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Not going out on limb with trees on square

BY KATHY CRUZ
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The Granbury City Council last week approved spending an additional \$11,236 to increase the size of 19 trees planned for the square.

That vote wasn't what it seemed, though, and, according to City Manager Chris Coffman, the trees are not going to be switched.

The agenda item to replace the planned 3-inch caliper lace-bark elms with trees that are 4 inches in caliper was requested by Gary Couch.

The trees - 16 around the courthouse on the interior of the square, and three for the exterior of the square on Pearl Street - are part of the Downtown Streetscape Project, which is expected to be finished later this month.

The money to switch the trees would have come from the

city's Tree Preservation Fund.

Coffman and Public Works Director Rick Crownover explained to the council that the 4-inch caliper trees, which would grow to about 20 feet and have 6-foot canopies, would not fit properly into the concrete tree wells that have already been constructed.

Crownover said the landscape architect and Master Gardeners who care for plants on the square were concerned about increasing the size of the trees. "They may not survive," Crownover said.

He stated that the 3-inch caliper trees are \$950 each, and the 4-inch caliper trees cost \$1,500 each.

The total for the smaller trees would come to \$18,050, and the total for the larger trees would come to \$28,500.

Couch made a motion for the

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Spirited students

Granbury students raised their voices to back the Pirates during the football team's home opener Friday night. The Pirates dominated Carrollton

R.L. Turner 44-26 to up their record to 2-0. The Pirates have another home game Friday, when they host 0-2 Springtown. Kickoff is 7:30 p.m.



CYNDI WILLIAMS

SWEET MOMENT: Mark Diebold, a deputy in Tarrant County Constable office Pct. 5 in the fugitive unit and SWAT, and 1-year-old Evelyn Joy Hall enjoy a cup of tea to celebrate Evelyn's birthday and the pair's special bond. Diebold died on Thursday from a heart attack.

Deputy known for his big heart dies during training exercise

BY BETHANY KURTZ
HOOD COUNTY NEWS

A Hood County resident and Tarrant County deputy known for helping a local couple deliver their daughter has died.

Mark Diebold, 48, a deputy in Tarrant County Constable office Pct. 5, died Thursday of a heart attack, according to Ruben Garcia, Tarrant County Constable Pct. 5. He was a member of the fugitive unit and SWAT.

"Mark died in the line of duty, doing what he loved - training with the SRT (special response team) Constable tactical team," Garcia posted. "Deputy Diebold was something extremely rare in that he was such an honorable, dependable and compassionate man. This was someone who had never known an enemy nor ever met a stranger, he devoted his entire life to serving others."

A few days after five Dallas law enforcement officers were

killed in an ambush in July, 2016, Diebold was questioning his career choice, Diebold told the Hood County News.

That is until he met Caleb and Destiny Hall and helped them

bring their daughter, Evelyn Joy Hall, into the world in a parking lot because they couldn't reach the hospital in time.

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COURTESY

FAMILY MAN: Mark Diebold and wife Jennifer pose for a photo with Trinity Diebold, one of their three daughters, on the first day of school this year.

Charge upped to manslaughter

BY BETHANY KURTZ
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The man charged with driving drunk and killing a Granbury mother bonded out of jail for a second time Saturday.

Samantha Payne, 30, died on Thursday, two days after her vehicle was hit by a suspected drunken driver on Morgan Street near First National Bank on Sept. 5.

Charges against Pedro Beltran, 53, of Granbury, were increased to intoxication manslaughter, a second-degree felony on Friday, said Police Lieutenant Russell Grizzard.



Beltran

Beltran was initially charged with intoxication assault on the day of the accident and bonded out of jail.

He was arrested on the new charge on Friday, Grizzard said. On Saturday, Beltran posted his \$50,000 bond, Grizzard said.

The accident does not meet the requirements for a murder charge so intoxication manslaughter is the only legally appropriate charge, Grizzard explained.

Payne's friend Tiffany Waddle said Payne was a giving person, even in death.

"She genuinely had a heart of gold even after death. She donated her organs to make someone else's life better," Waddle said. "She was caring and loving, devoted to her family, friends and God. Her love for her children could be seen in everything she did. They, as well as her husband, were the light of her life."

Beltran could face two to 20 years in prison and a fine up to \$10,000.

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Opening of water plant delayed

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The city's new water plant is not going to be finished by Oct. 1, when the city's agreement with the Brazos River Authority's Surface Water Advanced Treatment System (SWATS) plant ends.

The projected completion is now set for sometime in November.

In the interim, the city will purchase any needed additional water from the Acton Municipal Utility District (AMUD).

In a presentation to the City Council at its regular meeting last week, Keith Kindle, chief operating officer at Enprotec/Hibbs & Todd, said the project will be at least 30 days behind schedule.

One reason, he said, is because of weather delays that occurred due to the May 2016 flooding events.

But that's not the only reason.

"The bottom line is, the contractor has moved at his own pace," he said.

He added, though, that "the work has been good" and that the contractor "has worked well with the staff."

Although a late penalty of up to \$500 per day was built into the contract, Kindle said it will not amount to enough to recuperate the money that the city will have to spend with AMUD.

City Manager Chris Coffman said that, worst-case scenario, the cost may be about \$180,000.

There is good news, though, about the first phase of the \$16.4 million desalination/reverse osmosis plant that has been financed through the Texas Water Development Board. It is \$400,000 under budget, according to Kindle.

Although the city cannot use

the savings to offset AMUD expenses, it can be used to negate the unexpected water line replacement for the Downtown Streetscape Project, or for other water improvement projects, Kindle said.

He also stated that, while the first phase of the new plant is being completed, the city will still be able to produce and distribute up to 300,000 gallons of water per day.

The new plant is being built at the site of the old one, just off of Business Highway 377.

Kindle said that new infrastructure lines also are not going to be finished on schedule, but that they are expected to be completed as early as mid-October.

He said that crews faced a "pretty substantial challenge" with rock that they encountered while laying 18,000 feet of water distribution lines.

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City's public boat ramp closed through today

The city's public boat ramp on the north side of Business Hwy. 377 has been closed for a couple of days and will remain closed through today.

It is being utilized for the assembly of a raw water floating pump dock.

Once assembled, the pump dock will be pulled across the

lake to the water treatment place (also located on Business Hwy. 377), where it can be used to pump water to the plant for treatment.

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TWO BIG WINS: Granbury football got its first home victory of the season against Turner Friday night, while Tolar head coach Jeremy Mullins earned his first career win. See pages 7A-8A for recaps of last Friday's games and previews of this weekend's action.



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Council approves attorney contract

BY KATHY CRUZ
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The Granbury City Council has removed "interim" from the Hyde Law Firm's city attorney title.

The firm will now officially provide city attorney services for Granbury. The contract is for one year.

Lead attorney Paul Hyde, who is the municipal judge for Tolar, briefly served as interim city attorney a couple of years ago.

Though Hyde spoke briefly from the podium, it was Jeremy SoRelle, a new attorney with his firm, who sat at the dais with the council at its regular meeting last week.

After council member Gary Couch suggested that details of the agreement be stated publicly, Hyde went to the podium

and said that his firm will be paid by the city a flat rate of \$9,000 per month, except for any litigation services.

Should the city choose to use the law firm in any litigation situations, the firm will charge \$200 per hour in attorney fees, and \$125 per hour for paralegal services, he said.

According to the contract, should the city choose to end the agreement before the contract expires, the city will be required to pay out the contract.

Council member Tony Mobly asked Hyde what would happen "if you decide to walk."

"There's not a provision for that," Hyde replied.

