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Don't panic

Sheriff: Fuel strains expected to be temporary

BY KATHY CRUZ
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As gas prices rose throughout Hood County on Thursday as a result of major flooding caused by Hurricane Harvey, county officials scrambled to address fuel needs for law enforcement and emergency services.

Though the strain is causing the sheriff's office to double-up deputies and stage them in areas throughout the county rather than patrolling as usual, Sheriff Roger Deeds said that local residents should not panic over fuel availability.

"There are still a lot of refineries working, but it's definitely affecting the state of Texas," he said.

Deeds said that, based on the information he had late Thursday morning, fuel deliveries might be back to normal as early as next week.

"I expect the refineries down there on the coast will probably be back in operation over the weekend," he said.

He advised that people re-think any road trips planned for the Labor Day holiday.

A press release issued Thursday morning by the Texas Food & Fuel Association said that the TFFA "is working with industry partners to ensure fuel is distributed to vital areas."

About 25 percent of the country's fuel-making capacity "is out of commission," the press release stated. "In many cases, repairs to refineries and terminals will require assistance from companies outside of Texas."

Hood County residents who
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Woman, 88, may have drowned

EDITOR'S NOTE: Services for Molly Curnutt will be 2 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 5 at Holly Hills Mausoleum in Granbury.

BY ROGER ENLOW
EDITOR

An elderly woman apparently fell into Lake Granbury and drowned, family members and officials said.

Molly Curnutt, 88, of Port Ridglea southeast of Granbury, was pronounced dead at the scene Wednesday about noon.

Sheriff's office Public Information Officer Lt. Johnny Rose and Brazos River Authority spokeswoman Judi Pierce said it appears that Curnutt died of an accidental drowning.

Curnutt's daughter, Sharon Flannery, said her mother enjoyed sitting on the dock and watching the ducks. Her mother's dog is blind and may have fallen into the water, and her mother may have fallen in

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THEY WORK HARD FOR THE MONEY

BY KATHY CRUZ
HOOD COUNTY NEWS

It's a three-day holiday weekend - for everybody, right? Wrong. Ironically, the federal holiday created to celebrate the contributions of the working man and working

woman does not necessarily mean they have a day off.

For those who wear blue collars or serve up blue plate specials, leisure time is often in short supply.

America has been observing Labor Day since the late 19th century. The government made it official by design-

ating the first Monday in September a federal holiday back in 1894.

It's not known for sure whose idea it was to pay tribute to the working class, but the Department of Labor gives credit to two men with similar names who had a similar concept.

Those men were Peter J. McGuire and

Matthew Maguire.

They lived long before the 1996 movie "Jerry Maguire," in which actor Tom Cruise famously spouted the line, "Show me the money!"

Labor Day honors those who aren't paid enough of it, and who work hard for it.



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ANGIE IRBY

Cook, Cashier, Irby's Burgers & Catfish

Eighteen years ago, Angie Irby, who had a different last name then, moved to Granbury from Morgan in Bosque County for no other reason, really, than she needed a change.

She found it. She also found a husband. After arriving in Granbury, the mother of two small boys took a job at Irby's Burgers & Catfish, which sits right by the lake on East Pearl Street.

About a week later, the boss - owner Jerry Irby - asked her out. They've been together ever since, and run the diner as a husband-and-wife team.

Jerry handles the business side of things, and Angie manages "the day to day operations," at times working the cash register or helping out in the kitchen.

Angie and Jerry will be working Labor Day, which is one of the busiest days of the year at the restaurant. Actually, any holiday seems to bring a flood of cus-

tomers, according to Angie. "We're known for our fish," she said. "We have people come from all over for the catfish. We make our own tartar sauce. And we don't cook anything until you order it."

Adding to the appeal is the boat dock out back where customers can pull up, order and have their food delivered out to them.

Angie and Jerry are trying to do more of that themselves, when they have enough employees on duty.

Angie loves it most, though, when she and Jerry are short-handed and work together in the kitchen.

They playfully give each other a hard time while whipping up fresh catfish and burgers for waiting customers.

"We just make a good team," Angie said.

But does she hate working holidays? "No. I love it," she said. "We just have fun."



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RYAN WRIGHT

Stocker, Kroger Marketplace Dairy Section

Ryan Wright has a bachelor's degree in industrial technology - a degree that could land him a job at Lockheed or Bell Helicopter - but he's still working in the dairy section at Kroger Marketplace.

That's just fine by him. The 2004 Granbury High School graduate loves his job, and said it offers more security than corporations where there have been layoffs.

Wright, a stocker, said he enjoys helping people find things in the massive store, and even sometimes offers advice about particular ingredients for recipes.

"I'll say, 'Well, I've personally used this. It works for this or that,'" he said. "I recommend things all the time."

Wright said he lived on campus at Tarleton for a while but then moved back with his mother to save money.

One day, he received a call from someone at Kroger offering him a job.

"I had put in an application at Kroger and completely forgot about it," he said.

Wright, who now lives in Indian Harbor with his wife, Destiny, was grateful when supervisors scheduled work hours around his classes.

Nine and a half years and one bachelor's degree in industrial technology later, Wright is still at Kroger, though the store is now in a much bigger building at a different location.

When next week's schedule is posted, it may have him scheduled to work on Labor Day, but that won't be a big deal.

Supervisors alternate schedules, he said, so that no one ends up working every holiday. All things considered, he's a happy guy. "I know I've got a stable job here," he said.



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ROMAN SALINAS

Mechanic, Van Griffith Kia

Roman Salinas will be the first to say he wasn't meant to work in an office or wear a suit.

He knew what he was meant to do from the moment he picked up a wrench back when he was a teenager.

Salinas, who works for Van Griffith Kia, is proud to be a mechanic. It won't bother him one bit to work the 7:30 a.m. to 6 p.m. shift that he's scheduled for on Labor Day.

"When you love what you do, you don't mind coming in on a holiday," he said.

Salinas has been with Van Griffith Kia for just a couple of months, but has worked for Kia for 19 years. He used to be a service director for a Kia dealership in Irving. Salinas said he loves interacting with customers and fellow employees, just as he delights in watching a happy customer drive away in their good-as-new vehicle.

"I've always known that you've got to

love your job in order to make money off it," he said.

Salinas said the fulfillment he finds through his career has been strengthened through the support of his wife of 23 years, Marsha Gentry. She learned a long time ago that he's going to come home dirty every day.

"She just says, 'Make sure you don't touch the walls, wash your hands,' that kind of thing," Salinas said. "But she is a loving and good wife. I couldn't ask for a better wife."

Salinas, who grew up in Fort Worth, said he became known in his neighborhood for installing radios and repairing vehicles.

"Everybody said, 'If you're having a problem with your car, bring it over to Roman and let Roman look at it,'" Salinas said. He added with a laugh: "At the time, I couldn't guarantee that it would be fixed right, but it was definitely a step in the right direction."



