction-

Propell acquires Total Equipment in Granbury

Total Equipment and Service in Granbury has been purchased by Propell from C&J Energy.

The Granbury facility will continue to manufacture trailer-mounted frac units, coiled tubing units and other well completion equipment.

The acquisition of Total



Beadle

First Energy Plan, according to

Equipment continues Propell's strategic growth and coincides with an increase in North American oilfield activity and the recent introduction of the America

spokesman Ben Hiler.

There are 50 employees at the plant location on Highway 144, south of Granbury. The plant is now operating with one shift. Current employees will remain, and additional people could be hired for welding, assembly and other manufacturing jobs.

"With the steady uptick in oil prices and an increase in service work, we strongly believe the Texas energy market is trending in the right direction for the future," said Barry Beadle, president.

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including over 70 rapidly deployed bulk proppant handling systems. Propell supports leading well service companies in North America with new equipment technology, equipment renewal, product training, and after sales support.

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Propell has manufactured and renewed equipment for major well service companies in the U.S. and Canada since 2008.



MARILYN HASKINS

'Waterfall of a Frozen Time'

Howard Chaney was named Artist of the Month for February by the Lake Granbury Art Association. His watercolor painting titled "Waterfall of a Frozen Time" is displayed at the BBVA Compass Bank, 1807 E. Highway 377. Chaney is a retired illustrator and au-

thor who has written three books. Other artists honored for their work were Marilyn Haskins, Elizabeth Sutton, Mark Danielson and Kat Yelle. Telise Rodelv was the featured artist at the Visitors Center for February.

VOLUNTEER NETWORK

RELAY FOR LIFE

Volunteers needed to help coordinate this year's Relay for Life in Hood County. Call Larry Jones at larrynj@att.net.

HABITAT FOR HUMANITY

Workers are needed to help build homes in Hood County for Habitat for Humanity. Volunteers work on Wednesdays and Saturdays, from 8:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. Lunch is provided. Reach Carol or Steve Davidson by calling 817-573-8480.

RANCHO BRAZOS COMMUNITY CENTER

Mentors and tutors needed to the center's after-school program, which serves elementary, middle and high school students. Also need help with arts and crafts program, music program and outdoor activities. Call Donna Noyes at 817-776-3654.

MEALS ON WHEELS

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FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY

Volunteers needed at organization's bookstore at 222 N. Travis St. Store hours are Monday, Wednes-

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VETERANS TRANSPORTATION

Volunteer van drivers and ride-alongs needed to help veterans with no other means of transportation, 817-964-7761.

MISSION GRANBURY

Needs volunteers to assist in many areas, including The Resale Shop (Monday-Friday, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.), Food Pantry Distribution (Tuesday and Thursday, 9 a.m. to noon), Resource Center (Monday through Friday, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.). Call Christi Durant at 81-579-6866, ext. 118.

WET VETERANS

Needs volunteers to assist veterans each Friday from 6:30 to 8 p.m. Call Mike or Pat Stewart at 682-205-3384.

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Contact Lisa Hall, Clinic Manager, at 817-573-6800.

GRANBURY REACH OUT

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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"

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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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WEDDINGS

Wedding announcements should be turned in no later than six months after the wedding date.

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Learn about Medicare, Social Security at the library

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 mistakes people make when claiming their benefits.
 - How to optimize assets to minimize or avoid paying taxes on Social Security benefits.

- How much income you can have and still draw Social Security.
 - How Social Security is taxed.
 - How to claim a spouse's benefit, even if divorced.

- 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. at the library Thursday, March 9.

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.

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.

Get free help with income tax at library

A tax aide from AARP will be meeting with people regarding their income tax at the Hood County Library through April 18.


Appointments for free assistance are available from 10:30 a.m. until 2:30 p.m. on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays.

You need to bring tax information to your appointment, including W-2 papers, 1099, 1098 and 1095.


Also bring your Social Security cards or ITIN letters for each person on your tax return, and bring a picture ID, such as a valid driver's license for you and your spouse.

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Hang on to what's important

Recipe for chicken wings is a family tradition

BY DEBBIE SCHNEIDER
HOOD COUNTY NEWS

We have emotional attachments to certain things.

Like a handwritten valentine from your child, a necklace passed down from

your grandmother and family recipes.

Karen Barton has a recipe card handwritten by her mother. She signed it with the date-line, Honolulu, Hawaii 1970.

The recipe for sweet and sour chicken wings is a favorite among friends and families.

"I made some for the Super Bowl party," Barton said. "There weren't any left over."

When her grandson heard she was making the sweet and sour wings for this interview, he asked her to make extra so he could have some.

"It's something different. Most people have had hot wings, but this is sweet and sour," Barton said. "They're not spicy."

She noted the recipe calls for cornstarch instead of flour, so it's okay for those who can't tolerate gluten.

The Pecan Plantation home Barton shares with husband Butch (a county commissioner) is filled with one-of-a-kind items that have been collected during their 52-year marriage.

One of her favorite things is the echbank and farmers table just off the kitchen. The wooden table is flanked with bench seating on two sides.

The German word, echbank, is translated to corner bench. Above the bench, a feature wall is covered with paintings, cuckoo clocks, plates and other handmade items.

"The stuff on that wall is all from Germany," Karen said.

During Butch's 29-plus years in the Air Force, the couple moved 22 times, including to other countries.

"We loved all our experiences, moving to different locations all over," Karen said.

The couple has two children: Stacie and family live in Pecan, and Steve and family live near

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SWEET AND SOUR: Here's a different twist on chicken wings. They're not spicy. Karen Barton got the recipe



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MANY MEMORIES: Karen Barton sits at the echbank (German for corner bench) just off the kitchen in her home. Wall hangings above the bench are also from Germany.

SWEET AND SOUR CHICKEN WINGS

INGREDIENTS

2 Pounds chicken wings
2 Cups water
Garlic powder
2 Eggs
1 Cup cornstarch
Oil to fry

SAUCE

1/2 Cup sugar
1/4 Cup ketchup
1/2 Teaspoon salt

1/2 Cup vinegar
1/2 Cup stock
1/4 Cup soy
Heat just to boil before pouring over wings.

1. Separate wings at joints, boil tips 30 minutes for stock. Or use store purchased chicken stock.
2. Sprinkle remaining wings with garlic powder and let set 30 minutes. You can make sauce during thi

time. Bring sauce to boil, set aside.
4. Roll wings in egg then cornstarch, fry till lightly brown. Drain on paper towel.

5. Place wings in 9 x 13 dish and pour 1/2 sauce over wings and bake at 350 for 15 minutes, turn wings and pour remaining sauce over wings and bake additional 15 minutes. ENJOY

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New fire truck coming to Lipan

The Lipan VFD has a new fire truck coming! The Department of Defense and the Forestry Service have generously donated a 5 ton military grade vehicle and \$20,000 to equip it. Thank you to both entities for your generosity!

FAMILY TIME

Melva (Tip-ton) Oubre and friend "Lawman," of Vacherie, Louisiana, were recently in Lipan visiting her brother, Ned Tipton, and extended family. While she was here, Ned hosted a cook-out for the family. There were 10 people in attendance. Nancy said everyone had a great time. Ned did a fantastic job with the food.

LIPAN SMOKE SIGNALS



Debbie Compton

MUSIC TONIGHT

Joe Bass and fellow musicians will be playing bluegrass and gospel music tonight at the Lipan Community Center. The music usually kicks off around 6:30 p.m. Admittance is free, but donations are accepted for the cost of using the center.

NEW BABY BOY

Jeremy and Amy Smith, formerly of Lipan, have a new baby boy! Lincoln Walker Smith was born Sunday, Feb. 26. He weighed 7 lbs. 8-1/2 oz. The Smith's now reside in Woodson, Texas, where Jeremy is the Pastor at Woodson Baptist Church.

