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GISD asks McCoy to reconsider tax collections

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The Granbury School Board and Superintendent Jim Largent have drafted a letter to Tax Assessor-Collector Teresa Mc-Coy, asking her to reconsider her intention to take over the county's tax collections.

Since its creation in 1982, the **Hood County Appraisal District** (HCAD) has handled collections for all taxing entities within the county.

McCoy has informed Coun-

ty Judge Darrell Cockerham that she intends to take over the collection of the county's taxes when the county's contract with the appraisal district

McCoy

expires at the end of August. The Commissioners Court cannot prevent her from doing

Court members did not favor that move when McCoy first brought it up in 2015.



The situation was discussed at Monday's night's regular school board meeting.

Board members, as well as Largent, signed a letter to

McCoy asking her to reconsider and stating that the school district will not be utilizing her office for the collection of its taxes.

The school officials said they feel that McCoy's plan will: be a duplication of work done by the

appraisal district; increase costs for the school district; and create confusion for taxpayers who would get bills from both her office as well as the HCAD.

On Thursday, McCoy said she was disappointed in Largent and the trustees for their "lack of professionalism" in providing the letter to the Hood County News before she had received her copy from them.

The HCN provided McCoy a copy of the letter, which the newspaper received Monday night after the meeting.

In a written statement to the HCN, McCoy wrote that she is "saddened for the taxpayers" because the school officials "clearly did not do their homework and get the facts" prior to making their decision.

THE LETTER

The letter states that if the county no longer uses the appraisal district, GISD will see an increase of about \$10,000 in fees to the appraisal district due to the county no longer contributing to operation costs.

It also says that the duplication of work will cost taxpayers because of increased postage expenses, as well as costs for software systems and collection staff, possibly necessitating a tax increase.

The letter to McCoy states that the appraisal district has done a good job for the school district, and deposits money to the district multiple times per

As well, Chief Appraiser Greg Stewart and GISD Assis-

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MARY VINSON | HOOD COUNTY NEWS | BUY REPRINTS AT HCNEWS.COM/GALLERIES

The weather was perfect for veterans from the VA hospital to enjoy their semi-annual trek to Hood County for Hos-

Salute for those who serve

Legion Post 491, VFW Post 7835 and other service organiza-

pitalized Veterans Day Out at Squaw Creek Park. American tions and individuals provided fishing gear, food and music. Veterans honored the nation with the national anthem.

Inmate found dead in cell

BY BETHANY KURTZ HOOD COUNTY NEWS

A Hood County Jail inmate was found dead in his cell from a hanging Thursday morning, sheriff's office Public Information Officer Lt. Johnny Rose said.



Around 5 a.m., jailers discovered Curtis Allen Resecker, 38, of Glen Rose, dead in his cell. Paramedics were called but Resecker could not be revived, Rose said.

His death is suspected to be a

suicide, Rose said. Resecker was a Somervell County Sheriff's Office inmate and has been in the Hood County jail since January.

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OTS pool repaired, to open

Community rallies to fund improvements

BY DEBBIE SCHNEIDER HOOD COUNTY NEWS

The fate of the swimming pool in Oak Trail Shores was in question earlier this year. A long list of repairs and a

shortfall of funds threatened the pool's opening this summer. With community support, repairs have been made, and the

pool will open next Saturday. Pool Manager Tammy Kerr is excited, to say the least.

"I'm so glad these kids will have a place to go this summer," Kerr said.

At one time, the large lakeside subdivision north of Granbury had three swimming pools. Kerr said the pool has been

resurfaced, tile work fixed and edging around the pool repaired. She hopes to repaint the swimming pool building a

cream or tan color to match

rock work at the pool. The official grand opening for the pool is planned for Saturday, June 3. Kerr hopes community groups and churches will set up booths at the pool to let

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Rumble ready?

Granbury Pirate football players jog out of Pirate Stadium as the morning practice session concludes on Thursday. The Pirates have been in offseason

workouts since April 24, concluding with the spring football game held last night. See related story and photos on P. 7A.

Sheriff: 35 intoxicated texts to 911 land man in jail

A Granbury man was arrested after drunk-texting 911 a total of 35 times on Monday, authorities said.

"Moral of the story: Don't text and drink alcohol. Have a designated cell phone holder," sheriff's office Public Information Officer Lt. Johnny Rose said.

Around 8 p.m. Monday, sheriff's office dispatch started receiving text messages through 911 from a 46-year-old-man, Rose said.

He claimed a bar overserved

him, Rose said. The man was warned several times to not abuse 911, but he kept texting non-emergency messages, calling the dispatchers and deputies names and wanted the bar investigated for overserving and overcharging him, Rose explained.

During the incident, the man sent 35 harassing messages to the 911 system, keeping deputies and dispatchers busy for several hours, Rose said.

Deputies arrested the man and charged him with abuse of 911, a class B misdemeanor with a bond of \$1,000. The man bonded out of jail.



Two Tons of Steel

Two Tons of Steel will play at the Paluxy Playhouse Celebration Dinner at 6 p.m. Thursday at Warren's Backyard, 2901 Weatherford Highway. Tickets are \$75 each, while a sponsorship table for eight is \$1,000. Call 817-573-0292. Two playhouses will be auctioned at the dinner. The PPC is a fundraiser for the Paluxy Children's Advocacy Center, helping children of abuse.



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TWO-A-DAYS: Granbury football has been working hard during the spring, grinding through two-a-day practices for four weeks now and culminating in their spring football game, held last night. 7A.

Dispatchers help mother save son's life on Mother's Day

A mother was able to perform CPR and save her son's life with help from Hood County Sheriff's Office dispatchers Sunday.

On Mother's Day around 6 p.m., a frantic mother called 911 from the 4400 block of Bobbie Ann Drive needing an ambulance, said Public Information Officer Lt. Johnny Rose.

Her 20-year-old son wasn't breathing, she told dispatchers.

Dispatchers gave the mother instructions on performing CPR until the paramedics arrived.

With the help of dispatch, the mother was able to keep her son alive, and he was transported to Lake Granbury Medical Center where he is recovering, Rose said.

The mother called back and thanked the dispatchers for their help.

POOL

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kids know about Bible school and other summer activities.

"Some days we have more than 100 kids at the pool," Kerr said. "The swimming pool gives them something to do. It keeps them off the street and away from drugs."

Kerr, who also serves as OTS community coordinator, is passionate about her work with children. She sees the pool as a sanctuary for kids who otherwise could be unsupervised at home.

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INMATE

FROM PAGE ONE

He was charged with retaliation, violation of a protective order, two counts of aggravated assault with a deadly weapon and two counts of deadly conduct with bonds totaling \$805,000.

Hood County houses Somervell County's male inmates while Somervell houses Hood County female inmates, Rose explained

The case is under investigation by the sheriff's office and Texas Rangers.

The body was sent to the Tarrant County Medical Examiner's



Big step for seniors

Donning their caps and gowns, Lipan High School's graduating class a ents and well wishers lined the halls to greet the seniors with cheers and took sentimental journey Thursday morning beginning in the elementary and middle school halls, then on to the high school for a symbolic senior walk. Every step of the way enthusiastic students, teachers, par-

encouragement. Lipan's high school graduation is Friday at 7 p.m. in the Lipan gym.

Revised Brazos Crossing passes P&Z, City Council

BY KATHY CRUZ HOOD COUNTY NEWS

A revised plan for the lakefront Brazos Crossing apartment complex that was denied by the Granbury City Council six months ago now has the green light.

After making some changes to his original proposal in order to appease adjacent town home owners, developer Don Murphy again brought the project before the Planning and Zoning Commission and City Council.

The two- and three-story apartment buildings will be built on eight acres on Hill Boulevard, behind Chili's and the Avalon Shopping Center. There will 68 one-bedroom units and 62 two-bedroom units, for a total of 130 units.

The complex will consist of eight buildings. Four of the buildings will be three-story, and four will be two-story.

Some of the apartments will have attached garages, and there will some detached garages available as well.

ADDRESSING STONEGATE

During a rare joint meeting Tuesday night, the P&Z and City Council approved four requests by Murphy pertaining to the project.

The requests were to amend the Comprehensive Plan and to approve zoning, a tree conservation plan and a preliminary plat.

Although residents at the adjacent Stonegate town home community still strongly oppose the project, city officials approved changes that include a barrier and more distance between the properties.

Murphy's new plan includes a 50-foot-wide, 5-foot-tall birm with trees and shrubs to the west of the property, on the Stonegate side.

City Manager Chris Coffman said that the birm will have underground drainage.

The birm is expected to buffer noise and light, as well as provide more privacy for the 13 Stonegate town homes that sit along that property line. Those town homes already have backvard fences.

Murphy also moved buildings further away from Stonegate - a length of more than half a football field. The three-story buildings will not be on the Stonegate side, giving those residents more privacy.

During Tuesday night's joint meeting, Eve Behan spoke on behalf of a group of Stonegate residents in denouncing the

Some who reside at Stonegate spent retirement savings to purchase their town homes and bought them after being told that similar town homes - not multi-story apartments - were planned for the adjoining acre-

Behan criticized the "many variances" required to approve the Brazos Crossing project, and said that Murphy's request that the acreage be rezoned to Planned Development/Multi-Family allowed him to bypass

the Zoning Board of Adjustment (ZBA), violating height restrictions and rules for building separation and set-backs.

She also noted that Murphy's plans "don't provide sufficient parking.

Although city ordinance requires 2.05 parking spaces per unit, Murphy's plan calls for 1.72 spaces.

However, spokesman Art Anderson noted that many of the units will be one-bedroom and that one parking space is typically sufficient.

Robert Hill, who owns the property, said that Brazos Crossing will create jobs, provide much-needed rental housing and bring in 10 times as much in property tax revenue.

He also challenged claims that the apartments will lower property values at Stonegate, citing a study by George Mason University that found that there is "strong home price appreciation" and lower crime in areas where there is multi-family housing.

Hill also stated that "housing costs have increased at a faster rate than income" and that it's "hard for people who get jobs in Granbury to live in Granbury."

PUTTING IT TO A VOTE

The P&Z and City Council voted separately on each of the four requests. None of the votes were unanimous.

The P&Z votes were all three to one, with member Cathey Briscoe voting against each measure.

The votes were similarly consistent among the council. Mickey Parson, Tony Allen and Gary Couch voted in favor of Murphy's requests, but Rose Myers voted against them.

Council member Tony Mobly, who had abstained in prior votes related to the project because he lives at Stonegate, abstained during Tuesday night's votes as well on the advice of legal counsel with the Texas Municipal League.

Couch had also previously abstained due to what he viewed

as a business-related conflict of interest but participated in Tuesday night's votes.

He said that further research and consultation with legal counsel showed there was no conflict.

BREAKING GROUND

Murphy told the HCN that he expects to break ground in August, and the clubhouse and "some of the first buildings" will probably be completed within 8-9 months.

He said he anticipates that the entire complex will take about a year to complete.

Murphy stated that there are eight floor plans - four for the one-bedroom units and four for the two-bedroom units.

