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## Doing the Betsy Bustle

The audience enjoyed Mambrino School's second-grade class presentation of "Betsy Ross and the American Flag" musical. Pictured performing "You're a Grand Old Flag" during Thursday's presentation, students also sang several other catchy numbers, "The Betsy Bustle" was one such tune.

## City to consider ethics policy

BY KATHY CRUZ  
 HOOD COUNTY NEWS

The Granbury City Council this week adopted an ordinance pertaining to official misconduct and agreed to move forward in having the city attorney create a separate ethics policy.

According to City Manager Chris Coffman, San Antonio-based attorney Charles Zech, who was hired by the council to draft the official misconduct ordinance and to review the entire City Charter, said the council can work with its city attorney to draft and approve ethical guidelines.

No one at Tuesday night's regular City Council meeting opposed doing so.

Zech was not present at the council meeting because, according to Coffman, he was attending a conference with partners in his law firm.

The ordinance, which was adopted unanimously, provides clarity for how public hearings are to be conducted when an accusation of official misconduct is made.

Zech was hired last summer after Mayor Pro Tem Mickey Parson realized that the charter calls for public hearings in such circumstances, but does not provide disciplinary provisions.

The newly-adopted ordinance allows the council to take any action, including directing further investigation, requesting more information, dismissing the complaint or imposing discipline "other than forfeiture of office, including, but not limited to, censure by resolution."

The statute dictates that a guilty verdict will require four votes of the council.

Although the mayor does not typically have a vote, he or she would vote along with the five council members in hearings involving official misconduct accusations.

At one point in the discus-

sion, council member Gary Couch proposed that any accusations be brought forth by two council members rather than one "in order not to abuse power."

However, Coffman pointed out that the person making the complaint cannot vote, so that would be two people unable to participate in the ruling.

Council member Tony Mobly then stated: "Actually, pull three of us out, because one would be the accused."

### HIGHER STANDARDS

The ordinance, which was tabled two weeks ago, makes no mention of ethics because Zech had not been instructed to include ethical violations.

At that meeting, and in the days afterward, Mobly called for formal rules of ethics.

He made that request largely because of two recent incidents involving council member Tony Allen.

At Tuesday night's council meeting, Mobly said he finds it "mind-boggling" that Granbury and other cities have no written policies pertaining to ethics for elected officials.

"I think we need to be held to a higher standard, and this is Step One," he said.

Referring to a comment by Coffman about the HCN's reporting on his (Mobly's) desire for an ethics code, Mobly said: "We can giggle, we can snicker over what's in the paper... I asked not to be in the paper for a while."

When he mistakenly thought Allen was snickering over that comment, Mobly added, "You can laugh all you want, Mr. Cruz."

Mobly was referring to a recent incident in which a man allegedly phoned Ovilla City Hall, claiming to be an HCN reporter named "Cruz" and threatening to write a negative story about that town's mayor pro tem, who is a longtime

PLEASE SEE ETHICS | 2A

BY KATHY CRUZ  
 HOOD COUNTY NEWS

Four candidates - two incumbents and two challengers - are vying for two seats on the Granbury City Council.

Early voting for the Nov. 7 General Election will kick off at 8 a.m. Monday at Annex 1, 1410 W. Pearl St.

Mickey Parson of Place 6, the most senior member of the council, faces an under-30 volunteer firefighter and civic volunteer who wants to bring a fresh perspective to city politics.

Rose Myers of Place 4, who has put her stamp on tourism and the partnership between the Hilton Garden Inn and the Granbury Resort Conference Center since being elected in 2013, is being challenged by Trish Reiner. She is familiar to many who are involved with the chamber and various other organizations and is endorsed by the Granbury Board of Realtors.

The four candidates participated recently in a forum sponsored by Hood County Democrats. They will face off again next week in a forum hosted by Republicans.

That Q&A will take place at 7:30 p.m. Thursday in council chambers at City Hall, 116 W. Bridge St.

Here is information about the candidates, gleaned from their candidate Facebook pages and their participation in the recent Democratic forum:

### PLACE 4

#### TRISH REINER

A political newcomer, Reiner is a healthcare professional who has lived in Granbury for 12 years.



Reiner

She is an active Rotarian, a graduate of Leadership Granbury and has been a member of the Hood County Ministerial Alliance since 2012.

Reiner is active in the Gran-

bury Chamber of Commerce. She currently serves as chair of the chamber's board of directors and its Government Affairs Committee. She was named the chamber's Director of the Year in 2014 and 2016.

**Key issue(s):** Reiner said she is running largely because she feels that there are areas of the city, including her neighborhood, that are not represented on the council.

**On economic development:** Reiner favors bringing back the defunct Granbury-Hood County Economic Development Corporation to research light manufacturing companies that would be compatible with Granbury and could offer good-paying jobs.

**On whether the city should have a paid fire department:** Reiner feels that, as population continues to increase, it is likely that the city will move at some point to a paid fire department. However, she believes that more people moving into the city will help defray the burden of a tax increase.

**On making streets on the square narrower:** Reiner said that, although she can understand the temptation to accept the grant money that funded much of the Downtown Streetscape Project, she is concerned about safety on the narrower streets and the ability of opposing vehicles to safely pass each other.

### PLACE 4

#### ROSE MYERS (I)

A healthcare professional, Myers has lived in Granbury since 2005.

She and her husband Daniel have supported various organizations and events such as the Arthritis Foundation and the Team Challenge Crohn's and Colitis Marathon.

Myers said she has used her \$12,000 per year council pay to benefit a variety of local organi-



Myers

zations and projects, including the Lake Granbury Beautification Council, the Brazos Pregnancy Center, the Lake Granbury Waterfront Association, United Way of Hood County, the Memorial Lane Project and others.

**Key issue(s):** Preserving Lake Granbury, promoting tourism and making the Granbury Resort Conference Center profitable.

**On economic development:** Myers believes that more economic development will naturally occur with the expansion of the Granbury Regional Airport. She also feels that there should be a focus on creating more jobs to retain young people and reduce commuting.

**On whether the city should have a paid fire department:** She said the city has a "fantastic" volunteer fire department and that the city has "invested in top-of-the-line" firefighting equipment.

**On making streets on the square narrower:** Myers enthusiastically supported the Downtown Streetscape Project, which made sidewalks wider, but the streets narrower. She said that the \$1.75 million in state grant money would have gone to another city had Granbury not accepted it. She said that Granbury taxpayers likely would have paid \$1 million just to repair the sidewalks, which were tripping hazards and not in compliance with ADA (Americans with Disabilities Act) standards.

### PLACE 6

#### MICKY PARSON (I)

Parson, who is mayor pro tem, has been on the council since May 2005. He is a CPA and Realtor, and has been endorsed by the Granbury Board of Realtors.

Like Myers, he is concerned about preserving Lake Granbury and being involved in the



Parson

Brazos River Authority's permitting process.

During his time on the council Parson has participated in the transportation coalition Tex-21. He came up with the idea for a Hood County extension of the Chisholm Trail Parkway, which he hopes will someday become a reality.