Council members Mickey Parson, Tony Allen, Gary Couch and Rose Myers voted in favor of the hire.

Mobly voted against it.



KATHY ANDERSON | GRANBURY ISD

RIDING TO READ: Mambrino School students ride stationary bikes to increase retention of knowledge through movement, Mambrino Principal Stacie Brown said. Activities include reading, solving math problems and

writing stories as they ride. Granbury ISD Education Foundation funded the \$3,339 project.



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4-H fun

Right, Kendall Satterfield, 14, shares her Food Challenge 4-H display with Tabatha Koppang, 6. Also pictured is 4-H member Lily Myers, 15, at Thursday's Hood County 4-H kickoff.

TREES: Size debated

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additional money to be spent only if the 4-inch caliper trees "will fit and flourish" in the existing concrete tree wells.

Council member Tony Mobly asked Crownover whether the cost of the tree-switch "might possibly be more when all is said and done."

"But we're not expanding the (tree well)," Couch interjected.

"You're going to have to," Mobly replied.

Mobly then asked Crownover whether the city might be "shooting ourselves in the foot" by trying to put root balls for 4-inch caliper trees into concrete tree wells that were designed for trees that are 3 inches in caliper.

"Are we not going to choke that tree out ... just to put a prettier tree there today?" he asked.

"Possibly," Crownover replied.

Couch made the motion again to approve the added costs, provided 4-inch caliper trees will fit and flourish in the existing holes.

Council member Tony Allen seconded the motion.

Council members Mickey Parson and Rose Myers voted in favor. Mobly voted against it.

Couch's motion did not include specificity on how the "fit and flourish" determination would be made.

Asked about that on Monday, Coffman said that the landscape architect would make that determination.

When told that it was stated at the meeting that the landscape architect had already expressed concern, Coffman said of the council's vote: "It leaves us with the 3-inch trees."

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DEPUTY: Was 'incredible'

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The families became close friends and Evelyn celebrated her first birthday with a tea party with "Uncle Mark" in July, the Halls said.

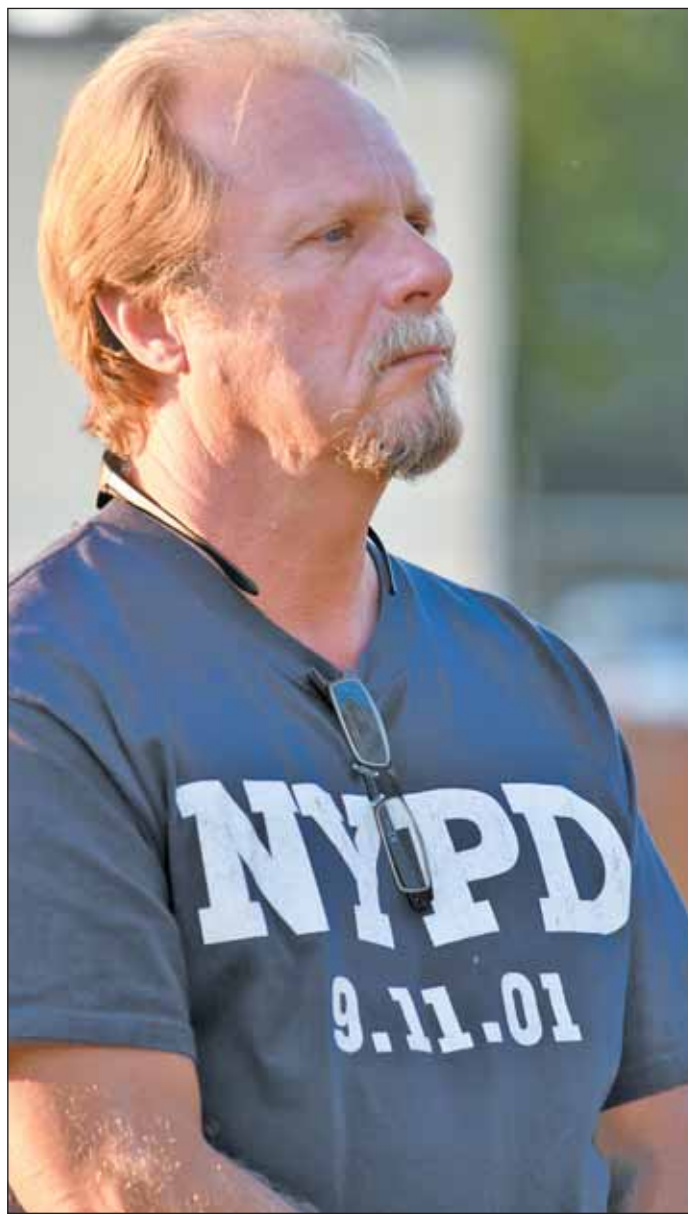
Diebold and his family were members of StoneWater Church, said Pastor Brian Bagley in an email to the congregation.

"Mark was an incredible man, husband, father and friend," Bagley said. "He served our church in so many ways, most

prominently as Director of Security on Sunday mornings at the Granbury Campus. Mark lived thankful for the salvation he had received through Jesus Christ. His humor and love of people defined his service to our community and to our church."

He is survived by his wife and three daughters.

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ALWAYS REMEMBER: A program to honor and remember those who serve drew a crowd to Memorial Lane Monday night. Steve Teel, of Granbury, was among those attending the service. Retired from the Dallas Police Department, Teel wore a 9-11 shirt to remember those who lost their lives in the terrorist attack 16 years ago.

To honor those who serve Community gathers for prayer and praise

BY DEBBIE SCHNEIDER
HOOD COUNTY NEWS

First responders, members of law enforcement, veterans, firefighters and others who serve were honored Monday night as the setting sun filtered through the trees at Memorial Lane.

The 9/11 Patriot Day ceremony was filled with song and prayer as citizens joined together in the recently dedicated park.

About 250 attended. New lighting and the Tears for the Fallen statue were dedicated during the program.

Led by vocalist Julie Tuel and guitarist Ray Mouhot, from the praise team at Lakeside Baptist Church, those attending the program joined in singing "God Bless America" and other songs of prayer and praise.

The evening service was planned 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. Representatives from first responder groups, veterans, elected officials and local pastors stood at the podium leading prayers for the community, the nation and the world.

The Memorial Lane Project was dedicated earlier this summer. It is adjacent to the Jim Burks Firefighters Memorial Park, 550 N. Travis St.

Julia Pannell encouraged visitation at the park at any time. "Bring your family, your children, your friends, or come alone. The park is now lighted and you can read the inscriptions at the monuments day or night," she said.

The program closed with Doug Compton playing "Amazing Grace" on the bagpipes.

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

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A clean sweep: Washer, dryer stolen

Investigators are looking for a burglar who stole several appliances in June.

The Hood County Sheriff's Office is looking for tips in the June 17 burglary in the 4700 block of Blue Water Court in Blue Water Shores southeast of Granbury.

The burglar took a washer, dryer, love seat sofa, and other household and electrical

items from a storage building.

Anyone with information about the burglary is encouraged to call the Hood County Crime Stoppers at 817-573-8477 or by going online at www.hoodcountycrimestoppers.com.

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RIDE OF HIS LIFE: From left to right, Jerry Durant Toyota dealership employee Keith Fabian, business manager Steve Bova, Ashlynn and Carter Ledesma (seated), their mom Natalie Collier, employee Denise Bone and general sales manager David Emmitte celebrate Carter's new mobility van. Donations helped Collier put a down payment on the van. Carter can now load and unload himself from the van without Collier having to pick him up.

