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Not out of the woods

Congress may spare Meals on Wheels funds, but need is growing

BY KATHY CRUZ
HOOD COUNTY NEWS

The latest word is that Congress probably won't inflict the throat-slashing to Meals on Wheels programs that are part of the president's proposed 2018 budget - but Hood County's program needs a transfusion nonetheless.

Hood County Senior Center Director Mindy Hodges said client numbers are continuing to rise. If there is not enough



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for home-delivered meals," Hodges stated. "We're teetering on that edge. Around the time we think we'll have to have a waiting list, someone comes off."

money to cover the increase, the Senior Center may be forced to create a waiting list, she said.

"The maximum we can handle is 260 clients a day

Seniors can drop off the list for a variety of reasons, she said. They may pass away, or move. Some may need the help only temporarily, such as during recovery from an illness or surgery.

Last week, the Commissioners Court authorized the Hood County Committee on Aging to apply for grant funds from the Texas Department of Agriculture's Texans Feeding Texans program.

The committee applies for the

supplemental funds every year, Hodges said. Grant awards are based on criteria such as population size and the amounts are affected by how many local programs apply.

Hodges said that the most the county has received is about \$45,000, and the smallest amount was about \$6,000.

"The amount varies from year to year," she said. "We never know whether it's going to be a large chunk of money, or if it will be relatively small."

The government, she said, "will never fund (the program) at 100 percent."

Hood County's Meals on Wheels program recently received a modest boost from the county.

The Commissioners Court typically approves \$75,000 for the Senior Center during its annual budget process and did so for the 2017-18 fiscal year budget that will kick in on Oct. 1.

However, the court recently voted unanimously to give the

Senior Center another \$25,000.

Hodges said that the additional money will cover almost one month's expenses.

GROWING NEED

Hodges said she was told by Donnie Green with the North Central Texas Council of Governments that Congress is expected to spare funding for block grants that fund many Meals on Wheels programs.

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AMUD water rates jump 3 percent

BY ROGER ENLOW
EDITOR

Acton Municipal Utility District residential and commercial water rates are going up about 3 percent.

The reason?

District growth and AMUD taking possession of Granbury's remaining portion of the Surface Water and Treatment System (SWATS) plant production capacity, according to AMUD General Manager Richard English.

The rate increase is effective with next month's billing.

SWATS plays a crucial role in AMUD's ability to provide an adequate supply of water, English said. The facility removes salt and other dissolved solids from Lake Granbury.

"Growth in the district is resulting in increased demand for water from this plant when compared to our traditional groundwater supply availability," according to an AMUD letter sent to customers.

AMUD will shoulder a larger portion of the SWATS operation and maintenance expense with Granbury pulling out. Granbury is building a new desalination plant.

A larger piece of the SWATS pie "will help us meet future demands," according to the AMUD letter. The minimum \$28.80 rate will go up 86 cents, to \$29.66.

A typical winter water and sewer bill of \$93.05 will increase \$1.56, to \$94.61.

A typical summer bill of \$123.62 will jump \$2.49, to \$126.11.

AMUD said it has held rates constant for the last two years. Sewer rates are not increasing.

AMUD has about 7,400 connections and continues to grow. AMUD serves deCordova, Pecan Plantation, Indian Harbor and parts of the Acton area.

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SMOKE BLANKETS THE NIGHT: Smoke from a stubborn fire in Oak Trail Shores creates a moody scene late Sunday night. Firefighters had their work cut out for them as it took several hours to douse the fire due to overgrown vegetation surrounding the mobile home. The home was deemed a total loss. Apparently no one was living there at the time.

Blazes keep firefighters on the run

BY BETHANY KURTZ
HOOD COUNTY NEWS

Hood County firefighters were busy responding to four fires on Sunday night leading into Monday morning, Hood County Fire Marshal Ray Wilson said.

Fire destroyed an apparent vacant mobile home late Sunday night in Oak Trail Shores, he said.

Firefighters from Station 70

in the Oak Trail Shores area responded to the structure fire, he said. They were supported by the North Hood County, Granbury and Tolar volunteer fire departments and by the Spring Creek Volunteer Fire Department from Parker County.

A neighbor called in the fire located in the 3300 block of Hill Top Road.

The structure was a complete loss, he said. The fire marshal's

office is still investigating the fire and trying to contact the property owner, Wilson said.

Earlier that evening, a duplex near the intersection of West Live Oak and Thrash streets caught fire.

Firefighters responded to a call about 8 p.m. for flames and smoke coming from the back of a Granbury Housing Authority duplex, according to the emergency services scanner.

Firefighters reported no one was injured by the fire and were busy on the scene for several hours.

The fire is under investigation by the Granbury Fire Inspector's office.

Earlier that day, around 2:30 p.m., firefighters responded to a grass fire on Billings Road near Tolar, Wilson said.

The fire spread to a load of round hay bales stacked on a

tractor-trailer.

"They were able to save the truck and the trailer with only minor damage," Wilson said. "All our guys and gals did a good job."

Firefighters continued to work on the hay fire until 3 a.m. Monday, he said.

The fourth fire was a cooking fire started outside by a grill, Wilson said.

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Freestanding emergency room Lumin ER shuts down

BY KATHY CRUZ
HOOD COUNTY NEWS

Lumin ER has closed.

The freestanding emergency room was located at the corner of East Highway 377 and Highway 4 in front of Kroger Market-Place.

It is possible that another emergency medical facility will open there, according to Granbury Chamber of Commerce CEO Mike Scott.

Scott said that Lumin ER joined the chamber in January 2016. He believes a ribbon-cutting ceremony to celebrate the

facility's grand opening took place that May.

The Hood County News was unable to reach Sonya Owens, who Scott said was general manager of the Granbury facility. Calls to the Lumin ER number went unanswered Monday.

The company's website also

was down.

Another Lumin ER facility, located on Hillcrest Avenue in Dallas, also apparently has closed.

Since a landlord-tenant situation is involved, it is possible that a business not related to urgent care will lease that

space, but Scott said he believes the owner is making efforts to bring in a similar business.

That may prove to be a challenge, though.