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KYLA GASTON

Clerk, E-Z Mart

Someone once said that you can't go home again, but they were wrong. Kyla Gaston did it.

She came back to Granbury in February, having moved away in 2005.

She figures this time, she's here to stay.

Gaston has been working for the past month at the E-Z Mart on South Morgan Street.

At first when she moved back, she couldn't find work and ended up taking a similar job in Weatherford. But one night she stopped by E-Z Mart, and it just so happened they were in need of help.

Gaston will be there behind the counter on Labor Day. She typically comes in around 6 a.m. and works until early or mid-afternoon.

"I love the people," she said. "We have our regulars who you build up a rapport

with and you get to know about them and their family and what they're going through.

"There is this network of people that you see every day, and I genuinely care." Gaston, a graduate of STARS Academy, said she came back because she has family here and because she wants her kids to attend school here.

They are happy here, she said. Gaston's son, a sophomore at Granbury High School, loves Granbury's small town feel, while her daughter, just 3, loves the lake and rivers.

A favorite for the little girl is the City Beach on East Pearl Street, where city officials years ago trucked in white sand and created a splash area for tykes.

"Every day's a holiday for her. She lives at the beach," Gaston said. "I don't think she's ever going to want to leave Granbury."

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TAKING REFUGE: Families wait in Granbury hotels, wondering about their homes and neighbors in areas hit by Hurricane Harvey. 3A.



Fishing, lighted boat parade part of Lake Fest fun

Lake Fest 2017 gets going this morning with a fishing tournament at City Boat Ramp, next to the Pearl Street bridge over the lake.

Vendors, bobbing for apples and Trio Grande (ZZ Top tribute band) are planned as part of the festival based on the square.

SATURDAY, SEPT. 2

- 6 a.m.-1 p.m.** Fishing tournament at City Ramp next to Pearl Street bridge (contact Ben Hernandez for information at 817-657-7186).
- 10 a.m.-7 p.m.** Vendors open on the square.
- 11-11:30 a.m.** Apple pie eating contest near main stage on square.
- 11-11:30 a.m.** Bobbing for apples near main stage on square.
- Noon-6 p.m.** Fish fry/hot dogs at Hewlett Park, East Pearl Street, sponsored by Brookshire's, cost TBA.
- 3-6 p.m.** Music by Trio Grande, a ZZ Top tribute band, at main stage on square.

SUNDAY, SEPT. 3

- 10 a.m.-5 p.m.** Vendors open on the square.
- 11-11:30 a.m.** Hula-hoop contest across from main stage on square.
- 2-4 p.m.** Entertainment by Benton Lawson at main stage on square.
- 8 p.m.** Lighted boat parade, viewed between Stumpy's and Pearl Street bridge.

Monday activities have been canceled. Times subject to change. For more information contact Brenda Hyde at Historic Granbury Merchants Association, 817-573-5299.

Texting while driving, protections for hot car rescues among new laws

BY BETHANY KURTZ
HOOD COUNTY NEWS

State laws have changed. Many bills passed by the state Legislature went into effect on Friday as the calendar rolled into the new month.

Here's a short list of what you need to know:

■ Texting while driving is now illegal in Texas.

The law makes it an offense for a driver to use "a portable wireless communication device to read, write, or send an electronic message while operating a motor vehicle unless the vehicle is stopped," the law states.

■ A person who breaks into a vehicle to rescue a vulnerable individual may be protected from being civilly sued.

■ David's Law, or SB179, updates and expands the definitions of bullying and adds cyberbullying. Schools are allowed to adopt policies related to cyberbullying and report activities to law enforcement.

■ It is no longer legal to impersonate a police officer in cities such as Granbury. House Bill 683 makes it a Class B misdemeanor offense for non-law enforcement individuals to possess or use law enforcement identification, insignias

or vehicles anywhere. Before, these items were only restricted in municipalities of more than 1.2 million people.

■ It is now legal to hunt hogs from a hot air balloon with proper access and permits, according to House Bill 3535.

■ House Bill 59 allows lottery winners to remain anonymous.

■ Drone use has been restricted in some areas. House Bill 1424 and 1643 makes it a misdemeanor to operate an unmanned aircraft over a correctional or detention facility or a sports venue.

HB 1643 makes it a misdemeanor to operate a drone over concentrated animal feeding operations such as a feedlot or an area enclosed by a fence or other physical barrier obviously designed to exclude intruders like those around an oil or gas drilling site.

■ Those under 16 can no longer be married in Texas. Senate Bill 1705 removes the parents' rights to consent to the marriage of a person under 18 years old. Before, a minor did not even have to be present to be married away by their parents. For a person under 18 but at least 16 to marry, a court must remove the restrictions of minority.



TWO AIRLIFTED: The drivers in a two-vehicle crash Wednesday morning were airlifted with serious injuries. A third passenger was taken to the hospital with minor injuries. The Department of Public Safety investigated the crash that occurred on Highway 377 West near the VFW Post, just west of Granbury.

Drivers airlifted after rear-end crash on 377

Two people were flown to the hospital after a collision on Highway 377 West Wednesday morning.

A passenger in one of the vehicles was taken to the hospital by ambulance, said Texas Highway Patrol Staff Sergeant Dub Gillum.

The crash occurred about

6:45 a.m. near the VFW Post, just west of Granbury.

A 2001 Ford F-250 truck driven by Nacoma Callison, 38, from Ranger, was waiting to turn left onto Meadow Wood Drive, Gillum said.

Jerry Lobstein, 49, was a passenger in the truck.

A 2010 Nissan Titan driven

by Lazara Tabares, 51, from Granbury, struck the Ford from behind, he said.

The Ford crossed the oncoming lanes and went into a ditch, Gillum said.

Callison and Tabares were transported to a Fort Worth hospital in serious condition, he said.

GAS: Fire departments have fuel supplies

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posted on social media Thursday morning reported that prices were going up, some gas stations were "busy," at least one store had only one working gas pump and one man said the price jumped by 10 cents as he was pumping gas.

Later in the day, some stations were running out of gas.

H-E-B Manager Bubba Subialdea said late Thursday afternoon that gas pumps there were completely out of gas despite a delivery that morning.

"They're working as hard as they can to get trucks here," he said.

Some posted messages urging others to stay calm.

Wrote one woman: "The more people panic, the worse it will be."

IMPACT ON EMERGENCY SERVICES

Deeds said that his department used to have a fuel storage tank, but it was removed six or seven years ago because of problems such as water getting in.

Since then, deputies have been using fuel cards at local pumps.

So now they have a problem. "They're all diesel fuel, and that's the (fuel) that the stations are out of," Deeds said.

Deeds said it is not unusual for one patrol vehicle to be driv-

en 500 miles in a 24-hour period. With rising gas prices, fuel purchases for his department could cost \$20,000 over the next couple of weeks, he said.

That's why he has doubled up deputies and staged them at places throughout the county.

The deputies will still be able to respond quickly to emergencies, Deeds said; they just won't be patrolling the way they typically do.

