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## Man sentenced to life for murder

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A Hood County man was given a life sentence after a jury found him guilty of murdering his landlord.

Michael Loren Jacobs, 57, beat and shot to death 75-year-old Floyd Flud on June 24, 2015.

The two had a rocky relationship, according to testimony.

Jacobs will be eligible for parole after 30 years, when he's 85.

The trial began on Tuesday and included two and a half days of testimony from more than 20 witnesses and more than 100 pieces of evidence.

Flud was found dead on the floor of his mechanics shop at 1111 Mambrino Highway, according to testimony.



Michael Jacobs (left) convicted of murdering his landlord, Floyd Flud

Jacobs claimed self-defense. Flud had been beaten repeatedly with a heavy object on his face, hands and arms, according to Dr. Marc Krouse, medical examiner for Tarrant County.

Part of his lower jaw had become detached from his head during the beating, he testified. Blood loss from the beating alone would have been life threatening, Krouse said.

A shotgun wound to Flud's shoulder would have caused

him to bleed out quickly, Krouse said. A pistol shot to the back of Flud's head would have been instantly fatal, he told the jury.

His examination suggested Flud was not breathing when the damage occurred to his face, Krouse testified, contradicting Jacobs' testimony that he struck Flud only before Flud was shot.

Jacobs took the stand and told the jury he was not guilty of murder.

"I killed that man, but I did not murder him," Jacobs said.

According to Jacobs, Flud had offered to let Jacobs live on his property in exchange for handyman work. Flud pulled a gun on Jacobs several times in the months he stayed there, Jacobs said.

At about 10 p.m. on June 23, he told Flud he was going to move out in the morning, and Flud became angry with him, Jacobs said.

Flud pointed a shotgun at him and pulled the trigger, but there was no cartridge in the chamber, Jacobs testified. As Flud chambered a shell, Jacobs wrestled him to the ground.

"I yelled, 'Give me the gun, Floyd, give me the gun,'" Jacobs shouted from the witness stand in agitation.

Jacobs said he hit Flud on the head with a jackstand used to lift a car off the ground.

"I was thinking, 'He is not getting up with the gun,'" Jacobs said.

Jacobs said he continued to hit Flud with the riser from the jack until he was able to grab

the stock of the shotgun. When he pulled the gun from Flud's grasp, the gun went off, Jacobs said.

He said he took the shells out of the shotgun and realized Flud was dead.

Until daylight, Jacobs said he wandered from the shop to his trailer in a daze, at one point retrieving the pistol from a desk drawer in the shop and shooting Flud again, he said.

He then drove Flud's truck to a friend's house off Fall Creek Highway to ask them to care for Jacobs' dog, Jacobs said.

Gayla Williams, who was at the house off Fall Creek, testified Jacobs told her about the killing and that he had "beat him, and beat him, until I couldn't beat him no more," she said.

District Attorney Rob Christian read excerpts from Jacobs' diary that outlined his hostility towards Flud whom he said was a "lying," "vindictive," "know-it-all" who he blamed for preventing him from legally registering his truck and moving on.

Jacobs confirmed the words in the journal reflected his feelings at the time he wrote them.

Former Hood County Sheriff's Office investigator Sonny Frisbie testified that in his experience the extent of Flud's injuries and the lack of injury to Jacobs was not consistent with self-defense. Frisbie is trained in blood splatter patterns, and he is a licensed mortician who assisted with the crime scene.

Jacobs had several health issues that delayed the case coming to trial, Christian said.

## Contract awarded for \$3.3 million library expansion

BY KATHY CRUZ  
HOOD COUNTY NEWS

Bedford-based Modern Contractors, Inc. has been awarded the contract for the library expansion project.

The Commissioners Court approved the recommendation brought forth by architect Alan Magee and county Purchasing Agent Nelda Walters at its regular meeting Tuesday.

The county has used Modern Contractors before, but the company was chosen for the library job because it bested competitors in the RFP (Request for Proposals) process.

"We had nine respondents, which, from what I understand, is phenomenal," Walters told commissioners.

Magee said that Modern Contractors' bid to serve as the "manager at risk" for the project was \$305,450 - \$117,884 less than the second-best proposal. The figure represents a basic fee covering overhead and profit, Magee said.

The company also offered the lowest percentage fee for their portion of the work, he said. It

was 2.75 percent, compared to the next lowest bid of 3.5 percent.

The vote of the Commissioners Court to approve Modern Contractors, Inc. was unanimous.

After the vote, Magee told commissioners that he will have further information for them about the project in early October.

He said that both the city's Historic Preservation Commission and the Hood County Historical Commission have unanimously expressed support for the expansion.

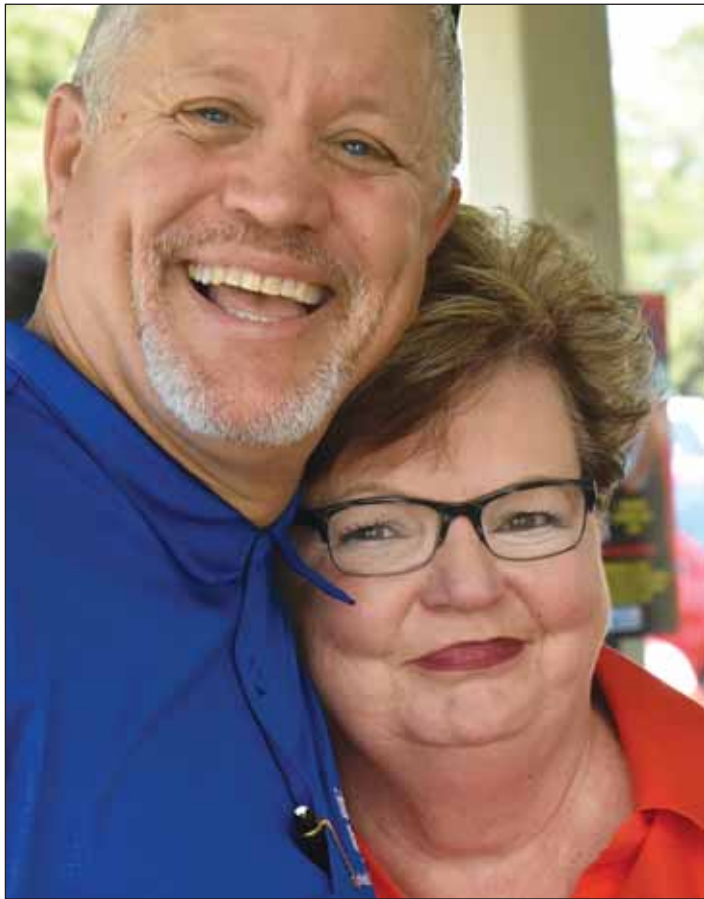
Magee also said that issues related to zoning and parking are making their way through city channels and will soon go before the City Council.

The \$3.3 million expansion of the Hood County Library on Travis Street will involve expanding the building at the back end, which faces Shanley Park and the back of City Hall. That expanded area will have a second story.

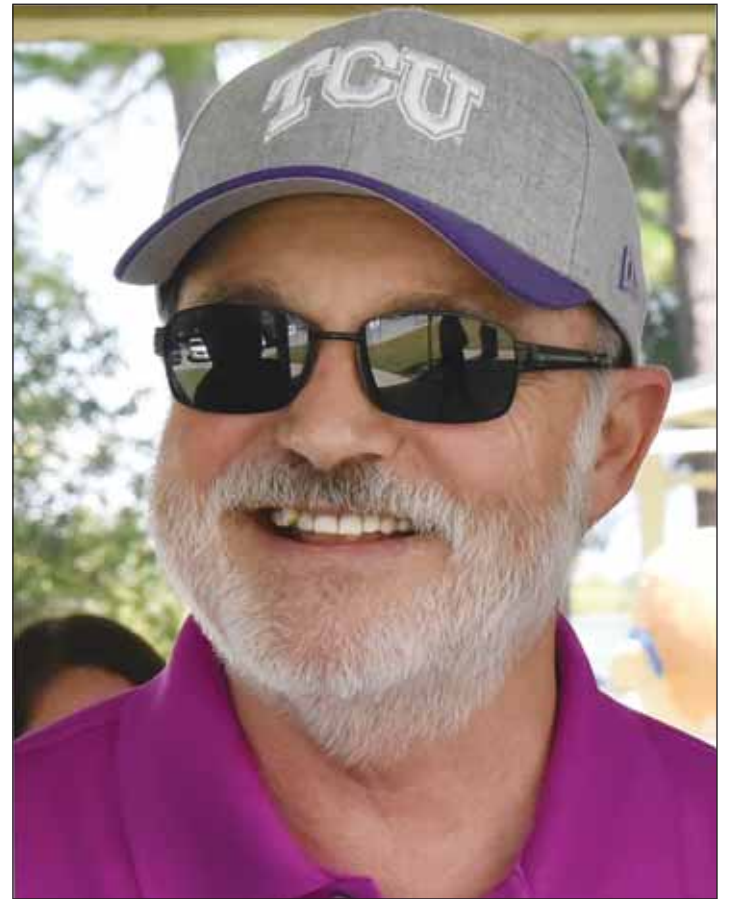
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### Top awards given by United Way

Jerry Tidwell, Diann Lewis, Marilyn Luton and Forward Training Center were recognized for service to the community by the United Way of Hood County on Thursday. The prestigious Because We Care Award went to Tidwell (far right). Pictured left, United Way Board President Doug Dobbins congratulates Diann Lewis, who was given the Captain of the Team Award. The Toni Brown-Belew Partner Agency Award went to Forward Training Center. Marilyn Luton was given The Hank Stone Award. UW of Hood County supports Boys & Girls Club of Hood County, Camp

Fire First Texas, Cancer Care Services, Child Study Center, Forward Training Center, Girl Scouts of Texas Oklahoma Plains, Hood County 4-H, Hood County Children's Charity Fund, Hood County Christmas for Children, Hood County Committee on Aging, Kids Armor of Hope, Miracle League of Granbury, Mission Granbury, Operation School Supplies, Paluxy River Children's Advocacy Center, Rainbow Room, Ruth's Place Clinic, Star Council on Substance Abuse, Texas EMS, and TX Neighborhood Services including Community Services and Head Start. See related story, P.1B.

## 911 dispatch to get new equipment

BY KATHY CRUZ  
HOOD COUNTY NEWS

Sometimes, lightning really does strike twice in the same place, and maybe even more than that.

Lightning strikes are among the reasons Sheriff Roger Deeds asked for permission from the Commissioners Court to spend up to \$100,000 to replace the dispatch console and interface equipment, radios and power supplies for 911 dispatch.

Money to cover the cost will be moved from eight accounts, including Fuel, Uniforms & Accessories, Radio Maintenance and Computer Maintenance.

Deeds said that the current console was purchased in June of 2009 "after a bad lightning strike."

There were other lightning strikes over the last couple of years, he said.

"It's cheaper just to move forward and buy new stuff" so that the problematic equipment will not cause problems for emergency services, he said.

Deeds said that it will take six weeks for the new equipment to arrive.

"It's expensive to get it all done, but it's definitely needed," he said.

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## County clarifies home quarantines for rabies

BY KATHY CRUZ  
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The county has more clearly defined its policy for home quarantines for animals who must be observed for rabies.

Home quarantines are allowed under state law, but counties have authority over how those quarantines are managed.

When an animal bites or scratches someone and must be placed under rabies observation, they can be quarantined three ways: at Animal Control, at a veterinarian's office or at home.

For home quarantines to be

allowed, though, certain criteria must be met.

According to the policy adopted this week by the Commissioners Court, the requirements for a home quarantine are:

- The animal's rabies vaccination must have been current at the time of the bite or scratch;

- They must not have been at large (roaming freely) at the time of the bite or scratch;

- The victim is the owner or a person who lives at the same residence as the animal, or is an adult victim who consents to the home quarantine;

- The owner has a secured

facility, such as a kennel, that is approved by the local rabies authority;

- If the animal becomes ill during the 10-day quarantine period, the owner must notify the local authority;

- The owner must sign an agreement to abide by the terms and conditions; and

- The local rabies authority must observe the animal on the first and last day of the quarantine period.

Before the vote was taken to approve the policy, Precinct 4 Commissioner Steve Berry expressed concern that everyone be treated equally and be granted permission for a home

quarantine if they meet the criteria.

County Attorney Matt Mills said that he worked with the sheriff's office to draft the revised policy.

"I'm not too worried that they're just going to arbitrarily say, 'Well, I don't like you and we're not going to let you qualify,'" Mills said.

