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## NOT SO ELEMENTARY



It takes brain power to make the grade

BY KATHY CRUZ  
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Hey, parents and grandparents, are you smarter than a fifth-grader? Don't be so sure.

It's easy to think that kids have it easy. Their only "job" is to do well in school.

But doing well in school requires some real work, and kids deserve credit for paying attention, studying, turning in their homework and being able to work math problems that can jump-start a migraine among their elders.

We took a look at the State of Texas Assessments of Academic Readiness (STAAR) tests for fifth-grade math and science to see if we knew the answers.

The result was that our self-esteem went down a notch. Maybe two.

With school starting next Wednesday, we figured it's a good time to give a shout-out to the hard-working students in our community and to also give parents and grandparents a sampling of some of the test questions kids are expected to answer correctly.

So grab a pencil and be prepared to swallow some pride along with some headache medicine.

### FIFTH-GRADE MATH

1. An expression is shown:  $8 \times (3.8 +$

13.2) - 6. What value is equivalent to the expression?

- F: 37.6
- G: 61.4
- H: 130
- J: 88

2. The shaded cube (not pictured here) has a volume of 1 cubic unit. Cubes like this one will be used to completely fill a rectangular prism that has the dimensions 10 units by 8 units by 6 units. How many of these shaded cubes will be needed to completely fill the rectangular prism?

- F: 48
- G: 80
- H: 160
- J: Not here

3. Emily has a box shaped like a rectangular prism that is full of sugar cubes. Each sugar cube has a volume of 1 cubic centimeter. The top layer has a width of 6 cm and a length of 11 cm. There are three layers of sugar cubes. How many sugar cubes are in the box?

- A: 198
- B: 66
- C: 594
- D: 99

4. Margaret opened a new case of light

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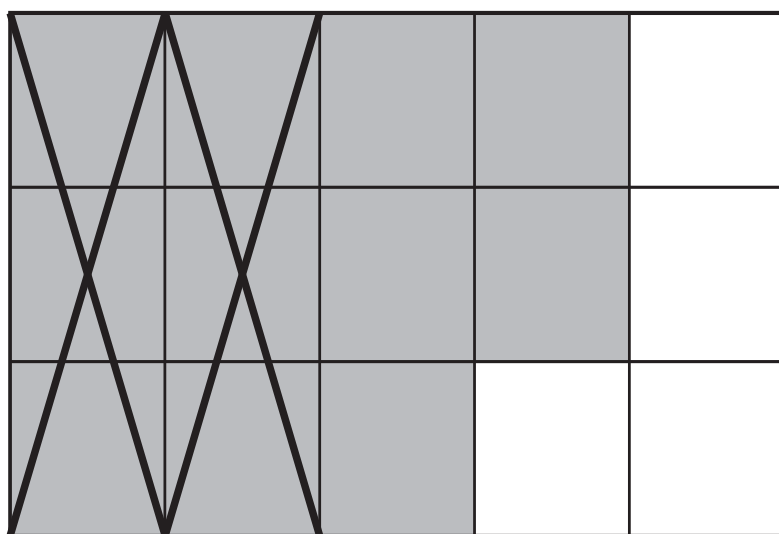
The shaded part of the model represents a fraction. Another fraction was subtracted. Which expression does the model represent?

F  $\frac{11}{15} - \frac{1}{6}$

H  $\frac{6}{15} - \frac{4}{15}$

G  $\frac{11}{12} - \frac{6}{12}$

J  $\frac{11}{15} - \frac{2}{5}$



## 'Celebrity' chef to cook for Lipan benefit

BY KATHY CRUZ  
HOOD COUNTY NEWS

A grand opening and benefit for the Lipan Community Food Pantry will be held Saturday featuring MasterChef contestant and Lipan resident Mike Newton.

The event will be from 3 to 7 p.m. behind Lipan's First Baptist Church, located at 214 N. Kickapoo. According to organizers, there will be a bounce house, a DJ and a band.

Attendees are encouraged to bring lawn chairs.

Newton, who specializes in Texas cuisine, will serve up chicken fried steak with salad, mashed potatoes and gravy. There will be hot dogs for kids.



Newton

Newton beat out dozens of contenders to be among 20 home cooks featured on the hit TV show MasterChef, which airs on Fox (Channel 4).

He is still in the running for the top prize, which includes a cookbook publishing deal and \$250,000.

Judges on the show are celebrity chefs Gordon Ramsey, Christina Tosi and Aaron Sanchez.

Debbie Noonkester, one of the Lipan Community Food Pantry's four board members, is thrilled that Newton generously volunteered his time for the event.

"He's very nice," she said.

It's not the first time Newton has aided a food ministry. A native of the Dallas suburb of Irving, he partnered in the past with a food bank there.

He and his wife Melanie own the Double N Ranch in Lipan and run a catering company.

### GROWING NEED

The Lipan Community Food Pantry has been in operation since February 2016, Noonkester said, but has moved to a new location because it outgrew a room at First Baptist Church.

It is now located "around the corner" at 106 Apache St., Noonkester said. A ribbon cutting for the new location will be

part of Saturday's festivities.

"We started out just a little bitty food pantry inside a very, very small room in the church," said Noonkester. "And we started having more and more and more people coming. We even had people from Granbury."

The food pantry, which now has a 501(c)3 nonprofit status, feeds about 40 families a week, Noonkester said.

The other board members, she said, are Mattie Taylor, Kenneth Holder and Jack Moore. They all attend Lipan's First Baptist, but the food pantry is not a church-driven organization.

"We're all kin and neighbors," Noonkester said of the board.

### ALL WELCOME ON SATURDAY

The food pantry is specifically for the Lipan community, but all Hood County residents are invited to the grand opening/benefit, Noonkester said.

Price of admission is a donation of either money or food for the food pantry.

Noonkester said that donated food doesn't have to be restricted to canned goods. The food pantry has a refrigerator and freezer.

Organizers need to know how many people to plan for, so those who plan to attend are asked to go to the Lipan Community Food Pantry's Facebook page to RSVP, or call

PLEASE SEE CHEF | 2A

## Chief: Police pay low

### City addresses understaffed police force

BY KATHY CRUZ  
HOOD COUNTY NEWS

The Granbury Police Department is operating almost an entire shift short, largely due to low pay and problems attracting qualified applicants.

The low pay problem may be resolved once the City Council adopts the 2017-2018 fiscal year budget during its regular meeting on Tuesday, Sept. 5.

City Manager Chris Coffman's proposed budget includes a "pay adjustment" in the amount of \$264,353 for police department salaries and benefits.

That cost is offset by \$209,000 in savings due to the city's "380" economic development agreement with H-E-B and other retailers in the Luton Ranch development coming to an end.

The staffing problem within the police department was mentioned several times during last week's regular meeting of the City Council, during a discussion about traffic on the square and enforcement of the city's truck ordinance.

Police Chief Mitch Galvan later told the Hood County News: "We've had five to six openings for several years now."

He went on to say that it has grown difficult to attract qualified applicants, and that some who do apply do not pass the background check.

"Pay's a big, huge issue, and it's tough to get people who are qualified," Galvan said. "When I say qualified, I mean their backgrounds come back with stuff on it we have no desire to take."

Galvan said the police department's current staff of 31 officers have been working "skeleton crews," which "equates to guys having to work extremely hard the whole 12 hours."

Officers work 12-hour shifts, he said, because they prefer those hours and it is "the best way to maximize your coverage for the amount of personnel you have."

Galvan said he is currently down five officers "working independently." That means officers who are not in training or attending the police academy and are able to work on the street without supervision.

Galvan noted that, while sheriff's deputies cover a larger territory, Granbury police officers work every auto accident in the city as well as business-related crimes. Many of the county's

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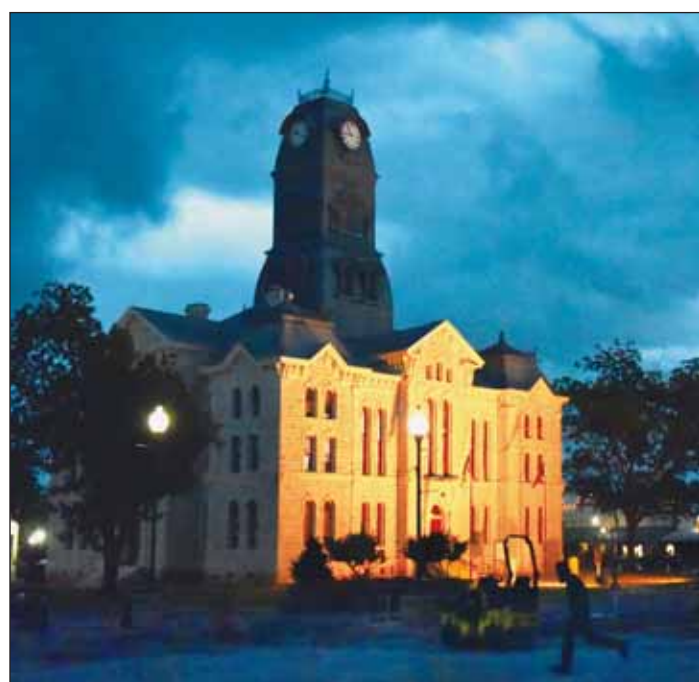
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**HIT THE COURTS:** Granbury and Tolar begin their volleyball regular seasons this week, with both teams heading to tournaments this weekend. Full previews of both teams, including varsity rosters and schedules: 6A-7A.





MARY VINSON | HOOD COUNTY NEWS | BUY REPRINTS AT HCNEWS.COM/GALLERIES  
**RAINY DAYS:** The Hood County Courthouse stands out against the rainy square on Sunday. The county got drenched with over 7 inches of rain during the evening downpour.

# Storm snaps tree limbs, dumps up over 7 inches of rain

BY BETHANY KURTZ  
 HOOD COUNTY NEWS

Sunday evening's storm left a lot of cleaning up to do as well as full rain gauges across Hood County.

The Granbury Regional Airport officially recorded 1.76 inches according to Airport Operations Supervisor Pat Stewart. The maximum wind speed recorded was 52 miles per hour.