Deeds and county Fire Marshal Ray Wilson said that the county's nine volunteer fire departments have fuel stored on site.

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DEATH: Woman may have fallen in lake

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too when she tried to help, Flannery said.

"We're just stunned by it," Flannery said. "She was very self-sufficient."

Flannery had phoned her

mother, and the nurse picked up the phone. The nurse couldn't immediately find her, and Flannery suggested she go outside to the back of the house near the dock where her mother

enjoyed visiting. That's when the nurse found Curmutt, who was unresponsive, authorities said. The nurse pulled her out of the water and tried to revive her, authorities said.

LABOR DAY CLOSINGS

City and county offices will be closed on Monday in observance of Labor Day. Granbury, Lipan and Tolar

will not hold classes. Also shutting its doors for the day will be the Acton Municipal Utility District.

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Fleeing Harvey

South Texas evacuees find shelter in Hood County

BY BETHANY KURTZ
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As rains from former Hurricane Harvey began to slow, evacuees that fled to Hood County are still waiting and wondering.

As they wait to return, three families are poring over photos friends or neighbors have sent them, trying to assess the damage to what they had to leave behind - their homes.

THANKFUL TO BE TOGETHER

The 25 members of Janie Robles' family waiting out the storm at the LaQuinta Inn off Highway 377 took a moment to celebrate life.

One of their party's youngest members celebrated his third birthday far away from home surrounded by his many relatives.

"He just thought they were all here for him," said Joy Limones, Robles' daughter.

Members of her extended family hail from Bay City and neighboring Van Vleck on the Texas coast.

When the mandatory evacuation orders came at 1 a.m. on Aug. 25, their family scattered northward following their matriarch Robles with a plan to meet in Glen Rose, Limones explained.

Limones' niece works at the power plant there, she explained. The family stayed a few nights in a hotel in Glen Rose while the hotel's manager helped them find a hotel that was participating in the FEMA evacuees aid program, she said.

Limones and her husband Trini didn't bring much with them, she said, because they expected to be home in about three days.

"The roads were easy. A lot of people didn't believe the warnings," she said.

Deciding to leave was hard. Five of their party are firefighters who wanted to stay and help their neighbors, Joy explained, but they felt they had to evacuate with their grandmother and families including teens and children.

Photos and videos from family members who did stay behind and the town's mayor show the water clearly covering Robles' and the Limones' yards, but they are unsure if or how much water got inside.

"It looks like a lake," she said. The town has reopened for voluntary returns, said Trini, but residents are warned there will be no electricity, water or sewer to most of the town, parts of which are still underwater.

"Now I feel like it is a waiting game," Joy said. "We want to go back, but that is what we have to go back to."

They do have some good news. The waste treatment plant Trini works for is back up, and there will definitely be work for him to do, Trini said. Going to work sounds very enticing after days in hotels, he said.

"After sitting here for days, you get kinda antsy," he explained.

All of the men in their group are ready to work, Joy said.

No matter the struggles, they are confident in their faith, family and future, she said with a resounding strength in her voice.

"I have seen God through this storm," she said. "As long as we have Mom, we have everything. Because of her faith in God that she gave us, we have everything."

LOSING THE PAST

Granbury High School computer science teacher Angela Jumper took her parents to see what was left of their town on Sunday.

She grew up in Woodsboro, about an hour drive northwest from Rockport on the Texas coast. Her parents have lived there for 30 years.

Before Hurricane Harvey made landfall on Aug. 25, her parents drove up to stay with her. The return trip on Sunday was a blow, Jumper said.

"I had to pry my dad off their property. It was hard. His whole life was on the ground," she said.

Her parents' house was still standing despite suffering some roof damage, but her father lost 50 years worth of woodcrafting tools and machinery.

"He was in shock and he kept saying, 'I can buy another one.' But he can't buy them for what he paid for them back then," Jumper said. "Today, it can't be replaced. They don't make them the same."

The rest of the town wasn't so lucky, she said. One family lost the back wall of their house,

"I had to pry my dad off their property. It was hard. His whole life was on the ground."

--GHS teacher Angela Jumper

exposing two rooms to the elements. They are living in the one room that is left, she said.

Her parents were lucky to be able to leave, Jumper said.

"The rest of the people are still living there because they could not afford to get out," she said.

The town has one restaurant, and there are not many businesses, she said. Those who work have to travel long distances or maintain a second residence elsewhere, so there is not a lot of money coming into the community, Jumper said.

Most people have lived in their homes for several generations so they have no house payments and are able to get by on Social Security, what little is earned or welfare, she said. Most grow at least some of their own food.

"They don't have a vehicle that can make it 100 miles away," she said.

The cost of gas and a hotel



SAFE AND TOGETHER: Extended family members including the Limones, Robles and Lopez families waited out Harvey in Granbury. Joy Limones holds her dog as her husband Trini Lamines stands behind her (in black). Joy's niece Casey Lopez (standing in pink) and nephew evacuated with their children.

room to evacuate would equal the normal budget of a month or two for many families, Jumper said.

Those who grew up in the area before moving away, like Jumper, are doing what they can to help the friends and family still living there, Jumper said.

"Those small towns are like family," she said.

And they have to because the town is basically on its own, Jumper said.

For starters, the hurricane knocked out all power and cell communications to the town, she said.

"When I took my parents back, those people had no contact with the outside world. They were still bracing for the hurricane to come back over the top of them," Jumper explained.

On Sunday, AT&T set up a temporary tower in the middle of town so those who still had a charge on their cell phones could make phone calls. But after the cell phone's batteries run down, the townspeople will have to rely on generators and a limited gasoline supply until power is restored, she said.

The electric companies told the town it could take up to a month or six weeks for the lights to come back on, Jumper said.

And she is not expecting state or federal aid to come soon.

"When we were driving down on Sunday, we turned to go to Woodsboro and all the Red Cross and FEMA trucks kept going to Houston," she explained.

Because of the limited power and cell service, coordinating any relief efforts to the town will be difficult, she said. She is helping her parents apply for FEMA assistance to fix their property, but many of the peo-

ple will have to wait until someone brings paper applications to fill out, Jumper said.

But even now, the community is rallying together, she said.

And once the electricity comes back on, her parents will join in, Jumper said.

"When the electricity comes on, they will fix it, one day at a time," she said. "The community is very self-sufficient and lives off each other."

UNCERTAIN FUTURE

At the Quality Inn and Suites in Granbury, Scott Graham waited outside for a friend to arrive. He and his mother, Darlene Graham, evacuated Tivoli on Aug. 25.

Tivoli is a gas station stop of about 500 people at the intersection of Highways 35 and 239 between Houston and Corpus Christi. It is about a 15-minute drive to the coast.

"I thought we would be back over the weekend. I had no idea it would linger like this," Scott said.

When he left after boarding up windows for other people, the clouds were streaming overhead, and the rain was already pouring down.