Parson is a recipient of the North Central Texas Council of Government's William J. Pipstick Excellence Award, which is presented to representatives of local governments for having a spirit of regionalism in solving multi-jurisdictional problems.

**Key issue(s):** Transportation, economic development and preserving Lake Granbury.

**On economic development:** Over the years, as a member of the now-defunct Economic Development Corporation, Parson attended International Shopping Center events to network and recruit businesses to come to Granbury. He believes Granbury can be a regional shopping area, drawing consumers from Hico, Stephenville and other towns.

**On whether the city should have a paid fire department:** Parson said he sees "no issues" with the Granbury Volunteer Fire Department's ability to serve the city's needs. He said that any future decision to move to a paid department will be "a big one and an expensive one."

**On making streets on the square narrower:** Parson does not regret having voted in favor of the Downtown Streetscape Project, and said that the wider sidewalks will allow for "25 to 30 percent" more pedestrian traffic. He said that wider turning radiuses on Pearl Street will likely reduce instances of motorists driving on curbs.

### PLACE 6

#### GREG CORRIGAN

Corrigan, who has lived in Gran-



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## Three competing for open school post

BY ROGER ENLOW  
 EDITOR

Granbury School Board voters will elect a new trustee.

Three candidates are running for the Place 1 chair being vacated by retiring trustee Chris Tackett.

They are Kim Cruz, Maureen Griffin and Michael Moore.

Cruz works in the medical field, Griffin owns a marketing company and Moore is a banker.

Longtime incumbent Barbara Herrington faces Lakeside Sports co-owner Dinae Hicks for

the Place 2 slot.

The election is Nov. 7, and early voting begins Monday in Annex 1, 1410 W. Pearl St.

### PLACE 1

#### KIM CRUZ

**Why are you running for the school board?**

I will be a catalyst for change. Common Core standards are prohibited in Texas, but it is my desire to rid GISD of anything remotely resembling it. I want to con-



Cruz

**What is your opinion of the Granbury educational system?**

Although there are some good programs, I believe the district is in need of new leadership. The fiscal responsibility is lacking. From 2004-2016 pay increases for teachers have increased 6.42%. However, the Superintendent salary has risen 43.11% and overall GISD debt has increased 55.29%. We

need to take care of our teachers and clearly this has not been a priority over the past few years.

**What are the most pressing issues facing GISD?**

Low morale among teachers. The teachers I know have expressed concern regarding the low morale among themselves and co-workers. Many feel their gift of creativity has been stifled. The curriculum has been chosen for them and it denies them the ability to think outside the box.

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# Reactions mixed on Boy Scout decision

BY BETHANY KURTZ  
HOOD COUNTY NEWS

As Boy Scouts of America prepare to open Cub Scout registration to girls in 2018, local leaders are trying to sort out the details and their response.

Earlier in October, Boy Scouts of America announced it would allow girls to join Cub Scout Troop for the 2018 year. Girls would either form all-girl dens inside existing troops or form separate troops, according to information from the organization.

Boy Scouts will also roll out an all-girl Scouting program for older girls that follows the Boy Scout curriculum and will allow them to earn the rank of Eagle Scout for the 2019 Scouting year.

"This unique approach allows the organization to maintain the integrity of the single-gender model while also meeting the needs of today's families," according to a press release from Boy Scouts of America.

Hood County girls will also continue to have the option of

registering for Girl Scouts as part of the Girl Scouts of Texas Oklahoma Plains.

"We don't comment about the policy decisions of other organizations - but I can tell you that Girl Scouts is, and will continue to be, the best leadership experience in the world for girls," said Becky Burton, CEO of Girl Scouts of Texas Oklahoma Plains.

"The single-gender environment we offer at Girl Scouts creates an inclusive, safe space where girls are free to explore their potential and take the lead without the distractions or pressures that can be found in a co-ed environment," she continued.

"At Girl Scouts, we have a tradition of developing female leaders. In the U.S., 90 percent of female astronauts, 80 percent of female tech leaders, 75 percent of current senators and 50 percent of female business owners are Girl Scout alumnae."

Local Scoutmaster for Troop 148 Bruce Lustenhouwer said he thinks the Boy Scouts program has a lot to offer young

people of both genders.

"The big thing is the Eagle Scout," he said. "You can't call that anything else and have it carry the same weight."

Girl Scouts can earn a Gold Award, he said. But when a former Scout says they earned the rank of Eagle Scout, it opens more doors when applying for colleges, the military or jobs, Lustenhouwer said.

Even those who do not reach Eagle Scout benefit from the emphasis on leadership and community, he said.

"Every kid improves," Lustenhouwer said. "Even if they act like they aren't listening, they are getting some values and morals. Before they go and do their own thing, they stop and think about it."

Lustenhouwer asked fellow Boy Scout leaders and parents on Facebook what they thought of the change and the responses were mixed but mostly positive, he said.

Some worried about the logistics of having co-ed camping trips, according to posted responses to his question. Oth-

ers worried introducing Scouts of the opposite gender would be a distraction for Scouts of either gender, undermining the learning and personal growth experience.

Those in favor pointed out that several levels of the Boy Scout programs like Venture and Cub Scouts have had girls enrolled or tagging along for a long time and that it will be easier for parents to have their children in the same program with the same requirements. It would also teach girls more outdoor skills, some said.

Lustenhouwer said he doesn't believe existing troops will have to change if they don't want to and girls will be able to form all-girl-packs.

If a Cub Scout troop and their local troop sponsor decide to go co-ed, the boys and girls' dens would meet separately, according to the outline provided by the Boy Scouts, and would most likely only hold joint meetings a few times a year, he said.

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# Man, 82, injured in minibike accident

A minibike landed a Hood County man in the hospital.

Late Wednesday afternoon, an 82-year-old man was airlifted to the hospital after an accident with a children's minibike, said Sheriff Roger Deeds.

An ambulance and EMTs re-

sponded to the incident that happened on a private drive in Bentwater, northeast of Granbury, he said.

The man was airlifted because of his age and because he was knocked out for a short time, Deeds said.



DANIEL ASTALAS

## Morning fog

Daniel Astalas shared this photo of the morning fog in Rolling Hills Shores on Tuesday with the Hood County News on Facebook.

## FELONY ARRESTS

Six felony arrests were made from Oct. 12-18 according to Hood County law enforcement records.

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

- Susan Marie Crapps, 57, Fort Worth, four out of county warrants.

- Michael Gene Hubble, 35, Oak Trail Shores, possession of a controlled substance penalty group one, less than 1 gram; and possession of a controlled substance penalty group three, less than 28

grams.

- Robert Kyle Hudson, 25, Balch Springs, sexual assault of a child.

- Justin Jason Lee, 19, Granbury, possession of a controlled substance penalty group three, more than 28 grams but less than 200 grams.

- Trenton Lee Simpson, 32, Fort Worth, criminal nonsupport.

- Alexandria Lone Tomme, 21, Burleson, possession of a controlled substance penalty group one, less than 1 gram.

# Minor collision sends 3 to hospital

BY BETHANY KURTZ  
HOOD COUNTY NEWS

An accident sent three people to the hospital Monday, two for concern over preexisting conditions.