According to The Dallas Morning News, freestanding ERs are battling with insurance companies, oftentimes leav-

ing patients stuck with medical bills that are "both unexpected and costly."

The article stated that some patients have filed suit against the facilities where they sought treatment, "citing confusion and steep fees."

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WHERE IS SCHOOL'S TIME CAPSULE?

Where is it?
A time capsule was buried by a former class at the old high school on West Bridge Street.
School officials are searching.

Meanwhile, demolition of the building is scheduled for the week of Oct. 10.
Former students will have the chance to visit the old school one last time.
It will be open on Homecoming Friday,

Sept. 29 from noon to 4 p.m. "to relive all the great times they had," Superintendent Jim Largent said with a smile. "I think they'll be a little disappointed," he said about the deteriorating building.



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Granbury duplex catches fire Sunday night

Firefighters respond to a duplex fire on W. Live Oak Street in Granbury Sunday night (above). Callers reported smoke and flames shooting out the back of the

building where firefighters prepare to enter the structure (below). The fire was one of several that kept volunteer firefighters on the job most of the night.



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LISA WILSON

Firefighters save hay truck

Tolar, Granbury, North Hood County and Station 70 firefighters worked for more than 12 hours to put out a grass fire that spread to a loaded hay truck, said Fire Marshal Ray Wilson. They were able to save the truck and trailer, but the load of round bales was unsalvageable, he said. Firefighters began fighting the fire at about 2:30 p.m. on Sunday and did not clear the scene until after 3 a.m. on Monday.

Anyone seen this person?

The Granbury Police Department is asking for help identifying this man. The person seen in surveillance footage is wanted in connection with a non-violent property crime. Anyone who recognizes him is asked to contact Detective Clay Diddy at 817-573-2648.



COURTESY

CRIME OF THE WEEK

GUITARS STOLEN IN BURGLARY

Investigators are looking for clues to solve a home burglary that occurred on Aug. 12.

On that day, a suspect entered a residence in the 3800 block of Country Meadows Circle, north-east of Granbury.

The suspect stole several guitars and various household electronics.

Anyone with information is encouraged to call the Hood County Crime Stoppers at 817-573-8477 or go online to www.hoodcountycrimestoppers.com and submit a tip.

All tips remain anonymous. Upon arrest and indictment, tipsters could receive up to a \$1,000 reward.



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5 you can ___ the caverns of Sonora

6 "shootin' iron" bullets

7 Tex Ritter sang title song of "High ___"

8 SW Dallas suburb

16 picnic pest

17 actress in "Witness to the Execution" filmed in Houston

20 TX actor Rip (init.)

21 TXism: "got the morals ___ alley cat"

22 TX Willie's "She's Not ___"

24 Longhorn marchers

29 old office of LBJ, GHWB and GWB

30 Pampa has the ___ Texas

31 "Junior Stock Show"

32 "Traveling Wilbury" Petty (init.)

33 stream south of Quanah (2 wds.)

34 critter pelts

35 TXism: "smack ___ in the middle"

36 in Colorado County: "___ Prairie Chicken National Wildlife Refuge"

37 TXism: "three sheets to the ___"

38 Galleria or Grapevine Mills, e.g. TXism: "___ didly squat"

41 Houston: "___ City"

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DOWN

1 "Fredericksburg Post" newspaper

2 TXism: "wouldn't know how ___ a stick horse" (dude)

3 Jean-Pierre ___ was in "Heartbeat" with TX Ginger

4 unbroken horse

9 TXism: "wouldn't trust you ___ as I could throw you"

10 this Margie was 1st woman in TX Senate

11 TX pianist, Cliburn

12 TXism: "dyled ___ the wool" (genuine)

13 in Willacy County on state highway 448

14 lasso circles

15 official currency of the eurozone

18 Yankees' city (abbr.)

19 TXism: "___ of arrows in his quiver" (capable)

21 TXism: "shoots dice ___ phone" (risk taker)

23 TXism: "pushing ___ bonnets" (dead)

24 TXism: "gets ___ with the chickens"

25 iced ___

26 Astro or Ranger lumber

34 state seal has star of ___

35 TXism: "honest as the ___ long"

37 TXism: "he blazes a ___" (big)

38 dull finish

40 "My ___ Sal"

41 CEO of Irving-based Boy Scouts of America: ___ Love (1985-1993)

44 this Steve won the final "Southwest Golf Classic" in Abilene in 1987

47 a group of seven



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Nona Maxine Walden

Nona Maxine Walden, 86, passed away September 7, 2017. A memorial service was held Saturday, September 16, 2017 at City Park.

Nona was born November 12, 1930 in Oklahoma to Danny and Dillah Walden. When she was 16 years old, she got her first job as a soda jerk girl at a pharmacy in Stephenville. It was love at first sight when Raymond saw her there. Nona was a loving mother. She was an awesome baker and she canned homemade jams and jellies. She also worked as a waitress at a truck stop.

She was preceded in death by husband, Raymond Darrell "R.D." Burnett, sons: James Rayland Burnett and Darrell Winston Burnett, parents and sisters: Margarite Miller and Naomi Bright.

Survivors: daughter, Nona Alliene Burnett, daughter-in-law: Sarah Burnett, grandchildren: Marci Annette Tiller, Mary Wyche and partner Kari, Robert Nichols and fiancé Lynne Hoage, Ray Nichols and wife Jolene, Darrell Burnett II and



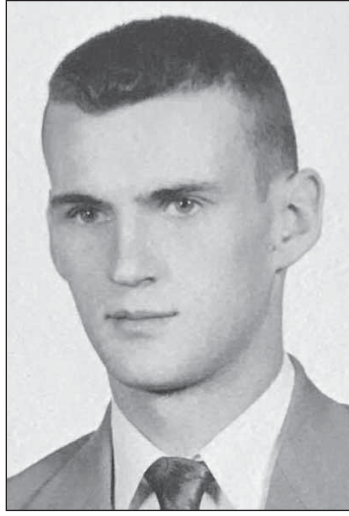
wife Reema, Sharon Cuccia and husband Joseph, and Deserae Good and husband Matt, great grandchildren: Kevin Delaney Neugent, Kristin Neugent, Marcus Nichols, Ryan Nichols, Alayna Nichols, Alexander Burnett, Colin Cuccia, Emerson Cuccia, Lucas Cuccia, Presley Good, Blake Good, Grace May, and Braden May and multiple nieces, nephews and cousins. Wiley Funeral Home made arrangements.

