

# Hood County News

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## Breeder suspects vultures killed dog

BY BETHANY KURTZ  
HOOD COUNTY NEWS

A local Shih Tzu breeder reported the unusual death of her top stud dog last week.

Sue Brown said she heard her 5-year-old dog Gus crying in the backyard about 9:30 a.m. on Tuesday, Nov. 7.

She found him dead at the back corner of her property, Brown said. She believes he had been dead only a moment or so. "There were about 50 to 100

big black birds on top of him," she said. "It was just like in the movie 'The Birds.'"

Due to the protective fence around her property where Gus lived, her quick response and the large number of birds, she said she is convinced the birds killed him.

She reported the incident to Hood County Animal Control but was directed to the game warden because it involved wild animals.

The game warden told her

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--Dog breeder Sue Brown

large black vultures that stand about 2 feet tall have been known to kill animals as large as calves, she said. The vultures travel in packs, he told her. The warden recommend-

ed keeping the dogs in areas where there are plenty of trees and other cover because the vultures need space to operate their large wings, she said. According to the U.S. Fish

and Wildlife Service, black and turkey vultures are federally protected migratory birds, making it illegal to kill one without federal authorization.

However, a permit is not necessary to "harass" or otherwise disperse or discourage vultures from using areas where they may be a potential threat to livestock, according to the service.

Attacks by black vultures on livestock is a widespread concern for ranchers and ways to combat them are being dis-

cussed, the service stated.

Brown now allows her 15 breeding dogs outside only in areas with overhead cover when they go out, she said.

Brown is no stranger to the threats wild animals pose to her terrier-size dogs.

She has had puppies carried off by hawks and owls and had to install the 8-foot fence around her property off Williamson Road south of Gran-

PLEASE SEE BIRDS | 2A

## Free for all Thanksgiving dinner planned

BY KATHY CRUZ  
HOOD COUNTY NEWS

No matter who you are, no matter how old you are, no matter what your religion or political affiliation, there is a place for you at the community Thanksgiving table.

Don't have a ride? One can be provided.

Are you a shut-in, or living with one?

Food can be brought to you.

James Brock, who last year sponsored a community Thanksgiving dinner with the help of volunteers, is doing it again this year.

The free Thanksgiving Day feast will again take place in the Courts Cleveland Show Barn at the Granbury Reunion Grounds, 641 Reunion Court.

Thanksgiving is next week - on Thursday, Nov. 23.

Meals will be served that day from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Last year, Brock provided food for about 500 people. This year, he's planning on 700. He said he has been told that some churches that typically give away turkeys for Thanksgiving aren't doing it this year.

He said that he has been in contact with Mission Granbury, Joseph's Locker and People Helping People, and those organizations are helping to spread the word.

"They have more people in need this year," he said of the local service organizations. "My phone is ringing off the wall."

As with last year, there are no strings attached to the meal.

Brock, who is in the oil and gas business and is a member of Stonewater Church, is able to buy the food wholesale. Volunteers help with everything else.

Steam tables and smokers will be loaned for the event.

"It's open to anybody," Brock said of the community meal, adding that the welcome mat extends to people who are new to town and have no family here.

Free rides will be provided by Like a Cheetah courier service for those who need them.

Brock is estimating that about 100 meals will be delivered to shut-ins. Want to volunteer, or to let Brock know you'll be attending the event so that he can keep a head count? Call him at 817-219-4282. Need a ride? Call 817-573-2262. Need meal delivery? Call 817-243-4035.



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### From the heart of Hood County

VFW Post 491 member Tom Ward greets participants as they circle around the Granbury square during Saturday's Veterans Day Parade. The love for veterans run deep in Hood County and its citizens took the opportunity to show their

support with several Veterans Day programs and presentations over the weekend. See P. 4A for related photos.

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## Water plant online but not at capacity

BY KATHY CRUZ  
HOOD COUNTY NEWS

The first phase of the city of Granbury's new water treatment plant is currently online, but is not yet running at full capacity, according to Public Information Officer Bethany Warner.

"When the reverse osmosis section of the plant is completed in the coming weeks, the plant will start running at full capacity," she said Monday.

Warner said that operator training is being done and crews are finishing office and lab installations.

In a statement sent to the HCN last week, Warner wrote: "The pre-treatment raw pump station, flocculators, and plate settlers are in and have been leak and function tested. The microfiltration skids are in-



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**NEARING COMPLETION: The first phase of the city's new water plant is online but is not yet operating at full capacity. Public Information Officer Bethany Warner said that the reverse osmosis section is still being completed.**

stalled and water is being run through the system."

Warner said that water that is being distributed is "treated

and is completely clean and drinkable."

She stated, however, that the plant is not yet functioning at full capacity because "the reverse osmosis portion of the plant is not yet ready."

The new plant will use microfiltration and reverse osmosis methods to treat the high levels of salinity in the water in Lake Granbury.

The plant will meet the requirements of the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ).

The first phase of the water treatment plant will produce 2.5 million gallons of water per day.

Phase Two will produce 5 million gallons a day, and Phase Three will be able to handle a daily distribution of 7.5 million gallons.

The city also has 34 ground-

water wells.

The Texas Water Development Board provided low-interest financing - 2.16 percent - for construction of the plant.

The city won't have to start payments on the principal until a year after the plant is completed.

After moving forward with the project, city officials realized that infrastructure needed to be upgraded in certain areas of town in order to ensure adequate distribution.

The city then secured another \$15 million loan from the Water Development Board to finance those upgrades, which City Manager Chris Coffman said will be able to handle growth in the city for many years to come.

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**PLAYOFF BOUND:** The Tolar Rattlers have a long road trip ahead of them. After beating Coleman 26-13 last Friday night, they'll head to Big Spring this Friday to take on Alpine in the bi-district round of the UIL 3A playoffs. 7A.







**DRIVER INJURED:** DPS Troopers inspect the damage done to a semi-truck when a pickup veered into it on Monday afternoon. The collision occurred just south of the Hood and Somervell County line. The drive of the pickup was taken to the hospital in critical condition. The semi's driver was uninjured.