BIRTHDAYS

Belated birthday wishes to Telese Branson, Feb. 25, Harold Branson, Feb. 26, and Mathew Pack and Debbie (Howard) Williams, Feb. 28.

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Friends for Animals fundraiser today

You can help the Friends for Animals no-kill shelter at a fundraiser from noon to 3 p.m. today at Revolver Brewing Company in Acton, 5650 Matlock Road.

The Friends for Animals picture board will feature all the dogs available for adoption at the shelter. T-shirts will also be available at the benefit.

Donations are always welcome. Needed items include Pedigree Puppy Food, Purina One Puppy Food, Pedigree Small Breed, Little Caesars Dog Food, Laundry Soap, Trash Bags (13 and 40 gallons.)

For more information, call Friends for Animals at 817-326-3646.



ARTIST OF THE MONTH: Barbara Castranova took first place honors for Artist of the Month in the Pecan Plantation Art Guild. Castranova and other PPAG members have art displayed at the Pecan clubhouse, the PAC and in Pecan Village. The PPAG meets again on March 14.

Works of art displayed at sites in Pecan Plantation

Congratulations to members of the Pecan Plantation Art Guild (PPAG) for receiving recent accolades. First place winner for artist of the month is Ginger Castranova, with Barbara Sutton, Martie Rains, Colleen Zeiler and Barbara Brown also being recognized. These artists, in addition to Marcia Hardy, have work displayed at the clubhouse, the Pecan Medical Center, and the Pecan Activities Center (PAC). All of the art is priced and available for purchase.

PPAG members recently celebrated their love of art with a meeting comprised of special refreshments and door prizes provided by member Deanna Thibault. Also at the meeting, Deanna demonstrated her unique technique using mixed media to produce abstract floral paintings.

For more information on workshops and demonstrations held by the PPAG, contact Susie Strong at 817-235-7900. The guild too is participating in the spring garage sale and has a spring art show on the calendar.

The guild will meet again on March 14 at 10:30 a.m. at the PAC. Guests and prospective members are welcome to join. Membership requirements for the PPAG are being a Pecan resident 18 years of age or older and paying \$25 annual dues.

For complete information on the art scene in Pecan, contact guild president Cheryl Moore at 682-225-6089 or visit www.pecanplantationartguild.com.

MEMBERSHIP MEETING

Pecan's annual membership meeting comes today at 11 a.m. in the clubhouse ballroom, and ballots are due

PECAN BITS



Diane Long

back to the clubhouse before the meeting commences. Pecaners will select three new board members and vote on several by-law amendments.

AUXILIARY MEETING

The Pecan Plantation Volunteer Fire Department/Emergency Medical Service Auxiliary meets again Monday at 7 p.m. at the Charlie Lee Memorial EMS building. Men and women of all ages interested in supporting this philanthropic group that fundraises for our emergency volunteers are invited to attend.

BREAKFAST CLUB

Wednesday morning's Breakfast Club will welcome Sgt. Cris Brichetto of the Granbury Police Department to speak about the Citizens Police Academy.

All Pecaners are welcome. Breakfast service begins at 7:30 a.m. with the program immediately following.

TENNIS DATE

Netters will paint the courts green with a Saint Patrick's Play Day on Friday, the first of several spring tennis dates on the horizon. Contact Pecan Plantation Tennis Association President Shirley Crise (secrise@charter.net) or the pro shop for complete details: 817-579-9412.

GAME INSTRUCTION

Eva Margle will be offering Mah-Jongg lessons on Fridays from 10 a.m. to 12 noon beginning Mar. 10. Classes will

be limited to eight students, and registering at the PAC is necessary: 817-573-7952.

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

VOLUNTEER NEEDED

Pecan's Marina Committee has Marina Day planned for April 29 and is looking for a volunteer to plan and help run the children's activities for the day. Interested parties may contact Joe Hartmann at josephh971@gmail.com.

The marina is also boasting a newly screened-in patio which is sure to make dining at the lake even more enjoyable.

HONOR BESTOWED

Congratulations to paramedic Connie Wimberly of Pecan's Emergency Medical Service on receiving the Granbury Rotary Club's Vocational Excellence Award. Connie has served as a paramedic since 2003 and was presented with her commendation by Shirley Hooks.

PAINTING PARTY

Spring break is right around the corner, and the youngest residents of Pecan have a painting party scheduled to begin the week.

March 12 will find artists ages 5 and up completing a "Blue Dog Paris" canvases from 3 to 5 p.m. at the PAC. The \$20 fee includes all materials and instruction.

Sign up by Mar. 10 at the PAC for this event.

SYMPATHY

Our sympathy goes to the family of June Christine Henley, who passed away Feb. 20.

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Come on, let's do the Texas History Stroll

BY DEBBIE SCHNEIDER
HOOD COUNTY NEWS

Black powder canon. Black powder gunfights. Sound interesting?

You'll want to check out the presentation by the Texas Heroes Foundation to celebrate Texas Independence Day.

Today's public event at the Acton Cemetery parking area is free and open from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Dubbed the Texas History Stroll, the community is invited to meet Texas heroes like David Crockett, William B. Travis and other historic characters.

In addition to activities in Acton, Texas flags are 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 of the Texas flags with the name and information of Texas heroes who were at the Alamo.

March 2, 1836, is the day Texas declared independence from Mexico.

In addition to today's activities, the THF sponsored student activities, a history fair and scholarship contest. The theme is "Taking a Stand in Texas History."

"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.

Contact Freeman at 214-675-5752 for more information.

COOKING: Barton is known for interesting appetizers

FROM PAGE 1B

Galveston. They have six grandsons.

A couple of years ago, Barton was asked to put their home on Pecan's Christmas Tour of Homes.

"I said, 'Well I don't really put up a lot for Christmas decorations. Just the usual amount,'" Barton stated.

She was told that it didn't matter about the Christmas

decorations.

"It's your stuff that people want to see," she was told.

They saw intricately carved wood furniture pieces, glassware, a large grandfather clock and other treasures from Hungary, France, Belgium, England and Germany that fill the home. Good stuff.

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POISON

INGREDIENTS

- 2 Large fresh tomatoes (peeled and chopped)
- 3-4 Green onions (chopped)
- 2 Small cans chopped olives
- 1 Small can green chili peppers (chopped)
- 2-4 hot peppers (chopped) to taste (if you don't like it hot at all you don't have to use any hot peppers, it's great without them too!)
- Mix all the above together in a bowl.

- 1/4 Cup olive oil
- 1 Teaspoon garlic salt
- 1 1/2 Teaspoon vinegar
- Salt
- Pepper
- Mix and add to tomato mixture. Serve with tortilla chips.
- I always double this recipe, enjoy!

LUMPIA

INGREDIENTS FOR FILLING

- 3/4 Pound ground pork
- 1 Medium size onion (chopped)
- 3 Cloves garlic (minced)
- 6 Ounces shelled and deveined raw shrimp (chopped)
- 3/4 Cup bean sprouts (chopped)
- 1 1/2 Tablespoons soy sauce

1. Crumble pork into pan, sauté with onion and garlic about 6 minutes. Add shrimp, cook for 2 minutes. Add bean sprouts and cook 2 more minutes. Stir in soy sauce and remove from heat.
2. Chill if made ahead. Before serving, drain and add drained juices to dipping sauce and then add 1/4 cup of sauce into filling.