Sheriff Roger Deeds said Wednesday that, with the revised policy, "the county attorney's happy, the commissioners are happy, everybody's happy."

"It's just more clarified now," he said.

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**HOT START:** The Granbury Lady Pirates are one of two 2-0 teams in District 9-5A volleyball this season. For a recap of Tuesday's game, please see page 6A.



# County confused by new law regarding Israel

BY KATHY CRUZ  
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The county is struggling to figure out how to obey a new law.

House Bill 89, known as the Anti-BDS (Boycott, Divestments and Sanctions) bill, prohibits state agencies from contracting with or investing in companies that make political statements by boycotting Israel.

It was signed into law by Gov. Greg Abbott in early May.

Purchasing Agent Nelda Walters is confused on what exactly is now required of the county, and County Attorney Matt Mills isn't real clear either.

"A contract is pretty much anything we do," Walters said at this week's regular meeting of the Commissioners Court. "I mean, you order a hamburger, it's like a contract."

Mills looked into the matter at Walters' request.

"I thought we were pretty safe in only messing with this if there is a bid or something more formal," he said. "But HB 89 didn't have that language in there about formal bids."

He continued, "A contract is an exchange for things, even if it's not in writing."

Walters said that she has been in communication with a wom-

an in the state comptroller's office who is trying to provide clarification, but the woman was redirected to help deal with the effects of Hurricane Harvey.

Walters' advice to commissioners was to wait for clarification from the comptroller's office and take any needed action at a later date.

The commissioners agreed and took no action.

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# Chance to see Justin Timberlake and support GHS F1 teams

Granbury High School students leave Wednesday to represent the U.S. in the F1 in Schools World Championship in Malaysia.

The Rotary Club of Granbury is holding a raffle to support the F1 teams. The winner will receive two concert tickets to Justin Timberlake, two tickets to Stevie Wonder and two tickets to the Formula One race in Austin.

Contact Jennifer at jennrb1220@gmail.com for more information.

F1 in Schools is a global multi-disciplinary challenge in which teams of students age 9 to 19 deploy CAD/CAM software to collaborate, design, analyze, manufacture, test and then race miniature compressed air powered balsa wood F1 cars.

In the national championship in June, Granbury's three teams took first, second and fourth place. Only the top three teams in the nation qualify for the world championship.



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## Prepping the new pump

The city boat ramp on the north side of Business Hwy. 377 was closed to the public on Tuesday and Wednesday to allow room for the assembly of the pump dock for the water treatment plant across the lake. Construction inspector Richard McCluskey is pictured Wednesday morning as crews prepared to float the assembled pump dock across the lake to the water treatment plant, where it will be used to pump water to the plant.

## Dems to hold City Council candidates forum Thursday

BY KATHY CRUZ  
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Hood County Democrats will hold a candidates forum for Granbury City Council candidates next week, according to party Chair Robert Vick.

The forum will take place Thursday at county Annex I, 1410 W. Pearl St. - the night of the group's regular monthly meeting.

The public is invited.

Doors will open at 6:30 p.m., and the forum will start at 7. It will end at 8:30.

Two incumbents and two challengers will be on the Nov. 7 ballot.

Rose Myers of Place 4 is facing competition from Chamber Board President Trish

Reiner. Mickey Parson of Place 6 is facing off with chamber ambassador Greg Corrigan, who serves on two city boards.

Vick said that Parson, Corrigan and Reiner have confirmed that they will attend. He said that Myers was to be out of town on business that day, but is working to rearrange her schedule in order to participate.

Vick said that audience members will be allowed to submit written questions for the candidates but that the questions will be screened for appropriateness. He also stated a desire for the forum to be "fun" and for all in attendance to show courtesy and respect.

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## History Center Lecture Series continues Thursday evening

BY KATHY CRUZ  
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The Bridge Street History Center is planning another round for its popular Ramay-Macatee Lecture Series.

Texas Christian University history professor Steven Woodworth will return to Granbury on Thursday to give a lecture about the men for whom Granbury and Hood County were named - Gen. Hiram B. Granbury and Lt. General John Bell Hood, both of the Confederate States Army.

Maurice Walton, a member of the Bridge Street History Center commission, said that Woodworth's lecture will focus on the Battle of Franklin in Tennessee.

"It was an important battle for the south," he said.

Granbury died during that battle on Nov. 30, 1864.

The lecture will be at 6:30 p.m. in the Opera House.

Tickets are \$10 each and can be purchased at the Nutt House Hotel on the square or at the Bridge Street History Center at 319 E. Bridge St. The history center is near the square and will be open today from 1 to 5 p.m.

Proceeds will benefit the history center.

Woodworth has authored, co-authored or edited 32 history-related books.

Two of his books - "The Tennessee Campaign of 1864" and "Jefferson Davis and His Generals" - will be sold after the lecture at a book-signing reception that will be held at Celebration Hall near the Opera House.

When the History Center hosted Woodworth for lectures in September and October of 2015, he spoke to a packed house, Walton said.

The History Center also is



Woodworth

planning a lecture for Thursday, Oct. 26, featuring author, historian and Alamo curator Bruce Winders. Those tickets are not yet for sale.

Walton said that the topic of Winders' lecture has not yet been determined, but it may focus on Alamo hero David Crockett, whose widow and family lived in Hood County.

### COMING TO THE STAGE

In other news related to the history center, author and playwright Mary Barile has written a play about the epic Mitchell-Truitt feud that resulted in the only known legal hanging in Hood County.

The events leading up to and following the hanging of Nelson "Cooney" Mitchell in 1875 is a fascinating tale that has been told in a DVD created by the history center and shown in public presentations.

Walton said that commission members have just received the finished manuscript and have not yet had a chance to review and discuss it.

Due to performances that are scheduled for the Opera House throughout the year, Walton said it is unlikely that the play will be staged there.

He said performances will likely be held at the Granbury Live venue, also located on the square, and will probably take place during one of the annual celebrations that draw visitors to town.

Those details, however, have yet to be worked out, Walton said.

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## More parking added to Y

The YMCA of Hood County now has 48 more parking spaces.

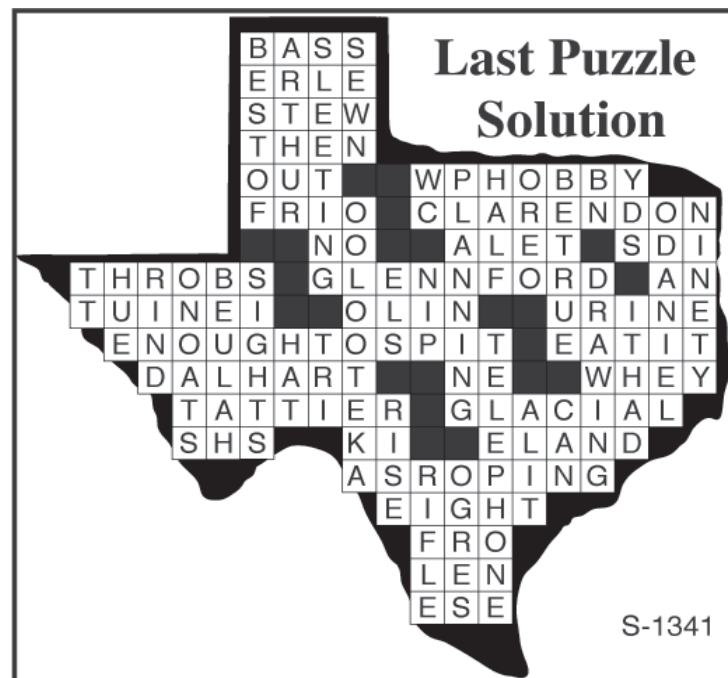
The additional spaces were completed Tuesday.

Executive Director Lisa Gossard said Thursday that crews "still have a few more things to do to make the entrance and exit a bit better," which is why some barricades were still in place.

For all practical purposes, though, the work is finished.

Parking during peak times became a problem almost immediately when the county-owned rec center across from Acton Middle School opened in April 2016.

Even though the facility had almost double the parking it had at its old location on Harbor Lakes Drive, the Y gained 587 new memberships within a month of the grand opening, Gossard said.



### Last Puzzle Solution

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## Time to apply pre-emergents for your lawn

Every year the dog days of summer get me down about my lawn.

By the end of August, I am thinking it is way too hot and dry for weeds to germinate, and I need to wait a few weeks to put down pre-emergent for cool season weeds.

It always seems like the cool weather will then slip up on me, and I miss getting it down early enough.

With the recent rains and the cooler weather the last couple of weeks, I think we have been given notice not to be late with our pre-emergent.

Generally we want to put down a pre-emergent herbicide in early September to help prevent weeds such as poa annua and henbit from germinating.

These weeds will begin germinating with adequate moisture when soil temperatures begin to cool. By getting your pre-emer-

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Marty Vahlenkamp  
Extension agent

weeds in our lawns.

Both weeds mentioned will soon be germinating with cooler temperatures and some fall time moisture.

Henbit is probably one of the top 10 most despised lawn weeds. This weed is the one that produces purple flowers from March through May.

While the purple flowers are pretty to look at, most people would rather not have them

gent down early you will be ready when conditions are favorable.

With the tough mid-summer, thin turfs and recent rains, I expect that we will see a bumper crop of winter annual

taking over their St. Augustine yard. Another culprit of ruining springtime lawns is a small clump grass called poa annua or annual bluegrass.

Like henbit, this weed will grow all winter but will really begin to show up in late winter and early spring as soon as we get a few warm days.

Control of both winter and summer turf grass weeds starts with good cultural practices. Practices such as proper mowing heights, proper mowing intervals, good fertilization programs and a good watering program that supports deep root development go a long way in controlling weeds.

A good first step is to use a pre-emergent herbicide to prevent the weed seeds that are present from germinating.

When looking at pre-emergent products, it is important to look at the label to make sure

the product is labeled for the type of grass that you have and that it controls the weeds you are after.

After applying the herbicide at the labeled rate, be sure to water it in with at least one-half inch of water. Allowing the product to lay out in the sunlight reduces the effectiveness of the product.

Hopefully, a little effort this fall will go a long way in getting your yard off to a good start next spring.

Don't forget: if summer weeds have been a problem late February, now is a good time to put out a pre-emergent for summer weeds such as crabgrass and grass burs.

For more information on landscape maintenance contact the Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service - Hood County Office at 817-579-3280.

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ing furniture, fixtures and equipment (FF&E), is expected to be about \$3.6 million.

The Hood County Library Foundation has pledged

\$500,000 for the project through community fundraising.

Those plans are expected to be announced in the near future.

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# 'The Marvelous Wonderettes: Dream On' at Opera House

Granbury Theater Company is presenting the sequel to its 2016 show "The Marvelous Wonderettes" on the Opera House stage.

The jukebox musical "The Marvelous Wonderettes: Dream On" started last night and will run through Oct. 8.

In the sequel, the Marvelous Wonderettes are back at Springfield High to throw a retirement party for their favorite home-room teacher. But as the song and dance unfold, one of the Wonderettes reveals she'll also saying goodbye to search for success and happiness on her own.

Reprising their roles from the 2016 production are Amber Lanning (Suzy), Caitlin Leblo (Cindy Lou), Kelly Nickell (Betty Jean), and Emily Warwick (Missy).

A live band will accompany

the girls: Jeremy Bowen, piano; Greg Doss, synthesizer; Parker Barrus, guitar; Kyle Hoffman, bass; and Haden Capps, drums.

The musical is under the direction of Brian Lawson. Jamie Deel is leading music direction, and Brooke Goodson is the choreographer. Designers for the production are Kerri Pavelick, scenery; Joshua Carpenter, sound; Kalani Morrisette, lighting; Emily Warwick, costumes; and Gaylene Carpenter, props. Cessany Ford is the stage manager.

Performances are 7:30 p.m. on Fridays, 2 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. on Saturdays, and 2 p.m. on Sundays.

Tickets can be purchased at the GTC box office by calling 817-579-0952 or online at [www.granburytheatrecompany.org](http://www.granburytheatrecompany.org). Tickets are \$30 for prime seating and \$25 in standard seating.



**SONGS ON STAGE:** Granbury Theater company's "The Marvelous Wonderettes: Dream On" opened Friday and runs through Oct. 8 at the Granbury Opera House. Tickets are on sale online and by phone.

## Drug arrest lands woman in jail

Citizens on Patrol volunteers helped Granbury police make a drug arrest.