Family receives mobility van

BY BETHANY KURTZ
HOOD COUNTY NEWS

An 11-year-old boy got in and out of the new family van on his own countless times on Sunday.

For Carter Ledesma, that was a huge thrill, said his mother, Natalie Collier.

Before, she had to lift Carter, who uses a wheelchair because of his spina bifida, into her SUV.

Carter weighs about 175 pounds and the single Granbury mother said she was worried she wouldn't be able to lift him for much longer.

When a van equipped to load a handicapped person became

available at Jerry Durant Toyota in Granbury, she was excited but afraid she wouldn't be able to afford it since she was upside down on her current car payment.

With help from friends, her employer, the dealership and a lot of prayer, Collier said she was able to cobble together a down payment for the mobility van, Collier said.

"They took delivery on Saturday. We were very happy to help them," said the dealership manager Andrew Searce.

Even though having two car payments is not the idea situa-

tion, Collier said she is grateful for the independence the van gives Carter.

"He loves it. He can open the door and get in all by himself. He can even shut the door," she said. "I don't even know how many times he lowered and raised himself into the car on Sunday."

The only thing she has to load is the light wheelchair, she said.

The GoFundMe link set up for the van is still open to help her pay off the van, she said. To donate, go online to <https://www.gofundme.com/carters-mobility-van>.

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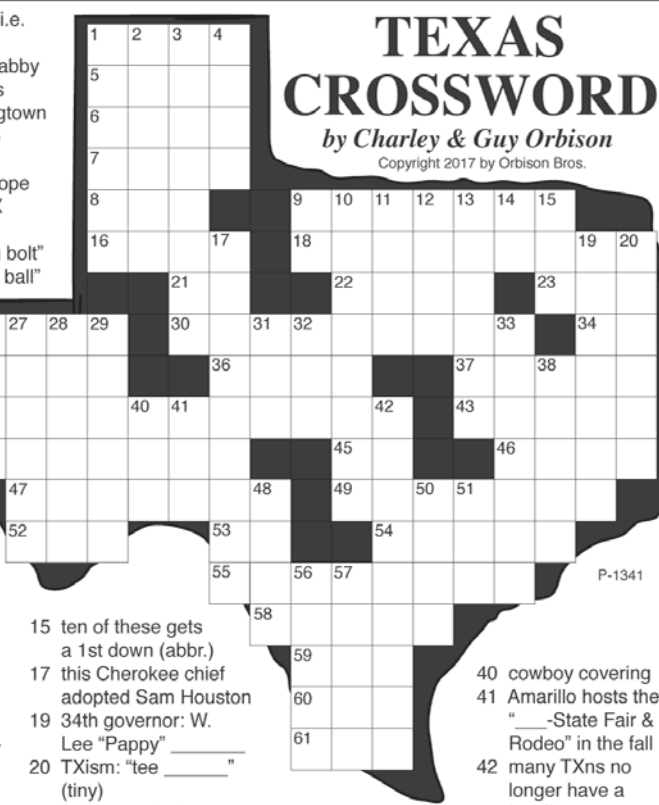
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- 6 TXism: "_____ in your own juice"
- 7 TX Kenny Rogers' "If I Knew What I Know Now"
- 8 TXism: "get the lead _____ (go faster)"
- 9 the 27th TX gov. and publisher of Houston Post
- 16 Pearsall's county
- 18 Donley County seat
- 21 TX Nolan Ryan threw 7 _____-hitters
- 22 a tennis serve that touches net (2 wds.)
- 23 President Reagan's space-based defense plan (abbr.) pulsating pains
- 30 this actor played TX Ben Hogan in 1951 "Follow the Sun"
- 34 TXism: "bat _____ eyelash" (blink)
- 35 ex-Cowboy OT Mark from Hawaii
- 36 _____ Earl "Tiger" Teague fought for veterans' rights
- 37 this is tested for some pro athletes
- 39 TXism: "mad _____ nails"
- 43 "Big Texan" steak in Amarillo is free if you can _____
- 44 Dallam County seat
- 45 dir. from Mexia to Mineola
- 46 "curds and _____," i.e. cottage cheese
- 47 more worn and shabby freezing conditions
- 52 home of the Springtown Porcupines (abbr.)
- 53 Korean surname
- 54 large African antelope that is raised in TX
- 55 TXism: "hard _____ a lightning bolt"
- 58 "behind the _____ ball"

DOWN

- 1 "The _____ Charley Pride"
- 2 Port _____, TX raining with ice
- 4 blue jean patches, back in the day
- 9 noted CBS anchor from TX, Cronkite (init.)
- 10 scheming
- 11 once a rowdy area of Fort Worth: "Hell's _____ Acre"
- 12 sandwich cookie
- 13 TX Charley Pride's "She's Too Good to _____" (1972)
- 14 noted TX golfer, Byron (init.)
- 15 ten of these gets a 1st down (abbr.)
- 17 this Cherokee chief adopted Sam Houston
- 19 34th governor: W. Lee "Pappy" _____
- 20 TXism: "tee _____" (tiny)
- 24 TX Tanya (init.)
- 25 a color or shade
- 26 tough outer skin of a watermelon
- 27 some cattle are fattened _____
- 28 this hurricane hit Brownsville in 1967
- 29 TXism: "got my _____ on 'em"
- 31 this Ernie won TX Byron Nelson Classic in 1995
- 32 TXism: "_____ it in the bud"
- 33 TX Lotto, e.g.
- 38 TXism: "if _____ been a snake it would have bit you"
- 40 cowboy covering
- 41 Amarillo hosts the "_____ State Fair & Rodeo" in the fall
- 42 many TXns no longer have a landline type
- 48 TXism: "Lord willing and the creek don't _____" (determined)
- 50 got off the horse
- 51 TX Christopher Cross hit: "Best That You _____ Do"
- 56 "R" of the NRA
- 57 "Shrek," et al.

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Rescue efforts continue

BY BETHANY KURTZ
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Emergency diabetic medical supplies made their way from Hood County to patients running low in areas affected by Hurricane Harvey.

A doctor in Beaumont reached out to Ruth's Place's doctor Ric Bonnell on Sept. 2, said the clinic's executive director Craig Gossard.

"Bonnell was contacted about a doctor in Beaumont that was seeing a number of diabetic patients that had no insulin, syringes or a means to monitor blood sugar levels," Gossard said.

Clinic staff felt they had enough supplies on hand to meet local patients' needs and make a donation, he said.

"We met at the clinic and pulled together insulin, syringes, test strips and glucometers before heading to the Granbury airport," Gossard said. "Around 5 p.m., a plane owned and operated by a volunteer arrived and we loaded him up."



COURTESY

PET SAFETY: DCBE Acton VFD chief Stephen Boynton (right) assists Granbury and Tolar fire departments in a water rescue near Sealy Texas. That day, they rescued four adults and three pets. The dog is wearing a pet life jacket purchased with a American Kennel Club grant. Hood County veterinarian Dr. Richard Gessell helped the department receive the grant.



COURTESY

LOADING UP: Ruth's Place staff help the volunteer pilot load diabetic supplies in the plane for the trip down to Beaumont. A doctor there had requested donated supplies to help his patients affected by the hurricane.

INDICTMENTS

The grand jury returned 14 indictments Sept. 6. Indictments are formal charges.

Possession of a controlled substance penalty group 1, less than 1 gram:

- Cynthia Rene Asbury, 48, Keller.
- Carrie Anne Stephens Bridges, 35, Tolar.
- Jordan Lee Burt, 41, Livingston, New Mexico.

- Valentin Narvaez-Salazar, 40, Granbury.
- Freddie Monroe Pickett, 60, Granbury.

