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State Champs!



CELEBRATION TIME: As time expires in San Antonio, the Lipan Indians celebrate their third Class 1A boys' basketball title in school history. Lipan beat

Happy 46-43 in the Alamodome on Saturday morning, led by Ty Bryant's 17 points and 7 rebounds. Bryant was named the game's MVP, and he joined

his teammates Santana Martinez and Tate Phillips on the 1A All-Tournament team. For more on this game, please see pages 6A and 7A.

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Old Jail to get log cabin

BY KATHY CRUZ
HOOD COUNTY NEWS

Before long, school kids will get to tour a historic log cabin that once belonged to a former postmaster.

Last week, the Historic Preservation Commission granted a

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CABIN FEVER: This historic cabin at Bridge and Baker streets will at some point be moved to the site of the Old Jail Museum on Crockett Street just off the square, where school children and other visitors will be able to step inside it.

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New program targets 'average' students

BY KATHY CRUZ
HOOD COUNTY NEWS

Sometimes, the best treasures are hidden in the middle.

Everybody knows that the best part of an Oreo isn't the cookies, but the creamy center between them.

And the deliciousness of a juicy meat patty is hidden between two humdrum hamburger buns.

It can be that way with students, too.

But in the Granbury school district, that's about to change, through a program called AVID - Advancement Via Indi-



Shearon

vidual Determination. AVID provides a boost to those who fly under the radar in academia. They earn Bs, Cs and even Ds.

Those students may not be excelling in school because of "at risk factors going on," such as economic challenges or single parent households, according to Micky Shearon, a member and past president of the GUSD board of trustees.

They may be the first in their families to dream of going to

college.

"Those middle kids - they're not low performing, but they're certainly not excelling," Shearon said. "They just need some extra help to kind of get over the hump."

AVID is a global, non-profit organization that has been around for more than 35 years. Today, AVID impacts 1.5 million students in 46 states, including 16 other countries and territories, according to its website.

Through intensive support that includes tutorials and

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DIGGING AWAY: When armadillo excavations were intruding in her yard and garden, Shirley Meredith decided to take action. She caught the armadillo, skinned it and turned its hide into a decorative bowl. 1B.



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What Is It?



PHOTO COURTESY OF MIKE NICKOLAUS

WHAT IS IT? Mike Nickolaus and his wife found this handcarved bowl at a flea market and asked Hood County readers to help identify its original use.



PHOTO COURTESY OF E. R. WALT

PRE-CIVIL WAR: This dough bowl was passed down through E.R. Walt's wife's family since before the Civil War. It is similar to a bowl submitted by Mike Nickolaus and his wife to the "What Is It?" column. If you have an item you would like help identifying or learning more about, send Hood County News a photo.

Wooden object a dough bowl?

BY BETHANY KURTZ
HOOD COUNTY NEWS

A mysterious bowl-shaped object seems to be a kitchen item used in mixing and rising dough.

The Nickolauses submitted a photo of a wooden bowl they found at a flea market and restored.

"We noted that it appeared to have been hand carved from a single piece of wood," said Mike Nickolaus.

The bowl has three legs and is 20 inches long, 12 inches wide and 5 inches tall, he said. It weighs about 7 pounds.

Hood County News readers supported the Nickolauses' educated guess that the item was a bread or dough bowl.

"The mystery bowl you show seems to be very similar to this handcarved cypress bowl that belonged to my wife's great-grandmother," said E.R. Walt, from Rising Star. "She brought it with her from Louisiana to Texas before the Civil War."

"This one is 27.5" long, 13.5" wide and 3.5" high. It was used in her family for generations to mix the morning biscuits and other general baking."

Tish McKamy said the bowl is

similar to one that had been in her family for decades.

"I have one my husband's great-grandfather made, but it's more oval," McKamy wrote.

New Hampshire Bowl and Board produces wooden dough bowls and provides customers some historical context on its website. "In colonial America, dough bowls provided a snug, warm place in which bread could rise prior to baking," according to the website. "Wooden bowls have always been the preferred choice for bread-making because the heat generated by the yeast is retained in the wood, giving the dough an even rise - and because the bowl's high sides protect the dough from drafts."

However, most images of dough bowls show feet or legs like the Nickolaus bowl.

If you have an item you would like help identifying or to learn more about, submit a photo and a short description. If you recognize an item, give us a call, an email or a letter explaining what you know about the object.

Direct calls and emails to Bethany Kurtz at bkurtz@hcnnews.com or 817-573-7066, ext. 256.

MIDDLE: School support

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positive peer groups, students improve their skills in critical thinking, literacy and math, becoming better prepared for college.

According to Sharon Williams, GISD's director of curriculum and instruction, the AVID program promotes organization, student collaboration and a high level of note taking called Cornell Notes.

"GISD specifically partnered with AVID because of the years of data that prove that students with these skills choose college and are highly successful in whatever they choose to do after they graduate," she said.

AVID students will be re-

quired to take at least one advanced course, Williams stated.

They will attend college field trips to visit with admissions counselors, students and professors, according to Williams.

At the start of their senior year, AVID students will complete the ApplyTexas college application and FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid), along with any other applications required.

"The largest percentage of kids, really, that's where they live, is in that middle ground," said Shearon.

"That's the idea behind putting some additional support behind those kids."



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Get your green ready for parade

A parade on the square is planned at noon for St. Patrick's Day on Friday. Nick Sager has been leading this event for years and plans again to be in costume. Those wanting to parade are encouraged to dress in green and meet behind the Opera House prior to noon or join the parade festivities already in progress.

Two parades for the price of one

BY DEBBIE SCHNEIDER
HOOD COUNTY NEWS

We all know Granbury loves a parade. This weekend you get a two-fer.

The St. Patrick's Day parade is Friday, while General Granbury's parade is Saturday.

Nick Sager plans to don his "leprechaun" costume for the annual St. Patrick's Day Parade at noon Friday on the square. Sager has carried out this tradition for years.

Anyone interested is invited to join the parade. Participants will gather behind the Opera House. Green clothing or costumes are encouraged.

General Granbury's birthday parade takes place at noon Saturday.

The route will be a little different this year, due to construction on the square at Bridge Street.

The parade will start at the Granbury ISD administration parking lot at Pearl and Morgan streets, head east on Pearl past the square and end at Hewlett Park, across from City Beach.

ST. PADDY'S PUB CRAWL FRIDAY

Sponsors of the St. Paddy's Pub Crawl

promise live music and possible shenanigans Friday night from 5 to 10.

Tickets are \$25, and include a drink at each location.

Souvenir T-shirts are available as long as supplies last.

Participating "pubs" include D'Vine Wine, Christina's Bistro, Ketzler's Schnitzel Haus and Biergarten, and Farina's Winery & Cafe.

Tickets will be available at each location during the event.

Armbands will be given to participants. Remember to bring your ID.

GENERAL GRANBURY'S PARTY SATURDAY AND SUNDAY ON SQUARE

Beans on the Brazos is the theme for General Granbury's birthday party on the square.

Birthday cake is offered at 10 a.m. Saturday during opening ceremonies.

Cook-offs for beans, brisket and ribs are planned Saturday and Sunday.

Bean tastings, bull riding on the beach, an outhouse race and all kinds of vendors are part of the celebration.

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

FRIDAY, MARCH 17

Noon. St. Patrick's Day parade on square. 5-10 p.m. Second annual St. Paddy's Pub Crawl on the square.

SATURDAY, MARCH 18

9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Festival vendors open on the square.
10 a.m. Opening ceremonies, birthday cake and ice cream served.
11 a.m. Bean cups for tastings are \$2, tastings run from noon to 3 p.m.
Noon: Parade with County Commissioner Steve Berry as grand marshal.
1 p.m. Bull riding at City Beach.
3:30 p.m. Outrageous outhouse race will start at corner of Crockett and Pearl streets.
4 p.m. Mutton bustin' at City Beach.
5:30 p.m. Cook-off awards for beans and ribs.
6 p.m. Main Event bull riding at City Beach.

SUNDAY, MARCH 19

10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Festival vendors open on the square.
Noon. Bean cups go on sale for tastings.
4:30 p.m. Cook-off awards for brisket. People's Choice Award for beans.

Inmate transported to hospital, later dies

A Hood County jail inmate died Monday after being found unresponsive in his cell, authorities said.

Around 8:30 p.m. Monday, Hood County Sheriff's Office jailers found Angel Isaiah Hernandez, 25, of Granbury, in his cell and non-responsive, according to Public Information Officer Lt. Johnny Rose.

An ambulance was called, and Hernandez was transported to Lake Granbury Medical Center where he later died, he said.

Medical issues are suspected due to no other cause being apparent,



Hernandez

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

Hernandez was in jail on a criminal trespass charge, awaiting trial, according to Rose. He had been in jail since Jan. 29.