About 12:13 p.m. two vehicles collided at the intersection of Davis Road and Acton Highway, said Texas Highway Patrol Staff Sergeant Dub Gillum.

The two vehicles stopped at the four-way-stop intersection, but Barbara T. Moreno, 41, of Fort Worth, failed to yield the right of way and struck Jennifer Thornton, 47 of Granbury, Gillum said.

Thornton was transported to Lake Granbury Medical Center for minor injuries, he said. A 3-year-old girl in Thornton's vehicle was not injured.

Moreno and his passenger, Jessica Reynolds, 36 of Alvarado, were transported to Fort Worth hospitals due to concerns of prior medical injuries. Another passenger in Moreno's vehicle was not injured.

Moreno was issued a citation for failure to yield right of way- stop sign and suspended driver license.

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# Thief takes \$50,000 from unlocked vehicle

BY BETHANY KURTZ  
HOOD COUNTY NEWS

Investigators are looking for a thief who stole \$50,000 from a vehicle in Hood County.

The theft occurred when one or more suspects took a bank bag out of a vehicle on Oct. 9. The vehicle was on Ports O' Call

Court, south of Granbury, when the theft occurred.

"The owner of the money left it in an unlocked vehicle that was unattended," said sheriff's office Public Information Officer Johnny Rose.

Investigators have not identified any suspects at this time and the case is under investiga-

tion, he said.

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.

All tips remain anonymous. If a tip leads to an arrest and indictment, tipsters could receive

up to a \$1,000 reward.

Reports can also be made using the Crime Stoppers app that can be downloaded from the Apple App Store and Google Play.

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## Tuesday blues sink three Hood County volleyball teams

BY GRANT MCGALLIARD  
HOOD COUNTY NEWS

Tuesday wasn't kind to Hood County volleyball teams, as three area teams in action lost their games.

Here's a rundown of the action from across the county.

### LADY PIRATES LOSE TO CLEBURNE

If it weren't for the Cleburne Lady Yellow Jackets, Granbury volleyball would have an unblemished district record.

But Cleburne continued to be a thorn in Granbury's side, as the Lady Pirates dropped their second district game of the season on the road Tuesday night.

Cleburne swept Granbury 25-22, 25-21 and 25-19.

The Lady Pirates have lost 10 sets total in 12 district games; six of those have come at the hands of the Lady Yellow Jackets.

It's a strange trend, but as long as Granbury continues tearing through the district's other seven teams, it shouldn't matter. The Lady Pirates still own the tiebreaker over Burleson Centennial for the top play-off seed in the district.

Senior Madison Scott led

Granbury with eight kills against Cleburne. Payton Bell, a sophomore, had six kills to go along with 17 digs.

Granbury (10-2) hosted Everman (3-9) on Friday. The Lady Pirates close out their season on the road against fourth-place Burleson (6-4) on Tuesday.

### TOLAR CAN'T BEAT PEASTER

The Tolar Rattlers fell in three sets on the road Tuesday night at Peaster.

The final scoreline read 25-18, 25-8 and 25-10 against the Lady Rattlers.

Tolar head coach Scotty Miller said Peaster is a "very good" team. The Lady Greyhounds are ranked No. 11 in the latest Texas Girls Coaches Association volleyball poll.

"We are gonna continue working to improve until our bi-district match in a couple weeks," Miller said.

Senior Rebecca Blessing had two kills and no errors to go along with a block on Tuesday. Blessing "continues to play with intensity regardless of the score," Miller said.

Sophomore Shaely Nunley had a solid game in service re-

ception to help out the Lady Rattlers.

Tolar hosted Millsap on Friday. They'll close out the season against Brock on the road Tuesday.

### NCTA SWEEP BY WILLOW PARK

The North Central Texas Academy Lady Pioneers suffered a rare defeat on Tuesday at the hands of Willow Park Trinity Christian.

NCTA lost 25-18, 27-25 and 15-17.

The Lady Pioneers were led on offense by Iva Jelovac, who had two aces, five kills and 24 assists.

Milica Pejovic added two aces and a block to her team-leading 14 kills. Abbey Kacal had seven digs and two aces, while Kansas Simons added an ace and five kills.

The Lady Pioneers (24-9) have already locked down the top spot in District 2 of the Texas Association of Private and Parochial Schools Class 1A. They'll play the third-place team from District 5 in the bi-district round of the playoffs.

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**THE SET-UP:** As Yari Press (2) sets a ball high into the air, teammate Madison Scott prepares to run up and smash a kill during Granbury's home game against Arlington Seguin earlier this month. If the Lady Pirates can win their final two games, they'll earn the top playoff seed out of District 9-5A.

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## Granbury JV golfers win gold

BY GRANT MCGALLIARD  
HOOD COUNTY NEWS

Both the Granbury boys and girls junior varsity teams left tournaments with gold medals this week.

The Granbury Lady Pirates JV Purple team won the Crepe Myrtle Classic on Wednesday. The tournament, hosted by Chisholm Trail High School, was

played at Hawks Creek Golf Club.

The JV Purple team is made up of Taylor Lawrence, Logan Eagle, Alex White, Kylie Moore, and Grace Whidden. White finished in third place individually.

The boys JV White team won the Pink Out Tournament in Mansfield on Monday. The Pirates shot a combined 330 in the one-day event.

Cage Crain took first place with an 80. Caleb Anderson had an 82 to finish in second, while Graham Garrison came in third with an 83 to complete Granbury's top-three sweep.

Tyler Sheppard added an 85 to finish in fourth, while Mike Withey rounded out the team's effort with a 93.

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**LEADING THE WAY:** Granbury quarterback Kevin Moore (10) carries the ball against Springtown in September, a game in which he scored five rushing touchdowns. Moore has been the main focal point of a Granbury offense that has powered the Pirates to a 4-2 record to start the season.

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## The Moore, the merrier Quarterback Kevin Moore is the key to Granbury's offense

BY GRANT MCGALLIARD  
HOOD COUNTY NEWS

This is a fairly obvious statement: Kevin Moore, senior quarterback for the Granbury Pirates, is just one player.

At 6-foot-nothing and a listed 205 pounds, he's not even one of the bigger players on the Granbury roster.

But Moore does the lion's share of the offensive work for the Pirates, who have defied expectations and sit at 4-2 on the season. He displays a fantastic understanding of the offensive scheme, honed by countless hours of film sessions with offensive coordinator Matt Holly.

"Usually they're about 45 minutes at a time, just watching your own position as other teams play," Moore said. "Just observing and seeing how defenses react to other teams' offenses, and learning from that."

"When we get into film now," Holly said, "I'll pull up a defense and I'll pause it and say, 'What are we gonna do here?'"

"And it's like we're of the same mind by this point. He kind of anticipates what I'm gonna call or what's gonna happen next."

Head coach Chad Zschiesche said Moore's ability to understand the offense is preternatural.

"He's very intelligent, not only in the classroom but on the field," Zschiesche said. "The game comes naturally to him."

Moore has also displayed a willingness to learn, which has greatly improved his game.

"Some of the best kids that I've coached are the ones that are humble and coachable, no matter how much success they've been able to generate," Zschiesche said. "Kevin falls in that category."