- Mac Edward Robinson, 43, Granbury.

Burglary of a habitation:

- Dyllan Pierce Elliott, 17, Granbury.
- Nicholas Tanner Fitzpatrick, 18, Fort Worth.
- Justin Cody Rhea Neuman Jr., 17, Granbury.
- Jonathan Dean Pettis, 17, Sherman.

Multiple charges:
- John William Harris II, 39, Granbury, theft of property less than \$2,500 with two or more previous convictions and pos-

session of a controlled substance penalty group one, more than 1 gram but less than 4 grams.

Other charges:

- Eileen Dorothy Ansardi, 56, Tolar, driving while intoxicated third or more.
- Alvin Leon Brigham, 26, Keller, theft of property less than \$2,500 with two or more previous convictions.
- Charlotte Ann Seddon, 33, Hudson Oaks, possession of a controlled substance penalty group one, more than 400 grams.

FELONY ARRESTS

Nineteen felony arrests were made from Aug. 31 - Sept. 6, according to Hood County law enforcement records.

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

- John Perkins Addison, 56, Abilene, driving while intoxicated third.
- Pedro Beltran, 53, Granbury, intoxicated assault with a vehicle serious bodily injury.
- Michael Anthony Cortez, 28, Granbury, sexual assault of a child.
- Stephen Taylor Ely, 18, Granbury, aggravated sexual assault of a child.
- Cruz Salas Garcia, 39, Granbury, sentenced on a prior charge.
- Leonard Clyde Harkness, 57, Weatherford, accident in-

volving death.
- Pedro Ibarra-Nunez, 22, Lipan, online solicitation of a minor.

- Kauri Jean Keith, 18, Tolar, possession of a controlled substance penalty group one, less than 1 gram.
- Kelly McKenzie Kilpatrick-Osteen, 24, Granbury, credit or debit card abuse of the elderly and two charges of credit card or debit card abuse.
- Matthew Taylor Miller, 28, Granbury, possession of a controlled substance penalty group one, more than 4 grams but less than 4 grams.
- Wesley Bryan Mitten II, 24, Weatherford, theft of property more less than \$2,500 with two or more previous, two capias arrests and five criminal trespassing.
- Brandon Lee Riggs, 21,

Granbury, assault of a family/house member impeding breathing.

- Cecalie Marie Sanchez, 26, possession of a controlled substance penalty group one, less than 1 gram.
- Kelly Randal Savell, 52, Granbury, driving while intoxicated third or more.
- Krista Lynn Savell, 26, Granbury, burglary of a habitation.
- Michael Alling Sockol, 47, Granbury, violating a protective order.
- Dean Oryley Steele, 59, Granbury, driving while intoxicated third or more.
- Joseph Anthony Varlaro, 60, Granbury, assault family/house member impeding breath.
- Rufus Alexander Wolf, 35, Granbury, violation of parole.



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A NICE START: Granbury's Payton Bell (12) and McKenzie Scott (19) celebrate after a match against Euless Trinity in August. Bell, Scott and the rest of the Lady Pirates had reason to celebrate on Friday, too, as they beat Arlington Seguin 3-0 in the first game of District 9-5A play.

VOLLEYBALL ROUNDUP Granbury, Tolar each earn wins

BY GRANT MCGALLIARD
HOOD COUNTY NEWS

Tolar and Granbury volleyball each had a stellar Friday evening.
Here are the recaps from their games.

OPENING UP IN STYLE

Granbury opened up their District 9-5A schedule with a sweep of Arlington Seguin on the road Friday.

Any pre-district woes for the Lady Pirates didn't come into play against Seguin. Granbury won 25-13, 25-6 and 25-13 to kick off the most important stretch of the season with some flair.

Sophomore Payton Bell and senior Madison Scott each had eight kills. Sophomore Savannah Smith had five aces to lead the Lady Pirates.

Perhaps most importantly for Granbury, the Lady Pirates only had a combined eight service errors on Friday. This allowed Granbury to force Seguin to be accurate in the return game.

Freshman Courtney Smith put her body on the line with 11 digs compared to just one dig

error. Gracie Nichols, another freshman, was second on the team with eight digs and just one error.

As a team, Granbury only had three combined errors in the serve return game.

The Lady Pirates hosted Crowley on Tuesday and will travel to Burleson Centennial on Friday.

TOLAR STORMS BACK

After losing to Rio Vista in five sets last Tuesday, Tolar was down a set to Dublin on Friday and in danger of losing all of the momentum they had carried into the week.

But the Lady Rattlers stormed back, winning the next three sets and keeping their run of form going.

Tolar wound up winning by a final score of 21-25, 25-15, 25-20 and 25-19.

This week, Tolar travelled to Eastland on Tuesday. The Lady Rattlers swept Eastland 2-0 in the Dublin Tournament earlier this season.

Tolar will host Early on Friday. Play begins with the JV games at 4:30 p.m.

Sign up for area golf tournaments

BY GRANT MCGALLIARD
HOOD COUNTY NEWS

With this nice and cool weather rolling in, now is the time to plan ahead and register for upcoming golf tournaments in Hood County.

CHAMBER TOURNEY SPOTS OPEN

The Granbury Chamber of Commerce is hosting its annual Chamber Golf Classic, which has gone on for over 20 years.

The tournament takes place at Harbor Lakes Golf Club on Monday, Oct. 2, with a shotgun start at 1 p.m. The Classic is a played in a four-person scramble format.

The cost to enter the tournament is \$150 per person, which includes green fees, a cart, a "gimme" bag, range balls, lunch and dinner.

To enter, call the chamber at 817-573-1622 or visit www.granburychamber.com/pages/chamber-golf-classic.

PLAYING FOR NICOLE

Spots are still open for the "Make Nicole Well Again" Golf Tournament on Saturday, Oct. 7, at Granbury Country Club.

The tournament benefits Nicole Clark, a 32-year-old Granbury High School graduate who is battling cervical cancer.

This event is also a four-man scramble. Lunch will be provided and mulligans are available for purchase.

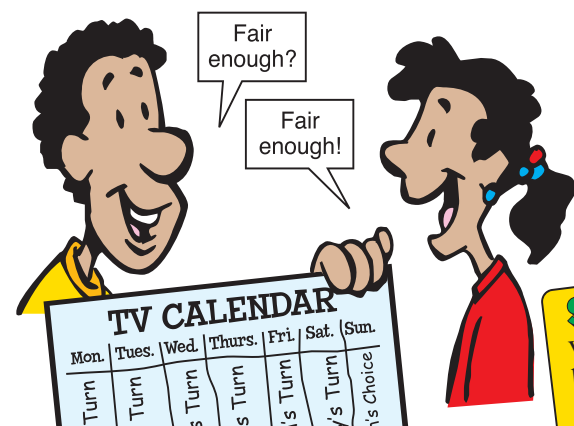
There's extra incentive here: anyone who hits a hole-in-one on the designated hole will receive \$25,000 towards a brand new Nissan.

The cost to enter the tournament is \$50 per player. Contact Robert at 817-219-1030 for more information.

Kid Scoop

FAIR OR FOUL

Has this ever happened to you?



Tom decided to try one of the FAIR ways to resolve his conflict with his sister. Look at the FAIR card. Which one do you think he tried? Use the code to find out his resolution to the conflict.

- Share
- Postpone
- Get Help
- Put-Downs
- Pushing or Hitting
- Bringing Up the Past

Standards Link: Health: Students know the difference between positive and negative behaviors used in conflict situations.