Carl Royal Beisner

Carl Royal Beisner, 81, of Granbury, passed away on Thursday, August 31, 2017. No services are planned at this time.

Carl was born on March 4, 1936 in Tripoli, Iowa to Walter and Bertha Beisner. He was a Korean War veteran, who proudly served his country in the United States Air Force. He worked and retired from the Federal Government as a Social Security Claims Representative.

Carl is survived by his wife Shirley Beisner, his three children, five grandchildren, and seven great grandchildren.



Lee Tandy Grubbs Jr.

Lee Tandy Grubbs Jr., 69, passed away Thursday, September 14, 2017. Services will be held on Saturday September 23, 2017 at 11:30 AM, The Kingdom Hall Of Jehovah's Witnesses 3734 West Highway 377 Granbury TX. 76048 817-573-4259.

Lee was born on August 22, 1948 in Cadiz, Kentucky to Agusta and Lee Tandy Grubbs, Sr. He married Londoria Gwendolyn Wiley in Evansville, Indiana on January 26, 1968.

He was a beloved husband, father and grandfather. Known for his quick wit and good sense of humor, Lee was a joy to be around. He loved to vacation and explore new things with his beloved wife. He worked as a crane operator in the steel industry for 34 years. Lee was an elder at The Kingdom Hall of Jehovah's Witnesses for more than 40 years. He was preceded in death by his parents and his brother Mark Grubbs.

Lee is survived by his wife: Londoria Grubbs, children: Veronica Cullinan, Delphine



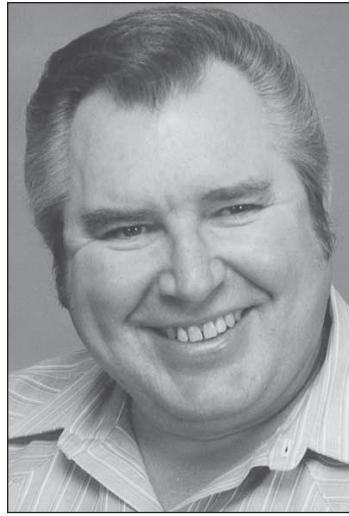
Schultz and husband Glenn, Lee Tandy Grubbs III, and Mark L. Grubbs and wife DeEtta, nine grandchildren: Kayla Christine, Glenn Arnold, Nigel Lee, Nadia Elise, Kyle Robert, Laila Ayana, Gavin Rex, Jackson Olivia, and Mark LaForge, siblings: Ethel Ann, Marjorie, Selby, Willie, Victor, Sherry, Martha, Jerry, Bertha, Hewell, and Shalondo. Wiley Funeral Home made arrangements.

Jerry P. Anderson

Jerry P. Anderson, 73, of Granbury, passed away Saturday, Sept. 16, 2017 in Fort Worth. Service: 1 p.m. Wednesday, September 20, 2017 at Wiley Funeral Home in Granbury. Interment: Holly Hills Memorial Park. Visitation: 6 to 8 p.m. Tuesday, September 19, 2017 at the funeral home.

Jerry was born Aug. 15, 1944 in Cleburne to Samuel J. and Jessie Roberson Anderson. He married Bettie Lou Longino Nov. 22, 1972 in Oklahoma. He worked for Lockheed Martin and was a member of Burleson Masonic Lodge. Jerry enjoyed the outdoors, fishing, RVing, airplanes, motorcycles and dominoes 42. He loved being with his family.

Survivors: Wife, Bettie; sons, Randy and wife Carol and Marc and wife Pam; grandchildren, Sam & Angie, Randi Lynn and Justin; Paul and Katie and Ja-



son and Heather; great grandchildren, Christopher, Ayden, Alivia, Khloe, Marcus, Bradlee, Paige, Lauren and Mason; brother, Jackie Dean; and nieces and nephews. Wiley Funeral Home made arrangements.

John Petricca

The big Italian man with his little white dog that walked all over Granbury died on Tuesday, September 12, 2017. His name was John Petricca, my wonderful husband of 43 years.

He was born in Chicago with 5 siblings, lived in Utah and Dallas, but loved Granbury and living on the lake the most.

He had 2 kids that he loved more than life itself. Rosanne was born in 1976 and David in 1979.

We moved to Texas in 1981, where John began a career in many aspects of real estate, development, and even remodeling older homes later in his career. His greatest accomplishments included watching his children grow up, follow their professional callings, and marry incredible spouses, Ty and Candace.

His greatest pride was becoming "Papi" with the birth of his 3 grandchildren - Aubrie (10), Blake (5) and Harper (2). His greatest joy was watching the



Chicago Cubs finally win the World Series in 2016.

A celebration of his life will be held on Friday, September 22, 2017 at St. Luke's Episcopal Church in Dallas at 2 pm. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to St. Jude's Research Hospital (www.stjude.org) or MD Anderson Cancer Center (www.mdanderson.org).

Virginia 'Nana' Hughes

Virginia "Nana" Hughes of Granbury, 84, passed away on Monday, September 11, 2017. A private memorial service will be held on Saturday, September 30, 2017.

Virginia was born on June 29, 1933 in Owensboro, Kentucky to Elva and Jewell Whitt. She loved her family unconditionally. She loved watching her grandchildren play sports. She wouldn't miss a basketball game. She also enjoyed fishing and watching sports of all types. She was an active member of the Eastern Star.

She was preceded in death by her first husband, Allen Brown Sr. in 1994 and her second husband, Lloyd Hughes in 2000.

Virginia is survived by her son: Allen Brown, Jr. and wife Debbie, daughter: Tambrilyn Sue Brown, grandchildren: Kelly Martinez and husband Kevin,



Nicholas Brown, Dillion Coplin and wife Abbie, Brendan King and Jordan King, and great grandchildren: Kaetlyn, Kaeli, Caden and Caleb.