Monthly rent will range from \$900 to \$1,400, he said.

Murphy said he intends to put white sand on the beach to give the complex a resort feel.

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CONFUSING: McCoy, school officials disagree over her tax take-over plan

tant Superintendent of Finance and Operations Dobie Williams communicate regularly, it was pointed out.

The letter also relays a concern that by duplicating services, McCoy will "likely hurt all of our collection percentages due to the complications created

with duplicate mailings, multiple offices, personnel, etc.'

In addition, the message states: "GISD and the HCAD has a good working relationship and we do not plan to consider allowing another entity to collect our taxes."

In her written statement, Mc-

Coy said that other taxing entities in the county can contract with her office at a lower cost.

"The county is only allowed by law to charge them actual cost," she wrote, adding that actual cost is "defined as anything over and above what it costs to do the county collections."

She wrote that the current situation "is already a confusing situation for taxpayers" since the elected county tax assessorcollector is the person responsible for assessing and collecting county taxes.

"My office redirects many citizens and tax payments during

collection season every year," her message said.

McCoy stated that she believes she is acting in the public's best interest and is willing to address concerns one-on-one with individuals, or in a town hall meeting.

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Ruck to remember

Memorial Day march to raise awareness for first responders

BY BETHANY KURTZ HOOD COUNTY NEWS

Hood County veterans and first responders are preparing for a 10 mile hike on Memorial Day.

The Granbury Memorial Day Ruck will help raise awareness of first responders mental health and to build camaraderie, said organizer Doug Pruitt, of the Texas State Chaplains.

The ruck will be similar to the military exercise requiring personnel to hike or run long distances carrying fully loaded packs, he said.

Anyone in encouraged to come out and show their support by participating in the Memorial Day Ruck, and packs are optional, Pruitt said.

The Memorial Day Ruck will start at 8:30 a.m. May 29 at the Field of Flags at 3602 E. High-

Participants will walk to the Granbury Downtown Square in time for the 10 a.m. Memorial Day ceremony and finally reach the Memorial Lane project. The project is an expansion of the Jim Burks Firefighters Memorial Park that will honor police and military members. It is located at 561 N Travis St.

Along the way, they will stop and pay their respects at the Lance McLean Memorial Highway sign on Loop 567.

McLean was a Hood County sheriff's deputy shot and killed in the line of duty on June 29, 2013.

The ruck will end back at the Field of Flags about 11 a.m.

Participants can preregister for the ruck online at Ruck-2recovery.org. Solo registration is \$22 a person. Groups of 12-15 can register as a team for \$220.

Proceeds will support the Warrior Connect Points, a Granbury organization that supports local firefighters, law enforcement officers, military veterans and their families,

Pruitt said.

He and other Hood County chaplains work to help first responders decompress and handle difficult situations, but it takes a toll on firefighters and police, he said.

"You can only see so much and do so much without it affecting you in your job," Pruitt

Stress and the horrors of the job can lead to post-traumatic stress, isolation and too often suicide for those who service their community, he said.

In Hood County, it can be especially hard on firefighters who are all volunteers, he said.

"These men and woman are lawyers and business people. Yes, they are trained, but they are not geared to see these things," Pruitt explained.

Especially for those who served in the military before becoming a first responder. years of stressful situations build to a point where support from peers is critical to maintaining a healthy life, he said.

"A lot of them are service minded. They come back and get involved with fire or police and just keep serving," Pruitt said.

Warrior Connect Points helps members meet other first responders and veterans to build relationships during sporting events, outdoor excursions and other social events like the ruck marches, he explained.

Those relationships provide a safe, supportive network when the job gets rough or on a bad day, he said.

Local organizations and businesses will be setting up water and first aid stations along the Memorial Day Ruck route, Pruitt said.

To learn more about Warrior Connect Points, visit www. warriorconnectpoints.org, call 817-770-0677 or email dlpruitt@warriorconnectpoints. org.

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FELONY ARRESTS

Sixteen felony arrests were made between May 11-17, according to Hood County law enforcement records.

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

- Cynthia Rene Asbury, 48, Keller, possession of a controlled substance penalty group one, less than 1 gram.

- Tamara Lebrooke Aten, 24, Granbury, possession of a controlled substance penalty group one, less than 1 gram.

- Bobby Joe Collins, 42, Cresson, possession of a controlled substance penalty group one, less than 1 gram; failure to identify fugitive false information; and displaying a fictitious motor vehicle registration.

- Jonathan Cole Gibson, 31, Walnut Springs, hindering apprehension/prosecution of a known felon.

- Charles Lindsey Hankins, 41, Abilene, driving while intoxicated third.

- Nathan Tyler Hernandez, 25, no address listed, possession of a controlled substance penalty group one, less than 1 gram; and possession of marijuana less than 2 ounces.

- Brandon Lewis Keeney, 22, Granbury, traffic offense, traffic offense, traffic offense, traffic offense and unauthorized use of a vehicle.

- Jamie Gale Lee, 39, Glen Rose, possession of a controlled substance penalty group one, less than 1 gram;

Hood County drivers and

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It Can Wait texting simulator

coming to Granbury

release.

and abandonment/endangering/child criminal negligence.

- Alex Alehandro Martinez, 22, Granbury, aggravated sexual assault of a child.

- Steven Ray McGowan, 34, Granbury, violation of parole and assault causes bodily injury to a family member.

- William Lyle Morrison, 43, Granbury, aggravated sexual assault of a child, possession/promotion of child pornography and possession/promotion of child pornography.

- Nolan Marcus Rendeiro, 20, Granbury, manufacturing/delivery of a controlled substance penalty group one, more than 1 gram but less than 4 grams.

- Deborah Nikole Robertson, 30, Bowie, credit card or debit card abuse of elderly and theft of property more than or equal to \$2,500 but less than \$30,000.

 Rance Duane Shelton, 52, Little Elm, possession of a controlled substance penalty group one, more than 1 gram but less than 4 grams; and driving while license invalid with previous conviction/ suspension.

- Jon Tyler Staldt, 27, Granbury, assault family/ house member impeding breath and evading arrest or detention with a vehicle.

- Terry Ray Vanlandingham, 53, Granbury, unlicensed possession of a firearm by a felon and evading arrest or detention with a vehicle.

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SAVING THE DAY: Hood County paramedics stepped in to help when Mia Archuleta's motorized wheelchair got stuck in the mud.

Paramedics get a resident back on her wheels

BY BETHANY KURTZ

HOOD COUNTY NEWS

Hood County paramedics stepped in when a woman's motorized wheelchair became stuck in the mud.

Around 6:45 p.m. on May 1, dispatchers received a call from a woman whose wheelchair was stuck in the 900 block of Thelma Drive, said Public Information Officer Lt. Johnny Rose.

"I managed to get myself stuck in fresh laid sod and mud as I was going to my church community group dinner," said Mia Archuleta.

A dispatcher sent out paramedics who were able to lift the chair free. After the encounter, she posted a letter of thanks on Facebook.

"Thank you for being professional and for having a sense of humor. Thank you for listening as I explained what my body would and would not be able to do as you moved me to another chair," Archuleta wrote.

"Thanks also to dispatcher Jana (Smith) for taking my silly emergency call seriously but also with a smile and humor.'

Jury finds Granbury man not guilty

BY BETHANY KURTZ

HOOD COUNTY NEWS

A Granbury man left the courtroom a free man after a jury found him not guilty of sexually abusing a 15-year-old

Eric Stephen Kirchner, 38, had been charged with indecency with a child and sexual assault of a child.

The jury deliberated for about two hours before finding him not guilty on both counts Tuesday afternoon.

The case hinged on the testimony of the girl who was 15 when the alleged incident occurred, said Kirchner's attorney, Richard Hattox. "It was a difficult case for the

state to prosecute because there was no physical evidence," Hattox said after the verdict.

He said it is sometimes hard for a jury to see past their natural desire to protect a victim, but in his closing arguments he encouraged jury members to see the justice system was set up to protect both accuser and the accused.

"We are grateful the jury saw through all that and understood what they were supposed to do. They understood the presumption of innocence," Hattox said.

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'Everything else is dead'

Legislators ignoring program's devastating impact

n Precinct 1 Justice of the Peace Roger "Cotton" Howell's courtroom Wednesday afternoon, attorney Paul Hyde asked for the judge's indulgence in making a closing argument.

Hyde was there representing Natalie Collier, who works in hospice and said she receives no help, financial or otherwise, from the father of her two children, one of whom is disabled.

The state sent Collier a notice of its intention to suspend her driver's license after she paid the fine for an old speeding ticket in Glen Rose.

When Hyde made his request for a closing argument, Howell knew what was coming.

"If you're going to tell me how horrible the Driver Responsible Program is, you're going to be preaching to the choir," Howell said. "I'm no fan of it myself.'

Virtually no one is "a fan" of DRP and driver's license suspensions that often occur for minor infractions and are financially crippling hundreds of thousands of Texans. One news source put the number at 1.2 million.

In its Saturday, May 6 issue, the HCN published "State of Despair" - six stories about the problematic DPR and the statewide program's effect on people in Hood County. Hyde carried a copy of that issue of the paper into the courtroom with him.

For those of you who are unaware, the program was created by the Legislature in 2003 to help fund trauma centers. Which would be great if it wasn't also ruining the lives of those who cannot afford to pay the state's double-jeopardy ransom.

Surcharges spanning three years are part of the DRP, which includes Driving While License Invalid citations. DW-LIs are clogging our Justice of the Peace courts and municipal

The surcharge system is incredibly confusing, and that's just one of its many problems. Mess up once by being a day late on a payment or forgetting to pay a reinstatement fee, and a whole new round of surcharges kicks in. Even if you can afford to pay upfront for all three years of surcharges, guess what? The state won't let you.

Maybe that's because by forcing you to pay every year for three years, it increases the likelihood that you'll make a mistake, resulting in another round of surcharges that will put even more money into the trauma fund as well as the state's General Fund.

No way you can afford it and still pay for your cancer medi-

Gee, that's too bad. Can't pay your surcharges and feed your kids, too?

Tough break, but maybe social programs paid for by taxpayers can help.

A DESPISED SYSTEM

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the DRP

Kathy Cruz Staff Writer

hate it. That's pretty much a clue, legislators, that the program you created is a complete and total mess and you are inflicting hardship upon the very people you were elected to serve.

Thanks to a compassionate Justice of the Peace, Collier walked out of the courtroom Wednesday with her driver's license intact.

This was especially good since school was to let out soon and she had no idea how she was going to pick up her children otherwise.

Her 11-year-old son, by the way, has spina bifida and is in a wheelchair.

Howell imposed a probationary period of three months on Collier, which means that, as long as she has no traffic violations over the next three months, she'll be in the clear.

He tried to make the probationary period just one month, but Rachel West from the Department of Transportation's driver's license division in Cleburne told him that the Transportation Code mandates that probation periods be three to six months.

Standing outside the courtroom after the hearing, Collier breathed a sigh of relief.