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Standards Link: Health/Conflict Resolution: Students know conflicts can be resolved in a non-violent manner.

After a long day of schoolwork and play, Tom was tired. He couldn't wait to rest and watch his favorite TV show. Just as he got settled, his sister walked in and flipped the channel to a different show. Tom felt angry! How would you feel? What would you do? Tom knew this was the time to STOP and think about what he would do next.

He knew that the next thing he said or did could make the conflict worse. This would be a **foul**. Look at the fouls described on the FOUL card. Do they sound familiar?

Share
When people share, good feelings become more important than things.

Postpone
Put off resolving the conflict until you calm down.

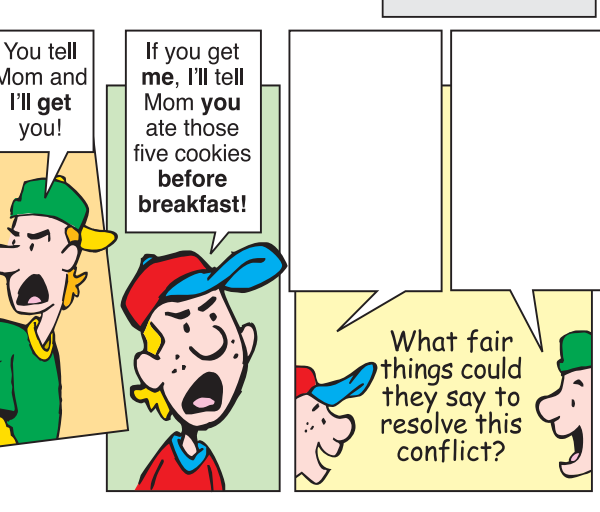
Get Help
Find someone you both trust to make a fair decision.

Put-Downs
Saying things that hurt the other person's feelings.

Pushing or Hitting
Any way of acting that can hurt the other person's body.

Bringing Up the Past
Talking about things a person said or did in the past.

Read the above lists of fair and foul ways to handle a conflict. Then look at how the children in the comic strip below handle the conflict over the ball. Which foul is each child doing?



Standards Link: Language Arts: Recognize and use synonyms.

Boa Bickering

Alma and Sam had a conflict the first day they met. They both wanted to play with the class snake. The snake was happy and so were they. They found out they had more in common than a love of snakes.



Standards Link: Health/Conflict Resolution: Students know possible causes of conflicts in school and strategies to prevent conflicts.

Double Double Word Search

Find the words in the puzzle, then in this week's Kid Scoop stories and activities.

RESOLUTION
POSTPONE
SHARE
SYNONYM
SNAKES
PAST
REFEREE
PICKING
LOVE
WORSE
TIRED
GLAD
STOP
HURT

Standards Link: Letter sequencing, Recognized identical words, Skim and scan reading, Recall spelling patterns.

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Common Ground
Finding ways that groups of people are the same often helps them to find a resolution to their conflicts. Find an example of a conflict in the newspaper. Make a list of the ways the people on both sides of the conflict are the same. How could these similarities lead to a resolution?

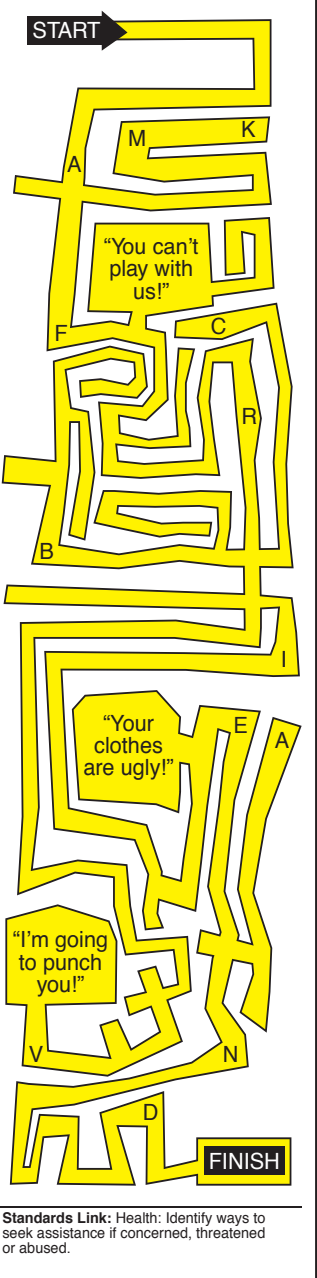
Standards Link: Health/Conflict Resolution: Students know how negotiation and collaboration can be used to resolve conflicts.

Write On! Kids Care at School

How do you and other kids in your school show that you care about your school? What other things do you think kids could do to make schools great places to be?

Get Through the Bully Maze

Many, many children are bullied everyday. These children can feel lost in a maze made up of bad feelings - sad, stressed, embarrassed, nervous, depressed, helpless. These feelings can make it hard to do well in school and to make friends. Experts say that there is something that can help a child who has been bullied. To find out what that is, complete the maze. The letters along the correct path of the maze spell the answer!



Standards Link: Health: Identify ways to seek assistance if concerned, threatened or abused.

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AERIAL ATTACK: Quarterback Bryan Morgan rolls out of the pocket against Crawford in Tolar's season opener. Against Hico on Friday night, Morgan threw 5 touchdowns, four of which went to wide receiver Clayton Deaver, in a 48-11 blowout win.

STACIE BOGGS

ONE WIN DOWN

Mullins earns first career win as Tolar shreds Hico

BY GRANT MCGALLIARD
HOOD COUNTY NEWS

They say the first win is the hardest, but on Friday night in Hico, first-year Tolar head coach Jeremy Mullins and his Rattlers had a seemingly easy time earning a victory.

Mullins got his first career win as a head coach in a 48-11 win over Hico, which featured an impressive aerial display from quarterback Bryan Morgan to receiver Clayton Deaver.

How'd that first win feel, coach?

"It felt pretty good," Mullins said Monday.

Business as usual. Tolar's win was due in large part to Morgan and Deaver, who linked up for four touchdowns through the air, and to a stifling defensive performance that included two interceptions by Derian Morpew, one of which was returned for a touchdown.

But Mullins says the real key to the week started last Monday, when the Rattlers began what he called their "best week of preparation, as far as practice goes."

"It obviously paid off. We thought we had a decent plan defensively, and really played a good game," Mullins said. "These guys haven't changed much; they worked hard the

GAME AT A GLANCE

FINAL: Tolar 48, Hico 11

PASSING: Bryan Morgan 15-20-1 332 5 TDs

RUSHING: Jacob Sparks 14-39 1 TD, Malik Jones 4-5, Clayton Deaver 1-1, James Henderson 4-3, Bryan Morgan 4-11

RECEIVING: Clayton Deaver 8-245 4 TDs, Reese Robinson 1-40, Brice Scott 1-39 1 TD, Derian Morpew 3-16, Mason King 1-3, Jacob Sparks 1-3

TOTAL: 334 passing yards, 34 rushing yards, 368 total yards

FIRST QUARTER: Tolar 14, Hico 11

HALFTIME: Tolar 27, Hico 11

THIRD QUARTER: Tolar 48, Hico 11

Crawford week, they worked hard this week, and I expect them to show up today and get after it again."

Tolar played well in every aspect of the game - with the notable exception of special teams, which Mullins says still needs work - and the Rattlers especially dominated when they

had the ball.

"Offensively, we ran the ball a little early, and then they started leaving a lot of guys in the box. And so, we're fortunate right now that if we feel you're going to just load up the box and take that away, we're going to see if we can't throw it."

