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Street smarts

County to tackle inferior roads put in by developers

BY KATHY CRUZ
HOOD COUNTY NEWS

Developers who ignore county regulations and put shoddy roads in their developments may soon hit a bump in the road that could detour them to court. The Commissioners Court is planning a workshop to sort



White

Attorney Matt Mills and an engineer with a firm that performs

through what county officials say has long been a problem in Hood County: poor quality work by some developers. The meeting will include County

work for the county. Precinct 3 Commissioner Bruce White, the newest member of the Commissioners Court, is taking the lead in the effort to crack down on rule-breaking developers. He told the Hood County News on Thursday that he will get the workshop on the calendar as soon as he arranges

scheduling with the engineer. White's hope is that the workshop will eliminate long-held confusion over the county's legal recourse and create a plan going forward that will include help for the overburdened Donald Linney, head of the county's Road Operations department. "Donald is just one man. He cannot do it all," White said

about Linney's limitations on riding herd on developers. Mills, meanwhile, said he stands ready to prosecute developers who thumb their noses at the county's thick book of regulations. "If there's a blatant case, I would be open to pursuing legal action," he said. Mills said that White came to

him to discuss the problem a couple of weeks ago. "He said the way that he understands that it's been going on is that they come to court and get a final plat approved and that final plat is approved before they start doing anything," Mills said. "And, once

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FIRST-TIME VOTERS: The Granbury school district bussed high school students who are now old enough to vote to county Annex I to cast ballots for the first time. Early voting ended yesterday, and Election Day is Tuesday. Polls at the county's 10 Vote Centers will be open from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. that day. School board races for Granbury and Tolar are on the ballot, as are two Granbury City Council races. Seven constitutional amendments are on the ballot as well.

Local races to be decided Tuesday

BY KATHY CRUZ
HOOD COUNTY NEWS

Tuesday is Election Day. There are seven constitutional amendments on the ballot, as well as city and school races. There are two races for Granbury City Council - Place 4 and Place 6. Incumbents Rose Myers and Mickey Parson face challenges from Trish Reiner and Greg Corrigan, respectively. There are also two races for the GISD board of trustees. Place 1 candidates, in ballot order, are: Kim Cruz, Maureen

Griffin and Michael Moore. Place 2 incumbent Barbara Herrington is opposed by Dinae Hicks. There is also a race in the Tolar ISD, with three newcomers vying for the Place 4 seat. In ballot order, they are Rhonda A. Knight, Matt Imel and Randy Turner. Polls will be open from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. Voters with proper identification can vote at any of the county's 10 Vote Centers. They are:
■ Annex 1, 1410 W. Pearl St.

■ Lakeside Baptist Church, 500 W. Bluebonnet Dr.
■ First Baptist Church, 1851 Weatherford Highway.
■ Tolar Community Center, 120 Tolar Cemetery Road.
■ Lipan Church of Christ Fellowship Hall, 119 N. Caddo.
■ Acton Baptist Church, 3500 Fall Creek Highway.
■ St. Frances Cabrini Catholic Church, 2301 Acton Highway.
■ Pecan Activity Center, 9145 Plantation Dr.
■ Generations Church, 5718 E. Hwy. 377.

■ The Way Church, 4332 E. Hwy. 377. Sample ballots, accepted forms of ID and other voting information can be found on the elections page of the county's website at www.co.hood.tx.us. The Hood County News will post election results at www.hcnews.com as soon as they become available Tuesday evening. Early voting numbers typically are released shortly after the polls close at 7 p.m.

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Testimony continues for Arizona officer who shot Granbury man

BY BETHANY KURTZ
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Philip Brailsford, formerly an officer with the Mesa Police Department, faces up to 25 years in prison if convicted of murdering a Granbury man, Daniel Shaver. The trial for the former Arizona police officer continued this week. Shaver was 26 when he was killed on Jan. 18, 2016 at a hotel in Arizona. He left behind his wife Laney Sweet and two young children. Sweet is in Arizona attending the trial. The trial began last week with police body camera video. On Monday, the jury heard from Mesa Police Officer Christopher Doane who was also in the hallway during the shooting. Mesa police officers were responding to a report of someone pointing a gun out a hotel room in Shaver's hotel. Doane testified neither Shaver nor the woman who came out of the hotel room with him appeared to have any weapons. Both Shaver and the woman followed police instructions to lay down in the hallway and then to move toward police one at a time, according to Do-



Brailsford

ane's body camera footage. When ordered to move toward police on his knees with his hands raised, Shaver put his hands behind his back, according to the footage. When ordered to raise his hands above his head or be shot, he complied, begging police not to shoot him. The video shows that Shaver begins to move toward police and again reaches towards his back. Brailsford then shot him five times. No other officers fired their weapons. The medical examiner who performed Shaver's autopsy testified Shaver was shot from about 6 feet away. Doane testified Shaver would not have been shot if he had complied with police commands. Thursday, Monica Portillo, the woman who was in the room with Shaver, testified. She said that she and a co-worker had met Shaver at the hotel and went to his room for drinks. The coworker had already left when the police called Shaver's hotel room

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Excellent support

Tolar volleyball may have lost in three sets to Boyd in the bi-district round of UIL playoffs on Tuesday in Aledo, but the Lady Rattlers' spirits never dimmed. For more on Tolar's season, see P. 6A.

Another filing period will soon open

BY KATHY CRUZ
HOOD COUNTY NEWS

Just days after voters decide local city and school races, the filing period for county races will open. Next Saturday - Nov. 11 - the filing period will open for county races that will be on the spring primary ballot.

Ten county positions will be up, with voters officially deciding in November 2018 who will hold them. Those elected positions are: district judge; county court-at-law judge; county judge; district clerk; county clerk; county treasurer; commissioners for precincts 2 and 4; and peace justices for precincts 2 and 3.

The filing period will run for one month, closing at 5 p.m. on Monday, Dec. 11. The Elections Administration office isn't open on Saturdays, so filing won't actually begin until Monday, Nov. 13. All those who currently hold county elected positions belong to the Republican Party. District Judge Ralph Walton

recently told the Hood County News that he will seek one more term before retiring. County Court-at-Law Judge Vincent Messina also informed the HCN that he will run for re-election. The primary will be held on Tuesday, March 6.

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HOOP DREAMS: The 2017-18 high school basketball season is upon us. Find season previews for Granbury and Tolar boys and girls teams, along with complete schedules. 7A-9A.

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Homeowner finds hotel theft suspect hiding from police

BY BETHANY KURTZ
HOOD COUNTY NEWS

A local property owner discovered a suspect hiding in his wellhouse after fleeing from police on Tuesday, Granbury Police said.

The property owner prevented the suspect, Trace Lee, 27, of Granbury, from fleeing until police arrived, said Lieutenant Russell Grizzard.

The chase began earlier that day when Granbury police officers were informed of a theft that occurred about 9:30 a.m. at the Hilton Garden Inn on Pearl Street, he said.

The suspects drove away from the hotel were but were located at a business near the intersection of Highway 377 and Highway 4, Grizzard said.

Lee fled on foot into the woods, Grizzard said.

The other two suspects were Kimberly Hall, 31, of Granbury, and James Pugh, 30, of Arlington, he said.

Acton Middle School was put on lockdown while police searched for Lee, Grizzard said.