The family of Hernandez has been notified, and the case is under investigation by the Hood County Sheriff's Office and the Texas Rangers.

Horticulturist to give home landscape tips

Thinking about a new landscape for your home?

You may want to check out a free lecture today (Wednesday) sponsored by the Lake Granbury Master Gardeners.

Steve Huddleston, senior horticulturist at the Fort Worth Botanic Gardens, will give tips on residen-

tial landscape design.

The lecture begins at 1 p.m. and takes place in Annex I, 1410 W. Pearl St., Granbury.

Huddleston is author of "Easy Gardens for North Central Texas and Easy Container Gardens."

For more information call 817-579-3280.

CABIN: Historic

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request by Karen Nace, president of the Hood County Museum, for a Certificate of Appropriateness to allow the cabin to be moved from its current location at Bridge and Baker streets to the Old Jail Museum just off the square.

The board of the Hood County Museum is responsible for the Old Jail Museum, the historic railroad depot and the old light plant.

Nace said that the historic cabin will be better protected when moved to the jail property, where it can be enjoyed by visitors.

The cabin, which has a loft and is the standard 14-by-16 square feet, once belonged to Elmore Horace Snider, Nace said.

Born in 1841 in Virginia, Snider was a cabinet maker who fought along with his brother in the Civil War. He was postmaster for Painter Branch (sometimes incorrectly referred to as "Panter Branch), Pony Creek Branch and Hill City.

The log cabin was moved to its current location almost 50 years ago.

Nace said that the cabin has been thought by some to be the first log cabin in the area, but that's not true. Nevertheless, "it's a cool source of history," she said.

Nace said that she is not sure when the cabin might be moved. Volunteers and donations will be needed, she said.

Nace estimates that the cost involved in re-roofing and moving the structure will come to about \$10,000.

Anyone wanting to help can call the Hood County Jail Museum at 817-573-5135.

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Bluff Dale Post Office hit in early morning crash

A vehicle crashed through the front wall of the Bluff Dale Post Office on Thursday.

Just after the Post Office opened around 9:30 a.m., Cheryl Rhodes, a 63-year-old Bluff Dale resident, ran her vehicle into and through the front wall of the building.

According to Texas Highway Patrol Staff Sergeant Dub Gilum, Rhodes said she hit the accelerator instead of the brake.

She suffered minor injuries in the crash. No one in the building was injured.

No citation issued. The crash was investigated by the Texas Highway Patrol in Stephenville.

Gunshots lead to Hood County man's arrest

A Hood County resident was arrested for deadly conduct and several other charges on Thursday.

Around 4 p.m., Granbury police responded to reports of shots fired in the 700 block of North Crockett Street, according to Granbury Police Sgt. Cris Brichetto.

A witness provided a description and partial license plate of the suspect's vehicle. Hood County sheriff's deputies located the vehicle at the corner of West Rucker and North Travis streets, about four blocks away.

The driver was Lucas Thiago Viveiros Silva. Officers reported smelling marijuana and alcohol while talking to Silva.

Marijuana, a multi-colored glass pipe containing residue and emitting an odor of burned marijuana, a gun and two shell casings were in Silva's vehicle, Brichetto said.

He was transported to the Hood County Jail and booked on deadly conduct - discharge firearm, unlawful carrying weapon, driving while intoxicated and possession of marijuana less than 2 ounces.



COMMUNITY SERVICE: Benjamin Mathews, standing center, volunteers and other members of Boy Scout Troop 148 show off their handiwork in Rolling Hill Shores park. Mathews, 14, completed his Eagle Scout project

for the park, adding park benches and a picnic table to replace ones that had been damaged or washed away. The community is enthusiastic about the changes. The park is used most by families for picnics.

Eagle Scout project brings new life to community park

BY BETHANY KURTZ
HOOD COUNTY NEWS

A small Hood County community is enjoying a more inviting park thanks to one boy's Eagle Scout project.

Benjamin Mathews, a 14-year-old homeschooled, chose to use his Eagle Scout project to benefit a local community by building a picnic table and park benches for the Rolling Hill Shores community park. The development is located off Tin Top Highway close to the northern Hood County Line. The park is next to the development's boat ramp and fishing dock at the end of Bedford Street.

"Rolling Hills Shores is an economically disadvantaged community," said Cherie Rodenburgh, president of the development's homeowners association.

The park is used predominantly for family picnics. To understand the difference Mathews' project has made, people have to imagine what was there before, she said.

"There was only one broken picnic table perched on three-and-a-half corroded metal legs

and no benches for parents to watch their kids play," Rodenburgh explained.

The park periodically floods, Mathew said, allowing the equipment to rust or be washed away.

So Mathew organized local donations of materials and services along with volunteers from his Boy Scout Troop 148 to install more permanent items.

"They are made with good material and will last a long time," he said.

Donated or discounted materials were provided by Home Depot, Lowe's and Henson Building Materials in Cresson. Diamond C Sandblasting and Brazos Powder Coating donated services. Elite Custom Cabinets assisted with the cutting, specialty tools and project design. Chick-fil-A and Pizza Hut donated food for volunteers the day the benches and table were installed.

The new benches and table were immediately noticed, Rodenburgh said.

"We've received many positive comments from residents who are happy to have a nice place to take their children,"

she said.

"Benjamin was a joy to work with. He is courteous and unassuming," she added. "He did a superb job. He gave the residents of Rolling Hills something they will enjoy for years to come."

The HOA board hopes to use Mathews' design to add more benches and tables when the funds and volunteers are available, she said.

Mathew is currently waiting to for his final Eagle Scout paperwork packet to be processed before he can officially be awarded the rank of Eagle Scout, the highest rank in the organization.

But completing this project is not the end of his Boy Scout journey, Mathews said. A scout since first grade, he plans to continue giving back to the organization, community and troop mates that have taught him so much.

"Scouting was all my interests combined. It had outdoor interests, communication and leadership - all of those skills in one program," Mathews said. "There are a lot of people here dedicated to this program."

While 14 years old is rather

young to attempt an Eagle Scout project, Mathews said it runs in the family. His older brother finished his Eagle Scout project at 13, a motivating factor for him.

"The things that I could learn later on, I might as well as learn it now," he explained.

He looks forward to attending some Boy Scout activities that he wasn't old enough for before like High Adventure Camps. He also plans to help others in his troop reach the rank of Eagle Scout, Mathews said.

"Eagle Scout is not something where you stop afterward. You are supposed to come back and help others improve," he explained. "This process definitely helped me as a leader. Younger people do look up to you, to older people and those who have their Eagle Rank - I know that from personal experience."

Overall, the most satisfying part of earning Eagle Scout is knowing he created something to benefit others, he said.

"You are helping peoples' futures. It may not be your future, but the community's," he said.

Heroin located on traffic stop

A Bedford man was arrested in Hood County following a traffic stop Thursday.

At around 8:30 p.m., the Hood County Sheriff's Office Street Crimes Unit conducted a traffic stop at the 7700 block of Highway 377 East, said Public Information Officer Lt. Johnny Rose.

Deputies found Michael Chase Jacobs, 26, in possession of 1.9 grams of heroin, Rose said.

Jacobs was arrested and charged with possession of a controlled substance, a third-degree felony with a \$10,000 bond.



Jacobs



HOOD COUNTY 4-H

4-H student demonstrate excellent judging

The Hood County 4-H's Horse Judging team No. 1 was fifth overall out of 38 teams at the Houston Horse Judging Contest. Naomi Ornelles was high point individual out of 126 competitors. Cameron Jenkins was 20th. Jenkins was eighth in Reasons, and Ornelles was fourth in Reasons.



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SUNDAY ARRESTS: A Hood County Sheriff's deputy works at a residence in the 5400 block of Frank Lane. On Sunday afternoon, one person was transported to the hospital for drug related medical issues and three more were arrested on drug related charges.

911 info call leads to drug arrest

BY BETHANY KURTZ
HOOD COUNTY NEWS

Three Granbury residents were arrested on drug charges Sunday after deputies were called to the scene of a medical emergency.

More than 2 grams of heroin were discovered by deputies, authorities said.

On Sunday around 12:30 p.m., Hood County Sheriff's Office deputies responded to the

5400 block of Frank Lane just west of Acton in reference to a call about drug use.

One person was transported to the hospital, said Sheriff Roger Deeds.

At the scene, Kauri Jean Keith, 18, was arrested for drug possession, according to Public Information Officer Lt. Johnny Rose.

Deputies then began searching for two other men who had fled on foot from the house,

Rose said.

"We had received information that they were there at the residence and had taken off before deputies arrived," Rose said. "We went looking for them."

Deputies found Matthew Christopher Tornik, 19, and Caden Bryce Sheppard, 20, near the scene. Tornik was arrested without incident, Rose said, but Sheppard fled on foot from deputies.

After a short foot chase, Sheppard was taken into custody.