INGREDIENTS FOR DIPPING SAUCE

- 2 Tablespoons cornstarch
- 1/4 Cup packed brown sugar
- 1/2 Cup cold water
- 1/2 Cup pineapple juice
- 1/4 Cup vinegar
- 1/4 Cup soy sauce

1. Combine dipping sauce ingredients and mix well.
2. Sauté 2 cloves garlic (minced) in 1 tablespoon oil till lightly brown.
3. Add dipping sauce mixture to pan, stirring until it boils and thickens. Before serving stir in juices drained from lumpia filling.
4. You can serve on lettuce leaf and eat like a taco or lettuce wrap. Or use 2 pounds fresh won ton skins (thaw if frozen and keep well covered.)
5. Set about a teaspoon of filling in lower corner of each skin; fold and roll. (You can do this ahead but keep covered.)
6. Just before serving heat 1/4 inch of oil in pan over medium heat and fry rolled lumpia seam side down, turning to brown evenly (takes 1-2 minutes) Drain and serve hot with dipping sauce. Enjoy!

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Marjorie Maude Appleby Horler Bodine

Marjorie Maude Appleby Horler Bodine of Granbury was born July 31, 1923, in Bristol, England, to Walter and Livinia Horler. She passed quietly at the age of 93, Feb. 17, 2017, bound for a much better place to be with her Lord. Services were held recently.

Marjorie met her dashing American husband Jim in Paris during World War II and they married in her parents' garden in Newquay, Cornwall. After the war, they sailed to the United States, Jim on a troop ship and Marjorie a few months later on the Queen Mary with a ship full of war brides.

Jim and Marj started their stateside life together in Galveston, Texas. They moved to Fort Worth in 1950 where they lived for over 50 years, both working for the Corps of Engineers. Marjorie was also secretary at Meadowbrook Church of Christ where Jim served as an elder. She was a devoted Christian and trained her children in not only the things of life, but matters of the Spirit. She remained in Fort Worth after Jim's death, and eventually moved to Granbury, to be closer to her children. She resided at the Harbor Lakes Nursing Facility in Granbury during her final years.

She is remembered by family and friends for her indomitable spirit, English accent,



love of all things English, her own English garden on Arden Place, her laughter, her joy of singing, and the ability to talk to anyone, known or stranger. And, of course, her great love of animals.

Marjorie is survived by her three children and their mates, Mary and Dave Strome, Paul and Laurie Bodine, and Margaret and Stan McBroom. She leaves 10 grandchildren (Abigail, Anna, Erica, Gayla, Haley, Jeff, Jennie-Laurie, Rachel, Sara, and Stacy) and 12 great-grandchildren (Arden, Elizabeth, Grace E., Grace M., Hannah, Jake, Jeremy, Lucy, Luke, Mathis, Rebekah, and Sarah), plus numerous British and American nephews and nieces and a host of wonderful friends.

Donations may be made to your preferred animal charity.

Michael C. Williams

Michael C. Williams, 67, of Joshua passed away Saturday, Feb. 25, 2017, in Joshua.

Memorial service: 11 a.m. Friday, March 3, 2017, in the Godley United Methodist Church in Godley, Pastor Rudy Rudewick officiating.

Visitation: 6:30 to 8 p.m. Thursday, March 2, 2017 at the church.

Mr. Williams was born Dec. 27, 1949, in Fort Worth to Eugene Scott and Margie Ann Sedberry Williams. He married Diane Denise Condray on July 13, 1990, on the Flying Cloud in Road Town, Tortola British Virgin Islands.

Mr. Williams worked as a customer and community relations manager and pilot for Tarrant Regional Water District until retiring. He enjoyed flying, photography, sailing and hunting with his son and friends. He attended Godley United Methodist Church.

Survivors include his beloved wife, Diane Williams of Joshua; daughter, Kimberly Williams of



Fort Worth; son, Cy Williams of Fort Worth; grandchildren, Carly Sanders (husband, Lance) and Cash Campbell; great-grandson, Gavin; sister-in-law, Linda Condray; and a host of other relatives and friends who will miss him greatly.

He was preceded in death by his parents and a sister, Jeanie Williams.

You may sign the guestbook, view obituary and photo at www.cpcleburne.com

Paula Joplin Nunley

Paula Joplin Nunley of Tolar, 68, went to be with her Lord and Savior Monday, Feb. 27, 2017.

Service: 2 p.m. Thursday, March 2, 2017, at First Baptist Church, Granbury.

Visitation: 6 to 8 p.m. Thursday, March 2, at Wiley Funeral Home, Granbury.

Visitation: Noon to 2 p.m. Saturday, March 4, 2017, at Morrison Funeral Home, Graham.

Graveside service: 3 p.m. Saturday, March 4, at Brooks Cemetery, Graham.

Paula was born Aug. 13, 1948, in Graham to J.W. and Anna Maxine Reedy Joplin. After graduating high school Paula married the love of her life, Gerry Nunley. They spent 32 years together before Gerry went to be with the Lord. Gerry was a pastor for 20 years, all the while Paula was a loving, encouraging, supportive wife and best friend, she was his "rock." After two years of marriage they moved to Wichita Falls where they spent most of their life.

Paula lived her life for her husband, three children and nine grandchildren. She would do anything to be with her family, such as helping the grandkids move into dorms, attending their sporting events, and at family get-togethers watching them play volleyball and even



participating. She would drive to Graham every other weekend to spend time with her dad and sister. She was a dedicated employee at First National Bank and loved playing bunco with friends. Paula will be missed by all who knew and loved her.

She was preceded in death by her mother and her husband.

Survivors: Daughters, Shelley Davis (Norman) and Lindsay Wisdom (Jamie); son, Brent Nunley (Becky); grandchildren, Blake, Sydney and Caden Davis, Shelby, Shaely and Shylar Nunley, and Case, Crue and Karsyn Wisdom; father, J.W. Joplin; sister, Janice Mayo and brother, Norman Joplin and many nieces and nephews.

Arrangements made by Wiley Funeral Home, Granbury.

Stephen "Steve" Craig Huston

Stephen "Steve" Craig Huston, 64, passed away unexpectedly Saturday, Feb. 25, 2017, in Tolar.

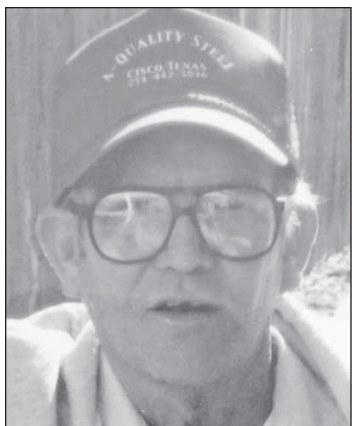
Service: 4 p.m. Saturday, March 4, 2017, Tolar Baptist Church. Interment: Tolar Cemetery in Tolar.

Visitation: 2 to 4 p.m. Saturday, March 4, 2017, Tolar Baptist Church.

Steve was born May 7, 1952, in College Station to Thurman and Charleen Huston. He acquired his master plumber license by age 18 and in 1986 he and his wife were able to purchase Moore's Plumbing Service.

Steve was a simple, hard working man with a good heart and was truly honest to a fault; these qualities along with the love he had for his customers drove him to run his business for over 30 years, never reaching retirement.

Married at the young age of 17, Steve was a devoted husband for 47 years. For 46 of those years he and his bride lived in the community that he was equally devoted to, Granbury and Tolar. Being a family man, he took great pride in his son, and the grandchildren he gave him because above all his hard work was for the legacy he would leave them. Aside from



plumbing, community and family, the things that made Steve happy were reading, western movies, country music and a true love for animals.

Steve is survived by his wife, "Bobbie" June Huston; son, Brian Huston (wife, Lauren); grandchildren, Trenton, Porter, and Haylee; mother, Charleen Huston; brother, Sam Huston (wife, Tracy); niece, Marissa Powers, nephew, Jeffrey Huston; aunt, Judy (husband, Joe) Middlebrook; and many cousins and friends.

He was preceded in death by his father, Thurman Huston and grandparents, Johnnie and Monema Huston and Kathleen Gongaware.

Arrangements by Wiley Funeral Home.