Rains were heavier to the east, Stewart said. Several roads flooded, but there were no reports of any major accidents or high-water rescues.

Residents and law authorities reported tree limbs snapped by the high wind. Reports and photos rolled in on the Hood County News Facebook page.

Profile users John N Tracy Bush collected the highest total of 7.25 inches in the Mambrino area.

Mallard Pointe was a close second at 6 inches, according to profile user Gene Helton Huett's report.

Indian Harbor came in third with a little more than 5 inches, according to profile user Barbara Johnson Payne's photo.

A close runner-up was Pecan Plantation with 5 or close to 5 inches, according to profile users William Tarwater and Bob Bowling.

The winds left leaving DeCordova resident Roy Malone with a lot of cleanup work to do.

"I had the top of a pretty big tree fall down," he said. It landed in the yard without damaging anything.

The damage Facebook user Patricia Elliott Simpson reported was a bit more serious. "My breaker box got fried," she said.

The sudden August storm is not the only thing uncharacteristic about the weather this year, said Facebook profile user Laurie Parry.

"I've noticed some trees already turning fall colors. Not dry, dead leaves - but bronze, gold like fall," Parry said.

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## GALVAN: 'Working on it'

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businesses are located within the city limits.

"Last year, we worked over 1,000 accidents. Over 40,000 cars are coming through town every day," the chief said, adding that the Department of Public Safety (DPS) works accidents for the sheriff's office.

As for business-related crimes, those include shoplifting, credit card theft and identity theft, among other things.

"Our guys are running from the beginning of the shift to the end of the shift," Galvan said. "These guys work hard."

He added: "We're continuing to grow. Other developments are planned, and our (officers) are going to have to increase substantially in order to provide the coverage that needs to be provided."

Galvan said that the police department's pay scale has not been competitive. Starting pay for a recruit officer is currently \$36,162 per year, he said, but some cities pay as much as \$43,000.

"We're behind," Galvan said, "but we're working on it."



Governments are required to publish their decisions in the newspaper - including their intent to build a structure nearby that you might not want. But some officials want to bury public notices on little seen, rarely visited government websites.

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# An organized plot Cemetery Board looks to buy cataloguing software

BY KATHY CRUZ  
 HOOD COUNTY NEWS

With virtually everything being computerized these days, why should graveyards be any different?

The Cemetery Board will decide tomorrow whether to present a recommendation to the Granbury City Council regarding the purchase of software that would better enable plots at the historic City Cemetery to be marketed.

Board chair David Southern said that the group has been working on cataloguing and identifying gravesites there, and even "did some X-raying" to determine whether certain spots contain human remains buried long ago.

For many years, he said, record-keeping involved "paper and pencil" and may not have been precise.

"Some kept good records, and some didn't," he said of those who have been involved with the cemetery over the years. With the board making con-



Southern

certed efforts at cataloguing, "the only reasonable way is through computer," Southern said.

The plan is to ultimately - though not initially - include a Google Earth feature that will enable funeral directors and loved ones to go online and view real-time images of plots, he stated.

Southern said that the initial cost of the software would be about \$25,000 and would include five to seven years' worth of updates.

He said Monday that the board will decide this week such details as whether to propose the purchase as a match.

In that situation, the city would pay part of the cost and the Cemetery Board would pay the rest out of the cemetery trust.

### SHRINKING POOL

Southern noted, however, that the trust has been depleting.

He explained that some years ago, when he was mayor, the city purchased an additional 10 acres for the purpose of someday expanding the cemetery.

The man who sold the land to the city mistakenly sold the gas rights along with the land, Southern said. The man and city officials worked out an arrangement in which the revenue from the gas rights would be placed in the cemetery trust.

"He was fine with the money being dedicated to the cemetery," Southern said.

Although for a while the gas rights brought in a considerable sum - as much as \$14,000 per year, Southern said - those rights don't bring in nearly as much now.

"The cemetery trust is declining," Southern said.

He added that, when plots are sold, the money goes to the city, not the cemetery trust. The reason, he said, is because the city spends money maintaining the grounds, and regular mowing is a significant undertaking. As it stands now, the trust is

partnering with the city on improvements to the main road leading into the cemetery that will "provide a lot better access," Southern said.

### LOCAL HISTORY

Southern said that, increasingly, people are tracing their DNA and their roots, which adds to the importance of the City Cemetery.

"It's a big part of our history and also, it's beginning to become a tourist attraction," Southern said. "That's a new field of tourism that's happening, not just in Granbury, but across the nation."

The grave of Jesse James - or the grave of a man who reportedly was the famed outlaw - is in the City Cemetery.

Designated as a historic graveyard by the Texas Historical Commission, Granbury's City Cemetery serves as the final resting place for veterans of every war in which the United States has fought, dating back to the War of 1812, Southern noted.

## TESTING: How well do you test on fifth-grade state exam?

FROM PAGE ONE

bulbs. The case contained three boxes of light bulbs with eight light bulbs in each box. Margaret threw two of these light bulbs in the trash because they were damaged. Then she took seven of the light bulbs out of the case. Which expression can be used to show that there are 15 light bulbs still in the case?

- F:  $3 \times 8 - 2 + 7$
- G:  $3(8) - 2(7)$
- H:  $3 \times 8 - (2 + 7)$
- J:  $3 + 8 - 2 + 7$

5. Brenda said that the number 2 is prime because it has only two factors. Carla said that the number two is composite because it is even, and all even numbers are composite. Who is correct?

- A: Brenda is correct.
- B: Carla is correct.
- C: Both of them are correct.
- D: Neither of them is correct.

Answers: 1-H; 2-J; 3-A; 4-H; 5-A

### FIFTH-GRADE SCIENCE

1. Many desert animals depend on the prickly pear cactus. What role does the prickly pear cactus play in a desert food web?

- A: It obtains energy from producers.
- B: It returns nutrients to the soil.
- C: It preys upon other organisms.
- D: It provides energy to consumers.

2. A student fills two identical beakers with the same volume of water. The student places one beaker in a freezer and the other beaker on a hot plate. After 5 minutes the student observes that the temperature of the water in the freezer is 19 degrees Celsius and the temperature of the water on the hot plate is 42 degrees Celsius. Which statement best describes the relationship between the two beakers of water and the freezing and boiling points of water?

- A: The temperature of the

The table shows the heights of 10 seedlings.

Heights of Seedlings

| Seedling     | A              | B | C              | D              | E             | F              | G              | H              | I | J |
|--------------|----------------|---|----------------|----------------|---------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|---|---|
| Height (in.) | $1\frac{1}{4}$ | 2 | $1\frac{1}{4}$ | $1\frac{1}{2}$ | $\frac{3}{4}$ | $2\frac{1}{4}$ | $1\frac{1}{2}$ | $1\frac{1}{2}$ | 1 | 2 |

Which dot plot represents these data?

**F**

Heights of Seedlings

Height (in.)

**H**

Heights of Seedlings

Height (in.)

**G**

Heights of Seedlings

Height (in.)

**J**

Heights of Seedlings

Height (in.)

## CHEF: Ready for Saturday

FROM PAGE ONE

Noonkester at 682-205-9188 or Tobi Woods at 254-485-2457.

Organizers are hoping to get donations ahead of time for the

food that will be needed for Saturday's dinner.

Anyone wanting to donate for that can phone Noonkester. In addition to lawn chairs, at-

tendees are invited to bring a dessert to share.

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### Truck rams liquor store in Acton

A Hood County deputy and a DeCordova firefighter take in a crash seen Saturday. A woman driving a truck crashed into J.C.'s Liquor store in Acton on Saturday. No injuries were reported, and no arrests were made, according to Hood County Sheriff's Office Public Information Officer Lt. Johnny Rose. The driver's foot slipped off the brake when pulling in, he said. The driver was checked for intoxication and cleared, he said.

### Four teens arrested for burglary

Around 6 p.m. Thursday, deputies responded to a burglary in progress call in the 5800 block of Parkside Court, said Public Information Officer Lt. Johnny Rose.



Barker



Walts



Horton

and a 16-year-old male juvenile were arrested and charged with engaging in organized criminal activity, a first-degree felony with a bond of \$50,000.

Deputies said they apprehended four male suspects who had taken property without the owner's permission.

The juvenile was placed in the Hood County Juvenile Detention Center while the other three suspects were booked into the Hood County Jail, Rose said. The case is still under investigation by the Hood County Sheriff's Office.

All of the suspects live in Granbury. Blake Robert Barker, 19, Chaney Lee Horton, 18, Mi-

### Suspect arrested for DWI and drugs

Deputies arrested a Granbury man for drug possession and driving while intoxicated on Friday.



McVay

Deputies found Daniel Wade McVay, 34, had been driving a vehicle and was intoxicated, said Public Information Officer Lt. Johnny Rose. He was also in

possession of 4.3 grams of cocaine, Rose said. McVay was arrested and charged with driving while intoxicated, a class B misdemeanor, and possession of a controlled substance, a second-degree felony with a \$20,000 bond.

Around 11:30 p.m. on Friday, Hood County deputies responded to the 8800 block of Mid Haven Circle in Mid Haven Estates for a dispute over a vehicle.

### Man indicted for assaulting, robbing woman

BY BETHANY KURTZ  
HOOD COUNTY NEWS

The Hood County Grand Jury indicted Steven Ray McGowan in the robbery and attack of a woman, authorities said.



McGowan

Officer Lt. Johnny Rose. He had been arrested on May 11 for a parole warrant and placed in the Hood County Jail, according to jail records.

Gowan's girlfriend, who was trying to get away from McGowan after an argument, according to Rose.

An indictment is a formal charge.

On June 30, Hood County Sheriff's Office investigators charged McGowan, 34, with a second-degree felony for robbery, said Public Information

The robbery charge stems from an incident on April 29 where McGowan assaulted a 40-year-old woman, Rose said. The woman was assisting Mc-

During the incident, McGowan rammed the victim's head against her vehicle and took her car keys, Rose said. McGowan then left in the victim's vehicle, he said.

