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## **Myers** seeks judge's post

BY KATHY CRUZ

The 2018 spring primaries are still more than seven months away, but former Granbury School Board member Kevin Myers this week announced his intention to run for county

Myers filed treasurer paperwork with the county's Elections Administration office on Wednesday.

The current county judge, Darrell Cockerham, who is serving his second term, has said he will not seek re-election.

The current fiscal year salary for that position is \$82,153,



plus a state stipend of \$25,200. In addition, the county judge receives \$18,000 annually for serving on the Hood County Juvenile Board, which meets monthly.

Myers said he has "done a lot of volunteer work" in the community and, as a result, gained "big, wide experience."

"I've been in the game a long time, and service to the community is part of who I am," he

Myers was on the GISD board of trustees from 2006 to 2009 of the Hood County Senior Center from 2010 to 2012.

A native of Montgomery, Alabama, Myers is director of information technology at Lake Granbury Medical Center - a job he has held since moving to Hood County in November

He is a veteran of the NATO Operations Bosnian Conflict, serving in the National Guard from July 1995 to March 1996.

Myers serves on the city's Public Television Channel Advisory Board and has been

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#### **Cool cuts**

Kion Watson, 13, had his hair cut Tuesday at a resource fair at Granbury High School, sponsored by

Operation School Supplies. Jamie Watson gave free cuts. Granbury schools start Wednesday.

## Farewell dinner tonight for Project 44

BY KATHY CRUZ HOOD COUNTY NEWS

Project 44's "dinner under the stars" - a temporary swan song for the nonprofit - takes place from 7 to 9 tonight at the farm where for years produce has been grown to feed local families.

The community is invited to bring a dish to share, as well as lawn chairs.

The farm is located at 419

Cherokee Lake Court, off Old Granbury Road between Meander Road and Temple Hall

Highway (behind H-E-B). Attendees will be able to purchase T-shirts, sweatshirts, and fruits and vegetables that were grown on the farm and canned on site.

Money raised will be used by organizers who are hoping to find another location within Hood County to start another farm and to house

Project 44's other ministries. Project 44 also offers counseling and giveaways of used vehicles to those who need

The land on which Project 44 maintained a community farm was donated, but the owner is now asking for a new arrangement in which the ministry pays to use a house located there.

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## Weatherford College students have options, responsibilities under Campus Carry

BY BETHANY KURTZ HOOD COUNTY NEWS

Students could go back to class in the Weatherford College Education Center in Granbury carrying more than books.

Texas Campus Carry law went into effect on Aug. 1, affecting community colleges across the state, including Weatherford College.

The law allows those with a handgun license to carry a concealed weapon on campus and in class, as well as offices and common areas, such as libraries or cafeterias.

Classes start Friday, Aug. 25. The education center, located at 210 N. Jones St., offers credit and workforce/continuing education courses and programs,

a learning resource center, library collections, smart classroom technology and academic/career assessments.

Those with a handgun license must be over 21 years of age or have served in the military, have passed a background check, are not chemical or alcohol dependent and have received training in exercising sound judgment, in order to properly use and store a handgun, according to the Texas Department of Public Safety. License holders must also pass a written and shooting proficiency test, according to DPS.

On a regular basis, guns can be carried on most of the campus at the education center at Granbury, Weatherford College Police Chief Paul Stone said.

"The testing center is the only place there where (guns) are not allowed," Stone said.

However, concealed carry can be temporarily banned for specific events, he added.

"If there is an event with nothing but high school students at it, we could do a temporary exclusion zone for that event," Stone explained.

Temporary exclusion zones can also be enacted if a polling place is set up at the school or a government meeting is being held on campus, he said. The college has movable signs that can be put in place to announce temporary zones, Stone explained.

College employees with a solo office can decide not to permit concealed carry in their office. but those who share an office may not, according to information published by Weatherford College. Those who choose not to permit concealed carry in their offices must provide verbal notice, and make reasonable efforts to meet people in an area where guns are permitted at convenient times, according to published information.

Permanent or temporary exclusion zones may only include certain areas of a building, and it is the responsibility of the license holder to understand and follow the restrictions, according to the college. Is is also the license holder's responsibility to know what they will be

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## **Hood takes steps** to address jail overcrowding

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Several significant developments occurred this week regarding the overcrowded Hood County Jail and the need for a new plan for housing female inmates.

Developments include: ■ Commissioners authorizing County Judge Darrell Cockerham to sign a contract with McLennan County (Waco) to have female inmates bussed there for housing;

■ Sheriff Roger Deeds deciding to re-purpose a wing of the jail that has been used for weekend prisoners and inmates with medical and special needs to be used instead to house up to 20 females; and

■ Two county commissioners being tasked with making recommendations for the formation of a Jail Expansion Committee.

According to Deeds, the contract with McLennan County calls for two transports per week, but the county can pay for more, if needed.

He said that McLennan County's jail, as well as the jails in surrounding Parker and Johnson counties, are managed by LaSalle Corrections, and the company uses "big buses and vans" for regular transports.

Regarding the re-purposing of the wing at the Hood County



Deeds

inmates." That will happen on Sept. 1, thanks to changes in jail operations approved last month by the Somervell County

Jail, Deeds said: "I

will open that up to females when

we take back the

Somervell County

Commissioners Court. Those changes include no longer housing females from Hood County, or sending male inmates to the Hood County Jail.

On Wednesday, 15 females from Hood County were being housed at the Somervell jail, Deeds said.

Erath and Parker counties also house some of Hood County's female inmates, but neither has the capacity to absorb those that are housed in Somervell, according to Deeds.

Deeds said Wednesday that between utilizing the jails in Parker and Erath counties and re-purposing the wing at his own jail, "I hope to only send convicted and sentenced people to McLennan County (who) will not have to be transported back and forth for court appear-

#### **EXPANSION COMMITTEE TO FORM**

At Tuesday's Commissioners Court meeting, it was decided

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## Pain in the patoot

#### Commissioners hope cushions will get to the bottom of acoustics problem

BY KATHY CRUZ HOOD COUNTY NEWS

Could a more cushy tushy alleviate the acoustics problem that has rendered the second floor courtroom at the courthouse virtually unusable?

The Commissioners Court is willing to spend up to \$10,000 in hopes that this will be the case.

The county is going to buy cushions to place on the benches in that courtroom, where the acoustics have been terrible ever since the courthouse reopened to the public in 2012 after a restoration project that spanned several years.

Recent acoustics tests show that when a balloon is popped in the courtroom, the sound bounces off the walls for 3 seconds - twice the amount of time considered acceptable, according to County Judge Darrell Cockerham and Precinct 4 Commissioner Steve Berry.

Cockerham said that an acoustics engineer has recommended that the city try the cushion solution first before undertaking other measures. The man predicts that the seat covers might improve the situation by "15 to 20 percent," according to the judge.

The expert also said that further improvements might be made by relocating speakers in the courtroom and hanging a large American or Texas flag



Cockerham and Berry said. On Tuesday, the Commissioners Court voted to move forward

with the purchase

on the back wall,



lected for a grant from the Texas Historical Commission (THC) to restore the courthouse. Originally, it was to be a \$7 million, two-year proj-

million and the county paying \$2 million. But there was delay after delay during the construction work, which upset some of the merchants on the square, and the county's portion of the

ect, with the state paying \$5

costs kept rising. The Commissioners Court tried to trim costs where possible. One expense that was cut was the THC's recommendation that the county spend \$46,000 on Plaster of Paris for the back wall of the courtroom, which of-

ficials said would absorb sound. However, court members had doubts that the gypsum paste would make that much difference. Berry said he felt that

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Teachers, we would also love to see the creative, engaging environments you have put together to welcome your students. Send us your photos of the best decoration in your classroom by using the same hashtag or email.

Granbury ISD members, submit your photos by Aug. 17 at noon. Lipan and Tolar ISD members, send us your photos by Aug. 28 at noon. Private school members, please send in photos for the deadline closest to your school's start date. Late submissions will be considered as space allows.

## Johns-Griffin files for GISD board

Another candidate has entered the field in the city and school elections that will be held in November.

The Hood County News reported last month on parent and school volunteer Maureen Johns-Griffin's intention to run for a seat on the Granbury School Board, but she made it official this week

On Thursday, GISD Public Information Officer Jeff Meador reported that Johns-Griffin had filed candidate paperwork for the Place 1 seat held by Chris Tackett.

Tackett has not yet stated publicly whether he will run for re-election, but he still has plenty of time to file. The filing period extends to 5 p.m. on Monday, Aug. 21.

Johns-Griffin, a graduate of Leadership Granbury and a member of the PTO board at Granbury Middle School, owns a business called Get Social! Communications. She has a daughter and four stepdaughters.

Meanwhile, as of Thursday afternoon, no other contenders had filed to run for Granbury City Council, according to City Secretary Carla Walker.



Corrigan and Trish Reiner, and incumbent Rose Mvers. Reiner and Myers will compete

Those who have

filed thus far are

newcomers Greg

for the Place 4 seat. Corrigan will vie for the Place 6 seat against Mayor Pro Tem Mickey Parson, assuming Parson follows through with filing his paperwork. He told the HCN he intends to seek re-election.

Tolar will also hold city and school elections.

On the Tolar School Board. terms are expiring for Brooks Goodson of Place 1, Josh Swaim of Place 2 and Brian Thomas of Place 4. Thomas has been serving an unexpired term.

In the Tolar city elections, those whose terms are expiring are Matt Hutsell of Place 1, Sally Grimes of Place 2 and Chip Foster of Place 3.

Cresson, deCordova and Stockton Bend will also have city elections provided any incumbents seeking re-election

have challengers. Election Day will be Tuesday,

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#### Broadway on the Brazos turns focus to biblical musical

"Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat" is the next installment in the Granbury Theatre Company.

The show kicked off last night and runs through Sept. 10 at the Granbury Opera House.

According to the Rodgers and Hammerstein musical licensing company, the musical is one of the most enduring shows of all time and is a reimagining of the Biblical story of Joseph, his father Jacob, 11 brothers and the coat of many colors.

Starring in the title role is

both president and lieutenant

governor of the Lake Granbury

ard Clemmons Distinguished

Service Award from the Gran-

bury Chamber of Commerce.

have three school-age daugh-

ters and are members of Gran-

bury First United Methodist

The filing period for the

March 6, 2018 primary will be

from Nov. 11 through Dec. 11.

Myers and his wife, Brenda,

**FILING:** Opens Nov. 11

Matt Beutner, last seen on the Opera House stage as Lt. Daniel Kaffee in the stage play "A Few Good Men.'

The musical is under the direction of Domanick Anton Hubbard, GTC's resident choreographer and Granbury Theatre Academy teacher.

Performances are 7:30 p.m. on Fridays, 2 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. on Saturdays, and 2 p.m. on Sundays. Tickets are available at the GTC box office at 817-579-0952 or online at www.granburytheatrecompany.org.

In addition to county judge,

eight other county positions

ty court-at-law judge; district

clerk; county clerk; county trea-

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and Justice of the Peace, Pre-

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#### **Sweet treats from Good Neighbors**

County employees at the law enforcement center were the recipients of a kind gesture Thursday afternoon when they were treated with an array of homemade sweets from the kitchen of Terry Walser. Sheriff Roger Deeds enjoyed his visit with the younger bakers in the group (from left) Cheyenne Haggerton, Zachery Cole, Brett Cole and Hannah Cole. Deeds took the leftover sweets to other county employees and members of the Granbury Police Department.

### **CUSHIONS:** One of several solutions

the THC representative did not adequately address the court's questions about it.

Berry is the only current member of the court who was on the court at the time the decision was made to nix the Plaster of Paris expenditure. Cockerham was the sitting county judge by the time the project was completed.