## DPS: Driver seriously injured after veering into semi on 144

BY BETHANY KURTZ  
HOOD COUNTY NEWS

The driver of a pickup truck was seriously injured after colliding with a semi-truck Monday afternoon, according to Texas Highway Patrol Staff Sergeant Dub Gillum.

The pickup driver, Mario Truillo, 53, from Cleburne, was taken by ambulance to Lake Granbury Medical Center in critical condition, Gillum said. He was later flown to a hospital

in Fort Worth.

The driver of the semi-truck, Jerry Pack, 60, from Stephenville was not injured, Gillum said.

The crash occurred at about 1:20 p.m.

According to witnesses, the pickup was traveling south on Highway 144 just south of the Somervell and Hood County borderline, Gillum said. Witnesses stated Truillo veered into the side of a semi-truck

hauling rock that was traveling north, he said.

The front left side of the pickup struck the left back tires of the semi, Gillum said.

The pickup ended up on its side in the brush on the side of the road. The semi-truck was able to stop on the shoulder after losing at least two rear tires.

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## Driver taken to jail for third DWI

At 11 p.m. Thursday, Granbury Police stopped a 2008 Ford F-250, said Sgt. Cris Brichetto.

Elias Chavez, 28, of Stephenville, was driving the truck, he said. Chavez was given a sobriety test and placed under arrest for driving while intoxicated for



Chavez

the third or more time, Brichetto said.

Chavez has two previous convictions for driving while intoxicated, he said.

## Deputies: Traffic stop finds felon with firearm

Around noon on Thursday, Hood County Sheriff's Office deputies stopped a vehicle on Acton Highway in Acton, said Public Information Officer Lt. Johnny Rose.



Warwick

Clayton James Warwick, 34, of Granbury, was found to be in possession of a .40-caliber semi-auto pistol, Rose said.

Warwick is a convicted felon, Rose said.

He was arrested and charged with felon in possession of a firearm, a third-degree felony. He was released on a \$7,500 bond.

## Always the season for scams

The Hood County Sheriff's Office reminds people to remain vigilant against the ever-changing world of scams, said Public Information Officer Lt. Johnny Rose.

"Recently, people are receiving phone calls where the caller identifies themselves as working for the Hood County Sheriff's Office asking for donations," Rose said. "This is a scam."

Another scam included mes-

sages that a computer has a virus that recommends clicking a link for help. Others scams offer free money and asked the receiver to send money to get it.

"Scams change through time, but the end result is taking your money," Rose said.

Those with questions about a possible scam should call the Hood County Sheriff's Office and speak to a deputy or investigator, he said.

The number is 817-579-3316.



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## Putting on a show

Dave Alexander, who has Grammy nominations, performs a tribute to Gene Autry during the Follies Veterans Day show at Granbury Live. The show was designed to salute American veterans and included a variety of performances. The show was sponsored by the Hood County News.

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Attorney, Veteran, and local rancher Ron Massingill is filing his candidacy to run for Hood County Judge in the Republican primary this March. Ron has been married to Brenda Hall Massingill whose family has owned the Black Diamond H Ranch in Hood County for approximately 100 years. The nearly century old ranch has offered employment to Granbury residents for many years. Ron is a native Texan growing up in El Campo where he learned the rigors of hard work on a cotton farm.

The recent unwarranted attacks against our law enforcement and conservatives have become a concern for Ron, and are what has prompted his decision to run for County Judge. Ron has proudly served his Country during the Vietnam War, and upon his retirement from his law firm, looks forward to serving his community full-time as County Judge. Massingill's primary focus will be on safety and spending control of the taxpayer's money.

The Massingill's have been long-time supporters of their community. Each year they hold an Elk Chili Cookout for peace officers in Hood and the surrounding counties. They open up their ranch to law enforcement on a routine basis for target shooting and weekend retreats. Following the announcement this summer by the Texas Legislature to observe July 7<sup>th</sup> Fallen Officers Day, Ron and Brenda began the Fallen Officers Day Benefit in Hood County. This event raised over \$17,000.00 for seriously injured officers and families of fallen officers. Brenda is Captain of the Hood County Sheriff's Posse, and Ron is a member.

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Massingill's extensive career as an attorney will bring the much needed expertise to the position of County Judge with the ever-changing social issues that are targeting our society. Ron believes our forefathers were absolutely ingenious in their creation of our Constitution. He is a strong constitutionalist, and always looks to our Nation's and State's Constitutions first in following the law. Ron has always given credit to his faith in Christ for any success he may achieve. Ron and Brenda are members of Triple Cross Cowboy Church in Granbury.

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# HOMETOWN HEROES



## Heartfelt love from the Hood

Locals and visitors alike lined the streets around the Granbury square for the best view of Saturday's Veterans Day parade.

## Crowds pay their respect on Veterans Day



## Delivering hope

Representatives from the Comanche Peak Marine Corps League Detachment 1297 Toys for Tots campaign were on hand to ride in the parade and accept donations.



## Cheers for the Red, White & Blue

Hometown pride ran high on Pearl Street as the Veterans Day parade circled the Granbury square.



## Gratitude abounds in Granbury

Veterans attending Saturday's parade were greeted with encouragement, smiling faces and signs of gratitude.