The victim suffered head trauma but was not seriously injured, Rose said.

### Granbury man arrested for burglary of a residence

A Granbury man was charged in the May 15 burglary of a home in the Sky Harbour subdivision.



Welstead-Lochert

related charges, said Public Information Officer Lt. Johnny Rose.

degree felony with a \$20,000 bond.

On Friday, Joshua Steven Welstead-Lochert, 26, was transported to the Hood County Jail from the Delta County jail where he was in custody on un-

In Hood County, Welstead-Lochert was charged with burglary of a habitation, a second-

Welstead-Lochert is accused of entering into a home in the 800 block of East Aquarius Court on May 15 and removing personal property without the homeowner's permission, Rose said.

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# Ties the Bind



**BONDED BY WAR:** The families of the "Lost Battalion," the Second Battalion, 131st Field Artillery, 36th Division of the Texas National Guard, and crew members of the USS Houston gathered to celebrate the bravery and brotherhood that helped the men survive three years as prisoners of war during the World War II. The Lost Battalion Association held their annual gathering at the Granbury Resort Convention Center this year. The men survived

starvation and forced labor with little to hold onto except each other and a belief they would survive together, family members said. The bonds of friendship lasted their entire lives and were passed to the next generation.

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## Widows, children of WWII POWs gather to honor, strengthen bonds of brotherhood

BY BETHANY KURTZ  
HOOD COUNTY NEWS

Only a few of the 30 or so people gathered in an upstairs room of the Granbury Resort Convention Center were related by blood.

But bonds far stronger, grown in the Japanese POW camps of World War II and nourished for more than 70 years draw these men, woman and children from across the country to a North Texas city each year.

Only seven of the 736 members of the "Lost Battalion," and USS Houston crew freed from Japanese POW camps as the end of World War II are alive today, according to the association's records. And fewer and fewer can travel the distance to be reunited.

But each year since 1945, the men that can, their wives, children and grandchildren have gathered to celebrate their friendship.

### THE PRISONERS

In March of 1945, 534 members of the Second Battalion, 131st Field Artillery, 36th Division of the Texas National Guard were taken prisoner by Japanese forces in the Dutch East Indies.

On the water surrounding the Dutch East Indies a few days earlier, the cruiser USS Houston was sunk. Of her crew, 368 made it to shore and were taken prisoner by the Japanese.

As prisoners of war, they were moved to different work camps and lived with minimal food, shelter or resources. Some worked in mines, and others

helped build the "Burma-Siam Death Railroad."

The men worked together from the beginning to survive. Many of the sailors who survived the sinking of the Houston had nothing, sometimes not even a shirt on their back, family members said. So Battalion members shared what they had.

Teresa Reilly, widow of Houston crew member John Reilly, said surviving in Japanese custody was far from easy.

"He jumped off the ship into the burning oil and everything. On shore he traded his watch for bananas, but the Japanese eventually got (captured) him," she said.

"He was a signal man for the ship, and they kept asking him what he did, but he didn't want to tell them because they would have tortured him for the codes. So he said he was a Swiss bell ringer. Oh, they got so mad!"

The men were worked nearly to death on starvation rations and came back shadows of the 18- to 22-year-old boys who had left for war, family members said.

"He came home at 70 or 80 pounds," Reilly said. To survive, they took care of each other. The men bonded across the lines of unit, military branch and even nationality, the widow said.

"They came back more than blood brothers," said Terry Shields, daughter of Ray "Snake" Ogle, a member of the Second Battalion. "They had a buddy system. You're not going to die because I'm not going to die. We will live together."

One man most of the sur-

vivors remembered was Dr. Hekking, a Dutch man who had grown up in the East Indies and was captured with them. Hekking gathered together what medical supplies he could, including foraging for natural herbs, and he treated the prisoners for infection and injuries, even performing major surgeries as best he could.

Susan Ficklin's father, Second Battalion member Frank Ficklin, was one of Hekking's patients.

"He had half his stomach removed while in the camp," Ficklin said, saying his stomach had been infected with gangrene. "He didn't have a problem with it again until he was in his 70s."

At one point, Hekking was given the opportunity to leave the camp but decided to stay and continue to provide what relief he could to the men, Shields said.

In the United States, the fates of the Second Battalion and the Houston's crew were unknown, prompting the nickname "Lost Battalion."

It wasn't until 1944 when survivors of a prisoner transport sunk by an American submarine were able to report the men had been taken prisoner that news of their whereabouts were learned.

The men did not return home until after the war's end in August of 1945.

"He came home and thought he would rejoin the Navy," Reilly remembered. "He went to the recruiting office to sign up, but the recruiter wasn't there that day. He heard about the GI bill that would let him go to college so he decided to do that. He be-

came a teacher."

She and John had not dated before he left, Reilly said, but that didn't stop him from giving his years away at war a romantic note.

"He said he had traveled all over the world and never found anyone like me," Reilly said with a fond smile.

### REUNIONS

After the liberated men came home, many like John Reilly married and had successful careers.

The same year they came home, Lost Battalion wives arranged a welcome-home celebration in Wichita Falls that grew into the yearly reunion.

There were actually two reunions held that year, said Shields, current co-president of the association.

The initial gathering was attended only by members of the Second Battalion, but after members of the Houston crew requested to be included, a second gathering was arranged, she explained.

Former POWs from all over the country and the world often attended the early reunion, the widows said. In particular, they remembered an English man who would make the rounds to have tea with his former prison mates.

At first, the reunions were not much of a family affair, said Lee Robinson, widow of Marine Marvin Robinson.

The Robinsons started coming to the reunions in about 1970.

"He ran into another POW uptown and he told him the sur-

vivors were having a reunion, so we went," she said. "They had been out of prison camp, and he had only seen one other former prisoner. It was a great reunion."

But wives did not play an active role in it, she said. "When he saw all these guys he just left me on the dance floor," Robinson said.

The other widows had similar memories of spending days alone in hotel rooms while their husbands gathered to talk and drink together.

But eventually, the woman bonded and completed the family.

"We have been a family for 75 years," said Marie Matlock, widow of Second Battalion member Sidney Matlock.

She also had two brothers and a brother-in-law in the Battalion. She and Sidney did not start dating until after he returned from the war, she said.

"He was 11 years older than me so when he left for war, I was just a little thing," she remembered.

He attended the first few reunions as a single man, but they went most years after they were married, she said.

"We were just family, and we just went," she said.

Shields remembers attending reunions with more than 400 people, but the number has dropped over the years as the members of the Second Battalion and Houston crew have passed away.

That so many of the former prisoners attended reunions for a long as they did surprised their doctors and themselves,

she said.

"When they got home, the Army doctors told them they shouldn't expect to live to be more than 50 or 60," Shields said.

But the men kept living, many into their 90s and maintained their bond throughout their lives. For many, the reunion was the only place they felt comfortable talking about those three years of hellish existence.

"They wouldn't talk about it with us. It wasn't until they were in their 60s that if you came up to them at the reunion while they were talking with each other, that they wouldn't change the subject," Shields said.

### KEEPING MEMORIES ALIVE

The gathering is not just to see the living but honor those who died in the camps or have passed away, said Shields.

"We come to keep the memory of our ship alive," said Reilly.

On Saturday in Granbury, the association members held a memorial service.

Now that only a few members of the original Battalion and crew are alive, and often can't attend the annual reunion, it falls to the widows and children of those veterans to keep their memories and friendships alive.

Slowly uncovering their father's history in their own words, stories from other veterans, personal trips to view the areas where the camps were located or from books about the Pacific Campaign often bring on tears and goosebumps, Shields and Ficklin said.

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# After cancer scare, artist enjoys getting out of comfort zone

Fort Worth artist Kim Collins will be demonstrating abstract under-painting and finding the design with negative shape painting at the Lake Granbury Art Association meeting on Friday, Aug. 14.

The meeting will start at 7 p.m. at the Shanley House Center for the Arts at 224 N. Travis St. next to the Hood County Library.

Collins' work is heavily influenced by the tangled forms, interwoven patterns and layers of shapes found in nature.

Her work has evolved over the years from realistic watercolors to abstract designs in acrylic and mixed media. The likely catalyst for this change was a bout with cancer, which brought about many "rethinking what's important" moments.

Collins' work had been with processes that were rigid, traditional and tedious for her, but she was afraid to break out of her box.

## GRANBURY ART SMARTS



Marilyn Haskins

After the cancer scare, Collins allowed herself the freedom to have fun, experiment and get out of her comfort zone. She began playing with different materials, color and design, and just never looked back.

Collins starts a piece with no pre-conceived idea of what it will ultimately become, but a sort of "relational connection" develops as the work progresses.

Sometimes the relationship is easy and harmonious; sometimes it is full of conflict, which must be resolved ... just like life. Rather than depicting a literal image, Collins strives to convey the feeling, energy and essence of the organic forms that inspire her.

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"LIKE LIFE": Artist Kim Collins will give a demonstration at the Lake Granbury Art Association meeting on Aug. 14. Collins' work has evolved for years and is heavily influenced by nature.

Collins has exhibited in numerous galleries in the North Texas area and has won sev-

eral awards. Her work is in collections across the U.S. and Europe.

# Obituaries

## Brenda Kim Curtis

Brenda Kim Curtis, 55, of Granbury, passed away on Monday, July 31, 2017. Interment: Dallas Fort Worth National Cemetery, Dallas.

Brenda was born on October 12, 1961 in Hurst, Texas to Lloyd and Virginia Thomas. She was the youngest of four children. She met Craig Curtis in Fort Worth at work, and they were married on January 8, 2002 in Mojave, California. She was a free spirited, strong willed, hippie girl. She was always a helpful, loyal and dedicated true friend. During the holidays, she baked cookies for

her neighbors. Most of all she loved her family.

She loved cats, and when she went to outdoor concerts, she even took one on a leash. She also loved camping. She was preceded in death by her parents.

Brenda is survived by her husband, Craig Curtis, son Charles, daughter Sunshine, grandchildren; Brittany, Stephanie and A. J., sister: Sharoyne, brothers: Randal and wife Connie, and Terry and one nephew and one niece.

