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## Ranger: Man confesses to hit-and-run fatality

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A Weatherford man has confessed to killing a Granbury woman almost seven months after the fatal crash, officials said.

Law authorities tracked down Leonard Clyde Harkness, 57, in Fred, Texas, north of Beaumont. Harkness said he was driving



Harkness

the Dodge pickup that killed Martine Ann Turrey, 46, on the evening of Feb. 12, said Sheriff's Office Public Information Officer Lt. Johnny Rose.

Turrey was found dead on the side of Tin Top Highway northwest of Granbury.

Harkness is charged with failure to stop and render aid in accident involving death.

The former local hairdresser was the mother of several grown children, according to her family.

"Investigators have worked hard on this 'who-done-it case' and have put in countless hours investigating multiple leads in the last six months," Rose said.

According to the complaint affidavit prepared by Texas Ranger Danny Briley, investigators collected broken vehicle parts from the area where Turrey was found.

Evidence suggested the passenger side headlight was broken during the collision.

"Evidence showed the suspect returned to the scene of the collision after striking Turrey and never rendered aid," Briley

stated.

The pieces belonged to a Dodge 1500 green truck, allowing investigators to narrow their search, he said.

"Harkness also admitted he hid his pickup from authorities in Weatherford, Texas because he believed investigators were looking for it," Briley stated.

The truck, with its headlight already repaired, will be seized

for evidence, according to Briley.

"I'm glad to see all the investigators' hard work pay off and hope this helps the victim's family heal from this terrible tragedy," said Sheriff Roger Deeds.

Turrey's sister Bridget King said the family is praying for justice in the courts, but are still saddened by Turrey's absence.

## No love lost

### Councilwoman's lawsuit threat draws citizens, angry debate

BY KATHY CRUZ  
HOOD COUNTY NEWS

The color scheme for Tuesday night's regular meeting of the Granbury City Council was black, white - and red.

The black and white was clothing worn by family members and supporters of council member Rose Myers in a show of solidarity.

As for the red, well, they were seeing a lot of it - so much so that Mayor Nin Hulett at times admonished the crowd in an effort to maintain decorum.

At one point, when Hulett ordered supporters not to applaud ("Folks, this is not a show," he said), one person loudly clapped again, seemingly in defiance.

Some in the audience were angry at council member Tony Mobly, who had asked that a public discussion take place about Myers' recent threat to sue the city over her daughter's wedding, originally scheduled for the Granbury Resort Conference Center.

Some also expressed anger at the Hood County News, which published stories about the situation in the Saturday, Aug. 26, issue.

City Manager Chris Coffman said he agreed to provide \$5,000 worth of perks because Myers had threatened to sue the city. A settlement, he said, was less costly to taxpayers than a lawsuit.

Coffman approved the settlement without council approval but said his actions did not violate the law or any city policies.

The fact that there was no policy in place to protect both the city and the city manager in such a scenario was one of the reasons Mobly said he wanted a public discussion. As a member of the City Council, Myers is one of Coffman's bosses.

"As a City Council person, one of our duties is to be good stewards of the money of the



Myers



Coffman

taxpayers," Mobly said Tuesday night in his remarks opening the discussion.

Although the wedding took place more than a month ago, Mobly asked for an agenda item calling for the council to "ratify" the settlement agreement.

That meant that others on the council - Mayor Pro Tem Mickey Parson, Tony Allen and Gary Couch - would have to publicly take a stand either for or against Myers' actions.

Mayor Nin Hulett does not have a vote.

In the end, the stand taken by Parson, Allen and Couch was in support of Myers.

"There's nothing for me to ratify here," Couch said. Then, speaking to Coffman, he said: "You did the right thing. I have no issue with it. None."

The journey getting to the vote involved an hour-long discussion peppered with angry outbursts, accusations of playing politics, a possible skewing of facts and a demand by Allen to "call the question," shutting down discussion.

In making his case, Mobly elicited information from Coffman and GRCC employee Kristi Kreiling by posing questions to them.

He was interrupted at times by Allen and Myers.

Myers abstained from the vote because it involved her, but did not leave the dais during the discussion.

Mobly said that a time-line of events supported by documents, texts and emails show that Myers knew months in advance that the outdoor wedding

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## Allen shuts down debate, raising question of rules breach

BY KATHY CRUZ  
HOOD COUNTY NEWS

During the heated discussion that took place at Tuesday night's council meeting about council member Rose Myers' threat to sue the city, standard rules of procedure may not have been followed.

Twice during the meeting, council member Tony Allen interrupted others with a demand to "call the question."

Calling the question means

to vote on whether to vote. It can shut down further debate if enough members agree. It has not been a common practice among the Granbury City Council.

According to "Robert's Rules of Order Newly Revised," the person calling the question must have the floor.

Allen did not. Both times, he interrupted others.

Mayor Pro Tem Mickey Par-

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**TEARDROP ON HER CHEEK:** The statue of a young girl holding a folded flag will be dedicated Monday at the Law Enforcement Memorial, adjacent to Jim Burks Firefighters Memorial Park, 560 N. Travis St.

The dedication is part of the 9/11 Patriot Day and National Day of Service and Remembrance program set for 7-8:30 p.m. at the park.

## Patriot Day program will honor those who protect

BY DEBBIE SCHNEIDER  
HOOD COUNTY NEWS

Granbury's 9/11 Patriot Day ceremony will honor first responders and includes the dedication of the law enforcement statue at Memorial Lane and Jim Burks Firefighters Memorial Park, 550 N. Travis St.

The Patriot Day and National Day of Service and Remembrance program is set for 7-8:30 p.m. Monday.

It marks the date nearly 3,000 people died during terrorist attacks in 2001.

The Hood County Prayer Task Force has joined with some members of the new Memorial Lane Task Force to present the special service.

"This evening will be set aside as a time of unity and to seek God's continued grace and favor over our community," said Fred Orcutt

of the Prayer Task Force.

Bagpipes, group singing, scriptures and prayer are planned.

First responders who made the ultimate sacrifice and those who continue to serve will be recognized at the service. Families affected by the 9/11 terrorist attacks will be remembered.

New lighting at the park will be dedicated during the service.

Portable restrooms will be provided. Attendees are welcome to bring blankets or folding chairs.

In case of rain, the program will move inside City Hall, 116 W. Bridge St. Go to www.granburyministries.org to check on rain plan.

Transportation will be furnished from designated parking on Travis Street. For more information contact Julia Pannell, 817-308-7427.

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## Mother, 30, dies after head-on

BY BETHANY KURTZ  
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A Granbury mother of two young girls died after being hit by a suspected drunken driver Tuesday evening.

Samantha Payne, 30, was heading to pick up her daughters when her car was hit, family said.

Pedro Beltran, 53, of Granbury, was charged with intoxication assault, but police said the charge would be upgraded to intoxication manslaughter after Payne's death.

Payne was driving a Hyundai south on Morgan Street near First National Bank, Police Lieutenant Russell Grizzard said. Beltran was driving north on the same road.

"Beltran crossed the center lane divider and struck the Hyundai head-on," Grizzard said.

Payne was flown to a hospital, and the roadway was partially closed for about three and a half hours during the investigation, he said.

Payne died Thursday evening, said friend Tiffany Waddle.

Payne's mother-in-law, Tesha Phillips-Payne, said the family has set up an account at First Financial Bank for people to donate to help cover her medical bills. Donations can be made to account number 54110058325, Benefit For Samantha Payne.

Payne didn't have health insurance because she had just started a new job, Phillips-Payne said.

## Acton seventh-graders collect supplies for Houston students

BY BETHANY KURTZ  
HOOD COUNTY NEWS

Local seventh-graders are using their English skills and compassion to help students impacted by Hurricane Harvey.

Three Acton Middle School English teachers and their students are gathering donated school supplies to get the seventh-graders in Lisa Fegen's science classes at Frank Black Middle School in Houston ready

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# MYERS: Myers blames dirty politics, says no harm meant

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and indoor reception were not the only events scheduled for the GRCC that day in July.

He said he believes that Myers used the alleged over-booking as justification for cancelling the contract because she was angry that Coffman had accepted the resignation, sent amid of flurry of text messages after hours, of former GRCC Operations Manager Cleo Brown, who is her friend.

The resignation occurred about eight weeks before the wedding.

(Brown confirmed the friendship to the HCN but said that she is friends with other city officials as well.)

Text messages during that time between Myers and Coffman, obtained by the HCN, indicated that Myers was frustrated over that situation.

Mobly said he believes that, by contriving a reason to cancel the contract, Myers not only succeeded in getting a refund of her daughter's deposit, but a settlement that involved \$3,000 paid to another venue, free labor from city employees and items loaned from the GRCC, even though such loans are against policies that Myers helped create and adopt.

Regarding the refunded deposit, Mobly said it violated policy in two aspects.

First, he said, deposits are supposed to be 50 percent of the total rental cost. The deposit paid by Myers' daughter was less than that.

Also, full refunds are not given within a certain time frame prior to the event. Under the scenario with Myers and her daughter, a full deposit refund should not have been given, Mobly said.

In addition, both Mobly and Coffman said that the contract stated that the family would be renting the Lake Granbury Ballroom. If a certain number of hotel rooms are booked as part of the deal, the cost to rent the room is \$1,500.

Myers and her daughter were receiving the room for just \$900, with ancillary items such as chairs, dishes, candles and alcohol included.

Myers and Brown said that only areas five and six of the ballroom were going to be utilized.

Both women have denied any wrongdoing or any intention of Myers or her daughter receiving free goods and services.

## SEMANTICS

Discussions and other communications regarding the situation have included references to double- and triple-booking.

These terms can be confusing, since they may imply that the same space was booked by two or more parties.

That's not what happened. Myers and her family did not



Mobly

contract to rent the entire two-story conference center.

Two other events were scheduled at the GRCC that day.

One group ended up moving to the Hilton Garden Inn next door. The other group, a family reunion, was to meet upstairs.

The reunion was scheduled to conclude an hour and a half before the wedding, which was to take place under a tree by the lake, just outside the conference center.

According to city officials, it is not uncommon for separate events to take place at the GRCC simultaneously.

In fact, that is desired, since the city's goal is to lease out as much of the conference center's space as possible.

## WHY GO PUBLIC?

During the discussion in front of a full council chamber, Couch said, "When we choose to debate our differences on the front page of the Hood County News, this is the price we pay."

Several times during the meeting, Allen made angry, derogatory remarks about the newspaper, at least once eliciting applause.

Council members have expressed anger at times about Mobly's communications with the HCN.

Mobly explained on Thursday why he made the decision to go public with Myers' lawsuit threat.

He said that, when the council became aware that there was an issue involving Myers and the conference center, he asked Coffman to inform the council in advance if he intended to approve any concessions.

That didn't happen.

Mobly is angry, but not at Coffman. He said he feels that Coffman was placed under great pressure to grant the concessions, and that Coffman would have risked Myers' wrath if he had told the council about it.

Mobly also said that, even if the council had agreed during closed session to approve the settlement, a public vote would have been required.

At Tuesday night's meeting, Coffman told the council why he spoke to the HCN about the situation last month.

"As the city manager, I felt it was my job to share the truth with the newspaper," he said. "Some people didn't believe it was the truth. I can't help that. Some people disagree with me. I can't help that."

"But at the end of the day, I believe I did the right thing."

## HUH?

While speaking during the

council meeting, Coffman at one point became emotional.

"If we can all at least respect each other and move down the road, I think we'll be on the right path," he said.

Parson then told Coffman: "This is the story that you told me ... the exact story ... about the heartfelt conviction, about the pain and anguish that people have been caused because of our lack of ability to manage the conference center."

Parson then stated that he wanted "to make sure that people understand" that in conversations between the two of them, Coffman had said "nothing" about a lawsuit "or pressure, or anything like that."

He continued: "There wasn't any threat, any indication, in what you talked about tonight, that you were under some undue pressure because of some potential lawsuit."

Coffman did not respond. Myers, however, spoke next and, in doing so, seemed to confirm the lawsuit threat.

In fact, she never denied it to the HCN when the newspaper first broke the story two weeks ago.

"My effort to protect my daughter was the only time I ever brought up the fact that I would hire an attorney to protect her," she said, referring to her daughter as "this poor little girl."

Mobly said he was "confused" by claims that there had been no lawsuit threat.

"Chris, please tell me you didn't make up that part," Mobly said.

Coffman replied: "No, I did not make that up."

Mobly then said, "Because, most of the times we've talked, you've said that was part of the (settlement) decision process."

Coffman responded: "It was a risk management decision."