The search ended after the property owner found Lee, he said.

"The property owner fired a shot into the ground to get Lee to comply with his commands. He held Lee until officers got to them," Grizzard explained.



Hall



Lee



Pugh

Hall was found to be in possession of a driver's license, credit card and multiple credit card numbers belonging to other people, he said.

"Hall also lied to officers about Lee's identity after he ran," Grizzard said.

Lee and Hall were also charged for the substantial damage found in the hotel room in which the group had been staying, Grizzard said.

Lee is charged with state jail felonies for evading arrest or detention with a prior conviction and possession of a controlled substance less than 1 gram. He is also charged with misdemeanors for theft of more than \$100 but less than \$750 and criminal mischief more than \$750 but less than \$2,500. He also had a parole violation warrant. His bond was set at \$12,500.

Hall was charged with felonies for hindering apprehension of a known felon, fraudulent use/possession of identifying information and possession of a controlled substance less than one gram. She is charged with misdemeanors for theft of more than \$100 but less than \$750 and criminal mischief more than \$750 but less than \$2,500. Her bond was set at \$38,500.

Pugh was charged with a state jail felony for possession of a controlled substance less than 1 gram. He was released from jail on a \$5,000 bond.

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State notifies 127 gas stations suspected of price gouging

Some DFW Metroplex gas stations are among those being investigated for price gouging following Hurricane Harvey.

The Attorney General's Consumer Protection Division sent 127 businesses notices of violations for price gouging, according to a press release.

All of the cases involve consumer complaints against gas stations for charging \$3.99 or higher for a gallon of unleaded gasoline or diesel following Hurricane Harvey's destruction.

Many of the 127 businesses are in the Dallas-Fort Worth Metroplex, the release stated.

The Hood County News has submitted an open records request for the addresses of those businesses, but it is unclear at press time if any were located in Hood County.

"At the outset of Harvey, I

made it clear that my office would not tolerate price gouging of vulnerable Texans by any individuals or businesses looking to profit from the hurricane," Attorney General Ken Paxton stated. "We've given 127 alleged offenders an opportunity to resolve these issues with our office or face possible legal action for violating state law. Our investigation of other businesses into price gouging remains ongoing."

During the disaster, the Consumer Protection Division received about 5,500 price gouging complaints. Many complaints sent photos or receipts.

Some business in the DFW area have told news outlets they did not sell gas at more than \$3.99 a gallon and have records to prove it.

The price of gas does fluctu-

ate based on the cost of crude oil as well as refining and distribution cost, taxes and the retail station's operating cost, according to the Attorney General's website. Storms that damage refineries can increase prices within an acceptable standards.

Texas law prohibits anyone from overcharging during declared disasters. The attorney general can file price-gouging lawsuits to seek refunds of money unlawfully taken from consumers and for civil penalties of up to \$20,000 per violation.

Texans can report price gouging by calling the Consumer Protection Hotline at 800-621-0508, emailing consumeremergency@oag.texas.gov or filing a complaint at www.texasattorneygeneral.gov/cpd/file-a-consumer-complaint.

INDICTMENTS

The grand jury returned 19 indictments Sept. 27.

Indictments are formal charges.

ASSAULT/INJURY

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

- Stephen Taylor Ely, 18, Granbury, aggravated sexual assault of a child.

- JT Rich, 24, Krum, aggravated assault causing serious bodily injury.

- Valencia Michelle Myers, 25, Palmer, injury to a child/elderly/disabled person with intent to cause bodily injury.

THEFT OF PROPERTY LESS THAN \$2,500 WITH TWO OR MORE PREVIOUS CONVICTIONS

- Billy Charles Kincheloe, 31, Mineral Wells.

- Wesley Bryan Mitten II, 24,

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- Zachary James Purcell, 23, Granbury.

- Cheryl Poindexter Schuerg, 59, Granbury.

MANUFACTURING OR DELIVERY OF A CONTROLLED SUBSTANCE PENALTY GROUP ONE, MORE THAN 1 GRAM BUT LESS THAN 4 GRAMS

- Shannon Leigh Benedict, 20, Granbury.

- Christopher Alan Felz, 31, homeless.

POSSESSION OF A CONTROLLED SUBSTANCE PENALTY GROUP ONE LESS THAN 1 GRAM

- John Mark Garrett, 37, Granbury.

- James Christopher Grogan, 47, Menifee, California.

- Roberto Tovar, 36, Granbury.

- Gabriel Ortiz Ramirez, 40, Granbury.

OTHER DRUG CHARGES

- Zade Alan Green, 22, Tolar, manufacturing/delivery of a controlled substance penalty group one, more than 4 gram but less than 200 grams.

- Joshua Stephen Slough, 37, Granbury, possession of a controlled substance penalty group one, more than 1 gram but less than 4 grams.

OTHER CHARGES

- Mathew Ray Xavier Garcia, 20, homeless, harassment of a public servant.

- Jonathan Dwayne Newton, 26, Granbury, sexual offender duty to register for life/annually.

- Brandon Wayne Oliver, 24, Granbury, evading arrest or detention with a vehicle.

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Warm smiles at chilly Trick or Treat

Children and adults got into the Halloween spirit trick or treating on the Granbury square Tuesday afternoon. Not to be outdone, many shop owners got into costume for the event as well. Despite the cool weather and sprinkles, smiles and laughter dominated the outing.



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SUPER POWERS: Siblings Brinleigh and Logan Causey were ready incase trouble came upon any trick or treaters.



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PRETTY IN RED: Sofia Espinosa (left) and Meloni Amaya were excited to be making the rounds for Halloween.



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STICKING TOGETHER: It wasn't clear if parents Kayla and Colby Kreutzer were taking their sons Zade and Hayz trick or treating, or the other way around, but they were all having fun.



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MARIO FAMILY: Kimberly, Michael and little Michael Winter raced each other around the square.



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MINDCRAFT GAMES: Caleb (left) and Cade Bufkin showed off their Minecraft Creeper costumes on Tuesday.



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FEARSOMETHREE: Friends Tristan Gomas (unicorn), Ayden Scott (ape) and Jason Hamm (transformer) were out trick or treating together.