And they didn't have any problems throwing it. Tolar finished with 332 passing yards, compared to just 34 on the ground. Hico, which runs a triple-option style offense, didn't have a single passing yard.

Clayton Deaver finished with a staggering 241 receiving yards and four touchdowns. Mullins said they weren't specifically targeting the 6'1" senior, but were perfectly happy to go to him if the defense allowed it.

"He's a special athlete, and we feel like if we've got a one-on-one matchup with him and a couple of our other receivers, we're going to take advantage of it, and give them a chance to make a play."

FINALLY AT HOME

This week, the Rattlers are set to face the Boyd Yellow Jackets in Tolar's home opener. The Rattlers have yet to play even a scrimmage at their home stadium - "the field's gonna be in good condition," Mullins said dryly - and they'll have a chance

to open with a bang on Friday.

Boyd is 1-1 on the season. They beat a good Lake Worth team in the first week of the year before falling to Holliday last week.

"They're big up front," Mullins said. "We're going to have to play well in the trenches for sure."

This will be the third straight run-heavy team Tolar has played to open the season. Mullins hopes that gives his defense somewhat of an advantage.

"You'd think we'd be prepared by now," he said. "I think defensively up front we've got a good group - our defense played well against Hico, and we did some things well after the first quarter against Crawford."

When Tolar has the ball, the Rattlers will seek to achieve some balanced playcalling. They were slightly run-heavy in the first week of the year before the passing explosion last week, but Mullins says he'd ideally like to land in the middle.

"Every coach's dream or goal is to be 50-50 if you could be, and keep that other guy guessing," Mullins said. "I think what we're going to do is just take what you give us, for the most part."

Tolar and Boyd will kick off at 7:30 p.m. Friday at Tolar Rattlers Stadium.

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HOME SWEET HOME

Pirates open up home schedule with blowout of R.L. Turner

BY GRANT MCGALLIARD
HOOD COUNTY NEWS

In the friendly confines of Pirate Stadium Friday night, the Granbury Pirates held off Carrollton R.L. Turner for a 44-26 win that wasn't as close as the score indicated.

For Granbury head coach Chad Zschiesche, an 18-point win wasn't enough.

And maybe that's not a bad thing.

"I'm certainly pleased that we're at a point in this program where we can be disappointed with how we finished the ball game, and yet we still won by the score that we did," Zschiesche said postgame.

To be clear, Granbury did lose the second half - but only by a 13-7 margin. The Pirates dominated the first 24 minutes, leading 37-13 at halftime with 286 yards of total offense.

At the half, Granbury was averaging roughly 10.6 yards per play. Quarterback Kevin Moore had four total touchdowns, and running back Ty Williams had 98 yards and a score on just eight carries.

Braeden Derouen had a fantastic play defensively, ripping the ball away from a Turner runner near the goal line and returning it into opposing territory. Zach McCreight harassed Turner's quarterback into an intentional grounding penalty in the end zone, which resulted in a safety.

In short, the game was mostly over at halftime. But Zschiesche and his staff saw things they can improve on - with penalties being the first and foremost issue - and even in a rousing win in the home opener, the Granbury players are well aware they could've done more.

"They were very disappointed in the way we finished the

GAME AT A GLANCE

FINAL: Granbury 44, R.L. Turner 26

PASSING: Kevin Moore 13-17-0 149, 2 TD

RUSHING: Moore 18-112 3 TD, Ty Williams 11-119 2 TD

RECEIVING: Zach McCreight 7-119 1 TD, Blake Jones 1-29 1 TD, Logan Robinson 1-10, Ty Williams 1-1, Tyler Pippin 1--4, Peter Brown 2--12

TOTAL: 149 yards passing, 231 yards rushing, 380 total yards

FIRST QUARTER: Granbury 13, Turner 6

HALFTIME: Granbury 37, Turner 13

THIRD QUARTER: Granbury 37, Turner 20

game. They knew, as well as the coaching staff knew, that [the game] was a couple of penalties and a recovered onside kick away from being a really lopsided victory," Zschiesche said.

"We're preparing to beat the really good teams as well, and we know that if we play like that with the penalties and the turnovers, that you put yourself at a risk."

Still, that doesn't mean the Pirates aren't happy with where they're at in the bigger picture. The penalties - many of them questionable - came as a result of the wide receivers blocking for runners, and Zschiesche said he'll never judge a receiver for putting in effort in the run game.

And - although Zschiesche swears up and down his team doesn't compare itself to the rest of the district - the Pirates are just one of two undefeated



CELEBRATION TIME: Granbury's Michael Trull is lifted by his teammate after recovering a fumble in the Pirates' 44-26 win over R.L. Turner on Friday.

Granbury's defense forced 3 turnovers and a safety on the night, and never let Turner get comfortable offensively.

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teams in District 9-5A, along with Burleson.

"They'll have a chance to prove they belong with the district leaders on Friday, in a game that carries a little extra weight for Granbury."

OUT FOR REVENGE

"We try not to focus on last year, only because our team is not the same and their team is not the same," Zschiesche said of this week's game against Springtown.

"But..."

That "but" is the result of a 51-7 loss last year at the hands of Springtown that still rankles the Granbury players and coaches.

"The kids have been reminded of that, and the coaches certainly have not forgotten that," Zschiesche said.

Springtown is a 4A team, but the Porcupines are a solid bunch, even if they return just eight starters.

They're 0-2 on the season, with losses to Stephenville and Deca-

tur. But don't expect Granbury to overlook them, despite the difference in classification.

"Take the 'As' away from it," Zschiesche said. "The As just signify how many kids you have to choose from, but you only play with 11, and they certainly have 11 that can play."

As far as the Xs and Os go, Springtown is expected to try and pass the ball more than Granbury's first two opponents. Zschiesche said this is a welcome challenge, especially in the wake

of last Friday, when the Pirates intercepted two passes courtesy of Tyler Pippin and Kody Krause.

"Facing a team that has the ability to throw it around a little bit is good for us with our last tune-up game before district," he said. "If Springtown chooses to come in here and throw the ball around the field, then it'll give us a chance to work on that."

Granbury and Springtown are set to kick off at 7:30 p.m. Friday at Pirate Stadium.

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CUT IT OUT: Judy Medders shows the skilled design created from a large gourd. She and her husband, James, spoke to members of the Lake Granbury Newcomers Club meeting at Pecan Plantation Country Club.



Gourd Rewards

More than meets the eye

BY DEBBIE SCHNEIDER
HOOD COUNTY NEWS

The art of carving and decorating gourds was an ancient tradition in Africa, Asia and Peru. The Navajo, Hopi and Pueblo nations also created artistic works with gourds.

Members of the Lake Granbury Newcomers Club were educated last week on the process of intricate gourd design by James and Judy Medders of Buckhorn Ranch in Morgan Mill.

One-of-a-kind gourds were displayed as the centerpiece on each table for the group's luncheon meeting at Pecan Plantation Country Club.

Not just pretty to see, gourds served many useful purposes before clay pottery originated, Judy told members.

While James demonstrated stitchwork during the meeting, Judy explained the process to create works of art from canteen gourds, bottle gourds, tall body gourds and round body gourds.

"He loves working on the gourds, and he's awesome at what he does," Judy said of her husband. "He never knows what it's going to look like until it's finished," she said with a laugh.

The gourds are cut using a jig saw or micro saw. The tough skin is first broken with a cutter, Judy said.

Wearing a ventilator is a must when the gourd dust becomes airborne in the cutting process. Judy learned that lesson the hard way when she ended up in the hospital with respiratory issues.

The inside of the gourds are sealed with paint so that bugs or moths are not attracted.