She said that her plan, if her license had been suspended, was to apply for an occupational license, but that would have required her to skip a car payment in order to pay the \$500 fee.

She mentioned that she has to make sure to keep \$700 on hand for the June 1 closing on her Habitat for Humanity

COMPASSION VS LAW AND ORDER

A couple of days after the publication of "State of Despair," I was told about a group of older adults who had discussed the stories amongst themselves and debated the merits of the DPR.

About half, I was told, had compassion for those caught up in the system. The other half did not, saying that people whose driver's licenses had been suspended probably had it coming.

Howell tries to incorporate both compassion and respect for the law when he sits on the bench.

He told me Thursday that the way he handled Collier's case is the way he handles most cases that involve driver's license suspensions.

Give your favs a virtual hug

"If there's any way that they're eligible for their driver's license and I can keep them on the road, that's always my policy," Howell said.

"I go ahead and let them drive with the probation. I don't want anybody not having the ability to make a living."

Too bad our legislators don't feel the same way.

NOT READY TO PULL THE PLUG?

As I was writing this column, I emailed Ted Wood of the Harris County Public Defender's

He was featured in "State of Despair" because he is knowledgeable about the 16 bills pertaining to tweaking or repealing the DRP that were filed in the current legislative session, which will end in a matter

Wood created a spreadsheet on the surcharge system, which was published in the magazine "Voice for the Defense" to help lawyers understand the system. It's so complicated, the magazine had to print it on two pages.

Here is what Wood wrote regarding where things stood with the bills by late Thursday morning:

"HB 2068 is still alive. The Senate Transportation Committee voted favorably on the bill at the conclusion of yesterday's hearing. The vote was 6-0. But some of the senators had questions.

"The favorable committee vote seemed to be because time is running out on the session and the committee members didn't want to just kill the bill because the questions may ultimately be answered to their satisfaction.

"The questions about the bill will be taken up on the floor. We will need to watch for when the Senate as a whole will take up the bill. There could be an interesting floor debate on

(HB 2068, by the way, would repeal the DRP, but the surcharges would remain. However, they would be called "fines" instead of surcharges. The State Traffic Fine of \$30 that is assessed on all rules-ofthe-road convictions would be increased to \$60. Doesn't seem to be much good news here.)

As for other bills that pertain to the DRP or that incorporate some aspect of the program, Wood wrote:

"SB 1913 is moving along and may pass. But the provisions concerning the Driver Responsibility Program (DRP) have been stripped out of the bill. So this bill is now irrelevant to the DRP.

"SB 1187 (which deals only with the surcharge assessed for a conviction of driving without insurance) is still alive. I would say its chances of passage are good.

"Everything else is dead." And so, I would imagine, is many people's faith in our lawmakers.

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YOUR TURN

What would be your perfect road trip?



Don Middleton

"My health keeps me from traveling. A road trip would be a blessing. We love running the backroads of Texas. We love the area around Fredericksburg and Lockhart."



Rose Belzer

"Where we go doesn't concern me one bit. The only thing that matters is that my husband is with me when we're ready to hit the road."



Camille Trawick

"First I'd have fly to England, then I would take a road trip to tour English gardens.



Kelly Poe

"My idea of a perfect road trip is to pack up my four dogs and head to my mountaintop cabin in West Virginia:

'Fake news' back when?

ometimes, a random thought crosses my mind (admittedly, it's usually a rough crossing), and there's no guarantee of safe arrival to the other side.

Such thoughts often bob up and down like a fishing line cork that's way too big, thus giving a 6-year-old fisherperson mixed signals as to whether the time has come to "land" a 4-inch perch. (Mixed signals like fake news - can be hard to interpret.)

A puzzling thought struck me the other day. At first, it seemed to have the innocence of a lazy butterfly landing on a blossom to suck it dry.

I say this to indicate that my "train of thought" was on a random sidetrack. (My wife always counters, "Train of thought? You flatter yourself. You don't even have a caboose of thought.")...

-- The name "Johnny Appleseed" kept rattling around in my mind. Did he ever REALLY live, or should he be remembered like Santa Claus, the tooth fairy and the Easter bunny?

Thoughts of this historical figure wouldn't go away. They reminded me of conver-

sations with my wife that occur at least daily.

One of us names a longtime friend. Then the other responds as to whether the said friend is dead or not. And if so, did we go to the funeral? Luckily (or, in this case, per-

haps unluckily), Dr. Google is in bit-chomping mode, ready to reveal much about Johnny Appleseed.

The more I read, the more it seemed he was eccentric to the max in many ways, with the "much good" in him made even THE IDLE **AMERICAN**



Don Newbury

scoundrel, this "Johnny" whose last name was really Chap--- There is

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Guest columnist

dence to identify him both as humanitarian and a huckster.

I'll leave it to you to decide. Indeed he went about planting apple orchards, but some of them, it seems, were the result of a government program that was to his liking.

One puzzlement is that he favored wild apples that often were called "spitters" by those attempting to eat them. However, they were great for "cider stills" that dotted the countryside, albeit somewhat camouflaged when many Americans described alcohol as the devil's

-- The further we are removed from his era (1774-1845), the more likely we are to glow with remembrances of "warm fuzzies" rather than "cool pricklies."

There are two Johnny Appleseed Museums, and in Fort Wayne, Indiana, stands a statue in his memory. To my knowledge, no one is

clamoring to close the museums, or threatening to drag the statue away. He was "part preacher," and

preaching was what the arborist did when he wasn't planting trees or walking to the next meadow.

He espoused a religion popu-

larized by a theologian named Emanuel Swedenborg.

His mentor, a philosopher and scientist, had a spiritual awakening at age 56 and authored numerous theological books.

He claimed to be an authority on both heaven and hell. (Keep in mind that these men lived long before global warming, back when hell's temperature was at an all-time high.)...

-- There. I've done it again. Writing about a topic I now know more about than I need to and have brought to light far more questions than answers. Herein are shared substan-

tial truths, interspersed with the stuff from which myths are Admittedly, I did resort to

the Internet to determine Dr. Google's findings. Alas, they, too, are only partially conclu-I pray to have suggested neither vilification nor sanctifica-

tion. You are left to reach your own conclusions. As my wife always claims, most worthwhile conclusions

are far out of my reach. We believe, though, that Old Johnny really lived; after all, a 5-cent U.S. postage stamp was

issued in his memory. No doubt, he did considerable good along the way. And we are absolutely certain we didn't at-

tend his funeral. So, I depart this column whistling "Johnny Be Good."

How do you like them ap-

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

VOUCHERS BAD FOR SCHOOLS

Once again, the State Senate has added a "voucher" amendment to this session's education funding bill.

The House has resoundingly rejected vouchers in past sessions and yet their Senate proponents raise them from the dead time and again.

Vouchers are bad for Texas and bad for Texas school children.

Among the problems with diverting dollars from the public school system come real limitations with private school oversight.

We must ensure that all children receive a fair and equitable education, but a broad 2016 Indiana University School of Education study found that many voucher programs result in schools that discriminate on the basis of religion, disability status, sexual orientation and other factors.

In addition, the study found that these programs have notoriously poor fiscal oversight. Once our local elementary, middle and high schools lose dollars to private schools, we also lose the economies of scale.

translates into fewer school librarians, counselors, learning specialists, nurses and coaches across all our schools. On top of that, our class sizes and the propor-

A smaller pool of money in our district directly

tion of special education students increase (the private schools "cherry-pick" their students, concentrating on those most profitable to teach). I appreciate Superintendent Largent's focus on

the school funding issues, and his sharing those insights with HCN and our community. Creating a two-tier local educational system by diverting public money from our neighborhood

schools is wrong-headed. Let's all get behind the Texas House and their efforts to improve school funding without the illconsidered voucher amendment recently added

by the Senate.

Charles Stonick Granbury

COME HOME TO DEMOCRATS

Come on home to the Democratic Party. There comes a time when change must happen for the common good.

That time is now. We must all put our Constitution and country

My Republican friends and Democratic friends are more alike, than different. They are fiercely

loyal and patriotic. My Republican friends are trying to stay the Trump course ... but they aren't happy. It's obvi-

So I say to them, "Come home to the party of your parents and grandparents - the party that helped America rise out of the Great Depression - the party that created Social Security and Medi-

care to protect our elderly. Come home to the party that stands with the working man - the party that pushed for and passed the first minimum wage law, time-and-ahalf for overtime pay and ended child labor.

We are your neighbors and your friends. We worship beside you in church. We stand proudly beside you as we recite the Pledge of Allegiance together. We cheer for your children when they play ball, just as you cheer for ours.

Google "Hood Democrats" and contact the local Democratic Party. You'll be welcomed to the next monthly meeting and enjoy a potluck dinner.

Let's work together for the betterment of our country. Come on home.

Stephenville

Sharla Riddle

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

ONE SINGLE REVIEW of one

This means that this business's online reputation is poor, though I know that its real-life reputation is outstanding.

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But unfortunately, it's going to take more than my five-star SOMETHING



Chelsea Hooper

Columnist

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ery way possible. Get online and give all of your favorites a great big virtual hug.

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School trustees reject proposal to outsource after-school program

BY ROGER ENLOW

The Granbury School Board turned down a proposal to outsource the after-school program.

School board members were concerned about increased costs to parents and lack of local control.

The company, Right at School, proposed to manage the Extended Day Program with what

appears to be a fun and educational curriculum.

A company representative told the board the cost could be

\$5 more per week for parents. The increase didn't set well with trustees.

"I don't want to put a burden on our parents," board member Barbara Herrington said.

The district would not be out any cost. Revenue for the company would be generated from fees paid by the parents. The current fee is \$45 per

School Superintendent James Largent said he learned about the company at a conference and brought the proposal to the

GISD Director of Curriculum and Instruction Sharon Williams, whose duties include managing the current afterschool program, indicated that outsourcing would take a heavy burden off her department. Managing the "swinging door" personnel is "incredibly time consuming," Williams said.

Outsourcing, however, has its pros and cons. The school outsources custodial services, apparently with some concern.

"I don't think that's going well," board member Micky Shearon said. The school administration did not respond to Shearon's comment.

The board took no action on the proposed contract.



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ESSAY WINNER: Memorial Day essay winners with principals include (from left) Oak Woods Principal Donnie Cody, Brasen Moore with Brawner Principal Jincy Ross, Sarah Boyd with Baccus Principal Robert Herrrera, Ty-

ler Rodgers with Acton Elementary Principal Anna Roe, Silas Hughes with Mambrino Principal Stacie Brown and J.C. Campbell. Not pictured is Owen Aramburu.

Essay contest winners announced

Campus winners in a fifthgrade essay contest for Memorial Day were honored at the Granbury School Board meeting Monday.

The contest was initiated three years ago by J.C. Campbell, a veteran and community leader who felt it was important for students to commemorate armed services personnel who have died in service to the nation.

The program objective stated, "Many students think Memorial Day is simply a day to 'celebrate' a day off from school.