"The growth over the last year, that all came from the coaches, and us as teammates being closer," Moore said. "The success that we're having, it's all about the trust that we have in each other."

### A PERFECT FIT

Part of the reason Moore (and the Pirates as a whole) has been so successful is the

*'If we have trust in the offensive line and trust in the running backs, and the coaches have faith in me to run, why not?'*

**--Kevin Moore,  
why he loves the zone option**

way he fits in Holly's offense.

"With our offense, we try to spread people out and try to get them as wide as we can," Holly said, "and that opens up a lot of running lanes."

Granbury doesn't mind throwing bubble screen after bubble screen if the defense is playing soft on the receivers. It's a scheme that requires patience, but both Holly and Moore don't seem to mind at all.

"I've preached to him all last year and all this year, take what they give you, and that'll open the big things up," Holly said.

"Our coaches, what they stress on us is, if we can get at least six yards a play, that's a good play," Moore said. "And we're pretty patient with that."

"So if we get six yards a play, just roll with it. We don't care about the deep ball."

Moore has a quick release that allows him to get those passes to the sidelines off in a hurry.

But what really makes this offense tick is the run game. And Moore just so happens to be the Pirates' leader in rushing yards.

"He can run the ball, so it kind of keeps the defenses off balance," Holly said.

"They've got to account for him in more than one facet of the game."

It'd be wrong to call Moore just a quarterback, Zschiesche said.

"We view our offense as a two-back system, even though there's only one quote-unquote running back back there," Zschie-

sche said. "It just makes your offense much more dynamic and much harder to prepare for."

Moore is running behind a talented and experienced offensive line that both he and Holly heaped praise upon. Combine those linemen with Moore's skill and a bevy of talented running backs like Ty Williams and Zach Adams, and you'll get Granbury's potent offense.

It says quite a bit that, for a quarterback, Moore's favorite play is the zone option.

"Everybody likes to throw the deep ball," Moore said, "but if we have trust in the offensive line and trust in the running backs, and the coaches have faith in me to run, why not?"

### NUMBERS NEVER LIE

Moore's season is impressive when you look at the numbers. He's accumulated 1,487 total yards of offense this season.

He's rushed for 692 yards on 95 tries for an average of 7.28 yards per carry. He's scored 13 touchdowns with his legs.

In the passing game, he's completed 67 out of 119 attempts for a 56.3 percent completion rate. He's thrown for 795 yards, an average of 11.87 yards per completion, and seven touchdowns against four interceptions.

But let's take this stat breakdown one level further.

Moore's 692 rushing yards? Those account for 51.1 percent of the Pirates' 1,355 total yards on the ground.

Those 795 passing yards? That's 88.9 percent of the Pirates' total of 894 yards through the air.

Add all that together, and you'll find that 66.1 percent - essentially two thirds - of Granbury's offense is directly attributable to Kevin Moore.

When he took the starting job, Moore said he just had one goal in mind.

"I was just expecting to do my job," he said, "and success would be the outcome."

So far, so good.

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**QUITE THE HAUL:** Granbury residents Mark Tipton (left) and Kyle Townsend show off some of the striped bass they caught earlier this month on Lake Granbury.

Tipton and Townsend were on a fishing trip with guide Mike Acosta of Unfair Advantage Charters.

## Need-to-know rules on the water

I was recently asked if you can clean your catch on the boat. An angler with a pontoon boat and a grill wanted to clean and cook the fish while they were catching.

You cannot clean your catch until you are on the bank based on current rules.

Years back I remember reading an interpretation that allowed you to clean your fish on the boat as long as you kept the carcass for inspection.

However, it is currently stated in the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department Outdoor Annual that "in order to verify length and species, a fish caught may not have the head or tail removed and may not be filleted until an angler finally lands the catch on the mainland, a peninsula, or barrier island not including jetties or piers and does not transport the catch by boat."

However, there are some exceptions for some offshore species, as well as grass carp, tilapia and other invasive species.

I would contact the TPWD for any specific question/interpretation of the rules including this question on cooking your catch on board.

There are, of course, bag and size limits on different species, and limits and sizes may vary depending on the lake you are fishing.

The best idea is to keep the annual regulation book close - or whip out your phone and Google it.

Bag limits on fish help reduce fishing pressure on certain sizes or kinds of species, and spread out the harvest better so

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more anglers have a chance to catch fish of legal size.

Size limits benefit fish populations in several ways. They allow some species to spawn at least once before they are caught, and they can increase the quality of fishing by either providing more fish to be caught or creating a trophy fishery.

Slot limits are special length regulations for bass that are placed on certain water bodies to improve the quality of the fishing.

Fish that measure within the slot limit must be released immediately, while fish that are either shorter or longer than the protected range may be kept. For example, on a lake with a 14- to 18-inch slot length limit on bass, you cannot keep any bass between 14 and 18 inches.

You must still adhere to the daily bag limit of five bass.

Each licensed or exempt angler in the boat is entitled to keep one daily bag limit, except on guided fishing trips, where the boat limit is equal to the daily bag limit multiplied by the number of licensed/exempt anglers on board, minus the guide and any deck hands employed by the guide.

Exempt anglers are youth under 17 years, seniors born before 1931 and anyone fishing in

a state park.

### HOOD COUNTY FISHING REPORT

Granbury water temperatures have been seesawing a bit due to the weather but are on a trend down. Temperatures are in the low to mid 70s and continue to fall.

Black bass fishing with top-water baits is good early. Soft plastics are hard to beat near stickups near creek channel ledges and main lake points.

White bass are improving on slabs in 10 to 20 feet of water. Stripers are good to 10 pounds on live bait in 20 to 30 feet of water on the lower ends.

Crappie reports are fair near deeper docks. Channel catfish are good to excellent on cut shad and hot dogs.

Squaw Creek action continues to improve with the cooling weather. Spinner baits, Rat-L-Traps and Texas-rigged worms will put numbers of fish in the boat.

Tilapia catches continue to be reported on worms fished under a cork in the back of sloughs.

Whitney striper limits continue to be consistent on live bait and down-rigging pony head jigs with white or chartreuse worm trailers. Look for fish midlake around McCown.

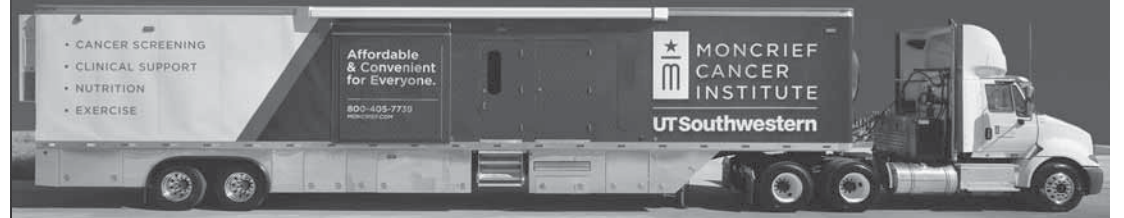
Possum Kingdom stripers are good in large schools on old road beds in 40 to 50 feet of water.

Some stripers are feeding on the tops of flat in 25 to 30 feet of water. Live shad and down-rigging are the primary patterns to catch these fish.