Five years ago when the courthouse was reopened to the public, it became clear immediately that holding Commissioners Court there was not going to be feasible because of the acoustics.

Cockerham noted of the sound-bounce problem that when someone was at the podium talking, the words they had said seconds earlier were still reverberating.

Before long, the court reverted back to holding its regular meetings in the Jury Selection Room at the Hood County Justice Center. However, Cockerham, whose office is in the courthouse, continues to hold mental commitment and juvenile hearings in the courtroom.

"I bring (everyone) up to the bench so they're standing right in front of me," he said, referring to how he manages to cope with the problem.

#### **NO REGRETS**

Berry said he does not regret the Plaster of Paris decision. He also stated that he still disagrees with some of the THC's dictates, most of

which the court had no choice but to follow.

For instance, he said, the state organization would not allow commissioners to put carpet in the courtroom or baffle boards on the back wall, even though both would have helped significantly with acoustics.

The THC also would not allow the court to install double-paned windows, which would have saved on energy costs, Berry noted.

"The state wants it to be the way it was in 1892," he said. Berry said the purchase of cushions is "the first step in the right direction.'

"I would love to go back to the courthouse for Commissioners Court," he said.

## County to research legality of flag donations

BY KATHY CRUZ

Three hundred dollars a year may seem like a pittance for the county to pay to help in maintaining the Jim Burks Fire Fighters Memorial Park, but it could cost members of the Commissioners Court dearly if they aren't careful in signing off on the deal.

Why? Politics.

The court this week tabled the request to donate \$300

for replacing flags at the Memorial Park so that County Attorney Matt Mills can make sure the county can legally donate the money.

County Judge Darrell Cockerham told the Hood County News that, while court members always want to make sure they do things the proper way, there is also the fact that they are being watched closely by political critics who wouldn't hesitate to cry fowl if a misstep is made.

of the request was because of a law that prohibits one taxing entity from donating to another taxing entity.

The city of Granbury, Cockerham said, owns the land where the Memorial Park is located. Mills agreed to research the matter and to report back to the Commissioners Court at its next regular meeting, scheduled for Tuesday, Aug.

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#### Students return to school Wednesday

Where did the summer go? It's almost gone, much to the chagrin of youngsters.

Granbury schools start bright and early Wednesday morning for the sleepy heads.

Parents may be rejoicing. "The most important change is the first day of school," GISD spokesman Jeff Meador said when asked about what students and parents will see different this school year.

"Since GISD is now a District of Innovation, the start of school has been moved up to Wednesday, Aug. 16. This was necessary to balance the length of each semester and provide Flex Days throughout the school year. However, students will still attend school for the same number of days as before.'

Lipan and Tolar classes begin Monday, Aug. 28.

#### 2017-18 GISD School Times

Elementary Schools (K-5) 7:30 a.m.-3 p.m.

Pre-Kindergarten Morning: 7:30-10:30 a.m. Afternoon: Noon-3 p.m.

**Extended School Day Program** Morning: 6:30-7:30 a.m. Afternoon: 2:45-6 p.m.

Middle Schools (6-8) 8:36 a.m.-4:15 p.m.

Granbury High School (9-12) 8:55 a.m.- 4:25 p.m

STARS Accelerated High School 8:40 a.m.- 4:10 p.m.

#### City: James Road to reopen before school starts

The section of James Road that has been closed while the city laid new water pipes will reopen to traffic on Tuesday the day before classes get underway at nearby Acton Middle School - unless rain causes a delay, according to Public Information Officer Bethany Kyle.

The city has been upgrading its water system infrastructure in preparation for the first phase of the new desalination plant going online Oct. 1.

#### **FAREWELL**

Founders Ben and Margret Fields are instead hoping to raise money to purchase land with enough room for all three prongs of the Project 44 ministry.

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## **JAIL:** Committee to form

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Church.

that Precinct 2 Commissioner Butch Barton and Precinct 3 Commissioner Bruce White will begin compiling a list of candidates for appointment to a Jail Expansion Committee.

"Probably each commissioner will (recommend) a couple of people from the community,"

said Cockerham.

The group will include the sheriff and others knowledgeable about jails, he said.

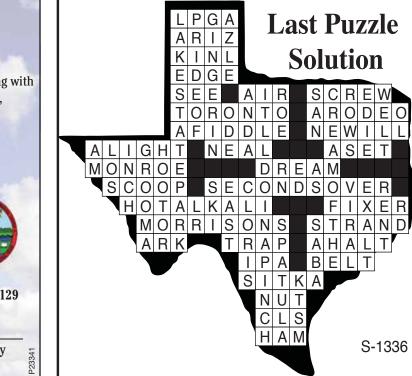
Cockerham added that the size of the committee has not vet been determined.

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### **CARRY:** Guns allowed

doing during the day and where they will need to go on campus and avoid carrying during activities that are unsafe while carrying a handgun. Concealed carry means the weapon is not noticeable to normal observation. If someone sees a weapon being openly carried, they should contact campus police immediately and not confront the person, according to the college. Those with questions about Campus Carry can contact the Weatherford College Police Department at 817-598-6316. To report a firearm, call the campus police at 817-771-3535.

#### Welcome! 9:30 a.m. Sunday mornings 'Good Shepherd Episcopal Church, a parish in good standing with the Episcopal Church in the United States of America, a part of the worldwide Anglican Communion." The Episcopal Church welcomes all who worship Jesus Christ. EPISCOPAL CHURCH Good Shepherd The Rev. Dr. Suzi Robertson, Priest in Charge 832-723-3129 Ian Moore, Sub Deacon 817-219-5382 Leslie Guinn, Sub Deacon 817-219-3510 2016 Acton Hwy - Hwy 4 across from Morrison Supply at Seventh Day Adventist Church



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### Traffic stop lands 2 drug suspects in jail

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belong to her,

Drugs and credit cards that didn't belong to them landed two people in jail Wednesday, authorities said.



**Patton** 

Around 7 p.m. on Wednesday, Hood County deputies stopped a vehicle in the 4100 block of Tin Top Highway, said Public Information Officer Lt. Johnny Rose.

They found the driver of the vehicle, Tamara Vee Patton, 54, from Granbury, was in possession of under a gram of meth, cocaine, heroin and oxycodone. She also had under 2 ounces of marijuana, several prescrip-

a prescription, a 25-caliber pistol, and several credit cards and check books with identifying informa-Weldon tion that did not

Rose said.

Patton attempted to hide some of the drugs in her body, but they were discovered at the jail, he said.

Passenger Corey Mikel Weldon, 39, claimed to be homeless and was in possession of less than a gram of meth, Rose said. He also had several credit cards and check books with identifying information that did not belong to him. Rose added.

Patton was arrested and charged with third degree felonies for possession of firearm and tampering with evidence. She was charged with state jail felony for possession of identifying information, and four state felony charges of possession of a controlled substance. She is also charged with a misdemeanor for possession of marijuana and two for possession of controlled substances.

Weldon was arrested and charged with two state jail felonies for possession of identifying information and possession of a controlled substance.

#### FELONY ARRESTS

Fifteen felony arrests were made from Aug. 3 - 9, according to Hood County law enforcement records.

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

- Blake Robert Barker, 19, Granbury, engaging in organized criminal activity.

- Michael Walker Crouch, 51, Granbury, capias arrest and violation of parole.

- Chaney Lee Horton, 18, Granbury, engaging in organized criminal activity.

- Robert Eddie Hubbard, 40, Conroe, capias warrant.

- Anthony Adonis Jenkins, 29, Dallas, out of county warrant.

- Tracy Marie Jobe, 46, Granbury, possession of a controlled substance penalty group one, less than 1 gram; capias arrest; and possession of marijuana.

- Jacob Paul Loyd, 23, out of county warrant.

- Daniel Wade McVay, 34, Granbury, possession of a controlled substance penalty group one, more than 4 grams but less than 200 grams; driving while intoxicated; and two surety warrant

- Ashley Marie Morton, 23, Granbury, traffic offense; tampering with physical evidence with intent to impair investigation; possession of a controlled substance penalty group three, less than 28 grams; and possession of a controlled substance not in a penalty group.

-Tammara Vee Patton, 54, Granbury, unlawful possession of a firearm by a felon; tampering/fabricating evidence with intent to impair investigation; four charges of possession of a controlled substance penalty group one, less than 1 gram.; fraudulent use/possession of identifying information less than five; possession of controlled substance penalty group three, less than 28 grams; possession of a controlled substance not in a penalty group; and possession of marijuana.

-Christopher Blair Stafford, 48, Granbury, violation of parole.

- Michael Blake Walts, 17, Granbury, engaging in criminal

- Joseph Charles Warner, 40, Granbury, two out of county warrants

 Corey Mikel Weldon, 39, homeless, fraudulent use/possession of identifying information more than five pieces but less than 10 pieces; and possession of a controlled substance penalty group one, less than 1 gram.

- Joshua Steven Welstead-Lochert, 26, Granbury, burglary of a habitation.

#### Traffic stop yields tampering charge

A Granbury woman was arrested Wednesday evening after trying to hide prescription pills from Hood County deputies.

Around 10:30 p.m. on Wednesday, deputies conducted a traffic stop in the 2900 block of Ridgecrest Drive south of Granbury, said Public Information Officer Lt. Johnny

Deputies found Ashlev Marie Morton, 23, was in possession of Xanax

and Tramadol pills which Morton tried to conceal and hand off to a friend, Rose said.

Morton She was arrested and

charged with a third-degree felony for tampering with evidence and two misdemeanors for possession of a controlled substance.

#### New mandatory driver course to combat distracted driving

After Sept. 1, the Texas Department of Public Safety will require drivers to pass a new course on the dangers of distracted driving before getting a driver's license.

This is the second of three age-specific classes created by DPS to make new drivers aware of the dangers of distracted driving.

"Driving is one of the most dangerous things we do on a daily basis, and it should command our undivided attention," said DPS Director Steven McCraw. "This new component of the department's distracted driving initiative uses research and compelling true stories to highlight the many risks facing drivers. This important program is designed to provide Texas drivers with critical information to help keep their focus on driving and to ultimately save lives on Texas roadways.'

Starting Sept. 1, all skills examination applicants 18 and older must complete the free Impact Texas Young Drivers (ITYD) course and obtain proof of course completion prior to taking the driving skills examination. In addi-

DPS will required the course for new drivers 18 and older starting Sept. 1

tion, drivers 18 to 24 must complete the 6-hour adult driver education course prior to the skills examination.

The DPS's Impact Texas Driver (ITD) program is designed to help save lives through awareness and education related to distracted driving.

The first course launched under the ITD program was Impact Texas Teen Drivers, which drivers ages 16 and 17 are required to complete.

In 2018, DPS is set to release the third course, Impact Texas Adult Drivers, specifically for drivers 25 and older. In the meantime, these drivers will take the ITYD course.

For additional information on ITD and ITYD, visit www. dps.texas.gov/DriverLicense/ ITD.htm.

For more information about Impact Texas Drivers, visit www.ImpactTexasDrivers.dps. texas.gov.

#### Driver escapes Mustang vehicle fire

About 7 a.m. on Monday, a vehicle fire was reported in the 1000 block of Temple Hall Highway, Fire Marshal Ray Wilson said.

The driver reported the 1995 Ford Mustang began to stall as it was being driven, Wilson said. After pulling

over, the driver noticed the car was starting to smoke and then flames appeared.

The driver was able to exit the vehicle without an injury, Wilson said. The Granbury Volunteer Fire Department was able to extinguished the

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he summer break has come and gone, and here we go. Back to school already.

I have a big first-grader this year, and I can hardly believe

I remember my feelings this time last year with her starting kindergarten, and being sad, knowing that everything was about to go in fast motion.