Though he is anxious to get back and check on the damage to his home and shed that houses his welding tools, he can't take Darlene back until he knows she will be able to have electricity, he said.

According to friends, Graham's house looked okay from the outside, but a friend sent him a photo of a trailer house in the city with the sides blown open like a doll house.

Darlene is worried about water damage.

"I have insurance but not flood insurance," she explained. "So depending on how the water came in, how do I replace all these things?"

She managed to grab all the treasured family photos off the

wall, but she stands to lose a lot more, she said.

They headed to Granbury because they knew a friend would be in town.

Becky Carter had family near Granbury she was staying with. She arrived at the hotel with her three grandsons to take a swim.

Carter, who lives in Tivoli as well, said she was scared when she left home behind, not for herself, but for her family.

Her son and daughter-in-law are police officers in Victoria, another town hit hard by the hurricane.

"He couldn't leave but he asked me to bring his boys out of harm's way," she said. "It was very nerve-racking when he asked me. But I didn't let them know I was nervous."

She drove one of her son's cars north with three boys ranging from elementary school age to a teenager, so she wasn't able to save anything from her home, she said.

The boys have been brave, but it is hard, she said.

"This was the first time they have been this separated from their parents," Carter explained.

The oldest boy is determined to return home as soon as possible to help clean up, she said. Her son's house wasn't flooded, but there is no electricity, and conditions are not sanitary for young children because the city sewers overflowed, she said.

"We need gloves, but the younger ones will just go pick up sticks, not realizing what it was under," she said with a grimace.

After she finishes caring for her grandsons, she will have her own house and a whole new set of children to worry about, she said.

As cafeteria manager of the high school, there will be truckloads of groceries to throw away, and she doesn't expect regular trash service.

And she does not have insurance for her home across the

street from the school.

Pictures of her home sent by friends do not show a water line on her white siding, but she is still anxious about what might await her inside, she said.

Scott said he is also anxious to get back and join the cleanup efforts. As a welder in a two-man company, he thinks he will be out of work for several months but hopes to pick up some reconstruction or remodeling jobs to fill in the gap.

But that doesn't mean he will get paid. Many people in Tivoli didn't have home insurance, he said.

"Those with heavier damage, I don't know how they will come up with the resources," he said.

His boss at South Texas Ironworks has already committed to helping people who need metal work done, he added.

Until they can go home, they are burning through their reserve cash quickly, Darlene said. Eating out, washing clothes and hotel costs are not slowing down, she said. People can help by donating gift cards for food or clothing or helping pay hotel bills for those waiting to return home, she said.

Some Hood County residents have already done so, brightening their spirits greatly, Scott said on Wednesday.

She also hopes people will remember small communities like theirs will face just as much need with fewer resources as the large cities featured on national TV broadcasts.

"After Houston got hit, the rest of us have been on the back burner," she said.

Despite the worries and fears, Carter and the Grahams could find bits of humor in the situation.

"I used to say, 'We will be all right, God willing and if the creek don't rise,'" Darlene said with a chuckle. "Well, the creek rose!"

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THERE HE GOES: Ty Williams streaks past Western Hills defenders for a 41-yard touchdown run during Granbury's 58-6 win over the Cougars in Fort Worth

Thursday night. Williams finished with 133 yards on 10 carries for two touchdowns, and added a 95-yard kickoff return TD.



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ACROSS THE LINE: Granbury's Zach McCreight dives into the end zone for a touchdown as teammate Trevor Jones celebrates in the background. McCreight

hauled in a 12-yard TD from Kevin Moore on Granbury's first pass of the game and finished with 72 yards receiving.

Pirates blow out Western Hills to start season

BY GRANT MCGALLIARD
HOOD COUNTY NEWS

FORT WORTH - Granbury head football coach Chad Zschiesche said on Monday that his team wanted to use their season opener to prove they're much better than last year.

Mission accomplished. Granbury utterly dominated Fort Worth Western Hills at Herman Clark Stadium on Thursday night, winning 58-6 to defeat the Cougars for the second straight year.

The Pirates ran the ball down Western Hills' throat the entire game. Running back Ty Williams tallied 133 yards on 10 carries for two touchdowns, and as a team Granbury had 256 yards on just 33 attempts.

"Ty Williams is a special player, but some of the holes he was ran through...I could've run through them," Zschiesche said.

The Granbury offensive line - Jason Umanzor, Luis Hernandez, Raul Sandoval, Trevor Jones and Calin Wood - opened up running lanes all night long.

"Those guys up front set the tone, and they didn't pull up all night long. So I'm super proud of the offensive line - those guys never get enough credit, and when you can just sit there

GAME AT A GLANCE

SCORE: Granbury 58, Western Hills 6

PASSING: Kevin Moore 8-11-0 110 2 TDs, Clayton Jones 2-2-0 14

RUSHING: Ty Williams 10-133 2 TDs, Moore 9-58 2 TDs, Zach Adams 5-26 1 TD, Tyler Pippin 4-22, Jones 4-22, Peter Brown 1 for -5

RECEIVING: Zach McCreight 4-72 1 TD, Josh Franklin 1-20, Logan Robinson 1-9 1 TD, Chad Agor 2-14,

FIRST QUARTER: Granbury 15, Western Hills 0

SECOND QUARTER: Granbury 44, Western Hills 6

THIRD QUARTER: Granbury 51, Western Hills 6

and run the ball all night long, it's because of those guys."

Williams also had the play of the game, a 95-yard kickoff return for a touchdown in the first half in which he twisted his way through a maze of Cougars and turned on the afterburners to outrace the kicker.

Quarterback Kevin Moore accounted for four touchdowns, and went 8-11 through the air for 110 yards and two scores. He also made things happen on the ground, scoring two TDs rushing.

Zschiesche said the focus on the ground game isn't necessarily a model for future weeks.

"You come in to a game with a gameplan every week, and the

beauty about this offense is, we can run it or we can throw it," he said. "We don't mind throwing it, next week we might throw it sixty times."

"There's the old saying, if it ain't broke, don't fix it, and it certainly wasn't broke. So we pounded the rock right at them."

Granbury finished with 380 yards of total offense. If that seems low, it's because the Pirates often started with the ball at midfield.

The defense punished Western Hills. The Cougars focused on trying to beat Granbury to the edges with speed runs and quarterback keepers, but the Pirates defense was having none

of it.

The Cougars didn't earn a third-down conversion on their own until 45 seconds remained in the first half. A Granbury facemask penalty had given Western Hills a first down with 4 minutes left in the second quarter, but other than that, it was three-and-out after three-and-out.

"On both sides of the ball, we set the tone early, and it took a toll on our opponent," Zschiesche said. "Make no mistake, that's a good ball club."

"We did a good job defensively of containing their speed all night long. Hats off to the defense, Coach Galindo and all his staff."

After a rocky season last year, the Pirates found themselves in a new position - being ahead by an insurmountable amount in the fourth quarter. Zschiesche said he was pleased with how his team handled the situation.