On Sept. 1, at approximately 9:56 p.m., the Granbury Police Department COP volunteers observed a suspicious Toyota sports utility vehicle, said Granbury Police Sgt. Cris Brichetto.

Two people were in the vehicle parked in the driveway of a residence, he said.

Knowing the residence had a history of numerous burglaries, they informed Granbury Police, Brichetto said.

Officers stopped the vehicle and contacted the occupants Kauri Keith, 18, of Tolar and a 19-year-old female of Granbury, he said.



Keith

Officers smelled marijuana coming from the vehicle and a Granbury Police K9 helped officers located syringes, a grinder with marijuana

residue inside, a liquid residue which field tested positive for methamphetamine and a white substance which field tested positive for cocaine, Brichetto said.

The items were found on Keith who was placed under arrest for possession of a controlled substance, a state jail felony.

The 19-year-old was released from the scene, he said.

## Counterfeit investigation underway, leads to drug arrest

Police are investigating a counterfeit bill after a man was arrested for drug possession, said Granbury Police Sgt. Cris Brichetto.

On Sunday at approximately 10:27 p.m., Granbury Police were dispatched to EZ Mart in reference to a subject attempting to pass a counterfeit bill, Brichetto said.

During the investigation, officers made contact with a 20-year-old Granbury man and a female accomplice, he

said. While speaking with the subjects next to their vehicle, officers observed marijuana on the front passenger seat, according to Brichetto. Officers also found other paraphernalia.

The man was arrested for possession of marijuana, less than 2 ounces, a misdemeanor.

The investigation is pending on the counterfeit money, Brichetto said.

## FELONY ARRESTS

Six felony arrests were made from Sept. 7 to 13 according to Hood County law enforcement records.

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

- Pedro Beltran, 53, Granbury, intoxicated manslaughter with a vehicle.

- Gregory Michael Blanton, 46, Fort Worth, possession of a controlled substance penalty group one, less than 1 gram; four out-of-county warrants; violation of parole; and driving while license invalid

with previous conviction.

- Morgan Paige English, 25, Lipan, out-of-county warrant.

- Mark Wayne Garrett Jr., 39, Cleburne, possession of a controlled substance penalty group three, more than 28 grams but less than 200 grams.

- Stacie Lynn McLennan, 46, De Leon, traffic offense; and possession of a controlled substance penalty group one, less than 1 gram.

- Frank Martin Mendoza, 32, Granbury, violation of parole.

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**Caleb Smith**

"I would like to be a video game programmer. Basically I would be one of the people programming millions of lines of codes that go into the game."



**Marybelle Hernandez**

"Since I was young it's always been my dream to be a kindergarten teacher. I want to make an impact. You can teach them so much at that early age."



**Anna Stark**

"A storm tracker. I was born and raised in Florida, and I have family in Houston. I've always been around all kinds of crazy weather."



**Lillian Hyde**

"I knew I wanted to be a teacher when I took the Ready, Set, Teach! class in high school. We got to intern with teachers. The kindergartners stole my heart."

# Keeping them in stitches

## Reporter turns insults into witty fundraiser

The other day on Facebook, I spotted a post about the Society of Professional Journalists Oregon Territory Chapter's "fundraiser for transparency."

Money raised will help pay for lobbying efforts for government transparency. As a way of doing her part for that effort, journalist Samantha Swindler is offering, for those who donate \$40 or more, a beautiful handmade cross-stitch "to commemorate your favorite reader comment."

As an example, she posted a black-framed cross-stitch decorated with green, orange and yellow curly-cues. It said: "You are nothing but a dark media -----."

The word at the end of the sentence rhymed with bore. I love this idea so much that I may order one. Maybe I'll ask Swindler to use the words that were posted about me on Facebook just last week.

The person, who shall remain nameless, posted: "Her writing sucks." This was followed a few colorful sentences later with "The paper is a rag."

Any reporter who has ever done his or her job has been the target of similar posts, tweets, letters, emails, etc. And any reporter worth his or her salt has laughed them off, then sat down at their computer to write the next story.

While I think that Swindler's idea is brilliant and witty (just imagine how funny it would be to see incredibly mean, vile comments written in grandmotherly cross-stitching), what's not funny is that some journalism professors are now advising students to take courses in self defense and consider getting a concealed handgun license.

Seriously, they are. They've told me so.

A few years ago, my friend Tommy Thomason and I wrote a book for journalists called "You Might Want to Carry a Gun: Community Newspapers Expose Big Problems in Small Towns."

Tommy is founding director of the Schieffer School of Journalism at Texas Christian University and also founding director of the TCU-based Texas Center for Community Journalism.

Though many people might assume that it's investigative reporters at large metropolitan newspapers who face the greatest physical dangers, Tommy and I know that this is not always the case.

Big fish in small ponds can have piranha teeth.

On Monday, Tommy - and our book - were included in a piece about rural journalism written by Washington Post media columnist Margaret Sullivan.

"Some of these small-town officials think they've been elected deities," Tommy was quoted saying.

Former Whitley County, Kentucky, Sheriff Lawrence Hodge might fit into that category.

### LOOK AT IT THIS WAY



**Kathy Cruz**  
Staff Writer

He's the reason why Swindler and her young sidekick Adam Sulfridge took concealed handgun classes together - which, as it turned out, was a smart move.

And he's the reason why Swindler and Sulfridge were not only featured in "You Might Want to Carry a Gun," but also on "60 Minutes."

Swindler, then in her 20s, was working six days a week as managing editor of The Times-Tribune in Corbin, Kentucky, when she hired 19-year-old Sulfridge in 2009 to help her investigate Hodge.

Townspersons had long whispered that he was connected to drug dealers and was selling guns from the department's evidence locker out of his barbershop near the town square.

Hodge's behavior became odd and combative whenever Swindler requested to view his department's evidence log.

Swindler and Sulfridge ultimately revealed to their readers that 78 confiscated firearms were unaccounted for and \$125,000 was missing from the sheriff's accounts.

As things heated up, the federal Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives got involved. An agent advised Swindler and Sulfridge on ways to stay safe.

Swindler bought a .38. She kept it in the glove box of her car and in the house with her when she was home.

The start of 2010 brought more stories and more trouble for the sheriff.

The newspaper reported that a majority of felony drug cases handled by the sheriff's department had not resulted in felony convictions because charges had been dismissed, cases were downgraded to misdemeanors or deputies had failed to show up to testify.

As the walls closed in, the sheriff became more threatening. This only made Swindler and Sulfridge more determined to continue their reporting.

One day, while Sulfridge was at home in the shower, his cell phone rang. It was the ATF agent.

"Get out of there," he told the young reporter. "We've received a credible threat on your life."

For several weeks, Sulfridge was in hiding, with federal agents moving him from motel to motel.

On Nov. 1, 2010, he returned to the mobile home he shared with his mother. She was in Mexico and, danger or no danger, there were animals

to feed.

The first sign of trouble was when Sulfridge's German shepherd, Princess, bristled and growled while they were in the backyard.

Sulfridge walked to the side of the house and saw that a diesel truck had pulled into his driveway, with two men inside.

The man in the passenger seat got out of the truck and silently walked toward Sulfridge, reaching his hand into his waistband.

Sulfridge reached into his waistband, too, making sure both men got a good look at the Glock pistol nestled there.

The man told Sulfridge they were looking for scrap metal.

"There's no scrap metal here," Sulfridge said. "Well," the man said, "we'll just be on our way, then."

### THANKLESS JOB

In May 2011, Hodge pleaded guilty to extortion, money laundering and allowing drug traffickers who supplied him with controlled substances to operate freely within the county.

His former bookkeeper admitted to felony embezzlement, and signed a plea agreement stating that she had helped her boss embezzle or launder almost \$223,000.

She testified that Hodge had kept 50 percent of the ill-gotten gains while she and a co-worker split the other 50 percent.

Williamsburg attorney Ronnie Wayne Reynolds admitted that he and the sheriff had conspired to extort money from defendants in felony drug cases. Hodge would refer clients to Reynolds, and then Reynolds would guarantee them that the charges would be dropped or reduced if they made a "donation" to the sheriff's department.

Reynolds' law license was suspended and he was sentenced to two years and three months in federal prison.

As for Hodge, he was sentenced to federal prison, too. On Sept. 28, 2011, he was sentenced to 15 years and six months. His laundry list of offenses included three counts of tampering with physical evidence and 18 counts of abuse of public trust.

You would think that the Times-Tribune's readers would have appreciated the editor-reporter team that put a stop to the sheriff's endangerment of the public and his theft of their coffers, right?

Wrong. Despite the mountain of evidence and federal prison sentence, some continued to insist that the newspaper's stories had been politically motivated.

Swindler did not receive many thank you cards from the citizens she had worked hard to protect.

The upside, though, is that she probably has a lovely cross-stitch collection.

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## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

### WISH WE HAD HIM BACK

I am now on my third term as a member of the City Council of the city of Ovilla (near Waxahachie).

I have been following the story and council meeting concerning the events involving Councilwoman Myers with great interest.

Let me say that I have known Councilman Mobly for over 23 years. We attended church together for many years so I know him well as a Christian. He coached my son's baseball team where I watched him constantly teach the boys about sportsmanship, fair play and honesty. He constantly volunteered in mission and public projects to help people. And through the years when issues of right and wrong would arise in our community, he was always at the front with me and others leading the charge to right the wrong that we saw and replace the wrongs with the facts of truth, justice and integrity.

My running for City Council started when several of us citizens became aware that there were things going on in city hall that were not transparent, not legal, abuses of power and not up to the ethical standards that we the citizens demanded.

It was a tough battle. However, now the city of Ovilla has won the Texas Comptroller's Transparency in Government Award for several years.

We have a great mayor, transparent council, honest and hardworking staff and a strong ethics policy for the elected officials that is strongly enforced so no councilperson does anything that might be construed as unethical or for personal gain knowing that ethics violation charges will be brought immediately locally and with the Attorney General's office against them.

In following these recent events in your city, I notice that several longtime council persons are on the "same page" and that would scare me as a citizen and make me look more closely into the facts, especially when there is a lone new voice coming in crying "fowl" and presenting facts.

In my experience and opinion, people who distract from the facts generally have something else to keep you from seeing. (Washington DC modus operandi for example.)

The questions to ask are:

1) Is Mr. Mobly personally gaining anything financially from this issue as a result of his position? Has any other councilperson gained financially as a result of their position?

2) Is Mr. Mobly a "troublemaker" for taking on the "establishment" or simply doing what he promised the voters he would do and that is to represent their interest in city hall? Why raise an alarm knowing confrontation may follow unless there may truly be smoke with the fire?

In my opinion and knowing Mr. Mobly as I do, he does not fear confrontation when wrongs may be present and will work to restore transparency and justice.

Thank God for those people who will still stand up and say, "wait a minute ... let's discuss this."

Granbury, in my opinion, you are lucky to have such a person on your council watching after your interest; after all, it is your tax dollars they are spending. Wish we had him back in Ovilla.

**David Griffin**  
Ovilla

### CASH DONATIONS THE BEST

All citizens of Texas have been directly or indirectly affected by the ravages of Harvey.

Irma has been getting the lion's share of coverage for the past week, but Harvey is still being felt in Texas and will be for many months, if not years.

Texans have stepped forward with donations and actual hands-on assistance. The recovery has just started, and we need to continue with our recovery efforts.

Cash donations are the best method for providing assistance as it allows funds to go to the vic-

tims of the disaster by enabling them to purchase items such as food, medicine, clothing and shelter.

Cash donations puts money in the hands of organizations who are active in the direct rebuilding and have better knowledge of the items they need to carry out their work.

If you choose to provide personal assistance to the rebuilding and recovery process you need to be able to provide assistance and not become a part of the problem.

To provide personal assistance you need to realize that you will have to provide your own housing, transportation, water, food and tools.

You should have special skills in rebuilding homes, infrastructure, medical training and counseling skills. Additionally, you need to be healthy and physically fit. The restoration of coastal Texas will require a volunteer to work long hours under difficult conditions.

As stated earlier, cash is probably the best way to provide assistance, but you need to beware of scams.

The Houston Chronicle provided a list of responsible agencies that include the following: Houston Food Bank, Texas Diaper Bank, Hurricane Harvey Relief Fund, United Way of Greater Houston, Jewish Foundation of Greater Houston, Good Samaritan's Purse and the Salvation Army.

There are many other trusted organizations, but you need to be aware of criminals who take advantage of these disasters.