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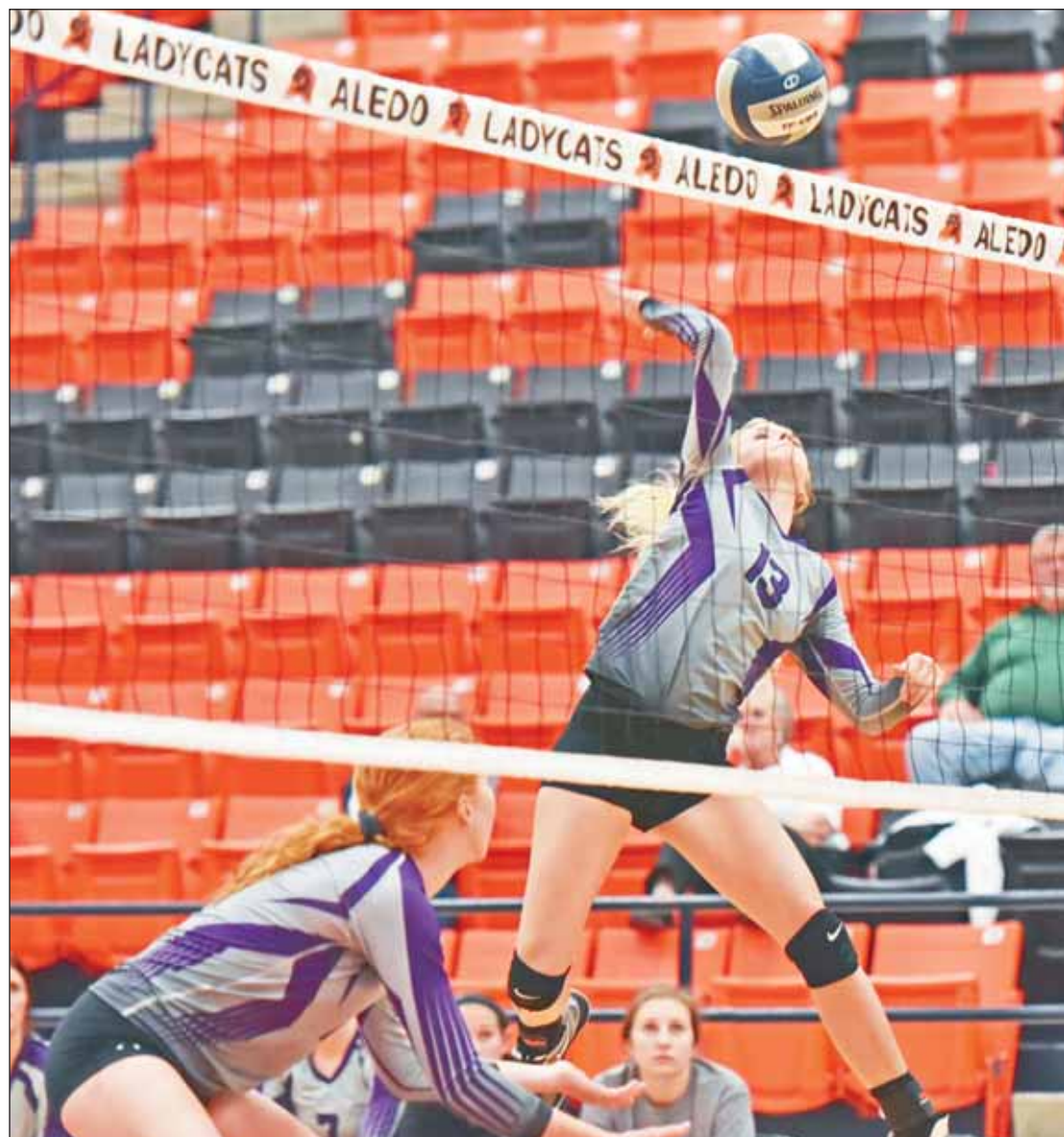
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TOUGH EXIT: Tolar Lady Rattler Alicia Hamm (13) rises up to hit a ball against Boyd on Tuesday night in Aledo while teammate Rebecca Blessing watches on. Tolar lost to Boyd in three sets and were eliminated from the UIL 3A playoffs in the bi-district round.

Tolar falls to white-hot Boyd in bi-district

BY GRANT MCGALLIARD
HOOD COUNTY NEWS

ALEDO - The Tolar Lady Rattlers played their third top-25 3A team in four games on Tuesday night in Aledo.

Unfortunately for the Lady Rattlers, this one was an elimination match.

Tolar lost to Boyd in three sets, 25-12, 25-9 and 25-19. The Lady Rattlers were eliminated from the UIL 3A playoffs in the bi-district round.

Tolar head coach Scotty Miller gave credit to his opponent.

"Boyd was a very powerful team, and they didn't make a lot of mistakes," he said.

Miller said Boyd and Peaster, which Tolar had to deal with all throughout district play, are each title-quality teams.

"The two best teams in the region are playing in the same quarter of the bracket," Miller said.

Against those powerful Boyd Yellowjackets, Tolar threw out an extremely young lineup.

"At one point, we had four sophomores, a freshman and a junior out there on the court," Miller said.

Those inexperienced players had to run a gauntlet of tough teams. Both Peaster and Brock are top-25 schools in 3A, and Millsap is also a very good team. Tolar had to play each of those schools three times in district play, which prevented the Lady Rattlers from picking up any momentum over the course of the season.

"It could've been good for us had we been a little bit older," Miller said. "But we couldn't get any momentum, any fresh air."

Tolar finished the season with a 20-22 record (1-8 District 7-3A). Boyd improved to 33-7 and will face Clyde in the area round.

LOOKING AHEAD

While it didn't pay off this season, the strong young core at Tolar has the makings of a very good team.

"We had very few people with any varsity experience at all," Miller said. "The youth of the team grew a lot as the season went on."

The biggest obstacle to Tolar's success next season will be the loss of senior Rebecca Blessing, who starred at middle blocker for the Lady Rattlers this season.

"Rebecca Blessing is just the greatest kid," Miller said. "We're going to miss her tremendously."

Still, there's quite a bit to be hopeful about in Tolar for next year.

"This could be a special group in a year or two," Miller said.

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Hunters anxiously await the rut

The Texas Parks and Wildlife did a study based on three years of data on "the rut."

As you all know, "the rut" is the period when deer breed. People often ask when the rut is going to occur.

Many hunters want to plan hunting vacations to include that magical time when bucks are active and moving. Deer season begins today, November 4, and ends January 7, so it's a good time to brush up on the rut.

Anything that encourages bucks to move enhances the chance of seeing one. Buck deer, like most male mammals, seem to lose a lot of their natural caution when the scent of a receptive female is in the air.

One of the tips gained from this study is that rutting bucks can be found during most of the hunting season in many regions of the state. Consistently successful hunters spend a lot of time in the field throughout the hunting season, not just during the peak of the rut.

Hunters and ranchers often encourage Texas Parks and Wildlife to move the season later to give deer a chance to breed. The study showed that no matter when the rut occurred, the vast majority of does were bred.

The breeding study involved the examination of 2,436 does, the largest number of deer ever utilized in a Texas breeding study. The date of conception can be determined by looking at

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fetus length.

An average of 200 days from conception was used to determine fawning dates. In most areas the rut varied very little from year to year.

Bucks, like hunters, have a tendency to move around during cool weather. Bucks with hardened antlers are ready to breed and are looking for a willing doe.

More movement means more opportunity to encounter a receptive doe. This increased movement helps give rise to the idea that cold weather causes the rut.

In the north central part of the state (essentially our area), conception dates were as early as Oct. 13 and extended to Dec. 17. In the northern portion of our region the average breeding date was Nov. 15.

The average breeding date in the southern part was Nov. 17. Biologists recorded an average of 1.7 fetuses per doe, and 95 percent of the females had been successfully bred.

The majority (90 percent) of the fawns are born by June 15 in the northern area and by June 20 in the southern area.

Hope that helps you in your hunting adventures. For more

data on the rut on different areas in Texas, please consult the TPWD website.

HOOD COUNTY FISHING REPORT

Water temperatures have fallen into the upper 60s after the cool snap or two we have had in the last week or so. Wintering birds are returning and are helping anglers locate active fish.

Sand bass and small stripers are schooling early and late near DeCordova. Stripers continue to be good to 10 pounds on live shad on the lower ends.