Wiley Funeral Home made arrangements.

Billy Dean Green

Billy Dean Green, 74, of Granbury, passed away on Sunday, September 17, 2017.

Graveside service: 10:00 AM, Wednesday, September 20, 2017, Holly Hills Memorial Park, Visitation: 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM, Tuesday, September 19, 2017, Wiley Funeral Home, Granbury, Texas.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Hood County Cancer Care Service.

Billy was born on April 16, 1943 in Thorp Spring, Texas to Lee and Zada Green. He loved his family and cherished the times spent with his grandchildren. He had a generous spirit and a good sense of humor.

He was active in his community and was the first of three generations of Granbury volunteer firefighters. He was a nature lover, who loved sitting on the porch and feeding his pet chicken.

Billy invented "Billy Burgers" and the Hootnanny.

Billy was preceded in death by father: Lee "Buck" Green, mother: Zada Green, brothers: Kenneth Green, Bobby Green, Richard Green and Benny Earl Green and sisters: Juanita Moore and Jean Parker.



Billy is survived by his wife of 53 years, Judy Green, sons: Terry Green and wife Susan, Red Green and wife Crystal, Tom Green and wife Jada, daughters: Trena Lunsford and husband Johnny, Christy Rouse and husband Will, nine grandchildren, nine great grandchildren, brother: Jarvis Britt, sister: Dorothy Stewart, sister-in-laws: Betty Green and Jeanetta Green, and many nieces, nephews and extended family.

Wiley Funeral Home made arrangements.

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Tolar Homecoming court

Tolar High School Homecoming sweetheart nominees are (from left) Abby Leatherman, Savannah Elrod and Railee Anderson. They will be presented at Friday night's football game when Tolar hosts Early. Kickoff is 7:30 p.m.

Largent notes GISD academic success

Granbury School Superintendent Jim Largent highlighted the school district's academic success during the Granbury Chamber of Commerce luncheon Friday in DeCordova Country Club.

Largent, the guest speaker, said GISD is at the forefront of many innovative programs, including a new AVID (Advanced Via Individual Determination) initiative.

Several seventh-graders at Acton Middle School and Granbury Middle School are starting



Largent

the program to encourage college readiness.

The program will expand to other grade levels in the coming years.

The superintendent also touched on a number of GHS career and technical education programs: the Eagle's Nest aviation program that led students to construct a working aircraft; the F1 in Schools program with teams advancing to international com-

petitions for small engineered cars; health science programs that have students excelling during rotations at Lake Granbury Medical Center; a culinary program featuring a state-of-the-art commercial kitchen and bistro; and traditional welding courses.

He also said \$24 million in college scholarships have been offered over the past four years, and dual credit classes are providing high school students with numerous college credits prior to graduation.



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Dancing darlings

Open to girls in grades K-8, the Granbury High School Stowaways dance and drill team sponsored the annual Stowaways Dance Clinic Friday in the James Wann Sports Center parking lot. It was there the Stowaways

taught the students a group dance before they were escorted to Pirate Stadium for this pregame performance before the home crowd.

Weatherford agrees to take on GISD facilities for college expansion

The Weatherford College board has agreed to take on additional facilities in Granbury to expand its campus.

The buildings are the former two-story elementary on Jones Street that Weatherford currently uses and three nearby unoccupied facilities - the Bridge Street Conference Center, the former technology building and the metal building that was once a P.E. classroom.

"We are excited to be moving forward with Weatherford

College and help them improve and increase their presence in Granbury," Granbury Superintendent Jim Largent said. "We believe this is a win-win for our students and our community, and GHS is already the leader in dual credit hours earned from Weatherford College."

Since the property is to be used as an educational facility with another government agency, GISD is not selling it to Weatherford "because we believe it is in the best interest of

our community to continue using it as a community college," Largent said. "They will pay for any renovation costs they choose to do as well as the costs to maintain the buildings and grounds."

"We are still working out details of the transfer of the property and demolition costs (of the old high school)."

Granbury has allowed Weatherford to use the former two-story elementary since 2011 at no cost to the college.

Broadway dinner theater Saturday

Granbury High School choir students will hold a Broadway-themed dinner theater Saturday evening.

A Times Square Dinner featuring pizza, hot dogs, pretzels and cheesecake will be served beginning at 6 p.m. in the GHS cafeteria.

The concert follows in the

GHS Bagby-McMahan Performing Arts Center.

The performance will include a musical revue from "Les Miserables," "The Phantom of the Opera" and "Wicked."

Advance tickets are \$10 and are available from choir students. Tickets at the door will be \$20.

Proceeds will benefit the choir's summer trip to New York City on June 7-11 with a performance planned at the Cathedral of Saint John the Divine, an Episcopal church in Upper Manhattan.

For more information, contact the GHS choir office at 817-408-4622.

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FIRED UP: Granbury's Ryan Greene pumps up the crowd during the Pirates' 42-20 win over Springtown last season. The game was an emotional one for the Pirates, as they avenged a 51-7 shellacking from Springtown last season.



CAN'T BE STOPPED: Granbury quarterback Kevin Moore is bound and determined to reach the end zone, no matter how many Springtown Porcupines are on his back. Moore had five rushing touchdowns and 207 yards in Granbury's win, after which head coach Chad Zschiesche called Moore a "warrior."

Sweet, sweet revenge

Pirates move to 3-0 with win over Springtown

BY GRANT MCGALLIARD
HOOD COUNTY NEWS

It was clear, watching the Granbury coaches and players celebrate on the sideline after beating Springtown 42-20, that Friday night's game meant a bit extra to the Pirates.

After being blown out and embarrassed 51-7 last year, part of a 2-8 campaign, Granbury head coach Chad Zschiesche had talked before the game about how much he was looking forward to getting another crack at the Porcupines.

And there he was, after Friday night's game, jumping around and high-fiving his fellow coaches. Quarterback Kevin Moore, who had just put up five rushing touchdowns in a stellar performance, was hanging off the stands of Pirate Stadium, beaming the whole time.