"And yet the council person involved just stated that she *did* make those (threats) to protect her family," Mobly said. "Is that correct?"

"That is correct," Coffman replied.

Apparently referring to Parson, Mobly then commented that statements that had been made on Coffman's "behalf" were "diametrically opposed" to what he had actually said.

## HUH? PART II

In a phone conversation with the HCN on Thursday, Parson asked whether the newspaper would be amending its reporting as to when Myers made the lawsuit threat.

He said it was his understanding that it had occurred after the settlement had been agreed upon.

When asked why Myers would threaten to sue *after* her demands had been granted, Parson said it was "clear" to him

that there was no indication that the city manager had been put "under duress" and that the lawsuit threat had to do with Open Records requests filed about the wedding.

However, that is not what Coffman said in an interview with the HCN on Tuesday, Aug. 22, nor is it what Mobly claims Coffman told him.

It also contradicts Coffman's statement at the council meeting that his agreement to grant Myers' demands was a "risk management" decision.

By definition, anything released through Open Records is public information.

Mobly said that he requested the documentation from Coffman and that Coffman provided it.

The HCN received documents related to the wedding through an Open Records request.

## SMOKING GUN?

Myers said her family had intended all along to pay for ancillary items such as dishes, cutlery, candles, chairs with sashes, etc., even though Coffman said there were no such details in the GRCC's folder.

With the settlement agreement, they got it all free.

Myers said that she was "just a mother that's just trying to protect her daughter" and that, with the release of "all this dirty information to the Hood County News... you start smelling dirty politics."

Myers is up for re-election in November and has an opponent.

"Our family meant no harm," she said.

Among city documents related to the wedding is an email from Myers' daughter to GRCC employee Kreiling at 10:22 p.m. on Sunday, June 4 - just days after Brown resigned and three days before the HCN published details of Myers' communications with Coffman regarding Brown's departure.

In the email, Myers' daughter listed the details that had been agreed upon "when we worked with Cleo."

She listed: 100 chairs for the outdoor ceremony; convention center space for the reception; flowers; bar servers and alcohol (red and white wine, Coors Light, Shiner Bock); decor (tables, linens, flower vases, draping, DJ stage, dance floor, two chandeliers, serving ware, Chiavari chairs with sashes, uplighting, Gobo, flicker candles, glass rounds for centerpieces; and a closed boat ramp for privacy during the wedding.

In bolded lettering, Myers' daughter stated that the price for those items and services was to be \$900.

She also sent the email to her mother.

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# SCHOOLS: Kindness taught

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for school to reopen, said teacher Atyka Ditto.

The students have also written letters for evacuees staying in Dallas shelters.

"I try to instill in my students' minds, we (the teachers) all do, that they can be the change that they want to see in our world today," Ditto said. "It isn't always about what you give, but in how much love is put forth into giving."

The students jumped at the opportunity to act.

"I've been wanting to help them," said student Sykora Hatten. "I feel bad for them, but I know they don't want to be pitied. Instead of pity, I wanted to do something to help."

The images of flooded homes and schools touched student Braiden Womack.

"I wish I could be there to help in person," Womack said.

The Acton students are collecting supplies for more than 200 students from the list Ferguson provided. On the list are:

- mesh backpacks
- combination locks
- composition notebooks
- pencils
- copy paper
- paper towels
- Kleenex
- colored pencils
- markers

Those who would like to add to the students' collection can drop off supplies at the school, Ditto said.

"I hope people know they are not alone, and others want to help," said student Amanda McLemore.

It's all about sending encouragement, said student Jack Barefoot.

"Maybe this will give them a little bit of hope to keep going on and not to give up. Maybe it will bring smiles and some joy to those that need it," Barefoot said.

Teaching the students to use their English skills to comfort others has been priceless, Ditto said.

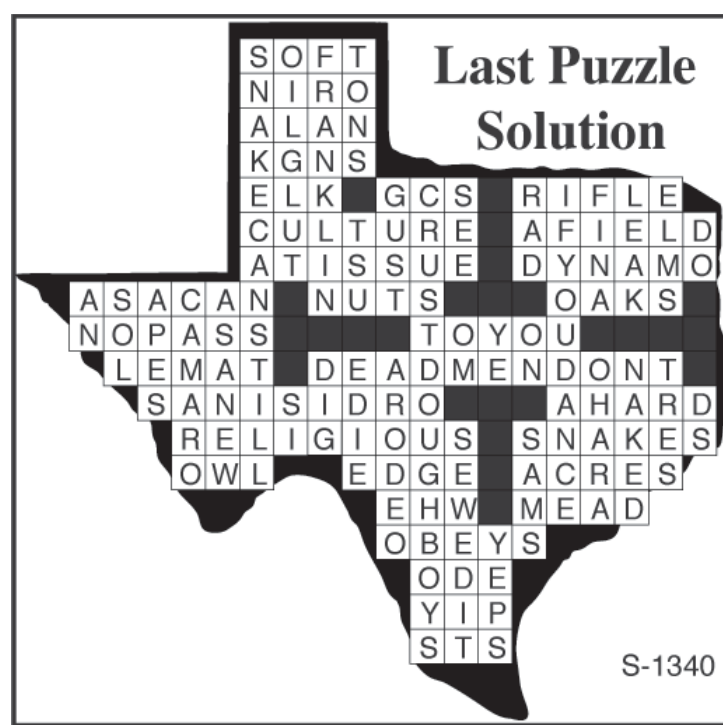
But most importantly, the students are helping fellow students and Texans, said fellow Acton English teacher Jenni Gilmer.

"We teach English language arts, but we also teach our students how to live in community with others," Gilmer said. "Even though students may not be able to help as much as adults, they can spread joy and kindness."

And the message is taking hold, she said.

"One student asked me if we would write letters to any victims of Hurricane Irma when it makes landfall," she said.

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# RULES: Interruptions shut down Coffman, Mobly

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son, who seconded Allen's call-the-question motion, said the council does not adhere to Robert's Rules of Order, although calling the question does spring from those guidelines.

City Manager Chris Coffman said it is true that the Granbury City Council has not adopted Robert's Rules of Order.

Even though the council does not adhere to Robert's Rules of Order, Allen may have violated the council's Rules of Procedure.

Under the heading "Duties and Privileges of Members" and the sub-heading "Right of floor," the rules state: "A City Council member who desires to speak must be recognized by the Presiding Officer."

The first time Allen interrupted discussion to call the question, Coffman was in mid-sentence and had just referred to "the current political climate."

Coffman was attempting to



Allen

answer a question posed by Mobly about the contract for the new city attorney. The council was about to vote on whether to hire the Hyde Law Firm.

Mayor Nin Hulet moved the hiring of the law firm higher on the agenda, prior to the controversial Myers discussion.

The other incident occurred later in the meeting, during the debate about Myers, whom Allen angrily defended.

Mobly had requested a public discussion about the matter.

He had just stated that there had "clearly" not been a level playing field when Myers made settlement demands to the city manager when Allen cut him off by commanding a call for the question.

Hulet, the presiding officer at council meetings, did not chal-

lenge the interjection.

According to Coffman, neither the city manager nor the city attorney has any role in enforcing governance policy or maintaining meeting decorum.

Hulet, who Coffman said Wednesday had left town on vacation, did not respond to a voice mail by press time.

During the council meeting, Mobly stated: "The folks out here and the folks that are watching TV have seen a theme tonight. And that is (that) when I start talking, we call for the question because we want to get this over with."

"I wanted to do a timeline of what's happened here and the incredible pressure that our city manager's been under."

Parson, who holds a different view from Mobly as to when Myers' lawsuit threat occurred, said Thursday that perhaps he and Allen "shouldn't have called for the question" so that

Mobly could have detailed his understanding of the timeline.

On Thursday morning, Allen told the Hood County News that he would answer the newspaper's questions only if the HCN would agree to pose specific questions to Mobly that he said he had not thought to ask during the council meeting and then publish those responses.

When the HCN refused, Allen then failed to answer questions and threatened to sue the newspaper.

Despite the HCN informing Allen that he had possibly violated rules of order during the council meeting, Allen texted this message to a reporter minutes after their phone conversation:

"You can't say that I refuse to answer the question, because I don't know the question."

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**WELCOME SITE: Pecan Baptist Church members are ready to welcome the community to their new building on Fall Creek Highway. The first service at the church's new home starts at 10 a.m. Sunday.**

## Pecan Baptist Church to open new church Sunday

BY BETHANY KURTZ  
HOOD COUNTY NEWS

Pecan Baptist Church will open a new chapter Sunday morning.

The church's congregation will dedicate its new facility at 10 a.m. at 7178 Fall Creek Highway just outside the Pecan Plantation front gates.

Community members are welcome to attend the dedication celebration and find out more about the church, administrative pastor Jerry Doherty said.

Moving from inside the

gated community of Pecan Plantation to the main road was strategic. The church is hoping to be more accessible to a larger community and become a base for mission work and church planting in Texas and internationally, pastor Steve Behrens explained.

Pecan Baptist is one of several churches planted by Granbury Baptist Church, he said.

The new building has a nursery, children and teen classrooms, a kitchen and office space along with a larger sanctuary for worship and fellowship.

# Hood County steps up to battle Harvey's devastation with chain saws, generosity

BY BETHANY KURTZ  
HOOD COUNTY NEWS

As the first waves of volunteers and relief workers return to Hood County from areas hit hard when Hurricane Harvey made landfall Aug. 25, stories of hardship and personal triumph are coming back with them.

Granbury apartment maintenance manager Brent Merriman traveled to Rockport on Aug. 30 armed with chainsaws, bug spray, food and water supplies.



Merriman

Close on his heels, Revolver Brewing and the Granbury Chamber of Commerce transported loads of donated water and supplies collected during a marathon day of giving.

"The overall experience is very humbling," Merriman said. "Each and every person I was able to help, and those I also got to meet that didn't need help, I will never forget them."

He spent three days in Rockport assisting in any way he could, he said, and not sleeping as his mind buzzed over everything he had seen.

"My first day I was there, I saw a state trooper on the side of the road. I pulled over and asked if he needed water. He said he needed a chain saw, and I told him I had two," Merriman said.

He and the trooper spent the morning clearing the piles of trees blocking the only two roads in and out of a neighborhood, he said.

The next day, he and six border patrol agents cleared huge, gnarled trunks from 31 driveways, he said. Some of the driveways had as many as 30 trees preventing the residents from leaving their homes.

He then volunteered for work crews organized by Operation Blessing, he said.

The people in Rockport are tough and determined, but are



TAMMIE HINES

**DONATIONS POUR IN: Chamber of commerce ambassadors Debbie Temple and Jan Hulett load donations from a community member on Aug. 30. Granbury and**

**Hood County residents and businesses donated so much in one day, two trucks had to be added to the conveyer headed south with Harvey relief.**



TAMMIE HINES

**WILLING HANDS: Workers unload supplies from Hood County at the Navarro Middle School evacuation cen-**

**ter in Rosenberg. The school was being used as a shelter for those displaced by Hurricane Harvey.**

not doing okay, he said.

"They may say they are fine, but is just a positive front. When you shake their hand and look in their eyes or hug them, they are not fine," he said.

Operation Blessing is calling for more volunteers in the Rockport area, he said.

Many of those who could not travel south gave generously

to the Fill the Truck campaign hosted by the chamber of commerce.

"Revolver Brewing provided several trucks loaded with pallets of bottled water, and another truck for the chamber to fill with non-perishable items," said Tammie Hines, communications director for the chamber. "The response from the

Granbury community was such that two more trucks were needed in order to accommodate all of the donations."

Supplies were dropped off in the city of Rosenberg at the Navarro Middle School shelter and the Tractor Supply warehouse which is supplying evacuation shelters, she said.

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## Drugs leave bitter taste, teen arrested

A Granbury teen was arrested during a traffic stop, after eating his marijuana during a traffic stop, said Public Information Officer



Diaz

after eating his said Sheriff's Of-Lt. Johnny Rose.

attempt to hide the evidence, Rose said.

Diaz was arrested and charged with tampering with evidence, a third-degree felony.

Around 6:30 p.m. on Sept. 1, deputies conducted a traffic stop at Jones and Rucker streets near the Weatherford College Education Center, Rose said.

During the stop, they saw Javier Diaz, 18, from Granbury, eat his marijuana in an

## Boyfriend arrested in choking case

At about midnight on Sunday, Hood County Sheriff's Office deputies were dispatched to the 3200 block of Lakeside Drive near Lakeside Hills for a disturbance, said Public Information Officer Lt. Johnny Rose.