"They don't realize it is instead a day to 'commemorate' or remember those who have lost their lives in all American Wars. The objective of this con-

test is to help students understand the true meaning of this day."

The winners at the campus level were: Acton Elementary School: Ty-

ler Rodgers.
Baccus Elementary School:

Sarah Boyd. Brawner Intermediate School: Brasen Moore. Mambrino School: Silas Hughes.

Oak Woods School: Owen Aramburu.

The top essays were judged by the Hood County News, and the overall winner will be announced at the community Memorial Day event on the square on Monday, May 29.

School board approves several improvement projects

The Granbury School Board has approved several facility improvement projects for the summer.

They include:

Security cameras at all elementary campuses.Resurfacing the transpor-

tation parking lot.
- Painting at Baccus Elementary School and GHS athletic

facilities.
- Replacement of letters on the Pirate Stadium press box.

The projects total about \$220,519 with the bulk coming from bond funds for the security cameras and the remaining from district re-

In April, board members approved other projects: carpet squares in the Granbury Middle School lecture hall; bleachers outside the Granbury Marine Corps JROTC rifle range; resurfacing and painting the Granbury High School auditorium stage floor; replacement of wash stations at Baccus; an additional conference room

at GMS; additional restroom lighting at Baccus; installation of restroom partitions at Acton Elementary School; installation of sink in GHS theater arts classroom; refinishing of small gym floors at both Acton Middle School and GMS; and repair and refinish gym floor in administration building.

Previous projects approved in March were: roof and tile at Baccus; and cafeteria sound systems for GHS and GMS.

GISD'S BANK DEPOSITORY

Board members also approved a bid by PlainsCapital Bank to serve as the school district's bank depository for a two-year period beginning in September 2017.

Trustees adopted changes to local district policy to finetune language regarding the calculation of GPAs as well as additional clarifying wording on how to break potential ties between top students for the designation of valedictorian and salutatorian.

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LSU Health Shreveport will award a degree to Christine Elizabeth Birdwell from Granbury on May 27.

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Matthew Walters, a seventhgrade student from Acton Middle School, is among the students honored by the



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MAKING A NAME: Kelby Been gets ready to deliver a pitch during a Granbury softball game in April. Been, although only a sophomore, was named District 9-5A

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Pitcher of the Year, one of 10 Lady Pirate players given
awards by the district.

Lady Pirate softball hauls in the awards

BY GRANT MCGALLIARD HOOD COUNTY NEWS

A successful regular season for the Granbury Lady Pirate softball team earned several players District 9-5A honors.

Ten Lady Pirates were honored by the district, as well as coach Erinn Jayjohn, who was named Coach of the Year.

Kelby Been was named Pitcher of the Year. Catcher Lani Hickey was named Co-Defensive Player of the Year, while do-it-all senior Livia Zamora earned Co-Utility Player of the Year.

Everly Carey, Casey Hobbs and Mary Kate McClaren appeared on the first team All-District squad. Stormi Burns, Rayli Ruby and Brianna Venable were on the second team.

Rachel McWilliams and Lyndsey Sager were honorable mention selections.

tion selections.

Academic All-District honorees included Been, Hickey,

Zamora, Hobbs, McClaren, Ruby, Venable, McWilliams, Sager, Hannah Pallett, Madison Everage and Haley Malloy.

The Lady Pirates also gave out internal program awards. Been was named overall MVP, while Zamora was offensive MVP and Carey was defensive MVP.

Ruby won the Most Improved award. Everage and McWilliams shared the "Pirate Heart" award.

YOUP

Madison Heathington

Heathington graduates as OPSU career HR leader

BY GRANT MCGALLIARD

Madison Heathington finished her career at Oklahoma Panhandle State University as the program's all-time leader in career home runs and single-season homers.

Madison is the daughter of Granbury High School graduate Steve Heathington and the granddaughter of Granbury residents Leonard and Dorothy Heathington.

A catcher, Madison was named to the All-Heartland Conference Second Team. She also sits fifth in the conference career home runs list.

She will go on to graduate school in Colorado Springs, and hopes to become an elementary special education teacher.







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MAN IN CHARGE: Granbury head coach Chad Zschiesche strides through his players during Thursday morning's practice session. This is the first spring that

Zschiesche has spent with the Pirates after taking the Granbury job in the summer of 2016.

Pirate football spring practices have coaches enthused for season

BY GRANT MCGALLIARD
HOOD COUNTY NEWS

The regular season is still three months away, but the Granbury Pirates have been grinding hard getting ready for the 2017 campaign.

Granbury concluded their fourth week of spring practice with the spring football game Friday night at Pirate Stadium.

Head football coach Chad Zschiesche is in his first spring practice session with the Pirates, and he said he's been as focused on instilling the attitude he wants as he is on plays and drills.

The mentality he wants his players to have, he said, is two-fold.

"Number one, hard work pays

off," Zschiesche said. "Number two, compete in whatever you're doing."

"If you're going out with your buddies to the pizza buffet, you need to eat the most pizza. If you're playing checkers with your little brother, you need to beat your little brother."

Just because it's not in-season doesn't mean the practices haven't been intense, either.

"That's day in and day out, drill in and drill out," Zschiesche said. "We instilled that with some very tough stuff in the offseason, and also some fun stuff – but whether it was tough or fun, we wanted the kids competing."

Overall, Zschiesche said he's been pleased with how the spring practices have gone.

"This team has the potential to be as good as they want to be," he said.

In particular, he singled out the offensive line and the incoming sophomores as groups that have made strides in the offseason.

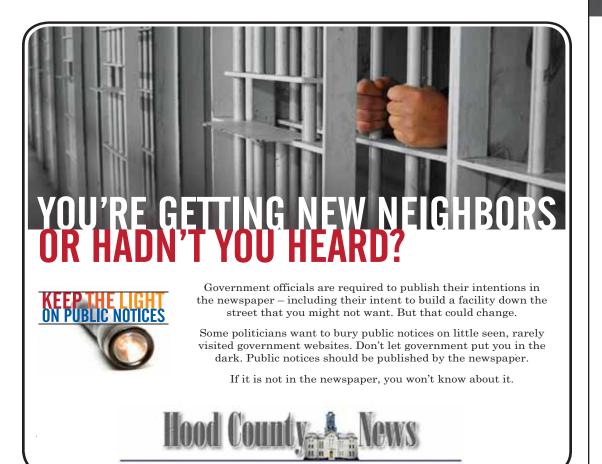
"Offensive line was a big concern going into spring ball, just who would step up, how would they come together," he said. "We have the potential to be really athletic up front.

"And there were question marks on some incoming sophomores, whether or not they could handle Friday night speed, Friday night mentality. There have been a few that have stepped up and have accepted that challenge."



PIRATE VS. PIRATE: Offensive and defensive linemen for the Granbury Pirates line up against each other during a practice on Thursday morning. The offensive line,

MARY VINSON | HOOD COUNTY NEWS | BUY REPRINTS AT HONEWS.COM/GALLERIES head coach Chad Zschiesche said, has been a bright spot this offseason, with many players stepping up and improving.



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Striper action improving on Lake Granbury

No one was absolutely sure of the impact of the 2016 floods on the Granbury and Possum Kingdom fisheries. The large flows of water through both Possum Kingdom and Granbury definitely transported fish downstream.

The dams at Possum Kingdom and Granbury open, and water flows through the dam, which sends fish caught in the flow downstream. When that occurs, the fishing is excellent below the dams, and that has been the case at both lakes.

Not all fish go through the dam, and what remains is now being assessed by anglers and Texas Parks and Wildlife Department (TPWD) folks.

A recent survey at Possum Kingdom indicated a healthy population of stripers of various sizes with a good population of smaller fish. The TPWD reported that a year's worth of striped bass was found that was not stocked.

Based on this report, the flood (water flows) allowed a natural spawn to occur there. Typically, striped bass spawns on most Texas reservoirs are not

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maintain the population, and stocking is required. Texoma is

the exception. Stripers successfully spawn year to year at Texoma, and no stocking is required there

for this spe-

cies. A survey has not been done on Lake Granbury as of yet, but I can tell vou we also have an abundance of small stripers that were not stocked. I would say we had the same conditions as Possum Kingdom and more than likely had a successful spawn in the

river above Granbury. Some of the larger stripers are still being caught on Granbury, but in my opinion we lost a lot of these fish downstream. The future does look good for Granbury going forward on striped bass, as we have unbelievable amounts of 12-to-16

inch stripers running with the sand bass.

The black bass and crappie populations look great. I don't think the floodwater did much to alter the population of these

A recent Florida largemouth bass stocking just occurred on Granbury, and the already excellent largemouth bass fishing is sure to improve beyond that.

In my opinion, white bass (sand bass) numbers are down as well, but the populations of these fish are still abundant. I have been able to catch limits of these fish consistently, and there are a lot of smaller fish in the mix.

Channel catfish populations are good based on reports received from many anglers.

Eventually, a survey will be done on Granbury, and we will get the TPWD's official stance on the fishery, but for now Granbury is doing great, as anyone who fishes Granbury

HOOD COUNTY FISHING REPORT

Granbury water temperatures are approaching 80 degrees,

and summer is starting to set in. Granbury black bass are good to six pounds on soft plastics (I understand blue fleck is a good color choice).

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Crappie are good on small minnows near deeper structures. Striped bass to eight pounds are good on live shad or slabs.

Look for any bird action to locate active fish. Even just one bird can point you to fish.

Squaw Creek fishing continues to be good at this power plant lake. Many bank anglers frequent this lake to catch tilapia, which are great table fare.

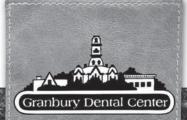
The best bait for tilapia is a worm fished under a bobber. Black bass continue to be good on crankbaits and Texas-rigged

Whitney and Possum Kingdom stripers continue to be good on live shad or downrigging jigs with curly tail trailers. Both bodies of waters have double digit fish to catch.

Limits of striped bass are common on Whitney. Great crappie limits are being caught on Lake Benbrook near deeper structures.

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Brand bashing can go too far

As we all know, earlier this month the sporting world was rocked by a disturbing, urgent announcement that called into question the very fabric of athletic endeavors as a whole.

I'm speaking, of course, of the release of the Big Baller Brand shoe, the ZO2.

For those unaware, Big Baller Brand (or BBB) is the company run by Lavar Ball, a wonderfully egotistical man whose son, Lonzo, should be the second overall pick in the NBA draft. After spurning deals from major shoe companies to sponsor Lonzo, Lavar started BBB, mostly because the companies refused Lavar's insistence on a billionaoliar illetime sponsorsnip that also covers other Ball boys (get it?) LiAngelo and LaMelo.

Stick with me here, I know all the names can get confusing. Lonzo is an exceedingly good point guard from UCLA, LiAngelo is an incoming Bruin and LaMelo, a sophomore in high school, might be better than all of them.