Judy paints the outside of the gourd with transparent acrylics to let the natural coloring show through.

James completes the decorative gourd with woven designs using North Carolina pine needles. He spends 10 to 20 hours to complete the weaving process on a gourd.

James grinned and said, "It's not something you finish in a day."

The couple displays their wares at various art shows. "Indoor shows only," Judy noted, adding that bad weather could adversely affect the gourds at an outdoor show.

For more information, visit the website www.jmgourdart@gmail.com.



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PRECISION SKILLS: The woven design along the cut edge of a decorative gourd is created using North Carolina pine needles.



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SEW GOOD: James Medders demonstrates his needlework on decorative gourds. North Carolina pine needles are used to create the detailed stitching.



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DESIGN DECISIONS: This bottle gourd and round body gourd are both finished with a woven pattern on the cut edges. The gourds can be used for home decor, bringing a pop of color to a fireplace mantle or hearth.

You can help others on Giving Day and with hunger issues

Various nonprofit groups in Hood County are participating in North Texas Giving Day on Thursday. Donations can be made at <https://northtexas-givingday.org>

HUNGER ACTION MONTH

In other charitable efforts, the month of September is declared Hunger Action Month.

For so many people, hunger is a daily struggle. In fact, one in six people in North Texas don't know where their next meal will come from.

September is Hunger Action Month. Numerous food pantries in Hood County receive food from individual donations, local groups and organizations, as well as the Tarrant Area Food Bank.

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Community supporting Soul Repair program

Rev. Zachary Moon, military chaplain and author, will speak to hundreds expected to gather for Soul Repair Day from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 30 at Acton Methodist Church. Working on the event, from left, are Mike and Pat Stewart of the local Wet Veterans organization, community fundraiser Faye Landham, sponsors Julia and Bob Pannell, and Craig

Rowland, manager of Walmart making a \$1,500 donation. Soul Repair Day is designed for veterans, military and first responders, as well as their families. The free program includes a variety of speakers and workshops, and also includes breakfast and lunch. For more information, contact Wet Veterans at 682-205-3384.

Community Calendar

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.

GRANBURY WOMAN'S CLUB, 6 p.m., Woman's Wednesday Club House next to Hood County Library.

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., de-Cordova 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.

GARAGE SALE benefitting Alzheimer's Association, 8 a.m. to 3 p.m., Lakestone Terrace, 916 Highway 377 E.

SATURDAY, SEPT. 16

KARAOKE NIGHT at VFW Post 7835, 8 to 11 p.m., 670 Highway 377 W.

HURRICANE HARVEY Relief Benefit for Alvin, Texas, 1 to 5 p.m., Hewlett Park, 621 E. Pearl St. Live music by Baggy Bottom Boys, Wes McMillan, Wyatt Nations, Sher-ee & Stephen Kline, Trish Hawkins, David Jordan and Tim Fish. Donations accepted: Cleaning supplies, non-perishable food items, toiletries, money. No clothing needed.

GARAGE SALE benefitting Alzheimer's Association, 8 a.m. to 3 p.m., Lakestone Terrace, 916 Highway 377 E.

SUNDAY, SEPT. 17

LARRY FORD in concert, 10:30 a.m. at Faith Assembly of God, 300 Granbury Court, and 6 p.m. at Granbury Baptist Church, 1200 Weatherford Highway. Free.

MONDAY, SEPT. 18

ELIZABETH CROCKETT chapter, Daughters of the American Revolution meeting features program called "Remember the Ladies," 10 a.m., First Presbyterian Church

Fellowship Hall, 301 S. Bridge St., 817-279-3732.

TUESDAY, SEPT. 19

WOMEN IN BUSINESS Networking After Hours, 5 to 7 p.m., Barking Rocks Winery.

LIONS CLUB welcomes Sheriff Roger Deeds as guest speaker, noon, Spring Creek Barbeque, 317 Highway 377 E.

WEDNESDAY, SEPT. 20

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

MASTER GARDENER Deborah Rollins presents a program about monarch butterfly tagging and migration, 1 p.m., Annex I, 1410 W. Pearl St.

REPUBLICAN WOMEN welcome Teresa McCoy from the county and Senator Brian Birdwell, 10 a.m., The Fillin' Station, 100 N. Crockett.

Party on the Peak tradition continues

BY DEBBIE SCHNEIDER
HOOD COUNTY NEWS

Dust off your dancin' boots. Preserve Granbury will host its annual Party on the Peak Saturday, Oct. 7.

The party gets going at 5 p.m. atop Comanche Peak, a 1,229-foot historic mesa in Hood County. The evening includes guided tours with panoramic views of North Texas, cocktails, dinner and dancing under the Texas stars.

Homer Robertson, World Champion Chuck Wagon winner, provides the meal. Live and silent auctions are part of the fun. The Open Rhodes Band will provide music for dancing.

SUPPORTING HISTORY

Funds raised through Party on the Peak benefit Preserve Granbury projects that include development of a system to provide historical summaries for the buildings on the historic Granbury square. The group is also working with local schools to educate students on the history of Granbury. Another project includes landscaping at a

house recently restored for use by Preserve Granbury at 801 Lipan Highway.

CULTURAL ARTS DISTRICT

Granbury Arts Alliance has taken the lead in applying for a Cultural Arts District designation for Granbury. Preserve Granbury is working in partnership with the Alliance to secure the distinction.

Granbury Arts Alliance will offer many unique works to be auctioned at the Peak Party, with the proceeds to help support the cause.

MANY MAKE IT HAPPEN

Preserve Granbury continues its partnership with Granbury Wine Walk to provide Texas wine at Party on the Peak.

The party site at Comanche Peak is provided by Ken Hill Sr. Tickets are \$100 and can be purchased online at www.preservegranbury.org or by contacting Steven Kuban at 817-312-7753. Tables for eight or 10 guests and individual tickets are available.

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Game Show 'extravaganza' coming Oct. 12

BY DEBBIE SCHNEIDER
HOOD COUNTY NEWS

Do you know what the survey says?

If so, you'll be in luck when the Granbury Game Show seeks audience participation Thursday, Oct. 12, at 6 p.m. at Granbury Resort Conference Center.

The Game Show "extravaganza" includes dinner, auctions

and lively games to benefit the United Way of Hood County.

The Game Show Source will provide entertainment, and the audience will be part of the fun. Everyone will be competing as individuals or teams to answer the survey questions.

For this year's fundraiser, the United Way is returning to the Conference Center, after several years at the Granbury Reunion Grounds.

"There's a good chance that we will sell out of tables this year since the Conference Center is smaller than the Reunion Grounds location," said board president Doug Dobbins.

Sponsor tables are \$1,000, \$2,500 and \$5,000. Individual tickets are \$125.

Auction items will be available and "first choice raffle tickets" will be offered for \$100 each. The "first choice"

raffle winner will get to pick their choice from the auction items.

For more information on the event or to purchase tables or tickets, call the United Way at 817-579-5100, or stop by the office inside BBVA Compass Bank at the intersection of Highway 377 and Acton Highway.

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The Ultimate Challenge

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“As for me and my house we will serve the Lord.” This, a common verse posted on many a family room wall. The verse seems so simple and well stated, but in truth, it is a challenging question as to how you will live your life. The verse is the final statement made by Joshua, who was dying and had called the Israelite leaders to Shechem to hear his final words. It appears that he was

giving heartfelt words of encouragement and instruction while challenging them to make a conscious choice to always follow and serve God. Certainly Joshua had lived an example of someone who had held strong to the Lord as his God. His words were meant to inspire others to live as he did and enjoy the covering of Christ in their lives.

