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## Mobly seeks ethics code

BY KATHY CRUZ  
HOOD COUNTY NEWS

Granbury City Council member Tony Mobly this week emailed the San Antonio attorney drafting guidelines pertaining to official misconduct allegations, requesting that he include language about ethics. The attorney, Charles Zech, is expected to be back in town for the City Council's regular meeting on Tuesday. The council tabled his proposed ordinance two weeks ago so that he could incorporate a few changes, but will consider it again Tuesday. The statute that Zech origi-

**A CODE of ethics can't be that hard. EDITORIAL, 4A.**

nally presented dealt only with unlawful conduct and made no mention of ethical violations. He indicated, however, that the council has significant leeway in how it handles such matters and that he could adjust the ordinance according to the council's wishes. In his email to Zech on Tuesday, Mobly asked the lawyer to include language about "legitimate ethics violations." Ethical concerns have recently arisen regarding council

member Tony Allen. He denies having been the person who phoned Ovilla City Hall claiming to be a Hood County News reporter and threatening to write a negative story about that town's mayor pro tem. The phone number that Ovilla city officials said appeared on Caller ID matches Allen's. Another incident involved bed and breakfast owner Tom Baker's claim that Allen had threatened to have city staff inspect his business. Baker said the threat occurred at a break in the Oct. 2 council meeting, where Baker had encouraged the council to take action in the

Ovilla matter. The City Council currently has no procedures in place for dealing with those types of situations. **FEW CITIES PUT FOCUS ON ETHICS** Mayor Pro Tem Mickey Parson said he has done a modest amount of research on the matter and it appears that few cities have rules regarding ethics. The Texas Ethics Commission, he noted, deals only with election-related issues. Parson said that Arlington and Georgetown have policies regarding ethics, but they nevertheless are "all about illegali-

ties," he said. It was Parson who initially brought to light that the charter does not provide instructions for public hearings that are supposed to be held when there are allegations of official misconduct. That realization is what led to Zech's hiring and to a review of the entire city charter. The Hood County News found that the city of Wylie has a code of ethics and a board to hear complaints. Mobly forwarded to Zech a policy that the Ovilla City Council adopted in 2012 for handling ethics complaints.

He said that Mayor Nin Hulett and City Manager Chris Coffman support adding ethical violations to the ordinance. Mobly said he feels that public censure should be the first course of action for ethics violations. However, should unethical behavior persist, he feels that the council should have the power to remove that person from office, rather than expecting citizens to collect petition signatures for a recall election. "A recall election can take forever and, meanwhile, the behavior continues," he said. PLEASE SEE ETHICS | 2A



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### Top of the league

The Granbury Lady Pirates volleyball team has a reason to celebrate. After beating Burleson Centennial on Tuesday night, the Lady Pirates are in the driver's seat in District 9-5A, and can afford to lose one more game and still win the district. Granbury played at Joshua last night and will travel to Everman Tuesday. See related story and photo, P. 6A.

## Remember the Alamo

Historic fort's curator to speak here Oct. 26

BY ROGER ENLOW  
EDITOR

History buff Maurice Walton is almost giddy when talking about an upcoming event in Granbury. He and other historians will sit spellbound when Alamo historian and curator Bruce Winders speaks at the Granbury Opera House. The Thursday, Oct. 26 event starts at 6:30 p.m. and is part of The Bridge Street History Center Ramay-Macatee Speaker Series. "To me, if you have a talk about Texas history, what better person could you have than the curator and historian at the Alamo?" said Walton, board member of The Bridge Street History Center. "I think it's a real coup to get a guy like that here." The Alamo resonates with Hood Countians because the widow of its famous hero, Davy Crockett, is buried in Acton Cemetery southeast of Granbury. Elizabeth Crockett moved here after being awarded a land grant following her husband's death. That land, now called Crockett's Bounty, is located in northeast Hood County and will be the site of a private reception Sunday afternoon for the Friends of The Bridge Street History Center. The Alamo was a fort in San Antonio where a group of Americans made a heroic stand against a much larger Mexican force in 1836. The Mexicans, under General Santa Anna, besieged the Alamo and eventually killed all of the defenders. A recognized authority on the conflicts involving the U.S., Mexico and Texas, Winders has



Winders

PLEASE SEE ALAMO | 2A



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**BEAUTY BEYOND: Butterflies symbolize loss, rebirth and strength to many who have lost a loved one.**

## Hope takes flight

### Event to help grieving parents

BY BETHANY KURTZ  
HOOD COUNTY NEWS

The death of an infant child doesn't ease with time, Karen Sue Blaize said. "She is with me daily in my thoughts," she said. "The pain is not something that goes away. You get used to it and functioning with it."

Blaize's daughter Ruby Grace was stillborn at 20 weeks on Nov. 10, 2014. She already had four sons, two biological and two adopted, when she found out she was pregnant. "Both her conception and her stillbirth were a shock. I had just settled into the idea of being pregnant, and then she was lost," Blaize said.

To help parents like Blaize through their grief, Lake Granbury Medical Center is holding an Angel Baby Butterfly Release from 10 to 11 a.m. today at the hospital. The event is part of October's Pregnancy and Infant Loss Awareness Month, said Rebekah Butler, director of women's services at the center. Families will



Karen Sue Blaize

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**ON STAGE:** Granbury Theatre Company will perform "Arsenic and Old Lace" Oct. 20 - Nov. 5.

## Director returns to roots for latest Broadway show

BY BETHANY KURTZ  
HOOD COUNTY NEWS

Leading Granbury Theatre Company's coming show has been a bit of déjà vu for director Luke Hunt.

His first memories of "Arsenic and Old Lace" are 40 years old, back when his mother checked out a radio play cassette from the San Bernardino public library.

"I distinctly remember my third-grade self loving the show and all of its quirks," Hunt said.

He even used stuffed animals from his grandparents' house to stage the play, providing all of the voices on his own.