My feelings were validated with how quickly the last year flew. I must say that I'm a little emotional again this time around, but I'm seasoned in this whole school mom thing

I know she's turning into a big girl, but I also can appreciate the parental perks of it all.

I'm looking forward to routine again - stricter bath schedules and bed times, healthier lunches (thanks, GISD!) and of course her getting a great education (again, thanks, GISD!).

And let's not kid anyone here, I'm very much looking forward to quieter days off from work. Of course I'll have the boys, but they both still nap. And when they nap, guess who else gets to nap? Or even

**SOMETHING** 



Chelsea Hooper

2. And also, Columnist they're a lot easier to ma-

nipulate than Finley. I can use reverse psychology on Fisher and the next thing you know, he's bringing me a glass of ice water and cleaning the playroom.

Finley's too mature for that now. (Not that she won't do chores when I tell her to, but a little manipulation is so much easier and entails far less whining.)

#### **BACK IN THE ROUTINE**

When school is in session, it's a lot easier for me to explain timing to Fisher. He realizes about what time we go get Finley, which then leads to him understanding when it's close to dinner time and bed time, too. On my days off this summer, the days just all run into each other and it can be 9 a.m., he can have eaten an hour prior and he'll ask me if it's lunch time yet. (I mean, he is his mother's son. So that's not really the best example.) It just really helps with everyone's schedule and routine.

So yes, my views are a little different this time around. I still think time is a thief. And I still can't believe my baby girl is a first-grader.

But I also appreciate the right now. And right now, I have a 1.5-year-old, a 4-yearold and a 6-year-old who is going into first grade. And right now we are all happy. She's happy to be going back to school, so I'm happy for her.

Now this time next year, you all will have to pull out this column and remind me of these feelings. Because next year my big boy will be starting kindergarten. And when that happens, I'm afraid the tears will be back and I'll have forgotten the parental perks of having a school-aged child.



that they are saving for that

Politicians who promise the

voters everything to get elected

and deliver nothing except bro-

ken promises and big salaries

and benefit programs for them-

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#### LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

#### TO RUSSIA, WITH LOVE

Congress passed on the Russian Sanctions Bill to the President on Friday, July 28.

Trump delayed signing it until the following Wednesday. The Bill establishes more sanctions against Russia for meddling in our election.

Trump said he isn't happy with it because he feels it boxes him in and keeps him from using his fabulous negotiating skills in dealing with the Rus-

Many feel there is some hidden motive that makes Trump to want to go easy on the Russians. Nobody can understand Trump's conciliatory attitude toward his buddy Vlad.

Trump tells us he straightened out the President of Mexico on who's going to pay for that wall. Trump must have heard what he wanted to hear 'cause Mexico savs they still ain't paying for it.

Trump also said he got phone calls from officials at the Boy Scouts Organization saying his speech at the Scout Jamboree was just fabulous and probably rivaled the greatness of the Gettysburg Address. Officials at the Boy Scouts Organization contradicted Trump and said no such calls were made.

Getting back to the Sanctions Rill against Russia I wonder if Trump asked for Putin's permission before he signed it. If so, I think that's just fabulous.

I have always loved the Free

Enterprise system of America.

Being the last child of a family

that lost everything during the

Depression, I learned the value

in 10th grade and got my first

ing in the Marines for not much

In 1974 I retired and joined

a society that rewarded hard

some respect. Never been on

welfare or drawn unemploy-

However, as I grow older I look

back and see how I could have

done a little better in what or

how I invested for the future.

can buy bigger houses, more

expensive luxury cars, buy big-

ger and bigger boats, take more

vacations to different parts of

the world, but how much can

you spend before you get tired

You hear about some athlete

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being a star holds out for more

money on the next film. How

about the rock star musician

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When do they have time to

spend it? TV stars are in about

the same boat. Lots of work, lots

of money but when and how do

teams building big stadiums but

not without the help of the cities

The owners of the sports

tracts or holding out for more

of spending?

they spend it?

Then I started to think how

much money can one person or

family spend in retirement? You

work, ingenuity or talent in

job paying \$2 per day. Enlist-

Dropping out of high school

of the benefits of hard work.

I LOVE AMERICA

more.

ment.

**Grady Smith** Granbury

State government works just fine; it's those darn cities that cause all the problems.

According to the 2010 US Census. 85 percent of Texans are classified as "urban." If only we could get rid of most of the population our State government

I suggest that Texans, all Texans, rural or urban, are far more satisfied with their local governments than they are with the State Legislature that Patrick

I further suggest that the Texas State Constitution's requirement that "...it shall be the duty of the Legislature of the State to establish and make suitable provision for the support and maintenance of an efficient system of public free schools..." is overwhelmingly the biggest point of dissatisfaction of ALL Texans -

That he ignores school-funding issues and focuses only on red-meat for the most extreme of our fellow Texans is shame-

To try to deflect blame for his failure of leadership by painting the vast majority of our citizenry, those that live in cities, as "the problem" underlines his incompetence.

love my church, the people in it, and I just happen to love and enjoy my retired life here in this incredible country I served called

> **Con Shuck** DeCordova

#### PATRICK'S THE PROBLEM

Our Lt. Governor says that the

A perfect display of exactly why we shouldn't elect media personalities to high political

would work perfectly.

oversees.

with ANY level of government.

**Charles Stonick** Granbury

#### **RELIGION AND SCHOOLS**

There were two half page paid advertisements that ran on July 29 and Aug. 2.

I presume this is a religious organization and, if so, does not pay income tax, property tax, franchise tax, sales tax or any

Religious organizations are exempt from taxes yet the advertisement complained about the way the school board used

One of the rallying calls of the colonists was "taxation without representation!" This paid advertisement could easily be called "representation without

Another part of the paid advertisement criticized the School Board and the School Superintendent for removing Creationism and Bible influence from our local schools. It is not the job of public schools to provide religious teachings.

I recall that my small town school had a Bible class that was taught on the school campus. We only had four Protestant churches in our community but each of the different denominations complained that their beliefs were not being taught properly and the dispute between the churches became so heated that the Bible Class was discontinued.

There are numerous Creationist theories which include literal creationists, Deist creationists, and the creationist theories found in the Bible and the

Can you imagine the time and money that it would take to give each of these theories equal rep-

resentation? Public schools have the responsibility of providing students with the educational tools to compete successfully in the secular world.

Spiritual and religious training is highly personal and it should be the duty of churches and family to provide that training. Government schools should not interfere with religious matters.

> Steve Green DeCordova

#### **WE SINCERELY APOLOGIZE**

The board of the Hood County Pastor Council recently approved and purchased an ad in the HCN regarding the direction of the GISD leadership. It has come to our attention that the way in which the position was stated, we offended:

\* Hard working GISD employees and volunteers.

\* Other local Pastors whom we love and have participated with us in the past.

\* Christians who felt there was no heart of love behind the

\* And more.

We are saddened that this plea for involvement in school races caused some to interpret our message as thoughtlessly confrontational. And so, in deep humility and fear of the Lord, we sincerely apologize.

Our intention moving forward, whether forgiveness is provided or not, is to do everything we can to regain any lost trust.

We will endeavor to: (1) More adequately speak the truth IN LOVE. (2) Encourage believers toward good citizenship and leadership in the community, (3) Provide for greater fellowship among the Church Community.

What we will not do is encourage Christians to remain muzzled by a fear of "what might happen" when we speak the truth in love, because the stakes are too high for our children, our communities and the world.

After all, God is good, Jesus is the truth, hell is real and the world needs to know.

Dr. Mark Roath **President and The Hood County Pastor Council** 

## Great to be a Granbury Pirate

s we begin the 2017-18 school year, I want to welcome back our 7,000 students and 900 employees along with all the families and community members that make up the great town of Granbury.

About 93 percent of Texas children attend public schools, and I am so proud of the multitude of opportunities our students in Granbury ISD have available to them.

Due to the generosity of our voters and taxpayers, we now boast some of the finest educational facilities in the state, while maintaining one of the lowest tax rates in the Dallas-Fort Worth area.

At GISD, we continue to build great partnerships with our city, county, local businesses, non-profit agencies, and faith-based organizations, who are eager to work with our students and staff for the betterment of all.

Giving back to our community is very important to us, and our students and staff participate in many service projects throughout the year to help our local agencies, give back to our community and to learn more about opportunities for

We appreciate our school board. These individuals are





**Granbury School** 

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is to put policies in place to ensure that our schools are

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teach to the state-mandated school board and the leadership they have shown in mak-

ing GISD a great place to be. Granbury ISD is blessed to have some of the best educators and smartest kids in Texas! I am obviously biased, tirelessly to do their best to educate our most precious commodity - our children.

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sonal agendas in order to build consensus to do what is in the best interest of our students.

They hire the superintendent, set the tax rate, and support our staff as we follow and curriculum. I am proud of our

unpaid and volunteer to

Their job

operating legally, ethically and responsibly.

Trustees put aside their own

but we have a staff that works

Our students are extremely competitive in all aspects of education, including academics, athletics, fine arts and virtually any other indicator in which schools are evaluated.

Everyone knows that a quality public school is the backbone of a free society and the source of educating our future leaders. We are proud that the students in GISD represent Texas and the diversity it has to offer. It is this interaction between students from all walks of life, ethnicities, economic means and cultures that truly makes public education a

microcosm of society. We celebrate this diversity and believe it allows our students to learn to appreciate and collaborate with people who may be different from

We invite all of you to become a part of the Pirate Nation. It is great to be a Granbury Pirate, and we hope to see you at our games, concerts, competitions or some other

school event this year! Make sure to go to our website www.granburyisd.org and follow us on social media so you can keep up with the latest news and events from Gran-

bury ISD. We look forward to a wonderful school year.

#### YOUR TURN

## What do you remember most from your first day of school?



**Zak Krantz** "Learning the alphabet. And we got to paint and



Bella Rodriguez "Reading books. I read a Junie B. Jones book. I love have fun with forever." animals."



**Luke Keays** "I made friends that I'll



**Wyatt Rasberry** "I remember making new friends and learning

and their taxpaying citizens. They could not do it alone unless they spent more of that about what to do in the money they have stashed away

#### millions off one picture and then

There were numerous unsubstantiated comments made throughout the advertisements that were paid for by the Hood County Pastor Council.

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tax money.

## Obituaries

#### Leo Daniel Smith

Leo Daniel Smith, 79, of Granbury, passed away on August 7, 2017. Gathering: 3:00 PM - 5:00 PM, Saturday, August 12, 2017, Wiley Funeral Home, Granbury.

Leo was born on August 13, 1937 in Kingsville, Texas to Homer and Ina Smith. Leo was a kind, caring and loving father, grandfather and great grandfather. He enjoyed talking and visiting with his sister Helen. Telling jokes and spending time with friends were among his favorite things to do. He also loved going fishing. He was preceded in death by his parents, three brothers and one sister.

Leo is survived by his sister: Helen Carriger, daughters: Jody Slover and fiancé Danny Ware, and Cheryl Zielke and husband Larry, sons: Cory Smith and wife Julie and Barry Smith and wife Stephanie, grandchildren: Samantha Smith, Sean Slover, Angie Vanover, Jennifer, Heather McDonald and husband Tod, Keith Michael Smith



and wife Michelle, Danielle Bryant and husband TJ, Kaitlyn Buendia and husband Travis, great grandchildren: Chance McDowell, Hendrix Slover, William Smith, Ryan Smith, Xander Dorr, Elijah McDonald, Joseph Rodriguez and Timothy Bryant, Jr.

Wiley Funeral Home made arrangements.