"I thought the kids did a good job handling success. That was a concern of mine," he said.

"These kids have not been in that situation, ever, when they've been up like that in a game that early. So part of the coaching staff's focus tonight was teaching the kids how to win and how to finish a ball game."

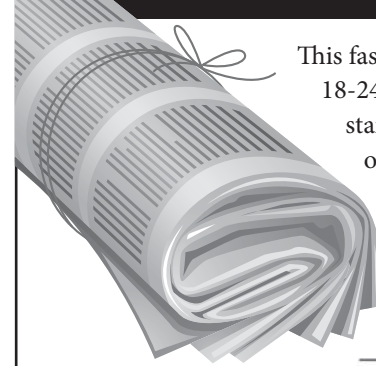
Granbury led 15-0 after the first quarter and 44-6 at the half. The reserves played the majority of the fourth quarter, with Clayton Jones and Zach Adams leading the Pirates to one final score in the fourth.

The Pirates had just one turnover, a fumble on a speed option. They forced a fumble out of Western Hills in the second half, but other than that, the two teams played a clean game.

Granbury's next game is its home opener. The Pirates will take on R. L. Turner at 7:30 p.m. next Friday at Pirate Stadium.

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Fishing between cool fronts already?

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With this fair weather, we have had a few wind shifts that brought us a north wind. We know the future fall months, as well as the winter and spring months, will have cool or cold fronts periodically passing through our area.

I guess it is not too early for this discussion.

Barometric pressures and the fishing patterns will change with the passing of these cool or cold fronts.

Picking the best times to fish around a front can increase your success rate. If you are fishing a tournament, you may not have a choice.

Then, you must also know how to coax a bite when the bite is off. There are of course many different factors that can affect the fish bite, but knowing how these changes in the weather impacts the bite can be to your advantage.

As most of us know, right before the cold front hits is probably the best time for catching fish. The fish seem to know that it's time to feed before the higher pressure moves in.

An overcast sky before the front moves in normally makes for even better fishing conditions. If the fish are biting right before the front and the front pushes through while you are on the water, the bite will probably continue for a short while after the passage.

This has happened to me many times while striper fishing.

Barometric changes generally have more impact to the fish species that are closer to the surface. For instance, black bass in 5 to 15 feet of water

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may stop feeding and hold closer to structure.

This is the case for many species. On the other hand, fish that are holding deeper in the water column are less impacted to the changes happening above the

water.

I have seen great action in relatively deep water (30 to 50 feet) while striper fishing after a cold front.

Fishing during the transition of air masses during a slow cold front passage can be some of the best fishing of all, especially for stripers. The weather can be cold, rainy and miserable, but the fish seem to prefer this environment.

Most of you have probably heard that stripers bite best in bad weather. Many times this is true.

Just be careful out there when the weather turns.

If you don't have a choice and you get out after the front passes and high pressure has settled in, you may have to alter your fishing patterns some to get the fish to bite. Black bass may move out to deeper holes, and you may have to slow your presentation.

Stripers normally gorge themselves and then don't eat for a while. In this case, you may have travel some to find active fish.

If you can't get the fish to bite, try chumming an area with diced shad. The cut shad scent, blood and scales may get them into the feeding mode.

We can never be sure what



EATING GOOD: Granbury residents Alex Duran, Richard Condy and Javier Benitez, pictured from left to right, caught themselves a fine meal of

striped bass on Lake Granbury last Saturday. The Granbury residents were on a fishing trip with guide Mike Acosta of Unfair Advantage Charters.

MIKE ACOSTA

mode the fish are in regardless of the weather. Fish may bite on those "Blue Bird" days contrary to all expectations.

HOOD COUNTY FISHING REPORT

Granbury water temperatures are falling into the low 80s, and when that happens lake turnover can start. It can

stop also if it starts to warm back up.

The thermocline is disappearing in some areas of the lake. Striper fishing is on one day and off the next.

Fish are moving. White bass fishing is fair to good around midlake on spinners and slabs. Some good crappie reports

continue to be reported near docks by deep water and near bridge pilings. Granbury black bass are reported as good to excellent to 7 pounds on crankbaits and Carolina rigs fished near main lake points.

Squaw Creek black bass are good to 8 pounds on soft plastics on the upper ends. Tila-

pia continue to be caught on worms fished under a cork.

On other reservoirs, Lake Whitney limits of stripers are consistent around midlake to Cedar Creek. Possum Kingdom stripers are best near major creek entrances like Cedar and Caddo creeks.

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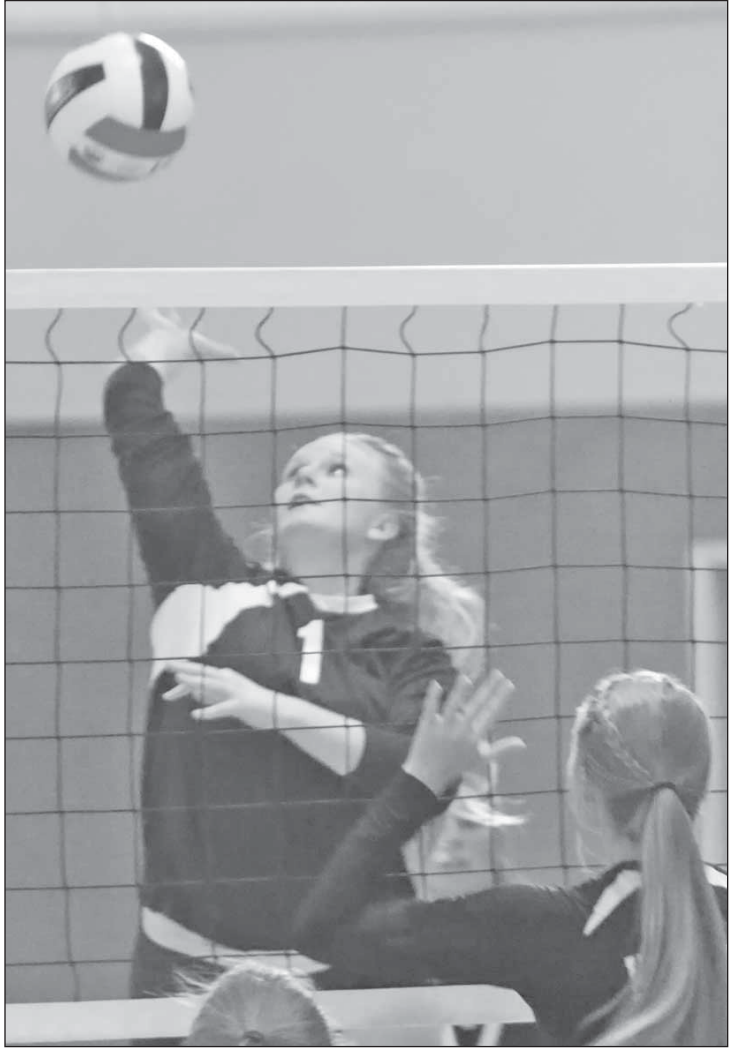
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Playing up

Aubrey Sibley, a sophomore, bumps a ball up for the Tolar Lady Rattlers on Tuesday. Sibley was one of three junior varsity players that moved up to the varsity squad for Tolar's game against Ranger. The Lady Rattlers won in three sets, 25-13, 25-13 and 25-11.