"So, in a way, 'Arsenic and Old Lace' was the first show I ever directed," he said.

He went on to become a theater arts teacher at Alvarado High School and had directed previous GTC performances.

Now, he has returned to his early love and is directing the Granbury Theatre Company's presentation of "Arsenic and Old Lace" that will run Oct. 20 - Nov. 5 at the Granbury Opera House as part of the Broadway on the Brazos season.

Directing real actors is much more satisfying than the stuffed ones of years gone by, Hall said, because of the passion and creativity the actors bring to their roles.

"I would like to take this opportunity to thank the cast for bringing a vision to the stage that has existed since I was 8," he said. "And I would like to thank the production team at Granbury Theatre Company for allowing my directing journey

to come full circle."

"Arsenic and Old Lace" is a comedy by Joseph Kesselring. The story follows Mortimer Brewster's struggle to remain sane when he discovers the delusional diggings of his brother are nothing compared to the murderous actions of his aunts and second brother.

Cast members include Matt Beutner as Mortimer Brewster with Tonya Laree and Drenda Lewis featured as his aunts, Abby and Margaret Brewster.

A member of the original company operating the Opera House in the 1970s, Lewis returns to the stage after primarily working in the costume shop.

The cast also includes Micky Shearon and Brian Lawson as brothers Jonathan and Teddy Brewster. Katherine Anthony plays Elaine Harper, and Tim Herndon play Dr. Einstein. Rounding out the ensemble are A. Solomon Abah Jr., Kevin Baum, Bob Coleman, Greg Doss, Jordan Juice Houston, Doug Long and Bentleigh Nesbit.

Designers for the production are: Nicholas Graves, set; Joshua Carpenter, sound; Cameron Barrus, lighting; Emily Warwick, costumes; and Gaylene Carpenter, props. Taylor Ray Donaldson is the stage manager assisted by Aubrey Tarantino.

Showtimes are 7:30 p.m. on Fridays, 2 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. on Saturdays, and 2 p.m. on Sundays. A First Night reception will be held from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. on Oct. 20.

Tickets are available at the GTC box office at 817-579-0952 or online at www.granburytheatrecompany.org.

## Train fire blocks intersection

BY ROGER ENLOW  
HOOD COUNTY NEWS

The Temple Hall Highway railroad crossing was blocked for a couple of hours early Thursday morning because of a reported train fire.

The call came in at 12:37 a.m., Fire Marshal Ray Wilson said. No one was injured.

Wilson said the train crew saw smoke coming from one of the engines. They were able to put out the fire before firefighters arrived, he said.

## CRIME BLOTTER

### THEFT COST STATION 70

**\$1,500 IN BUILDING MATERIALS**  
A thief took several steel pieces from a Hood County fire station, and investigators need the public's help to solve the case.

On or around Sept. 27, a suspect stole the items from Fire Station 70, located on Hilltop Road in Oak Trail Shores.

The suspect's vehicle is a dark single cab pickup with a short wheelbase.

The thief took two 2x4 steel pipes and two 6x8 steel C-Perlin worth approximately \$1,500 total.

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

### DEPUTIES ARREST GRANBURY MAN FOR CHOKING GIRLFRIEND

Around 2 a.m. Oct. 2, sheriff's office deputies responded to Gee Road south of Acton for a disturbance, said Public Information Officer Lt. Johnny Rose.

David Allen Davis, 31, of Granbury, was accused of choking his 29-year-old girlfriend during an argument. The victim was not seriously injured, Rose said.

Davis was charged with assault family violence/choking.



Davis



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## Fun-filled fair day

A good time was had by all when the DCBE/Acton Volunteer Fire Department hosted its first Safety and Wellness Fair last Saturday at the fire station on Smoky Hill Court. Community members of all ages took part in an array of activities, including free health screenings. Preventing health emergencies

was the focus of the fair. Representatives from the Brazos River Authority, Carter Blood Center, Care-Flite, Air Evac, Texas State Chaplains, Hood County YMCA and more were on hand for demonstrations and to share information with those who stopped by during the event.

## FELONY ARRESTS

Fifteen felony arrests were made from Sept. 28 to Oct. 5 according to Hood County law enforcement records.

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

- Dana Whitley Buckelew, 46, Granbury, possession of a controlled substance penalty group one, less than 1 gram; and theft of property less than \$100 enhanced.

- Joseph James Clennan, 33, Granbury, capias arrest.

- George Moore Cruz III, 35, Hood County, violation of parole.

- Billy Joe Garcia, 47, Oak Trail Shores, possession of a controlled substance penalty group one, less than 1 gram.

- Christopher Jonathan Hair, 43, Oak Trail Shores, sex offender duty to register for life.

- Nicholas Neal Harless, 28, Markleville, Indiana, theft of property less than \$2,500 with two or more previous.

- James Michael Hribar, 28, Stephenville, aggravated assault causes serious bodily injury.

- Dustyn Casey Kincaid, 28, homeless, violation of parole.

- Michael Todd Mullen, 52, Fort Worth, crim-

inal nonsupport.

- Valencia Michelle Myers, 25, Palmer, injury to a child with intent to bodily injure.

- Nels Duwayne Nordin, 58, Hood County, violation of parole and driving while intoxicated third.

- Jason Howard Perkins, 39, Granbury, capias arrest.

- Ricky Lynn Phillips, 54, Fort Worth, capias arrest and violation of parole.

- Michael Jeffrey Rabyor, 28, Southtown, violation of parole.

- Michael Austin Thompson, 22, Lake Granbury Harbor, evading arrest/detention; and possession of a controlled substance penalty group one, less than 1 gram.

- Charles Ray Tidwell Jr., 57, Oak Trail Shores, possession of a controlled substance penalty group one, less than 1 gram; and two traffic offenses.

- Troy Don Yates Sr., 55, Granbury, possession of a controlled substance penalty group one, less than 1 gram; possession of a controlled substance penalty group four, less than 28 grams; and possession of a controlled substance penalty group three, less than 28 grams.