Gary Wayne Mullen

Gary Wayne Mullen, 79, of Houston and formerly of Glen Rose passed away Monday, Feb. 27, 2017, in Houston.

Service: 2 p.m. Friday, March 3, 2017, Wiley Funeral Home Chapel, Glen Rose. Interment: Georges Creek Cemetery, Glen Rose. Visitation: 5 to 7 p.m. Thursday, March 2, 2017, Wiley Funeral Home in Glen Rose.

Memorials may be made to George's Creek Cemetery Association.

Gary was born in Nemo, Texas, to Thomas and Hazel Mullen October 5, 1937. He proudly served in the U.S. Army. He was a truck driver for Walmart for 20 years and for Montgomery Ward for 24 years. One of his favorite pastimes was watching the Astros baseball games.

He was preceded in death by his wife of over 50 years, Linda Mullen and brother, Bill Mullen.

Gary is survived by his children, Mike Mullen (wife,



Barbara), Rick Mullen (wife, Elizabeth), and Marsha Benton (husband, Mark); grandchildren, Beth Ann Dempsey, Tara Mullen, Erin Mullen, Sean Benton and Jill Benton; six great-grandchildren, sister, Betty Orr and numerous nieces, nephews, and cousins.

Arrangements made by Wiley Funeral Home.

Opal Duncan

Opal Duncan, 88, of Granbury went to be with the Lord on March 2, 2017.

She was born July 21, 1928.

Services: 10:30 a.m. Sunday, March 5, 2017, at Wiley Funeral Home in Granbury.

Visitation: 6 to 8 p.m. Saturday, March 4, 2017 at the funeral home.

Private burial: Monday, March 6, 2017, at Laurel Land in Fort Worth.

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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This 3-3.5-3 custom built Al Couto beauty has a huge open gathering area encompassing kitchen with granite counters and ss appliances, living room with soaring ceilings, floor to ceiling windows and rock fireplace. Luxurious master suite with spa tub and walk in shower. Guest bedrooms with private baths. FEMA Shelter. Incredible outdoor entertaining with pool, dock & kitchen!



\$452,500

This custom 3-4-5 home boasts expansive rooms with custom features. Huge chefs kitchen. All bedrooms have a private bath. Sprawling on almost 3 acres of landscaped private grounds! New roof and no HOA!



\$399,000

3-3.5-3.5 Builders personal home in beautiful Pecan Plantation. This one owner home has been meticulously cared for and loaded with upgrades when built. Spacious living and dining room with massive brick fireplace. Upgraded kitchen with built in refrigerator. Beautiful master suite and spacious secondary bedrooms. Outdoor porch with cook center and fireplace.



\$323,000

Beautiful new construction 4-3-2 home in Godley, Texas includes gorgeous custom features. The living includes a floor to ceiling natural stone fireplace. Large backyard with new sod grass and covered back patio. This house is conveniently located 15 minutes from Ft. Worth.



\$324,000

Impeccable 3-2.1-2 is located in the heart of Granbury. This home is full of custom touches. Stunning open kitchen with separate coffee bar with built in shelves. A bonus room upstairs with a half bath included. One of the biggest lots in the subdivision, and has covered patio and beautiful trees.



\$850,000

An entertainer's paradise overlooking lake, on over 7 acres. This 3-3.5-5 Mediterranean boasts a gourmet kitchen, open space living and views from every angle. Master has fireplace. Game room with kitchen, wet bar and bath. Salt water pool with slide, attached spa and pool bar all overlooking the lake. Property has separate 3-2 home and guest cottage.



\$390,000

Incredible 4-3-3 new construction in Starlight Ranch loaded with custom touches. Living room is open with stone fireplace, custom wood floors and a beautiful coffered ceiling. Gourmet kitchen is huge with Custom Carrera marble counters and pot filler at gas range. Master bath includes gleaming Carrera marble double vanity, garden tub and shower with double shower heads and marble accent tile. nd marble accent tile.



\$679,000

This 5-3.5-2 log home is something not to be missed. Attention to detail is evident at every turn. Main floor kitchen is well equipped with many upgrades. Master suite expands on the view with a wall of windows. Exceptional master bath. 2 bedrooms on main floor and 2 bedrooms down with additional living and kitchen. Incredible boat dock as well.



\$89,000

Check out this large 1+ acre lot in beautiful Bentwater on Lake Granbury. Your commute to Ft. Worth will be a breeze from this side of Granbury. Nice level lot ready for your dream home. Lot also includes a boat slip at the marina! All the lake fun without all of the maintenance.



\$289,888

Gleaming new 4-3-2 with study home located in Josiah Estates. Huge kitchen for entertaining, inviting open living room with large windows, stone fireplace and beautiful wood floors. Elegant master suite. Secondary bedrooms are spacious with great closet space. This home features popular items such as a barn door on study entrance, USB plugs and keyless entry.



\$249,000

This spacious 4-2-2 Best Home is located on the Ft. Worth side of Granbury and easily accessible to shopping and entertainment. Open floor plan and kitchen features custom cabinets and granite counters. Master suite offers room for large furniture and has an attached en suite bathroom with separate shower and dual sinks.



\$315,000

This 3-2.5-3 new custom home is sure to impress. This home features an open flow living-dining-kitchen that allows great family gatherings. Floor to ceiling rock fireplace with gas and gleaming wood floors. Spacious master suite with luxury shower and spa tub. Extra large guest bedrooms. Great patio and yard with trees.

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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, FEDX, 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.

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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

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Public Notices

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
The following Public Hearings will be considered by the PLANNING & ZONING COMMISSION of the City of Granbury on Monday, March 20, 2017 at 6:00 p.m. The Public Hearings will also be considered by the GRANBURY CITY COUNCIL on Tuesday, April 4, 2017 at 6:00 p.m. All Public Hearings will be held within the Council Chambers of Granbury City Hall, 116 W. Bridge Street, Granbury, Texas.