Riggs

an argument, according to Rose.

The victim was not seriously injured during the incident, he said.

Riggs is charged with assault family violence/choking, a third-degree felony.

They discovered Brandon Lee Riggs, 21, had choked his 19-year-old girlfriend during

## Man arrested for violating protective order

On Sunday, deputies arrested a Granbury man on two charges of violating a protective order.



Sockol

tive order two or more times. The charge is a third-degree felony with a \$10,000 bond.

The warrant was served to Sockol in the 9300 block of Glen Rose Highway just north of the Hood County border, Rose said.

Michael Alling Sockol, 47, is accused of violating a protective order involving his girlfriend on Aug. 8 and 20, said sheriff's office Public Information Officer Lt. Johnny Rose.

He was arrested on a warrant for violation of a protec-

## Carter needs a ride

BY BETHANY KURTZ  
HOOD COUNTY NEWS

Carter Ledesma is 11 years old, and getting him into the car is starting to be a bit more than his mother can manage on her own.

Carter, who uses a wheelchair because of his spina bifida, has to be lifted into the family's SUV in order to go to church, Miracle League baseball games, the doctor's office or school, said his mother Natalie Collier.

Carter weighs about 175 pounds, and Collier said she is worried she may not be able to do it for much longer.

"It is just getting harder and harder to lift him up," she said and had been looking for a vehicle equipped to mechanically load Carter into the seat.

On Sept. 1, she got a call from Jerry Durant Toyota in Granbury that they had a used vehicle with the right equipment, Collier said.

"Carter would be able to load himself into that van," she said.

But when the dealership ran the finances, it was a crushing blow, Collier said.

A full-time hospice aide raising Carter and his 7-year-old sister on her own, she can't trade in her current vehicle because she owes more on it than it is worth, she said. And the financing agencies will not allow her to take on another vehicle payment even though her credit is good, she explained.

"I was in tears Friday (Aug. 31) when I got turned down," she said. "The van would help me transport Carter more properly. He is only going to get heavier, and my back can only take so much."

But she is not giving up hope. A friend has started a GoFundMe account to raise the \$21,000 to buy the van outright, Collier said.

By Thursday, the fund had raised more than \$2,000.



COURTESY

**MOVING AROUND: A single mom raising two children, Natalie Collier (left) is asking for some help affording a handicap-equipped van for her son Carter Ledesma (center). Natalie and Carter are seen here with Collier's younger daughter, Ashlynn Ledesma.**

She is hoping the community, their church family and others will help her reach her goal and be able to more safely load Carter for trips, she said.

"I know a lot of people, and

everyone loves Carter," Collier said.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

WHEN SHE SAYS I DO

It is a universal saying in a language we all understand. It is a day each one of us has dreamed about from our own perspective. From the moment a couple learns they are expecting, each parent fast forwards to the first birthday, the first kiss, an amazing achievement, graduation and of course the day they say, "I do."

Rose Myers dreams of her daughter Tyler's day is much like that of your own daughter or son. It is a wedding day that has been in the making since Tyler's birth.

From whom she will choose as her husband, to the rings, the cake, invitations and the perfect venue are carefully weighed decisions every bride meticulously makes with her mother by her side.

A wedding is a lifetime of planning. Tyler selected the Granbury Conference Center as the place to begin her new life with her then-groom-to-be Aaron Wood.

The busy work and spending of a wedding were in full force as excitement and anticipation filled the air.

Rose continued with wedding plans doing all possible to make this day the best it can be as Rose does in all things she is involved in.

Is there a mother or father that would not go to the ends of the earth to make their child's wedding day perfect? I surely know I will.

My own daughter is engaged, and we have now spent a year searching for a venue that is best for all participating and attending. Not an easy task. All details of a wedding are predicated upon the venue of choice.

Having said this, if just weeks before my daughter's upcoming wedding I was informed the facility was over booked, I would, as a mother, stop at nothing to right the wrong for my child as did Rose.

The settlement issued by the city manager to Tyler was a necessary bandage on a wound inflicted by poor planning by the Resort Conference Center.

As Mr. Coffman and Michael Ross have both stated, "It was the right thing to do."

They also made it clear that if it was any other citizen, they would not have done anything differently and would "look at it the exact same way."

Good decision made by good men.

Items loaned to Tyler and Rose for a wedding not held at the conference center is what should have happened considering the circumstances of undue stress and time restraint.

I too would accept any help offered if in the same situation.

On the other hand, Councilman Tony Mobly's position in this is different. He should have cause for concern being viewed

as "troublemaker who is always at odds with his colleagues on the council" as it is evident in his actions and words.

His apparent disdain for certain council members once again fueled a decision to press this matter and not to uphold the decisions made by both city managers. Always trying to shed the wrong light on others must be a busy occupation.

Back to when she says, "I do." If one looks at the many important and wonderful things happening in Granbury both past and present, Rose Myers is in the forefront saying I DO want to help.

She attends and assists in every charity and community event possible letting the citizens of Granbury know I DO care about you.

As a mother, she let Tyler know I DO want to do all possible to make your day as perfect as I can.

And she did. Who wouldn't?

Sandra W. Hemphill  
Granbury

WAITING FOR ANSWERS

Lies in the paper? I agree. The main lie in the paper is that this was about a wedding. It is not. What it is about is abuse of power by an elected official. Abuse of power involves "manipulating someone with the ability to punish them if they don't comply." Let me explain.

Our city has a long history of questionable transactions. We have our very own million dollar parking lot. We have a long-term boat dock lease when the city has no boat.

These are just two examples, and this case falls in line with those questionable self serving moves.

While we have an elected official that states she was unaware of the event details at the Granbury Resort Conference Center, there are several emails and text messages that directly contradict the narratives being played here.

Are you aware that the GRCC is a multi-event facility that can accommodate several events simultaneously?

This elected official and department head clearly knew that other events were booked for the same day as early as January 2017 (confirmed via emails). To say that this became an issue in June, defies logic.

There were many promises made and confirmed in emails that we were going to provide a room, ancillary items, and even bar service and alcohol for the event all for the extremely low price of \$900. The average citizen would have paid \$1,500 for just the room. (Email June 5, 2017)

This was about a public official continuously pressuring an employee (city manager) to do things that are unacceptable.

Among many of these intimi-

dating acts, the city manager was forced to keep an employee (department manager) that he knew wasn't a good fit only because she was the friend of said council person.

By telling the manager "If she goes, you're next," the city manager then has no authority to manage this employee. In effect, the employee can do whatever she would like with no repercussions.

Hardly the ideal situation for this city or its employees.

When this department manager resigned, suddenly it's the city manager's fault? (text message May 24)

At this point, our council person decides that the Granbury Resort and Conference Center (GRCC) and its staff and facility isn't adequate for her scheduled event. (Email June 7, 2017)

Not adequate? They had a wedding shortly after this manager's departure, and the GRCC received fantastic reviews for the services and facility provided.

The elected official wanted the city to make this right.

Instead of following the policy, written by a committee including this same elected official, she wanted more.

Since she is negotiating this settlement with her own employee (city manager), she may have an advantage.

For an event that was to cost her \$900 at the GRCC, she parlayed that into a \$5000 windfall with the simple threat of a lawsuit.

To top all that off, she even demanded her \$250 deposit back from the city. This is in direct violation of the contract she wrote while on the committee and that she signed Jan. 26, 2017.

Why, as elected officials, do some feel entitled? Don't some save that term for millennials?

As elected officials, we should hold ourselves to a higher standard, not just meet the minimum.

To turn this episode into a personal attack is an amusing attempt to take the focus away from the real issue. That issue has nothing to do with a young couple beginning their lives together. It has everything to do with taking full advantage of your position and negotiating from a position where you have all of the power.

As an elected official, I am charged with being a good steward of the taxpayers' dollars.

On a side note: I have reached out to this elected official and the department manager in question to educate me on this subject using facts and verifiable evidence.

Neither has accepted that invite. So I wait.

Tony Mobly  
Granbury City Council member

## Praying they would get outpouring of love too

Hurricanes are hard on everyone. They are hard to predict, hard to prepare for, harder to recover from.

It's difficult to watch it slam into the state you love, raking across the homes and lives of friends and neighbors with no regard for the struggles, triumphs and dreams it leaves scattered in its wake.

It's hard to brace for the coming hours and days with little to no information from loved ones, and then to endure the silence once it begins.

It's a struggle to know where to put your heart and efforts in the days that follow, to focus your desire to help into a useful manifestation.

THINK ABOUT IT



Bethany Kurtz  
Staff Writer

HOPING FOR THE BEST

In the aftermath of Hurricane Harvey, I spent hours sitting with families who had only a scant idea what would be left of their home when they returned.

They spoke of the years they worked, prayed and struggled to build their homes, gain financial security and build family ties, only to leave it behind, hoping for the best when they returned.

While they were present in body with me in the hotel lobbies, patios or families' homes, it was clear their minds and hearts were not. They eyes and voices showed they were adrift instead over the sea of confu-

sion, hope, despair and the dreadful unknown. I spoke with those from Hood County who had gone to the aid of small towns and communities most of us have never heard of and may never hear of again.

These volunteers waded through water, hoarded a little gas and gave generously of their heart's strength. They pulled people from the floodwaters and released them from their homes that had become prisons with bars installed by the wind.

Around Hood County, every relief opportunity was met with waves of generosity and enthusiasm. A hotel lobby overflowed with donations for families stranded with shrinking cash reserves. A conveyer headed south grew like magic as more trucks had to be sent to contain the outpouring of love and support.

I left every conversation emotionally exhausted, mentally overwhelmed and heartbroken. But I was also grateful for the lives that were saved, the wonderful hearts that were revealed and the beautiful im-

ages of love and unity.

SCARED FOR MY FAMILY

As I process all this at home, my eyes and heart turn to a new danger.

Hurricane Irma is hurtling, with 130 mph winds, countless gallons of water and an untold destructive force toward my family in Florida.

I pray for my sister-in-law and the nephew who may be born during the hurricane and my brother who only cares about their safety.

Like so many on the Texas coast only two weeks ago, they are staring into the eye of a storm, preparing for the worst, but hoping their prayers will deflect the blow.

They sound strong when we talk, but I know they are scared.

I'm scared for them.

I can only pray that after the rain comes and the wind blows, if they need it, they will witness the same outpouring of love and selflessness that I have seen across Granbury, Hood County and Texas this month.

I pray there will be a hand to pull them out, a hot plate of food and the offer of whatever they need to make it one more day.

Who knows, maybe this will finally force them to bring my little nephew to live in Texas.

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## Incompetence isn't all bad

There are interesting, important, difficult, demanding and ordinary jobs in the world.

Unfortunately, complaining about the outcome after a job is completed is common. At times, finished work displeases and annoys those expecting perfection.

An outbreak of furious words on how incompetence is growing among the wage earner seems to come freely, reference made on lack of pride in work and poor skills.

So it comes as no surprise in the belief that working men and women, along with businesses, have become sloppy.

But if serious thought is given to this issue maybe incompetence isn't all bad.

I'm not condoning or supporting it, but consider this.

Maybe this shortage of talent in some is a gift. All of us were not meant to be free of ineptness.

If everyone was an expert we would not be as appreciative for a job well done.

Think about this.

If you hired someone to fix something in your home and the work was not satisfactory, or didn't work after the repair, someone else would be called to complete it. The first worker's incompetence created a

GUEST COLUMN



Carol Cook

job for someone else.

How many times have we ranted about drivers on our roadways being unqualified to be driving a vehicle?

If they were proficient there wouldn't

they are perfect at everything they do.

I don't even want to think what would happen if every IRS employee was efficient and accurate. They wouldn't miss our mistakes on those confusing forms.

What if they never, ever experienced some form of miscalculating in their working career? See, we need a few distracted, disorganized people here and there.

There are advantages to incompetence at every turn in life, often beyond our comprehending.

A number of my family and friends have several levels of ineptitude, which on occasion has made me look pretty good. However, an example of my lacking skills occurred several years ago after booking a flight on an airplane.

Believing instructions given were followed correctly, an attempt was made to check in. Due to my bungling, the booking was not finalized, resulting in no seat on the flight. Thankfully a competent airline employee found another flight.

The airplane for which I botched the reservation had engine problems on takeoff.

Take my word for it, incompetence in all of us will at one time or another pay off.

be accidents; which means auto body shops would have no work, insurance agents wouldn't be needed and salespeople wouldn't be selling new cars.

Either of these cases would put people out of work, which is not good for the economy.

Mull this over.