Crappie catches are excellent on brush piles on jigs and minnows. Black bass fishing has been excellent on numbers with an occasional big fish around 6 pounds.

Catfish continue to be good as well on prepared baits and cheese-filled hot dogs.

Squaw Creek is starting to draw those fall and winter anglers chasing those "power plant" blacks. Limits of large-mouth are common on many areas of the lake.

Tilapia continue to be a hit for those looking to fill their coolers with fillets.

Whitney striper limits continue. Swimbaits and live shad will put fish in the boat around mid-lake.

Possum Kingdom stripers continue to be fair to good from South D&D to the Peanut Patch. Some big fish close to 20 pounds are being taken at PK.

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'Totally different' Pirates will rev up the pace in new season

BY GRANT MCGALLIARD
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This year's Granbury Pirates will look nothing like the 2016-17 team. Eric Kirchner, the dominant post player, graduated, along with most of the Pirates' starters. Mason Hix, a talented forward, transferred to Justin Northwest.

So how is head coach David Breazeale approaching the year?

"It's kind of fun for me," he said. "My teams have kind of been constructed the same since I've been here. And so now it's going to be a bit different."

"It's gonna be a totally different team. I haven't had a team like this since my first two years in Godley."

Granbury is moving from a four-in, one-out system centered around a single post player to a five-out, guard-oriented system. The Pirates will focus on getting shots up quick and using dribble penetration to create good looks at the basket.

"We have three really legitimate dribble-penetration threat guys," Breazeale said.

And if they can't get into the paint, they're more than content to stay behind the arc.

"We're got some guys that can really shoot," Breazeale said. "There'll be some nights we go double-digit threes."

Implementing this new style will be a challenge. But the Pirates have had several opportunities to get used to it.

"We worked on it in the spring," Breazeale said, "and then they have to play it in their spring leagues, and their summer leagues, and their fall stuff. So it's not like I haven't been able to see them play the style."

On defense, the Pirates will play man-to-man. That's mostly due to Breazeale's per-



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BACK FOR MORE: Michael Horne (11) is one of a small group of returning varsity players for the Granbury Pirates this season. Granbury head coach David Breazeale said this team will be unlike any he's coached in previous seasons at the helm of the Pirates, as Granbury will focus much more on guard play and speedy offense.

sonal preference but also a necessity due to Granbury's lack of size.

"We're so tiny across the front, any kind of zone it'd be too easy to see over us,"

Breazeale said. "But we've got some pretty good foot quickness, so I think we're just going to try to keep in front of people."

Even with all of that quickness, the Pirates won't rely on a press for most of the game, although they might run it some of the time.

"We'll press a little bit, but we're not going to be a run-and-press team by any stretch," Breazeale said. "We have been working on the press more than in years past for sure."

The main focus for Granbury, and what Breazeale termed the "\$64,000 question," is defensive rebounding. The Pirates will have to make sure they secure the glass, especially in crunch-time situations.

"That's the big concern," Breazeale said. "Can you get those big defensive rebounds late in the game, when you're ahead and they're just completely crashing the glass?"

The Pirates will need players to step up to replace about 70 percent of the scoring from last year's team, which narrowly missed out on making the playoffs, essentially being eliminated on a buzzer-beating loss to Arlington Seguin in the last game of the season.

Although the players have a "chip on their shoulder" this year, it won't be an easy task to make up for the loss of Kirchner and company.

"With the new guys, you just kind of wonder how effectively they're going to step up," Breazeale said.

Granbury scrimmages Birdville today. The Pirates have one more scrimmage against Saginaw, on Thursday, before officially beginning their season with a home game against Aledo on Tuesday, Nov. 14.

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Lady Pirates look to build off team unity, balanced offense

BY GRANT MCGALLIARD
HOOD COUNTY NEWS

Balance will be the name of the game for the Granbury Lady Pirates basketball team this season.

After the graduation of Gabbie Nunn and Amber Strange, two outstanding post players, Granbury will be searching for players to replicate their production. Lady Pirates head coach Steve Schmidt said that while they'll miss Nunn's ability to "just go score," more players might be able to get involved.

"Losing a couple of players with those kind of statistics, the balance may be better," he said. "And several younger girls who have a gotten a year older, another year of experience, they should be more confident and ready."

One of those players that Granbury was counting on, Jayla Hall, suffered an injury in July that should keep her out for the entire season. Hall started as a freshman last year.

"Knee injuries with girls basketball - we've been pretty fortunate for the past few years," Schmidt said.

Just not this year.

Still, Granbury does have some very talented players on the roster. Mandy Withey, who moved in from Chicago during the summer, has spent the semester on the Lady Pirates volleyball team but should make an immediate impact.

She'll start inside for us, so she was a great move-in," Schmidt said. "And as soon as she got here in the summertime she started playing with some of the girls, and she played in a tournament with us, so she's already become part of the group."

While Granbury normally runs a man-



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LOCK THEM DOWN: McKenzie Scott (14) is expected to step into the role of lockdown defender for the Granbury Lady Pirates this season after the injury to Jayla Hall. Granbury head coach Steve Schmidt said his squad thrives off the unity they've built on and off the court, where the Lady Pirates have bonded as teammates.

to-man defense, assistant coach Melissa Kinnear has started to work in a 1-3-1 zone scheme that the Lady Pirates aren't afraid to break out, even if it goes against Schmidt's natural inclination.

"I've always been very much more man-to-man than zone," he said. "But I will say last year it was pretty balanced with a 1-3-1 and man-to-man."

"The 1-3-1, that's Coach Kinnear, my varsity assistant, she really put that in, she gets a lot of credit for that. So it was nice, even though I love man-to-man defense, it was nice to be able to have more balance there and to be able to throw different looks at other teams."

McKenzie Scott will play a pivotal role in that zone scheme as the guard at the top of the key.

In practice, Schmidt has been pleased with how his team is jelling.

"I've been really proud of the way everyone's getting along, the older kids are being really helpful and not getting that senior attitude of 'we're the boss now, we're in charge,'" Schmidt said. "They've really been good about helping the younger kids and making them feel comfortable, and the younger kids are mixing in and not being afraid."

"They love playing together, they love hanging out together, they love goofing off together."

As far as nuts-and-bolts go, the Lady Pirates are making an extra effort in practice on perfecting the fast break.

"We're wanting to get easy buckets when we can," Schmidt said, "not getting out of control but pushing the ball to put the pressure on the defense every chance we can."

"The girls that will play the post for us will be some pretty athletic girls, and you may not beat the defense down nine times in a row, but on the 10th time, if that girl takes a little snooze, you've got an easy layup."

Granbury scrimmaged Mineral Wells on Tuesday, and have another scrimmage against Northwest today. The Lady Pirates officially begin the season at Brownwood on Tuesday.

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New-look Rattlers excited for season

BY GRANT MCGALLIARD
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The Tolar boys basketball team won't be running any on-ball screens this season.

That seems like a small piece of info to focus on. But it's indicative of the culture that first-year head coach Ethan Lunn is trying to create in Tolar.

"We preach team basketball over everything else," Lunn said. "So ball screens, to me, I don't want one player getting ball dominant and the other four just standing around not doing anything."

The Rattlers are young, with only three seniors and two juniors. As Lunn puts it, he has about "one-and-a-half" players with varsity experience returning.