And of course, Lavar is the doting dad and shrewd - sort POINT **FORWARD**



Grant McGalliard Staff Writer

Good. So when Lavar and Lonzo announced the release

of - business-

man in charge

of it all. Got it?

of the ZO2s (named for Lonzo's number at UCLA), nobody raised too much of an eyebrow

that a player fresh out of college already had his own shoe under his own

That is, at least, until people got a look at the price tag for the ZO2, which retails at \$495 and \$695 if you wear a size 14 or above.

That's right. You can make your car payment for the month on a nice new truck, or you can pre-order a pair of sneakers that are guaranteed to get to your house by Black Friday.

As expected, the hot takes began flowing, and the backlash

was swift. Most of this was all justified and in good fun; who in their right mind would pay \$495 for a shoe?

But, as always, a subset of people made a mistake that most sports fans will make once or twice in their lives: they took Lavar Ball way, way too seriously.

Instead of chuckling at Big Baller Brand and ignoring the peculiar behavior of the father to focus on the excellent play of the son, Lonzo has become a poster child in some circles for everything wrong with the sport, a shining example of the too-much-too-soon generation.

Keep in mind that Lavar has been the driving force behind most of this media circus, and that Lonzo has, by all accounts, said and done everything right with teammates at UCLA and NBA teams trying to draft him. It was Lavar, not Lonzo, that said they'd only accept a contract from the Lakers; Lavar, not Lonzo, said that Lonzo was the best player in the world.

This column isn't asking you not to make jokes at the expense of the Big Baller Brand -

it's truly funny, and as someone who actually does wear a size 14 shoe and would have to shell out \$200 more than the average guy, I won't be purchasing any ZO2s.

But too many people are lumping in Lonzo with Lavar, and that's not fair to the son. Lonzo will most likely get drafted by the Lakers and play well for them, and rooting against a 19-year-old kid just because his dad is fond of making outlandish claims on national television seems harsh.

Lavar has also said some offensive things in this past week, telling a female journalist to "stay in her lane," and he should be rightly criticized and called out for such boorish behavior.

But it's okay to pull for Lonzo and wish him well while simultaneously taking cuts at Lavar, especially as the dad makes more and more desperately controversial things to keep the media attention on him. It doesn't make you a hypocrite, and it doesn't make you any less of a Big Baller - whatever that may mean.

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Lady Pirate track celebrates season at banquet

BY GRANT MCGALLIARD HOOD COUNTY NEWS

The Granbury girls track team named their runners and field athletes of the year at a banquet Tuesday night.

Breanne Irish was named

all-around MVP for the varsity, while Hayley Ecord was the junior varsity all-around MVP.

Gabbie Nunn, who made it to the region meet in the high jump, was named jumper of the year for the varsity. Kristen Babiash was the JV honoree.

Babiash was also the JV sprinter of the year. Alex Weaver won the varsity award.

The throwers of the year were Mikayla Woody for the varsity and Ally Adams for the JV. Chloe Lafaive was the mid-distance varsity runner of the year,

while Maci Blohowiak earned

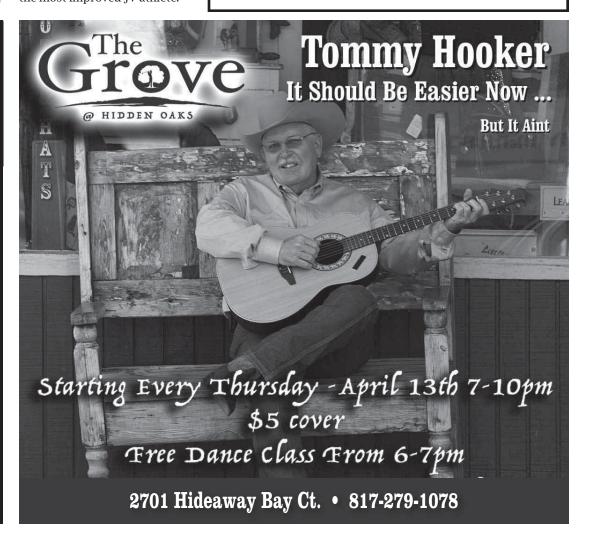
the JV award. Tara Wynne was the distance runner of the year and the varsity most improved athlete. Marley Fox won the JV distance runner award, and Taylor Carr was the most improved JV athlete.





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Rockin' good time planned June 2 for Curtain Call

The Curtain Call benefit for the Opera Guild of Granbury brings the Barcus Brothers, featuring Elizabeth Kensik, to town Friday, June 2.

Classic Rock & Roll - a Musical Journey will be presented at the Granbury Opera House on the square from 7:30-10 p.m.

Tickets are \$30-\$35 and can be purchased by calling 817-579-0952, or go to www.granburytheatrecompany.org.

A professional musician for 20 years, Steve Barcus is no stranger to Granbury, having played at the Granbury Resort Conference Center and at the Opera House.

His musical career includes lead roles in "Jesus Christ Superstar," "Hair," "I Love You, You're Perfect, Now Change," "Grease" and others.

Steve spent nine years in New York City, where he tapped into the cabaret scene with partner Julie Johnson. He currently resides in Dallas where he plays at Chamberlain's in Addison and other popular venues.

Jimmy Barcus is a Dallasbased guitarist/singer/songwriter who has been entertaining audiences in the DFW area and beyond for the last 30

Jimmy has toured nationally with the show band Flyer and has performed in numerous musical theater productions. With regular weekly gigs he

works to provide a memorable experience for his fans, bringing his unique stamp to classic rock and roll tunes from the 1960s. 1970s and 1980s.

Elizabeth Kensik splits her time between New York City and Dallas. She is the Artistic Associate of Theatre 4 the People in NYC. Her film experience includes "Pan Am" and "White Lies." NYC theater credits include "Twelfth Night" (Viola/ Cesario), "The Cradle Will Rock" (Sister Mister) and more.

Regional and touring credits include "Annie" (Grace), "How To Succeed in Business" (Rosemary), "My Fair Lady" (Eliza Doolittle), "Beauty & the Beast" (Belle) and others.

OPERA GUILD CONTRIBUTIONS

The Opera Guild was first chartered in 1978 and has been active in the Granbury area since. The Opera Guild provides volunteers and financial aid to the Granbury Opera House.

This year the group is purchasing a defibrillator for the Opera House.

Funds will also be used to add mirrors and dance bars to the rehearsal hall.

The Guild sponsors a "First Night" dessert reception before the opening of each play, as well as sponsoring and providing a "cast and crew" dinner after the final performance of each GTC production.



Opera Guild leaders named

New officers have been installed for the Opera Guild of Granbury Board. From left are: Teresa Anderson of Visit Granbury, Mary Ella Riley, President Fern Bailey, Recording Secretary Faye Landham, Corresponding Secretary Terry Kinney, Treasurer Eve Behan, Director of Programs Pete Key, Director of Membership Lavada McDaniel and Director of Reservations Ona Pruitt. Parliamentarian Director of Fundraising Carol Lippincott was not present and will serve as parliamentarian director of fundraising. The guild meets September through May on the first Tuesday of each month. If you would like to join or have any questions about the guild, send email to granburyog@gmail.com or call 682-936-9572.

Volunteers are helping seniors

BY DEBBIE SCHNEIDER HOOD COUNTY NEWS

The volunteers with Senior Connection are making a difference for senior citizens.

Through the Meals on program, the client needs are funneled to the Senior Connection nonprofit organization.

Volunteers then converge on the home, generally on a Saturday morning, to complete tasks too daunting for the homeowner.

They have cleaned the gutters, built ramps, removed old mattresses, trimmed tree branches and removed old fenc-

Groups or individuals can help the program with monetary donations or as volunteers.

To volunteer with the group contact Publisher Jerry Tidwell at the Hood County News, 817-573-7066.

Tax deductible donations can be made to UWHC - Senior Connection, and mailed to UWHC Senior Connection, P.O. Box

1611, Granbury, Texas /6048 The names of donors will be listed in the paper. If preferred, donations can be listed as "anonymous."

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Plant sale will help circle project

he Pecan Plantation Woman's Club and the Green Thumb Garden Club worked cooperatively to produce a plant sale extraordinaire at the clubhouse

Members from both groups were on hand to discuss merchandise for sale and answer questions about plants and their best placement.

The weather cooperated beautifully, and funds raised were

All proceeds from the day will help make the west circle project of the garden club a reality. Thank you to all the folks who

planned, worked, purchased and made this day such a suc-

TAKE AIM

A 2D/3D archery open shoot takes place today and tomorrow at the archery/air gun range. Spectators are invited.

HOT RODS

From 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Pecan Activities Center (PAC) today brings the unique car show.

All kinds of fancy rides will be on display, along with music and food for purchase.

Fun for the whole family is planned.

BENEFIT GOLF TOURNAMENT

Today also brings Pecan's Volunteer Fire Department/Emergency Medical Service Auxiliary sponsored golf tournament beginning at 1 p.m. All proceeds from the day will benefit our emergency service groups.

TATTERED FLAG SOLDIER PROGRAM FOR BREAKFAST CLUB

tered Flag Soldier."

Wednesday morning's Breakfast Club will welcome John Patterson when he presents "Tat-

Breakfast service begins at 7:30 a.m. at the clubhouse with PECAN BITS



TALENTED COMMUNITY

following.

immediately

Pecan boasts a plethora of people with a myriad of talents, and the recent "Pecan's Got

Talent" show

Diane Long

proved that postulate true once The audience boasted 180 people gathered to watch the

show. Eleven performers provided 15 different acts for the evening. Many thanks go to the en-

tertainment committee, and specifically to Eva Margle and Brenda Palmer, for their help in this production. Also making the evening pos-

sible were Pecan staff members John Thomas and Aaron Reid, along with Keith Casterlin and Darryl Davis.

An annual talent show for Pecan began several years ago, and each year it has grown and become more popular.

The show's primary objective is to feature talented Pecan residents, and the various acts presented have included singers, dancers, musicians, magicians and storytellers of all kinds.

Young talent is also encouraged in this family oriented show and it has had performers as young as 10 years old.

Monte Lewis writes, "These shows are fun to do and this year's was one of the best yet.

Our Pecan residents are the real stars, and we applaud them for sharing their talent with us and all the preparation they do to perform in front of the best audience in Granbury!'

Look for "Pecan's Got Talent" the 2018 edition next spring.



PRETTY PLANTS: Funds from the recent plant sale by the Pecan Plantation Woman's Club and Green Thumb Garden Club benefit the future development of the west gate circle. From left are Ivy Brock, Gennie Hamilton, Shelley Reyenga and Oneta Bergman.

MEMORIAL DAY

Summer is right around the corner, and Pecan will hail its start with the annual Memorial Day street dance and party.

Sunday evening May 28 from 5:30 to 10 p.m. will showcase live music, food for purchase, bounce houses and waterslides at the clubhouse.

All purchases will be made with tickets, which will be for sale on the night of the party, as well as ahead of time to avoid waiting.

Come to the clubhouse front desk for early sales.

PECAN PICKLEBALL

Pickleball is alive and well in Pecan, and May and June find

our Pickleball Association holding a membership drive.

Applications may be found in the May edition of "The Columns" as well as at the PAC front desk.