Wiley Funeral Home made arrangements.

## Gail Wann

Gail Wann, 66, of Granbury, passed away on Tuesday, August 1, 2017. Service: 11:00 AM, Monday, August 7, 2017, Granbury Church of Christ, Interment: Holly Hills Memorial Park, Visitation: 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM, Sunday, August 6, 2017, Wiley Funeral Home, Granbury.

Gail was born on January 28, 1951 in Fort Worth, Texas to George and Gladys Kurosky. She met Larry through family and friends and they were married on August 15, 1981 in Granbury, Texas. Gail was a devoted wife and mother.

She received her Master's degree in education. She was a school teacher for 29 years at Western Hills High School. She was an avid reader who enjoyed learning. Gail was a member of Granbury Church of Christ. She was preceded in death by her parents.

Gail is survived by her husband, Larry Wann, son Justin Wann, mother-in-law, Jean Wann, sister Sammie Gillespie and husband Paul, brothers-



in-law: Michael Wann and wife Annette and Ronnie Wann and wife Hope, sister-in-law: Bonnie Franki and husband Bo and nieces and nephews and many friends.

Arrangements were made by Wiley Funeral Home.

# Calendar

The Community Calendar is a free listing in the Hood County News to inform readers of community programs, special meetings and nonprofit events. To be considered for publication, organizations must include the agenda for the meeting, or the speaker's name and topic. Information should be submitted two weeks prior to the event for consideration. Monthly updates work best. Email information (including the location and street address) to calendar@hcnews.com.

## AUGUST

### THURSDAY, AUG. 10

**KIWANIS CLUB** welcomes Jacob Sum-

mer from El Tesoro Camp, noon, Farina's on Granbury square.

**ROTARY CLUB** welcomes Sam Houston, discussing the new Granbury Live Productions and renovations, noon, Harbor Lakes Golf Club.

### FRIDAY, AUG. 11

**SALES TAX** Holiday begins, runs through Sunday. Shoppers can save on back-to-school clothes, footwear and supplies.

### SATURDAY, AUG. 12

**SALES TAX** Holiday continues through Sunday. Shoppers can save on back-to-

school clothes, footwear and supplies.

**MARINE CORPS** Junior Reserve Officer Training Corps Support Golf Fund Tournament is a four-person scramble at Pecan Plantation. Call Jerry Loftin to register at 817-296-6049.

**DINNER/DANCE NIGHT** at VFW Post 7835 starts with a steak dinner at 6 p.m., \$15, followed by a live performance by Eagle Rare Band, 7:30 to 10:30 p.m., 3670 Highway 377 W.

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**RISE AND FIRE:** Granbury junior Haley McLane smashes a ball over the net during the Lady Pirates' scrimmage against North Crowley on Friday. Granbury head coach

Tammy Clark said she was pleased with the way her team was able to switch in and out of different formations during the scrimmages.

## Lady Pirates seek to reload, not rebuild after district championship

BY GRANT MCGALLIARD  
HOOD COUNTY NEWS

Coming off of a District 9-5A volleyball championship in 2016, the Granbury Lady Pirates might be expected to enter a rebuilding year this season.

That won't be the case, according to longtime head coach Tammy Clark, who said she's excited about the upcoming year and the performance of her players in preseason workouts.

"The practices have been very intense," Clark said. "There's a lot of competition for spots, and everybody who's JV and varsity is so competitive."

"It's really raised the intensity of every single practice in the gym."

### A NEW APPROACH

Replacing District MVP Amber Strange, who signed to play with Tarleton State this year, won't be an easy task. Rather than hoping a new star will emerge, Clark plans on the combined efforts of the entire team making up the difference.

"What we do well is that we're very balanced. There's not any one person that's carrying the weight," Clark said. "Everybody is a contender, a threat at the front and good ball control at the back."

"We're trying to make it more about the team and less about who's going to be the one. It's about all of us, and that's been our focus."

Teamwork has been a major focus so far in the preseason.

"We need to see everybody trusting the players that they're playing with that they haven't played with before," Clark said. "That's an adjustment, just getting more comfortable with one another so that they can trust them."

"Because in this game, it's very important for them to be

### LADY PIRATES VARSITY ROSTER

- 1 Reagan Porter, Jr.
- 2 Savannah Smith, Soph.
- 3 Yari Press, Jr.
- 4 Madison Scott, Sr.
- 7 Gracie Nichols, Fr.
- 8 Kelby Been, Jr.
- 10 Halle Brady, Jr.
- 11 Mandy Withey, Jr.
- 12 Payton Bell, Soph.
- 13 Madison Weaver, Jr.
- 14 Macie Blohowiak, Soph.
- 18 Haley McLane, Sr.
- 19 McKenzie Scott, Jr.

**MANAGER:** Abby Jones

**STATISTICIAN:** Tatum Gray

**COACHES:** Tammy Clark, Desiree Shahan, Melissa Kinnear, Jana Jones, Alex Albro

able to play together."

To accomplish that, Clark has expected her returning players to use their experience to help the team.

"Our returning varsity players that have been there before, they're definitely taking a leadership role," Clark said. "They know what we need to be doing, they know our systems."

### ALWAYS ROOM FOR IMPROVEMENT

In the first scrimmages of the preseason, Granbury worked on switching formations and did well enough to impress Clark.

"I'm really proud of our varsity team," she said. "We did some different things - we ran a triple middle the first half of both sets, and we ran a regular offense the second half of both sets."

"We have a pretty young team, and they all were doing that so well."

The Lady Pirates will have plenty of chances to work out any kinks before the district season starts on Sept. 8 with a home match against Arlington Seguin. Granbury will play in tournaments in each of the next three weekends, including the Granbury Chevrolet Classic on Aug. 17-19.

They'll be travelling quite a lot in the preseason, with a stretch of five straight away matches from Aug. 25 through Sept. 8 that includes a tournament in Leander.

Clark hopes improvement will come, especially on the mental front.

"I would like every single person to be a little more confident in what they're doing," she said. "I'm excited to see how we'll improve as the season goes along."

### STILL THE TEAM TO BEAT

Granbury finished the season with a 34-16 (14-1 in district) record last year, but bowed out in the bi-district round of playoffs to Red Oak.

This year, despite the loss of Strange and other talented seniors like Molly Shade, the depth of the Lady Pirates means that Granbury should again be a favorite to win District 9-5A.

Sophomore Payton Bell returns after posting the best serve percentage in school history last year with a 98.1 percent mark. Juniors Yari Press led the team in serve receive rating, and McKenzie Scott had the most digs of any Lady Pirate in 2016; both of those players are back this year.

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5 Neiman Marcus has a store in Scottsdale in this state (abbr.)

6 Eagle Pass FM

7 "wood, TX

8 "eye to eye"

9 TXism: "they took everything but the \_\_\_ in my lungs" (was robbed)

12 TXism: "you need to \_\_\_ your head on right"

17 Roger Clemens pitched for Houston and this city

19 TXism: "mean as \_\_\_ bull"

21 TXism: "light as \_\_\_ string"

22 this James was in TX-based 1943 film "Border Buckaroos"

23 TXism: "attracted like a bug to \_\_\_"

28 Patricia of TX-based 1963 film "Hud"

29 \_\_\_ of dominoes

30 iconic Marilyn

31 TX Hagman's 1960s sitcom: "I \_\_\_ of Jeannie"

35 \_\_\_ of ice cream

36 TX Robert Bice was in 1944 film "Thirty \_\_\_ Tokyo"

42 reusable items can be sterilized with \_\_\_ water

44 Waco TV show: "\_\_\_ Upper"

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2 album by "Texas Hippie Coalition": "\_\_\_ Texas"

3 TX Sissy Spacek 1974 film: "\_\_\_ the Morning"

4 in Parker County on highway 199

9 TXism: "a day late \_\_\_ dollar short"

10 TXism for "adequate" (5 wds.)

11 notable TX case: "\_\_\_ v. Wade"

12 \_\_\_ Angelo, TX

13 TXism: "\_\_\_ crop" (good)

14 uses oars

15 Paul Simon's TX wife, Brickell

16 red, swollen mark

18 huge hit in 1967: "\_\_\_ to Billie Joe"

20 TXism: "good \_\_\_ boy"

23 WBAP is an \_\_\_ station on 820 kHz

24 \_\_\_ Fresnos, TX

25 WWII pipeline from TX to New Jersey: the "Big \_\_\_"

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38 this Leachman was in TX-based "The Last Picture Show"