"We're going to be young, which is a blessing and a curse at the same time," Lunn said. "As a new coach coming in, to say that you're going to have the majority of your team for the next three years is a good thing."

"I'm not senior-heavy where I've, for lack of a better word, gotta waste a year with guys who aren't going to be around much longer."

The town of Tolar has helped tremendously, Lunn said.

"Tolar's been great to us, the community support has been fantastic, and I think people are kind of hungry and excited for basketball," he said.

Still, adjusting to a new coaching style with a young roster is going to take time.

"I think for us, we just want to - to use the old coaching cliché - we just want to get better every day, and understand it's a process," Lunn said. "I told these guys, it's a marathon, not a sprint."

Derian Morphey, a junior who

spent the last part of the previous season on varsity, will start for the Rattlers, although he's currently playing cornerback on the Tolar football team. Seth Carroll, a 6'5" post player, will also be a major force.

"Seth has come a long way," Lunn said. "All his life he's been a post, so I've been trying to pull him out a little bit more and let him expand his game."

Mason Behrens, a sophomore, is perhaps the best defender on the Rattlers. Lunn said other coaches in the district have identified Behrens as a threat more than any other player on the Tolar roster.

Besides that, the Rattlers are largely unproven. Most of the players from the 2016-17 squad that made the bi-district round of playoffs graduated, and so the roster is full of unknowns.

"There's nobody that's on anybody's radar right now. I think," Lunn said. "I hope anyway, that we'll catch some people off guard to start the season."

"I think we're going to surprise a lot of people."

Tolar will be a grind-it-out team this season. With two players at least 6'5" who should play significant minutes, the Rattlers will be content to turn games into defensive battles.

They'll hammer the ball into the paint and force teams to make mistakes on defense.

"Our weakness is we don't have great shooters," Lunn said. "But we've got size, and we play defense."

Tolar's plan on defense is to "make you work for every bucket" and not shy away from getting physical in the paint.

The Rattlers will scrimmage Bridgeport on the road on Nov. 11. Their season officially starts Nov. 14 with a home game against Benbrook.



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YOUNG AND HUNGRY: Junior guard Derian Morphey (10) is one of a very young group of Tolar Rattlers that new head coach Ethan Lunn will inherit in his first year on the job. Lunn said it's a "blessing" that he will take over a group that he'll have the opportunity to coach for two or three years in order to implement his system fully.

Despite 'injury bug,' Lady Rattlers eye playoff berth

BY GRANT MCGALLIARD
HOOD COUNTY NEWS

The Tolar Lady Rattlers might be one of the hardest teams to forecast for the 2017-18 season.

After all, head coach Jaci Johnson is only now getting all of her players.

"I've only had about five to eight girls in practice," Johnson said Thursday. "We've been hit by the injury and illness bug, and with our volleyball team making the playoffs, I just got five of my varsity girls and one junior varsity girl back yesterday."

"We've had one full practice with everybody, and it went really well. I'm excited to see how we match up against somebody else."

The Lady Rattlers will return five out of nine main players from a varsity team that went 7-18 (2-10 District 7-3A) last

season. Lauren Franklin, a first-team All-District selection in 2016-17, is recovering from an injury that will sideline her for the first part of the season.

Johnson said she expects her returners - senior post Abby Leatherman, junior guards Shaely Nunley and Kaitlyn Morphey and sophomore point guard Grace Jones - to meet "high expectations" this season. Jones is one of two sophomores, along with Aubrie Sibley, who could make an impact.

"Grace played quality minutes last year at guard and backup point guard, but this year she is going to have to step into the starting point guard role," Johnson said. "I have no doubt she will do great things for us."

"Aubrie is joining us from a good year as a leader on the JV team. I see her stepping up, embracing her role and making a difference for us."

As far as offensive and defensive schemes go, Johnson is willing and ready to vary what she runs based on what the other team throws at the Lady Rattlers.

"I think each of these things depends on personnel," she said. "We're small, but we're also fast."

"We're going to look to score as much as possible in transition. I really think we can beat a lot of people up and down the court."

"Offensively, we'll be running a lot of four-out-one-in and five-out looks, shooting from the outside more than we have. I would like for us to be able to press a little bit more than we're used to to take advantage of our speed."

The main objective for the Lady Rattlers this year will be to improve on the offensive end.

"I would like to see our abil-

ity to score improve," Johnson said. "Last year, we were a pretty solid defensive team. We held some really good teams to low scores."

"This year, I would like for that to continue but improve on the offense end of the floor and put up some higher numbers."

Make no mistake about it, though. Despite only winning two district games last year, this Tolar team has its eyes on a playoff spot.

"We are in a tough district but I really think we can compete," Johnson said. "We obviously want to be competitive in district, surprise district 7-3A and secure a playoff spot."

Tolar scrimmaged Santo on Thursday night. They play Early at 1 p.m. today on the road to open the season and will travel to Huckabay on Tuesday.

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DEFENSIVE-MINDED: The Tolar Lady Rattlers were an excellent defensive team last season under head coach Jaci Johnson. This year, with a smaller

but speedy lineup, Johnson hopes she'll be able to press the opposition more while also focusing on opening up the Lady Rattlers' offensive sets.

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2017-18 GRANBURY PIRATES BASKETBALL

NOV. 4 @ Birdville (scrimmage) 10 a.m.
NOV. 9 v. Saginaw (scrimmage) 8 p.m.
NOV. 14 v. Aledo 7:30 p.m.
NOV. 17 @ Little Elm 7 p.m.
NOV. 21 @ Abilene Cooper 6 p.m.
NOV. 28 v. Kennedale 8 p.m.
NOV. 30-DEC. 2 @ Lake Worth Tournament
DEC. 7-9 Granbury Van Griffith Kia Tournament
***DEC. 15** v. Burleson 8 p.m.
***DEC. 19** @ Crowley 8 p.m.
DEC. 27-28 @ Fredericksburg Tournament
***JAN. 5** @ Joshua 8 p.m.
***JAN. 9** v. Everman 8 p.m.
***JAN. 12** @ Burleson Centennial 8 p.m.
***JAN. 16** v. Cleburne 8 p.m.
***JAN. 19** @ Arlington Seguin 6:30 p.m.
***JAN. 23** @ Burleson 6:30 p.m.
***JAN. 26** v. Crowley 6:30 p.m.
***JAN. 30** v. Joshua 6:30 p.m.
***FEB. 2** @ Everman 6:30 p.m.
***FEB. 6** v. Burleson Centennial 6:30 p.m.
***FEB. 9** @ Cleburne 8 p.m.
FEB. 13 v. Arlington Seguin 6:30 p.m.