The internet makes it easy for scam artists to operate successfully. It is easy to establish a website using hurricane-related photographs with a link that enables donations through PayPal, and the funds may end up in the personal bank account of criminals. Be sure you properly vet anyone asking for hurricane donations, and if you discover a fraudulent website report it to the FBI, local police or Department of Public Safety.

**Steve Green**  
DeCordova

### GOP VOODOO MATH

S&P, of the S&P 500 stock index, reported in July, "Second-quarter results will lift profits for US companies to a record."

American corporations have never been more profitable. Why would conservatives, ever-worried about deficit spending, want to reduce government revenue in this time of corporate largess?

Simply put, it is conservative voodoo math; where less is more; where the never-actually-seen greater revenue is magically enabled by lower taxes. Ask Kansas, home of the four-day school week, how that's worked out for them.

Here's an alternative. Raise revenue during a time of corporate plenty. Let's tighten the loopholes in corporate tax-code that permit corporations to pay an average effective tax rate of only 10 percent; require GE, Atmos and the dozens of others that paid less than zero (effectively taking money from us!) to pay an Alternative Minimum Corporate Tax; introduce a franchise tax pegged to the billions a corporation hides overseas; provide for punitive taxes when a corporation changes its domicile to a foreign country.

As the revenue from corporate taxation goes up, lower the taxes on the middle and working classes. In these profit-rich days, it's time for our corporations to do right by the US Treasury.

**Charles Stonick**  
Granbury

### LITTLE DID WE KNOW

The 911 Remembrance and Thanksgiving Service was over ... everyone had left, and as I so often do, I drove back to the park just to sit and think and to make sure we had picked up any trash left behind. It was so quiet ... as it usually is.

However, I was reminded that

how during this special service, the wings of the crickets and other "critters" rubbing together was so loud that it sounded as if we had been accompanied by an orchestra ... It had been beautiful.

They too, like most in attendance, had been moved by the music and the words spoken.

Over 200 people attended ... and thanks goes to the Hood County Prayer Task Force and the Memorial Lane Task Force for working diligently to make this happen.

I sat in awe of the beauty of the new park with all the lights shining so that no matter what time of the day you go to visit ... you could see the written words and beauty there.

The two new sites had embraced the awesome Firefighters Memorial dedicated 10 years ago.

Such beauty should remind us how all of our heroes ... firefighters, all branches of the military and law enforcement bring light into the darkness every day ... remind us how they rush into darkness, unafraid ... ready to save lives.

Yes, Little Did We Know, that this park would become a "Light in the Darkness" to many who come to both celebrate and others to mourn.

So, please take your friends and families to visit this unique park ... made possible by you the people of Granbury.

Visit often, and as it was said last night ... "Share the story, share it often ... Remember here, at this place, we are ALL AMERICANS. God bless America!"

**Julia Pannell**  
Granbury

### GENEROUS GRANBURY

As I came away from the recent City Council meeting it all felt so negative.

"He said, she said," council members chiming in speaking over one another, accusations back and forth and numerous bashings of the Big Bad Press.

Gracious, what a session for the City Secretary to record for the minutes!

However, I then remembered words from the first speaker of the "Citizen Participation" period, Julia Pannell. Her topic was about numerous families of the ravages of Hurricane Harvey who had come here seeking a temporary haven.

Julia received a phone call one evening from a local hotel asking if she could do something to help as they had many refugees in their lobby without a lot of funds. For anyone who has lived in Granbury for any length of time would not have been surprised to know that Julia and Bob went to the hotel immediately.

Julia explained the assistance that came forward to help was more than they could have hoped or prayed for. Volunteers, lodgings, clothing, food, meals, gas cards, essentials of all types for men, women and children. Businesses of all types, churches, agencies, all came forward to help in numerous ways.

Over the next number of days all of these visitors, as well as some in other hotels, could not believe the loving, caring, hospitable, supportive citizens of Granbury who came to their time of need. So, it was a positive evening after all. All of the negativity, bickering, finger pointing - what was it worth? Nothing at all.

The loving most generous spirit of so many Granbury folks is what always wins out in the end.

The Houston families have all returned home to much heartache and work to restore their homes and rebuild their lives. Because they really lost everything they owned.

But with them went deep appreciation of what they were given by people in Granbury, who truly gave from their hearts to others in need.

Julia and Bob and to all those who did so much good - you made Granbury proud. Thank you all.

**Corky Plassa**  
Granbury

## LETTER GUIDELINES

Email letters to editor@hcnnews.com or mail to P.O. Box 879, Granbury, Texas 76048. Include your name, address and daytime phone number. Letters must not be over 750 words. Letters about candidates on the Nov. 7 ballot will not be published after Oct. 7.

## National Honor Society inducts 76

Seventy-six Granbury High School students were inducted into the National Honor Society on Sunday in the GHS Bagby-McMahan Performing Arts Center.

Selection was based on scholarship, leadership, service and character. Students must have a cumulative grade-point average of 3.75 as well as the recommendation of the faculty.

The inductees are: Mattison Allen, Callie Anderson, Shelby Arnold, Kaitlyn Bailey, Makaul Barbaree, Kelby Been, Garin Brassie, Kinsey Brawner, Martin Briones, Gunnar Brown, Maxwell Call, Jacob Carr, Jaxon Castillo, Hannah Cheek, Meghan Childers, Landree Chiles, Lyndee Chiles, Courtney Corb, Ethan Current, Morgan Dixon,

Cade Dudley, Makenzie Edwards, Matthew Engle, Justin Folsom, Nicole Futch, Abigail Gage, Cameron Gibson, Courtney Gilley, Tatum Gray, Miranda Hall, Mikayla Hamilton, Taylor Hammonds, Ashley Herndon, Lani Hickey, Caitlin Hutson, Coley Irving, Emily Jackson, Marleigh Jackson, Miranda Jackson, Clayton Jones, Madelynn Jones, Zac Kitching, William Kittleson,

Kody Krause, Joshua Laverty, Blake Lewis, Sean Lewis, Hope Long, Aaron Lopez, Cameron Loveless, Sierra Mark, Jackson Martin, Taryn Matthews, Macclane May, Christopher McKelvain, Rachel McWilliams, Zoe Mehall, Daniel Mounce, Hannah Myers, Savannah Oliver, Mckenna Parks, Sidney Perdue, Amanda Peterson, Tyler Pippin, Yari Press, Rylee Rinehart, An-

drea Rodriguez, Jolie Rudisaile, Madison Samuelson, Shayley Teeter, Abbey Thigpen, Emily Tipton, Easton Turnage, Holland Voigt, Andrew Walters and Ryan Wood.

The group assists a number of community organizations, including Habitat for Humanity and the Hood County United Way.

Chapter officers for the 2017-18 school year are Samantha Reiner, president; Cash McKay, senior vice president; Erik Tovar, junior vice president; Kendall Carroll, secretary; Hayden Harris, treasurer; and Rayni Skaggs, historian.

Advisors are Cindy Jackson and Joe Overstreet.

*Selection was based on scholarship, leadership, service and character*

## 'Dean' Gray Peterson Coming Home Queen

Patricia "Dean" Gray Peterson, a 1967 graduate of Granbury High School, will be honored as the Coming Home Queen at the GHS Homecoming festivities Sept. 25-30.

Ten years ago, Peterson received a liver transplant due to an autoimmune disease - and received a new lease on life. Peterson has been blessed with a community and family, she says.

The Coming Home Queen will be honored at the halftime program during the Granbury-Burleson football game on Friday, Sept. 29.

Peterson is the daughter of the Charlie and Doris Gray. She played basketball all four years of high school - on Lady Pirate teams coached by Shirley Hayworth. Peterson was named the Hood County Sheriff's Posse Sweetheart in 1966.

After graduating from GHS,

Peterson attended Weatherford College. She married Harold "Poggie" Ames in 1968, and the couple had three children who all attended GHS and reside in Granbury - Melissa Ames Adams, Melinda Ames Hickey and Brad Ames. She married Claude Peterson in 1983.



Peterson

Peterson has seven grandchildren - Bryan Hickey, Nathan Hickey, Matthew Hickey, Kadi Hickey, Lauren Ames, Jessica Wray, and Austin Adams - and three great-grandchildren - Nolan Hickey, Brayden Wray and Gabrielle Wray. A sister, Diane Gray Snyder, also lives in Granbury.

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

www.granburysd.org/homecoming.

## Granbury Optimist Club's Young Texans of the Month

**STOCKTON BERRYMAN**  
Granbury High School senior

Parent: Kristie Berryman

Grade-Point Average: 3.4

Class Rank: 121

Honors/Awards: Team manager for F1 in Schools engineering team.

Extracurricular Activities: Played basketball for GHS.

Community Service: Kids Armour of Hope camp counselor.

Job: Beef jerky entrepreneur

College or Future Plans: Attend Harding University



Berryman

**WOOD**  
Grade-Point Average: 4.538

Class Rank: 21

Honors/Awards: Volleyball District Newcomer of the Year, District

Offensive Player of the Year and team MVP, second team all-district, science UIL, class officer.

Extracurricular Activities: Engineering Club, National Honor Society, Key Club, Foreign Language honors.

Community Service: Hood County Christmas for Children, Mission Granbury, Hood County United Way Blitz Day, Teen Court.

Job: Lifeguard at Hood County YMCA.

College or Future Plans: Attend the University of Texas at Austin.

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**NOT IN HER HOUSE:** Mandy Withey patrols the net to block an effort from Eules Trinity in late August. Withey had several impact plays against Crowley on Tues-

day, finishing with 8 kills in Granbury's second district win. The Lady Pirates were one of just two teams with undefeated District 9-5A records after Tuesday.

## Volleyball Roundup

# Lady Pirates blow out Crowley

BY GRANT MCGALLIARD  
HOOD COUNTY NEWS

Coming into the start of District 9-5A play last week, the Granbury Lady Pirates had lost seven out of their last 10 matches and had a losing record on the season.

They picked a pretty good time to turn it around.

After sweeping Arlington Seguin Friday, Sept. 8, Granbury easily dispatched Crowley on Tuesday at home to move to 2-0 in district play.

Granbury beat Crowley 25-23, 25-20 and 25-13, growing more and more confident with each set and slowly sapping the energy out of the Lady Eagles.

Yari Press got Granbury started with two aces in three serves in the first few points of the first set, with a powerful spike by Mandy Withey adding another boost.

The Lady Pirates built a 10-5 lead, but Crowley refused to go away. Granbury found it-

self down 17-18, which forced head coach Tammy Clark to call timeout and talk it over.

Whatever she said worked. Granbury won the next four points and held on to win the first set.

The second set started out much like the first, with the Lady Pirates racing out to a quick lead and Crowley responding. Granbury led 7-4 after Macie Blohowski drilled a spike into the ground, but Crowley took a 10-8 lead.

The Lady Pirates trailed until it was 15-16, and then Madison Weaver starting serving. Crowley simply couldn't handle her serves, and in the blink of an eye Granbury led 20-16. They'd go on to close out the set.

Withey took over in the third set, with several big plays that gave Granbury life. After Crowley took a 1-0 lead, the Lady Pirates never trailed again, and they cruised to an easy win.

After Tuesday, only two

undefeated teams remained in District 9-5A. Granbury and Burleson Centennial were both 2-0, and they played each other Friday night.

Granbury's next game is Tuesday at home against Joshua.

### TOLAR WINS THRILLER

The Tolar Lady Rattlers trailed two sets to none at Eastland Tuesday night.

They proceeded to reel off three straight set wins in a row, culminating in a 16-14 win in the tiebreaker. After losing in five sets in the previous game, this was a nice comeback for Tolar.

The final line was 23-25, 22-25, 25-10, 25-19 and 16-14 in favor of Tolar. That makes four wins in the last five matches for the Lady Rattlers.

Tolar's next match is away against Albany on Tuesday. They played Early at home on Friday.

The Lady Rattlers start district play Sept. 26 at Peaster.