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### Swinging to that Big Band sound

It was a swinging Saturday night for folks kicking up their feet for the Langdon Center Big Band Dance at the Granbury Square Plaza. The swinging Big Band entertainment was free of charge. Attendees just needed their dancing shoes.

## We'll be adding PETS

Okay, okay, okay. Since several readers have asked me the same thing regarding my last column, I feel like I need to add a postscript.

Two weeks ago I told you all that I'm tired, and that's why I don't write regularly anymore. Then I mentioned something about our kids and our pets being well, and said we'll actually be adding to the bunch soon, but that would be a future column.

Well, I guess I really WAS tired, because the wording wasn't clear enough that I wasn't talking about a human. I am not pregnant, and the discussion of more Hooper babies is completely off the table.

What I was talking about is adding another PET to the mix.

My husband and I have decided to give the kids a puppy for Christmas!

I intended on writing the column about the puppy after its arrival, but I feel it's necessary to clarify. (I don't want anybody to unnecessarily stare at my stomach!)

Our current pets are 9, 9 and 8. Our lives have been so busy that the thought of a puppy in our house has made us cringe for the last several years.

But losing our bigger dog, Spanky, two and a half years ago really took its toll on all of us. The kids still talk about him on a regular basis, and Fish-

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Chelsea Hooper  
Columnist

er cries about him now and then.

This past spring, I told my husband that I'm finally to the point where a puppy excites me rather than stresses me out. He said he feels the exact same way. So we started getting really excited about it, and decided that Christmas will be the perfect time.

We both feel like we cheated the kids out of having a puppy, since we had all of our pets before they were born. But now they'll really get to experience it, and we couldn't be more excited!

So there you have it. You now know our secret. Please don't tell my children. Or anybody that knows them for that matter!

In fact, just don't discuss it with anyone. And if you have a child, don't let them read this column.

Great, now I'm paranoid. But not as paranoid as I was that you guys might think I'm pregnant!

Stay tuned for the details about our puppy. But this time you'll have to wait until after Christmas!

chelsea.20something@gmail.com

# City of Granbury can set ethics standards for other Texas cities

BY JERRY TIDWELL  
PUBLISHER

## EDITORIAL

For far too long, city officials throughout Texas have operated under no official ethical guidelines.

It is high time that changed. Not everyone, after all, has a personal moral code of conduct.

Although a few Texas cities have adopted ethics policies in recent years, most, including Granbury, have nothing on the books.

This is disturbing, especially considering that most professions have ethical standards and employees who violate them are shown the door.

The way it is now, no elected official - no matter how outrageously unethical his or her behavior - will ever be held accountable.

There are challenges associated with creating ethical policies for elected officials, and there could be political consequences for those who take a stand against another.

But doing so when it is warranted might result in the public having more faith in its city leaders.

It is unfortunate that, the way it

stands now, a citizen would have to head up a cumbersome recall effort, collecting the required number of petition signatures and possibly subjecting themselves to threats or bullying from the person they are attempting to remove from office.

How likely is it that a citizen will be willing to do that? With no policy in place to give power to the City Council, the guilty official is free to continue the unseemly behavior.

Most cases of ethical violations wouldn't result in a recall election, but rather a public hearing and possible public censure.

Censure is a slap on the hand, but most people who undergo such a process likely would not be eager to repeat it. Hopefully, therefore, their behavior would change.

If the behavior didn't change and more public hearings were held, maybe the official would resign due to pressure from a fed-up public.

This would spare the community an expensive and time-consuming recall election.

The City Council is paying thousands in legal fees to an expert to help them create an ordinance pertaining to official misconduct. Right now, it makes no mention of unethical behavior.

In order for the attorney to create ethical guidelines, he must be given that instruction from the collective council.

In light of embarrassing allegations that have recently come to light against one council member, it is clear that measures are in order.

But any policy pertaining to ethics should be clearly detailed and should serve as an umbrella covering any and all types of unbecoming behavior that goes against the best interests of the city.

Maybe the City Council can bring some good from the recent embarrassments by creating an ethical code and public hearing procedure that could serve as an example to other Texas cities.

Wouldn't we much rather be known for that than for having a council member whose behavior is an embarrassment?

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## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

### SHOW-STOPPING BEAUTY

Thank you, Granbury, from a hometown boy.

When I left for Baylor University in the fall of 1965, I could never have dreamed that our desolate, largely abandoned downtown square would evolve into the show-stopping beauty that she is today.

The day all of the barricades were removed, giving full access to the gorgeous renovation, I drove around and entered the square from every possible direction, wishing my dad, who briefly served on the city council in the 1950s, were riding with me. He would be so proud.

Thank you to every person and every entity that helped make the renovation a reality, capturing the charm and grace of old Granbury that will captivate the hearts of visitors and residents.

Visit Granbury, Inc., HGMA and Granbury Chamber of Commerce, what a spectacular offering you have for visitors and businesses alike!

Phil Groeschel  
Granbury

### THANK YOU, CITY STAFF

While at the Texas Municipal League Conference in Houston last week, I had the opportunity to visit with Aqua Metric. This is the supplier of our new meters being installed throughout the city water system.

It was refreshing to hear from all of the Aqua Metric people about how great their experience is working with our city staff.

We all know that Granbury is a fantastic place due to our lake, Historic Square, Granbury Opera House, etc...

The folks at Aqua Metric went on and on about working with our city staff. They compared us to other cities they are working with and there is no question that they are impressed with our efforts and professionalism.

They complimented everyone from our City Manager (Chris Coffman), Finance Director (Eva Gregory) and her staff, Public Works Director (Rick Crownover) and his staff.

These staff members do everything from overseeing the project to cleaning snakes, frogs, spiders and mud out of the meter boxes. They are the reason this project is on budget and ahead of schedule.

When we, as a community, are out and about in Granbury, we should thank these city employees for making our lives better in an already wonderful place to live.