***DENOTES DISTRICT GAME**

2017-18 GRANBURY LADY PIRATES BASKETBALL

OCT. 31 @ Mineral Wells (scrimmage)
NOV. 4 v. Northwest (scrimmage) 11:30 a.m.
NOV. 7 @ Brownwood 6:15 p.m.
NOV. 9-11 Burleson Centennial Tournament
NOV. 14 v. Stephenville 6:15 p.m.
NOV. 17 v. Mineral Wells 5:30 p.m.
NOV. 20 v. Keller Timber Creek 2 p.m.
NOV. 21 @ Aledo
NOV. 28 v. Copperas Cove 6:30 p.m.
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2017-18 TOLAR RATTTLERS BASKETBALL

NOV. 11 @ Bridgeport (scrimmage) 10 a.m.
NOV. 14 v. Benbrook 8 p.m.
NOV. 17/18 v. DeLeon (exact date TBD)
NOV. 21 @ Dublin 8 p.m.
NOV. 28 v. Godley 7:30 p.m.
NOV. 30-DEC. 2 @ Dublin Tournament
DEC. 5 v. Grandview 8 p.m.
DEC. 7-9 @ Poolville Tournament
DEC. 12 @ Goldthwaite 8 p.m.
DEC. 15 @ Rio Vista 8 p.m.
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***FEB. 13** v. Millsap 7 p.m.

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2017-18 TOLAR LADY RATTTLERS BASKETBALL

NOV. 2 v. Santo (scrimmage)
NOV. 4 @ Early 1 p.m.
NOV. 7 @ Huckabay 6:15 p.m.
NOV. 14 @ Comanche 6:15 p.m.
NOV. 17 @ Benbrook 6 p.m.
NOV. 21 @ Dublin 6:15 p.m.
NOV. 28 v. Glen Rose 6:15 p.m.
NOV. 30-DEC. 2 @ Dublin Tournament
DEC. 7-9 @ Poolville Mesquite Pit Classic
***DEC. 12** @ Peaster 6:15 p.m.
***DEC. 15** v. Millsap 6:15 p.m.
***DEC. 19** @ Eastland 6:15 p.m.
DEC. 28-30 @ Eula Holiday Classic
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Middle school singers make All-Region Choir

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Lu Johns-De La Garza from GMS and Matthew Walters from AMS earned first-chair honors.

wood, Lana Quist, Kennedy Tackett.

TENOR-BASS CHOIR

Tenor 1: Spencer Burnfield, Ashton Lemens, William Power, Makai Scott, Caden Shattuck, Bleu Slater.

Tenor 2: Austin Brassie, Brennan Fisher, Trent Gray, Brennan Hunter, Gavin Logsdon, Cristian Padron, Tyler Peterson, Alex Wheeler.

Bass: Jack Barefoot, Ethan Conatser, Ethan Gustavson, Jackson Lecluyse, Carter McKay, Nolan Moore, Isaac O'Neal, Matthew Walters (first chair), Nathan Wisely.

The All-Region Choir clinic and concert is Saturday, Dec. 2 at Saginaw Chisholm Trail High School. Directing are Christine Bridges and Randall Walters at AMS and Jeremy Bowen and Dawn Crnkovic at GMS.

HONOR TREBLE CHOIR

Soprano 1: Haylei Godfrey, Lu Johns-De La Garza (first chair), Kimberlee Joyce, Julie Smith.

Soprano 2: Victoria Burkey, Bailey Stone.

Alto: Mckenzie Hamilton, Kaylee Kirkland.

SELECT TREBLE CHOIR

Soprano 1: Haley Bandy, Aria Brock, Kaytlynn Dugger, Christen Nichols, Kalyn Piper.

Soprano 2: Qualyse Bell, Kerstin Branson, Bella Guzman.

Alto: Logan Hall, Palma Nor-

Tolar's trek to state

After chosen as one of the top three bands in the area marching contest at Waco Midway High School, Tolar's high school band will participate in the state marching contest next week. Tolar's show is "Dia de los Muertos" ("Day of the Dead"). Tolar will join 20 other 3A bands marching in the San Antonio Alamodome. Tolar will march in the prelims at 12:45 p.m. Tuesday. The finals will be that evening.



COURTESY

'Singin' in the Rain Jr.' will hit stage at AMS next week

Acton Middle School theater students will present "Singin' in the Rain Jr." on Nov. 10-12.

Performances in the AMS cafeteria are on Friday, Nov. 10 at 7 p.m., Saturday, Nov. 11 at 7:30 p.m. and Sunday, Nov. 12 at 2:30 p.m.

Admission is \$7 at the door.

Leading the cast are Matthew Walters as Don Lockwood, Julie Smith as Kathy Selden, William Power as Cosmo Brown and Amy Adams as Lina Lamont.

Also in the cast are Laura Burch, Alex Call, Ty Chilcutt, Halli Eagle, Jewel Evans, Ethan Gustafson, Ashton Lemens, Kennedy Tackett and Nathan Wisely. Rounding out the ensemble are Hannah Baker, Jack Barefoot, Qua'lyse Bell, Victoria Berkey, Lacy Criswell, Joseph

Debello, Sydney Dennis, Charlie Dolan, Trent Gray, Malakye Harris, Faith Herbelin, Liz Heil, Madison Ice, Grace Lanham, Kennedy Long, Morgan Moore, Laney Sebastian, Scout Skaggs, Bleu Slater, Avery Thomas, Gracie Weaver and Elise Wilkinson.

Chorus members are Amber Barker, Spencer Burnfield, Emily Dolan, Katie Lou Funk, Ella Garner, Kiara Giffen, Grace Hilley, Palma Norwood, Payton Thomason, Jillian Tremble and Sara Welch. The stage manager is Ally Herndon. Other crew members are Alex Arlington, Cheyenne Bryant, Alexander Funk, Colton Gibson, Bella Guzman, James Hass, Sykora Hatten, Lucas Keys, Caroline Martin, Kelsie Sklark, Katelynn Sukampo, Brianna Taylor and Lou Whiting.

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Santa's sleigh will join display

BY DEBBIE SCHNEIDER
HOOD COUNTY NEWS

After making its debut last Christmas, Santa's House returns to the square with a newly constructed sleigh and picturesque panels for photo ops.

Last year, Santa spoke with 2,845 children in Granbury during the 40 hours he spent at Santa's House. The hours will be doubled this year.

While Santa's House is a sight to behold, Santa Claus is pretty memorable himself.

After speaking with Santa last year, Lily Stryker, 8, remarked, "That's the best Santa I've ever seen."

How do you know it's not the real Santa, she was questioned when leaving the gazebo.

"Because you can never see the real Santa, or he will lose his magic."

Santa's House is created with hand-painted panels that slide into place at the gazebo on the square. Several individuals and businesses are contributing items to enhance the place.

To accommodate those who can't maneuver the steps at the gazebo, a custom sleigh has been constructed at ground level.

Additional attractions include a large panel painted to replicate a stained glass window and another features a

Texas-sized cowboy boot. These can serve as backgrounds for those wanting to take family pictures. There's also a large postcard wishing a Merry Christmas from Granbury.

Santa Claus arrives in Granbury as the last entry in the Night of Lights Christmas Parade,

Friday, Nov. 24 and will be available in Santa's House to talk with children that night.

Pre-parade musical activities begin on the square at 6 p.m., and the parade is at 7 p.m.

Kroger's Cookie Tent on the square will be decorated much like Mrs. Claus' kitchen at the North Pole. Children can decorate their own cookies after the parade on Friday, Nov. 24.

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SLEIGH RIDE: You can't actually take a ride in this sleigh, (above) but you can take a seat inside. Ken and Arlis Holland have been helping out with construction on the sleigh. It's going to be featured next to Santa's House at the gazebo on the square, and will be wheelchair accessible.

AT LEFT: Visitors to the square during the Christmas season will find this larger than life postcard. Snap a picture of the handcrafted card and you will have a keepsake from your time on the square.