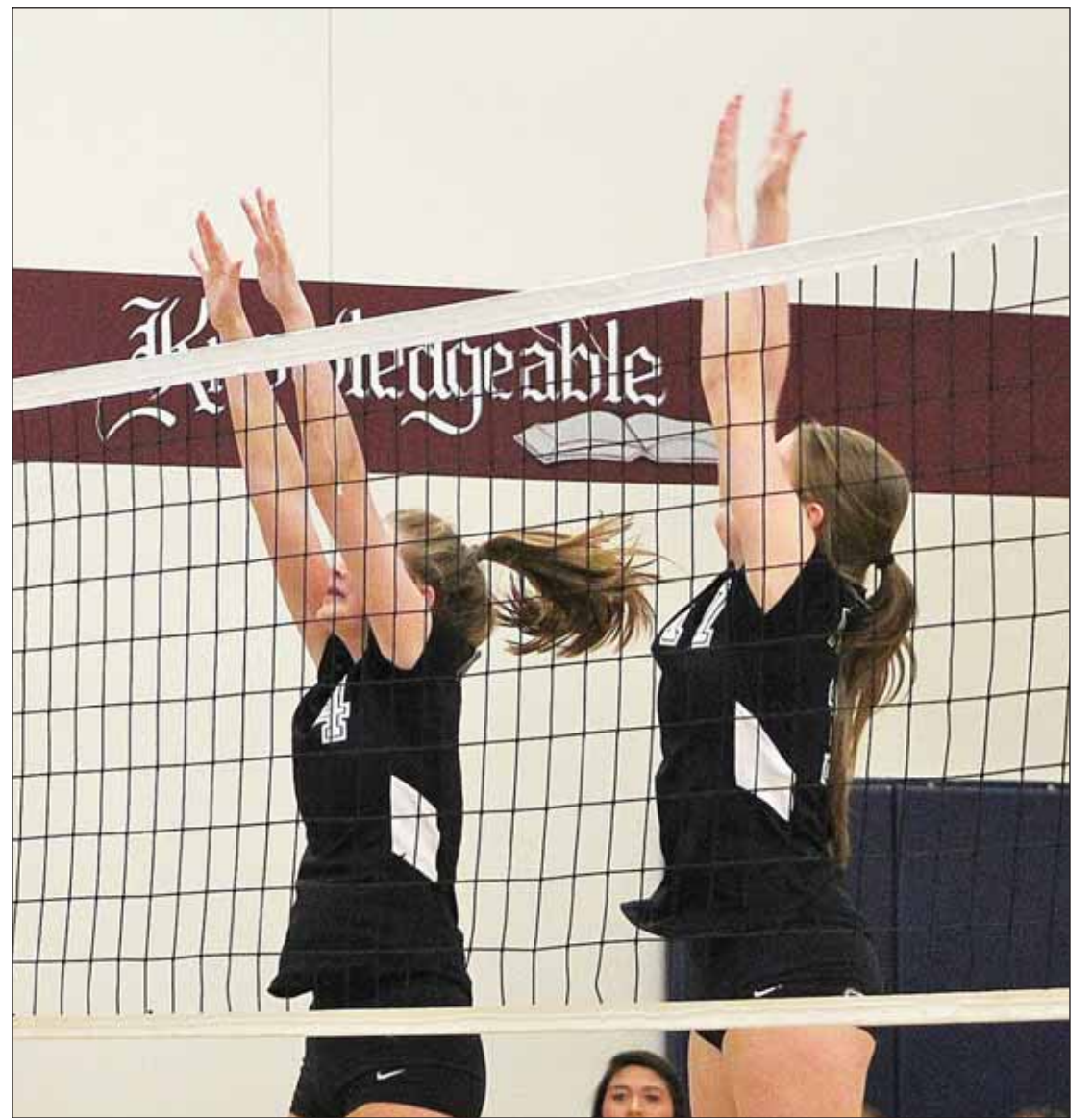


SARAH SCHULTZ

### Finding the gap

North Central Texas Academy's Caleb Lawrence runs through a big hole created by Bob Hu (7) and Nash Siechtema (1) against Watauga on the road last week.

The Pioneers opened their season with two losses. They traveled to Tyler Street Christian Academy Friday night.



SARAH SCHULTZ

### Synced up

North Central Texas Academy Lady Pioneers Abbey Kacal (left) and Kelsey Kacal (right) rise up in unison to try

and block a shot from Westlake in a game played last Friday. NCTA lost that game in three sets.

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## Jump around

Daegon Saffle (9) and Tyler Pippen (30) celebrate during the Pirates' blow-out win over R.L. Turner last Friday night. Granbury has had plenty of re-

ason to celebrate; the Pirates are 2-0 and have outscored their opponents 102-32 so far.

## PETS OF THE WEEK



Betty Boop is a female shepherd mix about 1 year old. She is playful and energetic and loves to romp in the yard.



Leon is a neutered male short-haired cat about 4 months old. He is social and sweet. He enjoys sitting in laps and being petted.



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### PUBLIC NOTICE 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: re-define what is excluded in the calcu-

lation 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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## Lay off Baker Mayfield (this time)

Let's talk about cockiness. Last Saturday, the Oklahoma Sooners put a fairly sizable beatdown on the No. 2 Ohio State Buckeyes on national television.

As you probably know, unless you've been living under a rock, Oklahoma quarterback Baker Mayfield grabbed an OU flag after the win and planted it straight in the heart of the O at midfield of Ohio Stadium.

Of course, that field is turf, so the flag mostly just bounced off the ground. But the effect was still there.

As with everything Baker Mayfield does, this sparked more than its fair share of hot takes and essays.

Well, I'm late to the party, but here's mine.

Personally, I loved it. Look, I'm not a Baker Mayfield fan. He's caused me enough heartbreak over the last two years as he's sliced and diced TCU.

But Mayfield was sublime last Saturday. He engineered the Sooners' win almost single-handedly and, as always, provided his team with enough fiery energy to withstand the harsh road environment.

If anyone deserved to plant a flag at Ohio Stadium last week, it was Mayfield. I would've done the same thing if I were him.

But enough backlash ensued that he was forced to apologize for his actions in a dreary press conference on Monday.

Imagine, for a moment, Michael Jordan being forced to apologize for The Shrug against Portland, or Babe Ruth being forced to apologize for calling his shot before a home run.

Imagine Tiger Woods getting roundly criticized for fist pumping his way to 14 major championships, or Larry Bird catching flak for being the best trash talker of a generation.

And to be clear, I'm not blaming a new, supposedly softer generation for getting upset with Mayfield - we still love to talk about Jordan and Tiger and Ruth and Bird, and we revel in the stories of their legendary cockiness.

But for some reason, a large

### POINT FORWARD



Grant McGalliard  
Staff Writer

segment of people like to lionize the fabled celebrations of old while criticizing current players for showing joy.

For example, I couldn't tell you a single person on the 1990s

Atlanta Falcons, but I know all about (and have repeated several times in backyard football games) the "Dirty Bird" touchdown dance that they popularized. The Chicago Bears made an entire music video, the Super Bowl Shuffle, and that's still looked upon fondly.

But there's a contingent of grousches that just want players to flip the ball to the referee and walk away after scoring a touchdown. "Act like you've been there before" is the common refrain.

And I agree with them. Act like you've been there before - have a pre-planned dance and communicate with your teammates so you're all on the same page about which routine you're doing this time.

The NFL has become a bit more lax on this, which is surprising considering it normally rivals the MLB in the race to become the most stodgy league in professional sports. But pro football now allows coordinated team celebrations, and I think that's a step in the right direction.

College football, though, for all of its myriad virtues and benefits, still treats its players like misbehaving children who have to toe an imaginary line. And Baker Mayfield crossed that line by doing what anyone would've done: the coolest celebration he could think of at the time.

Mayfield should not have had to apologize. And rest assured, if OU wins the national championship this season, we'll look back on that flag-planting in 20 years and wonder why on earth people got so upset about it.

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## Service your rquipment before the feeding frenzy

Many of us will use days when we cannot get on the water to work on servicing our equipment.

This might be the best time to be prepared for the fall feeding frenzy, and maybe the winter as well.

Though I do not totally put up my equipment in any season, I can get my winter equipment up to par for the winter season, and I can also service my live bait rods and reels, as they do not get much action in the winter.

I have to admit, I don't generally have a lot of time between trips, but if you don't at least retie knots you will pay with lost fish.

After each fishing trip, I will pull out enough line off the reel to where I feel no rough spots on the line. I then retie and put a new leader on, etc.

I do this for every pole used during the previous fishing trip. This little effort is extremely important, as breakoffs due to worn line and/or old knots are minimized.

When the level of the line on the spool gets a little low (probably around 50 percent), I then will generally replace the main line.

If you don't use your equipment that often, it is still a good idea to replace your monofilament on a regular interval to avoid age-related failures regardless of the level on the spool.

I like to use clear Berkley Big Game or Stren, as it is relatively inexpensive and is a good main line. After removing the old line, this is where I like to clean and grease the reel - not only the reel internals but also the level wind.

The level wind is open to the air and weather more so than the reel internals and warrants the additional attention.

After cleaning and greasing, I put the reel back on the rod and fill the reel with line, adding fluorocarbon leader and the end lure or live bait setup as appropriate to make it completely ready.

Braided lines can age as well. Many will put a monofilament backing on the reel and tie on the braided over the mono, which helps to minimize the amount of braid you need.

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I like using a fluorocarbon leader on both my "lure" rods and my "bait" rods. Fluorocarbon is much more expensive than most fishing lines, and that is why I only use it as a leader.

Fluorocarbon needs to be replaced more frequently than other monofilaments. Fluorocarbon is virtually invisible, limp and has little stretch, which makes it a good choice, but its weaker point is its knot strength.

Just make sure you wet your line before you cinch up the knot when using fluorocarbon, as you can overstress the knot. The stealth of fluorocarbon will put more fish in the boat, especially when fishing in clearer water.

Learn your knots. I generally use a palomar for tying to a swivel or to the lure. I use a Seaguar knot for tying the fluorocarbon to the main monofilament.

See you on the water.

### HOOD COUNTY FISHING REPORT

Water temperatures fell to the low 80s last weekend. Turnover is occurring all over.

Some schooling sand bass were near Sandy Point. Strippers and catfish are hanging together in 22 to 26 feet of water near DeCordova and Striper Alley.

Black bass action continues to be good to 6 pounds on soft plastics fished near main lake points.

Squaw Creek black bass and tilapia fishing continue to be good to excellent. Bass are good on crankbaits and Carolina rigs. Tilapia are good on worms fished under a cork.

Lake Whitney limits are common on most days on live shad or downrigging bucktail jigs with worm trailers. Best action on Whitney is on flats adjacent to deeper water.

Possum Kingdom strippers are good on most days mid-lake (near Broadway). Live bait and downrigging jigs are the preferred patterns.

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A foot massage can alleviate anxiety and bring about a deep state of relaxation. One of the most important pressure points, situated on both feet, is the Solar Plexus Reflex. This pressure point is a little warehouse where all your stress is stored. When the solar plexus point is pressed on, stress is released and the body is renewed. The blood that

circulates throughout the body is responsible for transporting oxygen and nutrition to the body's cells and also cleanses waste and toxins from the body. Foot massage can improve circulation and reduce blood pressure to enhance this very necessary process.

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## Frequent soloist on 'The Homecoming' series sings here Sunday

Larry Ford brings the sounds of grand opera along with Southern Gospel to Granbury on Sunday, Sept. 17. He will appear at the Faith Assembly of God on Sunday morning at 10:30 a.m. and at Granbury Baptist Church on Sunday evening at 6 p.m.

The public is invited to both services.

Originally from Lubbock, Ford is known for his commanding voice.



Ford

His work has taken him to 49 states and abroad. His natural ability for language has made it possible to carry his message in song to more than 38 foreign countries.

Ford has earned the description of "gospel music's ambassador to the world."

The Grammy winner is known for his clear, powerful tenor voice and sincerity. In a 2014 survey by the Gaither Music organization, Ford was one of the three most requested soloists on the Gaither Homecoming videos. He is best known for his rendition of "The Holy City."

A "love offering" will be received at each venue. If you have questions, feel free to call Pastor Larry Dickson at 817-219-2940 or Associate Pastor Steve Dillard at 816-835-6639.

## CHURCH CLIPS

### MAKE YOUR RESERVATIONS FOR MINISTERIAL ALLIANCE

Trish Reiner, community liaison for Interim HealthCare and Hospice, will be guest speaker for the Lake Granbury Ministerial Alliance.

The meeting is from noon to 1 p.m. at First Baptist Church Granbury, 1851 Weatherford Highway, on Wednesday, Sept. 20.

Guests are asked to RSVP no later than Monday, Sept. 18, with the names of attendees from your organization, so food services can be arranged. Send email response to office@granburyministries.org.



**PECAN WOMAN'S CLUB:** These officers for the Pecan Plantation Woman's Club are ready to begin the new year. From left are Cherry Redwine, parliamentarian; Sue Lewis, assistant treasurer; Ellie Howe, treasurer; Vicki Winder, secretary; Betty Milburn, vice president; and Shelly Brandenberger, president.