Sheppard was charged with possession of a controlled substance, third-degree felony with a \$5,000 bond, and evading arrest, a class A misdemeanor with a \$2,500 bond.

Tornik was charged with possession of a controlled substance.

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- 13 TX fire ant. e.g. wife of late TX John Connally (init.)
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- 26 TXism: "____ your poison" (choose)
- 27 TXism: "happy as a kid in ____ store"
- 28 actress Rita
- 29 TXism: "he's ____ you shouldn't mess with" (mean)
- 31 strong beer
- 32 TXism: "worn ____ -frazzle"
- 33 TXism: "at the ____ hat"
- 38 "____ and a puff"
- 40 "yes" south of the border
- 41 quilting or killer
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- 49 bib over
- 51 "Dallas" character: Sue ____ Ewing
- 52 TXism for "beer"
- 57 TXism: "he can stay neck 'n neck with ____ TX jackrabbit"
- 58 TXism: "____ soul" (no one)

VOLUNTEER NETWORK

GRANBURY WINE WALK

Volunteers needed for the Granbury Wine Walk, scheduled Friday, April 28 from 2 to 8 p.m. and Saturday, April 29 from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. on the Granbury square. To sign up, go to www.granburywinewalk.com, click on "Participate," and then choose "Volunteer."

RELAY FOR LIFE

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

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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.

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FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY

Volunteers needed at organization's bookstore at 222 N. Travis St. Store hours are Monday, Wednesday through Saturday, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. and Tuesdays between 10 a.m. and 6 p.m. Email aogaichi@charter.net.

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.

RUTH'S PLACE

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GRANBURY REACH OUT

Needs volunteers of all ages to help the less fortunate with home repairs, 9 a.m. to noon each Saturday. Call 817-219-5374 or visit granburyreachout.com.

HOOD COUNTY ANIMAL CONTROL

Needs volunteers to work with animals. Call Sgt. Kelly McNab at 817-573-4277 or visit 1550 Weatherford Highway during normal business hours.

PROJECT 44

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HOST FAMILIES

World Heritage, a nonprofit organization, is seeking families to host foreign exchange students. Call 817-326-2919.

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Elsie Diane Bleeker



Elsie Diane Bleeker, 59, of Granbury answered the call of Heaven on Saturday, March 11, 2017.

Service: 10 a.m. Wednesday, March 15, 2017, Wiley Funeral Home Chapel. Interment: Acton Cemetery.

Visitation: 6 to 8 p.m. Tuesday, March 14, 2017, Wiley Funeral Home in Granbury.

"Diane" was born Nov. 2, 1957, to Bud M. Davis and Fannie Mae Farrens Davis. She was a life-long resident of Granbury and Hood County and a member of Southside Baptist Church.

Diane loved life. Despite several years of injuries and illness she found much joy in living and giving to her family. Her grandchildren were the light of her life, and nothing pleased her more than being able to watch one of their soccer or baseball games. She will be greatly missed.

She was preceded in death by her parents and a brother, Billy Wayne Davis.

Diane is survived by husband,

Duane M. Bleeker of Granbury; sons, Brian (wife, Melony), Brandon (wife, Aimee); daughter, Carly (husband, Dustin), all of Granbury; grandchildren, Allison and Addie Bleeker, Blakely, Easton, Bowen Bleeker, Brayden Bleeker, and Kyler and Camden Sayer, all of Granbury; sisters, Mary Ann Morris of Cumley, Linda Brock and husband Richard; brother, Leon Davis (wife, Debbie) of Granbury; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Arrangements made by Wiley Funeral Home.

Joyce Matthews



Joyce Matthews, 82, passed away Friday, March 10, 2017, in Granbury.

Service: 2 p.m. Wednesday, March 15, 2017, at Acton Baptist Church. Interment: Holly Hills Memorial Park.

Visitation: 6 to 8 p.m. Tuesday, March 14 at Wiley Funeral Home. Memorials: American Cancer Society.

Joyce was born Sept. 3, 1934, in Haskell County to Lark and Zora Melton.

She was preceded in death by her husband of 60 years, Curtis Elton Matthews Sr.; sisters, Zona and Nell; brothers, Gwynn, Benny, B.L. and Harold; and her parents.

Joyce was survived by her daughter, Vicki Matthews and fiancé, Steven Holbrook of Arlington; her sons, Curt Matthews Jr. and wife, Christi of

Granbury, and Tommy Matthews and wife, Bridgette of Tolar; grandchildren, Jim, Marci, Ashley, Cory, Catherine, Case, Kaylee and Cru; and five great-grandchildren.

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Carolyn Elizabeth Lance



Carolyn Elizabeth Lance of Granbury passed away Jan. 9, 2017, in Granbury.

Memorial service: 2 p.m. Saturday, March 18, 2017, Sky Harbour Club House.

Carolyn was born Feb. 24, 1945, in Fort Worth to Clyde and Dorothy Taff.

She retired from Bell Helicopter after 23 years. She enjoyed fishing, bowling, gardening and playing baseball. Her passing has left a huge empty space in our lives and hearts. She will be loved and missed forever.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Clyde and Dorothy Taff; twins, Donny and Johnny Lance and two brothers, Derrell and Gary Taff.

Carolyn is survived by her husband, Johnny Lance; children, Danny, Kimberly, Dena

(Sheldon) Murray, Jeff, and John; sister, Sharon; nine grandchildren, six great-grandchildren, numerous cousins, nieces, nephews, friends, and her best friend, Niko.

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Omar Welch Keeton



Omar Welch Keeton, 90, went home to his Lord and Savior Thursday, March 9, 2017, in Granbury following a brief illness.

Gathering: 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Saturday, March 18, 2017, at Wiley Funeral Home in Granbury.

Private family services at DFW National Cemetery in the future.

In lieu of flowers, please give to The American Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (ASPCA) www.aspc.org.

Omar was born April 22, 1926, in Hillsboro. He proudly served his country during WWII as a sergeant in the U.S. Army Air Corp. He graduated with a master's degree from Baylor University, in Waco. Omar loved his family beyond measure. His great story telling was legendary to all who knew him, and with his genuine smile and positive demeanor, Omar never met a stranger. He lived his life with great integrity, always mindful of setting a good example for both family and friends. Omar also brought the same credibility and dedication to his businesses, which included Coach and Educator, owner of Keeton Sporting Goods (Arlington) and, for the last 40-plus years, custom homebuilder.

Just a few of Omar's life enjoyment: Texas UIL State Basketball Tournament attended since 1950; camping, hunting and fishing with 'his boys,' watching Paul, Tim and John

play basketball in their youth and continuing to watch all sports through his many grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Leo Keeton and Robbie Lee (Welch) Keeton and siblings, Doris, Hood, E.L. and Stanley.

Survivors: Wife, Geneva Keeton; children, Kathy Magill (Patrick), Connie Keeton, Paul Keeton (Debbie), Tim Keeton (Kim), and (like a son) John Otto; grandchildren, Jennifer Zacharias, Chad Magill, Ryan Davie, Christine Lawless, Ashlea Stanton, Cole Keeton, Trent Keeton, Kacie Smith, Sara File, Clint Keeton, Kendall Keeton; 22 great-grandchildren; sister, Eulayne Ellis and sister-in-law, Bettye DeCoursey; and numerous nieces, nephews and cousins.

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Park's new playground to open Monday, March 27

BY KATHY CRUZ
HOOD COUNTY NEWS

Weather permitting, the new Optimist Playground at City Park will open to the public on Monday, March 27.

City crews were busy last week taking down the old play equipment that has been in place for many years. This week, they are installing the new equipment.

After the new equipment is installed, the city will need about 10 days or so to do some updates on sidewalks in order to meet ADA (Americans with Disabilities Act) requirements and to install the engineered wood fiber that will surround the playground, according to Public Information Officer Bethany Kyle.

The new playground is a \$100,000 project, and involved a partnership between the city and the Optimist Club.

Mayor Nin Hulett is a member of the club. It was he who approached the group to ask about updating the playground.

The Optimist Club donated \$30,000 for the new equipment, some of which is handicapped accessible.

Optimist Club spokesman Mark Jackson told the Hood County News late last year – just before the group presented a check to the City Council – that \$5,000 of the money came through fundraising, and \$25,000 was from a Certificate of Deposit that came due.

The city has kicked in just under \$70,000. That money came from surplus sales tax revenues earned during the 2015-2016 fiscal year.

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NEW PLAYGROUND: City crews have been busy dismantling the Optimist Playground that has been at the City Park for many years in preparation for installing new play equipment. The \$100,000 project is being funded through a gift of \$30,000 from the Optimist Club and almost \$70,000 from surplus sales tax revenues paid to the city. The new playground is expected to open to the public on March 27, weather permitting.

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Big 'Gaines' TV stars' Magnolia Realty coming to Granbury

BY KATHY CRUZ
HOOD COUNTY NEWS

TV home makeover stars Chip and Joanna Gaines are coming to Granbury.