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Jason Glavin

Jason Glavin, 49, of Granbury, passed away Thursday, October 26, 2017. Memorial service: 2:00 PM, Saturday, November 4, 2017, Wiley Funeral Home Chapel, Granbury.

Jason was born on January 3, 1968 in Sacramento, California to James and Linda Glavin. He proudly served in US Navy. He loved hunting, fishing and camping. He loved sitting at the round fire with family and friends. He was a joker, who loved being with friends. He also enjoyed watching sports, car restoration shows, The Price is Right and Bonanza. He loved

snapchat. He hated spiders, so his nickname became "Spiderman."

He was preceded in death by his father, James Glavin.

Jason is survived by his wife: Denise Glavin, daughters: Makenzie Glavin, Sydney Glavin, stepson: David Dixon, mother: Linda Glavin, brother: Kenneth Glavin, sister: Kandis Glavin, grandfather: Rev. Clifford Smith, grandmother: Lois Shell, father-in-law, Rick Dixon and wife Denise, mother-in-law: Betty Matthews and friend Raymond Blevins.

Linda Gail Hofmann

Linda Gail Hofmann, 76, of Granbury, passed away Monday, October 30, 2017. Service: 1:00 PM, Thursday, November 2, 2017, Wiley Funeral Home Chapel, Granbury. Graveside service: 9:15 AM, Friday, November 3, 2017, Dallas Fort Worth National Cemetery.

Linda was born on March 13, 1941 in Indianapolis, Indiana to Forrest and Ruth Harney. She was the percussion band leader and homecoming queen in High School.

She married Bill Hofmann on September 15, 1962 in Terre Haute, Indiana. Together they worked on the farm for 11 years.

Linda was a wonderful home-style cook, who liked to have family meals together. Most of all she was the greatest mother in the world.

Linda played the piano and was a member of First United Methodist Church in Granbury. One of her favorite pieces was Chopin's minute waltz.

She was preceded in death by her parents, and her son, Jeffrey Hofmann.

Linda is survived by her husband



band: Bill Hofmann, daughter: Kristi Shelton of Bedford, son: Barry Hofmann and fiancé May Quach of Arlington, grandsons: Clifford Dale Shelton, Jr. and Timmy Hofmann, granddaughter: Taylor Nicole Shelton, brother: Larry Harney and wife Barbara, aunt: Martha J. Lang, and numerous nieces, nephews and extended family.

Wiley Funeral Home made arrangements.

Gary 'Fuzzy' Johnson

Gary "Fuzzy" Johnson, 58, of Granbury, passed away on Friday, October 20, 2017. Celebration of Life: 4:00 PM, Saturday, November 11, 2017, Wiley Funeral Home Chapel, Granbury.

Gary was born on May 20, 1959 in Fort Worth, Texas to Richard and Linda Johnson. He was married to the love of his life Lisa. They were married for 17 years.

He was a fanatic about race cars and drag boats. He loved riding on his motorcycle and playing golf. He will be missed by many. He was loved by all.

He also will be missed by his other family the Railroad, Union Pacific where he worked for 38 years as a machinist. He was well respected and loved. He loved going to work. If anyone needed anything he was there.

He was joined in heaven with his father, Richard Johnson and his loyal companions Ping and Wreily Ann and Zeus.

We will miss him and our hearts are heavy, but he is in a better place with our Lord and savior Jesus Christ.

Gary is survived by his wife: Lisa Johnson, children: Shelley



Marie Taylor and husband Zac, Tyler Dempsey and wife Carina, and Jamie Chenault, grandchildren: Delaneyann, Jackson, Colby, Kailee, and Mike, sisters: Sharon and husband Tracy Keenom, Kim Braham and Karen Worthington and mother: Linda Johnson. He also is survived by brothers-in-law Bryan Dempsey and wife Tina, Steve Dempsey and many, many friends and relatives, his kitten Chloe and puppy Harper.

Merry McClanahan

Merry McClanahan, 74, formerly of Lipan, passed away on Sunday, October 29, 2017. Graveside service: 4:00 PM, Saturday, November 4, 2017, Evergreen Cemetery, Lipan, Texas.

Merry was born on November 22, 1942 in Oatmeal, Texas to Lloyd and Ruby Brown. She married her husband of 58 years, David Drew McClanahan in Austin, Texas.

She was loving and caring, and her children and grandchildren were her life. She was a member of Kingdom Hall of Jehovah's Witnesses, and actively participated in Bible studies.

Merry was very active. She loved the outdoors and camping. She also had a green thumb and loved vegetable and flower gardening. She was preceded in death by her parents, daughter: Mayree McClanahan great-granddaughter: Brooklynn and one sister, Peggy.



Merry is survived by her husband, David McClanahan, ten children, 19 grandchildren, 27 great-grandchildren, two sisters and four brothers.

Wiley Funeral Home made arrangements.

Eugene Lawrence 'Gene' Boone

Eugene Lawrence "Gene" Boone, age 79, beloved husband, father, brother and friend passed away on Oct. 28, 2017 with his family by his side. He is a former resident of Granbury.

A Memorial Service will be held at the Granbury Church of Christ, Granbury, TX on Sunday, November 5, 2017 at 1:30 PM. Memorials: In lieu of flowers Gene's memory may be honored with a donation to Foster's Home for Children, PO Box 978, Stephenville, TX 76401. Foster Home is very dear to Gene as he retired after 19 years of dedicated service to youth.

Gene was born on December 15, 1937 in Dallas, Texas. He dedicated his life to his family and friends and working with children in Christian Child Care. Gene was preceded in death by 37 days, by his beloved wife, Charmaine Boone of 58 years.

Survivors: Preceded in death by 37 days, his beloved wife, Charmaine Boone of 58 years. Children, son Larry and wife Karla Boone of Allen, TX, son James and his wife Teri of Abilene, TX, daughter Jennifer Bray, Stephenville, TX. His grandchildren, Brittany Forrester and husband Cody, Kelsey Ishmael and husband Ryan, Carson Boone and fiancé Addi-



son Fratt, Ashlee Boone, Cade & Brazes Bray. Great Grands Trenton Forrester, Riley Rue Forrester & River Ryan Ishmael. One sister Joyce Smith. Brother-in-law and Sister-in-law Rick and Susie Erickson. Extended family and countless friends. He was also preceded in death by his parents, Edgar & Flora Boone.

Gene was a loving husband, father, grandfather and great grandfather & brother. He will be remembered for his charitable work and selfless sharing of his life.

Wiley Funeral Home made arrangements.

John Michael Gross

John Michael Gross, 64, of Tolar, Texas passed away on Tuesday, October 24, 2017. Private family services will be held at a later date.

John was born on November 22, 1952 in Sarasota, Florida. He proudly served in the United States Air Force. He was a mechanic during his military service. He was a hard worker and a very skilled builder and carpenter.

When John was not working, he enjoyed camping with his family. He was known for

always helping friends in need. He was also known for always having a cigar. He was preceded in death by his parents and his favorite aunt.

John is survived by children: Brian Fisher and Laura Chandler, Christi Hudson and husband Kevin, Kelley Reed and husband Randy, and Timothy Gross, grandchildren: Dylan Gross, Casey Fisher, Kylie Fisher, and Dawn Reed, and two brothers.