1. TCP-2016-04, Request of Liberty G & C Land, Inc. to submit a Tree Conservation Plan (TCP) to allow for the removal and mitigation of protected trees in conformance with Article 13 of the Zoning Ordinance. The property is located on Water's Edge Dr., north of Cliff Swallow Dr.
2. PL-2016-36, Request of Liberty G & C Land, Inc. to Preliminary Plat a 25.28 acre tract of the Martin Setzer Survey, Abstract # 502 as Lots 1-64, Block 1; Lots 1-40, Block 2 and Lots 1-10 and Common Areas 1-3 of the Highland Park Addition. The property is located on Water's Edge Dr., north of Cliff Swallow Dr.
3. PL-2017-01, Request of Harbor Lakes Development to Final Plat a 5.747 acre tract of the Martin Setzer Survey, Abstract # 502 as Lots 1-16, Block 1; Lots 1-7, Block 2 and Common Areas A, B & C of the Harbor Lakes, Section 4 Addition. The property is located on HaHHarbor Lakes Blvd., south of 5th St.
4. PL-2017-02, Request of Harbor Lakes Development to Final Plat a 3.303 acre tract of the Martin Setzer Survey, Abstract # 502 and the James Armstrong Survey, Abstract # 3 as Lots 1-9, Block 1 and Lots 1-3, Block 2 of the Harbor Lakes, Section 7 Addition. The property is located on Harbor Lakes Dr., south of Prestwick Ct.
5. TCP-2016-03, Request of Harbor Lakes Development to submit a Tree Conservation Plan (TCP) to allow for the removal and mitigation of protected trees in conformance with Article 13 of the Zoning Ordinance. The property is located on Harbor Lakes Dr., south of Clubhouse Dr. (Section 10).
6. PL-2017-03, Request of Harbor Lakes Development to Final Plat a 4.502 acre tract of the Martin Setzer Survey, Abstract # 502 and the James Armstrong Survey, Abstract # 3 as Lots 1-9, Block 1 and Lots 1-4, Block 2 of the Harbor Lakes, Section 10 Addition. The property is located on Harbor Lakes Dr., south of Clubhouse Dr.
7. PL-2017-07, Request of Tri-County Development to Final Plat a 10.798 acre tract of the Uriah Martin Survey, Abstract # 384 as Lots 1-27, Block 1 and Lots 1-22, Block 2 of the Hilltop Village Addition. The property is located on Old Granbury Rd., west of Gemstone Estates.
8. PL-2017-08, Request of Dewayne Stembridge to Preliminary Plat a 5.000 acre tract of the Milam County School Land Survey, Abstract # 348 as Lots 1-2, Block 1 of the Stembridge East Addition. The property is addressed as 1145 Porter Ct.
9. PL-2017-09, Request of First National Bank of Granbury to Preliminary Plat a 10,050 acre tract of the Thomas B Malone Survey, Abstract # 729 and the Robert Merritt Survey, Abstract # 355 as Lots 7 & 10, Block 2 of the Luton Ranch, Phase 3 Addition. The property is located north of the intersection of E. Hwy. 377 and Peck Rd.
10. SUP-2017-02, Request of Hood County Golf Carts for a Specific Use Permit to allow the operation of Golf Cart Sales/Service, New & Used. The property is located at 1316 E. Hwy. 377
11. Z-2017-02, Request of Barbara Walters to rezone a 1.500 acre tract of the Martin Smith Survey, Abstract # 504 from Light Commercial (LC) to Heavy Commercial (HC). The property is addressed as 1310-1316 E. Hwy. 377.
12. PL-2017-10, Request of Barry & Patty Smith to Preliminary Plat a 15.224 acre tract of the Robert Merritt Survey, Abstract # 355 and the Williams McCreary Survey, Abstract # 385 as Lots 1-2, Block 1 of the 377 Retail Addition. The property is located south of E. Hwy. 377 and west of Nichols Ct.
13. O-2017-01, Request of the City of Granbury to amend Ordinance # 01-819 as amended, the City of Granbury Zoning Ordinance, to amend Section 11.7.A to add new regulations for solar panel installation in residential districts.
14. O-2017-02, Request of the City of Granbury to amend Ordinance # 01-819 as amended, the City of Granbury Zoning Ordinance, to add a new land use classification called "Group Foster Homes" in select zoning districts. To accommodate this new land use classification, amendments are proposed to Article 4.1.A. - Permitted Uses, Section 11.2 - Off-Street Parking & Loading Requirements and Article 12 - Definitions.

For more information, contact Community Development at 817-573-9692, Granbury City Hall, 116 West Bridge St., Granbury, TX 76048.

CITATION BY PUBLICATION
THE STATE OF TEXAS: To all persons interested in the Estates Of LANNIS LEON DUNN, Cause No. P08211, County Court of Hood County, Texas.

SUSAN DUNN 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 LANNIS LEON DUNN, 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 01st day of March, 2017.

Katie Lang
Hood County Clerk
By /s/Presley Hopkins
PRESLEY HOPKINS, Deputy Clerk
P.O. Box 339
Granbury, Texas 76048-0339

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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.

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PUBLIC HEARING

A Public Hearing will be held on Tuesday, March 14th, 2017 at 9 a.m. in the Central Jury Room of the Hood County Justice Center, 1200 W. Pearl St., Granbury, Texas 76048, for the discussion and input into the following proposed traffic regulation and take appropriate action:

1. Establish a Stop Sign on Washington Trail at Idaho Trail, Lake Granbury Harbor

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
CITY OF CRESSON
REQUEST FOR VARIANCE
FROM ZONING ORDINANCE

Notice is hereby given that on Tuesday, March 14, 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 for certain variances from the City's Zoning Ordinance received from Gregory Byrne, M.D., Laura Byrne, and Michael A. Serrapica, regarding the property currently described as being all of Lot 8, Villas of Motorsport Ranch, Block B, Phase I, a subdivision in the City of Cresson, Johnson County, Texas, according to the plat recorded in Volume 9, Page 275 (Slide C-19), Plat Records, Johnson County, Texas, embracing all of said Lot 8. The request for variance includes the following:

- 1) a parking variance from Section 33-1, Off-Street Parking and Loading Requirements of the Zoning Ordinance;
- 2) a variance in lot width and side yard setback requirements from Section 20-3, Density, Area, Yard, Height and Lot Coverage Requirements of the Zoning Ordinance.

A copy of the Application for a Zoning Variance is on file at the City Secretary's office.

This meeting is open to the public. All interested parties are invited to attend. The Cresson City Hall is wheelchair accessible. Requests for accommodation or other services must be made 48 hours in advance.

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ing to the story. The writer recognizes the shopping opportunities on the square, and compliments Granbury's beach with its thatched-roof pavilions, seasonal kayak rentals and a boardwalk. "And that sand? It's imported from South Padre Island," the article notes.

Civil War historian, 93, to address Roundtable

World War II veteran and Civil War historian Ed Bearss will address the North Central Texas Civil War Roundtable on Monday, March 13.

Bearss has a reputation as the most famous military historian known to Civil War history buffs. He is also speaking for the Fort Worth and the Dallas roundtables in March.

On June 26 he turns 94.

"He just keeps going like the Energizer bunny!" said David Wells, spokesman for the Civil War group in Granbury.

Bearss enlisted in the Marine Corps in April, 1942 – less than one year after his graduation from high school in Montana. He was severely wounded while engaging Japanese forces in the South Pacific.

Following more than two years in recovery, he was discharged after the war and returned home to Montana.

As a young man he was inspired after reading a biography of Confederate Cavalry General Jeb Stuart.

That interest in Civil War his-

tory has continued to this day.

His National Park service included tours at most of the battlefield sites with which we are familiar and in 1981 he was named Chief Historian of the National Park Service, a position he held until 1994.

After his retirement in 1995, Bearss was named Chief Historian Emeritus, a position he holds today.

Members may be interested in complementary passes to The Pierce Museum in Corsicana. The museum contains out-

standing examples of Civil War memorabilia as well as letters, dairies and journals written by soldiers, wives and families. A field trip for the group is a possibility.

See Gary Nelson or Charlie Peoples after the meeting if you have not yet paid your annual dues.

The meeting takes place at Spring Creek Barbeque, 317 E. Highway 377. Dinner is at 5:30 p.m., followed by the program at 6:30. For more information, go to www.ncentexcwr.com.

Learn more about Salvation Army Women's Service League at tea

Learn more about The Salvation Army Women's Service League of Hood County during a special event at 10:30 a.m. Tuesday, March 14 deCordova Bend Estates Country Club.