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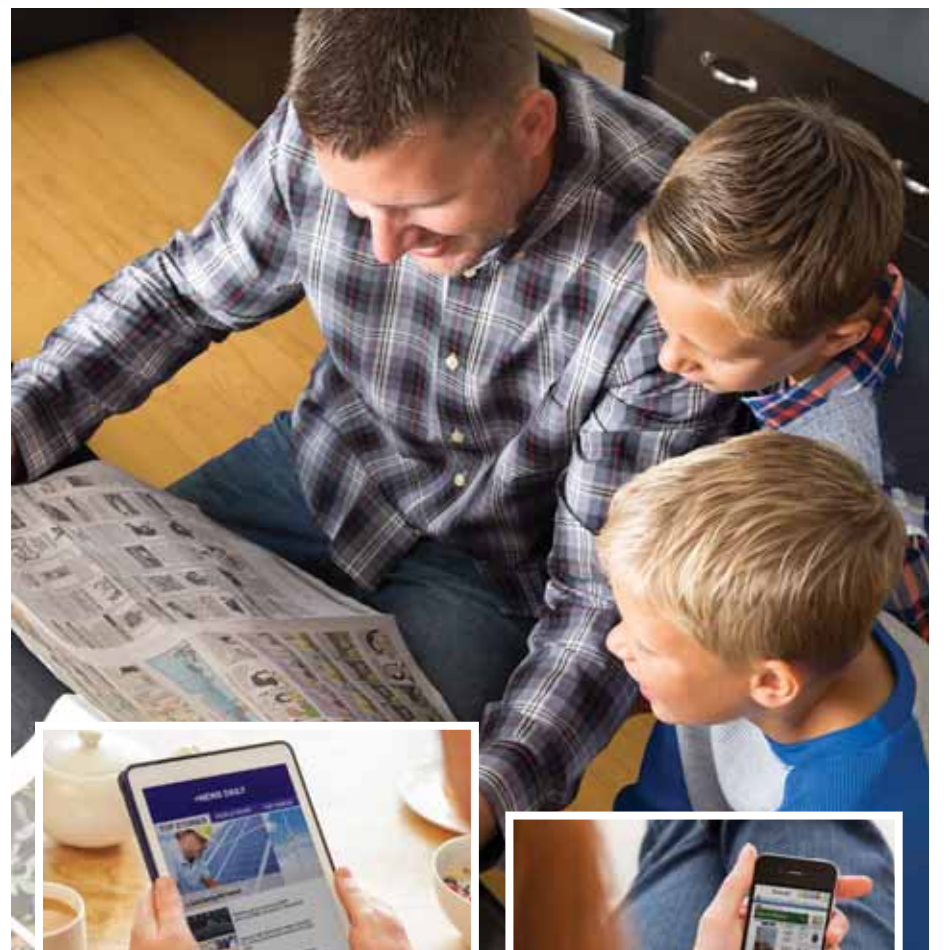
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- 8/10-12 Pearland Tournament
- 8/15 vs. Arlington Martin
- 8/17-19 Granbury Tournament
- 8/22 vs. Trinity
- 8/25-26 Leander Tournament
- 8/29 at Stephenville
- 9/1 at Waco Midway
- 9/5 at Weatherford
- 9/8 at Arlington Seguin
- 9/12 vs. Crowley
- 9/15 at Burleson Centennial

- 9/19 vs. Joshua
- 9/22 vs. Cleburne
- 9/26 at Everman
- 9/29 vs. Burleson
- 10/3 vs. Arlington Seguin
- 10/6 at Crowley
- 10/10 vs. Burleson Centennial
- 10/13 at Joshua
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- 10/20 vs. Everman
- 10/24 at Burleson

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# Infusion of youth has Tolar ready to make a run

BY GRANT MCGALLIARD  
HOOD COUNTY NEWS

There's a palpable sense of optimism surrounding the Tolar volleyball team as the Lady Rattlers begin the first year of head coach Scotty Miller's new tenure.

And why not? Tolar will field a deep roster that is built on youth and athleticism, a sign that this program is not only ready to compete now but will also be a factor in future seasons.

Miller, who has coached several sports including volleyball at Tolar before, came back this season for a simple reason.

"They needed a coach, and I live here," he said.

"I've coached most of these girls since they were in about the seventh grade, so I sort of knew what I was getting into."

Last season the Lady Rattlers went 20-13 (3-5 in district) and were ousted in the bi-district round of playoffs by Boyd.

Tolar returns just four seniors on their varsity roster, with the rest made up of sophomores and juniors that are filled to the brim with athleticism.

"I don't think I've ever had two or three girls at once that can attack the ball like this group," Miller said of his front line.

## YOUTH REVIVAL

In fact, the young players in Tolar are so talented that the sophomore-filled junior varsity has "beat up" on the varsity in intra-squad scrimmages, Miller said.

"My junior varsity coach is sick," he said. "She keeps telling me, 'Don't you take all my players.'"

As far as specific players, senior middle blocker Rebecca Blessing has the most experience on the team.

She's the lone player who was part of the dominant Rattlers squad from a few years ago and has been a varsity starter for three years.

Junior outside hitter Paige Hamm is a "dynamic hitter," Miller said, and has been doing "some really good

## TOLAR VARSITY SCHEDULE

- 8/10 Clifton Tournament
- 8/11 vs. ILLTX Keller-Saginaw
- 8/15 at Hico
- 8/17 Glen Rose Tournament
- 8/22 vs. Poolville
- 8/24 Dublin Tournament
- 8/29 vs. Ranger
- 9/5 vs. Rio Vista
- 9/8 at Dublin
- 9/12 at Eastland
- 9/15 vs. Early
- 9/19 at Albany
- 9/26 at Peaster
- 9/29 vs. Millsap
- 10/3 at Brock
- 10/6 vs. Peaster
- 10/10 at Millsap
- 10/13 vs. Brock
- 10/17 at Peaster
- 10/20 vs. Millsap
- 10/24 at Brock



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**UP IN THE AIR:** Tolar head coach Scotty Miller lofts a ball up for his team to attack during a practice session last week. Miller said his team has talent all the way down to the junior varsity level, and expects the Lady Rattlers to be "battle-tested" heading into the postseason.

added emphasis on coming together as a team.

"We have to come before 'me,'" Miller said.

## A TOUGH REGULAR SEASON ROAD

Tolar's district, 7-3A, has just four teams in it, meaning that the Lady Rattlers will automatically make it into the UIL playoffs. Fort Worth Harmony was the division's fifth team last year but will not field a squad this season.

Still, an automatic playoff berth doesn't mean Tolar will coast through

the regular season. Their district schedule simply won't allow it.

"We always expect a playoff run," Miller said. "Peaster is one of the best programs in the state, and through the course of playing district we really should be battle-tested."

The Lady Rattlers will have to face each district opponent - 2016 state runner-up Peaster included - three times this year. Brock and Millsap were each bi-district finalists.

Because of the four-team round-robin setup of the district, Tolar will have

## LADY RATTLETS VARSITY ROSTER

- 1 Kaitlyn Morphew, Jr.
- 3 Grace Jones, Soph.
- 4 Paige Hamm, Jr.
- 5 McKenna Tatum, Sr.
- 6 Shelley Fairbanks, Sr.
- 7 Peyton White Jr.
- 11 Rebecca Blessing, Sr.
- 12 Kalee King, Jr.
- 13 Alicia Hamm, Soph.
- 14 Avery Maybery, Soph.
- 18 Railee Anderson, Sr.

**COACHES:** Scotty Miller, Macey Jordan, Hailey Wooten

to travel to Peaster and Brock for two out of their three games against the teams. The Lady Rattlers get to host Millsap twice.

In non-district competition, Tolar will go to three tournaments - Clifton, Glen Rose and Dublin - before the end of August. The Lady Rattlers have just two open dates listed on the schedule, on Sept. 1 and Sept. 22, but both of those slots may be filled with tune-up games before the district season starts on Sept. 26.

Despite the tough schedule and the young roster, Miller is excited about the upcoming year.

"We're in a good situation right now," Miller said, adding that the addition of new coaches across Tolar athletics has created an exciting atmosphere.

"There's a new breath of air around here."

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The tax rate that is ultimately adopted at this meeting or at a separate meeting at a later date may not exceed the proposed rate shown below unless the district publishes a revised notice containing the same information and comparisons set out below and holds another public meeting to discuss the revised notice.

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|--------------------------|---|
| Maintenance Tax          | \$1.040000/\$100 (proposed rate for maintenance and operations) |
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### Comparison of Proposed Budget with Last Year's Budget

The applicable percentage increase or decrease (or difference) in the amount budgeted in the preceding fiscal year and the amount budgeted for the fiscal year that begins during the current tax year is indicated for each of the following expenditure categories.

|                            |                  |
|----------------------------|------------------|
| Maintenance and operations | 2.93 % increase  |
| Debt Service               | -1.08 % decrease |
| Total expenditures         | 2.45 % increase  |

### Total Appraised Value and Total Taxable Value (as calculated under Section 26.04, Tax Code)

|  | Preceding Tax Year | Current Tax Year |
|--|--------------------|------------------|
| Total appraised value* of all property   | \$514,321,760      | \$545,307,830    |
| Total appraised value* of new property** | \$4,899,100        | \$6,680,690      |
| Total taxable value*** of all property   | \$205,416,890      | \$224,596,806    |
| Total taxable value*** of new property** | \$4,899,100        | \$6,680,690      |

\*Appraised value is the amount shown on the appraisal roll and defined by Section 1.04(8), Tax Code.  
\*\* "New property" is defined by Section 26.012(17), Tax Code.  
\*\*\* "Taxable value" is defined by Section 1.04(10), Tax Code.

### Bonded Indebtedness

Total amount of outstanding and unpaid bonded indebtedness\* \$19,368,245

\*Outstanding principal.

### Comparison of Proposed Rates with Last Year's Rates

|  | Maintenance & Operations | Interest & Sinking Fund* | Total      | Local Revenue Per Student | State Revenue Per Student |
|--|--------------------------|--------------------------|------------|---------------------------|---------------------------|
| Last Year's Rate   | \$1.040000               | \$0.400200*              | \$1.440200 | \$4,011                   | \$5,383                   |
| Rate to Maintain Same Level of Maintenance & Operations Revenue & Pay Debt Service | \$1.086060               | \$0.367270*              | \$1.453330 | \$4,073                   | \$5,606                   |
| Proposed Rate  | \$1.040000               | \$0.400200*              | \$1.440200 | \$4,396                   | \$5,606                   |

\*The Interest & Sinking Fund tax revenue is used to pay for bonded indebtedness on construction, equipment, or both. The bonds, and the tax rate necessary to pay those bonds, were approved by the voters of this district.

### Comparison of Proposed Levy with Last Year's Levy on Average Residence

|   | Last Year   | This Year   |
|---|-------------|-------------|
| Average Market Value of Residences                    | \$104,590   | \$112,126   |
| Average Taxable Value of Residences                   | \$69,131    | \$75,913    |
| Last Year's Rate Versus Proposed Rate per \$100 Value | \$1,440,200 | \$1,440,200 |
| Taxes Due on Average Residence                        | \$995.62    | \$1,093.30  |
| Increase (Decrease) in Taxes                          |             | \$97.68     |

Under state law, the dollar amount of school taxes imposed on the residence homestead of a person 65 years of age or older or of the surviving spouse of such a person, if the surviving spouse was 55 years of age or older when the person died, may not be increased above the amount paid in the first year after the person turned 65, regardless of changes in tax rate or property value.