#### Francis Jean Lee

Francis Jean Lee was born on May 10,1933 in Gilmore Texas. She was the Daughter of Genevieve and Curtis Finney. Fran fell in love and married her

Lee on October 25,1953. Fran and Jim moved to Granbury and raised three sons: Dan,

High School Sweetheart, James

Mark and Kyle. Fran is survived by Two Sons, Dan and Mark Lee, Six Grandchildren, and ten Great Grandchildren. Fran will always be loved and greatly missed by all who knew her.

The Memorial Service will be this Saturday, August 12th at 11:00 am at: First Presbyterian Church of Granbury, 300 West Bridge Street Granbury Texas.



We invite all friends and people who knew Fran to please attend.

gust 7, 2017 in Granbury. She was born in Comanche, Texas May 2, 1931 to Hogan and Vada Scott. Doris graduated from Comanche High School in 1948. She attended John Tarleton College for 2 years, graduated from Texas Tech University in 1952 and then later furthered her education at Oklahoma State University where she received a Master's Degree in 1970. While in college, on September 1, 1950, she married the love of her life and best friend Winfred Holland. Doris devoted 38 years to the Education field serving as a classroom teacher, Department Chairman, and Vocational Supervisor at various Texas School Districts and Vocational and Community Colleges in Texas and Oklahoma.

Throughout their career, Leonard and Doris relocated several times to various cities in Oklahoma and Texas. Upon Granbury where they enjoyed a deep love for animals-espe-"Dori".

Doris is survived by 2 sisters, ews, 8 great nieces and neph-



Memoriams and Cards of Thanks are \$15 for the first 25 words, 25 cents for each additional word. Call 573-7066 for more information.

#### **Doris Elizabeth Scott Holland**

Doris Elizabeth Scott Holland, 86, passed away Monday, Auews and 7 great-great nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her husband, parents, her in-laws L.P. and Alice Holland, 2 brothers, 2 brothers-

their retirement, they moved to family, friends and golf. Besides Doris' passion for golf, she had cially her Himalayan Persian Cat

Morene McDougal and Carolyn McDougal, both of Comanche, 1 sister-in-law, 7 nieces and neph-



in-law, 1 sister-in-law, and 3

Funeral services will be held

Thursday, August 10, 2017 at

Heartland Funeral Home of Co-

manche. Visitation for the fam-

ilv will be from 11:00 to 12:00.

lunch for the family will follow

at First Baptist Church Coman-

che, and services will be held at

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-- Computer class instructors, Tuesdays and Thursdays, day and evening. Must have good working knowledge of Microsoft Office. A step-by-step manual is provided. Assistant with fair working knowledge in Microsoft Office is also needed for the same days and

-- Mentors for Faith & Finance class needed on Wednesday evenings.

-- Mentors for Jobs for Life class needed on Tuesdays and Thursdays, day and evening. A day site leader also needed.

#### **RUTH'S PLACE**

Ruth's Place is in need of medical and dental professionals to volunteer their services. Ruth's Place operates a clinic for uninsured residents of Hood County with the help of volunteer providers. Contact the office at . 817-573-6800.

#### **RUTH'S PLACE OUTREACH**

Ruth's Place Outreach Center in Oak Trail Shores is in need of caring individuals to volunteer for a free after school program Monday and Thursdays from 3:30-5:30. If you can help with homework and tutoring, contact

#### **HOOD COUNTY ANIMAL CONTROL**

Mia Best at 817-579-1521.

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

#### **FOSSIL RIM WILDLIFE CENTER**

Need volunteers for tour guides. Flexible days and hours. Call 254-897-2960 or email education@fossilrim.org

#### **HOST FAMILIES**

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## 'Don't judge'

## Struggling families fight financial stigma

BY CHRISTINE DORAN HOOD COUNTY NEWS

The 12-year-old boy's legs laid across his mother's lap on the red plaid couch in their living room.

Tephney McMurry, the boy's mother, looked down at his feet. His toes peeked through the ends of his new Nike tennis

She was shocked - at first she thought he was being rough on the shoes; soon, she would realize that wasn't the case.

"Why didn't you tell me?" she asked him. "Your feet have to be hurting."

"I didn't wanna tell you, 'cause I know we can't afford it," he said, his bright blue eyes looking up at her.

A "sinking, horrible" feeling

Shame-filled questions darted through her mind.

"Where are we failing? What more can we do?'

It had only been three months since she bought him the shoes, but at 12 years old, Dylan Andress is growing fast, making shopping for clothes difficult.

"He's growing faster than I can keep track of," she said. "We bought him new pants three weeks ago - three weeks and they're already starting to grow way too short.'

She was ashamed that her son hadn't wanted to tell her his shoes were too small.

"It made me feel that big," she recalled, pinching her fingers together. "Because children shouldn't have to worry about that."

She and her husband bought him flip-flops to replace the tennis shoes in the spring, and will soon purchase new shoes for him for the school year.

Their budget has always been tight, but this year has taken a harsher toll on their finances.

"We were moving when we



OPENING OPPORTUNITIES: Operation School Supplies provided free helped pass out school supplies. Left to right (back row): Marina Hernanschool essentials for students in need. In the photo: High school volunteers dez, Whitney Carrol, Brittanie Phillips. In front: Payton Jones.

got in a bad car wreck in January," McMurry said. "Someone T-boned us and made us flip." The family, relocating homes

in Granbury, was dealing with moving expenses, when suddenly, the car accident added medical costs. Time off work meant a reduced income, and their finances spiraled.

"With the wreck, I had to have neck surgery," she said. She was forced to quit her job, and now her family is single-income.

They have four children, ages 23, 20, 18 and 12. Her husband is a plumber,

making roughly \$2,500 per month, with rent at \$800.

"And we're lucky to own our own vehicle, but then you have insurance," she said.

"We're making it."

As she spoke, she sat in her white minivan outside of Granbury High School, where Operation School Supplies took place Tuesday.

"We're in the process of the move right now, and we're having to come up with clothes," she said. "And with him starting school, he shouldn't have to suffer because we're trying to better (our lives) - you know, (Operation School Supplies) makes it easier and possible. And I'm not ashamed."

Some people may assume "that maybe we're lazy or maybe we just need to work more,' she said. "But we were buying a new home to give (our son) a better life. And people have a

preconceived notion that we're lazy or just taking from them - that it's greed or something,' she said.

Her friend, Sheila Hamm, sat in the passenger seat beside

"They don't know our situations," Hamm said.

When Hamm's common-law husband died last June, she lost the sole provider of her home. He was only 39 years old.

She has 11 medical diagnoses, she said, and has had two surgeries just since he died, leaving her in chronic pain. Finding work isn't possible for her, she said.

"People probably think that we just don't wanna work - that we're lazy," Hamm said. "But

there's people here that both mom and dad work and the price of living and having three or four kids - even one - it's expensive. Especially when you have to buy 'em all - like I said, (my son costs) two or \$300 (for school supplies). I can't imagine having four (kids), you know? It's not like I'm not trying to work ... I want to work.

"Somebody can be in a financial bind, like me as a widow, and you don't know, so don't judge."

Meanwhile, she struggles emotionally with her husband's

She still sleeps on the couch, rather than their bed.

"I've been waiting for her to lose it, but she holds it all to-

'And people have a preconceived notion that we're lazy or just taking from them - that it's greed or something."

Parent Tephney McMurry

gether," McMurry said.

Because Hamm wasn't legally married to her husband, she was left with no financial help. Her son is allotted \$584 per month from Social Security because of his father's death.

"And my house payment's \$400," she said.

She is given \$357 from SNAP (commonly known by its former name of "Food Stamps").

Sometimes, the Oak Trail Shores resident doesn't make rent, and she struggles to make the SNAP money stretch. She utilizes local food banks to make ends meet.

With no car, Hamm hitches as few rides as possible. She tries to do all her shopping for the month when she gets her SNAP money. She has learned how to make it stretch by buying rice and flavored mashed potatoes to eat with the meat she buys.

"A lot of times I have to tell (my son), 'Baby, I can't afford no ice cream.' His birthday's Aug. 18. I'm hoping my food stamps come out on the 12th," she said.

Holidays and birthdays have become difficult without her husband, Hamm said.

With the approaching school year, she is struggling with prepping for school.

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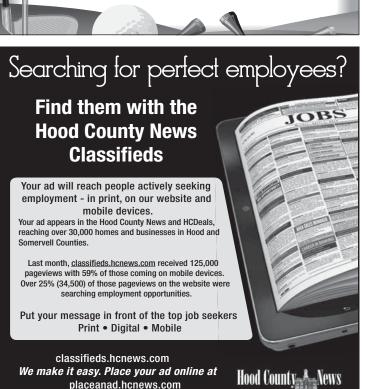
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FILLING THE GAPS: Operation School Supplies offers students in need free school supplies. Also at Granbury High School on distribution day were local service organizations, offering vaccinations, physicals and vari-

ous other services. Students received information from Melanie Dewbre, a volunteer at Mission Granbury's booth.

## **Operation School Supplies** fills gap in students' needs

BY CHRISTINE DORAN HOOD COUNTY NEWS

Families formed a line that reached out the doorway of Granbury High School for Operation School Supplies (OSS).

Around 1,500 students were given school supplies Tuesday, but classroom basics weren't the only things being offered at the resource fair.

Haircuts, physicals and vaccines were given for free, in addition to speech pathology

screening. "It's convenient for them, while they're here getting school supplies, to give them one central place where they can go and they can see all these different organizations that have services for their kids or for their families," OSS president Micky Shearon said.

The vaccinations were given by employees from Lakeside Physicians. The vaccinations have many benefits for students, according to Shearon.

"Not only does it benefit the kids - getting them vaccinated - and the parents, because it's no charge, but also, if the kids show up for school and their shot records are not up to date, (the school officials), by law, have to send those kids home.

"They can't let them stay at school. So the kids, until the families can afford to go get their shots, the kids are not in school. So they're missing instruction time. And every year we have kids that get sent home and they may miss the first few days, they may miss the first week," Shearon said. "So now they're a week behind, through no fault of their own, but now they're behind, and especially at your younger grades, when the kids start off behind, they just generally don't catch up.

"So this is a simple way that

we can prevent that from hap-

While he knows about 1,500 kids were given school supplies, he is unsure how many students were served, overall.

"We really don't have a way to track the number of kids that come and only get shots or a physical or haircut or maybe a physical and a haircut," he said.

#### 17TH YEAR OF SERVICE

This was the organization's 17th year of service, according to Shearon.

Norma Wright, who did nonprofit work, and Shearon started the program in 2001.

"Norma and I were both on the Mission Granbury board. We were a part of the original board that formed Mission Granbury back in the late '90s. And we started getting calls from different organizations around town that were getting a lot of calls about school supplies. And it turned out that Hood County didn't have any organization that focused on specifically providing school supplies to needy kids ... There was no concerted, organized effort. So we started looking into it and saw that it was a big need."

At the time, if students couldn't afford school supplies, they often went without, unless a teacher bought them supplies.

Teachers frequently bought school supplies for their stu-

dents, according to Shearon. "Teachers don't make enough money to be buying stuff for

their classroom," he said. Shearon and Wright created a solution: Operation School Supplies. To add to classroom basics, they also began a resource fair that coincides with the distribution of school supplies.

They invited local organiza-"Everybody here is either

tions to participate.

a volunteer with Operation School Supplies or they're here volunteering with the organization they volunteer or work with," Shearon said. "Most everybody here is volunteering.'

The first year, Operation School Supplies handed out around 700 sets of school supplies. The number of those in need of school supplies fluctuates based on the local economy, Shearon said.

"It tracks with the economy. When the economy is worse, our numbers, obviously, go up," he said.

This year, at 1,500 students, was a fairly average number, Shearon said.

The school supply packages are filled with essentials, based on lists that Granbury and Tolar schools release for their classes. Not everything on the list is bought, but the basics are included in the free packages, such as crayons, water colors and composition books for younger grades.