If every homebuilder, plumber, appliance repairman, financial advisor or banker did everything right we would have fewer jobs.

Or, what if government employees did their job perfectly correct every time? There would be no need for others to right the mistakes they make.

NO ONE'S PERFECT

Seriously, some of us just aren't as capable as we like to believe, while others presume

YOUR TURN

## How will the Dallas Cowboys do this year?



Morris Hesselstine

"The Giants did beat them twice last year. I do think they will have a winning season this year."



Gunny Simpson

"I'd be surprised if they go 8-8. They don't seem to have cohesion like in the past, especially on the line."



Fay De Marque

"There sure is a lot going on with them. But I do love Dak Prescott and that other guy Ezekiel Elliott."



Al Hansen

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## Palms cast tropical spell

While it may not be the Gulf Coast, this area of Texas has its fair share of waterside living - lakes, rivers, canals, streams and ponds.

This proximity to water prompts many homeowners to install tropical-inspired landscapes.

### GARDEN PATCH



Perhaps no plant sets the mood for waterside living better than a palm tree. Everything about their appearance, from fronds, which sway and rustle in the wind, to their prominent trunks, casts a tropical spell, especially when combined with complementary landscape and architectural elements.

Fortunately, some palms will endure freezing winters, but buyers beware. Less hardy palms dominate the available selections in many garden centers.

Purchase well-labeled plants from reputable nurseries to ensure hardiness. When planting a palm in fall, be sure to purchase a larger plant with well-developed roots. Late spring/summer is the ideal time to plant new palms. Unlike other plant species, they establish best when the weather is warm.

Know a palm's expected mature size before purchase. It's difficult to trim and prune a very large palm, so choose one that grows no larger than the available space.

Always select a palm that is reliably winter hardy, which sometimes means the trunk survives and the foliage dies. Dead and winter-damaged fronds are unsightly and should be removed. New fronds will emerge from the top of the



PHYLIS WEBSTER

**EASY BREEZY:** Perhaps no plant sets the mood for waterside living better than a palm tree, shown here growing in Granbury.

trunks. Palms grow best in loose, well-drained soil. They require full sun for symmetrical vertical growth.

In North Central Texas, select a planting site on the south or east side of a structure to best protect the tree from winter winds.

For additional protection, site the palm close to fences, alcoves, walls or other hardscape elements that reflect and hold heat.

Palms like the same high nitrogen fertilizer that is used on lawns, provided it is free of weed-killing additives.

Keep the plant roots moist, especially during winter. You will need to water the tree root area with a hand-held hose for several weeks to get it established.

Also, to protect a palm from harsh winter weather, water its root zone a few days in advance of a hard freeze. Dry plants always suffer more than hydrated plants. In winter, wrap palm trunks in several burlap layers secured with duct tape. Do not use plastic.

The hardiest palm trees for North Texas landscapes include Sabal palm (*Sabal palmetto*), Texas sabal (*Sabal texana* or *Sabal mexicana*), windmill palm (*Trachycarpus fortunei*) and California fan palm (*Washingtonia filifera*).

For answers to your horticulture questions, please call the Texas AgriLife Extension, Hood County at 817-579-3280 or go online to visit [lakegranburymastgardeners.org](http://lakegranburymastgardeners.org).

## Learn about butterflies at free program Sept. 20

Want to know more about monarch butterflies? Lake Granbury Master Gardener (LGMG) Deborah Rollins will present a program about monarch migration and tagging at the LGMG's regular monthly meeting Wednesday, Sept. 20.

It begins at 1 p.m. in Annex 1, 1410 W. Pearl St., Granbury.

Rollins is a certified Earth-Kind specialist and a member of the Monarch-Watch Team for two years.

She helps track the annual migration of monarch butterflies from Canada to Mexico, which goes through Hood County.

The Monarch Watch Team is a cooperative network of students, teachers, volunteers and researchers dedicated to the study of the monarch butterfly.

Attendance at this program is free and open to the public.

For more information, contact the AgriLife Extension by telephone at 817-579-3280, fax: 817-408-2533, email: [hood-tx@tam.u.edu](mailto:hood-tx@tam.u.edu) or online at [agrilife.org](http://agrilife.org).



GARY MARKS

**DINNER'S SERVED:** This monarch butterfly feasts on a wild thistle in a Texas pasture. Learn about the mighty monarchs Sept. 20 during a free program in Granbury.

# RON MASSINGILL

★ FOR COUNTY JUDGE ★



Attorney, Veteran, and local rancher Ron Massingill intends to run for Hood County Judge in the Republican primary this March. Ron has been married to Brenda Hall Massingill whose family has owned the Black Diamond H Ranch in Hood County for approximately 100 years. The nearly century old ranch has offered employment to Granbury residents for many years. Ron is a native Texan growing up in El Campo where he learned the rigors of hard work on a cotton farm.

The recent unwarranted attacks against our law enforcement and conservatives have become a concern for Ron, and are what has prompted his decision to run for County Judge. Ron has proudly served his Country during the Vietnam War, and upon his retirement from his law firm, looks forward to serving his community full-time as County Judge. Massingill's primary focus will be on safety and spending control of the taxpayer's money.

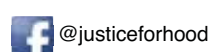
The Massingill's have been long-time supporters of their community. Each year they hold an Elk Chili Cookout for peace officers in Hood and the surrounding counties. They open up their ranch to law

enforcement on a routine basis for target shooting and weekend retreats. Following the announcement this summer by the Texas Legislature to observe July 7<sup>th</sup> Fallen Officers Day, Ron and Brenda began the Fallen Officers Day Benefit in Hood County. This event raised over \$17,000.00 for seriously injured officers and families of fallen officers. Brenda is Captain of the Hood County Sheriff's Posse, and Ron is a member.

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Massingill's extensive career as an attorney will bring the much needed expertise to the position of County Judge with the ever-changing social issues that are targeting our society. Ron believes our forefathers were absolutely ingenious in their creation of our Constitution. He is a strong constitutionalist, and always looks to our Nation's and State's Constitutions first in following the law. Ron has always given credit to his faith in Christ for any success he may achieve. Ron and Brenda are members of Triple Cross Cowboy Church in Granbury.

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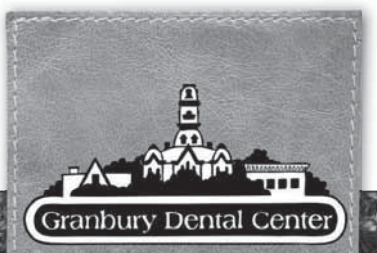
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**HOMECOMING COURT:** Granbury High School Homecoming festivities are Sept. 25-30. Queen and King nominees are (front from left) Kyleigh Land, Kendall Carroll, Kylee Sparks, Zoe Strickland and Maddie Tatum. Back from left: Ryan Dimas, Isaiah Garcia, Andrew Dunn, Maclane May and Hunter Meroney.

## Homecoming Court announced Granbury High School parade Sept. 25; football game Sept. 29

Granbury High School has announced the 2017 Homecoming Court.

King nominees are Ryan Dimas, Andrew Dunn, Isaiah Garcia, Maclane May and Hunter Meroney.

Queen candidates are Kendall Carroll, Kyleigh Land, Kylee Sparks, Zoe Strickland and Maddie Tatum.

Homecoming festivities will be Sept. 25-30 with the theme of

"There's No Place Like Homecoming."

The Homecoming parade will begin at 7 p.m. on Monday, Sept. 25. The parade will be staged at Decker Field and will proceed from Hannaford Street west down Pearl Street to the high school. A spirit rally and fireworks display will follow at Pirate Stadium beginning at about 8 p.m.

On Friday, Sept. 29, an alumni

reception will be held from 5:30-6:30 p.m. in the school cafeteria. The Lady Pirate volleyball team will host Burleson at 5:30 p.m. in the James Wann Sports Center. Kickoff for the Granbury-Burleson football game will be at 7:30 p.m.

During halftime festivities, the Homecoming Queen will be crowned. Also to be recognized will be the Coming Home Queen, a representative of the

GHS Class of 1967. The Homecoming King will be announced during a morning pep rally earlier that day.

The GHS Student Council will host a semi-formal Homecoming Dance on Saturday, Sept. 30 from 7:30-11:30 p.m. in the high school courtyard.

A complete schedule is available on the GHS website at [www.granburyisd.org/homecoming](http://www.granburyisd.org/homecoming).

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### Acton cheerleaders

Acton Middle School cheerleaders are (front from left) Elise Wilkinson, McKenna Pack, Abbie Roop and Halli Eagle (captain). Back from left: Scout Skaggs, Hannah Baker, Malakye Harris and Sarah Wilson. Autumn Lane is the sponsor.



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### Granbury cheerleaders

Granbury Middle School cheerleaders are (front from left) Mackenzie Scott, Abby Briley, Maddie Bills (captain) and Reese Holmgren (co-captain). Back from left: Georgia Myers, Aryane Clark and Lillie Davis. Elizabeth Parks is the sponsor.

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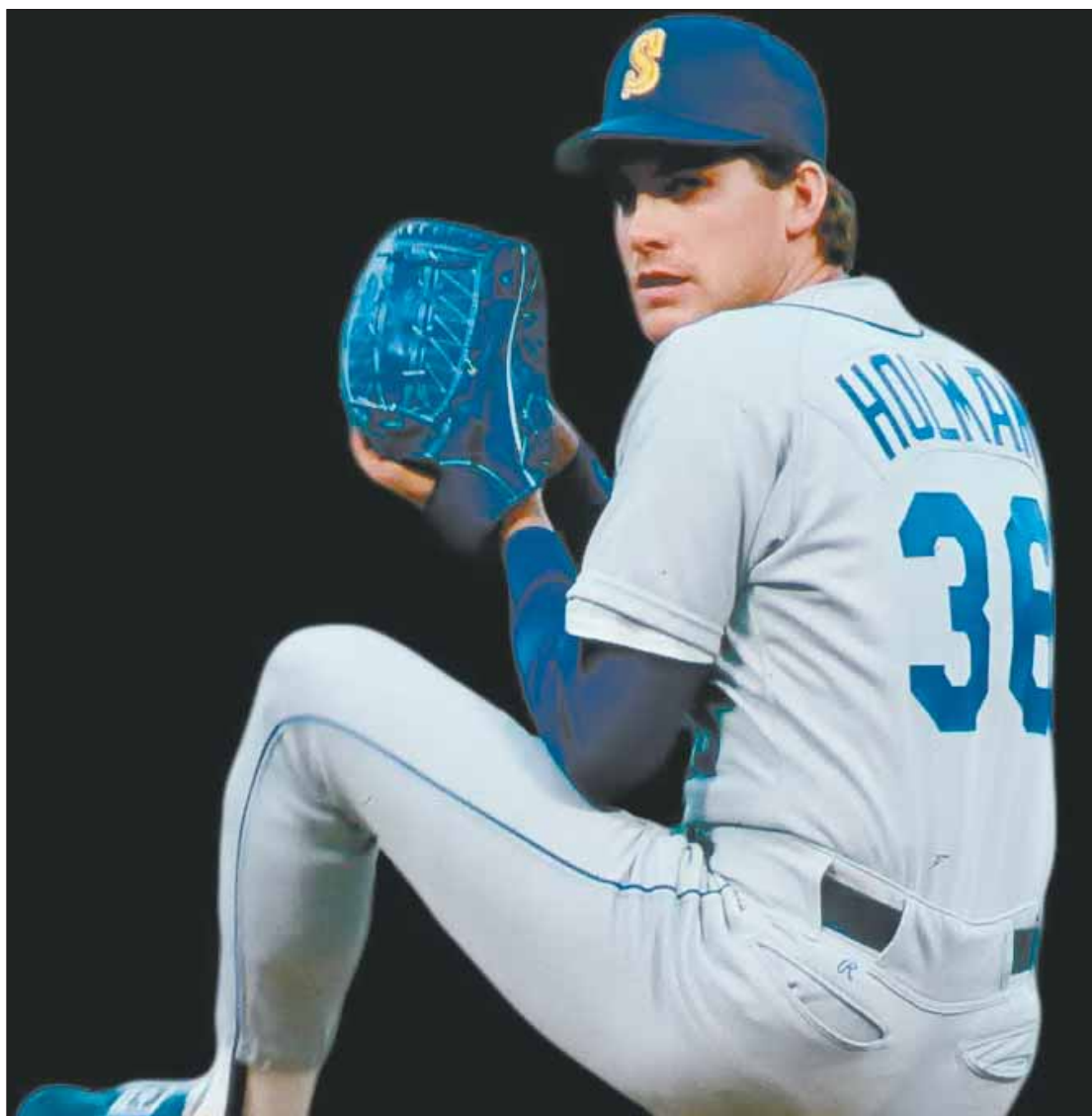
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threw 15 complete games including 6 shutouts in six-years and was once an out away from throwing a perfect game



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**A PASSION FOR COACHING:** Holman, 52, is excited to begin working with the youth baseball players of Hood County and the surrounding areas at Texas Edge. He

said coaching is his "calling" and credits some of his former coaches in high school and the pros with molding him as a player and a person.