Notice of Rollback Rate: The highest tax rate the district can adopt before requiring voter approval at an election is \$1.469690. This election will be automatically held if the district adopts a rate in excess of the rollback rate of \$1.469690.

### Fund Balances

The following estimated balances will remain at the end of the current fiscal year and are not encumbered with or by a corresponding debt obligation, less estimated funds necessary for operating the district before receipt of the first state aid payment.

|  |             |
|--|-------------|
| Maintenance and Operations Fund Balance(s) | \$1,567,306 |
| Interest & Sinking Fund Balance(s)         | \$677,693   |



**MEET THE LADY PIRATES:** Family, friends and fans know a bit more about the Granbury volleyball team after the Media Day event held last Friday. Community members could hear Lady Pirates field

questions from their head coach and were able to get autographs from players following the question-and-answer session.



**THE FANS COME OUT:** McKenzie Scott, left, and Haley McLane interact with two fans at Granbury Media Days last Friday at the James Wann Sports Center.



**A FUTURE LADY PIRATE?** A young Granbury volleyball fan gets a ball signed by Yari Press and the rest of the Lady Pirate team at the Granbury Media Day.

## It might be the preseason, but it's still football

**W**e're finally in August, which means we're finally approaching football season, which means our long national nightmare of a sports calendar is - finally - almost over.

I was so desperate for football-like substance that I watched the Hall of Fame Game last week, featuring the C-teams of the Arizona Cardinals and the Dallas Cowboys in a half-hearted battle for...well, supremacy isn't the right word, but something of the sort.

At various points in the game I almost found myself asking why I even bothered tuning in. I'm a former Panthers fan who lost faith after John Kasay kicked the ball out of bounds in the 2004 Super Bowl - no, I haven't forgotten, and likely will never do so - and I now root for the Texans, so I couldn't have cared less who won this game.

The Cardinals' kicker, whose name escapes me and is also not important, duck-hooked two field goals so bad I thought I was watching a video of my driver swing. Kellen Moore and Blaine Gabbert were your starting quarterbacks, with guest appearances by Cooper Rush and Trevor Knight.

Up until last Thursday, I thought Cooper Rush was a One Direction member.

The final score was 20-18 in favor of Dallas, because the Cardinals managed a whopping three second half points against the third-string defense of a team that couldn't stop a runny nose last year. A former Baylor basketball player caught a touchdown pass for the Cowboys.

It was a weird game.

But all of this couldn't have mattered less to me in the end. Football is back, in the strange form of preseason NFL games, and that means the light at the end of the tunnel is within reach and getting closer.

Two-a-day practices for UIL teams start this week, a tradition that I thankfully avoided as a non-athletic golfer in my high school days. The college football season is just

### POINT FORWARD



Grant McGalliard  
Staff Writer

around the corner, with preseason rankings already getting fans riled up.

On that last note - Texas has appeared in the top-20 of several preseason polls. They went 5-7 last year, lost to Kansas, fired their head coach and lost their best running back in D'Onta Foreman.

Maybe if they go 3-9 this year, they'll debut at No. 1 in 2018.

Fantasy football drafts are also taking place left and right. My bank account is emptier than Baylor's trophy case after paying so many dues and entry fees to various fantasy leagues, but I have to keep up my tradition of finishing top-three in every league and never coming close to actually winning a title.

And of course it's not just optimism and happiness that's being spread around by football's return. There's the typical amount of soul-crushing news that begins before the season even starts.

For example, Will Fuller, Houston's second-best wide receiver, has already broken his collarbone and will be out for the majority of the season, if not all of it, which is perfectly in step with the curse surrounding the Texans.

My beloved TCU Horned Frogs have a broiling quarterback controversy and are scheduled to travel to Oklahoma twice this season to get beaten down by the Sooners and Cowboys, which has essentially become a tradition since entering the Big 12.

But so it goes. I watched the Texans lose to a 1-13 Colts team one year; I can handle the pain.

Besides, if there's one thing the long summer season reminds us, it's that football - in any one of its forms - is much, much better than no football at all.

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## NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING TO DISCUSS BUDGET AND PROPOSED TAX RATE

The Granbury ISD will hold a public meeting at 6:00 PM, August 21, 2017 in GISD Board Room, 217 North Jones St, Granbury, Tx. The purpose of this meeting is to discuss the school district's budget that will determine the tax rate that will be adopted. Public participation in the discussion is invited.

The tax rate that is ultimately adopted at this meeting or at a separate meeting at a later date may not exceed the proposed rate shown below unless the district publishes a revised notice containing the same information and comparisons set out below and holds another public meeting to discuss the revised notice.

|                          |   |
|--------------------------|---|
| Maintenance Tax          | \$1.040000/\$100 (proposed rate for maintenance and operations) |
| School Debt Service Tax  | \$0.170000/\$100 (proposed rate to pay bonded indebtedness)     |
| Approved by Local Voters |   |

### Comparison of Proposed Budget with Last Year's Budget

The applicable percentage increase or decrease (or difference) in the amount budgeted in the preceding fiscal year and the amount budgeted for the fiscal year that begins during the current tax year is indicated for each of the following expenditure categories.

|                            |                  |
|----------------------------|------------------|
| Maintenance and operations | 7.39 % increase  |
| Debt Service               | -1.29 % decrease |
| Total expenditures         | 6.22 % increase  |

### Total Appraised Value and Total Taxable Value

(as calculated under Section 26.04, Tax Code)

|  | Preceding Tax Year | Current Tax Year |
|--|--------------------|------------------|
| Total appraised value* of all property   | \$6,559,101,428    | \$7,252,129,793  |
| Total appraised value* of new property** | \$100,046,218      | \$467,658,799    |
| Total taxable value*** of all property   | \$5,027,448,966    | \$5,691,107,737  |
| Total taxable value*** of new property** | \$100,046,218      | \$467,658,799    |

\*Appraised value is the amount shown on the appraisal roll and defined by Section 1.04(8), Tax Code.

\*\* "New property" is defined by Section 26.012(17), Tax Code.

\*\*\* "Taxable value" is defined by Section 1.04(10), Tax Code.

### Bonded Indebtedness

Total amount of outstanding and unpaid bonded indebtedness\* \$185,179,898

\*Outstanding principal.

### Comparison of Proposed Rates with Last Year's Rates

|  | Maintenance & Operations | Interest & Sinking Fund* | Total      | Local Revenue Per Student | State Revenue Per Student |
|--|--------------------------|--------------------------|------------|---------------------------|---------------------------|
| Last Year's Rate   | \$1.040000               | \$0.210000*              | \$1.250000 | \$8,594                   | \$907                     |
| Rate to Maintain Same Level of Maintenance & Operations Revenue & Pay Debt Service | \$1.250220               | \$0.207890*              | \$1.458110 | \$8,972                   | \$640                     |
| Proposed Rate  | \$1.040000               | \$0.170000*              | \$1.210000 | \$9,143                   | \$640                     |

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### Comparison of Proposed Levy with Last Year's Levy on Average Residence

|   | Last Year  | This Year  |
|---|------------|------------|
| Average Market Value of Residences                    | \$152,700  | \$163,360  |
| Average Taxable Value of Residences                   | \$112,430  | \$122,024  |
| Last Year's Rate Versus Proposed Rate per \$100 Value | \$1.250000 | \$1.210000 |
| Taxes Due on Average Residence                        | \$1,405.38 | \$1,476.49 |
| Increase (Decrease) in Taxes                          |            | \$71.11    |

Under state law, the dollar amount of school taxes imposed on the residence homestead of a person 65 years of age or older or of the surviving spouse of such a person, if the surviving spouse was 55 years of age or older when the person died, may not be increased above the amount paid in the first year after the person turned 65, regardless of changes in tax rate or property value.

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### Fund Balances

The following estimated balances will remain at the end of the current fiscal year and are not encumbered with or by a corresponding debt obligation, less estimated funds necessary for operating the district before receipt of the first state aid payment.

|  |              |
|--|--------------|
| Maintenance and Operations Fund Balance(s) | \$19,991,259 |
| Interest & Sinking Fund Balance(s)         | \$3,022,369  |





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### The charm and wit of Michael Hix

The charismatic Michael Hix and the Holla band brought the Granbury Live stage to life last Saturday. His spirited history of rock 'n' roll hits struck a chord with his audience. Hix is pictured singing a duet with his wife, country music artist and fellow Holla band member Ginny Hix.

# A little Saturday night magic



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### The return of REZA

Recognized as one of the rising stars in the industry, illusionist REZA made a return appearance last weekend at the Granbury Opera House. REZA is pictured Saturday night working with a young volunteer from the audience in a levitation demonstration.

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## ECLIPSE 2017

On August 21st, there will be a **total eclipse** of the sun along a path across North America. People living outside the path of the total eclipse, will see a **partial solar eclipse**, which is amazing as well!

A solar eclipse happens when the moon casts a shadow on Earth, blocking all or part of the sun's light.

I drew this picture to show how an eclipse happens.

Replace the missing words. **END**

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Looking \_\_\_\_\_ at a solar eclipse can cause serious harm to your eyes. That is why I found some great \_\_\_\_\_ viewing tips from NASA. I even found an easy-to-make eclipse projector!

It can look like \_\_\_\_\_ in the middle of the day! At the time of an eclipse, some ancient peoples worried the world was coming to an \_\_\_\_\_ when it suddenly became \_\_\_\_\_.

After this solar eclipse, the next one over North \_\_\_\_\_ will be on April 8, 2024.

*Woodword*

### How to SAFELY View the Eclipse!

You can see the sun and the eclipse ONLY with special eclipse glasses or with these easy-to-make eclipse projectors below. NEVER look directly at the sun without protection. **REMEMBER: Regular sunglasses are not safe to view the eclipse.**

- Punch a small hole in a piece of cardboard.
- Hold it over a blank sheet of paper during the eclipse.
- Look at the piece of paper to see the eclipse projected onto it.

Cool, simple and safe!

- Make a small opening in a cardboard box.
- Cover the opening with aluminum foil.
- Punch a pinhole in the aluminum foil.
- Cut a large opening at the bottom of the box.
- Tape a sheet of paper inside the box.
- Look through bottom of box to see a projection of the eclipse.