Thanks for all you do City of Granbury staff.

Tony Mobly  
Granbury City Council

Mary Schmidt  
Granbury

### TIGHT CORNERS

Time, and time again, I've met and read about people who chose to move to Granbury after visiting here and fell in love with our small-town charm.

### RELIGIOUSLY OFFENSIVE?

From the latest I've heard, this nation/state/county/school district is not under a theocracy. However, the so-called "Pastor's Council" wants to head that direction, according to some of the questions on the ques-

tionnaire.

You want parents to pick and choose which classes their students to attend because they might be "morally or religiously offensive"?

You want teachers to promote "traditional morality"? You want creationism taught? You want "abstinence only" taught in sex education? You want student-led religious activities supported?

If these are things you think should be taught in public school, maybe you need to teach these things in your own Sunday schools, or, better yet: start your own religious school where you can demand these things be pounded into the heads of students so they will be narrow-minded and think the way you think they should think.

Abstinence only has led to more unwanted teen pregnancies. Sex education doesn't teach how to do "it" but what causes pregnancies, what causes STDs, what are the consequences of either?

What is "traditional morality"? Those standards are "traditional"?

For instance, I find it morally reprehensible to find it okay to shoot someone of another ethnic or religious background, or to harm small children or animals, or that pederasty is really all right.

Too simplistic? Maybe, maybe not. But there are people out there that find some of those actions acceptable under "certain circumstances."

You are headed for a slippery slope if you condone the candidates to adhere to what you think is what their job should entail.

There is no difference between Taliban sharia law and Christian sharia law. Either one is just as bad as the other because they both demand a certain behavior, and a certain way of thinking and worshiping, and any defiance is shut down.

Maybe you should be listening to what the students have to say about the qualifications for school board.

LaCelle Powell Howard  
Granbury

### DIFFERENT PASTORS GROUP

I think it is important for your readers to know the Pastoral Council is not the same as the Ministerial Alliance in Hood County.

The views expressed by the Pastoral Council does not necessarily reflect the views of all the pastors in Hood County.

Linda Boysen  
Pecan Plantation

## LETTER GUIDELINES

Email letters to editor@hcnews.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.

## YOUR TURN

### What's your opinion of billboards?



Edgar Medina

"When it comes to billboards I think they are too distracting. If anything, there should be less of them. They're just ads."



Charles Postlewate

"They are informative, but I like the smaller ones that don't distract. Anything bigger would be overkill and a distraction."



Michael Powell

"Those billboards are by far one of the better marketing options for local businesses. Regulation would negatively impact income for these businesses."



Marisa Postlewate

"I think they are a distraction. I don't think people pay that much attention to them anyway."

# Proceeds from Revolver's new beer to help Harvey victims

Revolver Brewing released a new beer this week, with 100 percent of profits going to charities actively serving coastal communities affected by the devastation from Hurricane Harvey.

Harvey Relief Golden Ale, the Texas-only brew, will be found across the state on draught and in six-packs.

As efforts continue, Revolver will identify charities that are assisting those affected by Hurricane Harvey. The first of those charities will be the Rebuild-

ing Texas Fund - a Keep Texas Beautiful initiative providing tools and resources for Harvey cleanup and rebuilding efforts.

Revolver founders Ron and Rhett Keisler (father and son), and brewmaster Grant Wood all have strong roots in Texas, and immediately knew they wanted to help. The special brew, considered an "easy-drinking ale," was underway within a week.

"Our hearts go out to everyone dealing with the aftermath of this tragedy," said Rhett Keisler.

"Having grown up in Sugar Land, helping our beautiful home state bounce back from Harvey was a no-brainer for us and what better way to do this than by doing what we do best - brewing a beer for our fellow Texans who share this common goal."

Harvey Relief Golden Ale is the latest support from the brewery, which helped deliver thousands of cans of drinking water to Hurricane Harvey victims immediately following the storm.

# McDonald's grand opening Oct. 21-22

If you've been missing the Golden Arches on South Morgan Street, you're in luck.

Construction is complete for the new McDonald's restaurant at 1101 S. Morgan St. Customers were filling the drive-though lanes Friday morning. The restaurant is open 24/7.

The existing McDonald's restaurant was demolished

months ago, making way for new construction with state-of-the-art features. Table service and self-order kiosks are available, while front counter service is still an option.

The ribbon cutting was Thursday morning, and a grand opening event is planned for next Saturday and Sunday with lots of special promotions, fun

activities and prizes.

On Oct. 25, McDonald's will give 10 percent of total sales from 5-8 p.m. to Habitat for Humanity.

Donations for Hood County Christmas for Children will be collected at both McDonald's locations in Granbury through Oct. 31. McDonald's will match the donations.

# Four to be recognized at UN Day celebration

UN Day will be celebrated by the Granbury chapter of the United Nations Association of the United States of America at a special meeting at 6:30 p.m. Tuesday at the United Cooperative Electric building, 320 Fall Creek Highway.

H-E-B, Ruth's Place, Hood County News and Micky Shearon will be honored at the

meeting as part of the Global Goals and Local Leaders.

Special guest speaker will be Sunita Rao on the UN Foundation's Girl Up Team, which is part of the United Nations Foundation. As the United Nations Foundation's adolescent girl campaign, Girl Up engages girls to take action.

This meeting is open to the

public. The UNA-USA is a membership organization dedicated to inform, inspire and mobilize the American people to support the ideals and vital work of the United Nations.

For more information on the meeting or the UNA-USA Granbury chapter, contact Marsha Moses at marsha@worldstageads.com or 817-219-0828.

# Obituaries

## Christopher Aaron Young

Christopher Aaron Young, 31, passed away on September 14, 2017 in Arlington, Texas. Chris was born on October 6, 1985 in Waco, Texas to Sonia Suzanne and Howard Virgil Young, III.