Annual dues are \$25. The PAC has designated pickleball hours on its indoor courts, and the clubhouse also has outdoor play area as well.

All skill level players, as well as beginners, are welcome to

SYMPATHY

Our sympathy goes to the family of Willa Rapp, who passed away April 29.

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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.

SATURDAY, MAY 20

CRAWFISH BOIL and BBQ plates, noon to 6 p.m., karaoke from 8 to 11 p.m., VFW Post 7835, 3670 Highway 377

POSTPONED: WATER Safety Awareness Day has been postponed by the Brazos River Authority due to forecasts of severe weather. The BRA will instead host the event on Saturday, June 3, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., Rough Creek Park on Lake Granbury. Go to www.brazos.org for updates.

MONDAY, MAY 22

WRITERS' BLOC double critique session, 7 to 9 p.m., Lakestone Terrace third-floor library, 916 Highway 377 E.

TUESDAY, MAY 23

BLOOD DRIVE hosted by Granbury Villa Rehab and Nursing, 2124 Paluxy Highway, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. 817-279-2600 or 817-219-2566.

PARKINSON'S DISEASE support group has "A Day of Sharing," 12:30 p.m., Lakestone Terrace, 916 Highway 377 E.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 24

MID-CITIES STAMP Club Granbury chapter hosts the Donohoo Auction, viewing at 6 p.m., auction at 7 p.m., Bentwater Activities Center, 1800 W. Emerald Bend Court, 817-894-0688. Non-members are welcome to attend.

THURSDAY, MAY 25

ROTARY CLUB welcomes Lori Williams, Rotary District 5790 Retention Chair, noon, Harbor Lakes Country Club.

GRANBURY KIWANIS

welcome Holly Martin from Children's Advocacy Center, noon, Farina's on the Granbury Square.

FRIDAY, MAY 26

FIELD OF Flags opens at 10 a.m. to remember and honor military and first responders, 1,000 flags on display, 3602 E. Highway 377, http://granburyfieldofflags.com

SATURDAY, MAY 27

FLY-IN BREAKFAST hosted by the Civil Air Patrol, 7 to 10 a.m., Granbury Airport. Flight simulator available to kids.

GRANBURY SALUTE: Memorial Weekend, vendors from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m., music and activities on the square. Opening ceremony at 10 a.m. at main stage.

FIELD OF Flags opens at 10 a.m. to remember and honor military and first responders, 2 p.m. program with placement of the wreath, speaker, bagpipes, 3602 E. Highway 377, http://granburyfieldofflags.





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BY DEBBIE SCHNEIDER HOOD COUNTY NEWS

ow can you spend Memorial Day Weekend? Let me count

There's a carnival, Red Hot Concert 2, Field of Flags and A Granbury Salute to Memorial Weekend festival on the square. And that's on top of any family get-togethers you may have planned.

ATTRACTIONS ON THE SQUARE

Activities on the square begin Saturday morning, May 27, with the opening ceremony for A Granbury Salute:

Memorial Weekend. The ceremony is at 10 a.m.

Vendor booths are scheduled May 27-29, and will be open from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Sunday and 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Monday.

The Memorial Day Veterans Ceremony is at 10 a.m. Monday, May 29 at the

main stage on the square. The following schedule lists attrac-

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tions on the square. ON THE SQUARE

10 a.m. 10:30 a.m.

11 a.m.

Saturday, May 27 Opening ceremony **Granbury Theatre Company** presentation Granbury's Dance

1:30 p.m.

Pie baking contest, you bake the pie and bring it to be judged, cash prize Stray Hair

2:30 p.m. 4:30 p.m. Andrews Sisters (Opera House)

Sunday, May 28

Michael Alexander/Jackie

Moore Granbury Theatre Company Noon

presentation 1:30 p.m. Hot dog eating contest,

cash prize 3 to 6 p.m. Mojo Dolls

Monday, May 29

Memorial Day ceremony 10 a.m.

Sean Mitchell, of Big City 2 p.m. Review

FIELD OF FLAGS ON HIGHWAY 377 For an emotional experience, take

in the Field of Flags at 3602 E. Highway 377 (across from RaceTrac) where 1,000 American flags will be displayed.

Walk through the rows of flags, read acknowledgement cards and remember those who serve, or have served. Both military and first responders are recognized.

From now until May 25, you can purchase a flag at the Visitors Center on Houston Street, on the east side of City Hall. Flags can also be purchased online at www.granburyfieldofflags.com.

Donations will be accepted and flags can be purchased at the Field of Flags event. Proceeds from the event help Hood County veterans and their families.

The Field of Flags schedule includes the following.

FIELD OF FLAGS Friday, May 26

Open for viewing until dusk

Saturday, May 27

Open for viewing until dusk 10 a.m. Opening ceremony includes 2 p.m. presentation of colors by

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Saturday, May 20, 2017



READY TO HELP: When disabled Army veteran Charlie Thedford needed help to reconstruct his home after a fire, Hood County veterans and Home Depot employees were ready to answer the call. In back (from left) are

Weatherford Home Depot manager Chris McBayer, Tim Muesse, Ben Flemming, Jim Trimble of the VFW, Johnny Richards and Jim Elliott of the VFW and Masonic Temple. In front (from left) are James Stevens and Thedford.

Veteran receives help to rebuild home after fire

Disabled Army veteran Charlie Thedford, of Granbury, had talked with Hood County Veteran Services Officer Linda Mallon about some repairs needed at his home.

She knew just what to do. She forwarded his request to the Greater Granbury Veterans Association.

Working with the GGVA, Jim Trimble, of the Granbury VFW Post 7835, contacted the local

Home Depot asking them to partner with the VFW in repairing the home.

Thedford's home burned over a year ago, and his insurance money was not enough to cover the entire reconstruction.

"When the money ran out he was forced to live in the unfinished home which had no insulation. Basically it was a metal

"The temperature during last

summer was so extreme in the home, it was detrimental to Mr. Thedford's health," Trimble said.

The local Home Depot, through its Home Depot Foundation, donated \$5,000 in materials. Granbury and Weatherford Home Depot store employees volunteered their time to do the repairs. Jim Elliott from the Granbury VFW assisted in this effort

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MEMORIAL: Busy schedule next weekend

Granbury High School Marine Corps JROTC, placement of the wreath, speech from retired Air Force Mai. jen, Howard Thompson and music by bagpiper Bob Silvestre.

Sunday, May 28 10 a.m. Open for viewing until dusk

Monday, May 29

10 a.m. Open for viewing until dusk 2 p.m. Closing ceremony with solo by bag piper Bob Silvestre, poem by John Pelham, flag folding ceremony and taps.

Tuesday and Wednesday, May 30-31

Your flag will be available for pickup at the site. You are encouraged to take your flag home. Unclaimed flags will be donated to the Granbury Chapter, Military Officers Association of America.

RED HOT CONCERT 2 AT CONFERENCE CENTER

The Red Hot Concert 2 on Fri-

day, May 26 is the final push to raise funds for construction at the Memorial Lane Project.

Memorials to honor the military and law enforcement are under construction next to the Jim Burks Firefighters Memorial Park, 550 N. Travis St.

The dedication ceremony for the Memorial Lane Project is planned July 1.

The Red Hot Concert 2 activities begin with a sold-out VIP dinner at 6 p.m. upstairs at **Granbury Resort Conference** Center, 621 E. Pearl.

The silent auction opens downstairs at 7 p.m.

The Red Hot Concert 2 gets underway at 7:30 p.m. with musical artists Larry Hooper, Shake Anderson, Sean and Brayton Mitchell, Mike Alexander, Tina Lawrence, Jerry Allen, Randy Clements, Nin Hulett and Rose

General admission tickets to the concert are \$25. Purchase tickets online at www.granburymemoriallane.com/store,

or call 817-308-7427 for ticket availability.

A live auction takes place during the concert intermission. Some items include a home entertainment package, special dinner at a historic Victorian house, a chair made by prisoners and used at the state Capitol, artwork by Robert Cook and Mike Tabor, a fixer upper package and more.

For those unable to bid at the concert, auctions items will be available for bidding from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Friday, May 26 at the Conference Center.

CARNIVAL AT GRANBURY REUNION GROUNDS

Fort Worth-based Carnival Americana returns to Granbury Reunion Grounds May 26 through June 4 with amusement rides, games and food concessions.

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Joan Marie (Jo) Schoepf

Joan Marie (Jo) Schoepf, 81, of Granbury passed away suddenly May 9, 2017, at Rapid City Regional Hospital.

Celebration of Life: 3 p.m. Sunday, May 28, 2017, Acton United Methodist Church. In lieu of flowers a memorial fund has been established in Joan's name, 663 Glen Lake Drive, Coppell, TX 75019.

Jo was born June 22, 1935, in Bridgewater, South Dakota, and although she lived in many states she was a resident of Rapid City for 17 years and lived in Granbury for the last 20-plus years.

Jo was married to the love of her life, Loy Schoepf, who passed away in 2008. She was a fantastic mother to daughters CandE Wright and Sheryl Brazil, and favorite son, Kevin Schoepf and an even better mother-inlaw (because she always took their side) to Steve Wright, Jim Brazil and Jean Schoepf. All of her grandchildren and their spouses (19) called her Grandma Jo and great-grandchildren (22) called her JoJo. They all adored her as she always had a smile and she never failed to give a word of wisdom whether you wanted it or not. She would play a "getcha" game with the little ones which always made them laugh. Her sisters, Connie Scarbrough, Lana Bartling and Donna Mae Benson considered her their best friend and her ad-



vice was taken seriously, most of the time.

Jo was best known for her ability to become friends with everyone she met. She loved life to the fullest and her energy for visiting and helping people was endless. She loved to dance, laugh and her love for God and family was admired by all. She lived what she preached, felt blessed each and every day, and always believed in God's plan

for her and the family. Jo was preceded by several other loved ones including brother Roger Bartling; brothers-in-law Harold Scarbrough and Wally Benson; sisters-in-law Carole Ann Hart and Delores Hutchinson; grandson Jason Johnson; and great-granddaughter Chloe Harp.

Jessica Lynn Frost

Jessica Lynn Frost, 30, of Hood County passed away peacefully in her sleep surrounded by family and friends, and went to be with her Lord, April 28, 2017.

Services not announced. Born April 14, 1987, she was the mother of two precious

Jessica was beautiful, smart, funny, independent, generous, and had the biggest heart anyone was blessed to know.

She was always the first one in line to help; even those she didn't know. Her giving spirit and unconditional love allowed her to lead by example. She had an infectious laugh whose smile brightened the day of anyone around her.

Sadly we say goodbye Jessica. We will miss you everyday and are comforted knowing we will see you again in the Kingdom of God

Survivors include son, Rowen Sumners.



James Laird, 4; mother Lisa Diane and Ken Williams of Hood County; aunts and uncles Craig and Kathy Pruitt of Arlington, and Diana and Sam Hershner of Florida; cousins Audrey, Craig, Cory, Kendall, Matt, Devyn, Kaytlin, Liam, Gracie, Huxley and Michael; and grandfather Lucky Sumners of Florida.