Students from pre-kindergarten through high school can receive a school supply package.

Any leftover school supplies are sent to the various county campuses for students who need them.

Shearon expressed appreciation for Granbury Independent School District for its support.

"I cannot thank Granbury ISD, the principal here, Jeremy Ross, and all of his staff, (enough) for really bending over backwards to accommodate us. This is right in the middle of their summer cleanup. School's starting here (next week) and they basically suspended their summer cleanup to accommodate us ... I'm really appreciative of them for welcoming us in and helping us out."

## **HARDSHIPS:** Families suffer financially

just for (our son) alone on school stuff," she said.

When her husband died, that changed. "Now, it's difficult to afford it." Her son, Jessie Spence, who

turns 12 today, is growing quickly, like Andress.

"He won't have the same shorts sometimes for like three weeks," she said.

She missed July rent last month.

"Some of us - it's really hard to ask for anything," McMurry said. "I don't - I always think that someone has it worse, like Sheila. So somebody's been through worse. But then I can't let my kid suffer for that."

She doesn't like to go to local resources for help, she said, but she will do it for her son.

"If this is what it takes for him, then that's what it takes." However, the volunteers at local organizations don't make her feel embarrassed for need-

ing assistance, she said.

"I was a military wife for a long time and lived in a lot of different places. I've never lived in a community that sticks

together like Granbury does. There's tons of places to go for help," McMurry said.

Hamm agreed. The community has helped her make it through many financial obstacles, she said.

McMurry looks down on herself at times, she said. "I think any mother does. And I have self-worth and work ethic tied together."

After the car wreck in January, her injuries left her unable to work, and she struggles with being unemployed.

"It's gonna be different this year. My surgery's over, so I can go back to work ... We're never gonna have the kind of money where we can go and travel. We're always gonna have to work for everything, but it's things like (Operation School Supplies) that make it possible, where we don't have to be on welfare. I'm not on anything like that, because there is help

But the two mothers aren't the only ones in their families who have a hard time with financial shortages - the kids

have experienced bullying because of their socioeconomic status.

"They used to (bully me)," Andress said. "I gave them a taste of their own medicine."

He started fighting the bullies back, McMurry explained. "He is sweet, though.'

She is worried that the bullying will foster meanness in her son.

"It all starts at home," she said. "Maybe people need to talk to their children about how school's starting and for some kids it'll be - you know, they'll have the flashy stuff, while the other ones won't. Maybe, you know, the cooler thing would be to stand up for them, or maybe even take away that power by saying, 'That's not funny,' you know? Maybe people should spend some time talking about how the financial situation of a person does not define the person.

"And if they don't, they don't. It's up to us to judge what's important and what's not and (tell our kids) that this is just a moment in their lives.'



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The first public hearing will be held on August 15, 2017 at 9:00 AM at Central Jury Room, Hood County Justice Center, 1200 W. Pearl St., Granbury, TX 76048.

The second public hearing will be held on August 22, 2017 at 11:00 AM at Central Jury Room, Hood County Justice Center, 1200 W. Pearl St., Granbury, TX

The members of the governing body voted on the proposal to consider the tax increase as follows:

FOR:

Darrell Cockerham, Hood County Judge James Deaver, Commissioner Pct. 1 Bruce White, Commissioner Pct. 3 Steve Berry, Commissioner Pct. 4

**AGAINST**:

**PRESENT** and not voting:

**ABSENT:** Butch Barton, Commissioner Pct.2

The average taxable value of a residence homestead in Hood County Texas last year was \$148,160. Based on last year's tax rate of \$0.422230 per \$100 of taxable value, the amount of taxes imposed last year on the average home was \$625.58.

The average taxable value of a residence homestead in Hood County Texas this year is \$167,570. If the governing body adopts the effective tax rate for this year of \$0.415744 per \$100 of taxable value, the amount of taxes imposed this year on the average home would be \$696.66.

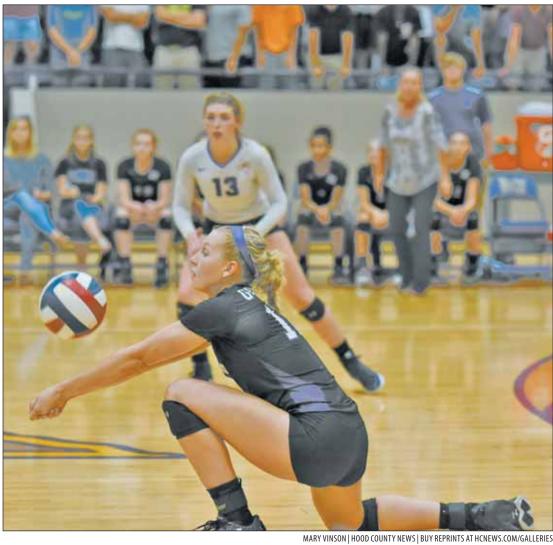
If the governing body adopts the proposed tax rate of \$0.415744 per \$100 of taxable value, the amount of taxes imposed this year on the average home would be \$696.66.

Members of the public are encouraged to attend the hearings and express their

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DIG DEEP: Granbury's Payton Bell keeps a ball in play during the Lady Pirates' match against Mansfield Lake Ridge on Tuesday. The Lady Pirates lost in three sets.

They are currently competing in a three-day tournament in Pearland.

## Lady Pirates fall to Lake Ridge; Tolar sweeps two games

BY GRANT MCGALLIARD
HOOD COUNTY NEWS

Tuesday marked the first day of the UIL volleyball season for both Tolar and Granbury.

The Lady Rattlers hosted De Leon and Graford in a doubleheader, while the Lady Pirates played a home match against Mansfield Lake Ridge.

Here's how both teams fared in their first games.

#### LADY PIRATES FALL IN STRAIGHT SETS

Coming off a district championship last season, Granbury was ready to hit the ground running against the Mansfield Lake Ridge Lady Eagles Tuesday evening.

Lake Ridge, a solid team in their own rights that made it three rounds deep in the postseason last year, had other plans for the Lady Pirates.

Granbury fell to Lake Ridge in three sets, losing 24-26, 19-25, 23-25. The Lady Pirates had leads in two of the three sets, but couldn't fend off the Lady Eagles.

The first set saw Granbury manage a four-point lead early on. Sophomore Macie Blohowiak had two kills from the right outside hitter position in Granbury's first six points, part of a good night for her on the court.

Lake Ridge tied it at 19, but Granbury built a four-point run and led 23-19 with all the momentum on their side.

But some miscommunication and some long serves allowed the Lady Eagles to rip off five straight points and take a 24-23 lead.

Freshman Gracie Nichols made a great play to keep a ball alive near the back line to tie the set again at 24, but Lake Ridge finished off the first set by winning the next two points.

The Lady Eagles managed to feed off that comeback in the second set. Granbury managed a tie at 17, but it felt as though Lake Ridge had control of the set the entire way through.

Lake Ridge won eight of the last 10 points to take the second set.

The third set looked like it would end in a blowout. Granbury fell behind 22-11 at one point, but strong play from sophomore Payton Bell and Blohowiak helped pull the Lady Pirates back into it, and the deficit dwindled to one point at

Lake Ridge managed to win the next two points, however, and finished off a sweep of the Lady Pirates.

Granbury is currently competing in the Adidas John Turner Volleyball Classic in Pearland.

#### TOLAR TAKES TWO AT HOME

The Tolar Lady Rattlers began the first season of head coach Scotty Miller's new tenure with a bang, taking six straight sets at home against Graford and De Leon.

Against De Leon in the first match, Tolar dominated from the jump. The Lady Rattlers won the first set 25-6, and took the next two 25-10 and 25-21.

The Graford match was more

of the same. Tolar won 25-17, 25-17 and 25-15 and never looked in danger of slipping.

The service game was the catalyst for the Lady Rattlers. Sophomores Grace Jones and Alicia Hamm both had excellent days serving the ball, Miller said, and Tolar had a 90.4 serve percentage against De Leon that included 13 aces.

Against Graford, that percentage dipped a bit to 82.2, but Tolar increased its number of aces to 18.

"I was really pleased overall," Miller said. "Getting started on the right path is important to such a young team.

"Confidence is a big deal, and confidence in your team is even bigger. Winning covers both

As far as individual players go, Miller said there were plenty of standouts on Tuesday.

"I was really pleased with (junior setter) Kaitlyn Morphew," Miller said. "She is quite an athlete and works very hard.

"[Senior middle blocker] Rebecca Blessing shows that she is going be a force in the middle. Outside attackers Avery Mabery (sophomore) and Paige Hamm (junior) kept both teams on their heels."

Tolar competed in the Clifton Tournament this weekend. Miller said his goals for the team – besides winning – included improving on service returns and "competing on every point."

Check honews.com this weekend for score updates from both Granbury and Tolar action.

#### **Habitat Housing Program**

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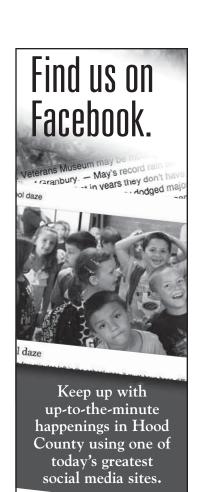
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## Protect your marine engine from ethanol

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I did a little research and this is what I came up with. I do add ethanol treatment to my gas, based on what I have found.

First of all, an ethanol blend is typically what you get when you buy gas at most every gas station. This ethanol blend has about 10% ethanol and is labeled E10.

You can still find gas stations that do not use ethanol, but they are rare. Ethanol reduces emissions and boost octane levels; however, ethanol has a lower BTU content than gas, which lowers the efficiency of the engine (it takes slightly more fuel to get to where you are going).

This slight decrease in fuel efficiency is small and probably not noticeable.

Ethanol-gasoline mixtures are commonly sold as fuel because they burn more cleanly and are more environmentally friendly as I mentioned above, but there can be a down side to their use.

Ethanol can damage engines in general, but its effect on boats and their outboard engines is publicized widely. The problem is that ethanol can dissolve materials like some types of rubber, plastic and fiberglass.

E10 is known to interact badly with fiberglass. If you have a fiberglass gas tank, you'll want to take warning. The interaction, I am told, results in sludge in your tank that can cause valves to seize up in outboards and other boat engines.

E10 can also cause phase separation, which refers to what happens when there is over 0.5 percent of water in the gas tank. The ethanol will combine with the water to form a gelatinous mixture that can damage an engine as well.

Ethanol treatment helps to resolve this issue.

Ethanol has been known to damage rubber and plastic fuel lines and filters. Boat owners should protect their engines by using components that are labeled alcohol-resistant, like HOOD OUTDOORS



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The ethanol content of gasoline is only predicted to rise in the future, so choosing gas tanks, hoses, filters and other equipment made of materials that don't melt in ethanol is

Hopefully the newer engines, gas tanks and fuel lines are resistant to ethanol. I know I am playing it safe by adding an ethanol treatment to my gas tank.

vital.

#### **HOOD COUNTY FISHING REPORT**

Lake Granbury is close to full after the recent rain. Water temperatures have dropped a few degrees and the fishing has improved.

Water temperatures continue to be in the upper 80s. Black bass to 6 pounds continue to be caught all over the lake near major creek points on soft plastics and deep-diving crank baits

Sand bass are schooling on most days in 10-to-15-foot flats. Stripers are fair to good to 10 pounds on live shad on the lower ends of the lake.

I do not have a crappie or catfish report this week on Granbury

Limits of black bass to 8 pounds on Texas-rigged soft plastics are good on Squaw Creek. The upper ends have the best reports coming in.

Tilapia continue to be good on worms fished under a cork.