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# Obituaries

## Virginia Clarke

Virginia Clarke (née Dunson), 91, passed away October 7, 2017 in Granbury, TX, home of daughter and son-in-law, Cynthia and Scott Thompson, and where her children Kathryn Daniel and Christopher Clarke had traveled to share her final hours.



Ashcraft, and sons Chris and Tim.

Virginia will be buried with Willis and near family at Rosemount Cemetery in Waco, TX. Her children are planning a springtime memorial service at CCUM in Tucson to celebrate her life with those who knew and loved her as a generous friend and woman of deep faith.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Ashcraft/Clarke Music Trust at CCUM.

Born December 24, 1925 in Falls County, TX to Reverend Wallace and Mozelle Dunson, Virginia earned a B.A. from Texas Wesleyan College and Southwest University. On June 28, 1946, she married Willis H. Clarke, Jr., whose career took them to many homes in the US and abroad. Settling in Tucson in 1972, she joined Christ Church United Methodist (CCUM) and became a dedicated choir member.

In addition to her three children, Virginia's survivors include brother Wallace N. Dunson, Jr., three grandchildren and five great grandchildren, and her devoted "second" family in Tucson, Joan and Dave

## Cale Farris Jr.

Cale Farris Jr. of Granbury died October 18, 2017 at the age of 91.

Graveside service: 1:00 p.m. Friday, October 20, 2017 in

Johnson's Lawnhaven Memorial Gardens.

He is survived by his sister, Gaynell Dick; brother, Jerry Farris; and sister, Carolyn Laymon.

## Stella Truitt Bowen Long

Stella Truitt Bowen Long, age 82, of Conover, North Carolina, was called by her Heavenly Father to join His many angels to watch over us all on Tuesday, October 17, 2017 at Catawba Valley Medical Center in Hickory. She was a former resident of Granbury.



Born May 25, 1935 in Pontotoc County, OK, she was the daughter of the late Roy Lee and Bessie Miller Truitt.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her husband, E. E. Toby Bowen.

She is survived by: Daughter: Rhonda M. Bowen of the home; 4 Sons: Roy and Chuck Segura, Tony and Toby Bowen; Sister: Dorothy Stanton

of CA; Numerous Grandchildren and Great-Grandchildren. Services will be held privately. Visit [www.burkemortuary.com](http://www.burkemortuary.com) to register your condolences.

## Shammi Chamaigne Huey

Shammi Chamaigne Huey of Granbury passed away Thursday, Sept. 28, 2017 in Dallas.

Memorial service: 2 p.m. Oct. 21, 2017 at Immanuel Baptist Church in Monahans, Texas.

Shammi was born Nov. 7, 1980 in Kermit, Texas to Sammy and Marian Huey. She enjoyed spending time with her daughter and with her dog. She liked helping people. She worked as a CNA on and off. She liked fishing and reading all kinds of books.



Shammi was preceded in death by her parents Sammy Huey and Marian Milson; sister Sherry Huey; brother Shaylan Huey; grandparents Dexter and Vera Huey; Ina Milson and

Edith Brooks. She is survived by daughter Jadalyn Huey, her dog Bert, and her sister and brother-in-law Shannah and Dell Griffin.

The deadline for obituaries is noon Monday for the Wednesday paper, and noon Thursday for the Saturday paper.

Obituaries can be emailed to [obits@hcnews.com](mailto:obits@hcnews.com). If the deceased lived in Hood County, a standard obituary, under 200 words, is free in the Hood County News. A fee is applied for expanded or additional information.



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## Growing up black

In her book "Chapters from Mama's Life," Rose Simpson takes readers on a journey through her mother's life growing up in rural East Texas. Simpson recently spoke at the Granbury Rotary Club meeting. In her presentation,

the Granbury woman described her own life as a black girl growing up in a segregated world. The Rotary Club meets at noon each Thursday at the Harbor Lakes clubhouse.

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As Naomi and Mya fall out, Connie and Mya grow closer. And then there's Mya's brother Nugget who tries to make friends with a jock, taking his previous best friend for granted. Oh, how will this work out???

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**PIRATES ADVANCE:** Granbury High School's Pirate Marching Band will advance to the Area round of the UIL marching band contest after receiving a score of **First Division on Tuesday. Here they are performing at halftime of the Oct. 6 football game against Crowley.**

## Pirate band moves on to second round

BY BETHANY KURTZ  
HOOD COUNTY NEWS

Granbury Pirate Band members feel they have a good shot of reaching the state finals this year, said band director Mark Eastin.

The band will advance to the Area round of the University Interscholastic League marching band contest after receiving a "superior" rating at the Regional contest on Tuesday night.

"This year, the kids have set a goal to make it to the state contest," Eastin said. "This is the first ensemble that I remember, and I have been here eight years, that they feel they have a shot to make the area finals and then state."

Of the 19 5A and 6A bands that performed on Tuesday, 16 scored a first division, he said, but only the 5A bands like Granbury will compete for a state

title this year.

"It is a good region," he said.

The band has performed well this year on a complex and modern show called "Outside the Box," Eastin said.

The band placed fourth at the Midlothian Showcase and sixth at the Plano East Marching Invitational. At both contests they were competing against 5A and 6A schools, many of which qualify for state contests every year, Eastin said.

"At the Invitational, everyone who placed above us were 6A schools except one," he said.

Part of the success has been the opportunities this year's marching show has given students to explore music, dance and other elements of production, he said.

"It is a celebration of outside of the box thinking, very modern," Eastin explained. "It is designed to be thought provok-

ing."

Since theme is exploring human thought instead of telling a story, the show designers were able to follow where the music led, instead of being defined by a plot, he said.

"It is really technically difficult in the dancing and movements, but it make sense to the kids because it is what the music is telling them to do."

The Area UIL contest will be held at the Birdville ISD Fine Arts/Athletic Complex next Saturday.

Before the area contest, the Pirate Band will compete at the US Bands Southwest Showcase today at AT&T Stadium in Arlington.

A complete schedule for all band activities can be found at [www.granburysd.org/ghsband](http://www.granburysd.org/ghsband).

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## Seven GHS singers advance

By qualifying for the region choir, seven Granbury High School choir students advanced another step toward making the Texas Music Educators Association all-state choirs after auditions last Saturday at Burleson High School.

The students qualifying for the region and district choirs are:

Region Choir: Kaitlyn Bailey, Garin Brassie, Joshua Courtney, Nicole Rickenbrode, James Vandergriff, Andrew Walters, Casey Wilcox, Joshua Tremble (alternate).

Region Treble Choir: Manuela Lee, Amanda Peterson, Emma Whitehead.

9th and 10th Grade Honor Choir: Clayton Allison, Ally

Beatty, Kolby Bunker, Blaize Cross, Adam Stone, Avery Thompson, Tiffany Wynne.

The region choir clinic and concert will be on Saturday, Nov. 11 in the Weatherford High School auditorium.

The pre-area auditions for those making the region choir are Thursday, Nov. 9 in Fort Worth.

## AMS girls to sing in Carnegie Hall

Acton Middle School varsity treble choir members have been selected to perform in Carnegie Hall in New York City this June.