Chris was a student at Granbury High School. He resided in Arlington with his life partner, Paul Emmins and was a caring and loving son, brother and uncle. He enjoyed traveling, exploring different cultures, museums and architecture. He was enthusiastic wherever he went and had a big heart for helping others.

He was preceded in death by his father, Howard Virgil Young, III.

He is survived by his "Wolfie," Paul Emmins of Arlington, his mother Sonia Young of Glen Rose, brothers Robert Young and wife Carrie of Granbury, Steven Young and wife Audricka of Tolar, and Shane Young of Houston, sister Crystal Young of Glen Rose; his nephews Christian and Caleb, and his nieces Annalise, Juliana, Angela and Hailey, as well as numerous aunts, uncles, cousins and friends in Texas and Ohio.

A memorial service will be held at 11:00 a.m. on Saturday, October 28, 2017 at Holly Hills Memorial Park in Granbury and a celebration of his life will follow.



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).

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**LOADED UP:** Madison Scott (4) is ready to launch a ball at Burlison Centennial during Granbury's home game on Tuesday. The Lady Pirates won in four sets, solidifying their spot atop District 9-5A. Scott had a team-leading 12 kills in the victory.

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## Granbury beats Centennial in massive win; Tolar falls to Millsap

BY GRANT MCGALLIARD  
HOOD COUNTY NEWS

The Granbury Lady Pirates earned what was undoubtedly their biggest win of the season with a four-set victory over the Burlison Centennial Lady Spartans at home Tuesday.

The 25-23, 14-25, 25-17, 25-23 win moved Granbury to 9-1 in District 9-5A play. Centennial fell to 8-2 with the loss, giving the Lady Pirates sole possession of first place in the district.

Mandy Withey returned from injury to power Granbury to the win. The junior entered the game in the third set and racked up 10 kills, three of which came in the Lady Pirates' first six points of set three.

Granbury jumped out to a 14-7 lead in the first set, but Centennial switched the momentum after a timeout. The Lady Pirates managed to hang on to that first set, but were blitzed hard in the second.

Withey's entrance in set three flipped the game back in Granbury's favor. The score was tied as late as 6-6, and then the Lady

Pirates went on a 19-11 run to close out the set.

Granbury held a 16-10 lead in the fourth set and looked to have Centennial on the ropes, but the Lady Spartans clawed back yet again. Centennial tied the game at 19 and had their sizable road crowd on their feet.

But a massive Madison Scott kill gave Granbury life at 21-19. And with the score at 24-23, who else but Withey was there to earn the final kill and give the Lady Pirates the win.

Madison Scott and Payton Bell tied for the team lead in kills with 12. Bell also had 17 digs.

Savannah Smith and Courtney Smith led the Pirates in assists. Savannah, a sophomore, had 28, while Courtney, a freshman, had 20 and led the team in digs with 19.

The district title picture is now more clear than ever. Granbury can afford to lose one more game this season to any team, and by virtue of winning both matches against Centennial, the Lady Pirates will still be district champions. Granbury played Joshua on

the road Friday night. They'll travel to Everman on Tuesday at 6:30 p.m.

### TOLAR CAN'T SOLVE MILLSAP

The Tolar Lady Rattlers couldn't get past Millsap on the road Tuesday night, losing in four sets.

The final scoreline was 25-14, 26-24, 22-25 and 29-27 in favor of Millsap.

The Lady Rattlers hung tough, sending it to extra points in two of the four sets.

Avery Maybery led Tolar with seven kills. Alicia Hamm and Rebecca Blessing had five each, while Aubrey Sibley and Paige Hamm had four.

Kalee King had 14 assists, the most on the team. Kaitlyn Morphew was right behind her with 11.

The loss dropped Tolar to 0-5 in District 7-3A. The Lady Rattlers took on Brock at home Friday night.

They'll play Peaster away on Tuesday at 5 p.m.

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## Deaver, Morgan lead a fired-up Tolar team

BY GRANT MCGALLIARD  
HOOD COUNTY NEWS

Tolar began this season with a new head coach in Jeremy Mullins, a new offensive scheme and a new starting quarterback that hadn't played the position since junior high.

Not that it mattered, of course.

The Rattlers' offense has been clicking just fine this season, led by senior quarterback Bryan Morgan and his favorite target, wide receiver Clayton Deaver.

Tolar is averaging 29.2 points per game through the non-district schedule. In their wins, the Rattlers score at a rate of 42.6 points per game.

That's not bad for a roster full of players who have had to learn a whole new offensive language and system.

"We were like, 'What is happening?'" Deaver said about the first few practices in the off-season.

Because everyone was back to square one with this offense, Morgan suddenly found himself on equal footing with the rest of the potential quarterbacks. Even though he had played wide receiver the season before, he had "the same starting point as everyone else" coming into this season.

"He's been huge," Mullins said of his quarterback. "He's not where he wants to be, but he's certainly done better with managing the game and understanding his role."

Having one of the best receivers in the district to throw to in Deaver hasn't hurt, either.

"He's one of those kids that's a good athlete, and then he just has a good knack for the game," Mullins said. "He does it on every phase."

"It doesn't matter if he can beat his man or not," Morgan

said. "When all else fails, I can throw it to him."

Morgan and Deaver have played together since they were in the third grade. The two have the type of connection on the field that allows Deaver to sense where his QB is scrambling to and come back to make a catch.

In fact, they were lighting up defenses in middle school, too. Deaver said they were a "dynamic duo" even back then.

"We kind of knew what was coming this season," he said.

The two have connected on 36 passes for 596 yards and nine touchdowns. That's an average of 119 yards per game and 18.6 yards per completion.

Still, Deaver swears they don't worry about stats.

"As long as we score, that's what matters," he said.

### PROVING THEM WRONG

Coach Mullins has often talked this season about how his players show up every day ready to work, with a determination that almost took him by surprise.

Even the players recognize that there's a very positive spirit around this team.

"It's different than anything we've ever had here," Morgan said. "More motivation, more drive to do better."

According to Morgan and Deaver, that stems from a desire to show some doubters that the Rattlers are the real deal.