Martins Funeral Home made arrangements.

Ruth Dornes

Ruth Dornes, 103, of Granbury, passed away on Tuesday, October 31, 2017. Memorial service: 2:00 PM, Sunday, November 5, 2017, Wiley Funeral Home Chapel, Granbury.

Ruth was born on January 30, 1914 in Otterville, Missouri to Emmett and Jessie Reed.

She was a homemaker and a loving mother and grandmother. She was a former member of

First United Methodist Church, Granbury.

She was preceded in death by her daughter Elaine Luker.

Ruth is survived by her daughter: Cheryl Gove, one grandson, three granddaughters, and three generations of grandchildren.

Wiley Funeral Home made arrangements.



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There's no ideal number of years' experience a listing agent should have—even a new agent can do a great job for you—but you may prefer to work with someone who has experience with certain types of transactions.

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for the sale. Texas Realtors have access to more than 100 forms that may apply to your situation and offer consumer protections that the Texas Real Estate Commission's promulgated forms don't provide.

HOW DO YOU MARKET LISTINGS?

The agent may provide examples of how he or she has marketed previous properties. The agent may also suggest ways you can prepare your home to show well, or offer services such as hiring a home stager and using a professional photographer for listing photos.

HOW LONG ON AVERAGE DO YOUR LISTINGS STAY ON THE MARKET?

You may also want to ask how

WHAT FORMS DO YOU USE?

Ask prospective listing agents if you can review the documents you'll be asked to sign when selling your home, which may include a seller's disclosure, a listing agreement, and contracts and addenda

this compares to your market. This can give you an idea of how quickly the agent's listings sell.

HOW CLOSE HAVE YOUR SALE PRICES BEEN TO YOUR LIST PRICES?

This can give you a general idea of an agent's pricing strategy, but other factors can contribute, like an especially hot market.

WHAT IS YOUR EXPERIENCE SELLING HOMES IN MY AREA?

Housing-market characteristics can vary from city to city and even among neighborhoods.

You may want to work with an agent who has sold properties in your area and understands what attracts buyers to the community.

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Calendar

SATURDAY, NOV. 4

LORD'S ACRE at Tolar United Methodist Church, gift items, silent auction, desserts for sale, brisket lunch, games for children, 11 a.m. to 3 p.m., 8812 Highway 377 W.

SUNDAY, NOV. 5

ROMANCING THE MONARCH, learn how to develop butterfly garden with Master Gardeners, 1:30 - 4 p.m. at Demonstration Garden behind Hood County Annex I, 1410 W. Pearl St.

FIRST RESPONDERS Appreciation Event, 4-8 p.m. at the Pavilion at Plaza East (Grumps), 121 Cleveland Road.

MONDAY, NOV. 6

ALZHEIMER SUPPORT group discusses caregiver issues and concerns, 10 a.m., Acton United Methodist Church.

RAILROADERS CLUB will discuss news and events, 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m., Spring Creek Barbeque, 317 Highway 377 E.

TUESDAY, NOV. 7

OPERA GUILD meeting fea-

tures entertainment by comedian/magician Rick Morrill, 10:30 a.m., plus optional lunch (\$14), deCordova Bend Country Club, 5300 Country Club Drive. Make reservations at granburyog@gmail.com or 682-936-9572.

OPEN HOUSE at the Brazos Pregnancy Center includes overview of programs and personal tours, 6 to 8 p.m., 1812 Acton Highway.

BLOOD DRIVE, noon to 5 p.m., First Christian Church, 2109 Highway 377 W.

REAL MEN Knit Class, 6-8 p.m., free knitting class for men of all ages, Hood County Library, 222 N. Travis St. Call Olivia Bower at 817-578-1581 for supply list and register at 817-573-3569.

WEDNESDAY, NOV. 8

HOLIDAY MARKET featuring local shops and vendors, 4:30 to 7:30 p.m., Harbor Lakes Golf Club, 2100 Clubhouse Drive.

THURSDAY, NOV. 9

DESIGNER PURSE BINGO benefitting Paluxy River Children's Advocacy Center and the Rainbow Room, \$50 admission, Salon El Ranchito, 5704 W. High-

way 377, 817-573-0292.

ROTARY CLUB welcomes Lt. Col. Scott Casey and 1st Sgt. Johnny Rosita from the GHS ROTC program, noon, Harbor Lakes Country Club.

FRIDAY, NOV. 10

VIETNAM WAR Commemoration by Elizabeth Crockett Chapter of Daughters of the American Revolution, distributing lapel pins to veterans, 8:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. (while supplies last), Cari's Restaurant on Highway 377.

WOMAN'S WEDNESDAY

Club's annual fashion show and luncheon fundraiser, 10:30 a.m., deCordova Bend Estates Country Club.

SATURDAY, NOV. 11

VETERANS DAY at Memorial Lane, 561 N. Travis, includes a special presentation. Cards will be provided to honor veterans, along with those serving in the military today. Write the name on the card at the site. They will receive a card noting the commemoration.

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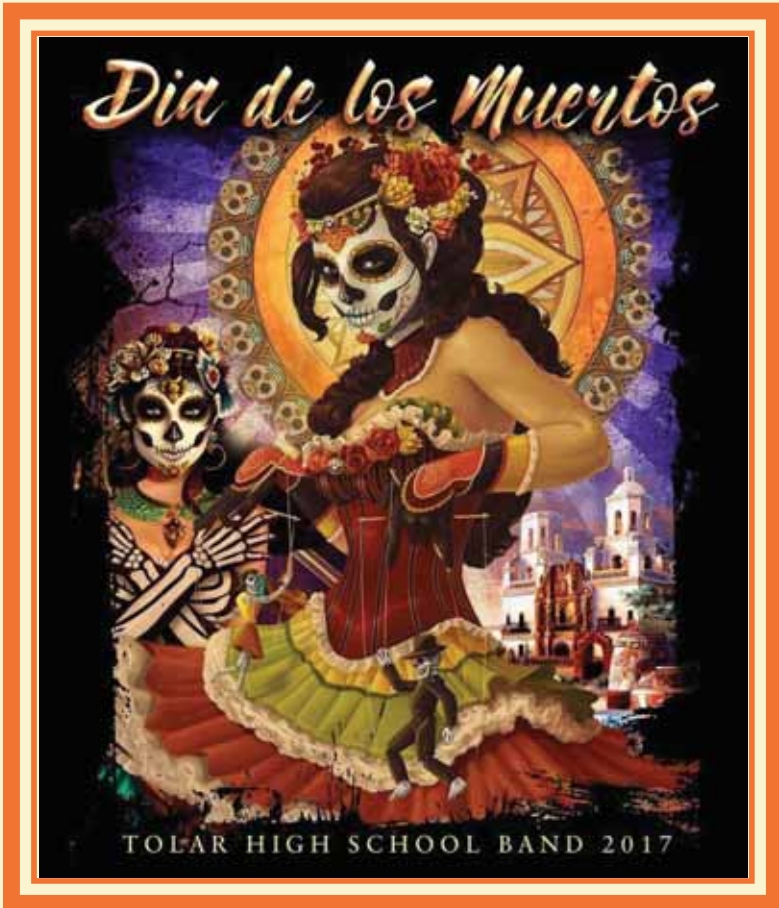
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