She was preceded in death by her son, Gavyn Richard Lee Laird, 5 weeks; aunt Anna Nowlen and grandmother Paula

Blake Eugene LeBlanc

Blake Eugene LeBlanc, 36, passed away Tuesday, May 16, 2017, in Granbury.

Celebration of his life: 11 a.m. Friday, May 19, 2017, at Stonewater Church in Gran-

Blake was born on July 1, 1980, in Opelousas, Louisiana, to Eugene and Wanda LeBlanc. He married Jennifer Holland on June 7, 2008. Together they raised their two sons, Tyson and Teagan. He loved nothing more than spending time with his boys. Blake was a loving husband, father, son, brother and uncle.

Blake enjoyed games of all types; from memorizing Trivial Pursuit to watching the Texas Rangers and playing video games. He was an excellent grill-master and host, always eager to share food, silly humor and his quick-wit with family and friends.

Blake will be dearly missed by his wife: Jennifer LeBlanc, sons: Tyson LeBlanc and Teagan LeBlanc, parents: Gene and Wanda LeBlanc, sisters: Dawn Wyatt and husband Brett and Trista LePore, eight nieces and nephews, father

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and mother-in-law: Larry and Terry Holland, and numerous other family members. Blake was preceded in death by his grandparents.

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Memorial donations may be made to the LeBlanc family benefit account at First Financial Bank.

Arrangements made by Wiley Funeral Home.

PETS OF THE WEEK

Betty Jean Stanfill

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passed away Monday, May 15, 2017, in Granbury. Graveside service: 2

p.m. Thursday, May 18, 2017. South Bethel Cemetery, Braggs, Oklahoma.

Betty was born July 3, 1935, in Broken Arrow, Oklahoma, to Matthew and Carlotta Williams.

She loved to play bingo and crochet. She was an avid St. Louis Cardinal baseball fan. She was a 20-year breast cancer survivor.

She was preceded in death by her parents; husband R.V. Stanfill; father of her children, Billy Watkins; two grandchildren, two brothers and six sisters.

band Ronnie), Jimmy Watkins (wife Virginia) and Billy Watkins; six grandchildren, 16 great-grandchildren, four great-great-grandchildren; and sister, Ruth Singleton (husband Dale).

Arrangements made by Wiley Funeral Home.



Ronny Edwin Pulliam

Ronny Edwin Pulliam, 70, formerly of Granbury, passed from this life Saturday, May 13, 2017, in Antlers, Oklahoma. Services: 10 a.m. Thursday,

May 18, 2017, Hall Freewill Baptist Church. Interment followed at Hall Cemetery, Hall, Oklahoma. Family night: Wednesday,

May 17, 2017, from 6-8 p.m. at Burkhart Funeral Service, Antlers, Oklahoma.

Ronny was born July 10, 1946, to Morris Edwin and Helen Louise (Hackney) Pulliam in Fort Worth.

Ronny served in the U.S. Air Force during the Vietnam war. He married his wife, Vicky Harvey, Feb. 18, 2003, in Greenville, South Carolina. They spent several wonderful years together. Ronny enjoyed spending his time being outdoors hunting and fishing. He also enjoyed being with his family when he got the chance. Ronny will be greatly missed by all those who knew him.

Ronny is preceded in death by his parents, Morris and Helen Pulliam.

He leaves behind a loving family that includes his wife, Vicky Pulliam of the home; children Billy McDaniel of Waverly, Kansas, Wesley McDaniel of Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, Nathan McDaniel of Granbury, Zackary McDaniel of Antlers, Oklahoma, and Miranda Pulliam of Vidalla, Georgia; numerous grandchildren, other relatives, and a host of friends.

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.

Betty Jean Stanfill, 81,

Visitation: 8 a.m.-Noon Wednesday, May 17, 2017, Wiley Funeral Home in Granbury and 8 a.m.-Noon Thursday, May 18, 2017, Lescher-Millsap Funeral Home, Muskogee, Okla-

Betty is survived by her children: Kay Crossland (hus-



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James 'Jim' Robinson

James "Jim" Robinson, 71, of Granbury passed away May 16, 2017, after a courageous battle with cancer.

Funeral service: 11 a.m. Saturday, May 20, 2017, at Galbreaith-Pickard Funeral Chapel with burial following at Spring Creek Cemetery.

Visitation: One hour prior to

He was born May 20, 1945, to James Hurshel and Margaret Stoneburner Robinson in Ann Arbor, Michigan. Jim was a faithful member of

the Church of Christ. He loved photography, travel and his wife above all else. His parents and infant brother, Ronald Charles Robinson preceded him in death. Survivors include his wife of

46 years, Barbara Jean Fickling Robinson; sister Suzanne Potter (husband Gil); brother Dan Rob-



inson (wife Cheryl); five nephews and one niece; and a host of other family and friends.

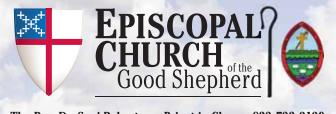
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- 24% have accessibility issues ramps, repairs to steps and/or porches, removal of overgrown shrubs and/or trees.
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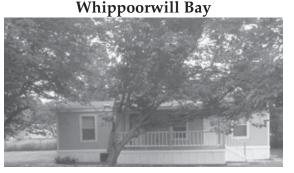
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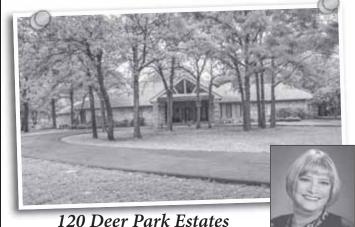
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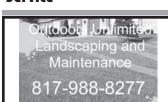


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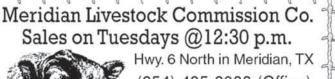
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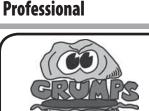
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Maria Hernandez

I did on the 25th day of April, 2017, at 11:02 a.m. levy upon the following property of: Maria Hernandez

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Request for Bid Hood County Sale of Property - Thorp Springs

RFB2017-004

Specifications documents for these proposals may be obtained at the Purchasing Agent's Office located at Hood County Annex 3, 1402 W. Pearl St., Ste 1, Granbury, TX 76048, or through the Hood County Purchasing Web link: http:// www.co.hood.tx.us/purchasing.htm. Hood County reserves the right to re-

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For additional Information, contact Hood County Purchasing Agent at 817 408-3440

Public Notices

ORDINANCE NO. 17-32 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE 16-50 WHICH APOPTED THE 2016 COM-PREHENSIVE PLAN FOR THE CITY OF GRANBURY, TEXAS; BY AMENDING THE MAP OF THE FUTURE LAND USE PLAN [FLUM], FIGURE 4.3, CONTAINED WITHIN THE 2016 COMPREHENSIVE PLAN FOR CERTAIN AREAS WITHIN IN THE CITY OF GRANBURY; REVISING THE MAP OF THE FUTURE LAND USE PLAN IN ACCOR-DANCE THEREWITH; PROVIDING THAT THIS ORDINANCE SHALL BE CUMULATIVE OF ALL ORDINANCES; PROVIDING A SEV-ERABILITY CLAUSE; PROVIDING A SAV-INGS CLAUSE; AND PROVIDING AN EFFEC-

ORDINANCE NO. 17-33 ESTABLISHING A PLANNED DEVELOP-MENT DISTRICT [PD/MULTIPLE-FAMILY] AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 01-819, REVISED ORDINANCE NO. 14-596, THE ZONING ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF GRANBURY, TEXAS, BY CHANG-ING THE ZONING CLASSIFICATION FOR CERTAIN PROPERTY IN THE CITY OF GRANBURY; REVISING THE OFFICIAL ZON-ING MAP IN ACCORDANCE THEREWITH; PROVIDING THAT THIS ORDINANCE SHALL BE CUMULATIVE OF ALL ORDINANCES; PROVIDING A SEVERABILITY CLAUSE; PROVIDING A PENALTY FOR VIO-LATIONS HEREOF; PROVIDING A SAVINGS CLAUSE; PROVIDING FOR PUBLICATION IN THE OFFICIAL NEWSPAPER: AND PROVID-ING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

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ORDINANCE NO. 17-34 AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GRANBURY, TEXAS, AMEND-ING THE GENERAL FUND FOR FISCAL YEAR 2016-2017.

These ordinances are on file in the Office of the City Secretary, 116 W Bridge St and can be seen in its entirety Monday through Friday from 8:00 AM to 5:00 PM.

REQUEST FOR FORMAL SEALED BID The City of Granbury, 116 W. Bridge Street, Granbury, TX 76048, is seeking formal sealed bids for Group Medical and Dental Insurance. Bids are due c/o Higginbotham, 500 W. 13th Street, Fort Worth, TX 76102, by 2:00 pm CST on Monday, June 12, 2017. Information may obtained from Higginbotham (rcrick@higginbotham.net) on or after May 19, 2017. The City reserves the right to accept, negotiate, or reject any and all bids, in whole or in part, to waive any informality in any bid, and to accept any bid, which, in its discretion, is in the best

NOTICE
The City of Granbury received a grant in 2014 from the Texas Department of Agriculture, Texas Capital Fund Downtown Revitalization Program. A public hearing has been called for 5:05 p.m. on Monday June 5, 2017 at the Granbury City Hall, 116 W. Bridge St., Granbury, Texas 76048 to review the program performance of the activities completed under this grant which will include an explanation of the actual use of the Texas Community Development Block Grant Program Funds. Please notify the City if assistance can be furnished to any persons with disabilities that wish to attend this public hearing. For further information or assistance, contact Eva Gregory, Finance Director at 817-573-1114 ext 1627. Para mas informacion en espanol, comuniquese con Eva

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GREETINGS:

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The petition of Joyce Santiago Petitioner, was filed in the Count Court at Law Court of Hood County, Texas on the 9th of May, 2017, against Rikki Rae Voice Respondent, numbered CL208210 and entitled "In the Matter of the Marriage of Cody Campbell and Rikki Voice" and In the Interest of Carter Michael Campbell. The suit requests: Motion to Modify Conservatorship as is more fully shown by the Petition on file in this suit.

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Issued and Given under my hand and the seal of said Court at Granbury, Texas, this the 9th day of May A.D. 2017. Attorney for Petitioner Robert Doshier 211 E Bridge Street

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CITATION BY PUBLICATION

THE STATE OF TEXAS: To all persons interested in the Estates Of JAMES RUSSELL MCDONALD, Cause No. P08284, County Court of Hood County, Texas. MEGHAN RICHARDSON in the above

numbered and entitled estate filed an Application To Detenmine Heirship and declare who are the heirs and the only heirs of the said Estate of JAMES RUSSELL MCDONALD, deceased, and their respective shares and interests in this Estate.