**Extra! Extra!**

**Eclipse Adjectives**

Look through the newspaper to find five adjectives that describe an eclipse.

Standards Link: Language Arts: Follow simple written directions.

**Kid Scoop Puzzler**

**How long does the eclipse last?**

Look at this chart showing the starting and ending times of the eclipse. Do the math to find out how long the eclipse will last in each city.

Where will it last the longest? \_\_\_\_\_

Where will it last the shortest? \_\_\_\_\_

| PLACE          | START TIME | END TIME      | TOTAL |
|----------------|------------|---------------|-------|
| MADRAS, OR     | 10:19 a.m. | 10:21:04 a.m. |       |
| CASPER, WY     | 11:42 a.m. | 11:44:26 a.m. |       |
| ST. JOSEPH, MO | 1:06 p.m.  | 1:08:39 p.m.  |       |
| CARBONDALE, IL | 1:20 p.m.  | 1:22:46 p.m.  |       |
| NASHVILLE, TN  | 1:27 p.m.  | 1:28:56 p.m.  |       |
| COLUMBIA, SC   | 2:45 p.m.  | 2:47:30 p.m.  |       |

SOURCE: greatamericaneclipse.com

Standards Link: Reading Comprehension: Follow simple written directions.

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**Double Double Word Search**

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

|            |
|------------|
| EXPERIENCE |
| BLOCKING   |
| ECLIPSE    |
| GLASSES    |
| ANCIENT    |
| SHADOW     |
| MIDDLE     |
| LIGHT      |
| TOTAL      |
| SOLAR      |
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Standards Link: Letter sequencing, Recognized identical words, Skim and scan reading, Recall spelling patterns.

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**Your Observation Skills**

Select a photograph from the newspaper. Make a list of details you can observe, or see, in the photo. Give the photo and list to a friend and see if he or she can add more details.

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

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**Write On!**

**IT WAS SO COLD THAT...**

Finish this story.

**Kid Scoop Together: Be a Scientist!**

Will animals in the zoo behave differently during an eclipse when the sky goes dark in the middle of the day?

That is what Nashville Zoo wants to find out. It has been more than 150 years since the last total solar eclipse occurred in Nashville.

Zoo officials are asking their visitors on that day to help watch the animals and record animal behaviors during the eclipse. They are asking people to take pictures, videos and write down what they observe animals doing during the eclipse.

What do you think the zoo animals will do? Will the nocturnal animals wake up? Will animals that sleep at night go to bed?

Write down what you think will happen. (Your hypothesis!)

**HYPOTHESIS:**

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When the solar eclipse begins, listen to the sounds of the natural world around you. Do you hear birds singing? Crickets chirping? Owls hooting? Do the sounds change during the eclipse?

**OBSERVATION:**

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What did you learn during the eclipse? Was your hypothesis correct?

**CONCLUSION:**

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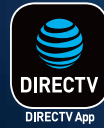


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**HELPING HANDS:** The volunteers at the Brazos River Food Bank help distribute food to clients at the pantry. They also offer a listening ear and a smile to their clients, praying for them daily, they said. For some of the volunteers, it's the highlight of their week. In the photo, left to right: Grace Smith, Steve Smith, Liana Oechsle, Rhonda VonVersen and Gary Frisbie.

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# FEEDING THE

# HUNGRY

## Food bank offers refuge for the impoverished

BY CHRISTINE DORAN  
HOOD COUNTY NEWS

One afternoon, a quiet young man with dark hair walked into Brazos River Food Bank.

Grace Smith, a volunteer at the pantry, noticed his dirty bare feet.

"Well, you better go home and put some shoes on," she teased him, thinking he chose to be bare-foot.

"He didn't say much," she said. Later that evening, she regretted her choice of words.

"Grace, he doesn't have any shoes," Steve Smith, her husband, said to her.

"I really felt bad," she recalled.

The volunteers only had socks to give him that day, but they found some shoes around his size at the Boys & Girls Club, according to Steve Smith, who also volunteers at the food bank.

They gave him the shoes the following week.

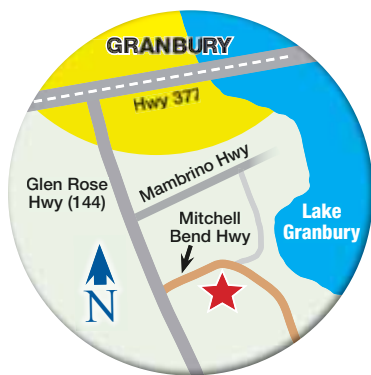
"It tickled him to death," Steve said with a smile. "He was very, very thankful."

### SAD SIGHTS

For the volunteers, seeing dire poverty is nothing shocking; they see it all the time.

"It doesn't surprise me," Steve said. "It makes me feel bad."

They see some of the poorest people in Hood County, according to Rhonda VonVersen, another volunteer. Many of their clients are



**Brazos Food Bank**  
2201 Mitchell Bend Highway

from Brazos River Acres, a subdivision near the food bank that has a high concentration of poverty.

"There's people that come in here with no socks, and they haven't had a bath, and we know they're homeless," VonVersen said. "There's so many people that are homeless down there."

Even some who have homes aren't much better off, according to Steve. They "might as well be homeless," he said.

Their homes don't provide much refuge from the outdoors, according to the volunteers.

"A lot of people come in and they don't have water or electric," Grace said.

Many of the food bank clients stay for a while and talk with the volunteers, as an escape from the heat or to find a listening ear.

"There's nothing at home for a

lot of people," Grace said.

### SHORT ON SERVICES

There aren't enough services in the area for the people in need, Grace and VonVersen agreed.

More medical, dental and educational services are greatly needed in the community, according to VonVersen.

"For some of them, this is all they have to eat," VonVersen said.

One food bank client echoed her comment.

"I'm quite sure that, right now, there are probably several people without water or electricity who'd be starving without the food bank," Eldon Hale, a food bank recipient, said. "If it wasn't for (the food bank), those people would be screwed."

"I've seen some people so d\*\*\* hungry there in BRA, they're at the river fishing, and whatever they catch ... they're eating."

### BUILDING RELATIONSHIPS

But the food bank isn't just there to ease hunger. They have developed friendships with many of their clients.

"These clients are my family," Liana Oechsle, the assistant director of the food bank, said. "I'm very protective of BRA."

They hold prayer time for the clients, too.

"We pray for the community every day. We pray before it opens every time - Tuesdays and Thurs-

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**FEEDING THE FAMISHED:** The Brazos River Food Bank offers food and clothing to people in need. The bank is requesting help from the community for toiletries and food.



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### Time to Revive

Lake Granbury Harbor residents enjoyed an evening of food, games, testimonies and music at Saturday's "Time to Revive" event, sponsored by Acts 2 Ministries. These kids and grown-ups participated in group singing and dancing. Acts 2 Minis-

tries consists of several local faith-based organizations with the mission to leave the confines of their churches to offer physical and spiritual support.



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### New hoops in the Harbor

These kids (from left) Bryan Lopez, Aaron Clanton, Brianne Arista and Natalie Davis got in plenty of hoop action at Saturday's Time to Revive event in Lake Granbury Harbor. Two

new basketball goals, an Acts 2 Ministries project, were installed in time for Saturday's celebration.

### FOOD BANK: *Friendly faces*

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days," VonVersen said. "For the food to nourish and help them heal, and bring them closer to God."

If someone is sick or struggling in some way, they pray for them as well.

"God has made it so we enjoy what we do here. We look forward to coming here," Grace said. "I feel disappointed when something happens and we can't make it (to the food bank)."

Rhonda nodded in agreement.

#### SMALL BEGINNINGS

The food bank's roots began around the year 2000, when Hood County News staff writer Kathy Cruz, who began an after-school program, made meals for the students.

As the needs were seen in the community, others felt a need to provide food, according to director Terry McNew, one of the founders of the food bank.

McNew and two women from the Granbury First United Methodist Church began handing out plastic bags of food to around 20 families near Brazos Baptist Church, where McNew attends, in around 2003.

The Methodist volunteers brought food from Tarrant Area Food Bank to distribute.

By 2006, the pantry served 32 families. They used the Brazos Baptist Church building as the distribution center.

The pantry now has its own building next to the church; the food is given to the bank by First United Methodist Church, which buys it from Tarrant Area Food Bank.

In June, the food bank served 150 families and 565 people, according to McNew.

#### IN NEED OF HELP

The volunteers have struggled to fill their shelves with food lately, according to McNew.

"We've had empty shelves the last few weeks, and I can't stand empty shelves," she said.

The food bank has recently been allotted less food than it was ordinarily given, and McNew is requesting food donations and toiletries.

Toiletries are often unaffordable for many of the food bank clients, and donations would be appreciated, McNew said. The food bank also offers clothes to those in need.

Any donations may be dropped at Brazos River Food Bank, 2201 Mitchell Bend Highway, on Tuesdays from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. and Thursdays from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m.

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to fulfill the desire of being complete, however, we are all too familiar with the fact that trends change and so do expectations. Which leaves us no choice but to seek other definitions for life. When those definitions don't satisfy, some seek life in a bottle or a drug. Then the cycle starts over again.

In John chapter 6, Jesus has a conversation that cuts to the very heart of these life issues. At this point, we are about 2 years into Jesus' ministry and He has gained a massive following. These people have witnessed some incredible things! Water has turned into wine, a lame man healed, walking away from the pool of Bethesda. As they travel from city to city, they arrive on the far shore of Galilee.

If you have had any experience with catering an event, you can imagine the task it must've been to feed a crowd that exceeded 5,000 men, and all they had was just 5 loaves of bread and 2 fish. Knowing His capabilities they turn to Jesus to

Jesus Sandoval,  
Pastor  
*Iglesia Mas Que  
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will never go thirsty (6:35) With this statement, Jesus offers a solution. He knows the hearts of the crowd. Jesus knew the people were coming to him, only for another meal. In a world riddled with religious activity of checking off boxes, filled with the desire to complete one's life, He is telling them, I see that you're looking for life, I know you want to be satisfied, but you have a hunger that transcends your physical hunger. You have a thirst that transcends your physical thirst. Hear me, you are concerned with your stomachs and I am concerned with your heart. Wow! Jesus is offering himself as the substance that fills every gap, every void, every longing that we might have to be satisfied.