Each and every day, we are faced with the same choice that the people under Joshua’s leadership had to face. Just as in Joshua’s time, we must choose to obey and trust in the Lord who in their lifetime had proven Himself trustworthy over the years. This scenario sort of reminds me of a locker room scene whereby the coach is getting after his team with a sense of dedication and urgency! It’s the finals game, the end of the road and the team has to put it all out there

without reservation to give it all they’ve got to win or lose!

Joshua knew that he too was facing a win or lose situation! This was life, and Joshua wanted desperately for his people of his nation to follow God and chose life. Joshua’s commitment was firm and yet, no matter how dedicated the leader, it’s the people’s choice as to what direction they will choose. Like good followers, they all boldly proclaimed their loyalty to follow the Lord, which they did for a while, but eventually, broke the contract.

Talk can be cheap, even if made with the best of intentions. Posting a sign is bold, but living it out daily requires much more of a commitment. Jesus wants total dedication and partial obedience is disobedience. Joshua told the Israelites to rid of the foreign gods and idols. What is it that stands in your way? Is there an area where there is only partial obedience, which is keeping you from trusting God and allowing Him to be the Lord of your life?

As Joshua led a great nation into taking over the land of Canaan, there were many obstacles that could have caused him to stumble and lose sight of God. However, by following God closely, the Lord was faithful even in the midst of military battles and spiritual warfare. Joshua trusted God, which enabled his people – his house – to also love and trust God. As we face so much turmoil in our nation today, let us remain strong and obedient and highly committed to stand as Joshua asked of his people... But as for me and my household, we will serve the Lord.....but will you?

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Business

Dollar General adding new store north of square

BY DEBBIE SCHNEIDER
HOOD COUNTY NEWS

Construction continues for a new Dollar General store on the north side of Granbury at 4411 Weatherford Highway. The store is expected to open by mid-fall.

Dollar General will employ approximately 6-10 employees

at the new store. For application information go to www.dollargeneral.com/careers.

When choosing new locations, meeting customers' needs is Dollar General's top priority, according to company spokeswoman Laura Somerville.

"We know convenience is a major factor in our customers'

shopping decisions as we generally serve customers within a three- to five-mile radius, or 10- minute drive," she said.

Dollar General sells health and beauty products, cleaning supplies, household items and basic clothing. An assortment of packaged foods as well as some cold foods are also offered.

BUILDING PERMITS

Building permits in the city limits include 24 residential and nine non-residential in the month of July.

JULY NON-RESIDENTIAL

Finish out non-residential building, Wetzels Pretzel's, 735 Highway 377 E., \$90,000, Walmart.

Finish out non-residential building, 401 E. Pearl St. #3303, \$44,466, GI Couch Properties.

Finish out non-residential building, 401 E. Pearl St. #3301, \$74,258, GI Couch Properties.

Finish out non-residential building, 401 E. Pearl St. #3202, \$35,583, GI Couch Properties.

Finish out non-residential building, 401 E. Pearl St. #3201, \$55,565, GI Couch Properties.

Metal building addition, 2116 Highway 377 E., \$90,000, Crown Quality Roofing.

Finish out non-residential building, 1310 Paluxy Road Building B 2-3, \$850,000, Lake Granbury Medical Center.

Finish out non-residential building, 1003 White Cliff Road, \$10,000, Multi Framing Incorporated.

Overlay re-roof, 1517 N.

Plaza Dr., \$28,000, Granbury Lodging, LLC.

JULY RESIDENTIAL

New single family residence, 1702 Troon Court, \$261,348, J Allen Homes, Inc.

Installing shaft for elevator, 2307 Vienna Dr., \$20,000, Holly Dale.

Ornamental fence, 1202 Carmel Court, \$3,000, Patrick Cavana.

Approach/driveway, 3804 Highway 377 E., \$0, HEB Grocery Company, LP.

New single family residence, 1204 Prestwick Court, \$262,812, J Allen Homes, Inc.

New single family residence, 1210 Catalina Bay Blvd., \$337,612, Rock Ridge Homes.

New single family residence, 2046 Clive Dr., \$231,045, Premier Homes.

New single family residence, 2114 Clive Dr., \$270,810, Premier Homes.

New single family residence, 2013 Clive Dr., \$281,962, Premier Homes.

New single family residence, 200 Donna Circle, \$224,624, Premier Homes.

New single family residence, 3509 Abe's Landing, \$371,745, Audience Homes.

Home addition, 2507 Waters

Edge Dr., \$50,000, Billy Friesen Construction.

Ornamental fence, 1608 Malibu Bay Court, \$3,000, Stephen Hoke.

New four slip boat dock (floating), 115 W. Doyle St., \$92,690, Preferred RE Holdings, LLC.

New single family residence, 4414 Logan Circle, \$215, 161, Premier Homes.

Driveway/approach, 815 Brazos Harbor, \$0, Linda Branch.

Residential dock permit, 595 Doyle Springs, \$42,000, Umphress Group.

Ornamental fence, 1212 Sunset Bay, \$0, A&D Construction.

New single family residence, 1415 Joshua Way, \$279,597, Al Couto Homes.

New single family residence, 3309 Ferry Boat, \$279,597, Al Couto Homes.

New single family residence, 4412 Logan, \$208,740, Al Couto Homes.

New single family residence, 910 Victoria Court, \$182,943, Coker and Company.

New single family residence, 1042 Anna Circle, \$279,597, Al Couto Homes.

New single family residence, 1043 Anna Circle, \$288,046, Al Couto Homes.

Life



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Pleasant setting

Doninique and Charles Inge of Granbury (from left) view program. Numerous activities were held at the Langdon Center and other Granbury locations as part of the annual event last week.

Gospel show will help feed 1,000

BY DEBBIE SCHNEIDER
HOOD COUNTY NEWS

The Gospel and Hymn Show, featuring musical artists Shake Anderson and Shane Brooks, is set for 7 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 30 at Granbury High School Auditorium. Organizers say the program will include some oldies music as well.

Proceeds from show benefit Thanksgiving 1000, also known as T1K, which is a ministry of

The Way Church to provide food at Thanksgiving.

Anderson began recording and touring when he was nine. He has worked with Ray Charles, Stevie Wonder, Aretha Franklin and formed the award-winning gospel group New Breed with Israel Houghton. He's currently leading worship at Generations Church.

Brooks is a singer, songwriter and recording artist. As a country singer, he had two

top 40 hits and toured with George Strait, Toby Keith and Clay Walker. Today he serves as music director at Tolar Baptist Church.

Advance tickets are \$15 and can be purchased at Jerry Durrant Toyota Granbury or follow the link www.crossconcerts.com to purchase online.

Doors open at 6 p.m. and tickets at the door will be \$20.

The Way Church started its Thanksgiving ministry in 2010.

Benefit Saturday for Harvey victims

You can help 100 victims of Hurricane Harvey who are staying at a church in Alvin.

Donations will be collected Saturday, Sept. 16 from 1-5 p.m. at Hewlett Park, 621 E. Pearl St. There will be hotdogs and live music provided by Christian country musicians.

Performers include the Baggy Bottom Boys, Wes McMillan, Wyatt Nations, Sheree and Stephen Kline, Trish Hawkins, David Jordan and Tim Fish.

Admission is free. Spokesman Dan Ames said that 100 percent of donations will be given to Pastor Steve

Vaughn's church in Alvin.

Current needs include cleaning supplies such as brooms, mops, scrubbing pads, non-perishable food items, toothpaste, soap and deodorant. Monetary donations will be accepted as well. No clothing is needed at this time.

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