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- 5 TXism: "packed like sardines in \_\_\_"
- 6 west of Beaumont on U.S. 90
- 7 TX country singer, Mandrell (init.)
- 8 TXism: "shoots from the \_\_\_" (careless)
- 9 in TX two-step, men lead, women
- 15 stop marching
- 16 TXism: "jumped \_\_\_ on a hook"
- 19 TX Charley's "My Eyes Can \_\_\_ as Far as You \_\_\_"
- 21 TXism: "paddle your own \_\_\_"
- 22 \_\_\_ Jill went up the hill
- 27 TX Martha Hyer 1965 film: "The \_\_\_ of Katie Elder"
- 28 expurgator
- 29 mother of ex-coach Jimmy Johnson
- 30 TX "Babe" won several golf titles as this before turning professional in 1947
- 32 TXism: "\_\_\_ hill for a stepper"
- 33 decisive political victory
- 36 in Wood County on U.S. 69
- 37 TX Buck Owens TV show: "\_\_\_ Haw"
- 38 Dallas "\_\_\_" Historic District
- 39 TXism: "horse \_\_\_" (nonsense)

- 41 TXism: "loud enough to wake the \_\_\_"
- 42 soup server
- 45 charged molecules
- 46 Mexican "si"
- 47 preceeds Nehemiah in the Old Testament
- 48 this TX-born Smith won 1984 Olympic gold in the pole vault (init.)
- 49 combining together
- 52 implant

- 53 TX Ivory Joe Hunter's "Since I \_\_\_ You Baby"
- 54 TXism: "within \_\_\_ shot" (near)
- 55 TX Bonnie & Clyde, e.g.

### DOWN

- 1 \_\_\_ Alstyn, TX
- 2 Mexican "echo"
- 3 near Paris, TX: "\_\_\_ Goose Refuge"
- 4 TXism: "a horse with \_\_\_" (sign of danger)
- 8 TX Woodward was Boss Godfrey in "Cool \_\_\_ Luke"
- 9 "Fiesta San Antonio" features this night parade (2 wds.)
- 10 TXism: "mighty fine"
- 11 TX Ellerbee of former "NBC News Overnight" (init.)
- 12 gash or cut
- 13 TXism: "he's got the morals \_\_\_ alley cat"
- 14 Dez Bryant is happy when the team \_\_\_
- 15 TXism: "\_\_\_ the day is long"
- 16 this Horne was in TX-based "Death of a Gunfighter"
- 17 OU players
- 18 "Texas \_\_\_ Monument" is in Galveston

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- 26 TXism: "sling it on the wall \_\_\_ if it sticks"
- 28 Havana's country
- 31 Gen. Robert \_\_\_
- 34 "he \_\_\_ me on a wild goose chase"
- 35 TXism: "\_\_\_ cahoots with"
- 37 female chickens
- 40 Gov. "Big Jim"
- 43 in Tarrant County on highway 199
- 44 expelled or ousted: "\_\_\_ out"
- 50 gasoline in Britian
- 51 TX DL, e.g.

# Hammering it home Grandpa's lesson never forgotten

BY ROGER ENLOW  
EDITOR

He loved his grandchildren so much it was hard for him to say no. But he also had his way of disciplining.

Linda Hyde remembers when three of her cousins were visiting the homeplace. They were young, about pre-school age.

One of them had played with Grandpa's hammer and didn't put it back.

"When Grandpa found it, he asked who had moved the hammer, and he got no response," Hyde said. "So, he rounded up the three and lined them up shoulder to shoulder in the backyard.

"He told them that he was going to turn around and close his eyes and then throw the hammer over his shoulder and it would hit the one who moved the hammer."

Grandpa assured them that the hammer would not hit the innocent parties.

"So, Grandpa walks a few paces and then raises the hammer like he's going to throw it and he hears someone running," Hyde related. "When he turns around, two kids are left standing and the guilty one was gone."

Virg Bird will turn 100 years old on Sunday, Nov. 26.

Bird was dependable and generous, Hyde said about her grandfather.

"He offered help at one time or another to each grandchild," she said. "I don't think 'no' was in his vocabulary for grandkids."

Bird was born in north Hood County near Lipan on Nov. 26 1917 to Ira D. and Pearl Bird. He attended three schools in the Hood County area up to eighth grade: Bethel, Wood Valley and Herring-Hightower.

Bird married Lora Boyd Groom on Dec. 24, 1940, and they were married 62 years until her death in 2002.

During World War II, he worked for the highway department and at General Dynamics. He later drove delivery trucks for Gulf Oil and Sands



Bird

## 100TH BIRTHDAY PARTY

A come-and-go 100th birthday celebration for Virg Bird will be Sunday, Nov. 19 at The Oaks on Highway 4 from 1 to 2 p.m.

Propane, making stops all over Hood County and beyond. He was manager of the Sands Propane office until he retired in the mid-1980s.

"As a truck driver for Gulf and Sands, it seems he knew everyone in Hood County, and even today, I can drop his name and people know him," Hyde said.

He didn't like to travel far from home and could not be still for very long, she pointed out.

"Whenever he would visit someone else's home, he managed to wander outside and find some 'work' to do," she said.

Bird gardened and raised cows, sheep, goats, pigs and border collies.

His favorite pastime these days is drinking coffee in the common area at The Oaks in Granbury.

"Grandpa is in great health for this age," Hyde said. "He can't see except maybe shadows and some color; he can't hear unless you actually yell into his left ear ... however, he has a hearing aid that keeps getting lost (he doesn't like it).

His memory is pretty good, Hyde said.

"He asks about various members of the family when I visit; although I asked him yesterday how he met Grandma. He couldn't remember that, but then he proceeded to tell me every detail about his pet horse "Blossom" and his pet dogs "Pick" and "Choice" from his childhood.

"When he does tell a story, it is very detailed in description, with tangents along the way and a few choice cuss words included for emphasis."

Bird's not very active now, but he walks with the aid of an old-fashioned walker (the kind with tennis balls on the leg).

He discarded the new one that has a seat and basket.

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# GISD elementary seeks votes in Red Ribbon photo contest

Throughout October, in conjunction with the National Family Partnership's 32nd Annual Red Ribbon Week, families and schools decorated their homes and campuses to promote living healthy, drug-free lifestyles.

Each decoration featured a red ribbon and this year's national Red Ribbon Week theme:

"Your Future Is Key, So Stay Drug Free."

Emma Roberson Elementary School seeks your votes to win the grand prize: \$1,000 for their school's drug prevention programs.

The National Family Partnership's Red Ribbon Photo Contest, now in its seventh year, is

co-sponsored by the National Family Partnership and the Drug Enforcement Administration. The contest was created in an effort to prevent drug use and educate youth during Red Ribbon Week and beyond.