Well, kinda sorta.

Waco-based Magnolia Realty, of which Chip is co-owner and co-founder, has chosen Granbury as the site of its first "brick and mortar" office outside its home base of Waco, according to entrepreneur and Realtor Paula McDonald.

She said a representative of the company came to town to look things over week before last.

The Granbury High School graduate, who recently moved from Houston back to Granbury with her husband, Mark, said she will be leasing office space on the square for the Magnolia Realty offshoot, with a goal of having a Grand Opening on Saturday, May 6.

McDonald and her husband also are planning a wedding venue called Chateau Chevaux. That project is still working its way through city channels.

Magnolia Realty has agents in Waco and four other major Texas cities – Austin, Dallas, Houston and San Antonio – according to its website.

McDonald said that Magnolia has agents in those cities but no offices for hanging a Magnolia Realty shingle.

She said that the Gaineses have 16 companies, and the realty company is under their corporate umbrella.

"It's just now really starting to take off, but all of the agents are 'virtual' agents. Their home office is in Waco," she said.

McDonald said that she is still in lease negotiations for office space on the square. As yet, she does not know how many agents she will hire.

"I'm just getting everything ready and interviewing agents and getting ready to get this thing kicked off," she said.

McDonald said that many people are familiar with "the whole Magnolia story" of Chip and Joanna Gaines and that Granbury will benefit from that association.

"It's a very fresh new business to bring to Granbury," she said. "And I think it says a lot for Granbury that they came and agreed that this would be a great location for them to have an actual storefront, or office-front – to have a physical presence outside of Waco."

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Education legislation forum set for Thursday, 6:30 p.m.

The Hood County Democratic Club is hosting a non-partisan Education Forum tomorrow night (Thursday) at 6:30.

It will be held in the meeting room at Annex I, 1410 W. Pearl St.

The meeting is free and open to the public.

The forum will examine the effect on local schools of legis-

lation that has been proposed at the state and national levels.

Panelists will include GISD Superintendent James Largent, GISD trustee Rhonda Rezsofi and Patty Sisco, an educator, school counselor and community columnist for the Dallas Morning News. The audience will be encouraged to participate in the discussion.



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Defense wins championship

Martinez's steal seals Lipan state title

BY GRANT MCGALLIARD
HOOD COUNTY NEWS

SAN ANTONIO – Lipan head coach Brent Gaylor said earlier in the 2017 UIL 1A state playoffs that his team's defense drives their offense, and that Lipan wouldn't be where they were without their effort on that end of the floor.

On Saturday morning in San Antonio, Lipan's defense in the final seconds won them a state championship.

The Lipan Indians claimed their third 1A boys' basketball championship Saturday, beating the Happy Cowboys 46-43 and fulfilling their journey to avenge last year's loss to Avinger in the regional semifinal.

It was a tense affair, as Lipan never led by double digits even though they held the upper hand for over 29 minutes.

"I thought all along that we were the two best teams in the state," Gaylor said. "We knew they were going to come after us and give us all they had."

Happy kept it close, using an outstanding performance by 6'5" senior center Sterling White to never let Lipan feel comfortable. The Indians had a seven-point lead at the end of the third quarter, but the Cowboys made their move in the fourth.

Lipan endured a 2:55 scoring drought in the fourth quarter, and Happy crawled back from a 44-37 deficit with 3:10 left to cut the Indian lead to just one point.

The Cowboys forced a turnover as Lipan tried to drain time off the clock, and suddenly the momentum and the ball were both in Happy's hands with 20 seconds left.

That's when point guard Santana Martinez made the play of the season for Lipan.

Martinez blanketed Happy guard Karson Bryan as he crossed the halfcourt line and forced a steal. He was fouled on his fastbreak layup attempt, and with 15.4 seconds remain-

ROSTER

Below is the roster of the 2017 UIL 1A boys' basketball state champion Lipan Indians.

00 Santana Martinez
3 Tyler Rice
*11 Hayden Richardson
*21 Eric Miller
*22 Tate Phillips
23 Ty Phillips
24 Ty Bryant
32 Layton Sharp
34 William Westerhaus
35 Carter McFadden
*42 Derrick Cook
45 Bryce Shockley
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ing, Martinez had two free-throws to bring Lipan's lead to three.

For the second straight game in a row at the foul line, Martinez delivered, burying both free throws and ensuring that Happy would have to make a three-pointer to force overtime.

Defense, again, saved Lipan's title on the last possession, as Bryce Shockley knocked the ball loose from the hands of a Cowboy shooter on an inbounds play with 3.6 seconds left and chased it down the court.

As the final horn sounded, Shockley threw the ball up into the Alamodome rafters and the stands erupted in blue-and-gold euphoria.

Ty Bryant was named MVP of the state championship game after posting 17 points and 7 boards. He scored Lipan's first 9 points of the third quarter.

Bryant, Tate Phillips and Martinez were named to the 1A All-Tournament team, joining Happy's White and Colton McCauley.

The Lipan "Revenge Tour" ended in San Antonio the way the Indians had always imagined it: with a state title.

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HUSTLE: Lipan's Tate Phillips (right) lays out for a loose ball against Happy in the state championship game Saturday. The Indians forced Happy into

18 turnovers in the game, and Phillips had 3 steals of his own.

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"We knew they were going to come after us and give us all they had."



MAN IN CHARGE: Lipan head coach Brent Gaylor gives instructions to his players during the state champion-

ship game. Gaylor led the Indians to a 36-3 record and the third state title in school history.

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No change necessary for Lipan's win

Indians' title stems from consistency and confidence

GRANT MCGALLIARD
HOOD COUNTY NEWS

SAN ANTONIO -- "Do what you do," Lipan head coach Brent Gaylor told his point guard Santana Martinez in the locker room before Saturday's championship game against the Happy Cowboys.

"Do what you do." That might as well have been a mantra for every Lipan Indian throughout the 2017 season.

Lipan won this state title by doing what they've done all year, on both a team and individual level. They played hard-nosed defense, forcing Happy into 18 turnovers, and pounded the ball inside, scoring 26 points in the paint.

It's a formula that works, and a formula that wins - 36 games, to be exact, against just three losses.

For Martinez against Happy, "do what you do" meant coming up with a crucial, season-saving steal as the clock ticked down in San Antonio, and then sinking two free-throws to grow Lipan's lead from 1 to 3.

"I knew that we'd be able to get a stop," Martinez said.

"Once I got the steal and they fouled me, I was - just like [Thursday] - I was more than happy to go shoot the free throws."

Gaylor said he had the utmost confidence in his point guard when handing out defensive assignments before the game.

"I'll write down their player, who's guarding them, and a little note about them," Gaylor said in the postgame press conference.

He turned and looked at Ty Bryant, Tate Phillips and Derrick Cook, and asked, "What'd I write on Santana's?"

"Do what you do," his players answered in unison.

"He's been doing that all year long, coming up with great defense plays, especially in crunch time," Gaylor said. "And on the free throws...we wanted him on the line right there. He's the man."

Martinez wasn't the only player who had a game that typified his play style.

Take Ty Bryant, the title game MVP, who scored Lipan's first 9 points of the third quarter on his way to 17 points and 6 offensive rebounds.

Or Layton Sharp, who came off the bench to hit 3 three-pointers in both games last week, like he's done all year. Or Tate Phillips, who had a double-double in the semifinal against Dime Box and forced three steals in the final.

Ty Phillips, though scoreless in the final, still did what he did all year long by laying out for every loose ball, keeping plays alive and finding Sharp for a 3-pointer in the second quarter after scrambling to collect his own miss.

Derrick Cook provided energy to Lipan with a monstrous block of a Happy player that seemed to draw "oohs" from every person in the Alamodome. All year he'd given the Indians that sort of energy, whether on the court or cheering from the bench - the championship game was no different.

There's no secret recipe for Lipan's success, no magic answer that can be installed elsewhere.

For Gaylor and the 2016-17 Lipan Indians, the answer was very simple.

They did what they did, all the way to a state championship.

Six shooters



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MR. CLUTCH: Starting point guard Santana Martinez's steal in the waning seconds of the championship game wasn't his only major contribution to Lipan's title. He hit clutch free throws in both games in San Antonio, including two to stop a Dime Box run in the semifinal and two to extend the lead to three against Happy after his steal. He finished with 8 points in the final game.



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MVP: Starting power forward Ty Bryant's double-double in the semifinal and his 17 points in the championship game earned him the Most Valuable Player award. Bryant scored Lipan's first 9 points of the third quarter against Happy and had 6 offensive rebounds. He was also one of only two Indians to shoot better than 50% against the defensively tough Cowboys.



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SHARPSHOOTER: Sophomore guard Layton Sharp played the role of sixth man for Lipan and provided a big boost to the Indians. He hit 3 three-pointers in both of the games in San Antonio. Against Dime Box, all three of his treys came in the first half, forcing the Longhorns to extend their defense and opening up the paint for his teammates.