## Texas Edge baseball's new edge is a former MLB pitcher

BY GRANT MCGALLIARD  
HOOD COUNTY NEWS

have come off the field.

### MAJOR LEAGUE TALENT

Brian Holman, a former major-league pitcher who spent time with the Montreal Expos and Seattle Mariners, became the newest member of the Edge coaching and training staff on June 1.

Holman was the 16th overall pick in the 1983 draft. After rising through the Expos' organization and a trade to the Mariners, he threw 14 complete games in two and a half seasons with Seattle before an arm injury prematurely ended his playing career at the age of 26.

Since then, he's been coaching and giving lessons, building up 25 years of experience that he'll take to Granbury and to Edge.

He comes from a baseball family; his stepfather pitched in the majors, and his brother Brad is the bullpen coach for the Texas Rangers.

But it's not Holman's major league resume that has Mitchum excited - or, at least, it's not the most important thing.

"We were ready to grow, but we needed someone to guide us," Mitchum said. "This was a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity.

"Brian is just like us. He's not in this for the money ... if he wanted to, he could be using his name to sell cars or something. "It's not about the money. It's about the kids."

Holman feels the same way, he says. He started looking to move to Texas from Colorado earlier this year to move closer to his daughter, who works at Cook's Children's Hospital in Fort Worth.

His wife came to check out the Edge facilities and was immediately impressed with what she saw. She met with Steve's son Matt, a coach at Edge, and told her husband that the program was exactly what they

were looking for.

"It was very apparent right away that this was a cool place," Holman said. "They care about kids - they want the kids to be good people first and good ball-players second."

### A PERFECT FIT

It's easy, when talking to both Holman and Mitchum, to see why the former major leaguer fits in well at Edge.

Holman, an affable man, talked effusively about his calling to coach and train the next generation of kids. He, Mitchum and the rest of the Edge staff all share the view that their program is unique because it focuses on players before they reach the high school level.

"We're as serious about the 6-13 age group as most are about college prep," Mitchum said. "We focus on the youth probably more than most of all of (other training programs)."

"If we can get kids to the point where they're prepared for high school, they'll stick with the game longer," Holman said. "The emphasis is on fundamentals and life skills."

Holman knows plenty about that. During a rough upbringing in Colorado, he said he turned to baseball as his "safety net" and relied on his high school coaches for guidance.

Once he reached the major leagues, he had several coaches that influenced him, perhaps none more so than former Montreal farm system coach Joe Kerrigan. In addition to Holman, Kerrigan coached Hall-of-Famer Randy Johnson in his formative years; Johnson was part of the same trade that sent Holman to the Mariners.

"His philosophy was 'if they do well, that means I make the big leagues too,'" Holman said. That meant taking his pitchers out to dinners, talking to them

more about life and personal situations than baseball and forming a real relationship outside of the baseball diamond.

It's these experiences that led Holman to seek a career in coaching and training after his playing career ended.

"It's such a calling to get involved," Holman said. "I want to pass on the knowledge I've learned, and it's a blast to coach kids."

He'll join a staff of coaches that focus on development first and on-field results second. Having fun, Holman says, is the number one goal.

Still, there's no denying that trophies are a nice motivator to work hard. And at Edge, those trophies can come in bunches.

"What I love about development is that it's not about winning," Holman said.

"But we win a lot."

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Brief Explanatory Statements of Proposed Constitutional Amendments Special Election, November 7, 2017

**Proposition Number 1 (HJR 21)**  
HJR 21 proposes a constitutional amendment that would permit the Texas legislature to expand the circumstances under which a partially disabled veteran or their spouse may qualify for an exemption from ad valorem taxation of part of the market value of the veteran's residence homestead. Currently, the Texas legislature may provide that a partially disabled veteran or their spouse is entitled to an exemption from ad valorem taxation of a percentage of the market value of the disabled veteran's residence homestead only if the residence homestead was donated to the disabled veteran by a charitable organization at no cost to the veteran. The amendment would allow the Texas legislature to provide that the exemption also may be taken when the residence homestead was donated, sold, or transferred to the disabled veteran by a charitable organization for less than the market value of the residence homestead. The amendment also harmonizes certain related provisions of the Texas Constitution.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment authorizing the legislature to provide for an exemption from ad valorem taxation of part of the market value of the residence homestead of a partially disabled veteran or the surviving spouse of a partially disabled veteran if the residence homestead was donated to the disabled veteran by a charitable organization for less than the market value of the residence homestead and harmonizing certain related provisions of the Texas Constitution."

**Proposition Number 2 (SJR 60)**  
SJR 60 proposes a constitutional amendment to require that certain conditions be met for the refinancing of a home equity loan to be secured by a voluntary lien on a homestead. The amendment also would: redefine what is excluded in the calculation of the cap on fees associated with a home equity loan, lower the cap from 3% to 2% of the original principal amount of the extension of credit, and specify that such fees are in addition to any bona fide discount points used to buy down the interest rate. The amendment would further specify the list of authorized lenders to make home equity loans, change the threshold for an advance of a home equity line of credit, allow agricultural property owners to acquire home equity loans, and update technical terminology in the Texas Constitution. The amendment would be effective on January 1, 2018, and applicable only to a home equity loan made or refinanced on or after that date.

The proposed amendment would appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment to establish a lower amount for expenses that can be charged to a borrower and removing certain financing expense limitations for a home equity loan, establishing certain authorized lenders to make a home equity loan, changing certain options for the refinancing of home equity loans, changing the threshold for an advance of a home equity line of credit, and allowing home equity loans on agricultural homesteads."

**Proposition Number 3 (SJR 34)**  
SJR 34 proposes a constitutional amendment that would prevent certain office holders from serving indefinitely beyond the expiration of their term. Office holders who are appointed by the Governor and confirmed by the Senate and receive no salary would only be able to serve until the last day of the first regular session of the Texas legislature that begins after their term expires.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment limiting the service of certain office-holders appointed by the governor and confirmed by the senate after the expiration of the person's term of office."

**Proposition Number 4 (SJR 6)**  
SJR 6 proposes a constitutional amendment that would allow the Texas legislature to require any court that is hearing a challenge to the constitutionality of a state statute to notify the attorney general of that challenge, if the party raising the challenge notifies the court that the party is challenging the constitutionality of such statute. Additionally, the amendment would allow the Texas legislature to set a period of not more than 45 days following the notification to the attorney general that the court must wait before rendering a judgment that a state statute is unconstitutional.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment authorizing the legislature to require a court to provide notice to the attorney general of a challenge to the constitutionality of a state statute and authorizing the legislature to prescribe a waiting period before the court may enter a judgment holding the statute unconstitutional."

**Proposition Number 5 (HJR 100)**  
HJR 100 proposes a constitutional amendment to provide a more detailed definition of "professional sports team" for purposes of their charitable foundations, which the Texas legislature may permit to hold charitable raffles. The amendment also deletes a requirement that an eligible professional sports team charitable foundation permitted by the Texas legislature to hold charitable raffles had to be in existence on January 1, 2016.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment on professional sports team charitable foundations conducting charitable raffles."

**Proposition Number 6 (SJR 1)**  
SJR 1 proposes a constitutional amendment that would allow the Texas legislature by general law to provide that a surviving spouse of a first responder who is killed or fatally injured in the line of duty is entitled to receive an exemption from ad valorem taxation from all or part of the market value on the surviving spouse's residence homestead, as long as the surviving spouse has not remarried since the death of the first responder. It would also allow the Texas legislature to provide that the surviving spouse, who qualifies and receives the exemption and then qualifies a different property as the surviving spouse's residence homestead, receive an exemption from ad valorem taxation of the different homestead in an amount equal to the dollar amount of the exemption of the first homestead for which the exemption was received in the last year in which the surviving spouse received the exemption for that first homestead. Like the initial exemption, this benefit will only remain available if the surviving spouse has not remarried since the death of the first responder. The proposed amendment would apply only to ad valorem taxes imposed for a tax year beginning on or after January 1, 2018.

The proposed amendment would appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment authorizing the legislature to provide for an exemption from ad valorem taxation of all or part of the market value of the residence homestead of the surviving spouse of a first responder who is killed or fatally injured in the line of duty."

**Proposition Number 7 (HJR 37)**  
HJR 37 proposes a constitutional amendment that would allow the Texas legislature to make an exception to the law regarding the award of certain prizes. Currently, the Texas Constitution requires the Texas legislature to pass laws prohibiting lotteries, raffles, and other programs where the award of gifts is based on luck or chance. The proposed amendment would make an exception to this general rule to allow the Texas legislature to authorize credit unions and other financial institutions to institute programs which, in order to encourage savings, would award prizes based on luck or chance to the credit union's or financial institution's customers.

The proposed amendment would appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment relating to legislative authority to permit credit unions and other financial institutions to award prizes by lot to promote savings."

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## Cooling water means fall turnover

This is a timely topic I usually discuss every year. It just seems to be happening a little early this year.

Lake turnover, as most of us know it, is the mixing of the lower layer of the lake with the upper layer of water. In summer, the water is typically separated/stratified, with warmer water above the thermocline and cooler water with depleted oxygen levels that typically cannot sustain life below the thermocline.

As the water surface cools in the fall, the heavier cooler water sinks and the warmer water below rises, which is what we call "lake turnover."

Most folks recognize the initial turnover process due to the rotting debris coming to the surface, so the lake actually "stinks." Eventually, after this initial turnover, the temperature and oxygen levels are essentially the same from the surface to the bottom of the lake.

This gives the fish more room to roam and is probably one of the reasons behind folks saying that fishing is tough during turnover.

Initial turnover in some areas of the lake may actually lower oxygen levels due to rotting debris rising to the surface.

Not all bodies of water have turnover. Small reservoirs and reservoirs subject to lots of wind may not turn over.

The wind may mix the lake all the time, which means the body of water may never get a chance to stratify in the summer.

Our Lake Granbury does stratify, and the initial cooling has started the lake turnover. Turnover continues to occur as long as the surface is cooling.

Fall turnover is a necessary evil, but eventually this leads to better conditions for the fish (cooler water), which signals the change in season. If you head

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out and you believe the turnover is occurring as the fish are not feeding, try it again in a week.

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Granbury water temperatures are falling slowly, and turnover is starting and stopping depending on the day. Water temperatures are still in the low-to-mid 80s and will continue to fall with passing cool fronts.

Black bass to 6 pounds are good on soft plastics on main lake points, and some are moving into the back of sloughs early and late. The shad, sunfish are thick in the creeks bringing in the predators.

Keeper stripers were slow to fair on the lower ends this weekend. Crappie fishing reports are getting better.

Slabbing for small stripers and sand bass are good on the lower end, by Indian Harbor and near the shores in 12 to 18 feet of water. Look for schooling fish early and late.

Squaw Creek black bass continue to be best on the north end of the reservoir on soft plastics near structure. Tilapia are in these same areas and are good on worms fished under a cork.

On other reservoirs, Whitney stripers to 15 pounds are possible on live bait and slabs near the Whitney/Towash Creek area and the flats upstream from the Katy Bridge.

PK stripers are also good near Broadway on live shad fished 20 to 25 feet down in 30 to 50 feet.

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THE TEAM TO BEAT: Senior McKenna Tatum (5) and her Tolar teammates are riding a good run of form recently, with Tuesday's five-set loss to Rio Vista just a bump in the road. They'll take on Eastland, a team they've already beaten once this season, on Tuesday.

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## Volleyball roundup: more tough competition for Granbury, CCA wins big

BY GRANT MCGALLIARD  
HOOD COUNTY NEWS

Hood County volleyball teams were in action Tuesday night, and all of them were on the road.

Here's a look at how each one fared.

### GRANBURY HANGS TOUGH AT WEATHERFORD

The Granbury Lady Pirates were right in their match against Weatherford on Tuesday for the first two sets before Weatherford managed to pull away in the third.

Granbury fell 25-17, 25-20 and 25-10 in straight sets to Weatherford. The loss dropped Granbury to 9-19 this season.