The voting deadline is Friday. Visit [www.redribbon.org/contest](http://www.redribbon.org/contest) to vote.

# Party awards \$90,000 in grants

The GEF Party Bus traveled all over the community Friday as the Granbury ISD Education Foundation announced the winners of grants and special awards totaling almost \$90,000.

The foundation had a substantial increase in fundraising - thanks in part to a successful fifth annual 50 Fellas Foodfest - allowing for an increase in grant awards.

This year's funding brings the six-year grand total to just about \$367,000.

The new grants will fund a number of innovative teaching and school initiatives during the second half of the 2017-18 school year.

The group of winning projects include a variety of innovative initiatives involving subjects such as robotics, financial planning, weather, fine arts and

technology.

Projects also included a district elementary initiative funded by the H-E-B Tournament of Champions for Hagerman's "Math-A-Magic" assemblies for the younger students. The program is hoped to spark curiosity, critical thinking, creativity, collaboration and communication among the students.

The grocery store also sponsored "Nature's Classroom - Outdoor Learning Environment" at Granbury Middle School. The project would include an Outdoor Learning Center similar to the one currently at Acton Middle School. Preliminary plans are to increase access to the area via a pathway. The site is located behind GMS and near the GISD Agricultural Science Complex.

Two other grants were also

named for big contributors to the foundation. PlainsCapital Bank sponsored "It's a Bird ... It's a Plane ... It's a Drone!!!" for Granbury High School science students to enhance their research with drone technology.

A "Going on a Kids' Science Safari" project was sponsored by Lake Granbury Medical Center to provide Emma Roberson Elementary School students the opportunity to tour a hands-on exhibit on campus.

Special awards were also announced to fund \$7,500 in certification exams for the school district's career and technical education program - sponsored by the Granbury Optimist Club - as well as college visits for GHS and STARS Accelerated High School students.

## SCHOOL BRIEFS

### GISD OUT ALL NEXT WEEK; LIPAN, TOLAR OFF THREE DAYS

Granbury schools will be closed all next week for the Thanksgiving holidays.

Lipan and Tolar schools will be closed only Wednesday through Friday.

### FAMILIES INVITED TO ENJOY THANKSGIVING LUNCHES AT SCHOOL

Parents and family members are invited to join their students during their lunch periods for Thanksgiving feasts at Granbury ISD schools to-

day and tomorrow:

Wednesday, Nov. 15 - Acton Middle School, Baccus Elementary School, Granbury Middle School, Oak Woods School, Roberson Elementary School (grades K and 1).

Thursday, Nov. 16 - Acton Elementary School, Granbury High School, Mambrino School, Roberson Elementary School (grades PK and 2).

Schools will be serving chicken, dressing, mashed potatoes with gravy, sweet potatoes, green beans, cranberry sauce, rolls and dessert. Tea and water will also be available.

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# Lady Pioneers win state volleyball title

BY GRANT MCGALLIARD  
HOOD COUNTY NEWS

The North Central Texas Academy Lady Pioneers are the 2017 Texas Association of Parochial and Private Schools 1A volleyball champions.

They did it in style, blowing through the playoffs while dropping only two sets on the way. The Lady Pioneers dispatched Bulverde Bracken Christian School in three sets, 25-7, 25-20 and 25-17, to take the title.

Head coach Jordan Southerland said she knew before the season started that her team would "have a fighting chance" at a state championship. The Lady Pioneers were loaded with talent, and placed four players on the All-Tournament team.

NCTA had another advantage, too, as they competed in the first semifinal game at Waco Midway High School. They were able to sit and watch Bracken play in the second semifinal game, and picked up on what they needed to gameplan for.

"They had a strong outside hitter, and their second outside hitter had a tough serve," Southerland said. "We couldn't let her go on big runs."



**FIRST-TIME CHAMPS:** The North Central Texas Academy Lady Pioneers are the TAPPS 1A volleyball state champions. Pictured (from left to right) are: managers Taylor Hemby, Charis Maxwell and Mufaro Mutizwa, Brianna Keith (front), assistant coach Jirah Rodriguez, Dorotea Koprivica, head

coach Jordan Southerland, Marija Golubovic, Anja Vulovic, Iva Jelovac, Abbey Kacal, Kelsey Kacal, Anja Gruber, Kansas Simons, Milica Pejovic and assistant coach James Southerland.

The Lady Pioneers were "fired up" heading into the game, and executed to perfection. They only allowed Bracken's excel-

lent server to go on one little run, and played lights out in all other areas. Seniors Milica Pejovic, Iva

Jelovac and Kansas Simons, along with junior Dorotea Koprivica, were named to the All-Tournament team. Southerland

was effusive in her praise of all four players. "Milica is a competitor," Southerland said. "She hates to

lose, and she has a very intense personality. She'll do everything she can to finish a point.

"Iva is everything you want out of a setter. She's calm, cool, and smart.

"Kansas played middle blocker for us last year, and this was her first year playing outside hitter. She's learned to be patient, and she's done a really great job for us.

"Dorotea is used to playing on the right side (as opposed to middle blocker). She's learned to commit to blocks and she has a great jump serve."

Simons finished with six kills on 11 attempts. Koprivica had two aces in the final, while Jelovac added four aces, two kills and 28 assists.

Pejovic had an outstanding championship game with two aces, six digs and an eye-popping 20 kills on 27 attempts.

Southerland said the feeling of lifting the trophy was a "humbling experience" for her and the Lady Pioneers.

"It's a rare opportunity," she said. "As a kid, you always dream of holding up a trophy at the end of the year."

NCTA finished with a 35-9 record.

# Pirates end season with Seguin loss

BY GRANT MCGALLIARD  
HOOD COUNTY NEWS

ARLINGTON - Granbury football's 2017 campaign came to a close Friday night with a 28-20 loss to the Arlington Seguin Cougars.

If you had told a Granbury fan that they'd finish 5-5 this season after a 2-8 year in 2016, they probably would've taken it in a heartbeat. But some of the losses Granbury incurred this season were frustrating - none more so than Friday's game.