## 'Pearls with a Purpose' is topic for first meeting

The Pecan Plantation Woman's Club's (PPWC) will open a new year on Thursday. Social time begins at 9:30 a.m. with President Shelly Brandenberger calling the meeting to order at 10. Lunch will follow the meeting and program.

Ladies will hear from Wendy Bird, founder of "Pearls With Purpose," as she describes creating beautiful dignity while aiding women in the Philippines, India and Cambodia to provide for their children. A collection of pearl jewelry will be available for purchase.

Reservations are required and due by Monday noon. Send email to ppwres@gmail.com or call Gerta Howell at 817-964-3139 to secure a spot.

This meeting will be the first over which a new slate of officers will preside. Serving this year are Shelly Brandenberger, president; Betty Milburn, vice president; Vicki Winder, secretary; Ellie Howe and Sue Lewis, treasurers; and Cherry Redwine, parliamentarian.

The PPWC, a group dedicated to friendship, fellowship, philanthropy and the arts, welcomes all ladies in our neighborhood to join.

### TAKE AIM

The archery/air gun range is busy today with a 2D/3D archery fun shoot. Spectators are welcome.

### CONCERT TONIGHT

Tonight is the Pecan Plantation Volunteer Fire Department/Emergency Medical Service Auxiliary sponsored cowboy concert, dinner, and auction from 6 to 8 p.m. at the

### PECAN BITS



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Pecan Activities Center (PAC). All funds raised will support our emergency personnel.

### SHRED DAY

Monday from 9:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the clubhouse front circle

will bring a shred day. Pecaners may drop off or bring and stay with documents needing shredding. Note: the day is shredding only and not recycling.

### BREAKFAST CLUB

Wednesday morning's Breakfast Club will welcome retired FAA expert Rowland Ballard when he remembers activities and concerns of working as an air traffic controller director on Sept. 11, 2001. Breakfast service begins at 7:30 a.m. at the clubhouse with the program immediately following.

### LUAU NIGHT

Aloha! An end of summer luau is on the calendar for Sept. 23 from 6 to 10 p.m. on the PAC grounds. Tickets are on sale now at the PAC or clubhouse.

The evening will include live music, games, food, island entertainment and promises to end summer with a bang.

### GALLERY NIGHT

The Pecan Plantation Art Guild's annual gallery night comes Sept. 29 from 4 to 8 p.m.

The evening will include touring five artists' galleries with a surprise in store at each location.

There is no charge for the evening, and gallery goers should pick up maps at the clubhouse before starting their route. Carpooling is recommended.

### CARD MAKING

Pecan resident and artist Laurie Davis will be teaching a watercolor Christmas card workshop Sept. 30 from 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. at the PAC. Call the front desk to sign up: 817-573-7952.

### GOLF DATES

The Ladies Golf Association is holding its member/guest tournament Sept. 20-21, and the group is pleased to have a full field again this year.

Pecan's Men's Golf Association has rescheduled its championship tournament to Oct. 14 and 15. Golfers may sign up on Foretees.

A Pavilion Golf Tournament is planned for Sept. 30 beginning with a 9 a.m. shotgun start. The day will hold a format scramble with the golf pro shop setting teams.

Proceeds from the event will benefit the construction of the golf course pavilion.

Raffle tickets with fabulous prizes are abundant for the day, and they are on sale to anyone. Winners do not need to be present at the tournament. Visit the golf pro shop or see MGA or LGA board members or golf committee members to purchase tickets.

### SYMPATHY

Our sympathy goes to the family Alan Woodham, who passed away Aug. 29.

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**Visit PreserveGranbury.org to donate** by credit card, stop by the Old Jail Museum or the Historic Granbury Depot with cash or a check, or mail a donation to Hood County Museum at 208 N Crockett St, 76048.

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## Coyle Ervin Merritt

Coyle Ervin Merritt of Granbury, Texas passed away in his home on September 9, 2017 at the age of 86. Ervin was born February 27, 1931 in Motley County, Texas to RJ and Amy Merritt. He is preceded in death by his mother and father as well as his brothers, JD Merritt, his wife Esteline, WB Merritt, and his wife, Glenna.

In grade school at Flomot, TX, Ervin met Allie Onita Martin and fourteen years later they were married on November 2nd, 1950 at White Flat, Texas and they remained devoted to one another for over 66 years.

Ervin is survived by his wife Nita, and his two sons and their spouses, Tommy & Cheryl Merritt, and Steve & Susan Merritt, all of Granbury, Texas. He is also survived by 7 grandchildren and their spouses, Aimee & Jacob Hutchings, Kati & Jeremiah Riggins, Amber & Rusty Terrell, Emily & Joseph Morgestern, Ky & Lee Riggins, Taylor & Lindsey Merritt, and Brandon



Bryant. Also surviving Ervin are 14 great-grandchildren, numerous nieces and nephews, other family and many dear friends.

Following a funeral service at Acton United Methodist Church in Acton, TX, Ervin will rest with friends and family at Flomot Cemetery.

Wiley Funeral Home made arrangements.

## Dave Blair

Dave Blair, 71, of Granbury, passed away September 10, 2017. Memorial service: 3:00 PM, Tuesday, September 19, 2017, Prestonwood Baptist Church, Plano, Texas.

Dave was born on August 17, 1946 in Phoenix, Arizona to Nancy and David Melbourne Blair, Sr. He proudly served in the US Army. Dave married Norma Butler on December 5, 1970 in Austin, Texas. He received his Bachelor's degree in Finance from Arizona State University. He worked as a commercial line insurance underwriter.

Dave and Norma moved to Lake Granbury in 2002, where he enjoyed fishing, boating, swimming, BBQ's and bonfires with family and friends. Working out at Freedom Physical Therapy with friends and the staff was one of his favorite things to do.

Dave took his wife and seven granddaughters on yearly summer yaya trips. Each trip was to a different destination, with a Caribbean cruise and the Smokey Mountains being



among his favorites.

Dave loved Prestonwood Baptist Church, where his Sunday School teacher was Zig Ziglar. Dave and Norma had the wonderful opportunity to travel through Israel with Jack Graham.

Dave is survived by his loving wife of 47 years: Norma Blair, his children, Charlie, Laura, and Debbie, seven granddaughters, and sister: Karen Fisher.

Wiley Funeral Home made arrangements.

## Samantha Ann Payne

Samantha Ann Payne, 30, passed away on Thursday, September 7, 2017. Memorial service: 10:00 AM, Wednesday, September 20, 2017, Long Creek Baptist Church.

Samantha was born on September 20, 1986 in Dublin, Texas to Winsett and Tresha Reddoch. She was a loving mother, wife, daughter, granddaughter and sister.

She was devoted to her two children, Kiya and Kambri. Spending time with her family and friends was her favorite thing to do. She was known for sending out "Happy Humpday" every Wednesday to all of her friends. She enjoyed Pinterest and snapchat.

She was preceded in death by her grandfather, Russell Farr.

Samantha is survived by her loving husband Anthony Payne, children: Kiya and Kambri, brother: AJ Parent and wife Taylor, sisters: Danielle Kretzmeier and husband Chris, and



Alexis Ramirez and husband Lawrence, father: Winsett Reddoch, mother: Tresha Miller, grandparents: Nita Farr, Gail and Winsett Reddoch, and Bob Miller, great grandmother: Rebah Ellison and one nephew and two nieces.

Wiley Funeral Home made arrangements.

## William 'Willie' Herring

William "Willie" Herring, 57, of Granbury, Texas, passed away Thursday, September 7, 2017 in Granbury.

Willie was a native of Gulfport, MS and had been a resident of Granbury for the past 12 years. Willie was a heavy equipment operator and as part of his job, he traveled the country. He was an avid fisherman, and when he wasn't working, he would be fishing. He also enjoyed music, dancing and anything outdoors.

Willie was preceded in death by his parents, Earl and Winnell Herring and his brother, George Herring.

Survivors include his wife, Bonnie Lape of Grandbury; daughter, Tara Herring; granddaughter, Destiny; his siblings, Judy Carver (John), James Herring, Joseph Herring (Sue), Mary Jackson (Dennis), Janey Bradford (Bobby), Luann Herring and Robert Herring (Sandy); and many nieces and nephews.



A funeral service was held on Wednesday, September 13, 2017 at Riemann Family Funeral Home, 11280 Three Rivers Road, Gulfport, MS. Interment was at Coalville Cemetery in Biloxi, MS. An online guestbook may be viewed at [www.riemannfamily.com](http://www.riemannfamily.com)

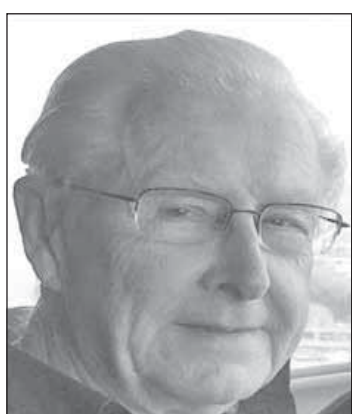
## Dail McMillan

Dail McMillan of Granbury, 89, passed away on Monday, Sept. 11, 2017.

Funeral: 11:30 a.m. Saturday in Greenwood Chapel. Interment: Greenwood Memorial Park. Visitation: 6 to 8 p.m. Friday at Greenwood.

Dail was born Feb. 26, 1928 in Van Alstyne to James and Rilla Mae McMillan. He spent several years with the Fort Worth Police Department before becoming an adult probation officer for Tarrant County. When the Tarrant County medical examiner office was formed Dail became an investigator where he retired as Chief Investigator in 1990.

Dail was preceded in death by his parents, J. T. and Rilla McMillan; twin brother, David and



sister, Bernice Rankin.

Survivors: Wife, Lynelle; daughter, Jana and son-in-law, Zig; sister, Mae May; grandchildren, Julie, Chris, Angie, Tyler, Taylor and Krystal; and eleven great-grandchildren.

## Don Bailey Pallett

Don Bailey Pallett, 81, passed away peacefully, September 13th, 2017, in Granbury, after a long battle with Parkinson's disease.

He was born on August 23rd, 1936 in Brady, Tx.

Preceded in death by his wife, Joanne; Don is survived by his son Michael, daughter-in-law Holly, and granddaughter Hannah Pallett.

Don was the retired General Manager of Leonard Bend Farm pecan orchard. He was well known and respected throughout the pecan industry for his knowledge of pecan production. From 1971-1974, before becoming manager, he designed and installed the irrigation system for the pecan orchard and was instrumental in the development of Pecan Plantation where he was known and loved by many.



A memorial service will be held Monday, September 18th, at 1:00 p.m. at Acton United Methodist Church. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the National Parkinson's Foundation.

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

## Betty Stoffel Wimberly

Betty Stoffel Wimberly of Granbury, 93, passed away Thursday, Sept. 7, 2017 in Granbury.

Service: 11 a.m. Saturday, Sept. 9, 2017 at Wiley Funeral Home. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Cal Farley Boy's Ranch, PO Box 1890, Amarillo, Texas, 78174, [www.calfarley.org](http://www.calfarley.org).

Betty was born Jan. 31, 1924 in Farrell, PA to A.J. and Estella Mae Redfoot Stoffel.

She worked for Western Union right out of high school sending teletype during the WWII war effort and later as Relief Manager.

Betty lived all over South Texas in her early years. Later, she was employed at Sam Houston State University Criminal Justice Center in Huntsville, TX

as Accounting and Continuing Education Event Coordinator. She enjoyed travelling, family activities, laughing and having fun. Betty was active in the First United Methodist in Huntsville & Muleshoe.

She was preceded in death by Jerry White (son-in-law); Moriah (great granddaughter); two brothers Albert and Teddy, and a sister Harriet.

Survivors include: Son, Billy Wimberly & wife, Connie; daughter, Brenda White; grandsons, Billy & Roshelle Wimberly, Timothy & Mary-Kathryn Wimberly and Dylan White; great grandchildren, Will, Connor, Audrey, Luke, Wheatly and Karis; many nieces, nephews and extended family members.

Wiley Funeral Home made arrangements.

## Arturo Martinez Gallegos

Arturo Martinez Gallegos, 69, of Granbury, Texas passed away on Monday, September 11, 2017.

Service: 6:00 p.m. Saturday, September 16, 2017, at Martin's Funeral Home Chapel, Granbury.

Visitation: 1:00 - 6:00 p.m. Saturday at Martin's Funeral Home.