"There was a lot of speculation, and I feel like we've done a lot better than people thought," Morgan said.

"I want to prove people wrong," Deaver said. "People have been telling me even before the season, 'Oh yeah, y'all aren't gonna have line, y'all aren't gonna have a passing game or a run game.'"

"That kind of motivates me to



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**DYNAMIC DUO:** Bryan Morgan (13) and receiver Clayton Deaver are part of a Tolar offense that has the Rattlers at 3-2 heading into district play. Morgan and Deaver have linked up for 596 yards and nine touchdowns through the air this season.

prove them wrong and do whatever I can do."

That process begins in earnest with the district season, which started in Eastland last night for the Rattlers.

Deaver and Morgan both said they're optimistic and confident about Tolar's chances in

District 3-4A Division II. The Rattlers are 3-2 heading into the final five games of the season.

"Our top three are us, Cisco and Eastland, and we all have the same record," Deaver said. "I feel like we have just as good a chance as anybody else."

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## Water temps are getting right for jigging slabs

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A slab is piece of solid-painted lead or heavy metal shaped typically in an oval or willow leaf form to mimic the look of a baitfish.

When the water falls into the 60s and 70s and the fish congregate on the bottom on feeding flats and humps, the slab is deadly.

Look for bait and fish positioned on or near the bottom on your sonar graph. It may appear as a "ball" of bait with fish arches around and above it.

There are a variety of jigging methods. Some will drop the bait, reel it up through the fish and let it fall again to let the fish hit it on the fall.

My favorite jigging routine is to bounce the bait off the bottom, but don't be fixated with one method. Try different jig-

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strike.

Other times dead sticking the slab (no movement) while drifting through the fish is deadly. The slight flutter of the slab may be enough to draw the strike.

Sometimes it is prudent to jig the bait several times and then hold it steady for a few seconds. The predator watching your bait may decide to take it when it pauses.

Generally, more movement is required when the water tem-

peratures are higher. Choosing a slab is important, and there are several that will work. I usually stick with around a 1-ounce slab. A 2-ounce slab may be in order for larger stripers and hybrids.

I like chartreuse, white and/or silver, with chartreuse being my favorite. The willow leaf or shad shaped (oval) models will work. I also use a TNT slab called a magnum magnet.

Another thing I will do is have at least one pole set up with a slab and a white crappie hair/feather jig tied about 18 inches above the slab. When the fish really get going, you can catch two at a time. If the fish are feeding on smaller baits, then the crappie jig may catch more fish.

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**CORVETTE CAR** show sponsored by Brazos River Corvette Car Show, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., Granbury downtown square, free. Benefit for local veterans.

**PORT RIDGLEA** East Women's Club sale benefitting local nonprofits, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., Port Ridglea cabana, 3702 W. Port Ridglea Court.

**BOW WOW** Trick or Treat, 11 a.m. to 2 p.m., Hewlett Park, 621 E. Pearl St. Benefit for Hood County Animal Lovers Organization (HALO), canine trick or treat is \$5 per dog, costume contest is also \$5. 817-964-0333 or email bow-wowgranbury@yahoo.com.

**GRANBURY OKTOBER-FEST** continues on Granbury square 10 a.m. until 10 p.m. with live music, dancing, polka bands, food and beverage, arts and crafts, contests and prizes. Featuring Der Klein Steins polka party band from New Braunfels from 7-10 p.m.

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### SUNDAY, OCT. 15

**GRANBURY OKTOBER-FEST** 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Granbury square with live music, dancing, food and beverage, arts and crafts, contests and prizes.

**BLUFF DALE** United Methodist Church's annual Lord's Acre, 4 to 6:30 p.m., 117 Church Street. Frozen casseroles will be offered as part of the bake sale.

### MONDAY, OCT. 16

**ELIZABETH CROCKETT** chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution, 10 a.m., First Presbyterian Church Fellowship Hall, 301 S. Bridge St.

### WEDNESDAY, OCT. 18

**DRIVE BY** Coffee and Donuts Day for First Responders, 6 to 10 a.m., The Courtyards, 801 Calinco Drive.

**REPUBLICAN WOMEN** of Hood County, State Rep. Mike Lang, R-Granbury, is guest speaker, 10:30 a.m., 100 N. Crockett at the Fillin' Station.

**LAKE GRANBURY** Ministerial Alliance, noon luncheon meeting with speaker Becky Mauldin, executive director of United Way Hood County, meet at Generations Church, 5718 E. Highway 377. RSVP by Oct. 16 to office@granburyministries.org.

### THURSDAY, OCT. 19

**ROTARY CLUB** welcomes CASA representative Jean Cate, noon, Harbor Lakes clubhouse.

**PARENT CAFE** class "Positive

Ways to Deal with Stress and Anger," 6 to 7:30 p.m., 1540 Southtown Drive, Suite 102. Children's art class available plus free dinner.

### FRIDAY, OCT. 20

**GRANBURY QUILTERS** will have a quilt show, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., First Presbyterian Church, 303 W. Bridge St., as well as a hand crafted sale at Langdon Center Concert Hall.

### SATURDAY, OCT. 21

**BREAKFAST TACO** fly-in benefitting Granbury High School's Eagle's Nest, raffle prizes and unveiling for Aircraft #1 built by the Eagle's Nest group, 8:30 to 11 a.m., Granbury Regional Airport.

**HARVEST MOON** Festival of the Arts, more than 80 vendors on the square, street performers, art demonstrations, music. Free to attend.

**GRANBURY QUILTERS** will have a quilt show, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., First Presbyterian Church, 303 W. Bridge St., as well as a hand crafted sale at Langdon Center Concert Hall.

**MG CAR** Show, free to view, 10:30 a.m. until noon, Rooster's GuitarBQ, 2650 Camp Crucis Court.

**50 FELLAS** Foodfest, 6-8:30 p.m., Granbury Reunion Grounds, features 50 teams of two men preparing and serving an appetizer, entree or dessert in one-bite samples. Adult beverages, tea, water included. Tickets are \$60, email gef50fellasfoodfest@gmail.com.