AMBER WARD

Slogging through

Cross country runners fight through the mud and rain during the Haltom Cross Country Meet on Saturday. Granbury competed in the event, with both the boys and girls varsity and junior varsity teams running in their

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Tim Norman Brewer

Tim Norman Brewer of Granbury, 70, passed away peacefully on Friday, August 25, 2017.

Memorial service: 11:00 AM, Thursday, Sept. 7, 2017, St. Frances Cabrini Catholic Church.

Visitation: 6-8 PM, Wednesday, September 6, 2017 at Wiley Funeral Home Chapel with rosary at 7:00 PM.

Tim was born on May 8, 1947 in Akron, Ohio to Robert and Patricia Brewer. He earned a B.A. from the University of Akron. He married the love of his life, Lois, on September 12, 1970 at Kent State University in Ohio. They started out married life for a brief time in Chicago before making Texas their final home.

Tim was known for his optimistic and driven personality. His entrepreneurial spirit led him to start several businesses, including T. Brewer and Company, a plastics brokerage firm, for over 25 years.

Tim was an avid sportsman, who excelled at baseball, golf, and tennis. Marathon running and competitive kickboxing were also sports that he mastered. Tim felt honored to be a member of Brook Hollow Golf Club for many memorable years. He even enjoyed occasional cow punching at the ranch.

More important than being a businessman and athlete, he was a devoted husband and loving father. Tim was known as "PeePaw" to his three grandchil-



dren, who are missing his jokes and "claw" tickle attacks.

Tim was preceded in death by his mother: Patricia DeMyer, beloved uncles: Bill and Tom, and his "Gram" and his grandpa George.

Tim leaves to cherish his memory his wife of 47 years Lois, son: Matthew, daughter: Jill Boldt (husband Scott), grandchildren: Liam, Brooke and Charlotte, father: Robert G. Brewer and loving wife: May, sisters-in-law: Judi Paige, Karen Wood (husband Tony), and Jayne Mangan (husband John), brothers-in-law: David Frak and Denis Frak, nieces: Lauren Biskie (husband Brian) and Mia Humphreys (husband David) and many more extended family and friends who will miss him dearly.

Wiley Funeral Home made arrangements.

Sarah Lee Jones

Sarah Lee Jones passed peacefully from this life into the arms of our Lord and Savior on Friday, Aug 25, 2017 in the comfort of her home at the age of 96.

Funeral services celebrating her life will be held Saturday, September 2, 2017 at 1:00 P.M. at Annetta United Methodist Church, Annetta, TX. Burial will follow at the Annetta Cemetery. Her visitation will be held Friday, September 1, 2017 from 6:00 - 8:00 P.M. at the Galbreath-Pickard Funeral Chapel, 913 N. Elm Street, Weatherford, TX.

Mom was born July 4, 1921 in Strawn, TX. She was one of two children born to John H. and Alpha Chapman Muller. She met our Dad, William Linzie (Lin) Jones, marrying March 2, 1940 at Annetta United Methodist Church forming the solid foundation on which our family is built.

A Godly woman, Mom exemplified unconditional love in her daily life, always putting the needs of others above her own.

To know her was to love her. Our hearts are broken, but we know she is in Heaven with her Lord and Savior whom she loved so dearly.



In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her husband, Lin; son, Freddie L. Jones; and her brother, John Harold Muller.

Survivors are her children: Bobby D. Jones, Sharon A. Bohning, Larry G. and Jan Jones, and Terry L. and Tweedi Jones; 15 grandchildren and 25 great grandchildren with 2 on their way.

In lieu of flowers donations may be made in her memory to Methodist Children's Home, 1111 Herring Ave., Waco, TX 76708.

Oakley Axell McGowen

Oakley Axell McGowen of Granbury was born August 18, 2017 to his parents Glenn McGowen & Kayla Cork. He passed away 8 short days later on August 26, 2017 in his mother & father's arms. Oakley had the pleasure of touching very many lives in his short time with us & still continues to do so.

Oakley will be missed by his big sister Leigha & Big brother Leighton. Grandfathers Robert McGowen, Barry Butler and Michael Cork. Grandmothers Chandra Ross, Rhonda House and Debbie McCarrel. Great Grandparents Brenda and

Woody Tracy. Glenda and Gary House. Lois and Leonard McGowan Sr. Charles and Marie Mays. Aunts and Uncles Cassidy Butler, Kaitlynn Webb, Briana Miller and Hannah Cork. Cousins Kimberlynn and Jax Webb. Oakley left behind a very big and loving family and will be greatly missed along with his Uncle Robert Amzi McGowen and his Great Grandmother Cynthia Ann Rose along with many other loving family members.

Wiley Funeral Home made arrangements.

Karla Delaine Lowry

Karla Delaine Lowry, 19, passed away on Saturday, August 26, 2017. Service: 3:00 PM, Wednesday, August 30, 2017, Wiley Funeral Home Chapel, Granbury, Visitation: 4:00 PM - 6:00 PM following the service on Wednesday, August 30, 2017, Wiley Funeral Home, Granbury. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to the Hood County Animal Shelter.

Karla was born on November 21, 1997 in Weatherford, Texas to Kristopher and Natisha Lowry. She was a registered Member of the Choctaw Apache Tribe of Ebarb. She lived in Granbury and graduated from Granbury High School in 2016. She worked in Glen Rose at the Dairy Queen. She loved animals and had lots of friends.

Karla is survived by her father: Kristopher Lowry, mother: Natisha Colon, brothers: Brandon, Josh, George and Mattox,



sisters: Evelyn and Tommie Mae, grandmothers: Tommie Jean Bryan and Linda Lowry and boyfriend: Thomas Pittman.

Karla will be greatly missed by her family and her friends. Wiley Funeral Home made arrangements.

Mollie J. Curnutt

Mollie J. Curnutt, 88, a resident of Granbury, Texas, passed away on Wednesday, August 30, 2017.

Graveside service: 2:00 p.m. Tuesday, September 5, 2017, at Holly Hills Mausoleum, Granbury.

Mollie was born on January 4, 1929 in Dallas, Texas to David and Marie Harris Conine. Mollie was the oldest of 5 children. She married Jimmie Curnutt in 1945 and they had 4 children. She was a member of the Acton Baptist Church. Mollie liked to sew and knit. She enjoyed doing crafts and working on taxes. She was a member of the Women's Extension Group and loved doing demos at stores. Mollie was preceded in death by her parents and her husband, Jimmie Curnutt. Mollie will be missed by all who loved her.