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# #MeToo

## Let's talk about sexual harassment, abuse

BY BETHANY KURTZ  
HOOD COUNTY NEWS

Hood County women joined thousands of people across the country using social media to spread awareness about sexual harassment this week.

After a Hollywood producer was accused of sexually harassing dozens of women throughout his career, the words #MeToo began to spread across the internet.

Spurred by the message that "if all the women who have been sexually harassed or assaulted wrote 'Me too' as a status, we might give people a sense of the magnitude of the problem," women and men posted #MeToo.

Some shared only the hashtag. Others spoke about the incidents that had frightened, hurt or angered them.

We asked readers to share their #MeToo stories and suggest ways to make the community safer for everyone.

### AFRAID TO REPORT

Stacey Ann, who asked that her full name not be used, said a friend she staid with temporary in Granbury sexually assaulted her.

"I didn't report it until after I moved out. The reason I waited was because I thought I'd be homeless and honestly a great deal of fear.

"When I did report it, the gentleman that took my statement made me feel extremely uncomfortable.

"I found out that day there are services that will help victims, and I wouldn't have had to live in my car.

"My suggestion from my learning ex-

perience with this is: train your investigators how to handle someone reporting something of this nature or have someone available on call to be there for the report.

"Make it more publicly known and/or viewable that there are services available to victims. That is solely the reason I waited to report my assault."

### CUSTOMER CROSSES THE LINE

Clara Moltz, a Granbury resident, worked at a pharmacy in a nearby town. She shared this story about a customer.

"I was asked weekly by a middle-aged man when he could take me for a ride on his motorcycle. No matter how rudely my 20-year-old self denied his request, he persisted.

"One day ... he came up behind me and put his arms around me to hug me. I was frozen in shock, wanted him to get off but didn't want to offend him and lose my job.

"When he walked away the male manager came out of the office and reprimanded me for not standing up for myself. He had seen the whole thing and did not step out to intervene at all. It could have been worse.

"I still tell my kids about it so they know how important it is to keep their hands to themselves unless they have explicitly given permission.

"I think when it is a customer/employee relationship, physical contact should be limited and conversation should be related to the topic of purchase or light friendly conversation. Follow cues of the person you are talking to. If someone seems like they do

not want to discuss a subject or clearly set a boundary, be mindful of that."

### DIFFICULT VICTORY

Dolly Spinner grew in Granbury before moving away. She was assaulted by an employer in Hurst after ending a relationship with him. She sued the company and won, she said. She now lives in Granbury again.

"He could not move on. He would come to my office and harass me all the time, then one day he twisted my arm behind my back and put his junk up against me. I almost threw up!

"Well I decided I had enough. I started my letter to resign, then a few days after he came in and pulled out his stuff in my office.

"To protect myself I contacted an attorney. They called right away. We had hoped that it would be a class action suit because not just me but others were being treated the same but they were all too scared of losing their jobs and unfortunately, the ones that would, the statute of limitations had run out.

"So I was the lone ranger. I had to stop him. We went to mediation and I was so freaked out to even know he was in the same building. But I made it and walked away with a settlement.

"I was a single mom and did not want to lose my job but I had no choice! I feel like I got raped every day."

### HELPING EACH OTHER UP

Staci Yarbrough was sexually assaulted at a track and field meet when she was 12.

"This guy asked me to go for a walk

with him. I didn't think anything of it so I went, and that's when it happened behind the school.

"I became very shy and scared to say no to boys. I cried a lot and attempted suicide once. I also drank a lot of alcohol after that until I was about a senior in high school. I wish I could change everything that happened that night. I wish I would have told someone that could have helped me but now I know I am the person I am because of the rough years I had and I learned a lot and fixed myself my senior year.

"I lost my self-esteem. I let boys treat me very badly. I allowed myself to be physically and mentally abused throughout my teens. I accepted the fact that I was not much more than a piece of trash until I saw my best friend being physically abused so badly that it made me realize she and I needed each other's help.

"Our senior year we both decided to change. We got away from the abuse and vowed to never let the other fall into that trap again. We vowed to make our senior year about each other, and it was the best year of my school life. We made each other stronger.

"I pray that the boy that took my innocence knows now what he did to me and how wrong it was. I pray that his three friends that walked by when it was happening and heard me screaming no and crying realize now what they did wrong when they laughed and kept walking then made fun of me for a year afterward. I pray that none of their children live through the hell that I did.

"I just pray no other girl ever has to

go through this at her school because still to this day going back to that school reminds me of that horrible night. I don't blame anyone except my abuser and myself, but I do think if school officials would have been monitoring the gates it would never have happened."

### PANIC REMAINS

Vera Knief said she was brought up with a family history of abuse and suffered sexual abuse as well. The abuse occurred out of state but the effects linger, she said.

"For someone just starting down that road, you're definitely oversensitive about a lot of things.

"Simple violations of personal space that wouldn't bother most people can give you panic attacks, extreme fear or flashbacks.

"Post Traumatic Stress Disorder is another monster altogether. Considering flashbacks are random anyway, everything starts to feel threatening. Flashbacks can be brought on by the smallest things; even smells that were connected to the event."

### SUPPORT NEEDED

Haley Nicole was sexually assaulted in Hood County. The man was sentenced to life in prison for the crime, she said.

To help survivors, she suggested "Y'all can make a support group for people that are still struggling with what happened to them. I would be coming to the support group too because I'm still struggling with it some."

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**BEST OF SHOW: "Pretty Girl" by Bill Dale.** Winners were named last Saturday for the Lake Granbury Arts Association Fall Juried Show and Sale.



**AWARD OF EXCELLENCE: "Quiet Giant" by Kay Wirz.**



**AWARD OF EXCELLENCE: "Garden Bouquet" by Judy Mason Eldridge.**



**ACHIEVEMENT AWARD: "McC Bouquet" by Jeanette Alexander.**

## Fall Art Show continues Awards given for top art

The results are in. "Pretty Girl" by Bill Dale was named Best of Show during a reception Saturday for the Lake Granbury Art Association Fall Juried Show and Sale at Shanley House Center for the Arts.

Twelve others were given awards of excellence, achievement and honorable mention. Viewing of the Fall Show is available every Friday and Saturday

### GRANBURY ART SMARTS



Marilyn Haskins

from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. and Sunday 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. through Nov. 10 at the Shanley House, 224 N. Travis St. Besides Best of Show, other winners include the following:

- AWARD OF EXCELLENCE**  
"Garden Bouquet" by Judy Mason Eldridge.
- "Quiet Giant" by Kay Wirz.
- "Sun, Sand & Smiles" by Cheryl Moore.