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SENIOR LEADER: Starting small forward Tate Phillips led Lipan in scoring and posted a double-double in the semifinal matchup with Dime Box. Although his minutes were limited by foul trouble against Happy, he still added 9 points, 5 rebounds and 3 steals in the final game of his career in blue-and-gold.



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DOING IT ALL: Starting shooting guard Ty Phillips filled the stat sheet in several categories against Dime Box Thursday, compiling 7 points, 4 rebounds, 2 assists, 2 steals and a block. Phillips' hustle kept several plays alive in the title game, and he added two blocks and a steal against Happy as well.



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BIG MAN: Starting center Derrick Cook provided energy and a post presence for Lipan. Cook was always hyped up on the court and on the sideline, and his performance in the paint included 4 rebounds, two of which were offensive, and a vicious volleyball-spike block against Happy in the title game. Cook, a senior, played his final games with Lipan in San Antonio.

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HOLDING HIS FORM: Granbury junior varsity runner Perkins Relays on Thursday. The Pirates had several Grady Mabery leaps over a hurdle during the Johnny athletes finish on the podium during their home event.

Granbury Pirates host Johnny Perkins Relays

BY GRANT MCGALLIARD
HOOD COUNTY NEWS

Thursday was a day at the races in Granbury, as the Pirate and Lady Pirate track and field teams hosted and competed in their Johnny Perkins Relays.

The meet saw teams from Everman to Waxahachie to Chisholm Trail come to Granbury.

While no Pirate or Lady Pirate took home a varsity gold medal, several athletes placed high in a variety of events.

In the 400 meters, David Perras' time of 52.72 seconds was good enough to earn him a bronze medal. Dylan Goosen earned a silver in the 800 meters with a time of 2:05.52.

Kalen Wood brought home silver as well, throwing the discus 129 feet, just 9 inches away from the gold. Gabbie Nunn's high jump of 5'4"

meant she finished in second place, continuing her run of good finishes this season in the event.

The junior varsity competed at the Relays as well, and the younger Pirates brought home some hardware.

James Vandergriff took first place in the pole vault with a mark of 10 feet.

In the high jump, Bryan Williams won silver with a jump of 5'8". Maci Blohowiak earned bronze in the high jump with a mark of 4'8" that just barely eclipsed her teammate Jayla Hall in 4th.

Clayton Smith took home a bronze in the 3200 meters with a time of 11:09.29.

The Pirates' next stop in the season will be at the Cleburne meet on March 24. Granbury has just two competitions left before the District 9-5A meet on April 5-6.

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Pirate tennis wins at Chisholm Trail

BY GRANT MCGALLIARD
HOOD COUNTY NEWS

It may be spring break for area schools, but that hasn't stopped the Granbury tennis team from bringing home hardware.

The Pirates took first place overall at the Chisholm Trail Spring Break Invitational on Friday.

Beau Pritchard won the Boys' A singles title, while Kristyna Matejickova took home first in the Girls' B division.

Anthony Barnett was the Boys' B singles consolation bracket champion.

Molly Garrison and Shannon Taylor were second in the Girls' A doubles competition.

Paige Pritchard finished third in the Girls' A singles bracket. Jamie Burwell and Blake Steinmann in the Boys' A doubles and Melody Mixon and Ashley Vyce in B girls' doubles also finished third.

Cadence Chiappe and Payton Freeman were fourth in the mixed doubles A bracket.

Granbury's next tournament is at Arlington Lamar High School, on March 24.

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Lady Pirate soccer in tight playoff race

BY GRANT MCGALLIARD
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The Granbury Lady Pirates suffered a setback in their quest for a playoff spot as they fell to Cleburne 4-0 on Friday, but did what they could Monday with a 1-0 win over Arlington Sequin in the regular season finale.

"It got a little rough," head coach David Winkleman said about Monday's game.

Bailey Bitner scored the lone goal of the match.

"Bitner had a lot of composure to finish," Winkleman said. "She gets the game ball."

On Friday, Cleburne scored two goals in the first 20 minutes and added another near the end of the first half to hold a massive 3-0 lead over Granbury.

"It just wasn't our night to play good soccer," Winkleman said. "We attempted to make some adjustments to our formation in the 2nd half, but still couldn't gain any control of the ball," Winkleman said.

Granbury now sits at 8-5 in district, in the fourth and final playoff spot.

"We need Burleson to lose to Crowley to be in," Winkleman said on Monday. "Weird to root for Crowley."

Foutz's shutout highlights Pirate baseball's weekend

The Granbury Pirates took part in the Northwest ISD Tournament last weekend, winning one game and dropping three.

Bryce Foutz's sterling performance in the opener on Thursday powered Granbury to a 2-0 win over Southside, a team from Arkansas. Foutz allowed just three hits in seven innings, striking out 7 batters.

Later that night, Granbury suffered their worst loss of the tournament, a

10-0 defeat to Timber Creek.

Friday wasn't kind to the Pirates either, as their bats were shutout in a 3-0 loss to Springdale, another Arkansas team.

Granbury closed out their weekend with a 6-5 loss to Arkansas's Northside High School after holding a 5-3 lead heading into the bottom of the sixth.

The Pirates opened up their district season on Tuesday against Burleson.

NCTA basketball dominates all-district selections

BY GRANT MCGALLIARD
HOOD COUNTY NEWS

Several North Central Texas Academy Pioneers and Lady Pioneers were named to all-state teams this week.

For the state champion Pioneers, Marko Jovanovic and Luis Rivas were both named to 1st team All-District, 1st team All-State and the TAPPS 1A All-Tournament team. Straja Ivic joined them on the All-District and All-Tournament 1st teams, and was an honorable mention All-State selection.

Marc Langston and Austin Ngalia were each named to 1st team All-District, and Langston picked up an All-State honorable mention as well. Marko Kovacevic made 2nd team All-District.

The Lady Pioneers' Camille Baud and Sophie Schultz were named to 1st team All-District. Baud made 1st team All-State, while Schultz was named to the 2nd team.

Milica Pejovic and Marta Celebic were 1st team All-District selections. Kelsey Kacal was named to 2nd team All-District, while Abbey Kacal was an honorable mention selection.

Lady Pirates remain undefeated in district

The Granbury Lady Pirates continued their hot district start with a 7-1 win over Joshua at home on Monday, moving them to 4-0 in District 9-5A.

Granbury scored all seven of their runs in the second inning. Casey Hobbs' triple and Lani Hickey's bases-clearing double helped blow the game open.

Kelby Been picked up the win in the circle. She allowed just three hits and no earned runs in seven innings of work, and struck out 8.

The Lady Pirates played at Centennial on Tuesday. Their next game will be at home on Tuesday against Arlington Sequin at 7 p.m.

Tolar bats fuel win

It was a high-scoring day in Millsap on Monday as the Tolar Lady Rattlers won 20-15 in a District 3-7A contest.

Railee Anderson was a home run short of the cycle, with a double, a triple and two singles. She drove in four runs, and teammates Alicia Hamm and

Carmela Guevara each drove in three.

April Rhine was the winning pitcher. Only 8 of Millsap's 15 runs were earned.

Tolar played Tuesday morning in Cisco. Their next matchup is at Breckenridge on March 24 at 6 p.m.

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GHS Band sparkles in region contest

Granbury High School Band members sparkled in the University Interscholastic League region solo and ensemble contest at Crowley High School.

Several students punched a ticket to the Texas State Solo-Ensemble Contest on May 28-30 in Austin.

Twelve soloists earned a trip to state:

Kyla Asante-Wiredu, percussion; Melanie Boleng, clarinet; J.J. Beyer, percussion; Meghan Childers, percussion; Ian Cone, French horn; Mallory Irish, flute; Emma McKelvain, alto saxophone; Angelina Pena, percussion; Tyler Rau, percussion;

Jolie Rudisaile, percussion; Cole Stephens, percussion; Phil Tilleman, percussion.

Also qualifying for state are these ensembles:

Clarinet Quartet: Roxana Hernandez, Alex Inbody, Leslie Price, Luisa Rodriguez.

Flute Trio: Bailey Carlton, Hannah Cheek, Emily Tipton.

Flute Trio: Tiffany Henney, Mallory Irish, Bailey McCall.

French Horn Quartet: Katlyn Backus, Luke Forrest, McKenna Parks, Daniel Van Randen.

Saxophone Quartet: Makayla Doucet, Emma McKelvain, Savannah Oliver, Hannah Pallett.

Trombone Quartet: Reece

Ahler, Nic Braby, Gavin Clarkson, Shawn Lawrence.

Trombone Quartet: Tyler Beeson, Dylan Cook, Jackson Griffith, Leslie Grubbs.

Trumpet Quartet: Brynn Bednarz, Alissa Garcia, Huner Harrison, Avery Prince.