Granbury starting quarterback Kevin Moore had twisted his ankle against Cleburne, and while he was able to finish that game, he couldn't put any weight on it before the Seguin game. That meant backup quarterback Clayton Jones was handed the keys to the offense, and he performed "good enough for us to win the ballgame," head coach Chad Zschiesche said.

The Pirates led 20-0 at halftime. Granbury was controlling every facet of the game, and Seguin couldn't stop the Pirates' defensive line, which would either pressure the quarterback or draw a holding penalty on the Cougars on nearly every play.

Jones threw touchdowns to Logan Robinson and Zach McCreight, and Ty Williams added a touchdown on the ground. All three of Granbury's scores came in the second quarter.

But a switch flipped at the half, and Seguin came out aggressive as could be. Granbury couldn't get anything going on offense, and the Cougars' speed in the backfield allowed Seguin

## GAME AT A GLANCE

**FINAL:** Arlington Seguin 28, Granbury 20

**GRANBURY PASSING:** Clayton Jones 12-36-91-22TDs

**GRANBURY RUSHING:** Ty Williams 19-36-1, Clayton Jones 4-6, Josh Franklin 1--4

**GRANBURY RECEIVING:** Zach McCreight 9-64-1, Peter Brown 1-21, Ty Williams 1-3, Logan Robinson 1-3-1

**TOTALS:** Granbury 91 yards passing, 38 yards rushing, 129 yards total; Seguin 116 yards passing, 71 yards rushing, 195 yards total

**FIRST QUARTER:** Granbury 0, Seguin 0

**HALFTIME:** Granbury 20, Seguin 0

**THIRD QUARTER:** Granbury 20, Seguin 20

to have success running the ball around the edges of Granbury's defense.

After Seguin ran an interception back for a touchdown and Granbury had a mishap on a punt snap that gave the Cougars outstanding field position, the momentum tilted against the Pirates. Seguin scored what turned out to be the winning touchdown with 8:20 left in the game, and Granbury couldn't mount a drive to respond.

"We're disappointed in how we finished the game Friday night," Zschiesche said. "But there's always two perspectives to every picture.

"The negative perspective is

we didn't finish the game on top. But the positive perspective is, we were down five starters - one of which was our quarterback - and had a 20-point lead at halftime."

Looking back at the season, Zschiesche said that he's seen plenty of growth from the end of 2016 to this point.

"We've made drastic strides since we've gotten here," Zschiesche said. "It was obvious that this was our first year after an offseason, and that helped.

"From work ethic, to expectations, to family, to buy-in and belief - all of that, we've made huge strides. We had a chance this year to be even more successful from a wins standpoint, and so we're certainly headed in the right direction."

The Seguin loss is something that the Granbury coaches will "harp on" during the offseason.

Last year, the Pirates were focusing on how to compete in games and maybe pull out a few wins along the way. In this upcoming offseason, now that Granbury has proven they know how to win and can compete with the rest of the district, they'll be focused on how to finish games and close out leads.

In the meantime, the Pirates will have to figure out what to do with all of this free time. Granbury's been going at it hard since August, and now that the season is over, it's starting to sink in that the Pirates won't play another game until late August 2018.

"I told them, this week, you're going to feel a little lost, because you're going to have all this time on your hands that you're not used to," Zschiesche



**END OF THE ROAD:** The Granbury Pirates' 2017 campaign came to an end on Friday with a 28-20 loss at Arlington Seguin. The Pirates finished with a 5-5 (2-5 District 9-5A) record, a marked improvement from the 2-8 (1-6) season from last year, although head coach Chad Zschiesche said Granbury had opportunities to earn more wins this season than they did.

said. "And then somewhere around Thanksgiving Day, or the week after, you're finally going to realize, 'Wow, I wish I could go back out there. It's over.'"

"We're going to miss it." Granbury finished 2-5 in District 9-5A, tied for sixth in the district.

Crowley, Everman, Burleson and Burleson Centennial will represent the district in the playoffs. Crowley and Centennial will be Division I represen-

## GRANBURY'S 2017 SEASON RESULTS

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| <b>W</b> @ Western Hills, 58-6 | <b>W</b> @ Joshua, 38-21              |
| <b>W</b> v. R.L. Turner, 44-26 | <b>L</b> v. Everman, 41-7             |
| <b>W</b> v. Springtown, 42-20  | <b>L</b> @ Burleson Centennial, 51-20 |
| <b>L</b> v. Burleson, 42-6     | <b>W</b> v. Cleburne, 41-34           |
| <b>L</b> v. Crowley, 48-17     | <b>L</b> @ Arlington Seguin, 28-20    |

tatives, while Everman and Burleson will be in Division II.

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**CROSSING THE LINE:** Tolar's Jacob Sparks reaches out for the end zone against Coleman in the Rattlers' 26-13 win on Friday night. Tolar finished the regular season with a 6-4 (3-2 District 3-4A Division II) record and will play Alpine in Big Spring on Friday in the first round of the UIL playoffs.

## Tolar wins final regular season game

### Rattlers now eyeing Alpine in bi-district round

BY GRANT MCGALLIARD  
HOOD COUNTY NEWS

On Friday night in Coleman, the Tolar Rattlers played "good enough to win," according to head coach Jeremy Mullins.

They did just that, winning 26-13 over the Bluecats in the final game of the regular season.

Not a blowout, not a particularly shellshocking result, but they got what they needed.

"It was closer than I would've liked, even going into the fourth quarter," Mullins said.

That's despite an outstanding effort from the Tolar defense, which held Coleman to under 100 total yards. One Bluecat touchdown was scored on a trick double-pass, while the other came when Tolar granted Coleman a short field after a turnover.

Mason King was a big part of that defensive effort - Mullins estimated that he had "around 16 or 17 tackles" at his linebacker position. King also pulled his weight on offense, with 44 rushing yards and a touchdown both by air and on the ground.