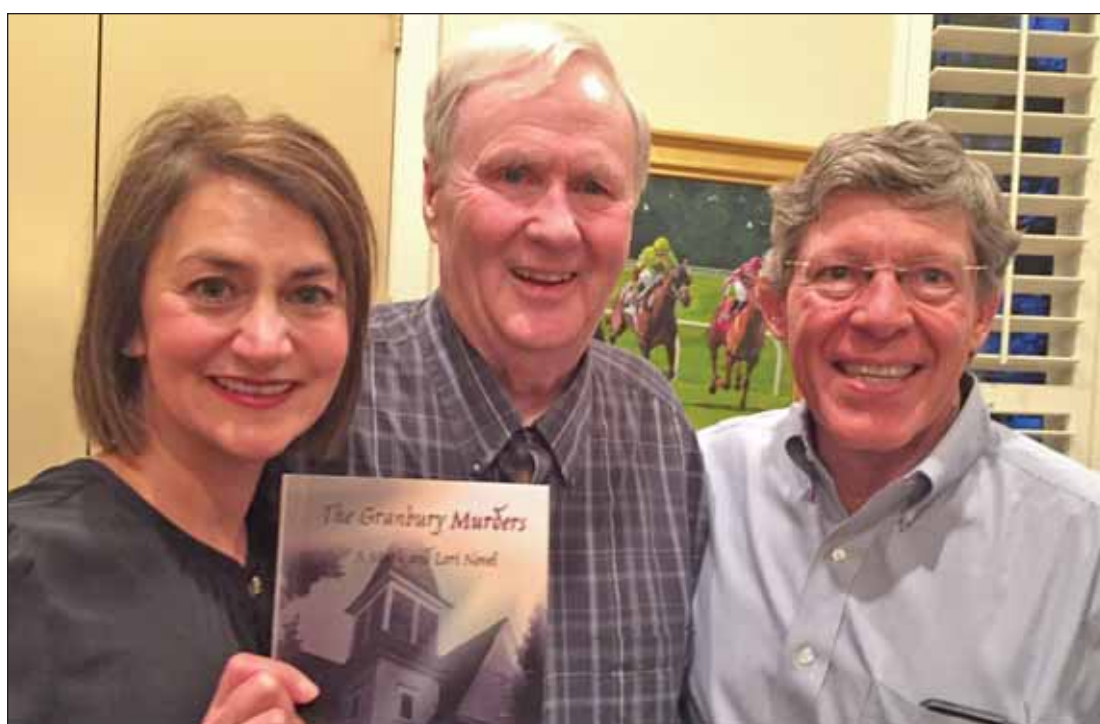
The free Membership Tea features Salvation Army Captain Beth Sawyers as the speaker.

Optional lunch follows the tea.

This is an authentic English tea party with British tea, scones, petite sandwiches and desserts.

Libby Lanzara and her mother Dorothy Martin, both Daughters of the British Empire, will be hosting the tea.

The public is invited to learn more about Women's Service League projects. There is no charge for the tea party.



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Murder mystery set in Granbury

Charles Somerville (center) is flanked by Lori and Mark Collinworth at a book signing Thursday. Somerville's book, "The Granbury Murders," is available locally at The Wagon Yard and on Amazon.com. The book is his first mystery novel and he's working on a sequel. A re-

tired Presbyterian minister, Somerville served in Granbury for 18 years. He also taught at TCU, Tarleton University, Texas Tech University and the University of Oklahoma – where he received a PhD in communication.

Calendar

The Community Calendar is a free listing in the Hood County news to inform readers of community programs, special meetings and nonprofit events.

To be considered for publication, organizations must include the agenda for the meeting, or the speaker's name and topic. Information should be submitted two weeks prior to the event for consideration.

Email information (including the location and street address) to calendar@hcnews.com.

MARCH

SATURDAY, MARCH 4

FRIENDS FOR ANIMALS fundraiser for at Revolver Brewing Company, 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.

TEXAS HISTORY stroll in parking lot area near Acton Cemetery State Park in honor of Texas Independence Day, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., free event with black powder cannon, reenactors and more.

MONDAY, MARCH 6

ALZHEIMER'S DISEASE support group discusses how to effectively communicate with patients, 10 a.m., Acton United Methodist Church.

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

LIONS CLUB welcomes CEO Derrick Cuenca from Lake Granbury Medical Center, noon, Spring Creek Barbeque, 317 Highway 377 E.

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.

GRANBURY KIWANIS honor Granbury, Tolar and Lipan ISD first-through fourth-grade Super Citizens, noon, Granbury Resort Conference Center. Parents invited.

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., First Christian Church, 2109 Highway 377 W., 817-579-1779.

CIVIL WAR Roundtable will hear a program about "An Evening with Ed Bearss," 6:30 p.m., Spring Creek Barbeque, 317 Highway 377 E.

TEXAS DEMOCRATIC Women of Hood County welcomes guest speaker Karen Rasco, 11 a.m., Spring Creek Barbeque, 317 Highway 377 E.

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 admission, deCordova Bend Country Club, 5301 Country Club Dr.

KNITTING GUILD welcomes Suzie Christy with a program on knitting baby hats, 9:30 a.m., First Presbyterian Church, 303 W. Bridge St., 817-578-1581.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 15

REPUBLICAN WOMEN of Hood County welcome guest speaker James Logan, 10:30 a.m., The Fillin' Station, 100 N. Crockett, 817-894-3974.

THURSDAY, MARCH 16

GRANBURY KIWANIS welcome Audrie Sherrod, who will discuss Habitat For Humanity, noon, Farina's Restaurant on the Square.

FRIDAY, MARCH 17

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.

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Chronic stress can lead to chronic health conditions

Stress is an unfortunate fact of life for most people: that feeling of worry, dread, or nervous anticipation that accompanies the challenges we deal with on the job or in the home, during our daily commute or errands, or in our dealings with family, friends or colleagues.



Tyrus Frerking, D.O.
Cardiology

When we encounter a stressful situation – no matter how nerve-racking it may be, our body physically reacts, releasing hormones that enable us to deal with the circumstances: the well-known ‘fight or flight’ reaction. These hormones – adrenaline, which increases our heart rate; and cortisol, which elevates blood pressure and increases the amount of blood sugar in our system – were intended to help us to survive imminent danger.

Nowadays, we’re not dealing with short, intense survival situations such as wild animals or unfriendly cave dwellers – instead, the source of stress might be the cubicle dweller next door, a family member you don’t see eye-to-eye with, or gridlock on the interstate. Today, the “stressors” in our lives are more likely to be prolonged, continual irritants – and our bodies have less recovery time between one stressful episode and the next. This lack of “down time” between periods of stress can adversely impact our health.

What happens when our bodies release chemicals designed to fight danger, and the sources of this stress remain or we don’t get sufficient rest recovery between one stressful event and the next? This prolonged, continual stress – on and off, for days or weeks at a time – is known as chronic stress. Chronic stress has been linked to numerous

health problems, such as high blood pressure and high cholesterol, cardiovascular problems, headaches and stomach pain, depression, and a weakened immune system.

Studies have not proven that stress directly causes health problems, but it contributes to behavioral and lifestyle habits that negatively affect our health. For example, stress does not cause high blood pressure, according to the American Heart Association, but the coping mechanisms that Americans use to deal with stress – most of them unhealthy – do. These include eating foods high in fat and sodium which lends to being overweight, drinking excess alcohol, smoking and being too tired to be physically active.

Likewise, the link between stress and heart disease is not a direct correlation, but it’s known that chronic stress causes an increase in the heart rate and blood pressure. Long-term, this may contribute to coronary artery disease – damage to the walls of the arteries which, in turn, can contribute to an increased risk of a heart attack. Stress is also linked to blood clots, arrhythmia (abnormal heartbeat) and heart failure.

Stress can also make you sick. Stress-related hormones affect the immune system, decreasing the body’s ability to fight off colds and other respiratory infections. Research has shown that people under continual stress get colds and flu more often, and heal more slowly after being injured. The continual tension in the muscles when you are stressed can lead to neck, shoulder and low back pain – and stress can further inflame joint conditions such as rheumatoid arthritis.

Stress can make pre-existing conditions worse, such as asthma, chronic obstructive pulmonary disease (COPD), gastroesophageal reflux disease (GERD), or irritable bowel syndrome (IBS). People with asthma who are under extreme stress can experience more severe and frequent asthma attacks, because chronic stress prompts the body to release the hormones that dilate blood vessels, intensifying the lungs inflammatory response, and constricts the airways.



Stress shows up in other ways, as well. It is one of the primary contributors to skin conditions like acne, as well as psoriasis, a chronic skin condition and autoimmune disease characterized by itchy, red, scaly skin and painful joints.

Stress can also cause us to lose sleep, costing us valuable recharging time. While we sleep, the body resets various internal functions lowering blood pressure; rejuvenating muscles; restoring energy; and releasing hormones that regulate appetite, internal organ function, our immune system, and tissue growth and repair. Insufficient sleep also inhibits our ability to effectively deal with the stress we encounter during the day.