Mandy Withey led the Lady Pirates with five kills, with Payton Bell's four kills right behind her. McKenzie Scott added two aces.

The Lady Pirates have had the unfortunate luck of playing some of the top teams in the state in recent weeks. Weatherford is ranked No. 11 in Class 6A, and Granbury beat the No. 23 team in Class 4A in Ste-

phenville last week.

Now, Granbury is beginning its district season, where they'll face easier competition. No District 9-5A school is ranked in the top-25, which means Granbury still has a very good chance of qualifying for the playoffs, especially since they've been battle-tested against some of the best teams in Texas.

The Lady Pirates played Arlington Seguin last night on the road. They'll take on Crowley Tuesday at home at 6:30 p.m.

### TOLAR FALLS IN FIVE SETS

A back-and-forth match for the Tolar Lady Rattlers ended in a five-set defeat against Rio Vista Tuesday night.

Tolar lost 25-19, 10-25, 25-18, 23-25 and 13-15.

The Lady Rattlers now stand at 16-14 after the loss in the first year of head coach Scotty Miller's current term with the team. They'll begin district play at the end of September.

In Tolar's district, both Peaster and

Brock rank in the 3A top-25. The Lady Rattlers will automatically qualify for the playoffs, but the district season offers a chance for growth and practice against top-quality teams.

Tolar faced off against Dublin on Friday night. They'll play Eastland on the road Tuesday, with JV action starting at 4:30 p.m.

### CORNERSTONE BEATS STEPHENVILLE FAITH

The Cornerstone Christian Academy Lady Crusaders earned a big win over Stephenville Faith Academy Tuesday.

CCA won 25-17, 25-23 and 25-15, sweeping Stephenville. Stevie McCoy had 19 kills and Annabelle Steed had eight. Baylee Morton had eight blocks and nine kills, while Reagan Ives added 25 assists.

Cornerstone head coach Richard Lauer said he saw "great concentration on blocking and serving and a big improvement on defense."



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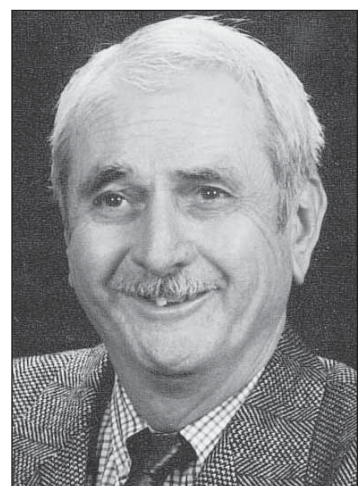
## William (Bill) Daniel Marlar

William (Bill) Daniel Marlar was born July 18, 1966 in Santa Fe, New Mexico to Gomer and Lena Marlar. Moved to Granbury at age 5 and lived and worked here until 1999 when his job moved him to Rowlett, Texas. The Lord called him home Sept. 1, 2017. He is survived by his wife Sandra, daughter Shara Mason and husband J.D., two grand-

children Brinklee and Blake, daughter Sheila and husband Darryl Perry, grandsons Daniel and Jacob. He was preceded in death by his father and two brothers, Larry and Tom. Memorial service: Sept. 16 at 11 a.m. The Journey Church, 9100 Chapin Road, Fort Worth, Texas.

## Jessie James McCauley

Jessie James McCauley, former resident of Granbury, was born May 3, 1925 near Desdemona, Texas and died Sept. 5, 2017 San Antonio, Texas.



loved wife Mary Jane Schanck. She preceded him in death this year.

Graveside service: 11:00 AM, Wednesday, September 13, 2017, Holly Hills Memorial Park. Memorial service: 2:00 PM, Wednesday, September 13, 2017, Wiley Funeral Home, Granbury. Jimmy passed away peacefully surrounded by family. His spirit was released from a worn out shell of a body and is now united with those that have gone before. He was a Beloved son, brother, father, grandfather, cousin and uncle. His family was the most important thing in his life. Jimmy enlisted in the US Navy during World War II immediately following his graduation from Granbury High School in 1942. After the war he attended SMU and graduated with a business degree. He represented White Stag for 27 years. He then opened his own store in Ft. Worth called Mary McCauley which was one of the finest specialty shops in town. Retiring in 1998 he spent his later years entertaining friends and doting on his grandchildren. He was married in 1954 to his be-

He is survived by two children, Maggie Thompson of San Antonio and Marc McCauley of Ft. Worth, Grandchildren Forrest and Claire Sledge and Lauren and Sam McCauley along with many cousins, nieces and nephews. He loved them all so very much. Everyone who remembers him is asked to celebrate his life in their own way. Raising a glass of their favorite beverage in his memory would be appropriate. Wiley Funeral Home made arrangements.

## Lloyd Kennedy

Lloyd Kennedy, 89, passed away on Sunday, September 3, 2017. Memorial service: 12:00 PM, Monday, September 11, 2017, Granbury Church of Christ, Interment: 9:15 AM, Monday, September 11, 2017, Dallas Fort Worth National Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made for Hurricane Harvey relief c/o www.granburycoc.net, memo box - Lloyd Kennedy.



Lloyd (formal name James Lloyd Kennedy) was born on January 28, 1928, 2 1/2 miles southwest of Clyde, Texas at his grandmother's house out in the country. Wink, Texas was his home for a few years until the family moved to Haskell, Texas. He was the oldest of eight children, two boys and six girls. He enjoyed the loving support of a VERY HARD WORKING mother and Father, Mary Jo Kennedy and James W. Kennedy, and the aforementioned brother and sisters. The Church of Christ was his affiliation for all of his 89 years. He served as an Elder at Bering Drive Church of Christ in Houston.

Lloyd attended all years of public grade and high school at Haskell. He entered Abilene Christian College on June 4, 1945. He attended college for a year and a half at ACC after which, on August 20, 1946, he entered the Army. Basic training was at Fort Belvoir, Virginia, and he then transferred to Holabird Signal Depot for Counter Intelligence Corps training. Subsequently he was assigned to company headquarters in Kyoto, Japan. His responsibilities included preparing an intelligence report for distribution throughout the Far East military offices. The date of his discharge was December 8, 1947, and afterward he returned to Texas to re-enter Abilene Christian in the spring of 1948.

Lloyd was married to Betsy Maude Kindred, who incidentally asked him out for the first date, on August 20, 1949. He

graduated from ACC in 1950. He was employed by Shell on September 25, 1950. Retirement from Shell occurred on February 1, 1988. His Shell assignments took him to Kilgore, Texas, New Orleans, Louisiana, Compton, California, New York City, and Houston, where he spent the vast majority of his career. While working full time, he earned an LL.B. at South Texas College of Law in 1964. He was recognized for finishing first in his law school class. After he transferred to the New York City office of Shell in 1966, he earned a second law degree, an LL.M. at NYU, in 1969. He was preceded in death by his parents and two of his sisters: Glenda and Marjorie.

Lloyd is survived by his wife Betsy Kennedy, children: James L. Kennedy Jr. "Jim" and wife Jo, Kerry Kennedy Carlton and husband Kirk, and Sue Anne Kennedy Braddock and husband Randy, grandchildren: Marla Hartsell and husband Lance, Leah Welch and husband Brian, David Carlton and wife Sonya, Dane Carlton and wife Abby, Sarah Ellis and husband Hunter, Brittan Braddock and Brooke Braddock, five great grandchildren, four sisters: Janelle, Sandra, Mary, and Martha and one brother: Weldon, and many accomplished nieces and nephews.

## Syble Rains

Syble Rains, 77, of Granbury, passed away on Sunday, September 3, 2017. No services are planned at this time.

Syble was born on February 5, 1940 in Fort Worth, Texas to Margaret and Emmett Stapleton, Sr. Spending time with her grandchildren and great grandchildren was one of her favorite things to do. She especially enjoyed the times when they were little. She loved watching westerns, wrestling and old detective shows. She was a great cook and her specialty was "moon biscuits". She loved music especially Mariachi bands. She also liked shopping. She was preceded in death by her parents, sons: Michael Anthony Stephenson and Terry Lee Rains, daughter: Virginia Louise Rains, and brother: Marvin Ray Stapleton.

Syble is survived by sons: Mark Allen Stephenson, and Timothy Lynn Rains, daughters: Letta Jeanette DeLeon and husband Eliseo and Sandra



Marie Westbrook and husband Tim, 14 grandchildren, 18 great grandchildren, brothers: Emmitt "Butch" Stapleton Jr. and wife Mary, and Philip Flories, sisters: Bonita Flories and husband Mike, Patricia Sherrin, and Stephanie Alexander, and sister-in-law, Sandra Kay Stapleton. Wiley Funeral Home made arrangements.

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# You need bibs with these ribs

When Somervill's not cooking, he's writing

BY DEBBIE SCHNEIDER  
HOOD COUNTY NEWS

Charles Somervill likes to cook ribs. And he always makes extra.

"We buy the ribs when they are on sale," Charles said. "We get the pork back or baby back ribs. They have different names at different stores."

But after awhile, the freezer gets full. There's not room for any more ribs.

And the cooking process begins.

Guests who join the Somervills at their Granbury home for ribs often leave with a bag of leftover ribs for their next meal.

"He first got the rib recipe from the cookbook that came with the grill," recalls his wife, Linda.

But he's changed it up. And still changes the seasoning concoction nearly every time he cooks.

For starters, he doesn't marinate for an hour. "If you do it overnight, the ribs are much more tender," Charles said.

Linda explained they often try fresh herbs from their garden, like oregano and thyme, when changing up the seasonings.

"But no mint," she said. "That just wouldn't be good on ribs."

Charles made another discovery when he recently greased

the grill grates with olive oil. It makes a lot of smoke. A whole lot of really black smoke.

"I'm surprised the neighbors didn't call the fire department," he said with a laugh.

Charles retired in 2013 after 53 years as a Presbyterian pastor. In addition to First Presbyterian in Granbury, he ministered in Illinois, Louisiana, New Mexico and in West Texas.

He's written four non-fiction books, including a book about struggles and solutions for

*'If you (marinate) overnight, the ribs are much more tender.'*

--Charles Somervill

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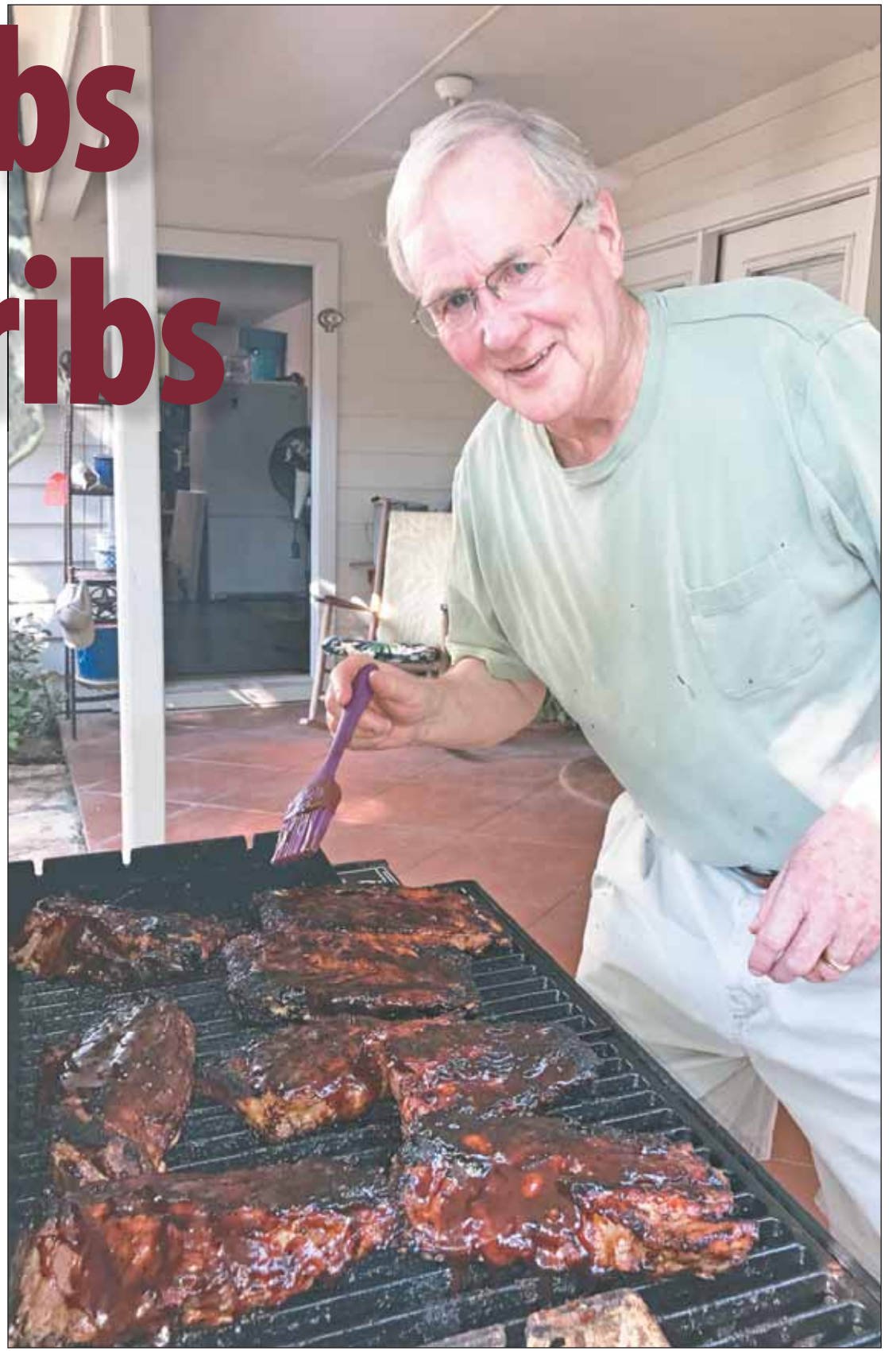
## PORK COUNTRY RIBS