Arturo was born on March 8, 1948 in Laredo, Texas to Andres Gallegos Sr. and Teresa Martinez Gallegos. He was predeceased by his wife, Cheri B Gallegos, his son Gary L. Newman.

Survivors: Daughters Virginia Gallegos, Veronica Gallegos, Vivian G. Rabin (Leonard Rabin), and Victoria Gallegos; daughter-in-law Claudia Newman; 19 grandchildren, 19 great grandchildren; brother Andres Gallegos and wife Francisca; sister



Margerita G. Parra and husband Rumaldo, and many nieces and nephews.

Arrangements by Martin's Funeral Home.

## Freddie Anthony Goss

Freddie Anthony Goss, 76, of Cresson, passed away on Saturday, September 2, 2017.

Memorial service: 1:30 p.m. Sunday, September 17, 2017, at Warriors for Christ Church, 6109 Tin Top Hwy., Granbury, Texas.

Freddie was born on October 10, 1940 in Galveston, Texas to Donald and Evelyn Veach Hutchins. Freddie served his country proudly in the U. S.

Navy. He married his wife, Linda James on May 20, 1966 and they had two children. They were happily married for 51 years. Freddie will be missed by all who knew him.

Survivors: Wife Linda Goss, 1 son, 1 daughter, 2 grandchildren, 2 sisters, 1 brother, 3 nieces, 1 nephew and 1 ex-sister-in-law.

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# Commended for service



**IN APPRECIATION:** Awards were given at the United Way of Hood County campaign kickoff Thursday at Hewlett Park. From left are award winners Marilyn Luton, Diann Hedges, United Way Board President Doug Dobbins, Jerry Tidwell, Betty Moss of Forward Training Center; Executive Director Katy Offutt of Forward Training Center and Diana McBride, Forward Training Center board member.

## United Way honors those with helping hands

BY DEBBIE SCHNEIDER  
HOOD COUNTY NEWS

Jerry Tidwell was given the Because We Care Award by the United Way of Hood County during its campaign kickoff Thursday at Hewlett Park.

UW Board President Doug Dobbins made the presentation noting the award is the top honor given by the United Way

of Hood County each year.

Tidwell was recognized for his work to provide food to those in need, for his service to the community through the Rotary Club and for his work to create Senior Connection, a nonprofit that helps senior citizens with minor home repairs.

He helped organize a group for the food pantry leaders to more efficiently serve the

hungry. The group evolved to become Neighbors Feeding Neighbors and now includes the Monthly Community Pantry and Weekend Food For Kids.

A member of Granbury First United Methodist Church, he has served on the board for the Children's Advocacy Center and was a founding board member with the United Way of Hood County.

Tidwell has been a resident of Hood County since the mid-1970s and is publisher of the Hood County News.

The Toni Brown-Belew Partner Agency Award went to Forward Training Center. Executive Director Katy Offutt accepted the award.

Marilyn Luton was given The Hank Stone Award for her leadership, commitment and will-

ingness to go above and beyond to help United Way.

Diann Lewis, general manager of Kroger Marketplace, was given the Captain of the Team Award as a pacesetter who has shown excellent leadership and sets an example for others on the pacesetters team.

As part of the fun, the campaign kickoff included mascot races featuring the H-E-Buddy

human grocery sack, Granbury Pirate, Kroger mascot, Hood County News paperboy, United Way bear, First National Bank's Billy Buck, Lake Granbury Medical Center Doc, Texas EMS and Paluxy River Children's Advocacy Center mascot.

The United Way of Hood County has set a fundraising goal of \$200,000 to support the partner agencies this year.



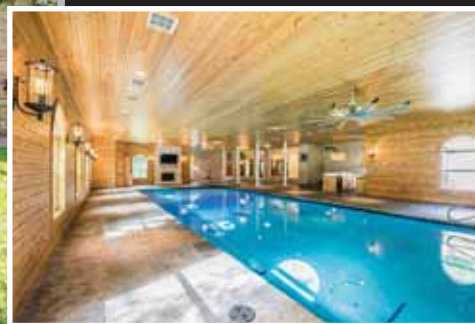
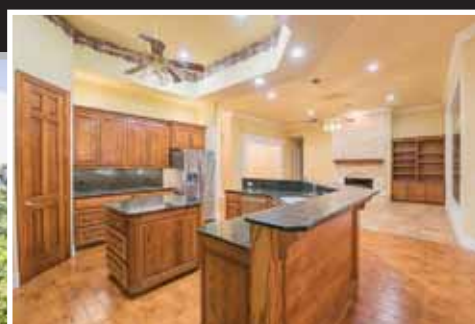
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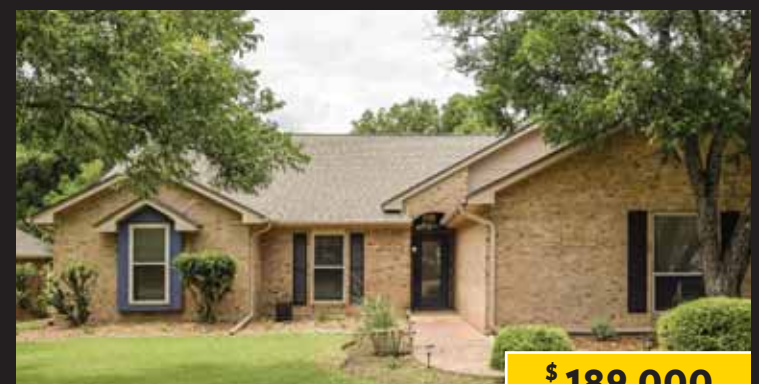
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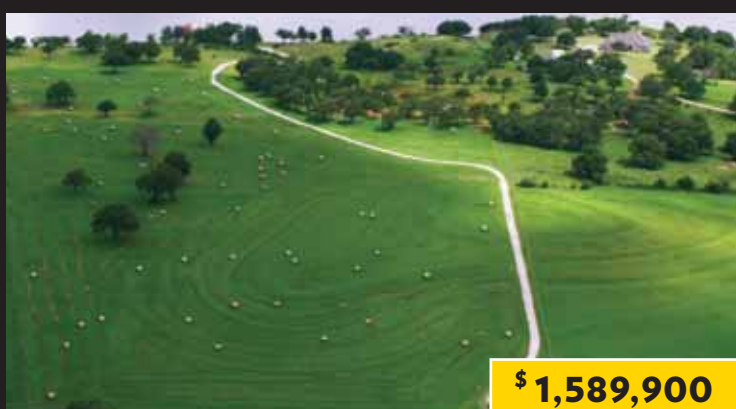
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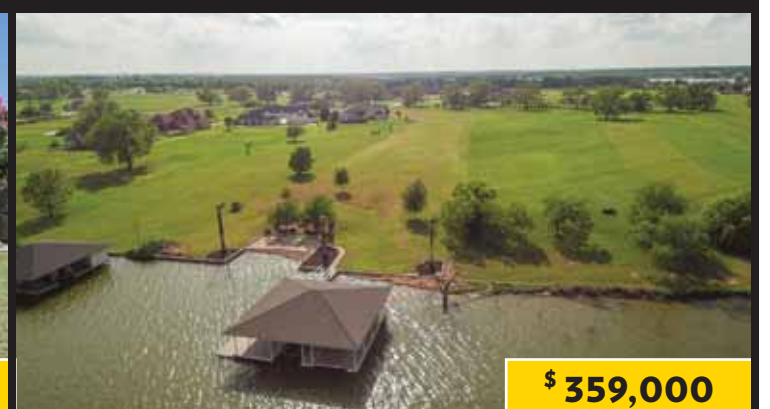
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Boat dock with living quarters



**\$ 159,000**

4BD 2.1BA 1,494 SF Renovated home, walk to the square



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# Abortion survivor now spreads message of life

BY DEBBIE SCHNEIDER  
HOOD COUNTY NEWS

Gianna Jessen was intended to die before she was born. She was bathed in a burning saline solution in an attempted abortion.

Instead, she entered the world two months premature and weighing just 2 1/2 pounds. She spent her first couple of months in a hospital. Eventually, she entered the foster care system.

You can hear her story Fri-

day, Sept. 22 when she is guest speaker at the Celebrate Life Gala to benefit the Brazos Pregnancy Center. The dinner event begins at 7 p.m. in the Granbury Resort Conference Center, 621 E. Pearl St.

Check ticket availability by calling 817-579-1233.

## OVERCOMING CHALLENGES

The failed abortion provided the "gift" of cerebral palsy, as Jessen calls it on her website. "It allows me to really depend on Jesus for everything," she said.

Doctors predicted Jessen would never lift her head. Instead, she was walking at age 3 and in recent years has run marathons.

The 2012 movie "October Baby" was loosely based on Jessen's life story. The single, "Ocean Floor," provided the emotional point during the film and was sung by Jessen.

Jessen, now 30, travels the world as a pro-life and disability rights activist.

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## Community Calendar

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

### 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, Sheree & 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 Network**ing After Hours, 5 to 7 p.m.,



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## Down Syndrome Society photo presentation

Allison Mackinnon of Granbury, 6, will be part of a photo presentation in Times Square in New York today. The featured photos are to bring awareness to the contributions of children, teens and adults with Down Syndrome. The daughter of Sensaly and Ian Mackinnon, Allison is enjoying a swimming party at a friend's pool in the featured picture. For information about the Buddy Walk Program, visit [www.buddywalk.org](http://www.buddywalk.org).

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 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 tag-

ging 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.

### THURSDAY, SEPT. 21

**ROTARY CLUB** welcomes Madalyn Cano with Lake Pointe Academy, noon, Harbor Lakes Country Club.

**PARENT CAFE** class on positive discipline strategies, 6 to 7:30 p.m., 1540 Southtown Dr.

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**Water Views**

**\$479,000**

Custom Korick home in beautiful Bentwater on Lake Granbury. Property offers 3 bedrooms, a study or 4th bedroom, 3 full baths, bonus room/media room and a huge 3 car garage. Chefs kitchen features a full service wet bar, custom stained cabinets, custom granite countertops and more! Spacious master suite with everything one could ask for. Boat dock at the marina included!

**Estate**

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European inspired property on two plus acres. Gourmet chefs kitchen boasts granite and custom cabinetry. Huge sunken family room with exquisite hardwood floors, custom hand stained entertainment center/mantle and designer window treatments. Master boudoir has large sitting area and master bath has a Jetta tub, dual entry shower and walk-in closets. Outside features a covered veranda with built-in grill, gorgeous infinity pool, raised spa and lavish landscaping.



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**Acreage**

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European inspired property on two plus acres. Gourmet chefs kitchen boasts granite and custom cabinetry. Huge sunken family room with exquisite hardwood floors, custom hand stained entertainment center/mantle and designer window treatments. Master boudoir has large sitting area and master bath has a Jetta tub, dual entry shower and walk-in closets. Outside features a covered veranda with built-in grill, gorgeous infinity pool, raised spa and lavish landscaping.

**Like New**

**\$309,000**

Better than new 4-2.5-2 Al Couto Custom Home located in wonderful Abe's Landing. Wide open floor plan, soaring rock fireplace, granite countertops, SS appliances, custom cabinets, crown molding and custom paint are featured. The master suite has a walk-in shower with separate tub and his and her vanities. Large oversized private lot with full sprinkler system and the yard is already fenced!

**Waterfront**

**\$699,000**

This gorgeous lakefront 5-3.5-2 home is great for entertaining and lake recreation. Main floor kitchen is equipped with custom cabinets, commercial-grade range and granite countertops. Master suite has breathtaking views and master bath features a slipper tub and separate shower. Another kitchen and living area downstairs. Outdoors features a covered patio, fireplace and boat dock/lift.

**New**

**\$309,000**

Beautiful Cornerstone build in DeCordova Ranch. Open concept with high end finishes including high boxed ceiling in living room with fireplace, triple crown molding and large windows looking out to beautiful views of Comanche Peak. Kitchen with custom cabinets, granite countertops, large pantry and breakfast nook. Large backyard with mature trees.

**Golf Course**

**\$319,900**

Comfy home in Pecan Plantation with breathtaking views of the Pecan golf course & pond on the 17th hole. Three separate living areas including a sunroom and den, with amazing new Andersen picture windows. The master is spacious and full of light, with spa-like master bath to fit all your needs. Many updates including roof, gutters, heating & cooling system, garage door opener and some new wood floors.