Survivors: Daughters, Sharon Flannery and husband Jim, Sally Reis and husband Mark; sons, John Curnutt and wife Elizabeth



and Richard Curnutt; 9 grandchildren, 26 great grandchildren; brothers David Conine and wife Carol, Darrell Conine and wife Sandra; sisters Linda Trammel and Debbie Payne and husband Alan.

Arrangements by Martin's Funeral Home.

The deadline for obituaries is noon Monday for the Wednesday paper, and noon Thursday for the Saturday paper. Obituaries can be emailed to obits@hcnews.com. If the deceased lived in Hood County, a standard obituary, under 200 words, is free in the Hood County News. A fee is applied for expanded or additional information.

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Tuesday afternoon classes begin Sept. 7 and are from

1-2:30 p.m. for 12 weeks.

Tuesday evening classes start Sept. 21 and are from 5:30-7 p.m. for 12 weeks.

Participants can join the classes anytime before the third week. Other classes will be offered in the spring.

Brazos Pregnancy Center is at 1812 Acton Highway. For more information or to sign up, contact Dena Dyer, BPC director of education, at 817-579-1233 or email brazospregnancyclinic.com.

U.S. Open mixer at Pecan tennis courts

Labor Day Monday will find Pecan's tennis courts busy with a U.S. Open Mixer event beginning at 9:30 a.m. Mixed doubles of all levels followed by lunch at the club are on the day's schedule.

POOL HOURS

With summer days waning, pool hours are updated.

The clubhouse pool is open today until 8 p.m., tomorrow from 9:30 a.m. to 8 p.m. and Monday 9:30 a.m. to 6 p.m., which is the last day of the season.

The Pecan Activities Center (PAC) pool will remain open with lifeguards on the weekends through Monday and then without lifeguards through November. It is open every day except Wednesday from 7:30 a.m. to dark.

BREAKFAST CLUB

The fall edition of Breakfast Club will begin Wednesday morning with breakfast service at 7:30 a.m. at the clubhouse. Everyone is invited to attend.

NEWCOMERS CLUB

It is a new year for the Lake Granbury Newcomers Club, and its inaugural meeting of this club year happens next Thursday at Pecan's clubhouse.

The day will run from 9:30 a.m. to 1 p.m., and Judy and James Medders of JMJ Buckhorn Ranch will demonstrate how they turn ordinary gourds into unique and colorful works of art. Lunch follows.

Reservations are due by noon Monday. Secure a spot by calling 817-243-9831. Newcomers is open to all female residents of Hood County regardless of time living in the community.

For more information contact Faye Landham at 817-360-6228.

ROAD WORK

The construction on Pecan's front gate is progressing, though inclement weather has delayed work. Also, part of Westover Drive is closed for rebuilding, and a detour following Pleasant Hill and Wedgefield is in effect.

TAKE AIM

The archery/air gun range will hold an air rifle field target match Sept. 9 beginning at 9:30 a.m. Participants and spectators are welcome. Sign up at

PECAN BITS



Diane Long

the PAC: 817-573-7952. The children's archery camp sponsored by the Archery/Air Gun Association had 21 participants.

ART CLASS

Art for children is back at the PAC beginning Sept. 12. Certified art teacher Jennifer Osborne will have classes for students in grades kindergarten through second and a separate class for children in grades three through five. Call the PAC to sign up: 817-573-7952.

WHAT'S COOKING?

Popular cooking instructor Li Cross will be leading healthy cooking classes once a month for six months with the inaugural meeting coming on Sept. 12. Sign up is also at the PAC.

AUXILIARY MEETING

The Pecan Plantation Volunteer Fire Department/Emergency Medical Service Auxiliary meets Sept. 11 at 7 p.m. at the Charlie Lee Memorial Building on Monticello Drive. The auxiliary invites men and women interested in fundraising to support our emergency volunteers to attend.

BOD NOMINATIONS

Nominations are open for the election of one member to the Pecan Plantation Volunteer Fire Department/Emergency Medical Service board of directors.

The annual meeting of the VFD/EMS will be Nov. 11 at 10 a.m. At that time, one member of the board of directors will finish a term, and thus another person to serve is needed.

Wanted are Pecan members willing to serve a three-year term on the board. Folks with fire and/or medical service field experience may qualify.

Resumes are accepted through next Friday. Send paperwork to the election committee at 9518 Monticello Drive or ppems@ppvfdems.com.

ART NIGHT

Sept. 29 will bring Pecan's Art Guild's sixth annual gallery night. Mark the calendar and stay tuned for details.

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LABOR DAY Lake Fest vendors on square 10 a.m.-7 p.m., sponsored by Historic Granbury Merchants, 817-573-5299.

SUNDAY, SEPT. 3

LABOR DAY Lake Fest with vendors on the square 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Decorated boats parade from Stumpys to Mesquite Pit and back at 8 p.m., 817-573-5299.

BLUFF DALE homecoming, registration at 10 a.m., program at 11 a.m., meal at noon, \$10 per person, family rates available, tabernacle.

MONDAY, SEPT. 4

ALZHEIMER'S SUPPORT group meeting for caregivers, 10 a.m., Acton United Methodist Church, 817-326-2355.

TUESDAY, SEPT. 5

LIONS CLUB welcomes guest speaker

Roger Deeds, Hood County Sheriff, noon, Spring Creek Barbeque, 317 Highway 377 E., 817-573-7302.

OPERA GUILD welcomes hypnotist Jonathan Yeager. Social time at 10:30 a.m., followed by entertainment and meeting at 11 a.m. Optional lunch (\$15) is served at noon. For reservations, email granburyog@gmail.com or call 682-936-9572.

WEDNESDAY, SEPT. 6

LANGDON REVIEW Weekend, presented by Tarleton State University, 7:30 p.m., Craig Clifford and Craig Hillis, editors of "Pickers and Poets: The Ruthlessly Poetic Singer-Songwriters of Texas" at the Dora Langdon Center Concert Hall, corner of East Bridge and Brazos streets. Followed by launch party/reception at Gordon House, 308 E. Pearl St. Free, www.tarleton.edu/langdonreview

THURSDAY, SEPT. 7

NEWCOMER'S CLUB welcomes Judy and James Medders of JMJ Buckhorn Ranch with a demonstration on turning

gourds into works of art, 9:30 a.m. to 1 p.m., Pecan Plantation Country Club. Optional lunch is \$14. Reservations required by noon Sept. 4 by calling 817-243-9831.

ROTARY CLUB welcomes Ruth Ann Jewell with a program on literacy, noon, Harbor Lakes Country Club.

WRITER-IN-RESIDENCE KATHERINE Hoerth, author of three poetry books, will read from her work at Barking Rocks Winery, 1919 Allen Court, 7 p.m. following a buffet dinner and performance by SceneShop of Fort Worth 7 p.m., call 254-968-9283 for tickets, or www.tarleton.edu/langdonreview

FRIDAY, SEPT. 9

TEXAS STATE Poet Laureate Jenny Browne at Langdon Review picnic at noon, Brazos House Gardens. Langdon Review Weekend reception, 5 to 6:30 p.m. at Gallery 206 near square. Film screening at 7:30 features the work of animator and Tarleton professor Megan Ehrhart, ShowBiz Cinema 6, 1201 Waters Edge Drive. Visit www.tarleton.edu/langdonreview or 254-968-9283 for tickets.