On other reservoirs, Possum Kingdom and Whitney striper limits are good on live shad fished on the lower ends. PK is producing larger stripers on average, and Whitney numbers of fish are best.

Hybrid striped bass are good to 10 pounds on live bait near main lake humps on Lake Lewisville. Bridgeport and Benbrook

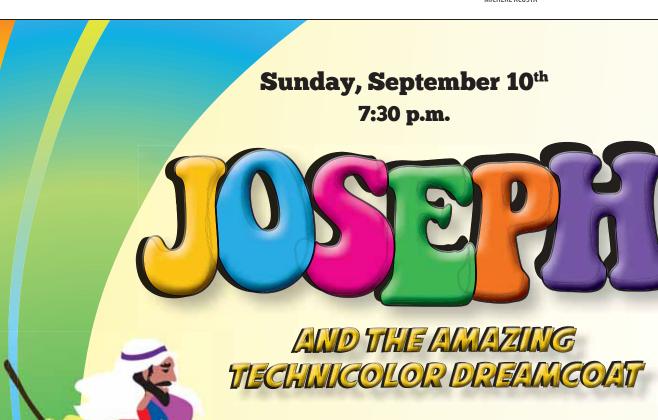
hybrids and sand bass are slow. Whitney black bass are good near Cedron Creek on Texasrigged soft plastics.



A FAMILY AFFAIR: Pecan Plantation resident Jim Beavers, right, hauled in some big fish with granddaughter Bristol Norris and son-in-law John Norris on Lake Granbury last Saturday. The family was on a fishing trip with guide Mike Acosta of Unfair Advantage Charters.

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FUTURE STARS: Colt Rhodes, left, and Logan Odom made up the 5-year-old boys division on Wednesday. Rhodes won a tiebreaker for first place honors over Odom.



A STACKED FIELD: Sydni Gaylor, winner of the 7-year-old girls division, stands with the 7-8-year-old boys group. The boys, in order of finish from left to right, are Court Gaylor, Jaxon Hill, Eli Rouse, Joshua Robinson and Hayden Dunn.



DOWN TO THE WIRE: The 9-10-year-old boys group came down to a putt-off for first place. The players from left to right in order of finish are Miller Schenewark, Jeff Lenard, Talan Culberson, Matthew Miller and Avery Dunn.

HCN photos by Roger Enlow



A TERRIFIC PAIR: The 10-year-old girls division featured some stellar play. Hanna Gaylor, left, took gold while Callan Nix earned silver.

## Overall summer champions crowned at final HCN junior tourney

BY GRANT MCGALLIARD HOOD COUNTY NEWS

The third and final Hood County News Junior Golf Tournament of the summer took place Wednesday at Granbury Country Club.

The heat held off and the humidity wasn't nearly as bad as expected, allowing 24 kids to finish their rounds.

Michael Withey claimed the boys' overall championship for the summer thanks to his low scores in the two tournaments he competed in.

On the girls' side, Morgan Hansen went home with the summer's overall trophy after three great performances.

Morgan's sister Alexis took home a gold medal on Wednesday, though. Alexis shot a 96 to clip Morgan by two strokes and win the 15-year-old girls division.

Graham Garrison, competing in his first HCN tournament of

the summer, put on a great display. His 86 won the 14-15-year-

old boys division by six strokes. Jackson LeCluyse won first in the 12-13-year-old boys division. His 49 over nine holes beat Nathanael Robinson by two.

In the 10-year-old girls division, Hanna Gaylor shot 52 over nine holes to claim first prize.

She wasn't the only Gaylor to go home with a gold on Wednesday. Little brother Court Gaylor won the 7-8-year-old boys division with a 27 over five holes, and little sister Sydni finished first in the 7-year-old girls division.

In the 9-10-year-old boys division, Miller Schenewark won a putt-off against Jeff Lenard for first place. The putt-off went to two extra holes, as both players refused to lose.

In the youngest division, the 5-year-old boys group, Colt Rhodes edged Logan Odom for first place.



A CLOSE ONE: The 12-13-year-old boys division came down to the final few holes, with Jackson LeCluyse and Nathanael Robinson battling it out for first. The players from left to right in order of finish are LeCluyse, Robinson, Hunter Squires and Davis Nix.



BRINGING HOME THE HARDWARE: The trophy case at the Hansen household is a bit more full after this weekend. Morgan, left, won the summer's overall girls championship, while twin sister Alexis won Wednesday's tournament.



TWO BIG WINNERS: The 14-15-year-old boys division featured the best round of the tournament, an 86 by Graham Garrison, and the overall summer boys' champion in Michael Withey. Pictured from left to right are Withey, Garrison, Caleb Anderson and Sawyer Schenewark.



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## Mobile Learning Center eases student registration for parents

BY KATHY CRUZ HOOD COUNTY NEWS

t the Rancho Brazos Community Center Tuesday night, no one appeared to be dreading the start of school next week.

In fact, it was quite the con-

Acton Elementary School Principal Anna Roe stood at the door, greeting students with a big smile and a hug as they arrived with their parents to register for the new school year.

Acton Middle School Principal Jimmy Dawson, meanwhile, was greeting those who stepped aboard GISD's Mobile Learning Center, a refurbished school bus with Wi-Fi and computers that was parked on the community center's parking lot.

The Mobile Learning Center's computers were used during the registration event, with Dawson and several other GISD employees on hand to help.

#### SIMPLIFIES THE PROCESS

Dawson said the online registration means no more overwhelming packets sent home to parents on the first day of school, and Roe noted that it enables parents and kids to focus just on fun stuff during Meet the Teacher night, which will be Monday from 5:30 to 7 p.m.

The Skyward online system allows parents to update their family's information and see their child's schedule as well as, later in the school year, their grades.

The Mobile Learning Center enables parents who may not have internet at home to access the

Skyward system. "It was part of the strategic plan," Dawson said of the Mobile

Learning Center. "It goes from neighborhood to neighborhood, and has access to Wi-Fi.'

According to GISD Public Information Officer Jeff Meador, the school district has been using the Mobile Learning Center for a couple of years now.

The new school year will get underway Wednesday.

Dawson, who has been principal at AMS for 10 years and principal at Granbury Middle School for four years, said student enrollment is growing.

"We're sitting at 865 right now," he said of AMS.

Roe said she expects about 800 students for the upcoming school year.

Four of those children belong to Maria Tienda, who arrived at the registration event with those four in tow, as well as her yearold baby, Rodrigo.

Tienda's son, Alex, is in thirdgrade, twins Chrystian and Elizabeth will be starting kindergarten and Alondra is going into pre-k.

Tienda said she has internet at home but came to the community center to get help with registration.

"I figure now that I have four of them in there, we should get on it," she said, referring to her four school-age children and the Skyward system.

As one staffer assisted Tienda on a laptop computer, another held Rodrigo and fed him one of the Nutri-Grain bars provided for refreshments.

"It's great to be able just to kind of be there with them and help them through the process," Roe said of the parents she has grown to know, and the children she has grown to love.

"We value this community so much. They're like family to us."



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students attending Acton Elementary School and Acton Middle School. The school district's Mobile Learning Center – a refurbished school bus equipped with technology – is in the background.



**GROUP EFFORT: Granbury school district employees who helped parents** 

register their children online for the upcoming school year Tuesday eve-

ning at the Rancho Brazos Community Center took a couple of minutes to

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COMPUTER SAVVY: Nine-year-old Landon Sgarlata (in striped shirt) and 14-year-old Joe Youngblood gaze at the screen of one of the computers inside the Granbury Independent School District's Mobile Learning Center. The refurbished school bus is equipped with technology. Tuesday night, it was parked at the Rancho Brazos Community Center, where GISD staffers helped parents register their children online for the school year, which gets underway Wednesday.





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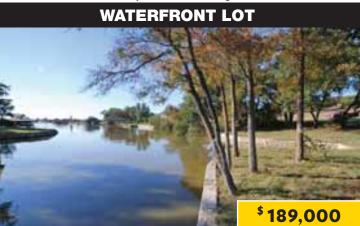
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Rash, commander Asa Maddox, service officer Buck Lewellen, Meals on Wheels coordinator Teresa Patterson, senior center executive director Mindy Hodges and second vice-commander/chaplain Maurice Simpson.

## Pecan art show pieces at clubhouse

he Pecan Plantation Art Guild (PPAG) met last Tuesday and heard from new guild member and spring show winner Barbara Doberenz.

Also at the meeting, winners for artist of the month were announced and congratulated. First place honors went to Lana Robinson, followed by Jim Stewart, Barbara Brown, Gloria Hood and Vickie Eaton. These talented folks, along with Ralph Cooper, have their work displayed at the Pecan clubhouse. Other pieces of art guild work may be viewed at the Pecan Medical Center, The Pecan Activity Center (PAC) and at the guild's online gallery: www.pecanplantationartguild.com. All of the art is available for purchase through the website or by contacting PPAG president Cheryl Moore at 682-225-6089.

#### **MORE ACCOLADES**

Not only is the talent of Pecan artists recognized in our own community, but several of the PPAG folks have entered and been recognized in other art competitions recently.

Three Pecan artists were lauded this summer for their talent at the Weatherford Art Show held in conjunction with the Peach Festival: Kathy Yoders won a first and third place: Gloria Hood took a third place; and Cheryl Moore received an honorable mention. Congratulations to these artists for their success!

#### **GALLERY NIGHT**

The PPAG also wants Pecaners to circle Sept. 29 on the calendar as its sixth annual gallery night. The evening will run from 4 to 8 p.m. and feature five gallery homes full of art created by Pecan folks. Good food and drink will make the event even more memorable. More information about registration coming soon.

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#### **BREAKFAST CLUB**

Wednesday morning's Breakfast Club will welcome Georgia Risenhoover, who is a fifth generation of Sioux Chief War Eagle, when she presents "Status of our Native American Citizens and the Critical Need as a Mission Field." Everyone is welcome to the clubhouse for breakfast service beginning at 7:30 with the program immediately following.

#### **WOMAN'S CLUB**

The final chit chat luncheon for Woman's Club comes next Thursday.

ell at ppwcres@gmail.com or 817-964-3139.

Woman's Club is currently holding its membership drive for the 2017-2018 year, and ladies may sign up and pay dues at Chit Chat.

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and entertainment committee.

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COLORFUL CREATIONS: Lana Robinson, first place winner for artist of the month in the Pecan Plantation Art Guild. The guild met last week and is looking forward to its sixth annual gallery night in September.

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#### **SCHOOL BELLS**

The Granbury Independent School District begins class next Wednesday, and that means drivers will see, and want to exercise caution for, morning and afternoon bus routes.

#### **TAKE AIM**

The next event at the archery/ air gun range happens Aug. 19 and 20 with a 2D/3D archery open shoot.

#### **TENNIS DATE**

The Pecan Plantation Tennis Association (PPTA) has its annual "Margarita Madness Play Day" scheduled for Aug. 25 at 7 p.m. The event is free to PPTA

members.

#### SNAG

The final Starting New At Golf (SNAG) day comes August 26 at Pecan's soccer fields. These outings have been greatly successful and lots of fun for players just beginning the game, as well as those looking to improve. The event is free and runs from 10 a.m. to noon.

#### SYMPATHY

Our sympathy goes to the family of Perry Kirkland, who passed away July 27, and to the family of Bill Henderson, who passed away July 31.