Woodwind Quintet: Lauren Boleng, Melanie Boleng, Hannah Myers, McKenna Parks, Bethany Pavelick.

Other soloists earning a Division I superior rating were:

Reece Ahler, trombone; Katlyn Backus, French horn; Melinda Beeson, oboe; Lauren Boleng, flute; Alissa DeBello, alto saxophone; Alissa Garcia,

trumpet; Izabel Garcia, clarinet; Travis Howard, euphonium; Bailey McCall, flute; Syrah Mitchell, flute; Savannah Oliver, alto saxophone; Brooke Osteen, French horn; Kristella Perez, alto saxophone; Kaitlyn Redd, flute; Austin Summerfeld, trombone.

Also earning top marks were six ensembles:

Brass Choir: trumpet - Brynn Bednarz, Alyssa Garcia, Hunter Harrison, Saylor Jordan, Avery Prince, Dustin Tonkovich; French horn - Katlyn Backus, Ian Cone, Luke Forrest, McKenna Parks, Daniel Van Randen; trombone - Reece Ahler, Tyler

Beeson, Nic Braby, Gavin Clarkson, Dylan Cook, Leslie Grubbs; euphonium - Blake Beatty, Chance Worthington; tuba - Brayston Avila, Logan Potter.

Brass Quintet: Michaela Holder, Gage Inbody, Brynn Mauldin, Damian Rodolfo, Chance Worthington.

Brass Quintet: Jake Cheyne, Abbi Henry, Hunter Meroney, Adrian Perez, Mason York.

Clarinet Quartet: Haylee Branum, Ana Christy, Jayne Cunniff, Roxana Hernandez.

Clarinet Trio: Cameron Gibson, Mikayla Hamilton, Alex Inbody.

Woodwind Choir: flutes -

Lauren Boleng, Hannah Cheek, Tiffany Henney, Mallory Irish, Bailey McCall, Emily Tipton; oboe - Hannah Myers; bassoon - Bethany Pavelick, Hope Long; clarinet - Melanie Boleng, Haylee Branum, Jayne Cunniff, Cameron Gibson, Mikayla Hamilton, Roxana Hernandez, Alex Inbody; bass clarinet - Leslie Price; saxophone - Emma McKelvain, Savannah Oliver, Hannah Pallett.

Woodwind Trio: Naomi Benitez, Kylie Eastin, Kynnydy Garner.

Woodwind Trio: Haylee Branum, Hope Long, Emily Tipton.

Middle school choirs win sweepstakes

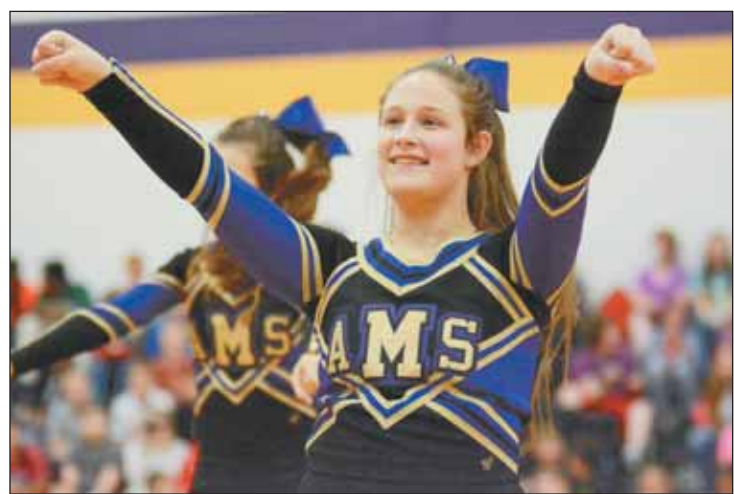
Acton Middle School and Granbury Middle School choirs received sweepstakes honors at the University Interscholastic League concert and sightreading contest held March 8-9 at Aledo High School.

Several choirs of seventh- and eighth-graders earned sweepstakes by receiving Division I superior ratings in both concert and sightreading performances.

Earning the top rating from

all judges in both portions were the AMS varsity girls, AMS varsity boys and the GMS varsity girls.

GMS varsity boys received a Division I on stage and a Division II excellent rating in sightreading. The AMS non-varsity ensembles for both boys and girls received Division I ratings for sightreading and Division II ratings for concert performance.



JEFF MEADOR | GRANBURY 15D

REASON TO CELEBRATE: Acton Middle School eighth-grader Cammie Beeson cheers at a pep rally Friday in celebration of AMS being named to the list of "Texas Schools to Watch."

Acton Middle School celebrates 'watch' campus

Acton Middle School held a celebration pep rally for being named to the list of "Texas Schools to Watch" by the Texas Middle School Association.

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Concert will help fund Memorial Lane Project

BY DEBBIE SCHNEIDER
HOOD COUNTY NEWS

Where can you spend an evening listening to music presented by 10 area musicians?

The Red Hot Concert 2 offers entertainment, silent auction and live auction on Friday, May 26 at the Granbury Resort Conference Center. For those with VIP tickets, dinner is included in the package.

Performers include Larry Hooper, Shake Anderson, Sean and Brayton Mitchell, Mike Alexander, Tina Lawrence, Jerry Allen, Randy Clements, Nin Hullett and Rose Drolette.

The concert is a fundraiser for the Memorial Lane Project to "honor our heroes."

Two levels of support are available. VIP tickets are \$50 and include dinner and front row seats at the concert. Open seating tickets are \$25.

The VIP dinner begins at 6 p.m., while the silent auction begins at 7 p.m. Doors open at 7:20 p.m. for the concert at 7:30. The live auction will take place during the concert intermission.



WORKING TOGETHER: At a committee meeting for the Memorial Lane Project, folks gathered in Mike Scovel's art studio to see this large Labrador retriever before it is shipped to the

foundry to be cast in bronze. The dog is affectionately named Brindle, in memory of a beloved pet owned by Charles and Dominique Inge. The dog is part of the military cross display

planned at Memorial Lane Park. Separate memorials will recognize and honor those with military service and those in law enforcement.

A PLACE OF HONOR

The Memorial Lane Project is funding the construction of a military tribute and a law enforcement tribute adjacent

to the existing Jim Burks Firefighters Memorial Park, 440 N. Travis St.

Sales continue for the Memorial Lane engraved pavers to

be made at City Hall.

Pavers to remember or honor past and present fire fighters, law enforcement or those with

military service are available for \$50.

For more information on pavers, call Doug Pruitt at 817-219-1455.

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THE AWARD-WINNING PRINT & ONLINE FAMILY FEATURE

Leprechaun Planes?

It's a bird! It's a bug? It's way too small to hold a person. Who flies in these little planes? Leprechauns?

I've sprinkled this page with lucky clovers. How many can you find?

This is a **drone**. A drone is a flying gadget that is flown by remote control.

Leprechaun Code

■ = A	■ = I	■ = R
■ = C	■ = L	■ = S
■ = D	■ = M	■ = T
■ = E	■ = N	■ = U
■ = H	■ = O	■ = V

Drones are not toys

While they are often small and cute, drones are not toys. In fact, once you have a vehicle that can fly over the fence and see what's going on at the neighbors, you must follow rules and etiquette about privacy and safety. Be sure to check with your local government officials about drone laws in your area.

Flying a drone involves thinking and making decisions like a pilot. It takes time to master flying a drone and that means doing a lot of practice in an empty field. (Check local laws before going to a field to practice.)

Bring this drone in for a safe landing.

Firefighters use them to watch forest fires. Why?

Meteorologists use them to track storms. Why?

Biologists use drones to observe wildlife. Why?

Let's Talk!

It is important that people who fly drones follow the laws. There are laws that protect privacy and also laws designed to keep drones out of the paths of airplanes. Why do you think these laws are important? Discuss it with a parent.

Describe a Drone

Look through the newspaper for five or more adjectives that describe a drone. Use these to write three sentences about drones.

Kid Scoop

Puzzler

Each of these Leprechaun hats has an identical twin - except one. Can you find it?

Standards Link: Visual Discrimination: Find similarities and differences in common objects.

Double Double Word Search

Find the words in the puzzle. Then look for each word in this week's Kid Scoop stories and activities.

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A	E	O	R	T	P	C	E	S	I
R	T	P	E	T	O	M	E	R	T
P	Y	S	A	R	E	M	A	C	E

Standards Link: Letter sequencing, Recognized identical words, Skim and scan reading, Recall spelling patterns.

FROM THE LESSON LIBRARY

The Benefits and Problems of Today's Technology

Look through the newspaper for an example of how technology makes life better for people. Then, talk with a parent about ways this same technology could cause problems.

Standards Link: Research: Use the newspaper to locate information.

Write On!

What if pigs could fly?

Write about what you think would happen if pigs took to the skies.