Clayton Deaver had 140 receiving yards and a score, which should come as a surprise to precisely nobody who has watched Tolar this year. Jacob Sparks had 91 yards rushing and scored Tolar's other touchdown.

#### PLAYOFF BOUND

Tolar now gets to focus on the postseason, where they'll take on Alpine in the bi-district round of the UIL Class 3A Division II playoffs.

#### TOLAR MOVES INTO BI-DISTRICT

**What:** UIL bi-district Playoff Game

**Who:** Tolar (6-4, 3-2 District) 3rd place District 4-3A Division II vs. Alpine (7-3, 3-1 District), 2nd place District 3-3A Division II

**When:** 7 p.m. Friday, Nov. 17

**Where:** Memorial Stadium in Big Spring

Alpine finished 7-3 and 3-1 in District 3-3A Division II. Their last two district wins were close games to Ballinger and Reagan County, and the Bucks were blown out by district champion and perennial title threat Sonora.

But Alpine had its fair share of blowout wins this season, including a 68-0 win over Texas Leadership Charter Academy, a 54-0 win against Stanton and a 65-0 demolition of Grape Creek. The Bucks are a good team, and they'll pose a formidable test for the Rattlers.

"I'll tell you what they have, is a good amount of skill kids," Mullins said. "I track who touches the ball throughout a game, and I bet they have six or receivers that catch a ball and three or four backs that will carry the ball."

"They're a little more run (oriented), but they'll throw it pretty well. The quarterback's pretty good."

Defensively, the Bucks are "stout," Mullins said. Alpine will run a four-man front, and they always seem to be in the right alignment.

The Rattlers are fired up to be in the postseason yet again, Mullins said. Right now, they're "playing for their shoulder

pads."

"You win Friday, you get to keep your pads. You lose, you have to turn them in," he said. "We're playing to keep those pads."

Tolar has benefitted from a relatively healthy season so far. The Rattlers will hope to get back a key player or two before the postseason begins.

For Mullins, Friday will be his first postseason appearance as a head coach. While he said there is "some pride" involved in making the playoffs, he said he's mostly just glad he met expectations.

"I'll be honest with you, that's the expectation here I think, is to be in the playoffs," he said. "Anything less than that would've been a disappointment."

"So yeah, there's some pride in it for sure. But I'd like for us to go make some noise now and show that this is just the start of something."

Tolar and Alpine will kick off from Memorial Stadium in Big Spring at 7 p.m. on Friday. The winner of that game will play the winner of Colorado and Tularia in the area round.

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## Granbuy girls split tourney games, Lipan beats Keene

The high school basketball season is officially underway, and a few Hood County teams were in action last weekend.

#### GRANBURY LADY PIRATES

Granbury traveled to the Burleson Centennial Tournament over the weekend.

The Lady Pirates opened with two losses, 66-36 to Randall and 57-41 to Dallas Thunder. But Granbury rallied to close with a 42-41 win over Lubbock and a 62-54 win over Carrollton Ranchview.

#### LIPAN INDIANS

The Lipan Indians played the Class 3A Keene Chargers at Chisholm Trail High School on Saturday.

Lipan won, 54-40. The Indians trailed 12-7 after a quarter, but rallied to pull away.

Lipan played Ft. Worth South Hills at home on Tuesday. They'll compete in the Burk Burnett Thanksgiving Shootout next week.

The Lipan Lady Indians beat Dublin 31-25 on Friday night, also at Chisholm Trail. They played Haskell at home on Tuesday.

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## Part of the winning team

Tucker Allen (second from right), of Tolar, was part of the winning North Team in the Jackie Burke Cup, which pits members of the North Texas region of the Legends Junior Tour against members of the South Texas region.

Allen won his match 3&2, finishing with four birdies and no bogies in the final 11 holes at the Cascades Golf Club in Tyler.



PATRICIA BECKER

## Bowing out

Cornerstone Christian Academy quarterback Christian Turberville caught a touchdown pass from Weldon Wallace on a trick play and scored on Friday night. The

Crusaders lost in the first round of the Texas Christian Athletic Fellowship football playoffs 58-12 to Lakeland Christian.

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### Fritter's Saving Success

Fritter has been saving towards a summer visit to Six Wags Amusement Park. He needs a total of \$100 and by sticking with his savings plan, he's well on his way!

So far, Fritter has saved up:

## \$75.35

Another way to write that amount is using words, like this:

**Seventy-five dollars and thirty-five cents**

**A Note to Parents**  
Talk to your child about the difference between **WANTS** and **NEEDS**. Discuss how giving in to **WANTS** can derail a savings plan!

- One great way to save a large amount of money is by saving just small amounts over a long period of time.
- If you get an allowance, don't spend it all at once. Save at least part of it each time you get paid. It really adds up!
- Before buying something, make sure you know if it's something you *want* or something you really *need*. It matters!

### Can you do this?

Turn each number into words and the words into numbers.

**Seventy-five thousand, eight hundred and forty-two dollars**

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**Eight thousand, four hundred and seventeen dollars**

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**I found LOTS of other names for money in a Thesaurus. Can you find them in this puzzle?**

**Extra! Extra! Money Words**

Look through the newspaper for five amounts of money written as numbers. Rewrite each one using words.  
Example: \$52.25 is Fifty-two dollars and twenty-five cents.

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

### Kid Scoop Puzzler

Can you find the missing numbers?

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$+ \square 23$	$+ \square 98$
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$970$	$1,204$
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Standards Link: Number Sense: Solve simple open sentences involving operations on whole numbers.

Can you divide this grid into four parts in which each part has the same amount of money?

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\$10	\$1	\$5	\$20

Standards Link: Mathematical Reasoning: Solve problems using logic.

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#### More or less?

Look through the newspaper for two money numbers written as numerals or words. Cut these out and glue them next to each other on a piece of paper, leaving a little space between them. Fill in the space with a <, >, or = sign to make a true statement.

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

### Write On!

#### Start a New Business

If you could start a business, what would it be? How do you know if people need what your business offers? Explain why you would like to start this business.