Players were milling around, celebrating the game, still full of energy even after 48 minutes of football.

So, yeah, it meant a lot for Granbury. "Huge, is the first word that comes to mind," Zschiesche said. "This win was huge for this coaching staff, for these players, for this community, for this school."

"I'm just tickled to death." It'd be impossible to tell the story of Friday's game without mentioning the play of Moore. He was everywhere on offense for Granbury, totalling 207 yards on 28 carries, and of course, those five touchdowns.

"Kevin Moore is a warrior," Zschiesche said. "He's more like a middle linebacker playing quarterback."

"We had to lean on Kevin tonight in the run game, and you wanna talk about manning up...The best way I can describe him is that he's a warrior."

Perhaps the game's biggest moment came on a fourth-and-five from the Springtown 45, with Granbury trailing by one point in the third quarter. The Pirates went for it, and Ty Williams took it all 45 yards to give Granbury a

GAME AT A GLANCE

- SCORE:** Granbury 42, Springtown 20
- PASSING:** Kevin Moore 3-9-1 51.
- RUSHING:** Moore 28-207 5 TD, Ty Williams 14-120 1 TD, Zach Adams 2-9
- RECEIVING:** Blake Jones 1-41, Zach McCreight 2-10
- AFTER ONE:** Granbury 17, Springtown 0
- HALFTIME:** Granbury 14, Springtown 13
- AFTER THREE:** Granbury 28, Springtown 20

lead it would not relinquish. "That's just a gut feeling, man. I'm a fan of going for it when I feel like we have a bit of momentum," Zschiesche said. "They were in a look that we liked, and even Ty at about 50 percent was still good enough to score."

SOME MUCH-NEEDED R&R

Granbury normally has a 24-hour rule, where players and coaches can enjoy the previous night's win or wallow in a loss for precisely one day.

But because the Pirates have their bye week this week, they've been able to bask in the win a bit longer than normal.

"We're giving ourselves a little bit more time, because the coaching staff and the kids have worked extremely hard to get to this point," Zschiesche said. "Because of that, I wanted the kids to enjoy it, and I wanted the coaching staff to enjoy it."

Now, though, it's on to a "week of fundamentals." Pirate practices will be shorter than normal, and with less contact, in order to ensure Granbury mends any injuries and is ready for district season next week.

Through three weeks of the season the Pirates remain undefeated. The 20-14 deficit they faced against Springtown was the first time Granbury

trailed all year. "At halftime I told the players and the staff that I'm glad we're in a ball game like this, because we need to be in a ball game like this," Zschiesche said. "I said it'd very interesting to see how they'd respond."

Respond they did, and now Granbury is in a position they've been unfamiliar with in recent years - they're one of the last two undefeated team in District 9-5A.

"This summer we sat down as a staff and addressed the season, and what could be versus what should be," Zschiesche said. "This is exactly what we talked about what could be, going into the bye week 3-0."

"We knew we would be better. We just didn't know how much better until we played someone else."

The matchup next week against Burleson should help figure that out. The Elks are the only other undefeated team in the district.

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Tolar Rattlers fall in overtime; NCTA puts up 110

BY GRANT MCGALLIARD
HOOD COUNTY NEWS

Too many three-and-outs, too many penalties and too much sloppy play doomed Tolar Friday night against Boyd, head coach Jeremy Mullins said.

And yet, the Rattlers had a chance to win in overtime.

Tolar lost its home opener to Boyd 21-14, despite an offense that sputtered the whole night. The Rattlers had a total of 130 yards of offense.

"We just struggled offensively," Mullins said. "We didn't execute very well."

"Give credit to Boyd, they had a good game plan...But you know, it's just one of those - we didn't play well enough to win."

Tolar manufactured points the hard way. In the span of just a few minutes in the second quarter, Clayton Deaver caught a 39-yard pass for a touchdown, then returned a punt 75 yards for a score.

The Rattlers failed to convert the extra points, making the score 14-12. But Boyd shot itself in the foot late in the fourth, snapping the ball over the punter's head for a safety and tying it up.

Boyd scored on the first play of overtime, and Tolar couldn't respond.

"We had way too many three-and-outs," Mullins said. "We create too many second-and-longs with either a missed assignment, or a bad snap, or just some unfortunate stuff."

Those three-and-outs meant Tolar simply didn't have enough plays to score. The Rattlers had only 49 plays, compared to Boyd's 67.

But it isn't all doom and gloom for Tolar. The Rattlers, now 1-2 this season, have five non-district games to work any kinks out, and Mullins is still confident his team will shake any hangover from Friday's loss and be ready when district rolls

around.

"Starting Saturday, it was onto the Early Longhorns," Mullins said. "Good thing is, it's right here again, and there's a chance to get this taste out of our mouths."

"That's what this time of year is for. You don't ever want to lose, and we're definitely fighting our tail off for every game, but the overall goal is to be ready for district."

Tolar plays Early in the Rattlers' Homecoming game on Friday at 7:30 p.m.

NCTA WINS BARNBURNER

The following sentence is not a misprint, nor is it a basketball score.

The North Central Texas Academy Pioneers football team beat Tyler Street Christian Academy 110-100 on Friday.

Go ahead, read it again. It is not a misprint.

The Pioneers had 820 total yards of offense, with 418 of

those coming on the ground, 162 by air and another 240 on special teams. Caleb Lawrence had 340 yards rushing and 11 touchdowns, while also leading the team with 10 tackles.

Perhaps even more surprisingly, the 210 combined points scored in this game does not set a record for six-man football. In 2015, San Antonio The Winston and San Antonio Town East scored a combined 242 points, with The Winston winning 122-120.

Last week, NCTA scored a grand total of zero points, with Watauga winning by mercy rule 40-0 at the half. That's a 110-point turnaround offensively in one game.

And Tyler Street is no push-over - they were predicted by Dave Campbell to finish third in their district.

NCTA is now 1-2 on the year. They'll host Heritage Christian on Friday at 7:30 p.m.