**Acreage**

**\$359,000**

Almost 10 acres on this beautiful, secluded property! Three large bedrooms, two full baths and three garage spaces - a separate single car garage and an attached double. Living room boasts vaulted and beamed ceilings and lots of windows to let in a ton of light. Beautiful saltwater pool and large deck. Solar panels and hydroponic greenhouse means this property is perfect for the discerning gardener.

**Golf Course**

**\$389,000**

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**\$419,000**

This home is in the highly desirable Harbor Lakes Subdivision. Open concept with a spacious floor plan and tons of custom features. Kitchen has granite countertops, stainless steel appliances, large island for entertaining, smaller island for food prep and pantry. Huge master retreat and a spa-like master bathroom with his & her sinks, walk-in shower, Jacuzzi tub & oversized closet.

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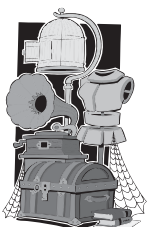
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Sales on Tuesdays @12:30 p.m.  
Hwy. 6 North in Meridian, TX  
(254) 435-2988 (Office)  
(254) 749-2240 (Cell)  
Weekly Market Report  
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### 8030 **Pets**



**LOOKING FOR A COMPANION?**  
If you are looking for a companion animal to give a forever home, **OPT TO ADOPT!**  
Call or visit  
**Hood County Animal Control**  
1550 Weatherford Highway,  
Granbury, Texas 76048  
817-573-4277

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**COLLIE PUPPIES FOR SALE!**  
6 Weeks, Health Certificate. COLLIE PUPPIES FOR SALE! 4 boys and 1 girl still available. Both parents are AKC registered and on site. Sable/white in color. All puppies will come with their shots, health certificate, travel crate (upon request), and microchip (upon request). They will be ready for their new home September 18, 2017. Call to come take a look at our cute bundles of joy! Call for price (817) 219-8559

### 8040 **Pets Lost & Found**

**IF YOU HAVE LOST OR FOUND AN ANIMAL, please contact Hood County Animal Control, 1550 Weatherford Hwy, Granbury, Texas 76048. 817-573-4277**

### **EMPLOYMENT**

### 8510 **General**

**Chaney Trucking** is now hiring Full-Time CDL drivers, min 1 year experience. \$1,000 SIGN-ON-BONUS! New hire must complete 90 days of employment, with no disciplinary action, and no unexcused absences.

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-Lead sign installer and service tech (must have at least 4 years experience)  
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-Sign fabricator helpers (will train right person)  
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-Sales  
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### 8510 **General**

**EDUCATION - ASSISTANT TEACHER**  
Full time Assistant Teacher needed for ages 18 months - 5 years old. Experience is preferred but we are willing to train the right person. Ideal candidate must be motivated, professional, patient, and a team player with good communication skills. Please fax or email resumes 817-573-1069 joanie@firstdiscoveries.info

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### 8510 **General**

**Part-Time Day & Night Positions Available Now!**



This fast-paced position can expect 18-24 hours a week and requires standing in one place for a period of time. Must be able to lift 50lbs., be age 24 or older and have a valid driver's license with a clean record.

**Mailroom/Delivery Person**

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The City of Granbury is accepting applications for the following positions: Water Treatment Plant Superintendent, Master Maintenance Technician, Treatment Plant Operator, Part Time Bartender & Seasonal Group Services Tech. Application and detailed job descriptions can be found at www.granbury.org or 116 W Bridge St, Granbury, TX EOE

**HELP WANTED! Painters/brushhands.** (2) yrs. exp. preferred. Own transportation/phone & tools. Call after 5pm. (817) 243-5808 leave msg.

### 8510 **General**

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**- PART TIME MAINTENANCE PERSON**  
Part time Maintenance person needed for 50 unit Apartment Complex. 25-30 hours per week. Need to know all phases of apartment maintenance. Drop off application or resume at Granbury Meadows Apartments, 1201 N Meadows Dr, Granbury, TX. Office hours Monday-Friday, 9:30-4:00.

**NEW ADA**  
Immediate position available for delivery, some sales required. Must have clean driving record, neat appearance, resume required. Background check and drug test required. Call 817-573-7589 for interview.

Looking for licensed Water Operators and helpers. Must be dependable, able to follow instruction and knowledgeable in operating equipment. Send email to jan@texasraingmt.com or apply at 2004 Southwest Parkway between the hours of 9-3 Mon-Thurs.

**SOUTHERN CONCEPTS**  
A DAYBREAK/UNIFIED CARE GROUP NOW HIRING  
Full Time Residential Support Staff  
As a Residential Support Staff your primary role is to provide the appropriate support for the needs and desires of our individuals to enable them to live as independently as possible within the community.  
Apply In person at 900 Whitehead Drive, Granbury, TX 76048. For additional information, please call 817.573.6922

### 8510 **General**



**Camp Fire**  
Light the fire within

ALL - CAMP EL TESORO IS HIRING!  
Camp Fire's Camp El Tesoro is looking for great employees! We are hiring Part-Time kitchen and housekeeping assistants. We need people with a flexible schedule. \$9.00 - \$9.50 per hour DOE. Must pass a stringent background check. Contact Lisa Epps - lepps@campfirefw.org or call. (817) 989-9004

DeCordova Country Club is now hiring for delivery drivers. We are taking our food to the streets of the community and need hardworking individuals to help us out. Applicants must have a Valid Driver's License. If you're interested in joining our team, give us a call at 817-326-2381 or email club@dcweb.com.

### 8520 **Construction**

- 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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**FRAMERS WANTED**  
Transportation a must. Call Keith 817-559-0100.

### 8530 **Food Services**

**COOK NEEDED** at North Central Texas Academy. Please call 254-897-4822 for an application or pick one up at our front gate located at 3846 N. Hwy. 144, Granbury, TX 76048.

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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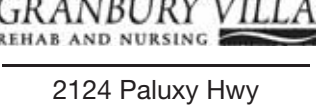


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### 8540 **Medical/Dental**

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**PRN LVNs**

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**SOUTHERN CONCEPTS**  
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Foster Care /Host Home Provider needed for Individuals with Intellectual Disabilities.  
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If interested please contact Stephanie Holland 817-573-6922 stephanieh@d aybreakcommunity.com

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### 8560 **Professional**

School Nurse needed at North Central Texas Academy. Please download an application from our website, northcentraltexasacademy.org, career tab at bottom of home page.

Need Caring Responsible Teachers. Circle of Life Learning Ctr. If you love children apply 817-579-9909 1705 Temple Hall Hwy. Mon-Fri

### 8570 **Sales**

NEEDED:  
\* Sales Associate, Bilingual Preferred \* Internet Sales Associate  
Sales Experience a Plus but not required.  
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### 9031 **Public Notices**

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC SALE**  
ABC storage, wishing to avail itself 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 Hutyr- computer desk, chairs, suit case, twin box springs, misc. 01-159 Michael Hutyr- 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 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:  
Cody Jones and David Woods

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9031  
**Public Notices**

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING**  
The Board of Aldermen of the City of Stockton Bend, Texas (formerly Brazos Bend, Texas) will conduct a public hearing on Wednesday, September 27, 2017 at 7:00 p.m. at 1901 Canaveral Ct., Stockton Bend, Texas for the purpose of receiving public input on the proposed 2017-2018 Fiscal Year Budget. The meeting is open to the public and all persons in attendance will be given an opportunity to make comments on the proposed budget. Written comments on the proposed budget should be addressed to:  
City Secretary  
City of Stockton Bend  
PO Box 1119  
Granbury, Texas 76048  
The proposed budget is on file in the office of the City Secretary and is available for inspection by the public.

Granbury Independent School District will accept competitive sealed proposals until 12:00 p.m. On September 29, 2017 for Waste Management Services under bid 2017-1019 to be contracted. Proposals will be submitted online in the Granbury ISD eBid System. Vendors may login to view specifications and submit their response at the following link: <https://granbury.ionwave.net>

**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

**PUBLIC NOTICE**  
Hood County Texas will begin an online auction for the sale of surplus Four-2006 Ford Taurus, 1998 Dodge 2500, 2011 Ford Crown Vic, 1996 Dodge Pickup, 2002 Chevrolet Cavalier, 2002 VW Jetta, 1990 Dodge Dynasty, 1994 Isuzu Pickup, Camper Trailer, 1997 Ford Pickup, 2005 Pontiac G6, 2014 Trailer, 1994 Dodge Pickup, 1998 Dodge Pickup, 1998 Honda Accord, 2007 Chevrolet HHR, 1999 Dodge Pickup, 1997 Ford Mustang, 1999 Honda Accord, 2005 Chevrolet Impala, 1999 Lincoln, 2001 Honda Accord, 2003 Ford Explorer, 2004 Isuzu 4 door, Misc Office Equipment, Monitors, PC, Scanners, Printers, Bathroom Stall Dividers, Car Dolly, Chevrolet Pickup Trim Accessories, Standing Weight Bench and GoCart.  
Hood County online auction is with Rene Bates Auctioneer Inc. and will begin October 2, 2017 and run until October 16, 2017. Interested bidders can access the auction at: [www.renebates.com](http://www.renebates.com). Questions concerning this online auction should be directed to Hood County Purchasing Department 817-408-3440.

**PUBLIC NOTICE**  
The City of Lipan, Texas, will hold a Public Hearing in regard to the submission of applications to the General Land Office for Texas Community Development Block Grant - Disaster Recovery Program grant funds.  
The Public Hearing will be held at 7:00pm on September 25, 2017 at Lipan City Hall, 105 E. Lipan, Lipan, Texas 76462.  
The agenda will include: Citizen participation plan; Development of local housing and community development needs; Amount of GLO TXCDBG DRP funds available; Explanation of eligible activities in the programs; Use of past GLO TXCDBG DRP activities and funds; Amount of grant funds available to benefit low-to-moderate income persons; If applicable, minimizing displacement of persons by project activities; Citizens' views, proposals, questions and comments; Discussion of the application process.  
Persons with disabilities that wish to attend this meeting should contact the City Hall at 254-646-3345 to arrange for assistance. Individuals who require auxiliary aids or services for this meeting should contact the City at least two days before the meeting so that appropriate arrangements can be made.  
If you are unable to attend, please mail your views and comments to Mike Stowe, PO Box 129, Lipan, Texas 76462  
Servicios de traducción estan disponibles per petition

**PUBLIC NOTICE OF TEST OF AUTOMATIC TABULATING EQUIPMENT**  
Notice is hereby given that the automatic tabulating equipment that will be used in the November Election held on November 7, 2017 will be tested on September 20, 2017 at 8:30 a.m. at Annex I, 1410 W. Pearl St. to ascertain that it will accurately count the votes cast for all offices and on all measures.  
Jenise 'Crickett' Miller  
Elections Administrator

AVISO PUBLICO DE PROBAR EL EQUIPO PARA TABULAR AUTOMATICAMENTE  
Por lo presente se da aviso que el equipo para tabular automaticamente que se usara en la Eleccion Noviembre que se llevara a cabo el 7 de Noviembre, 2017 se probara el 20 de Septiembre, 2017 a las 8:30 am en el Anexo 1, 1410 W. Pearl St para determinar si el equipo contara con exactitud los votos para todos los puestos oficiales y sobre todos los proyectos de ley.  
Jenise 'Crickett' Miller  
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**Public Notices**

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING**  
The following items will be considered at a Public Hearing conducted by the ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT of the City of Granbury on Tuesday, September 26, 2017 at 5:30 p.m., at Granbury City Hall, 116 West Bridge Street, Granbury, Texas.  
1. ZBA-2017-24, Request of Family Safe Granbury for a Variance to Section 7.2.F - "Prohibited Signs" to allow the installation of a portable sign on a storm shelter unit in a Heavy Commercial (HC) zoning district. Application also includes a Variance to Section 5.15.1 - "Open Storage and Outside Display" to not screen the storm shelter unit. The property is addressed as 2116 E Hwy. 377.

A. § 551.071. Consultation with Attorney. The Zoning Board of Adjustment may convene in executive session to conduct a private consultation with its attorney on any legally posted agenda item, when the Zoning Board of Adjustment seeks the advice of its attorney about pending or contemplated litigation, a settlement offer, or on a matter in which the duty of the attorney to the governmental body under the Texas Disciplinary Rules of Professional Conduct of the State Bar of Texas clearly conflicts with the provisions of Chapter 551.

For more information, contact the Community Development Department at (817) 573-9692, Granbury City Hall, 116 West Bridge Street.

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Units 322, 325  
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Granbury 76049  
**Garage Sales 76049**

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