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Together:

Proof It

Are you a careful reader? Read the article below and see if you can circle all five errors. Then, rewrite the article correctly on the blank lines.

Drones Everywhere

In March 2015, a large storm hit the island of Vanuatu, an island in the South Pacific, killing 11 people and making almost 200,000 people homeless. Nearly all the island's food crops were destroyed. People used a five-pound foldable drone to fly around the island and take pictures of the damage to figure out how to help.

Drones are always being improved. The Eturnas D has a seven-foot wingspan and weighs only 10 pounds. It uses solar power and can fly for six hours at 27 mph or 1.2 hours at 45 mph.

Drones are used by TV news crews when helicopters aren't practical. They're also used by real estate agents to show home buyers beautiful overhead views of a home and its neighborhood. And drones are a popular tool for wedding photographers to shoot overhead video of the big occasions.

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POPULARITY: The coonskin hat became widely popular when actor Fess Parker portrayed Davy Crockett wearing a hat made from a raccoon pelt. Shirley Meredith models a coonskin hat she made for her grandson.

She's not afraid to take the armadillo by the tail

BY DEBBIE SCHNEIDER
 HOOD COUNTY NEWS

There's an old Buck Owens song called "I've Got a Tiger by the Tail." Shirley Meredith didn't have a tiger. She had an armadillo. By the tail.

The armadillo was digging up her garden and the yard. This did not make her happy.

The armadillo encounter happened in 2004 at Meredith's home in Breckenridge. Now 80 years old, Meredith is living in Granbury to be closer to family.

Leading up to the armadillo capture, Meredith was becoming more and more upset with the number of holes in her yard and garden.

She first caught a glimpse of the suspected critter one evening when she was hanging clothes on the line.

"I saw a gray shadow hurry out of sight," Meredith said. "I thought maybe it was a possum, I didn't know for sure."

A few nights later, Meredith stood on the porch with her gun cocked and ready.

"I tried not to move a muscle. I waited almost an hour," she said.

Meredith heard the creature crawl out from under the house. She knew it was in the shrubs, but couldn't see it.

"Finally the animal was exposed and she took a shot, but missed. The varmint scurried back under the house.

More and more holes appeared in the yard and garden. Meredith's frustration was building.

One night she sat perched in an upstairs window with her

gun, but after an hour she got cold and gave up for the night.

"At that point, I still didn't know what it was," Meredith said.

Several unsuccessful encounters ensued until the day her barking dog had the animal cornered by an old garage next door.

"I couldn't believe my eyes," she said. "I grabbed it by the tail and held on for dear life!"

The animal tried to get under the garage, and Meredith's grip gave way. She said its tail was slippery.

Again she grabbed the tail and the critter dug its claws in the ground. Meredith tried pulling left and right to break its hold, but she lost her grip again.

"I thought, Lord help me get this varmint please!" she said. "My hands, fingers and arms were aching so bad."

Finally, she grabbed the tail and quickly lifted the armadillo off the ground. She carried it to the neighbors' house.

"I knocked, yelled and rang their doorbell. I said, 'Get your gun. I finally got what was digging up our yards.'"

Meredith said she wasn't scared when she was grabbing for the armadillo. "I was just mad," she said.

She skinned the out shell, cured the hide and made it into a bowl. It was quite the conversation piece. A state representative, Bob Hunter, purchased the armadillo bowl in 2004 to display in his office at the state capital.

It's not the only conversation piece created by Meredith. More recently, she made a coonskin hat for grandson, Cooper Dodd.

"He always wanted one. But it took awhile before I could get it," she explained.

Dodd was a baseball standout at Granbury High School and most recently was featured at the Handsome Hunks fundraiser.

Meredith also has two granddaughters. Maranda lives in Liberty Hill where she has a fitness business. Jennifer travels on mission trips to various countries and once took crocheted booties made by her grandmother to give away on a trip. She has five great-grandchildren.

Meredith made a wooden rocking horse for Dodd when he was little, and hopes it will be used by the next generation. In addition to wood working, she

enjoys working with stained glass, pastels and has created a number of home decor items.

Meredith said she learned numerous outdoor skills while growing up in Arkansas and Missouri.

"When we would walk home from school through the woods, my sister would be in front, singing all the way," Meredith said. "She had no idea me and my

brother were catching snakes behind her.

"I learned a lot of stuff just from watching my brother," Meredith said. "That's how I learned to hunt, to skin animal hides and tan them."

She's tanned goat hides, deer hides and a lamb hide that she said turned out really pretty.

People would bring hides to Meredith, other times she got them from a meat processing plant.

In addition to hunting, her brother also "charmed" rattlesnakes by slowly waving his hand above their heads.

About seven or eight years ago, Meredith decided to try her snake-charming skills.

With a big grin she said, "I grabbed the snake too far back from the head and it managed to turn and get a fang in me."

Meredith drove herself to the hospital and was lucky the venom was not enough to cause severe consequences.

"They couldn't get over the fact that I drove myself to the hospital," she said.

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'I thought, Lord help me get this varmint please!'

Shirley Meredith



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WHEN LIFE GIVES YOU LEMONS, MAKE AN ARMADILLO BOWL: Shirley Meredith skinned out an armadillo, tanned the hide and made an armadillo bowl. She was frustrated by the armadillo tearing up her yard and garden.

Shirley Meredith's Step-by-Step Guide Tanning An Armadillo Hide

1. Skin out the hide.
2. Put the skin in a pan or bowl.
3. Add salt and alum and rub it around into the skin. This will cause moisture to gather.
4. Dump out the moisture. Rub in more salt and alum.
5. Continue process for a few days.
6. When it's dry, it's ready.
7. Display as desired.

Vickie Guthrie workshop will cover still life

Local artist/instructor Vickie Guthrie will be teaching a still life paint along workshop Saturday March 18, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Shanley House Center for the Arts, 224 N. Travis St.

Sponsored by the Lake Granbury Art Association, this is a \$50 workshop that is open to the public. The fee helps fund the nonprofit LGAA.

GRANBURY ART SMARTS



Marilyn Haskins

Seating is limited, so be sure to contact Guthrie at 254-396-4290 or email her at vruthg@hotmail.com to confirm your reservation and receive a supply list.

The demonstration will be done in oils. You will learn the key elements in creating a successful still life. If any artist would like to use a different medium such as watercolor, acrylic, or pastels, all are welcome to attend.

Guthrie began taking art lessons as a young adult. So art has always been in her life. She was in sales and marketing for 30 years. When Guthrie retired in 2001 she joined LGAA and began taking as many workshops as possible to learn techniques, color theory and composition. She wanted to get more "behind the brush" experience.



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STILL LIFE ART: Learn the key elements to create a successful still life at a workshop Saturday March 18, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Shanley House Center for the Arts. Space is limited, contact Vickie Guthrie at 254-396-4290 or email vruthg@hotmail.com

The most influential artists of her career include local artists Yvonne Sailors, James Spurlock, Kaye Franklin and Betty Carr. Guthrie says "It's not the

number of years you have painted that matter, it is the miles and miles of canvas that you have painted along the way." She enjoys painting still life,

landscapes and architecture. She draws inspirations from bicycling the back roads of Europe with her husband George. maxhaskins@aol.com / (817)219-6782

Business, church and family teams urged to join Relay

The American Cancer Society is recruiting teams from the community to participate in the annual Relay For Life of Hood County on Saturday, April 22 at Granbury Reunion Grounds.

Teams may include families, businesses, church groups, school groups, civic organizations and friends.

"Relay For Life is a chance to make the greatest impact in the fight to end cancer," said Larry Jones, Granbury, volunteer Relay For Life event lead. "Many participants are our loved ones who have faced cancer themselves. Each new team brings us one step closer to saving more lives."

Teams and individuals can

learn more and sign up for the Relay For Life event by visiting www.relayforlife.org/Hood-CoTX.

Last year, 150 people participated in the Relay For Life of Hood County and raised more than \$35,000.

The Relay For Life movement unites communities across the globe to celebrate people who have battled cancer, remember loved ones lost and take action to finish the fight once and for all.

Relay For Life events are community gatherings where teams and individuals take turns walking or running around a track or path. Teams raise funds in the months leading up to the event.

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VARIETY OF CLASS TIMES FOR GED AND ENGLISH

Free classes for GED prep and English for adults meet from 9 to 11:30 a.m. Tuesday and Wednesday mornings at Granbury First United Methodist Church, 301 Loop 567.

English as second language class meets at Ruth's Place, 2723 Maplewood, on Monday and Thursday mornings from 9 a.m. until noon.

Classes are also offered Monday and Wednesday from 5:30 to 8 p.m. at Forward Training Center of Hood County. Minimum age is 17. The class is free. Call 817-573-6677 for more information.

APPOINTMENTS ARE FILLED FOR FREE INCOME TAX HELP

Appointments with a tax aide from AARP are totally booked at the Hood County Library.