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# Life

## Walk Across Texas

### Add activity to your daily routine

BY DEBBIE SCHNEIDER  
HOOD COUNTY NEWS

Though it's called Walk Across Texas, you don't really walk from here to El Paso. It's more like Texans all across the state will add walking to their daily routine.

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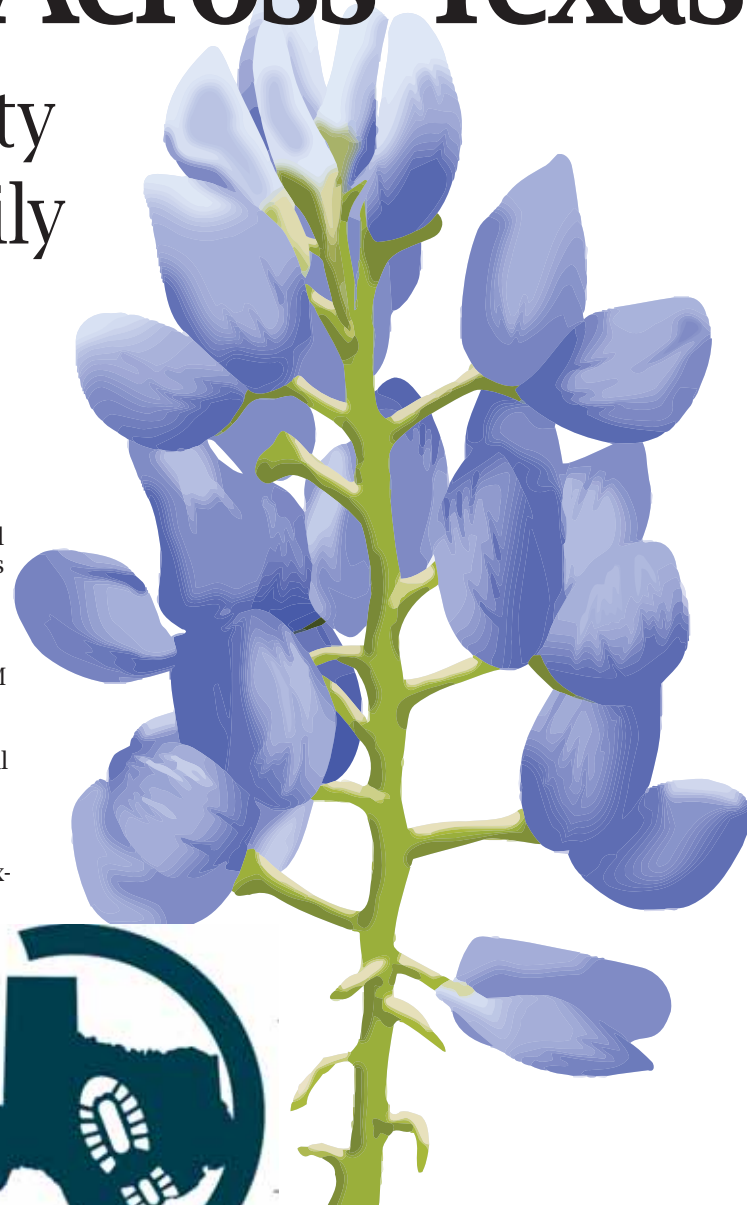
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The extension service is hosting a kickoff for the eight-week Walk Across Texas program from 5 to 7 p.m. Monday, Oct. 30 at the Hood County Library, 222 N. Travis St.

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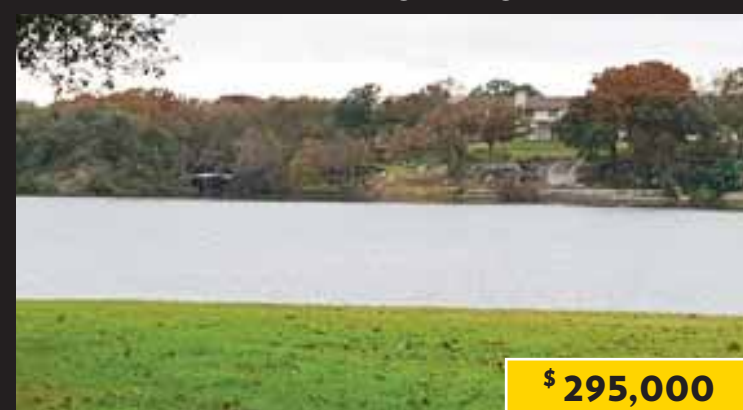
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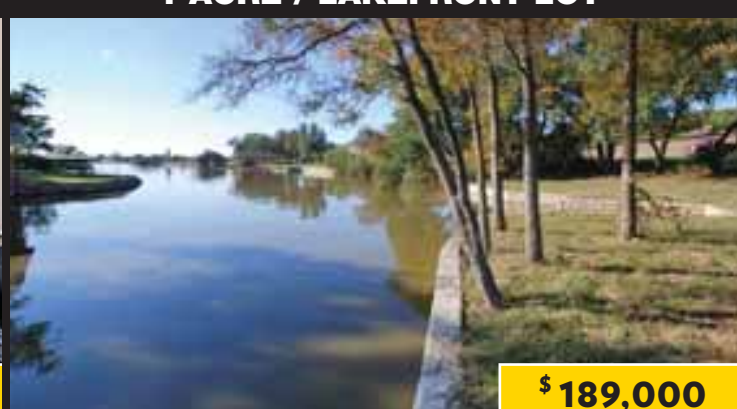
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The PPWC has 105 ladies serving on its executive board as directors and committee chairs and members, in addition to the members who donate goods to the annual bake sale, Santa's Workshop, and the PPWC's list of charities. These ladies take service to heart.