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SARAH SCHULTZ

DEFENSE OPTIONAL: North Central Texas Academy's Marc Langston (3) lays a hit on a Tyler Street ballcarrier. NCTA and Tyler Street were more focused on offense than defense that day, however: North Central Texas won a 110-100 barnburner.



SCOTTY MILLER

The next wave

Tolar Junior High is full of future Lady Rattlers varsity volleyball players. The TJH 8th grade A Team won the Dublin Junior High Tournament Saturday, going undefeated in three games.

Hood County volleyball teams sweep competition

BY GRANT MCGALLIARD
HOOD COUNTY NEWS

It was a good weekend for Hood County volleyball teams, as all three that were in action came away with wins.

PIRATES LEAD THE DISTRICT

The Granbury Lady Pirates took over sole possession of first place in District 9-5A volleyball with a four-set win at Bursleson Centennial Friday night.

Centennial and Granbury came in as the lone undefeated teams in the district. After Friday night, only the Lady Pirates

remained unblemished.

Granbury won 26-24, 25-21, 23-25 and 25-16. The third set in that match was the only set Granbury has lost in district play this season.

The Lady Pirates are now 3-0 in district play. They took on Joshua (1-2) Tuesday night, and will host Cleburne Friday.

TOLAR SWEEPS EARLY

The Tolar Lady Rattlers breezed past Early at home on Friday with a three-set win.

Tolar won 25-22, 25-17 and 26-24.

It was a nice change of pace for the Lady Rattlers, who have

been in two five-set matches and a four-set match in their previous three games.

The Lady Rattlers have won five of their last six games, and are peaking at the right time heading into district play. Tolar took on Albany Tuesday night, and after a bye on Friday, the Lady Rattlers will open District 7-3A on Sept. 26 against Peaster, the No. 19 team in the last Texas Girls Coaches' Association volleyball poll.

CCA OFF TO GREAT DISTRICT START

The Cornerstone Christian Lady Crusaders had a hot start to their district season last

Thursday, beating Killeen Memorial in three sets.

CCA won 25-9, 25-7 and 25-7. Stevie McCoy had a whopping 20 kills, with Annabelle Steed adding nine and Baylee Morton adding eight. Reagan Ives had 26 assists.

Cornerstone was coming off a three-set win over Johnson County.

"It was a great way to start the district schedule," head coach Richard Lauer said.

The Lady Crusaders took on Joshua Christian Academy Tuesday night. They'll host St. Paul's Prep on Friday.

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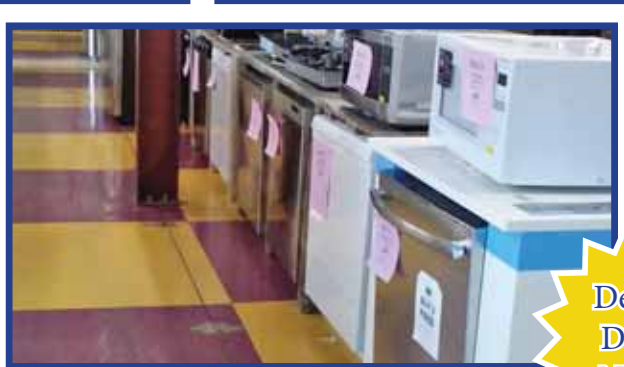
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'It's All In The Game' to premiere in Granbury

BY GRANT MCGALLIARD
HOOD COUNTY NEWS

Over the course of her 52-year career coaching and molding the minds of young ladies, retired Granbury High School girls basketball coach Leta Andrews never imagined her story would be told in film.

It never crossed her radar. She was far too busy focusing on doing her job.

"I just wanted to try to win basketball games," Andrews said.

But when you win enough games, the media will, eventually, come calling. And nobody in the history of high school basketball has won more than Andrews - 1,416 games, if you're counting.

That's why this Saturday at the New Granbury Live Theater, Andrews' life will be told in "It's All in the Game: The Leta Andrews Story," a film directed by Joel Walters and produced by Rare Breed Media.

Bill Walton - yes, that Bill Walton, NBA Hall of Famer - narrates the film, and Dallas sportscaster Dale Hansen will be the host for the evening.

Andrews, 80, said she didn't know what to expect when TCU emeritus professor and Rare Breed CEO Janet Kelly floated out the idea of a film.

"She said she had read so much about me and asked if we could meet for coffee," Andrews said. "And it just went from there to the finished product."

MEETING BILL

That included a flight out to San Diego, where she met up with Walton.

"As I arranged the flight to San Diego, I could never get over the fright of meeting Bill Walton," Andrews said.

But Walton, a legendarily calm person,

FACT FILE:

LETA ANDREWS

CAREER: 1962-2014

WINS: 1,416

STATE TITLES: 1 (Corpus Christi Calallen, 1990)

FINAL FOURS: 16

COACHING STOPS: Tolar, Gustine, Comanche, Calallen, Granbury

HALL-OF-FAMER: Inducted into Women's Basketball Hall of Fame in 2010

put Andrews' mind at ease by telling her how excited he was to meet her.

"He relaxed my anxieties," Andrews said.

Andrews bonded over their mutual friendship with hallowed coach John Wooden, who coached Walton at UCLA and was a mentor to Andrews.

"We talked about basketball and mutual friends," she said. "We had a lot of common ground, and he was warm and pleasant."

Walton originally intended to fly down to attend the showing on Saturday, but a scheduling conflict prevented that.

A COMPREHENSIVE PICTURE

The film will narrate Andrews' journey from working on a farm "to put food on the table" as a young girl in Granbury to being inducted into the Women's Basketball Hall of Fame. Every aspect of Andrews' life is touched upon.

It traces through her coaching career,

beginning in 1962 when Title IX was still a decade away and girls basketball was played on a half court with six players instead of five. The rest of her story is well-known and documented: 16 trips to the state tournament, one championship with Corpus Christi Calallen in 1990, the return to Granbury in 1992.

In fact, the coach said she can't think of a single thing the filmmakers left out. "I'm still searching," Andrews said. "I need to sit and watch it again, but at this point, it's a pretty good life story."

THE FRUITS OF SUCCESS

And it's a life story with a message. Andrews built her career on developing her girls not just as players but as people, and she said the importance of that lesson comes across loud and clear in the film.