About the Author: Tyrus Frerking, D.O. is a board-certified interventional cardiology specialist and a member of the Lake Granbury Medical Center medical staff. To contact Dr. Frerking, use the Find-A-Doctor tool at LakeGranburyMedicalCenter.com or call (817) 579-3970.

Remember that this information is not intended to replace the advice of your doctor, but rather to increase awareness and help equip patients with information to facilitate conversations with their physician.

Lake Granbury Medical Center welcomes back Howard Monsour, M.D. Gastroenterologist

Howard Monsour, M.D. specializes in gastroenterology and hepatology. He is the former Chief of the Section of Hepatology and Associate Professor of Clinical Medicine at Weill Cornell Medical College and the Institute for Academic Medicine at Houston Methodist Hospital before he recently relocated to Granbury.



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During his academic and clinical career he has particularly focused on treating patients with chronic hepatitis C. Dr. Monsour has been an investigator in a wide range of clinical trials for investigational medicines to treat hepatitis C, hepatitis B, hepatocellular carcinoma and other liver diseases.

Dr. Monsour was the former Director of the Kidney Hepatitis C Clinic and Co-director of the Methodist Liver Cancer Program. He is a member of the American College of Gastroenterology, American Association for the Study of Liver Disease and the European Association for the Study of Liver Disease.

Dr. Monsour received a B.A. from St. Vincent College and M.D. from University of Autonoma de Guadalajara. He received his postgraduate training at the University of Nebraska Medical Center and is board certified in Gastroenterology and Transplant Hepatology. Dr. Monsour speaks multiple languages, including Spanish.



Don't Worry... **Be Happy**

Simple steps to defuse some of the stress in your life

Exercise. Regular exercise helps your brain to produce those feel-good endorphins, the hormones that elevate your mood; distracts you from negative thoughts; boosts your energy level and burns calories.

Get sufficient sleep. The National Sleep Foundation recommends at least 7 to 8 hours nightly for adults.

Share your feelings. Talk with a friend, a family member or a therapist, or keep a journal.

Spend time with friends and family. Studies show that people with strong social support networks – groups of friends and family that provide a sense of belonging, security, and a listening ear – handle stress better.

Meditate. Meditation, or guided thought, takes many forms: a slow, repetitive exercise like yoga or tai chi; relaxation training; stretching or deep breathing.

Indulge your sweet tooth. Yes – eat some chocolate! A recent study at the Nestle Research Center in Lausanne, Switzerland and

published in the Journal of Poteome Research found that eating the equivalent of one medium-sized dark chocolate bar (1.4 ounces) each day for two weeks decreased the level of the stress hormone cortisol and other fight-or-flight hormones in patients with high anxiety. Self-serving as it may seem, the study does add to a growing body of research about the health benefits of dark chocolate, including improved insulin sensitivity, reduced blood pressure, and improved mood. Just don't forget to exercise!



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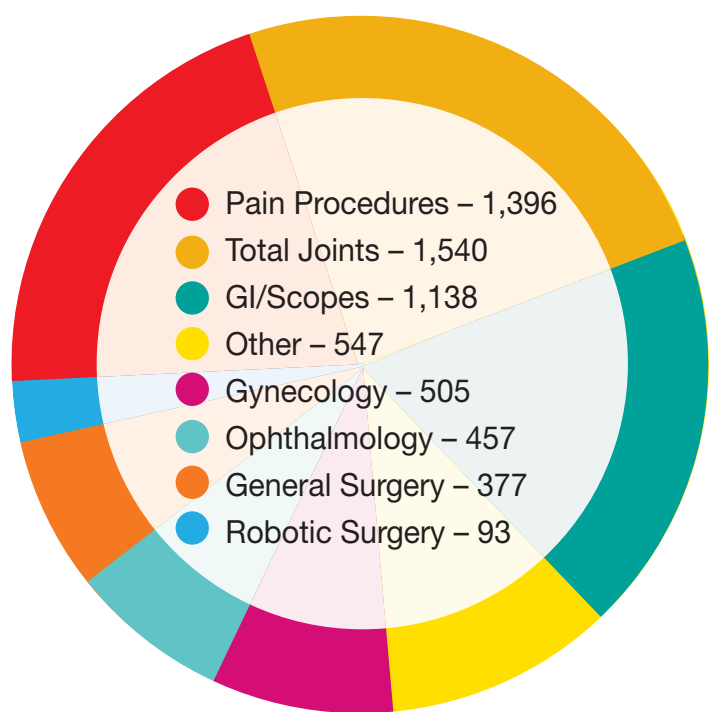
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6,053 Total Surgeries



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- Gastrointestinal (GI)/Endoscopy Services
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- Orthopedic Surgery (including joint replacement and anterior approach total hip replacement)
- Otolaryngology Surgery (ear, nose and throat)
- Pain Management
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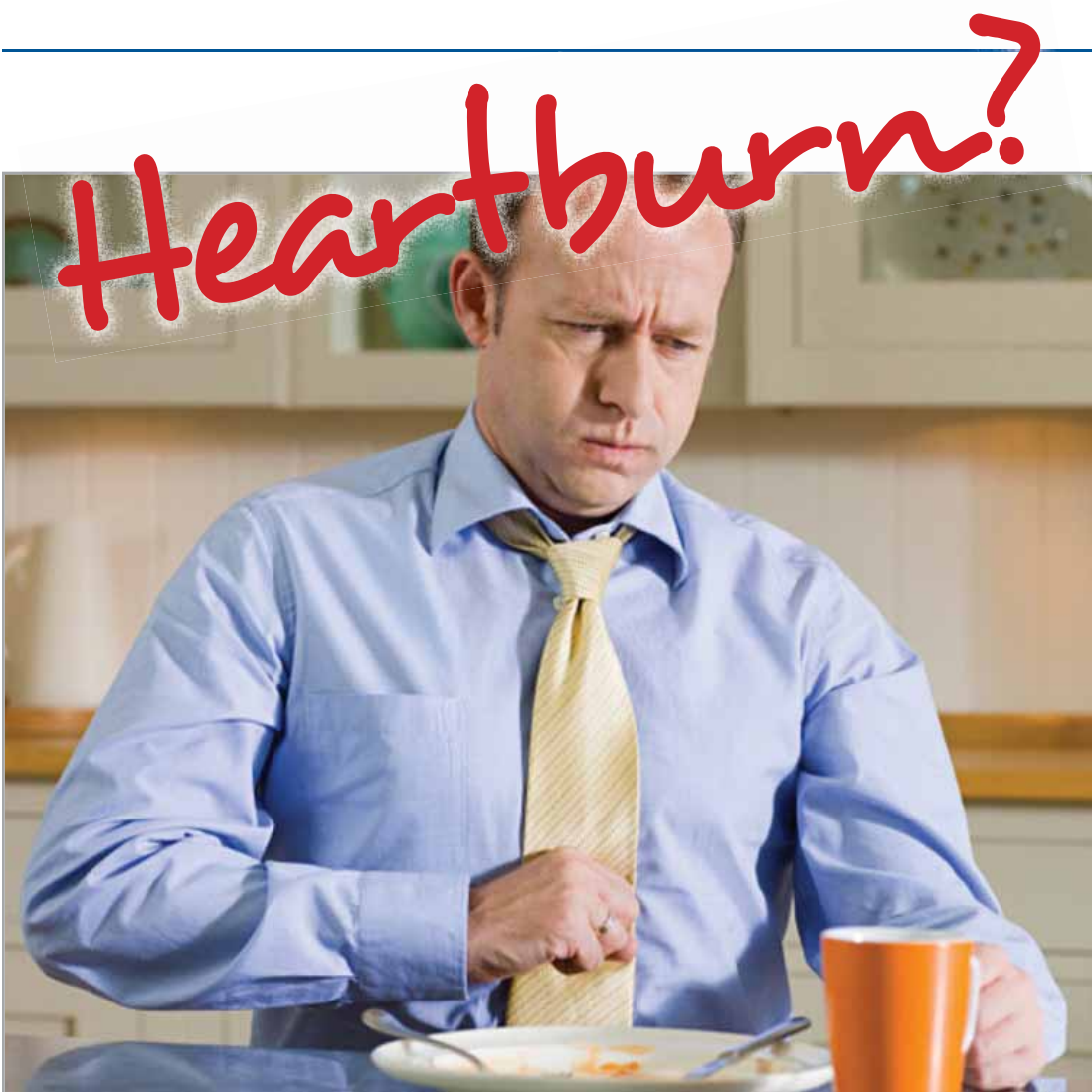
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Heartburn Seminar Dates:

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April 25, July 25 and October 24 - 5:30 p.m.