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**FOR THE KIDS:** The Granbury Optimist Club recently presented \$5,000 to Operation School Supplies (OSS). Pictured are (from left) Optimist secretary and OSS board member Virginia Conner, Optimist president-elect Barbara Townsend, Optimist president Mark Jackson and OSS board president Micky Shearon.

## Optimists give \$5,000 for school supplies

The Granbury Optimist Club presented \$5,000 to Operation School Supplies, a local charitable organization that provides free school supplies to Hood County schoolchildren from families with economic need. Operation School Supplies board president Micky Shearon told Optimists that about 2,400

students will be served through the recent distribution and resource fair as well as ongoing efforts throughout the school year. About 50 percent of Granbury ISD students are on the federal free school breakfast and lunch program. That serves as the main eligibility criteria for the

school supply program. The Optimist Club supports local schools and numerous youth organizations. The group also awards several scholarships to Hood County graduating seniors, who are also recognized by the group's Young Texan and Young Tex-Anne program.

## New GISD assistant principals joining campus leadership

Two Granbury ISD schools will begin the 2017-18 school year with new campus administrators. Joining the Granbury High School leadership team is Dina Carlton, and Bucky Wood will be among the Granbury Middle School leaders.



Carlton



Wood

She replaces Ammie Hill, who departed for a similar position with the Godley school district. At Granbury Middle School, Bucky Wood is the new assistant principal. Wood has been working in the private sector, but he is no stranger to Granbury or Hood County.

Carlton has been at GHS since 2011, most recently serving as the special education department chair. She had been an inclusion teacher and girls basketball coach at the high school. Her service in GISD began in 2009 as a special education teacher at Granbury Middle School. She previously worked in the Fort Stockton school district as a teacher and special education aide beginning in 2006. She graduated from Sul Ross State University with a degree in English and received a master's degree in educational administration from Lamar University. Carlton joins current assistant principals Tammy Clark, Jimmy Heffernan, Dale Hunt and Patti Sanderson.

He most recently served as principal at Tolar High School from 2008-14 and had previously been an assistant principal at both Acton Middle School and Oak Woods Intermediate School. Wood began his educational career in 1993 at Fritch High School as a middle social studies teacher and coach before moving on to Borger and Plainview prior to working in Granbury. He holds a bachelor's degree in kinesiology from West Texas A&M University and a master's degree in education from Sul Ross State University. Wood succeeds Margaret Rodriguez, who was recently named the principal of STARS Accelerated High School and the Behavior Transition Center.

## School starts week from today

Granbury school district students will be back in class next Wednesday morning for the start of the new school year.

### GRANBURY HIGH SCHOOL (GRADES 9-12)

For returning students, registration will be completed online through Skyward Family Access similar to last year. Once 1,350 students have completed the online process, class schedules will be released. Granbury High School students may purchase permits for assigned parking spaces today (Wednesday) from 9 a.m. until noon and tomorrow (Thursday) from 2 to 5 p.m. All student parking will be in Lot E (in back of school by the CTE Center) or Lot F (next to Tidwell Field baseball stadium). The fee is \$40, and students and families must have completed the online registration process and not have any textbook, supply or fee holds in order to obtain a permit. Students must bring their valid driver's license, current proof of insurance, license plate number and vehicle description. Freshman Orientation will be Friday from 6 to 7:30 p.m. This

will be a come-and-go event. Student council will be available for tours and activities. Students and parents are encouraged to bring class schedules from Skyward with them. Assistant principals will hold multiple sessions for parents - the first beginning at 6 p.m., one at 6:30 p.m. and the final one at 7 p.m. These sessions will all cover the same material. Fall Open House at GHS will be Monday, Sept. 11 from 5:30 to 7 p.m. with a senior parent meeting to follow. **MIDDLE SCHOOLS (GRADES 6-8)** All sixth-graders are invited to Pirate Camp on Friday. The camp includes a campus tour and information about the school, and students will also pick up their class schedules. The camp will be 9 to 11 a.m. at both AMS and GMS. A parent session, which is not required, will begin at 9:30 a.m. for those able to attend. There will be an open campus at middle schools on Monday from 4 to 7 p.m. for seventh- and eighth-graders to complete Skyward online registration to get class schedules, attend an open immunization clinic and

to walk the building. Parents and students can come and go during this time. It is not necessary to attend if students already have schedules and immunizations. This is not an Open House event. Parent Connection Night for both middle schools will be Thursday, Aug. 24 from 5:30 to 7 p.m. All parents and guardians are welcome to connect with teachers, technology, campus information and expectations for the school year. **ELEMENTARY, INTERMEDIATE SCHOOLS (PK-5)** The school district is divided into five attendance zones. Acton Elementary School (PK-5) Baccus Elementary School (PK-5) Mambrino School (PK-5) Oak Woods School (PK-5) Roberson Elementary School (PK-2)/Brawner Intermediate School (3-5) Class lists will be posted after 4 p.m. Friday. Meet the Teacher Night will be held on these campuses on Monday from 5:30 to 7 p.m.

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## Employment Information

8600

### RESIDENT ATTENDANT/CNA

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## Public Notices

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Legal Ad  
 Hood County Purchasing Agent's office will receive sealed proposals at 1402 W. Pearl St. Room/Ste 1., Granbury, TX 76048, until 2:00 p.m. August 24, 2017. Proposals will be opened in a public meeting at that time and place.

Request for Proposal  
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Specifications documents for these proposals may be obtained at the Purchasing Agent's Office located at 1402 W. Pearl St. 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 award by unit cost or lump sum discount and to waive formalities for the best interest of Hood County. Hood County reserves the right to reject any and all bids. All invoices shall be paid at the regular semi-monthly meeting of the Hood County Commissioner's Court.  
 For additional information, contact Hood County Purchasing Agent at 817 408-3440.

## Public Notices

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Construction - NOTICE TO BIDDERS  
 Advertisement and Invitation for Bids, City of Tolar  
 TXCDBG Water System Improvements Project No 7216450

Sealed bids for the construction of new potable water distribution lines and a first time sewer service for the City of Tolar, Texas will be received at the office of the City Secretary at the City Hall, The City of Tolar, 8712 W. Highway 377 (PO Box 100), Tolar, TX 76476 until 11:00 AM on August 25, 2017. All bids will be in a sealed envelope with contract number and addressed to the Mayor and the City Council. The bids will be publicly opened and read aloud at the time and place described above. Any bid received after closing time will be returned unopened. Bidders are encouraged to verify delivery schedules for overnight couriers to this address.

The project includes the furnishing and construction of:  
 4,000 LF of 6" C-900 PVC water line; 500 LF of DR 18 two inch water line; 3 fire hydrants; 10 water service reconstructions; 140 LF of highway boring; driveway repairs and five wet connections to existing water lines. Also includes trench safety, temporary measures for water service, a traffic control plan and an erosion control plan. Bid also includes one first time sewer service with private sewer pump station in a prefab wet well including piping and electrical, with 150 LF of 2" force main, and hauling the contents and decommissioning of two septic tanks.

Bid/Contract Documents, including Drawings and Technical Specifications are available at Tolar City Hall and at the office of Reavis Consulting Engineers, at a cost of \$50.00 payable to Reavis Consulting Engineers, 2003 North Mays, Suite 105, Round Rock, Texas 78664. Telephone number and fax are 512-238-1358. Special shipping will be at the bidders cost.

An OPTIONAL Prebid Conference and Tour shall be conducted at City Hall at 3:00 PM on August 18, 2017. Otherwise, the City will welcome bidders between 9:00 AM and 3:00 PM on weekdays. Bidders are expected to inspect the site of the work and to inform themselves regarding all local conditions prior to submitting bids. The City encourages Section 3 Businesses and HUBS to attend the Pre Bid Conference and to participate in this project as bidders and/or subcontractors.

Bidders must submit a Cashier's or Certified Check issued by a bank satisfactory to the Owner, negotiable U.S. Government Bonds or a Bid Bond from a reliable Surety Company, payable without recourse to the order of the City of Tolar, Texas, in an amount not less than five percent (5%) of the Bid submitted to assure that he will enter into a contract if successful. Bids without the required check or Bid Bond and that do not include a bid price for all items will be considered incomplete.

The successful Bidder will be required to furnish a Performance Bond and a Payment Bond, each in the amount of the contract, written by a responsible Surety Company, authorized to do business in the State of Texas and satisfactory to the Owner, as required by Article 5160, V.A.T.C.S., as amended by H.B. 344, passed by the 56th Legislature, Regular Session, 1959.

Attention is called to the fact that not less than, the federally determined prevailing (Davis-Bacon and Related Acts) wage rate, as issued by the Texas Department of Agriculture Office of Rural Affairs and contained in the contract documents, must be paid on this project. In addition, the successful bidder must ensure that employees and applicants for employment are not discriminated against because of race, color, religion, sex age or national origin. The City of Tolar encourages participation of all HUB, DBE and Section 3 firms in the bidding and construction of this project. The City is an Equal Opportunity Employer. The City strives to attain goals for compliance with Federal Section 3 regulations by increasing opportunities for employment and contracting with Section 3 residents and businesses where feasible.

In addition, the successful bidder must ensure that employees and applicants for employment are not discriminated against because of race, color, religion, sex age, gender, disability, familial status or national origin. All contractors/subcontractors that are debarred, suspended or otherwise excluded from or ineligible for participation on federal assistance programs may not undertake any activity in part or in full under this project.

The City of Tolar reserves the right to reject any or all bids or to waive any informalities in the bidding. Bids may be held by the City of Tolar for a period not to exceed 30 days from the date of the bid opening for the purpose of reviewing the bids and investigating the bidders' qualifications prior to the contract award.  
 Terry Johnson, Mayor Date: August 9, 2017

## Public Notices

## PUBLIC SALES

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