"If I had to say the main thought, it'd be to teach people to believe in themselves," Andrews said. "If you reach that burning desire ... you can taste the fruits of success."

While this weekend is the film's official Granbury premiere, it's already being shown on TV sets across the country. Andrews said she's fielded calls from people watching her story from as far away as New York City and Jackson Hole, Wyoming.

It may not have been her goal to be the subject of a movie when she started her career, but that doesn't mean Andrews isn't enjoying the ride. Watching her life story play out in front of her "leaves a pretty sweet taste in my mouth," she said.

Tickets for "It's All in the Game: The Leta Andrews Story" have been sold out for Saturday's showing.

TELLING HER STORY: Leta Andrews, the legendary women's high school basketball coach, will be featured in "It's All in the Game: The Leta Andrews Story," premiering at The New Granbury Live Theater on Saturday. Andrews played and coached at Granbury High School, and holds the record for most wins by a high school basketball coach.

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Places to Save Money

Look through the newspaper to find the names of banks and credit unions in your community. Make a chart with their names, addresses and the interest rates they offer on their savings accounts.

Standards Link: Research: Use the newspaper to locate information.

Write On!

Cool Off!

What do you do when you get angry? Do you try to calm down or "cool off"? How do you do this?

Kid Scoop Together: Funny Fill-in

Ask a family member to give you:

- 4 nouns
- 2 adjectives
- 1 verb
- 10 plural nouns

Use these words to fill in the blanks in this story. Then, read the silly story you created aloud together for lots of laughs!

Roger is a collector of _____ ADJECTIVE _____ ADJECTIVE. As you _____ PLURAL NOUN can imagine, such a collection is quite expensive.

To save money, Roger always looks for the best _____ NOUN when shopping. He'll often compare _____ PLURAL NOUN between products to see which one is a better _____ NOUN.

At the grocery store, he doesn't just fill his basket with a lot of _____ PLURAL NOUN. Instead, he writes a _____ NOUN and brings it with him. He clips _____ PLURAL NOUN out of the newspaper to save money. He checks the newspaper's website for special _____ PLURAL NOUN, too.

Roger buys _____ PLURAL NOUN in bulk. He will _____ VERB them with his friends and family if he has extras. He saves money by choosing _____ ADJECTIVE _____ PLURAL NOUN instead of more expensive _____ PLURAL NOUN.

Roger also checks the classified ads for _____ PLURAL NOUN when he needs new ones. He bought a very reliable car that way that doesn't use a lot of _____ NOUN.

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Festival to feature horror, sci-fi, cosplay

The sixth annual Granbury Paranormal Expo will kick off the Halloween season Saturday, Sept. 30 and Sunday, Oct. 1 on the square.

This festival is free to the public and will feature ghost hunters, psychics, horror, sci-fi, cosplay, fantasy and more.

"Last year was our first time to hold it in the middle of the Granbury square," said Brandy Herr, co-founder of the Granbury Paranormal Expo. "We had so much fun, we can't wait to make it even bigger and better this year!"

Author Charlaune Harris is a featured celebrity speaker this year. Her novels inspired HBO's "True Blood" and the new hit NBC series, "Midnight, Texas."

Cryptozoologist Ken Gerhard is also scheduled for the event. Cryptozoology is the study of hidden animals. The most well-known "cryptids" are legendary creatures like Bigfoot/Sasquatch and the Yeti, the Loch Ness Monster, Sea Serpents and el chupacabra.

Others at the paranormal event include Research and Investigation of the Paranormal founder Greg Stephens and Boni Furusho, a mentor to those who

have experienced paranormal phenomena.

Hallie of Hallie's Heroes will also be a special guest, swabbing visitors and adding them to the National Bone Marrow Registry to help save the lives of those who need bone marrow transplants.

MORE COSTUMED CHARACTERS

Cosplay, or dressing in costumes, will also be a much bigger feature this year, Herr said.

Visitors will meet many costumed characters and even take pictures with several movie replica vehicles.

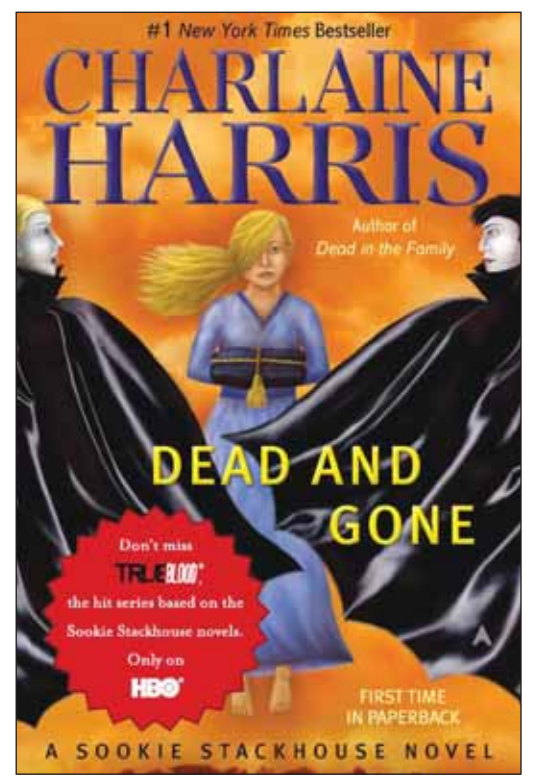
A children's cosplay contest for ages infant to 12 will take place on Oct. 1.

The Paranormal Expo is open from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. on Sept. 30 and 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Oct. 1.

More than 80 exhibitors are expected.

For updates on the event, visit www.GranburyParanormalExpo.com and www.facebook.com/GranburyParanormalExpo.

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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. Suite 102. Free class and dinner and art class for the kids.

FRIDAY, SEPT. 22

CELEBRATE LIFE Gala 2017 benefit for Brazos Pregnancy Center. Dinner and guest speaker, 7 to 9:30 p.m. at Granbury Resort Conference Center, 817-579-1233 for ticket information.

BINGO PRIZE day at the Hood County Senior Center, 10:30 a.m., 501 E. Moore St.