### Kid Scoop Together: Unscramble it!

Unscramble this list of words. Hint: They all have something to do with money!

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**MEDI**   

**LOADRL**   

**VINEST**   

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**HACS**   

**PEDNS**   

**ROBRWO**   

Standards Link: Reading Comprehension: Follow simple written directions; Spelling: Use the conventions of spelling.

### Kid Scoop-doku™

Complete the grid by using all the letters in the word WANT in each vertical and horizontal row. Each letter should only be used once in each row. Some spaces have been filled in for you.

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# Prayer answered

## Marine survived bloody battle at Iwo Jima



BY DEBBIE SCHNEIDER  
HOOD COUNTY NEWS

After watching the Granbury High School JROTC post the colors Saturday morning, World War II veteran and Iwo Jima survivor Don Graves leaned over to Mayor Nin Hulett and said, "That's as good as I've ever seen."

After hearing Graves speak at the Veterans Day Ceremony in the Granbury High School auditorium, many in the audience felt the same about Graves.

Graves, a small man barely visible behind the podium, wore an Iwo Jima Survivor cap when he spoke.

Born in Detroit, Michigan in 1925, Graves recalled the day he and some friends were huddled together while listening to big band music in a Model A Ford parked at his house.

Using his "radio voice," Graves recalled when the music was interrupted by The Infamy speech delivered by President Roosevelt.

"It was the greatest message ever delivered by a president," Graves said.

In the brief speech, the president called the Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor Dec. 7, 1941 "a date which will live in infamy."

Within an hour of the speech, Congress declared war against Japan, officially bringing the U.S. into World War II.

Right away, the 16-year-old knew he wanted to enlist. When Graves turned 17, he received consent by his parents and

joined the Marines.

He recalled the 21-day trip across the Pacific from Honolulu to Iwo Jima. Upon landing, Graves said he carried a 72-pound flame thrower on his back while mortars were flying around him.

Graves said he laid on the beach and prayed. "God, if you get me off this island, I will serve you the rest of my life."

The battle was relentless, Graves said, and ensued from Feb. 19 until March 26 in 1945.

When the fighting ended, he said the Marines were told to "go to the cemetery and say goodbye to your buddies."

Graves said he was standing nearby when the famous picture of Marines raising the flag at Iwo Jima. "At the time, we had no idea how that picture would become famous," he said. "It didn't make the Japanese too happy that we raised that American flag on their soil."

After returning from the war, Graves said it took nine years before he decided to carry out his promise to serve God if his life was spared in the war.

Graves was at a Billy Graham rally with a buddy in Oshkosh, Wisconsin when his mind went back to Iwo Jima and the promise he made to God. Graves and his wife accepted the invitation and "walked up" that night.

For 32 years Graves was in the pulpit. He retired 10 years ago.

Now in demand as a speaker, Graves also sings. He sang the national anthem at the ceremony.

VIVID MEMORIES: Veteran Don Graves was keynote speaker at the Veterans Ceremony Saturday morning in the Granbury High School auditorium.

He spoke of his experience with the Marines, landing on the beach at Iwo Jima during World War II.



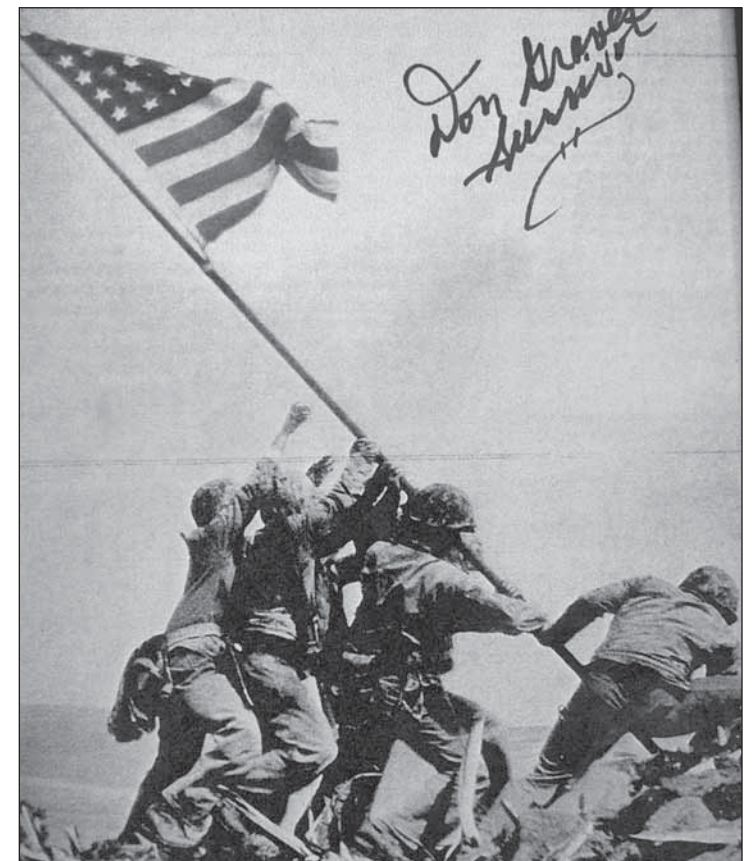
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VETERANS DAY REFLECTIONS: Above left, State Senator Brian Birdwell, (R-Granbury), visits with folks at Lakestone Terrace during a Veterans Day program on Friday. Above center, Bob and Julia Pannell were surprised to find decorated rocks in the box collecting names to be remembered with prayer on Veterans Day. Julia said the box contained about 75 names, and about



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30 patriotic rocks. The rocks will be placed at the Memorial Lane Project. Pictured left: Iwo Jima veteran Don Graves, now living in the Metroplex, was standing with the guys when the flag was raised at Iwo Jima. He said they had no idea how famous the photograph would become.



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## Calendar

The Community Calendar is a free listing in the Hood County news to inform readers of community programs, special meetings and nonprofit events.

To be considered for publication, organizations must include the agenda for the meeting, or the speaker's name and topic. Information should be submitted at least two weeks prior to the event.