GOLF OUTING TO BENEFIT PRESERVE GRANBURY

A golf tournament March 20 benefits Preserve Granbury.

The tournament at Starr Hollow Golf Club begins with registration at 10 a.m., lunch at 11 and a shotgun start after lunch.

Entry fee is \$1,000 for teams of four. Call 817-573-8872 for more information.

VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED FOR GRANBURY WINE WALK

The Granbury Wine Walk committee is seeking volunteers to help with the annual event on the last weekend in April.

The Wine Walk is from 2-8 p.m. Friday, April 28 and 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. on Saturday, April 29.

The VIP event is Thursday evening, April 27.

A ticket and T-shirt will be provided to volunteers.

For more information go to www.granburywinewalk.com/participate/volunteer

Articles should be submitted at least two weeks prior to the event for consideration in the Helping Hands column in the Hood County News. Email information to dschneider@hcnews.com.

Williams wins Masterpoint Race with Bridge Club

Nancy Williams has been recognized as the winner of the Granbury Bridge Club 2016 Masterpoint Race. She received a trophy and her name will be included in a perpetual plaque on display at the club.

Others recognized include Carl Fluke and Hal Schulz for the best game N/S, Bertha Cunningham and T.R. Sartor had the best game E/W.

Fitz Fitzgerald is club manager/director and can be reached for more information at 817-578-0289 or email ccf2945@gmail.com



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BEST BRIDGE AWARDS: The Granbury Bridge Club recently recognized the winner of its 2016 Masterpoint Race, Nancy Williams. Others were recognized for best games. From left: Fitz Fitzgerald (club manager), Carl Fluke, Hal Schulz, Nancy Williams, Bertha Cunningham and T. R. Sartor.

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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 on the Square.

ROTARY CLUB welcomes Mike and Pat Stewart, who will discuss the Wet Vets program, noon, Harbor Lakes Country Club, 2100 Clubhouse Dr.

FRIDAY, MARCH 17

LENTEN FISH dinner (baked

or fried), 5 to 7 p.m., St. Frances Cabrini Church, 2301 Acton Highway, \$10 adults. Benefits Hood County charities.

ST. PATRICK'S Day Parade, noon, Granbury square. Costumes welcome. Those who wish to march in the parade should meet behind the Opera House.

SATURDAY, MARCH 18

GENERAL GRANBURY'S birthday festival, bean tastings, BBQ cook-offs, free cake and ice cream at 10 a.m., parade at noon, bull riding at City Beach at 1 p.m. and 6, live entertainment, vendors open 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Continues Sunday.

KARAOKE NIGHT at VFW Post

7835, 8 to 11 p.m., 3670 Highway 377 W.

FREE MEAL served at Lakeside Baptist Church, 5 p.m.

SUNDAY, MARCH 19

GENERAL GRANBURY'S birthday party with vendors on the square 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

MONDAY, MARCH 20

PRESERVE GRANBURY golf outing at Starr Hollow Golf Club, 10 a.m. registration, lunch at 11 a.m., shotgun start follows lunch, 4717 Starr Hollow Court in Tolar. Limited space. Call 817-573-8872.

DAUGHTERS OF the American Revolution welcome historian Gary Rozzell, 10 a.m., First

Presbyterian Church Fellowship Hall, 301 S. Bridge St.

TUESDAY, MARCH 21

ADAM PRICE, regional director for Better Business Bureau, will speak at the Granbury Lions Club luncheon, noon, Spring Creek Barbecue.

THURSDAY, MARCH 23

GRANBURY KIWANIS has a program by Military Officers Association of America chapter to cover progress on the Field of Flags project, noon, Farina's Restaurant on the square.

HOOD COUNTY Tea Party welcomes speaker Loren Spivack, 6:30 p.m., Harbor Lakes Country Club, 2100 Clubhouse Dr.

ROTARY CLUB welcomes Lake Granbury Medical Center's CEO Derek Cuenca, noon, Harbor Lakes Country Club, 2100 Clubhouse Dr.

FRIDAY, MARCH 24

LENTEN FISH dinner (baked or fried), 5 to 7 p.m., St. Frances Cabrini Church, 2301 Acton Highway, \$10 adults. Benefits Hood County charities.

SATURDAY, MARCH 25

FEATHER FEST, a celebration of birds at Acton Nature Center, free admission, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., 6900 Smoky Hill Ct.

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SUNDAY, MARCH 26

HALO CHARI-TEA is a proper English tea benefiting animals of Hood County, raffle, live entertainment, 2 to 4 p.m., Bentwater Activity Center, \$30. Register at www.hoodcoanimallovers.org or call 817-964-0333 by March 19.

GRANBURY SAXOPHONE Quartet presents "Music For Lent," 3 p.m., First Presbyterian Church, 303 W. Bridge St. Free admission.

TUESDAY, MARCH 28

GRANBURY BRANCH of the Mid Cities Stamp Club auction and sale, 7 p.m., Bentwater Activities Center, 1800 Emerald Bend Court.

Devotion Page

Is Jesus Really The Son Of God?

Last time we considered several verses from the Bible that state clearly that Jesus is the Son of God. We read that message from the angel Gabriel to both Mary and Joseph. Then there were testimonies from God the Father concerning Jesus being His Son. The apostles and the Gospel writers at various times proclaimed that Jesus is the Son of God. Today, we'll look at some additional verses and writers who affirm that truth.

Following his encounter with Jesus on the road to Damascus, and his visit with Ananias, who helped him understand the Lord's will and purpose for his life, and other disciples, "At once he began to preach in the synagogues that Jesus is the Son of God" (Acts 9:20).

The apostle Paul presented Jesus as the Son of God as he wrote to the church in Corinth: "For the Son of God, Jesus Christ, who was preached among you by me and Silas and Timothy..." (2 Corinthians 1:19).

The writer of the book of Hebrews refers to this truth several times, and clearly stated: "Therefore, since we have a great high priest who has ascended into heaven, Jesus the Son of God, let us hold firmly to the faith we profess" (Hebrews 4:14).

"Christ did not take on Himself the glory of becoming a high priest. But God said to Him, 'You are My Son; today I have become Your

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Father" (Hebrews 5:5).

Paul, who only knew Jesus through divine revelation on the Damascus road, and the writer of Hebrews, who may, or may not, have known Jesus during his earthly ministry, one thing was for certain—Jesus Christ IS the Son of God!

James, the half-brother of Jesus, wrote in his little letter: "You believe that there is one God. Good! Even the demons believe that—and shudder" (James 2:19). The reason that has significance regarding our current question about Jesus being the Son of God is this—demons recognized Jesus and feared His power and authority as seen in the following verses:

A man possessed by demons in Gadara, "When (the demons) saw Jesus, he cried out and fell at His feet, shouting at the top of his voice, 'What do You want with me, Jesus, Son of the Most High God? I beg You, don't torture me!'" (Luke 8:28).

At Capernaum, people were bringing sick people to Jesus so He could heal them. "Moreover demons came out of many people, shouting, 'You are the Son of God!'" (Luke 4:41).

During the temptations specifically mentioned in the Gospels of Matthew, Mark and Luke, the devil used a phrase, "If You are the Son of God..." which can also be properly translated, "Since You are the Son of God..." tempting Him to use His power or authority to bypass the path He had been sent to follow (Matthew 4:1-11; Mark 1:12-13; Luke 4:1-13).

Next time we will have one more study that shows biblical evidence that Jesus in indeed the Son of God!

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A copy of this order together with the attached supporting papers shall be served on the Respondent by publication at least 7 days before the time fixed for the hearing.
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Application has been made with the Texas Alcoholic Beverage Commission for a Winery Permit by Poppin Bottles, Inc., dba Poppin Bottles, Inc. located at 2015 South Morgan Street, Suite 103, Granbury, Hood County, Texas. Matthew John, President; Brooke Evans, Secretary.

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 All persons having claims against this Estate which is currently being administered are required to present them to the undersigned within the time and in the manner prescribed by law.
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 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.
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Bush's Best Baked or Grillin' Beans
22-28 OZ



3/\$5

Shasta Soda
12 PK 12 OZ CANS



5/\$10

Mrs. Baird's Large White or Honey Wheat Bread
20 OZ



2/\$3

Totino's Party Pizza
9.8-10.9 OZ



10/\$10

Brookshire Brothers Cooked & Peeled Shrimp
51-60 CT, SOLD IN 1 LB BAG



\$7.99 LB

MIX & MATCH
Pace Picante Sauce or Cheese Dip
15-24 OZ OR
Prego Pasta Sauce
24 OZ



3/\$5

Hot Pockets Value Pack
12 CT




\$9.88 EA

DIGITAL COUPON
SAVE \$2

Gain 2X Liquid Laundry Detergent
100 OZ OR
Gain Flings!
31 CT



\$8.99 EA



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BBQ Sauce, Marinades, Mustard, Mayo or Ketchup



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