### INGREDIENTS:

- 1 to 3 racks of pork baby back ribs, bottled garlic and herb marinade + 2 tablespoons olive oil (1 bottle per rib rack)
- Salt, pepper and extra minced garlic to taste
- Juice of 2 limes
- Dash of Worcestershire sauce
- Mesquite-smoke flavored barbecue sauce

### DIRECTIONS:

1. Divide meat into sections of 3 ribs per rack
2. Place ribs in a large pan, season and marinate overnight with the marinade. Turn the meat occasionally.
3. Heat grill to medium, then turn down to indirect medium.
4. Place ribs on grill with curved sides up and cook 1 to 1 ½ hours with the grill closed.
5. Turn ribs over. Cook for 40 minutes to 1 hour with the grill closed.
6. When ribs are nearly done, baste with the barbecue sauce. The sugar in the sauce may burn, so watch closely.
7. Remove ribs from grill and let rest at least 5 minutes before cutting into individual servings.



TASTY: Charles Somervill takes a peak at the ribs on the grill. "While the virtues and traditions of true mesquite grilled ribs are legend, the propane grill can yield tasty results for those of us who like convenience," he noted.



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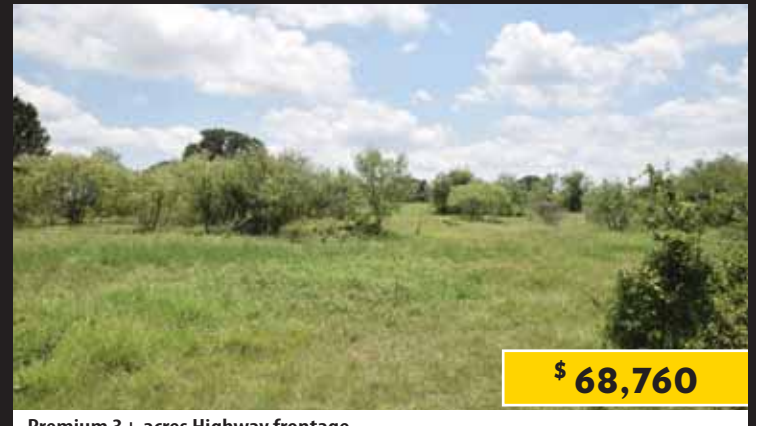


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## Hula hoop champs in the Hood

These girls joined in on the Sunday's Labor Day Lake Fest fun and won big in the hula hoop contest. From left: Thirteen-year-old Lexi Arlington won second place, Jayme Van Reet, 9, took third place and 12-year-old Leah Richardson earned first place honors. An ap-

ple pie eating contest and bobbing for apples competition took place Saturday afternoon. Labor Day Lake Fest weekend highlights included a fishing tournament, live entertainment, vendors on the square and a lighted boat parade.

# Texas author revealing messages from the dead

Graveyards don't exist merely to shelter the dead; they also nurture the living. In her latest book, "Understanding Cemetery Symbols," Tui Snyder explains America's garden cemeteries were our nation's first public parks.

Snyder's book helps history buffs, genealogists, ghost hunters and other curiosity seekers decode the forgotten meanings of symbols our ancestors used on their cemetery monuments.

"By understanding the architecture, acronyms and sym-

bols found in America's burial grounds," Snyder said, "Readers gain a deeper appreciation for these 'messages from the dead.'"

Snyder is an author, speaker, and photographer who lectures frequently at universities, bookstores, libraries and conferences.

While serving as the Writer in Residence for Tarleton State University's Langdon Review last summer, the author from Azle created a walking tour for Granbury Cemetery. This free

brochure is currently available at the Granbury Convention and Visitors Center, 116 W. Bridge St.

Snyder will be selling her books on the square during the upcoming Granbury Paranormal Expo on Sept. 30 and Oct. 1. You can join her at 8 p.m. Sept. 30 for a guided cemetery symbols tour in the historic Granbury Cemetery.

For more information, visit Snyder's website at <http://tuisnyder.com/>

## Adult education classes resume

Adult education classes will be up and running this month. Several days and times are available.

### SEPT. 11 START DATE

GED classes in partnership with Forward Training of Hood County will begin Sept. 11 at 5:30 p.m. and continue each Monday and Wednesday evening. Forward Training of Hood

County is using Granbury First United Methodist Church, 301 Loop 567, as its temporary site.

### SEPT. 12 START DATE

English and GED classes will begin Sept. 12 at Granbury First United Methodist Church, 301 Loop 567. Class meets from 9-11:30 a.m. each Tuesday and Wednesday.

### SEPT. 14 START DATE

English class is available from 9 a.m. to noon on Mondays and Thursdays at Ruth's Place in Oak Shore Trails, 2723 Maplewood. The sessions begin Sept. 14.

For more information on any of these classes call 817-202-1108.

## County receives Purple Heart designation

In a public awareness campaign, Hood County has been designated a Purple Heart county by the Military Order of the Purple Heart.

The MOPH is a national organization with 45,000 members, according to spokesman Hank

Hermann of Grapevine.

"The goal of the MOPH is to foster an environment of goodwill and camaraderie among combat wounded veterans, promote patriotism, support legislative initiatives, and to provide services to all veterans and their

families," Hermann said.

Participating cities and counties can fill out a proclamation to become a Purple Heart city or county. In return, the local MOPH Chapter will give the entity a plaque acknowledging appreciation for the support.



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**RIGHT AT HOME:** Linda and Charles Somerville like to cook and entertain in their Granbury home. Each has a specialty dish they enjoy sharing with friends and family. For Charles, it's ribs. A recipe for Mexican shrimp cocktail is a new favorite from longtime friends in Post, Texas.

## COOKING

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stepfathers. At one time, he was writing prayers for the "Ministers Annual Manual."

His first murder mystery, "The Granbury Murders, A Mark and Lori Novel," debuted earlier this year and is offered for sale locally at The Wagon Yard. Charles recently finished the first draft of a new book, "The Granbury Assassin, A Mark and Lori Mystery." His critique group met this week to offer suggestions, changes and encouragement.

With a grin, he leaned back in his chair and said, "I used to get paid to write books, non-fiction books. Now that I'm writing fiction, I have to pay for it myself!"

But he's loving every minute of it.

### AUTHENTIC MEXICAN SHRIMP COCKTAIL

#### INGREDIENTS

1/3 cup Spanish onion, chopped  
1/4 cup freshly squeezed lime juice  
1 pound chilled cooked medium shrimp - peeled, deveined, and tails removed  
2 plum tomatoes, chopped  
1 cucumber, finely chopped  
1 stalk celery, finely chopped  
1 jalapeno pepper, seeded and finely chopped  
2 teaspoons salt  
2 teaspoons ground black pepper  
1 1/2 cups chilled tomato and clam juice cocktail

1 cup chilled ketchup  
1 bunch fresh cilantro - stems discarded and leaves chopped  
2 tablespoons hot pepper sauce  
2 avocados - peeled, pitted and chopped

#### DIRECTIONS

1. Mix onion with lime juice and tomatoes in a small bowl and let stand for 10 minutes.  
2. Meanwhile, toss shrimp, cucumber, celery, jalapeno, salt and black pepper in a bowl to thoroughly combine.

3. Whisk tomato/clam juice cocktail, ketchup, cilantro and hot pepper sauce in a separate bowl.  
4. Stir dressing into shrimp mixture along with lime juice and onions.  
5. Gently fold in avocados. Alternatively, place avocados in bottom of bowl and spoon cocktail over them just prior to serving.  
6. Cover and chill thoroughly, at least one hour.  
7. Serve with saltines and a wedge of lime.

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-Lead sign installer and service tech (must have at least 4 years experience)  
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- GENERAL LABOR Good pay based on experience. Apply in person Smart Seal Foam Insulation at 1306 Weatherford Hwy. Must have Valid/Clean DL Call **817.573.5294** or email resume to **info@smartsealfoam.com**

**CONSTRUCTION - RESIDENTIAL & COMMERCIAL/OFFICE - EXPERIENCED PAINTER** Experienced Painter Needed. In Granbury. References are a plus. Please Contact Tom for more information. **(817) 564-5858**

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Linda's Southern Kitchen on the square is looking for outgoing personable servers. Please apply in person Thursday-Saturday 11am-4pm or on-line at **Lindassouthernkitchen.com**

**FOOD AND BEVERAGE - WETZEL'S PRETZELS** Looking for fun, friendly individuals for Team Member roles at the newly opened Wetzel's Pretzels inside of the Granbury Walmart. Have fun and enjoy your shift (upbeat personalities/smiling faces encouraged!!)

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**Granbury@WPretzels.com**

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Granbury ISD is currently looking for CAFETERIA employees to join our outstanding team. Only responsible and qualified candidates need apply. Criminal background checks and fingerprinting will be required. Competitive wages and excellent benefits, including health insurance and retirement.  
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**Medical/Dental**

**THE OAKS OF GRANBURY** has the following positions available. Janitorial - Maintenance personnel Mon.-Fri. 30 hrs Weekly. W/E Doubles (6am-10pm) w/medication experience preferred. EEOC. Please apply within, 1017 Lipan Hwy, Granbury TX 76048

**RN/REGISTERED NURSE**  
RN needed for busy family practice clinic in Granbury. Work a four and a half day work week, with Friday afternoons off. No nights or weekends. Paid holidays, paid vacation, 401(k) plan, etc. Email resume to **MedicalGranbury@aol.com** or come by 805 Hill Blvd., Suite 104 in Avalon Medical Park for an application. Fax: **817-573-5760**

Medical Assistant needed for local Clinic in Acton. Please send resume to: **PO Box 5279, Granbury, Texas 76049**

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NEEDED:  
\* Sales Associate, Bilingual Preferred  
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Sales Experience a Plus but not required.  
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I will haul away old cars, appliances, metal, mowers, batteries etc for free. (817) 578-5510

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**Personal Lost & Found**

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PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE  
The Acton Municipal Utility District Defined Area will hold a public hearing at 9:00 AM on Wednesday, September 20, 2017 at the District's office, 6420 Lusk Branch Ct., to consider adopting a proposed tax rate for the 2017 tax year. The proposed tax rate is \$0.085 per \$100 valuation. The 2016 tax rate was \$0.085 per \$100 valuation.

LEGAL AD  
Hood County Commissioners' Court has received an application to consider a revision of the plat for:

Lot 31R, Oak Grove Farm  
The Hood County Commissioners' Court will meet to consider the application and to hear any protest to the revision on Friday September 29th, 2017, at 9 a.m. in the Central Jury Room of the Hood County Justice Center, 1200 West Pearl Street, Granbury, Texas 76048.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS  
Notice is hereby given that original Letters of Guardianship for the Person and Estate of Larry Gilder, An Incapacitated Person, were issued on August 22, 2017, in Cause No. G00369, pending in the County Court, Hood County, Texas, to: Douglas Gilder.