SATURDAY, SEPT. 23

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

YOUNG EAGLE flying event includes free airplane rides for students ages 8 to 17 at Pecan Plantation Airport. Parental consent required. 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. weather permitting.

THORP SPRING Cemetery Association yearly meeting, 10 a.m., Thorp Spring Church of Christ, 817-901-5568.

BREAKFAST FLY-IN at Granbury Regional Airport, 8 to 10 a.m., program on human factors, raffles, benefitting Brazos River 99s.

LAW ENFORCEMENT stakes out Granbury Dunkin' Donuts to benefit Special Olympics. Make



COURTESY

Part of the 'Greatest Generation'

Retired Marine Corps veteran Don Graves (left) is welcomed as guest speaker for the Granbury Lions Club meeting by Glenn Jennings, club member. Graves told firsthand accounts of his war experiences in World War II. Graves survived the Battle of Iwo Jima.

donation, get a free donut, from 6 to 11:30 a.m.

MONDAY, SEPT. 25

WRITERS' BLOC double critique session, 7 to 9 p.m., Waterview Estates (The Point at Waterview), 100 Waterview Boulevard, 817-243-7842.

TUESDAY, SEPT. 26

MIDCITIES STAMP Club (Granbury chapter) will discuss collecting topics of member Alliene Franklin, 7 p.m., Bentwater Activities Center, 1800 Emerald Court, 817-579-5161.



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Officers to stake out Dunkin' Donuts

Law enforcement officers will stake out the Granbury Dunkin' Donuts to benefit Special Olympics Texas from 6 -11:30 a.m. Saturday.

Rain or shine, police officers are scheduled to cover approximately 30 Dunkin' Donuts locations across the Metroplex to heighten awareness and raise money for the Law Enforcement Torch Run (LETR) for Special Olympics Texas.

In return for the police officers "doing time" at their restaurants, Dunkin' Donuts will offer a free donut to each guest who visits a Dallas/ Fort Worth area Dunkin' Donuts location that day and makes a donation.

The mission of Special Olympics is to provide year-round sports training and athletic competition in a variety of Olympic-type sports for children and adults with intellectual disabilities.



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Fish fry, musical acts bring donations for Harvey victims

Music and good food were offered Saturday afternoon during a benefit at Hewlett Park to help 100 refugees of Hurricane Harvey who are staying at a church in Alvin. Those attending the benefit enjoyed a full lineup of Christian country musicians, including the Baggy Bottom Boys, Wes McMillan, Wyatt Nations, Sheree and Stephen Kline, Trish

Hawkins, David Jordan and Tim Fish. Dan Ames and his crew were on hand to cook hot dogs. From left: Cooper Mangold, Tyler Sledge, Faron and Ronda Tankersley and Harold Albin offered the crowd a delicious way to support the cause with a fish fry and all the trimmings.

Word spreads fast to help evacuees

Folks in Granbury respond to those in need. And they do it quickly.

After blasting a message for help Sunday, Julia Pannell said the community responded and two families were helped.

Hurricane Harvey displaced many families in South Texas, including some who sought shelter here. Most families have returned to their hometowns, but two families remain at La Quinta in Granbury, Pannell said.

Within four hours of spreading the word, their hotel bills were paid. She said both families have been approved for help by FEMA, but with so many displaced, the payments are "pending."

Pannell is suggesting others in the community consider the donation of gift cards to local restaurants. The staff at La Quinta will make sure the gift cards get to the right people, she said.

It's not known when the families will be able to return home.

Devotion Page

Great is God's Faithfulness

Because of the Lord's great love we are not consumed, for his compassions never fail. They are new every morning; great is their faithfulness. Lamentations 3:22-23

"Great is thy faithfulness" an old poem written by Thomas O. Chisolm in 1923, turned into the famous hymnal that same year. I remember singing this popular hymn often when growing up in church. I remember it vividly with the sounds of the piano ringing out, and my mother and father signing along. This song was written by its author to reflect God's faithfulness to him over the course of his lifetime. Well written, it reminds us that in spite of the fact that life is hard, either due to our poor decisions or because of circumstances surrounding us, we recognize that God is faithful to us consistently, without question.

Recognizing God's faithfulness and actually depending upon it are two very different things. The business of "Faithfulness" is challenging. From a humanistic perspective, it only seems right that if we do charitable acts, serve others, give money then we are showing ourselves faithful to God and obeying his

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Marci Martinez
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command to "love one another". Be that somewhat truthful, these acts are NOT A SUBSTITUTE for faith, but instead, these acts demonstrate our gratitude of the faithfulness shown us by Christ! These acts do not save us, but instead provide others with hope in our God's faithfulness to us.

Growing up, I don't recall ever singing "Great is my faithfulness." No the song goes on to say "morning by morning new mercies I see. All I have needed Thy hand hath provided. Great is Thy faithfulness, Lord unto me." His faithfulness is unto me. My faithfulness can show up in words and in good deeds, but this is very different than trusting God in moments of difficulty believing that God will remain faithful to us, providing mercy each new day.

We all have experienced hardship and seen ones we love endure difficult times. Certainly I have walked through many a difficulty. The hymn although old, holds much truth for today. Like our Father's written words to us in Lamentations, we are not to ever be consumed, for God's compassions never fail. Each new day we can depend upon his faithfulness and that allows us to grow our trust and subdue our doubts. We live in a world that certainly attacks God's existence, much less his faithfulness. But today, I encourage you not to tire or grow weary in doing good. For God is still in control and if we believe in His faithfulness to us, we will have a peace that endures in all situations. May you be blessed in your faithfulness to God as he blesses and keeps you near.

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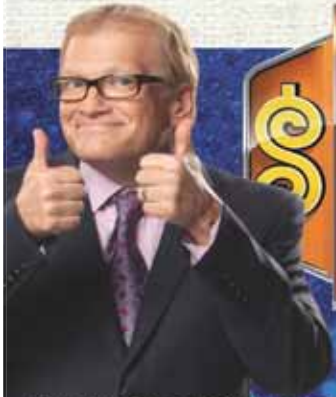
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