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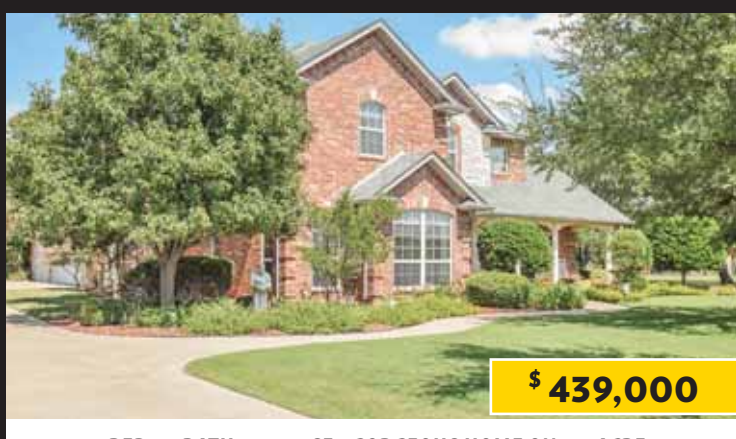


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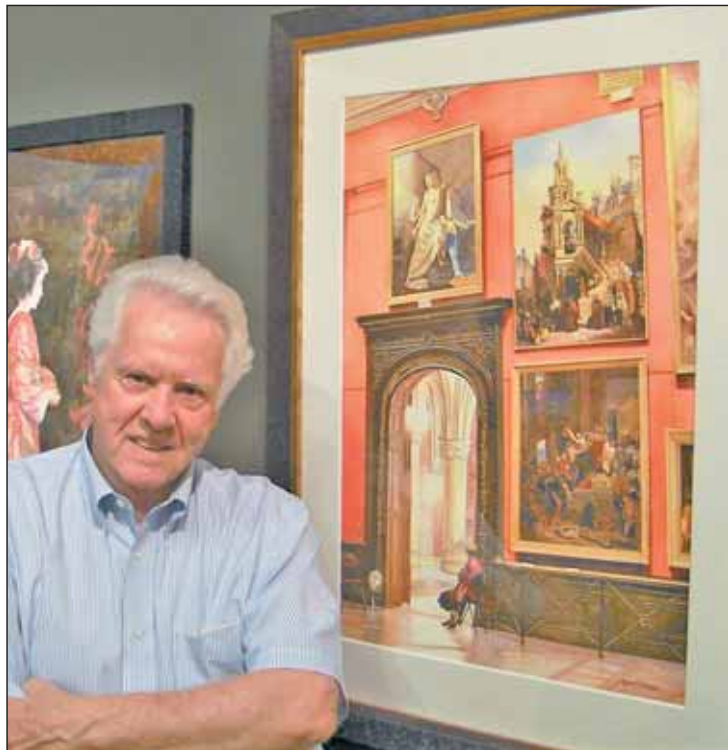
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AWARD OF EXCELLENCE: "Sun, Sand & Smiles" by Cheryl Moore.

## ART: Show ends Nov. 10

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### ACHIEVEMENT AWARD

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 "McC Bouquet" by Jeanette Alexander.  
 "Flight of Fancy" by Ginny McKnight.  
 "Freedom" by Sleepy Gomez.

### HONORABLE MENTION

"County Peanut Mill" by Beth Eschbach.  
 "The Geodes" by Gloria Lee Hood.  
 "Faucet Head" by Suzanne Canter.  
 "Madame Monarch" by Krystyna Dale.

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## Granbury Makes Donation to Help Harvey Victims

Our sincerest thanks to our friends with the Granbury Wine Walk, Tiberia & Sissy with Barking Rocks Winery and the Granbury Community for the generous donation to the Dayspring Church to benefit flood victims of Hurricane Harvey.

Because of our friendship and mutual respect for each other, Barking Rocks Winery contacted us, here at Haak Winery, offering to help our community that was so devastated by Hurricane Harvey. They, along with the Granbury Wine Walk and the Granbury Community, sent us a generous check.

Raymond & I got on the phone and contacted, Santa Fe ISD, Santa Fe Chamber of Commerce and Santa Fe City Hall to see who the money would help the most. They all suggested the Dayspring Church (<https://www.dayspring-church.com/>) here in Santa Fe, who opened their doors to feed all surrounding communities. They have served meals, distributed clothing and supplies and have been working continuously day and night to render aid to victims. Here is a picture of us giving the money to Pastor Brad Drake and his wife Meredith.



Pictured left to right: Gladys Haak, Meredith and Pastor Brad Drake, Raymond Haak

We have participated in the Granbury Wine Walk for the last 5 years. We have an absolute ball there and now bring as many as 5 couples with us. We always stay at the Plantation Inn, eat at Joe's Pizza & Pasta, Babe's Chicken, Jalisco's Mexican Grill and the Firehouse Breakfast place, to name a few. We ladies shop until we drop! We have to sell all our wines so that we have room to take home our purchases. I'd like to add that most of us are in our late 70's and early 80's and are still going strong. We plan our vacations around the Wine Festival.

Please remember we will be back and look for us in the alley behind Babe's Chicken. We are known for the craziest booth and the best Madeira in the State of Texas. Please look us up April 26-28 in 2018 at the Granbury Wine Walk.

**Thanks to all of you, especially Tiberia & Sissy!  
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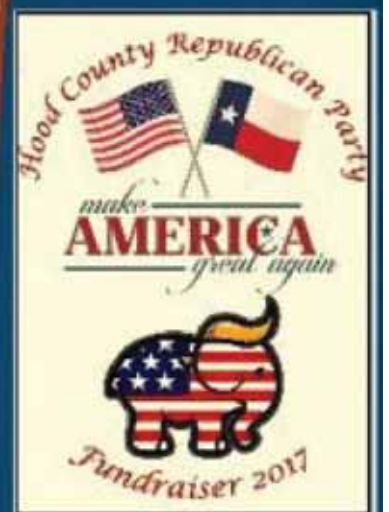


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# Life

## Mitchum honored for good works

BY DEBBIE SCHNEIDER  
HOOD COUNTY NEWS

Steve Mitchum was recognized as Citizen of the Year by the Granbury Kiwanis Club at its annual awards and officer installation banquet recently at Farina's. He was cited for generous gifts across the community to support children, public servants and other needs.

The Miracle League of Granbury has been the crown jewel of Mitchum's giving. The nonprofit organization started with the idea that all special needs children and young adults should be able to play ball.

Miracle League of Granbury provides a safe and fun environment where those with special needs can play baseball in a stadium of their own.

When presenting the award, Kiwanis President David Southern said, "When Steve and Darlene Mitchum opened their Chicken Express franchise in Granbury, they began giving back to the community."

Chicken Express has given free meals to various school groups, firefighters and peace officers. Countless youth sports teams and honor students have received support.

"He is the reason we can invite to lunch our fourth and fifth grade Super Citizens, their families and teachers, when we recognize them for their outstanding work in Granbury, Lipan, and Tolar," Southern said.

Mitchum also sponsors the Kiwanis 5K event.

"Chicken Express is always there to help sponsor community events - many of which would not occur without his support," Southern added.

Other awards went to David Southern, Kiwanian of the Year; Matt Mills, Layman of the Year; Audrey Collins, New Member of the Year; and Carol Pirkle, President's Award.

Incoming officers are President James Dickens, President-Elect Cathy Riddle, Vice President Matt Mills, Treasurer Audrey Collins, Past President David Southern and new board member Eva Gregory.