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For Your Health Community Calendar

Clinical Job Fair

Tuesday, March 7, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.
Hilton Garden Inn

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Healthy Woman Luncheon

Tuesday, March 14, 12 p.m. to 1 p.m.
Featuring Dr. Todd Belott, General and Bariatric Surgery
Granbury Resort and Conference Center

Thursday, March 30, 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.

Featuring Dr. Steven Morse, OB/Gyn and
Dr. Linda Heflin, Family Medicine
Agave Room in Stephenville

Tuesday, April 11, 12 p.m. to 1 p.m.

Featuring Dr. Howard Monsour, Gastroenterology
Granbury Resort and Conference Center

Weight Loss Seminar

Thursday, March 16, April 20, and May 18, 6 p.m. to 7 p.m.
MOB 2 / 2nd Floor Conference Rooms

The first step of your weight loss journey begins with learning about your options. This free seminar will cover a range of topics to help prepare you, as well as your friends and family, for what to expect from bariatric surgery. Accredited bariatric surgeon, Todd Belott, M.D., will review your options, surgery benefits, and eligibility requirements. Patients' spouses and family members interested in assisting and supporting the patient through the bariatric journey are encouraged to attend. To reserve your seat, please call 817-579-2979 or visit LakeGranburyWeightLoss.com. Registration is required.

Breastfeeding Class and Support Group

Tuesday, March 21, April 18, and May 16, 6 p.m. to 8 p.m.
MOB 2 / 2nd Floor Conference Rooms

This group is for breastfeeding moms and their babies and for pregnant women who are considering breastfeeding. It meets every third Tuesday from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. at Lake Granbury Medical Center's Medical Office Building 2, 1310B Paluxy Road, in the second floor conference room. Drops-in welcome, or for more information call 817-579-2969.

Heart Disease and Diabetes Risk Assessment

Wednesday, March 22, 7 a.m. to 9 a.m.
Lakeside Physicians Express Care

We invite you to take the first step towards a healthier heart. Your free assessment by a healthcare professional includes: cholesterol, blood pressure, and body mass index. To reserve your screening, please call 817-579-2979. Registration is required. Please do not eat anything after midnight on the evening prior to your appointment.

Senior Circle Brunch

Friday, March 24, 10 a.m. to 11 a.m.
Featuring Pat George, Nutritionist
Senior Circle Office / 1321 Water's Edge, Suite 1001

Friday, April 28, 10 a.m. to 11 a.m.

Featuring Beth Valashinas, D.O. Rheumatology
Senior Circle Office / 1321 Water's Edge, Suite 1001

Heartburn Seminar

Tuesday, April 25, 5:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.
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If you have heartburn twice a week or more, you may have acid reflux disease – but you don't have to suffer. Join us for this free seminar and learn about a new incisionless treatment for acid reflux. Board certified general surgeon, Peter Krone, M.D., will discuss the TIF procedure – an effective less invasive treatment option for chronic acid reflux, GERD, and heartburn. To reserve your seat, please call 817-579-2979 or visit LakeGranburyMedicalCenter.com. Registration is required.

Vein Seminar

Thursday, May 11, 5:00 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.
MOB 2 / 2nd Floor Conference Rooms

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Senior Circle Prom

Thursday, May 11, 5 p.m. to 8 p.m.
Granbury Resort and Conference Center

Join us for the 18th Anniversary celebration of Senior Circle. This year the theme is Blast from the Past. Enjoy dancing, a catered meal, and door prizes. Tickets go on sale March 20. For more information call 817-579-2979.

Healthy Woman Mom Expo

Saturday, May 13, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.
Granbury Resort and Conference Center

This event is designed to motivate, inspire, nurture, and reward women as they travel through their journey called motherhood". Whether you're an expectant mom, a new mom, or a mom of three or four, you're going to find something to love at the Healthy Woman Mom Expo. The event features exhibitors with special interest items particularly for women, moms of young children, and kids from newborns to school age, with educational content, and more.

Joint Pain and the Weekend Warrior

Prevent pain and injury so you can stay in the game

If that weekend Zumba class, game of basketball or run through the park has you limping into work on Monday morning, you are not alone. Sports injuries are now the second leading reason for physician office visits, behind only the common cold. Nearly 2 million Americans are newly diagnosed with knee pain each year. With studies showing that just one in five Americans get the recommended dose of daily exercise, it's no surprise that a growing number of these injuries are occurring in 'weekend warriors'.

It's not just baby boomers experiencing these problems. Physicians are seeing men and women in their 20s, 30s and 40s with stress and overuse injuries. If you're a weekend warrior, some of the most common injuries to watch out for

include:

- Sprained ankles. A very common injury as it can occur in almost any sport or activity. Common causes are stepping hard onto an uneven ground surface or changing direction too quickly.
- Shin splints. Pain felt in the front side of the lower leg, most commonly affecting runners.
- Rotator cuff injuries. Caused by repeated stress on the shoulder joint; can lead to torn ligaments in the front or back of the shoulder, sometimes requiring surgery.
- Golf or Tennis Elbow. Also known as tendonitis, results from strained or inflamed tendons on the inside or outside of the elbow.
- Achilles Tendonitis or Achilles Heel. Tendons in the back, lower part of the leg lose their elasticity with

age, making them vulnerable to inflammation, pain and tears from forceful running, jumping or pivoting.

- Plantar Fasciitis. Pain caused by running, or even walking, felt mostly at the bottom of the heel; may also radiate down the entire bottom of the foot.
- Knee pain. Very common in sports with lots of running; often caused by irritation on the undersurface of the kneecap, or from



wear and tear on the patella.

Most of these injuries occur as a result of overuse, poor flexibility and/or poor body mechanics, rather than as a result of accident or trauma. A few simple steps can dramatically reduce the likelihood of these types of injuries:

- Maintain a balanced workout plan. Performing a wider variety of physical activity – including some combination of cardiovascular, weight-training, cross-training and stretching exercises – can help you avoid injuries. Try to set a plan that allows regular exercise at least one or two times during the week, reducing the shock to your body on the weekend.

- Increase intensity gradually. Start any new activity with intensity levels you can handle, and ensure you don't increase those levels too quickly – 10 percent per week is a good rule.



- Listen to your body. The most important of the rules to follow. The theory "no pain, no gain" is not one that should be applied to the average weekend warrior or amateur athlete.

Pain – whether sharp or dull – is your body's way of alerting you that you are either doing too much, or not doing it correctly. Simply 'pushing past the pain' will often result in injury.



If you do experience an injury, consider trying to manage with R.I.C.E. – rest, ice, compression and elevation. If the pain lasts more than three days, it's a good idea to see a physician for an evaluation. You can also consider physical therapy services, either as a means to prevent injury or to manage one.

- Don't let joint pain slow you down. If you do not have a primary care or orthopedic physician, visit LakeGranburyMedicalCenter.com or call 817-578-8900 to find a physician.



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