All persons having claims against this Estate which is currently being administered are required to present them to the Guardian's attorney within the time and in the manner prescribed by law. c/o: Tracy S. Bush Law Office of Pamela A. Walker, P.C. 201 E. Bridge Street Granbury, Texas 76048

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC SALE  
ABC storage, wishing to avail themselves of the provisions of Chapter 59 of the Texas Property Code [Chapter 576 Act of the 68th Legislature, Regular Session 1983] hereby gives notice of sale under said act, to wit: on Saturday, September 23, 2017 beginning at ABC Storage, 2100 South Morgan Street (Highway 144) starting at the hour of 10:00 a.m. Of 9-23-17.  
ABC Storage will conduct a public sale, in total unit only, for cash only, of the contents of:  
South Morgan location:  
ABC Storage Unit-older model Sears riding lawn mower, metal lawn furniture, organ & stool, heavy duty jacks, very old Underwood typewriter, Polaroid camera, old smudge pots, portable work table, 2 sets of metal w/wood shelving units, Coleman camping heater, ladders, and much, much more.  
#01-104 Eric Lightfoot- bicycle, white baby changing table, wood chunk coffee table, small wooden kitchen hutch, black TV entertainment center, leather ottoman, leather recliner, Keurig machine, mattresses, speakers, bed head & foot boards, wooden end table, pictures, misc.  
#01-135 Donna Honeycutt- leather sofa, mattresses, wooden table, chairs, Whirlpool dish washer, much much more.  
01-140 Michael Hutyra- computer desk, chairs, suit case, twin box springs, misc.  
01-159 Michael Hutyra- kids car seats, chair, night stand, Xmas decorations, hard hats, head board, VHS movies, hard back and paper back books, too full to tell whats all in is in there!  
#01-167 Leona "Susan" Roberts- washer, rounded armoire, wooden hutch, rod & reels, wooden file cabinet, and much more misc.  
#01-228 Solomon Smith- 2 bicycles, office chair, suit case, numerous ice chest different sizes, black hard plastic shelves, gun cases, misc.

The sale is to satisfy a landlord lien. The public is invited to attend, date Saturday, 9-23-17, at 10:00 a.m. Meet at 2100 South Morgan Street. Reminder: cash only.  
T.E. [Buddy] Waters owner / lessor

NOTICE OF PUBLIC SALE  
Pursuant to Chapter 59 Texas Property Code, 1st Source Storage Center, now Granbury Self Storage, which is located at 212 Temple Hall Highway, Granbury, TX 76049 and 409 Western Hills Trail, Granbury, TX 76049 will hold a public sale of contents to satisfy a landlord's lien.  
The sale will be at 10:00 AM October 5, 2017.  
Property will be sold to the highest bidder for cash. The seller reserves the right to reject any bid or withdraw any item from the sale. The auction AND SIGN UP will be at 409 Western Hills Trail. The tenant may redeem their contents by paying in full before the auction.  
Property being sold includes contents from the following tenants, and includes furniture and household items:  
Leona Susan Roberts, Cody Jones, and David Woods

ORDINANCE NO. 17-52  
AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 01-819, THE ZONING ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF GRANBURY, TEXAS, BY CHANGING THE ZONING CLASSIFICATION ON CERTAIN PROPERTY IN THE CITY OF GRANBURY; REVISING THE OFFICIAL ZONING MAP IN ACCORDANCE THEREWITH; PROVIDING THAT THIS ORDINANCE SHALL BE CUMULATIVE OF ALL ORDINANCES; PROVIDING A SEVERABILITY CLAUSE; PROVIDING A PENALTY FOR VIOLATIONS HEREOF; PROVIDING A SAVINGS CLAUSE; PROVIDING FOR PUBLICATION IN THE OFFICIAL NEWSPAPER; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Section 1.  
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Any person, firm or corporation who violates, disobeys, omits, neglects or refuses to comply with or who resists the enforcement of any of the provisions of this Ordinance shall be fined not more than Two Thousand Dollars (\$2,000.00). Each day that a violation is permitted to exist shall constitute a separate offense.  
EFFECTIVE DATE  
These ordinances shall become effective from and after its passage.  
PASSED AND APPROVED on this 5th day of September, 2017.

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Section 1.  
Ordinance No. 01-819, as amended, is hereby amended by granting a Specific Use Permit (SUP) on the property located on an approximate 5.67 acre portion of land described as a part of the U Martin Survey, Abstract 384 located at 4700 E Hwy 377 > within the City of Granbury, Hood County, Texas, and located in the Heavy Commercial "HC" zoning district. The Specific Use Permit (SUP) shall be issued to allow for Used Auto Sales and Boat Sales, under the following terms and conditions:

1. The SUP shall expire 1 year from the date of City Council approval (expires September 5, 2018). For the term of the SUP, use and development of the property must be in compliance with the approved site plan attached hereto as Exhibit A;  
2. The display area for the cars and boats is located on the west side of the property on approved hard surface as defined by ordinance. In that area, only 2 rows of boats and vehicles are to be parked One row is along E Hwy 377 and the second row is at the back or northern part of the paved area, This arrangement allows a maneuvering lane between the two rows; and  
3. Parking, sales and inventory display shall be provided as shown and outlined on the approved site plan. The remainder of the 5.67 acres is not to be used for the sale of used cars and boats unless the SUP/site plan is amended.

Section 6.  
Any person, firm or corporation who violates, disobeys, omits, neglects or refuses to comply with or who resists the enforcement of any of the provisions of this Ordinance shall be fined not more than Two Thousand Dollars (\$2,000.00). Each day that a violation is permitted to exist shall constitute a separate offense.  
Section 8.  
The City Secretary of the City of Granbury is hereby directed to publish in the official newspaper of the City of Granbury, the caption, Section 1, penalty clause, publication clause and effective date clause of this Ordinance one time as required by Section 2.13 of the Charter of the City of Granbury.  
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Invitation to Bid  
The City of Granbury is soliciting sealed bids from qualified vendors for an annual agreement for Water Treatment Chemicals for Granbury's Water Treatment Plant. Sealed bids must be received no later than 2:00 p.m. Thursday, September 28, 2017, at the following address: City of Granbury Municipal Center Attn: Rick Crownover, Director of Public Works  
"ITB NO. 16-17-05 Water Treatment Chemicals"  
401 N. Park Street Granbury, TX 76048  
Any proposals received after the closing date and hour will not be accepted and will not be returned. The City reserves the right to reject any and/or all proposals. Specific information regarding this Bid shall be requested from Christy Russell, Purchasing Manager, at 817-570-7030 or clangston@granbury.org. The documents may be obtained from Civcast at www.civcastusa.com starting on Monday, September 11, 2017.

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Section 1.  
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1. Use and development of the property must be in compliance with the approved site plan attached hereto as Exhibit A;  
2. The property shall not be used for the storage of wrecked vehicles or the dismantling of vehicles or the storage of vehicle parts.  
3. All equipment shall be stored and displayed on an improved hard surface, as defined in Article 12 - Definitions.  
Section 6.  
Any person, firm or corporation who violates, disobeys, omits, neglects or refuses to comply with or who resists the enforcement of any of the provisions of this Ordinance shall be fined not more than Two Thousand Dollars (\$2,000.00). Each day that a violation is permitted to exist shall constitute a separate offense.  
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Section 1.  
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1. The Specific Use Permit shall automatically expire 3 years from City Council approval (expires Sept. 5, 2020). For the term of the SUP, use and development of the property must be in compliance with the approved site plan attached hereto as Exhibit A.  
2. The property shall not be used for the storage of wrecked vehicles or the dismantling of vehicles or the storage of vehicle parts; and  
3. All vehicles being stored for repair shall be screened from all public rights-of-way. [shall be located inside the building off-hours, or screening shall be provided by the applicant for outside storage]  
Section 6.  
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ORDINANCE NO. 17-58  
AN ORDINANCE APPROVING THE ANNUAL BUDGET OF THE CITY OF GRANBURY, TEXAS FOR FISCAL YEAR 2017-2018; PROVIDING FOR POSTING AND FILING OF BUDGET; PROVIDING A SEVERABILITY CLAUSE; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

ORDINANCE NO. 17-59  
AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GRANBURY, TEXAS, LEVYING TAXES FOR THE TAX YEAR 2017-2018; ENACTING PROVISIONS INCIDENT AND RELATING TO THE SUBJECT AND PURPOSE OF THIS ORDINANCE; PROVIDING A SEVERABILITY CLAUSE; REPEALING CONFLICTING ORDINANCES; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

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## PUBLIC SALES

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Units 322, 325  
\*AUCTION STARTS AT 9AM  
\*UNIT MUST BE EMPTIED BY 10/24  
\*NO ENTRY INTO UNIT PRIOR TO SALE  
\*PAYMENT MUST BE IN CASH

BENEFIT SALE: GRANBURY 1502 Spanish Trail Dr- HUGE SALE! All proceeds to benefit Susan G Komen Foundation for Breast Cancer Research!! Everything priced to sell! Furniture, TVs and lots of treasures for everyone! Sat Sept 09 7am-3pm.

SALE: Up and down. Up: Jewelry, shoes, golf shoes, and hats. Down: Clothes, purses and accessories. 401 E Pearl St. Saturday ONLY, Sept. 9.

Sale! Sat 09-09 8AM-TIL. 5428 LAKE Granbury Trail. MICROWAVE, new baby clothes w/tags, yard tools, cedar chest, clothes, household items

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# Calendar

## SATURDAY, SEPT. 9

**LANGDON REVIEW**, brunch, 9 a.m., on the lawn at Langdon Center, featuring a musical performance by Lisa Carver and presentation by actor Kent Perkins. Visit [www.tarleton.edu/langdonreview](http://www.tarleton.edu/langdonreview) for tickets or 254-968-9283.

## SUNDAY, SEPT. 10

**MAMBRINO SCHOOL** reunion for classmates, relatives, friends and guests, noon, Mambrino Baptist Church Fellowship Hall, 1625 Mambrino Highway. Bring covered dish for potluck around noon, 817-573-3084.

## MONDAY, SEPT. 11

**COLONIAL DAMES** 17th Century chapter discusses the Ancient Art of Woodcarving with Becky and Stan Stover, 10 a.m., 107 NE Vernon in Glen Rose, 817-579-1779.

**TEXAS DEMOCRATIC** Women of Hood County annual luncheon, 11 a.m., Spring Creek Barbeque, 317 Highway 377 E.

**CIVIL WAR** Roundtable welcomes Richard Selcer, "Hurry Home Soldier," 5:30 p.m., Spring Creek Barbeque, 817-910-2770.

**9/11 REMEMBRANCE** and Thanksgiving Service, at Memorial Lane and Jim Burks Firefighter Park at 561 N. Travis St., 7 - 8:30 p.m. special service with prayer and music, dedication of new lighting and first responders memorial, all ages welcome, bring blankets or folding chairs.

## TUESDAY, SEPT. 12

**GRANBURY CLOGGERS**



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## High-energy marching show

The Granbury High School Pirate Band performed at this season's first football game. The UIL regional competition for the band is set for Oct.

17 in Burleson. The band has a chance to advance to the state marching contest this year, as Class 5A schools are eligible in odd-numbered years.

classes, beginners class at 5:15 p.m., easy intermediate at 6 p.m., advanced intermediate at 7 p.m. Ages 10 and up, \$15 per month, 817-279-0649.

**SALVATION ARMY**, Women's Service League regular lunch meeting, 10 a.m., lunch at 11:30 a.m., deCordova Country Club, 817-360-6228.

## THURSDAY, SEPT. 14

**UNITED WAY** kickoff includes mascot races, noon, Hewlett Park. Rotary Club attends the United Way kickoff event in Hewlett Park in lieu of a regular meeting.

**NORTH TEXAS** Giving Day, various nonprofit groups in Hood

County are participating, donations can be made at <https://northtexasgivingday.org>

## FRIDAY, SEPT. 15

**CHAMBER LUNCHEON** welcomes guest speaker Granbury ISD Superintendent James Largent, 11:30 a.m. to 1

p.m., deCordova Bend Country Club. Open to members and non-members, 817-573-1622 for reservations.

**TO TOSS** or Not To Toss presented by Pat McNeely from Texas Extension Education Association, 10:30 a.m., Hood County Senior Center, 501 E. Moore St.

## Parenting, prenatal classes on Thursdays

Attend prenatal and infant parenting classes at the Brazos Pregnancy Center and earn "baby bucks" to spend on diapers, blankets, clothes and more.

The free classes are open to both mothers and fathers.

Topics covered include prenatal and postnatal nutrition, car seat safety, newborn care, safety at home, financial planning, labor and delivery, and breast-feeding.

Thursday afternoon classes began Sept. 7 and are from 1-2:30 p.m. for 12 weeks.

Thursday 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.

Classes are at Brazos Pregnancy Center, 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](mailto:brazospregnancyclinic.com).

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