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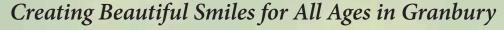


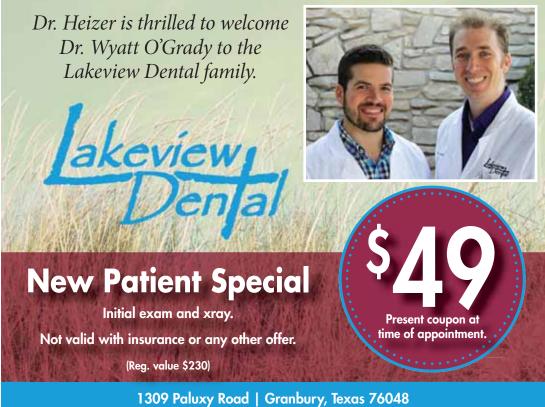
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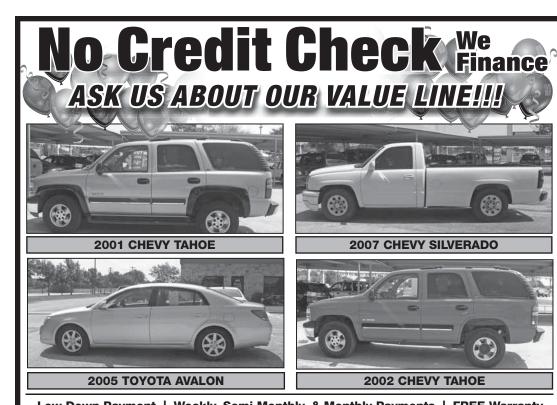
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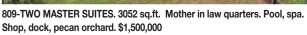
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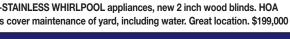




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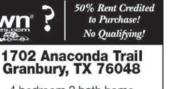
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General



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General

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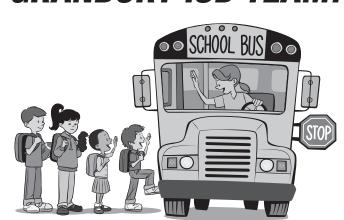
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#### **NOTICES**

#### **Public Notices**

LEGAL AD Hood County Commissioners' Court has

received an application to consider a revision of the plat for: LOT 427R, BENTWATER ON LAKE GRANBURY, Section Three

The Hood County Commissioners' Court will meet to consider the application and to hear any protest to the revision on Tuesday, August 22nd, 2017, at 9 a.m. in the Central Jury Room of the Hood County Justice Center, 1200 West Pearl Street, Granbury, Texas 76048.

CITATION BY PUBLICATION TRC 109 & 114 STATE OF TEXAS CAUSE NO. C2017108 IN THE 355TH DISTRICT COURT OF HOOD COUNTY, TEXAS

WELLS FARGO BANK, NATIONAL ASSOCI-ATION, AS TRUSTEE FOR OPTION ONE MORTGAGE LOAN TRUST 2003-2, ASSET-BACKED CERTIFICATES, SERIES 2003-2

PATRICIA D. REED AND THE UNKNOWN HEIRS AT LAW OF ELBERT ALVIN REED DEFENDANT

TO: THE UNKNOWN HEIRS AT LAW OF EL-BERT ALVIN REED, DECEASED Defendant, Greeting

NOTICE TO DEFENDANT: "You have been sued. You may employ an attorney. If you or your attorney do not file a written answer with the clerk who issued this citation by 10:00 am on the Monday next following the expiration of 42 days after the date this citation was issued, a default judgment may be taken against you."

You are hereby commanded to appear by filing a written answer to the Plaintiffs Petition at or before 10:00 o'clock A.M. on the Monday next after the expiration of 42 days after the date of the issuance of this citation the same being Monday the 11th day of SEPTEMBER, 2017, before the Honorable Ralph H. Walton, Jr., 355th Judicial District Court of Hood County, Texas, at the Hood County Justice Center of said County in Granbury, Texas. Said Plaintiffs Petition was filed in said court, on the 14th day of JUNE, A.D. 2017, in the above entitled cause.

A brief statement of the nature of this suit is as follows, to wit:

Plaintiff, Wells Fargo Bank, National Association, as Trustee for Option One Mortgage Loan Trust 2003-2, Asset-Backed Certificates, Series 2003-2, by and through its attorney of record, Daniel G. Van Slyke of Mackie Wolf Zientz & Mann, P.C., 14160 N. Dallas Parkway, Ste. 900, Dallas, Texas 75254, brought suit against Patricia D. Reed and The Unknown Heirs at Law of Elbert Alvin Reed, and any other person claiming any subordinate right, title, interest of the property at 3270 Neri Road, Granbury, Texas 76048 in Hood

This proceeding is an in rem proceeding seeking court approval to foreclose on the real property located at 3270 Neri Road, Texas 76048 in Hood County and more particularly described in that certain Security Instrument recorded on January 31, 2003 in the Official Public Records of Hood County at vol. 1885, pg. 0345 and following.

Issued and given under my hand and the seal of said Court, at office in Granbury, Texas, this the 27th day of JU-LY, 2017.

Attorney for Plaintiff(s): DANIEL G. VANSLYKE MACKIE WOLF ZIENTZ & MANN, P.C. 14160 N. DALLAS PARKWAY, STE. 900 DALLAS, TX 75254

WITNESS: TONNA TRUMBLE HITT CLERK OF THE 355TH DISTRICT COURT OF HOOD COUNTY, TEXAS BY Melissa Barner, Deputy

#### **PUBLIC NOTICE**

The City of Lipan seeks to develop an application to the Texas General Land Office (GLO) for the Community Development Block Grant - Disaster Recovery (CDBG-DR) Fund related to DR-4223 and DR-4245. The City of Lipan is considering applying for such funding to support Infrastructure activities in the City of Lipan. Accordingly, the City is separately soliciting (A) proposals from Administrative Consultants for Application Preparation and Project Administration and (B) qualifications from Texas-Registered Engineers to provide engineering services associated to Application Preparation and Project Implementation.

Firms may submit proposals for any or all activities. Multiple contracts may be awarded as a result of this solicitation. The same firm will not be awarded contracts to provide both Administration and Engineering services.

Firms and/or individuals should have past experience with federally funded programs. Please submit a proposal of services and/or a statement of qualifications to:

Mike Stowe PO Box 129

105 E. Lipan

Lipan, Texas 76462

Along with your proposal, you must also include verification that your company as well as the company's principal is not listed (is not debarred) through the Sys-Award Management (www.SAM.gov). Please include a print

out of the search results. The deadline for submission of proposals is August 28, 2017, at 4 pm. The City reserves the right to negotiate with any and all individuals or firms that submit proposals, as per the Texas Professional Services Procurement Act and the Uniform Grant and Contract Management Standards. Section 3 Residents and Business Concerns, Minority Business Enterprises, Small Business Enterprises and Women Business Enterprises are encour-

aged to submit proposals. The City of Lipan is an Affirmative Action/Equal Opportunity Employer

#### **Public Notices**

CITATION BY PUBLICATION TRC 109 & 114 STATE OF TEXAS CAUSE NO. C2017143 IN THE 355TH DISTRICT COURT OF HOOD COUNTY, TEXAS

**BETTY JO TIPPETT PLAINTIFF** 

STROUD'S CREEK LAND COMPANY, L.P., **DEFENDANTS** 

TO: THE UNKNOWN OR MISSING PART-NERS, HEIRS, OFFICERS AND ASSIGNS OF STROUD'S CREEK LAND COMPANY, L.P., a Texas limited liability partnership, if living, and if any or all of the above named Defendants be deceased, the unknown heir of each or all of the said above named or described deceased persons; and, the unknown owner or owners of the property described in Plaintiffs pleadings in this cause; and the executors administrators, guardians, legal representatives, devisees of the above named or described persons; and any and all other persons including adverse claimants, owning or having any legal or equitable interest in or having a lien upon the described as follows: BEING A 2 232 ACRES TRACT OF LAND OUT OF THE S. WATKINS SURVEY, ABSTRACT NO. 575, HOOD COUNTY, TEXAS; BEING A PORTION OF THAT CERTAIN STROUD CREEK AS RECORDED IN V. A-22, PAGE 39, PLAT RECORDS, HOOD COUNTY, TEXAS AND FOUND NORTH OF LOT 6 AND SOUTH OF LOT 5 OF SAID STROUD CREEK SUBDIVI-

Defendant(s), Greeting; NOTICE TO DEFENDANT(S): "You have been sued. You may employ an attorney. If you or your attorney do not file a written answer with the clerk who issued this citation by 10:00 am on the Monday next following the expiration of 42 days after the date this citation was issued, a default judgment may be taken against

You are hereby commanded to appear by filing a written answer to the Plaintiffs Original Petition at or before 10:00 o'clock A.M. on the Monday next after the expiration of 42 days after the date of the issuance of this citation the same being Monday the 7th day of SEPTEMBER, 2017, before the Honorable Ralph H. Walton, Jr., 355th Judicial District Court of Hood County, Texas, at the Hood County Justice Center of said County in Granbury, Texas. Said Plaintiffs Original Petition was filed in said court, on the 13th day of JULY, A.D. 2017, in the above entitled cause.

A brief statement of the nature of this

suit is as follows, to wit: Plaintiff, Betty Jo Tippett, by and through her attorney of record, Mark B. Dewitt, P.O. Box 1274, Granbury, Texas 76048, brought suit against Stroud's Creek Land Company, L.P., Et Al and any other person claiming any subordinate right, title, interest of the property legally described to

BEING A 2.232 ACRES TRACT OF LAND OUT OF THE S. WATKINS SURVEY, AB-STRACT NO. 575, HOOD COUNTY, TEXAS; REING A PORTION OF THAT CERTAIN STROUD CREEK AS RECORDED IN V. A-22, PAGE 39, PLAT RECORDS, HOOD COUNTY, TEXAS AND FOUND NORTH OF LOT 6 AND SOUTH OF LOT 5 OF SAID STROUD CREEK SUBDIVISION.

en under my hand and Issued and the seal of said Court, at office in Granbury, Texas, this the 27th day of JU-

Attorney for Plaintiff(s): MARK B.DEWITT P.O. BOX 1274 GRANBURY, TX 76048 WITNESS: TONNA TRUMBLE HITT **CLERK OF THE 355TH DISTRICT COURT** OF HOOD COUNTY, TEXAS BY Melissa Barner, Deputy

#### NOTICE

The Tolar ISD offers vocational programs in Agriculture, Food & Natural Resource, Human Services, Information Technology, Manufacturing, Business Information Technology, and STEM. Admission to these programs is based on class schedule, age appropriateness and student interest, and class space available.

It is the policy of Tolar ISD not to discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex or handicap in its vocational programs, services or activities as required by Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1946, as amended; Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972; and Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, as amended.

For information about your rights or grievance procedures, contact the Title IX Coordinator, Travis Stilwell, Superintendent, at 305 S Oak Lane, Tolar, Texas, 254.835.4718, and/or the Section 504 Coordinator, Brad Morgan, High School Principal, at 301 Rock Church Hwy, 254.835.4316.

El Tolar ISD ofrece programas vocacionales en Pequeiia Gestion Animal, la Produccion de Ganado,la Mecanica de Ag, Soldar, la Fauna & Gestion de Recreacion, Gestion de Gama, Vida de Familia, el Bienestar y la Nutricion, Diseiio de Moda, la Personai/Guarderla, el Arte floral, el Negocio y Gestion de Informacion, y STEM. La admision a estos programas es basada en el horario de clase,la conveniencia de la edad y el estudiante interesan. Es la politica de Tolar ISD para no discriminar por carrera, el color, origen nacional, el sexo ni la desventaja en sus programas vocacionales, los servicios ni las actividades tan necesario por Titulo VI del Acto Civil de Derechos de 1946, como enmendado: Titulo IX de las Enmiendas de la Educacion de 1972; y la Seccion 504 del Acto de Rehabilitation de 1973, como enmendado. Para la informacion sobre sus derechos o sistemas de tramite de queias. contacte el Titulo IX Coordinador, Travis Stilwell, 254.835.4718, y/o la Seccion 504 Coordinador, Brad Morgan, Director de Institute, en 301 Autopista de la Iglesia de Piedra, 254.835.4316.