Said application wili 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 11th day of May, 2017. Katie Lang

Hood County Clerk By: Ashley Pool, Deputy Clerk P.O. Box 339

Granbury, Texas 76048-0339

NOTICE TO CREDITORS Notice is hereby given that original Letters Testamentary for the Estate of FRANCES PAULINE THOMPSON, Deceased, were issued on May 8, 2017, in Cause No. P08261, pending in the County Court of Hood County, Texas, to: Verliss yndall Thompson.

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. c/o: Steven J. Reid

Attorney at Law 1840 Acton Highway Granbury, TX 76049 DATED the 8th day of May, 2017. Steven J. Reid Attorney for Verliss Lyndall Thompson State Bar No.: 16747900 1840 Acton Highway Granbury, TX 76049 Telephone: 817-573-3718 Facsimil: 817-573-9732 E-mail: realestate@reidholder.com

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Notice is hereby given that original Letters of Administration for the Estate of Kenneth Ray Spencer, Deceased, were issued on May 8, 2017, in Cause No. PO8242, pending in the County Court of Hood County, Texas to: Kenneth Ray

All persons having claims against this Estate which is currently being administered are required to present them to the undersigned within the time and the manner prescribed by law. c/o: Steven G. Kuban Attorney at Law 107 E Pearl Street Granbury, TX 76048 DATE the 10th day of May, 2017.

SIGNED: Steven G. Kuban Attorney for Kenneth Ray Spencer, Jr. State Bar No.: 24078807 107 E. Pearl Street Granbury, TX 76048 Telephone (817) 573-8872 Facsimile: (817) 579-1651 E-mail: skuban@waltonkuban.com

NOTICE TO CREDITORS Notice is hereby given that original Letters Testamentary for the Estate of Jean S Langdon, Deceased, were issued on May 11, 2017, in Cause No. PO8262, pending in the County Court of Hood County, Texas, to: James C. Langdon.

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. c/o: Edwin J. Seilheimer Attorney at Law 1107 West Pearl Street, Suite 101 Granbury, Texas 76048 Dated the 11th day of May, 2017 By: Edwin J. Seilheimer Attorney for James C. Langdon State Bar No.: 18001850 1107 West Pearl Street, Suite 101 Granbury, Texas 76048 Telephone: 817-279-7090

Facsimile: 817-573-4485 NOTICE TO CREDITORS Notice is hereby given that original Letters Testamentary for the Estate of Eddie Ray Durant, Deceased, were issued on April 11, 2017, in Cause No. P08239, pending in the County Court, Hood County, Texas, to: Linda Durant.

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. c/o: Pamela A. Walker Attorney at Law 201 East Bridge Street

Granbury, Texas 76049

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Public Notices

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING The following items will be considered at a Public Hearing conducted by the ZON-ING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT of the City of Granbury on Tuesday, May 30, 2017 at 5:30 p.m., at Granbury City Hall, 116 West **Out of Town Sales**

etc Rain or Shine. May 19-20-21

Garage Sales 76048

Granbury 76048

ESTATE SALE: STEPHENVILLE 1915 Cre-

stridge- Large home filled with Asian col-

lectibles, antiques, kitchen, Lots of Delft

and Blue Danube, furn, appl, paintings,

Let us sell your better

items... we'll showcase

and sell your furniture

and accessories!

Don't want the hassel of having a

Garage Sale? Let us do all the work

and you will receive 50% of the

proceeds from your sold items. Call

us to schedule an appointment to

view your items, or email photos of

your treasures to us.

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1440 E. Hwy 377

817-578-8588

pjsbellarosa@yahoo.com

LANCROW STORAGE/GARAGE SALE.

773 Harbor Lakes Dr. Fishing (over 100

rods & reels), water sports, TOOLS, house-

Garage Sale! INSIDE! Thurs-Fri-Sat.

May 18-19-20. 2612 Peach Tree Ct.

Lake Granbury Harbor. (2) 9ft.New

garage doors w/openers.,Air Reel

Heaters, Concrete Mixer, Pressure

washer, Christmas items, clothes,

purses, shoes, dishes. Misc. Fence Ma-

terials, Gates, panels. TOYS.

(817) 279-9884

HUGE INSIDE GARAGE SALE!

LAKE GRANBURY ESTATES

Peach Tree Ct.. (2) New 9'Garage

Doors w/openers, air reel torches,

fans, many shop tools, shop

heaters, concrete mixer, pressure

washer, Christmas items, clothes,

purses, shoes, dishes, misc. fence

materials, gates & panels. TOYS!

(817) 279-9884

Yard Sale! Sat. May 20, 2017.

209 Kessler, 8am-2pm. Hand Blender,

saw, household items.

Wed thru Sat, May 17-20.

day. May 16 thru May 20.

Most \$1. Few item \$5 to \$20.

ATTENTIONS

Sat, May 18-20. 8am-till

Bridge Street, Granbury, Texas. 1. ZBA-2017-12, Request of Coker & Company for a Variance to Section 11.7.A to not provide the required masonry or masonry like construction on 80% of the total exterior wall area of a new structure. The property is located at 910 Victoria Court.

2. ZBA-2017-13, Request of Jim Leitch & Cathy Casey for two (2) Special Exceptions: 1) to Section 11.2.A.4 to install a carport in lieu of an enclosed garage as required in single-family zoned districts [R-7], and 2) to Section 11.2.A.11 to utilize crushed granite for a driveway instead of concrete or asphalt. The property is addressed as 110 W. Doyle St. 3. ZBA-2017-14, Request of Bruce & Vere-

na Thompson for a Variance to Section 13.4 to reduce a rear building setback from 20' to 16' in a Planned Development/Single Family [PD/SF-3] zoning district. The property addressed as 2215 Vi-4. ZBA-2017-15, Request of Larry Riggan

for a Special Exception to Section 11.7.B.9 to allow for an M-Panel metal roof. The property is addressed as 2116 E. Hwy. 5. ZBA-2017-16, Request of Granbury ISD

for a Special Exception to Section 11.7.A.1 to not provide the required masonry or masonry like construction on 80% of the total exterior wall area of a new structure. The property is addressed as 217 N. Jones

6. ZBA-2017-17, Request of Granbury ISD for a Special Exception to Section 11.7.A.1 to not provide the required masonry or masonry like construction on 80% of the total exterior wall area of a new structure. The property is addressed as 2000 W. Pearl St.

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

For more information, contact the Community Development Department at (817) 573-9692, Granbury City Hall, 116 West Bridge Street.

PUBLIC SALES

Auctions

BECKWORTH AUCTION SERVICE www.beckworthauction.com

Garage Sales 76049 Beckworth

Granbury 76049

Saturday - May 20, 2017 1421 Southtown Drive - Granbury, Texas - (817) 579-8166 Preview Starts: 1:00 pm - Auction Begins: 6:00 pm

Furniture (incl armoires, BR suites, bedsteads, fancy letter desk), Painted Furniture (incl kneehole vanity, slant front desk), Home Décor, Rugs (incl Persian), Coins, Autographs, Jewelry (incl freshwater pearl), Grace Adele handbags ... and more! Visit our website for additional partial listing.

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COUNTRY BOY AUCTION

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CLOSING OUT AUCTION SATURDAY MORNING, MAY 20, 2017 AT 10:00 A.M.

Located at our Auction House. Préview Saturday Morning from 9:00 a.m. until Auction starts. We will start outside then move inside for the rest of the auction. We have sold our building and need to be out May 29, 2017 This will be our last auction at this location.

PARTIAL LISTING

OUTSIDE: Metal shelf units, rear tine tiller, Bass Hunter small boat (stock tank), Troy Bilt riding lawn mower w/bad motor, 2 wheel lawn trailer, set of wood wheels w/axle 3" gas powered water pumps, Forney electric welder, floor jack, hand tools, shop tools, chains and chain binders, 2 push lawn mowers, Weedeater, lots of misc. items. INSIDE: Frigidaire upright deep freeze, Amana chest deep freeze, GE refrigerator,

Kenmore refrigerator, Whirlpool washer, Whirlpool electric dryer, 2 table top refrigerators, dresser w/mirror, antique library table, antique oak ice box, antique oak pie cabinet, king size bed, king size adjustable bed, 5 drawer chest, hallway table. bedside tables. 6 drawer chest, 2 floral color love seats, 8 ft. sofa, 2 drawer lateral file cabinet, round patio table w/2 chairs, 2 storage cabinets, primitive kitchen cabinet, Coca Cola umbrella w/stand, fish fryer, Radio Flyer wagon, bicycles, metal tea cart, show cases, work table, Black & Decker bandsaw mounted on table.

combination belt sander, 14" wood cutting bandsaw, Black & Decker 10" miter saw, saw and miter box, boxes of glassware, boxes of books, 175 stacking padded chairs 25 banquet tables and much more.

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SUMMER SALE: GRANBURY Laguna Tres N. Hwy 51- Community Sale. Furniture, Decor Items, Small App., & lots more! 8-5 Rain or Shine. Fri/Sat May 19/20

YARD SALE: GRANBURY 513 Mustang Tr.-Household/shop/general items. Lots and baby clothes, strollers, cradle, etc., and so much more. 8am - 1pm Saturday May 20

GARDENS OF DECORDOVA 8th Annual Yard Sale

7am-3pm, Saturday, May 20. 817-910-1230 5413 Garden Circle (off N. Gate Rd)

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Garage Sales 76476

ATTENTIONS GARAGE SALE: TOLAR 2711 Rock Church Hwy- MULTI FAMILY SALE!!! 8am -? Antiques, guns, coins, furniture, home decor, kitchen items, clothes, lawnmower, washer & dryer and a whole lot more! Too much to list! Rain or Shine. Friday May 19 -Saturday May 20

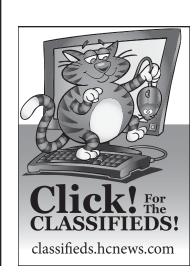


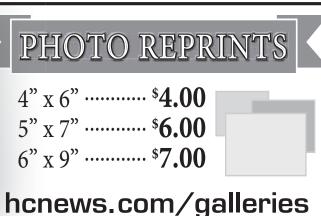
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Malibu 2LZ \$24,975





Sonic LTZ \$12,935

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Silverado 2500 LTZ, 4WD Stk #33868 \$44,985

2012 CHEVROLET TAHOE

Tahoe LTZ Stk #F76066 \$24,995

2012 GMC TERRAIN



Stk #F86709 \$16,975

2014 CHEVROLET MALIBU



Malibu LTZ \$15,990

2014 GMC SIERRA



\$32,750

2016 GMC YUKON



\$59,975

2017 CHEVROLET SILVERADO



Silverado Z71 LT Stk #F47259 \$39,985

2014 GMC TERRAIN



\$14,975

2015 GMC SIERRA



\$33,975

2015 GMC YUKON



\$39,985

2014 BUICK ENCLAVE



Enclave Premium \$31,750

2017 CHEVROLET TRAVERSE



\$28,990

2015 BUICK ENCLAVE



31k miles Stk #C86692 \$27,970

2014 BUICK VERANO



27k miles Stk #C37020 \$13,950

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2006 CHEVROLET 1500



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