The Club's theme for the 2017-2018 year is "Sharing is Caring," and each month finds the ladies collecting items for a worthy group.

At its October meeting next Thursday, ladies will be entertained by one of its own members, Carolyn Brittin, and her program titled "Carolyn and Friends." The ladies' charitable act for the monthly meeting will be "Helping Children in Need" when PPWC members are invited to bring school supplies or monetary donations for Emma Robertson Elementary School in Granbury.

Reservations are necessary and due by noon on Monday. Contact Gerta Howell at ppw-cres@gmail.com or 817-964-3139 to secure a spot.

### MORE CLUB NEWS

The PPWC also honored its new members last week with a coffee in the home of Donyce Parish where good food and fellowship were ubiquitous. New club members were introduced to the executive board, directors, chairs, and had the oppor-

### PECAN BITS



Diane Long

tunity to join a committee. Two more important PPWC events on the calendar are Nov. 18 casserole and bake sale at the PAC and the annual holiday tour of homes on Dec. 14. Watch draw closer.

The PPWC promotes friendship, fellowship, philanthropy, and the arts inside Pecan as well as beyond its gates and welcomes all lady Pecan residents to join.

### PAINT PARTY

A children's fall paint party is on the Pecan Activities Center (PAC) calendar for tomorrow from 3 to 5 p.m. The recommended ages for the event are six to 14 years. Space is limited; sign up at the PAC.

### BREAKFAST CLUB

Wednesday morning's Breakfast Club will welcome Dr. Ann-Margaret Ochs speaking on medical oncology. Everyone is invited to breakfast service beginning at 7:30 a.m. with the program immediately following.

### GARAGE SALE

Pecan's fall garage sale day comes Oct. 21, and the deadline for being added to the list distributed at front and back gates on sale day is Oct. 18 at 3 p.m. Call the clubhouse front desk to be included: 817-573-2641. Sale



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**HELPING CHILDREN IN NEED:** The Pecan Plantation Woman's Club will be collecting school supplies and monetary donations for Roberson Elementary School this month. Members of the communications committee of the Woman's Club include from left (back) Kathie Schoepf and Vicki Winder; (front) Claudette Lewis, Betty Keck, Connie Iacomini and Oneta Bergman.

hours run from 7 a.m. to 5 p.m.

A member's only presale will happen Oct. 20 from 3 to 6:30 p.m.

### SALE DAY EATS

On Oct. 20, the Green Thumb Garden Club (GTGC) will be selling jumbo hot dog lunches in the parking lot across from the front circle. Every penny earned goes towards the GTGC's beautification initiatives. Come early as these meals go quickly.

### MUSICAL FUN

"Scaryoke Karaoke" is set for Oct. 21 from 8 p.m. to 12:30 a.m. in the clubhouse ballroom. Halloween themed food and a costume contest will be part of the fun.

### TAKE AIM

A 2D/3D archery fun shoot is happening at the archery/air

gun range on Oct. 21, and an air rifle field target match comes on Nov. 11. Visit [www.pecanarchery.com](http://www.pecanarchery.com) for complete information on these events.

### TRUNK OR TREAT

The annual Halloween party and trunk or treat comes Oct. 28, and volunteers are needed for decorating vehicles and handing out candy. Call the PAC to sign up: 817-573-7952.

### FLU SHOTS

Vaccinations for the flu are available and being administered at the VFD/EMS station on Monticello Drive Monday through Friday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. EMS chief Sandra Winfield says that shots are \$20. For more information, call 817-573-1643.

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## Optimist officers installed

Granbury Optimists installed new officers and board members during a recent banquet at the Langdon Ranch. Incoming president Barbara Townsend was named Optimist of the Year and Lou Anne Sanborn was presented the President's Award. Ronnie Dunn is the new president-elect. Officers and board members include (from left) Ronnie Dunn, Ed Seilheimer, Joe Langdon, Barbara Townsend, Leslie St. Germain, Morris Duree, Cindy Holt, Virginia Conner, Lou Anne Sanborn and Mark Jackson.



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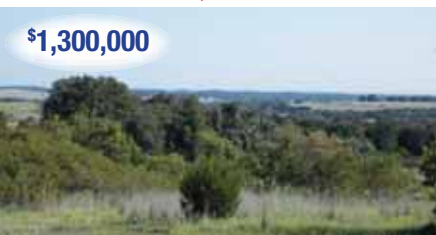

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### Showcased at the Visitors Center this month



COURTESY

Suz Canter is the featured artist at the Visitors Center for the month of October. Canter is a newcomer to Granbury, after living in the Houston area for 36 years. The exhibit at the Visitors Center is a montage of different styles Canter has done over the years. Collage with found objects is her favorite medium but Canter is currently experimenting with printed material she glazes or stains with ink.

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Ray and Jan Jankowski, of Granbury, celebrated their 50th anniversary and their son's 40th birthday in Lawrence, Kansas this summer.

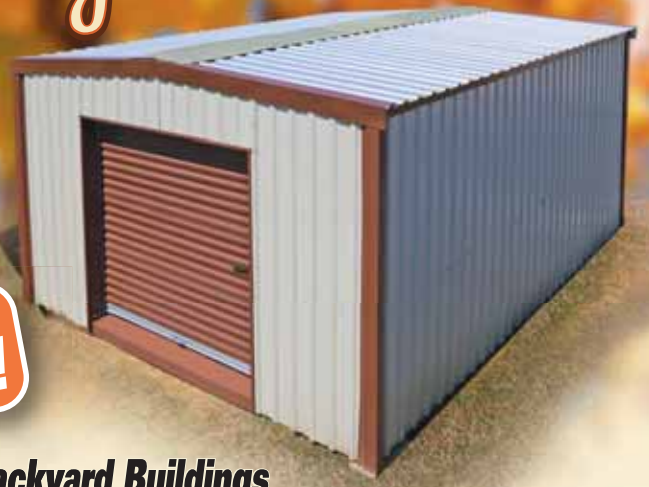
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