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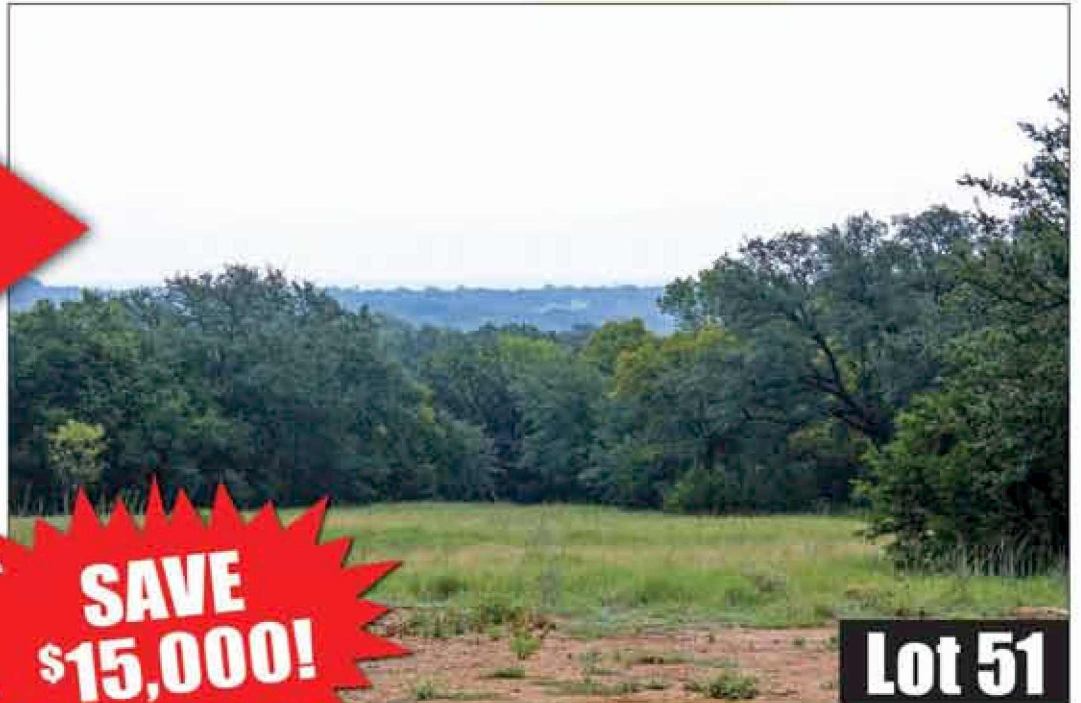
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Standing up to evil is a constant social and personal battle, but the rewards can last for lifetimes, according to a local pastor.

Among stacks of family photos, including many of her father's service in Germany during World War II, Rev. Suzi Robertson says one stands out in her mind.

Robertson is a minister at The Episcopal Church of the Good Shepherd in Granbury and lives in Stepheville.

In the weathered sepia photo, her father stands with his arm around a young woman.

"He wrote on the back of most of his photos, where it was, who was in them, but on this photo, he didn't write anything," Robertson said.

Her father never told stories about the war to anyone, she said, and the letter he mailed home to his mother with the photo has been lost. But the story her grandmother told about the woman in the photo is fascinating, Robertson said.

"General Patton had moved his outfit from France to Germany," Robertson said. "My father was injured, woke up in an Army hospital tent and never really knew what happened to him except that he had a back full of shrapnel. When he woke up, he walked out of the hospital and back to his unit. Anyone in the area was in grave danger of being captured. The German woman in this picture hid my father in a wine cellar."

The family doesn't know if the woman had sheltered other U.S. military members or why she decided to help the enemy. Her family don't even know the woman's name, Robertson said.



DADDY AND GERMAN LADY: This photo is the only evidence a Hood County pastor has of the bravery of a German woman who saved her father's life by hiding him in her wine cellar during World War II.

"Her brothers were Nazis, but she was one of the Germans who resisted the evil, racism and the lack of regard for humanity that the Nazi regime exercised," Robertson said.

Besides a single package her father asked his mother to send the woman after he rejoined his unit, her father never connected with the woman again, Robertson said.

But those few days or weeks of compassion changed the

course of many people's lives, she said. Her father came home and married a girl who had kept his photo on her dresser while he was away. He raised three daughters and has two grandsons who carry on his name.

"My mother went to the train station with his family the day he got home. They went on a date that night and were married six weeks later," Robertson said.

Her father became a quiet and

dependable pillar of the church and community, ensuring widow's crops were harvested after her husband died so she had income, supporting every church effort and giving jobs to countless people who needed a chance, she said.

He was a gentle man who didn't believe in war or violence but bore the internal scars from battle, Robertson remembers.

"When he came home from Europe, he left all his guns with a relative, lest he impulsively be inclined to use one of them," she said.

He never talked about the war. After his death the family connected with an Army mate who filled them in on the story, she said.

"He said, 'How I wish I could have been there to carry him off (at the funeral) because we carried so many others off together,'" Robertson said.

The pair had landed on Normandy Beach in the days after the beach was taken, the man told the Robertson family.

"They had waited on boats in international waters for days

'Her brothers were Nazis, but she was one of the Germans who resisted the evil, racism and the lack of regard for humanity.'

-- Rev. Suzi Robertson

before they landed at Normandy. They had no idea why they were waiting until they landed. They did body detail, putting bodies and pieces of bodies in bags. Some were sent home, others are buried in France," she said.

Then the Army moved inland

toward Germany, Robertson said.

That her father survived the war is a miracle, she said.

"Had she (the German woman) been too afraid or too ignorant, or too callous, or too inhumane to stand up to the evil power on the other side of the world, my father would have likely had his life snuffed out before it had hardly begun," Robertson said. "Though there are many missing pieces, the back of the photograph is not blank. Lipstick stains mark where the woman kissed the paper."

"I owe her a lot," Robertson said. "After all, if that German lady had not stared the actions of her own brothers in the face, my father would have likely not lived to see his 22nd birthday."

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Dated at Granbury, Texas, August 4, 2017

Signature of Chad Jordan, Constable Chad Jordan, Hood County, Texas. Deputy: Matthew Hatfield.

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LEGAL AD: Hood County Commissioners' Court has received an application to consider a revision of the plat for: Lot 102R & 103R, Rolling Creek Ranch, Phase 2. The Hood County Commissioners' Court will meet to consider the application and to hear any protest to the revision on Tuesday, September 12th, 2017, at 9 a.m. in the Central Jury Room of the Hood County Justice Center, 1200 West Pearl Street, Granbury, Texas 76048.

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