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#### **Public Notices**

Notice Final Environmental Assessment Available for Public Review US 377 Cresson Relief Route From Approximately One mile South of SH 171 to Approximately One mile North of SH 171 CSJs: 0080-11-001 & 0080-12-001

Hood and Johnson Counties, Texas Pursuant to Texas Administrative Code, Title 43, §2.108, this notice advises the public that a final environmental assessment (EA) for the proposed US 377 Cresson Relief Route in Hood and Johnson Counties, Texas, is available for public review until September 11, 2017. The proposed project begins approximately one mile south of the intersection of US 377 and SH 171 and ends approximately one mile north of the intersection. The environmental review, consultation, and other actions required by applicable Federal environmental laws for this project are being, or have been, carried-out by Tx-DOT pursuant to 23 U.S.C. 327 and a Memorandum of Understanding dated December 16, 2014, and executed by FH-WA and TxDOT.

The proposed US 377 Relief Route project would construct a four-lane relief route west of US 377 and the City of Cresson. The proposed roadway would be a four-lane divided roadway with two 12foot wide lanes in each direction, 10-foot wide outside shoulders, and a 48-foot wide median, which includes four-foot wide inside shoulders. The proposed relief route would bridge over SH 171 and the Fort Worth & Western Railroad. At the project termini, grade-separations with 14-foot wide ramps would provide connectivity to existing US 377. The proposed relief route would typically require a width of 240 feet of new right of way (ROW). Additional ROW width will be required at locations where slope adjustments are needed for roadway excavations or embankments and near interchanges with US 377 at the beginning and end of the project. The proposed project is approximately three miles in

Approximately 115 acres of additional ROW and no easements would be reguired to accommodate the proposed facility. No residential or commercial displacements would be required for the proposed project. Access would be controlled along the relief route, and no driveways leading directly to the proposed roadway would be allowed.

The proposed project would result in the placement of temporary and permanent fill material into nine jurisdictional waters of the U.S. locations, including wetlands. Permanent impacts to jurisdictional locations would total 0.61 acre (0.5 acre of streams and 0.11 acre of wetlands). The proposed project would cross the 100year floodplain.

Copies of the approved final EA are available for public inspection Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. at TxDOT Fort Worth District Office - 2501 SW Loop 820, Fort Worth, TX 76133; telephone - (817) 370-6549, Donna Fowler, Fort Worth District Open Records Coordinator and online at txdot.gov KEYWORD: US 377 Cresson Relief Route.

**PUBLIC MEETING** The FEMA Region 6, Regional Administrator announces a Public Meeting for the Comanche Peak Nuclear Power Plant (CP-NPP) biennial evaluated exercise. The exercise will be conducted in Hood and Somervell counties on August 16, 2017 in conjunction with the following agencies: the Texas Department of State Health Services (DSHS), Radiation Control Program; the Texas Division of Emergency Management (TDEM); The Texas Department of Public Safety; and both Hood and Somervell County Emergency Responders. The FEMA Regional Assistance Committee (RAC) Chair will invite representatives of participating Offsite Response Organizations (OROs), the Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC), and other Federal agencies to a meeting at the Hood County Annex 1, Meeting Room, 1410 W. Pearl, Granbury, Texas 76048, at 11:00 a.m. on August 17, 2017. Members of the public and the media are invited to attend this meeting.

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TO: CATHERINE DENISE DAVIS, Respondent:

**GREETINGS** NOTICE TO RESPONDENT: "You have been sued. You may employ an attorney. If you or your attorney do not file a written answer with the clerk who issued this citation by 10:00 a.m. of the first Monday next following the expiration of 20 days after the date you were served this citation and petition, a default judgment may be taken against you."

The petition of Richard Davis, Petitioner, was filed in the County Court at Law No. 1 of Hood County, Texas on the 13th day of July, 2017, against Catherine Denise Davis Respondent, numbered CL2017278 and entitled "IN THE MATTER OF THE MARRIAGE OF RICHARD DAVIS AND CATHERINE DENISE DAVIS." The suit requests: Divorce- No Children as is more fully shown by the Petition on file in this

"The court has authority in this suit to enter any judgment or decree dissolving the marriage, providing for the division of property, which will be binding on you."

Issued and Given under my hand and the seal of said Court at Granbury, Texas, this the 2nd day of August, 2017. Attorney for Petitioner Daniel P Webb 106 S Jones Street

TONNA TRUMBLE HITT CLERK OF THE COUNTY COURT AT LAW NO. 1 HOOD COUNTY, TEXAS By: Susan Lane, Deputy

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#### HOOD COUNTY GOVERNMENT

This notice of 2017-2018 proposed annual salary changes for Elected Officials conforms to Section 152.013 of Texas Local Government Code.

ELECTED OFFICIAL	INCREASE -	AN	NUAL AMOUNT*
County Judge	\$1,643	-	\$83,796
County Clerk	\$1,362	-	\$69,438
District Clerk	\$1,362	-	\$69,438
Justice of the Peace Precinct 1	\$1,362	-	\$69,438
Justice of the Peace Precinct 2	\$1,362	-	\$69,438
Justice of the Peace Precinct 3	\$1,362	-	\$69,438
Justice of the Peace Precinct 4	\$1,362	-	\$69,438
Constable Precinct 1	\$1,286	-	\$65,578
Constable Precinct 2	\$1,286	-	\$65,578
Constable Precinct 3	\$1,286	-	\$65,578
Constable Precinct 4	\$1,286	-	\$65,578
Sheriff	\$1,654	-	\$84,363
Tax Assessor/Collector	\$1,362	-	\$69,438
Treasurer	\$1,362	-	\$69,438
Commissioner Precinct 1	\$1,438	-	\$73,331
Commissioner Precinct 2	\$1,438	-	\$73,331
Commissioner Precinct 3	\$1,438	-	\$73,331
Commissioner Precinct 4	\$1,438	-	\$73,331

nnual salaries are a calculation of each officials bi-weekly salary times 26. Salaries may be less in some fiscal years (October-September) and more in others depending on the actual payroll date

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#### Up to speed

The Granbury Chamber of Commerce sponsored F1 in Schools at Granbury High School for the fourth year in a row. Chamber Chairman of the Board Trish Reiner and President/CEO Mike Scott presented a \$5,000 do-

nation to GISD Superintendent James Largent, GISD CTE Director Judy Gentry, and GHS Teacher/F1 Sponsor Todd Gibson. Left to right: Mike Scott, James Largent, Trish Reiner, Todd Gibson, Judy Gentry.

## Community Calendar

#### **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.

COMICOLOGY 101, an introductory class for new comic book fans. Learn the history, the spectrum of characters and creators. Second of four sessions. 4 p.m. to 5 p.m., Hood County Library. Free.

#### MONDAY, AUG. 14

#### **TEXAS DEMOCRATIC Wom**en of Hood County month-

ly meeting includes guest speaker Jean Cate from the CASA, 11 a.m., Spring Creek Barbeque, 317 Highway 377 E.

#### **THURSDAY, AUG. 17**

**KIWANIS CLUB** welcomes Brenda Hyde, the event coordinator for Historic Granbury Merchants Association, noon, Farina's on Granbury square.

**ROTARY CLUB** welcomes city manager Matt Staschiek of Concierge Personal Fitness Services, noon, Harbor Lakes

#### FRIDAY, AUG. 18

#### **CHAMBER LUNCHEON**

Golf Club.

welcomes Granbury Media to discuss Granbury's television station and tower cam, 11:30

a.m. to 1 p.m., deCordova Bend Country Club.

#### **SATURDAY, AUG. 19**

#### **BRAZOS PREGNANCY** Cen-

ter benefit at Painting with a Twist in Granbury, 7 to 9 p.m., \$35 per person. A portion of proceeds will benefit BPC.

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

**GOSPEL JUBILEE** featuring entertainment by Ransomed 180 and the Judge and the Jury will benefit cancer patients in Hood County, 6 p.m., Granbury Live, \$20, 817-578-9001.

#### COMICOLOGY 101, an

introductory class for new comicbook fans. Learn the history, the spectrum of characters and creators. Third of four sessions, 4 p.m. to 5 p.m., Hood County Library. Free.

## Standing tall – and reeling them in

Last month was like a long, drawn out hurricane! It blew through and left us dazed and amazed but still standing upright. There were staff vacations to cover in departments that are already stretched to the limit, back to school programs to manage, doubled up donations to sort, and a heat index that could melt your shoes. Add two broken air conditioners, yearend budget reports and new staff training and you've got a perfect storm situation. It was brutal - but we made it through with no visible damage.

During the eye of that storm, Jean Cate and I spent many hours talking about the incredible growth she's seen in the CASA Program over the last fifteen years. She spoke of the children she's known as if they were her own grands and great grands. She knows their names, where most of them are and still gets pictures from grateful adoptive parents and others who have provided homes for these precious souls. Her eyes sparkle with joy when she calls them by name and sometimes water with sadness when the story didn't turn out quite like she wanted. They can also light up with fire when she mentions the abusers who made the mess in the first place. Her mission

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worked or just read my nametag when I **Executive Director** went through a checkout line, they always said the same thing: "Oh, Mission Granbury! You work with Jean Cate!" I still hear it all the time from store cashiers, waiters and waitresses, plumbers and pastors, senators and sign

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adore Jean. We've often joked about taking new volunteers for a tour of the building. The rule was "don't even walk them by Jean's office before they tour everything else or they'll walk out a CASA and no one else will have a chance!" She's the epitome of a fierce advocate, and her passion for what she does is magnificently contagious.

makers. They all know and

Jean has grown the program from a tiny single staff program with about 20 children to a four-staff program with over 165 children and almost 50 volunteers. What was once kept neatly in a file folder is now stored on a vast, cloud-based computer program. Through it all, Jean's mission remains the same - be the voice for a child. It will always be about the children for her.

As Jean prepares to retire as program director this month, it's only fair to warn you all. Jean is moving into a recruiter/ ambassador role for Mission Granbury, including the Ada Carey Shelter and CASA. Her mission will be to reach out to local groups and organizations and tell them about the work we do here and explain how important a CASA volunteer is to a child, or hand out wish lists for shelter residents.

You may be one of the innocent attendees who thinks you're going to have a nice lunch, do a little visiting and go home. And you would be wrong. Her stories about children whose lives have been changed by CASAs, who were able for the first time to take music lessons, play football, and dream dreams will change you. She'll get to you. She always does, but you'll love her for it.

dscovel@missiongranburv.org

### Service to honor public service officers

BY CHRISTINE DORAN HOOD COUNTY NEWS

With bagpipes, group singing, scriptures, prayers, and lightshows, the Memorial Lane site will be a place of remembrance and honor for those who serve the U.S. next month.

At the new Memorial Lane Site at Jim Burks Firefighters Memorial Park, a service will be held on Sept. 11 to honor service officers on the anniversary of

"We will not only be remem-

bering those first responders who have paid the ultimate sacrifice, but we will be using this time to remember and pray for those who are currently serving our community, state and nation," Julia Pannell said.

A special lighting dedication will be held to celebrate the completion of light displays at the park. On Sept. 11, they will be used to represent that first responders are, "lights against darkness' that help keep our homeland a better and safer place in which to live," Pannell

There will be transportation furnished from designated parking 34 block away on Travis Street. Overflow will be directed. Seating will be limited, but attendees are welcome to bring blankets or folding chairs.

The Hood County Prayer Task Force and some members of the Memorial Lane Task Force organized the event. "We feel this evening will be set aside as a time of unity and to seek God's continued grace and favor over our community," Pannell said.



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