**FOR ALL YOU DO:** Steve Mitchum was named Citizen of the Year by the Granbury Kiwanis Club at its recent awards banquet at Farina's Winery & Cafe. To show appreciation for his work, the Kiwanis Club presented a \$1,000 check to the Miracle League of Granbury, a nonprofit organization organized by Mitchum. From left: James Dickens, Kathy Riddle, Steve and Darlene Mitchum, and David Southern.



**LEADERS FOR THE NEW YEAR:** New officers were recently installed for the Granbury Kiwanis Club during the annual awards banquet. From left are Culbertson; Vice President Matt Mills, President-Elect Cathy Riddle; President James Dickens, Past President David Southern and Treasurer Audrey Collins.

## Milestones

### ANNIVERSARY



#### THE CHISOLMS

R.J. (Buck) and Roberta Chisolm, of Tolar, are celebrating their 60th wedding anniversary.

R.J. Chisolm and Roberta Mitchell were married Oct. 13, 1957 in Granbury.

Roberta is a retired Post Office clerk. R.J. is a retired dairy farmer, cattle rancher and city/county fire marshal. He is a member of the board for Hood County Crime Stoppers.

They are members of Tolar Church of Christ.

Children of the couple are Lisa and Wesley Ives of Tolar and Laura and Jeff Walker of Tolar. Grandchildren include Jessica Tabor, Jared Ives, Jenny Lively, Tyler Walker and Ryan Walker. They also have three great-grandchildren.

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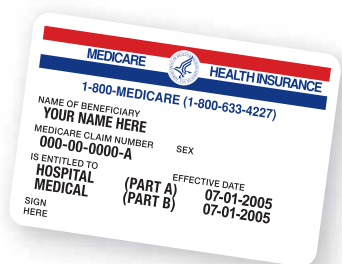
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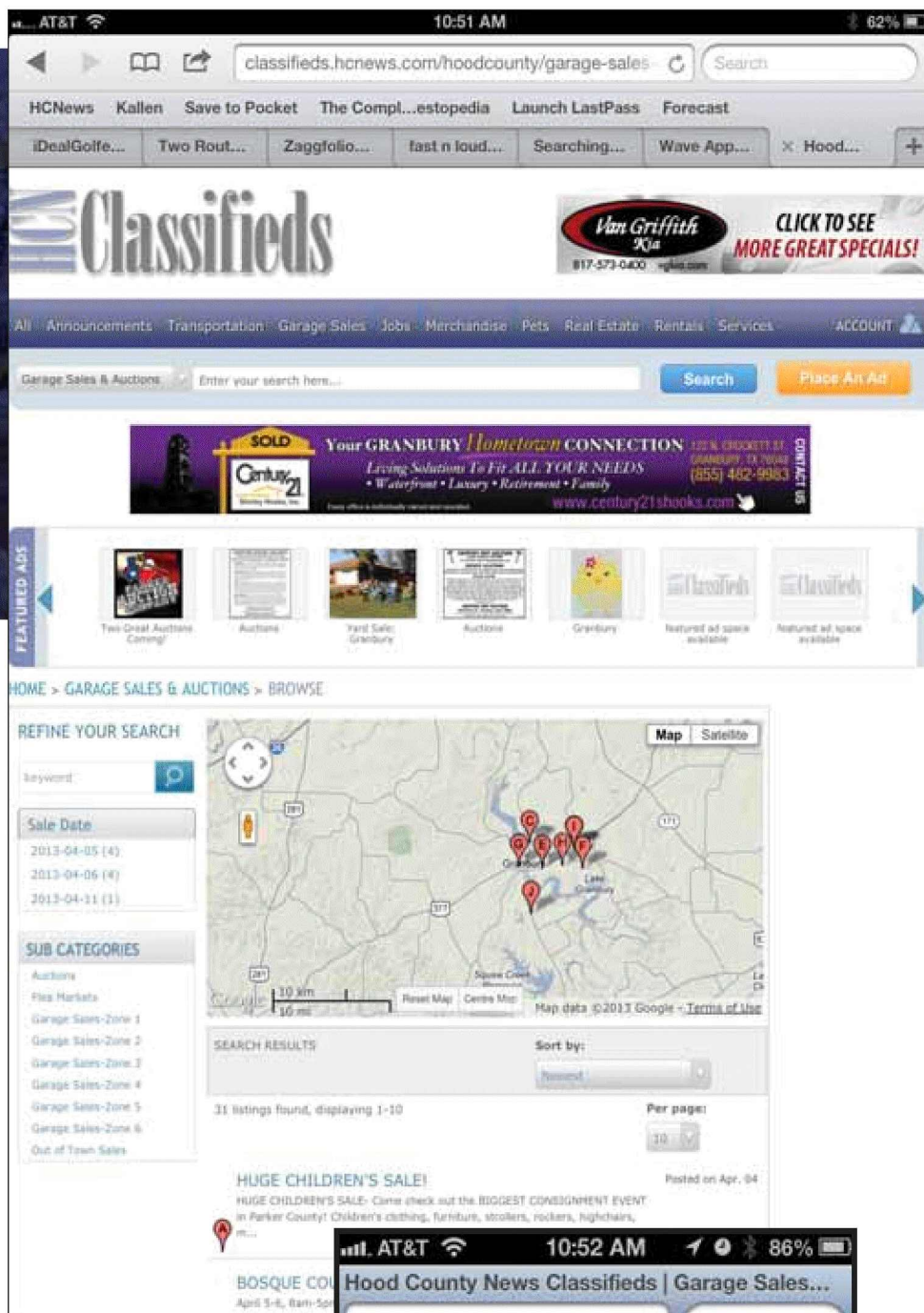




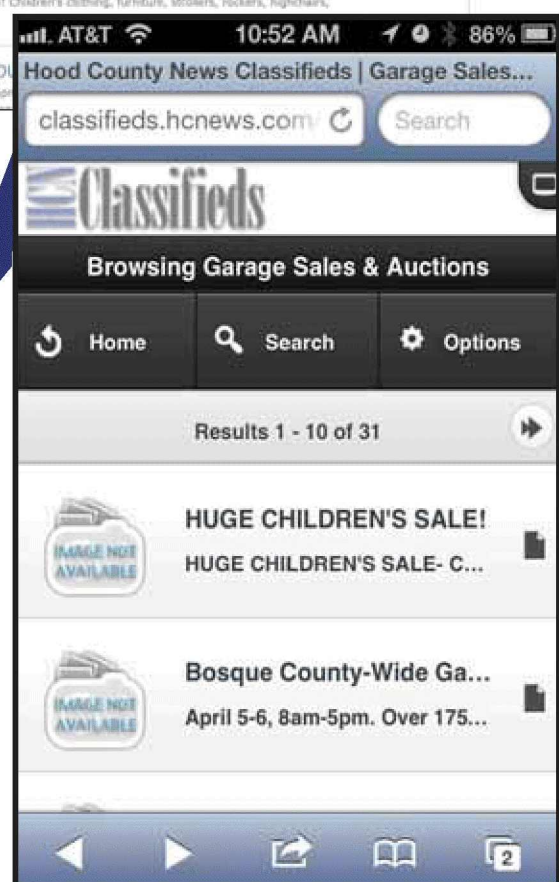


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