Please do not submit a listing for all meetings the entire year. Monthly updates work best. Email information (including the location and street address) to calendar@hcnews.com.

### WEDNESDAY, NOV. 17

**FORWARD TRAINING** Center's Jobs For Life graduation ceremony, 7 p.m., 301 S. Loop 567.

### THURSDAY, NOV. 16

**ROTARY CLUB** welcomes Ceci Marrugo discussing The Polio Plus Initiative, noon, Harbor Lakes Country Club.

**KIWANIS LUNCHEON** includes a presentation by Mike Newton, who was a recent contestant on

"Masterchef," noon, Farina's on Granbury square.

**GRANBURY SQUARE** Historical Tour bus leaves the Senior Center at 8:15 a.m. to tour many historical sites in our area. Bus returns to Senior Center at 2:30 p.m. \$10 for tour plus bring money for lunch at Linda's Southern Kitchen.

### SATURDAY, NOV. 18

**SENIOR CRAFT** Sale, 9 a.m. - 3 p.m., Senior Circle, 1321 Water's Edge, Suite 1001, free admission, for additional information call 817-291-8399.

**SPARROW IDENTIFICATION** class at Acton Nature Center for ages 8 and up, 9:30 to 11 a.m., 6900 Smoky Hill Court in Acton. Wear weather-appropriate clothing and bring binoculars if available for this walking class. To register, email young.birders.of.greater.hc@gmail.com before noon on Wednesday, Nov. 15. Parent supervision required.

**TOY RUN** benefitting Hood County Children's Christmas, kick stands up at 10 a.m., American Legion on Davis Road, \$20, lunch and festivities follow at the FFW on Highway 377 W. Stay for karaoke 8 to 11 p.m.

### MONDAY, NOV. 20

**ELIZABETH CROCKETT** chapter, Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR) welcomes Retired Marine Corps CWO Michael Musselman discussing his time in Iraq and Afghanistan, 10 a.m., First Presbyterian Church Fellowship Hall, 301 S. Bridge St.

### WEDNESDAY, NOV. 22

**THANKSGIVING DINNER** at the Senior Center, 11:30 a.m., 501 E. Moore St. No activities in the afternoon due to holiday dinner.

### THURSDAY, NOV. 23

**NO MEALS** delivered by Meals on Wheels due to holiday.

### FRIDAY, NOV. 24

**NO MEALS** delivered by Meals on Wheels due to holiday.

### SATURDAY, NOV. 25

**KARAOKE NIGHT** at VFW Post 7835, 8 p.m., 3670 Highway 377 W.

### MONDAY, NOV. 27

**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.

### TUESDAY, NOV. 28

**PECAN FLY FISHERS** Club will discuss Brazos River cleanup, 6:30 to 8 p.m., Pecan Activity Center, 9201 Plantation Drive, 817-573-2716 (call ahead of time for access at the Pecan gate if you live outside the neighborhood).

### THURSDAY, NOV. 30

**SHOPPING EXTRAVAGANZA** benefitting Toys For Tots, 2 to 7 p.m., Celebration Hall on Granbury Square, admission is a new, unwrapped toy.

# Jewel Ball benefits beautification



**EVERYBODY, GET ON THE FLOOR:** The dance floor stayed full at the 33rd annual Jewel Ball Saturday night at Granbury Resort Conference Center. Dancers like Sissy and Wayne Keeling of Granbury (left, front) enjoyed the

upbeat music. The annual event is a fundraiser to help the Lake Granbury Area Beautification Council promote a more beautiful Granbury with the funding for shrubs, Christmas lights and water features in the park.



**JEWEL BALL:** Dr. Peter Krone and his wife Jennifer were supporting the Lake Granbury Area Beautification Council. The Krones were part of the biggest crowd in recent years.



**PAINT THE TOWN RED:** Lori and Mark Collinworth of Granbury had a great time at the 33rd annual Jewel Ball at Granbury Resort Conference Center Saturday night.

# Ladies love Autumn Leaves style show



**THOSE SLEEVES:** Cheryl Wisdom models for Caylor Creek Boutique during the Autumn Leaves fashion show and luncheon Friday at deCordova Bend Country Club. Proceeds benefit the Woman's Wednesday Club of Granbury.



**IT'S IN THE DETAILS:** Mary Lynn Martin models for Jeans Crossing at the Woman's Wednesday Club fashion show Friday. The benefit show raises money for scholarships given by the Woman's Wednesday Club each year.



**JUST RELAX:** Jonnie Gaffin is feeling comfortable in this lounging attire from Destiny.



**ANIMAL PRINT:** Accessories complete this Jae Posh outfit modeled by Nancy Priddy.



**GO RED:** Carolyn McLeod shows sophisticated attire from Red on the Square.



**BRIGHT:** Chloe Steinhagen models bold colors from Stuff 'N' Nonsense Boutique.

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DAR chapter thanked 122 Vietnam-era and other veterans, Gold and Blue Star mothers and military family members at a similar event at Walmart. Front, from left: Marcy Carter-Lovick; Sue Rearden; Cari Gradney; Mae L. Burns, Air Force; Norma Hubbard; and Kathy Hanlon. Back, from left: Tom Rearden, Air Force; Jim Trimble, Army; Lenny Trimble, Navy; David Burnes, Army; and Jim Hanlon, Air Force.

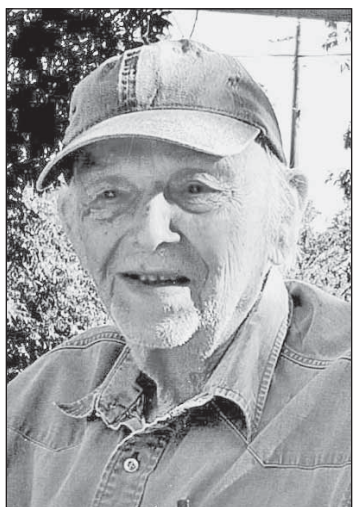
## Obituaries

### Burt Olvis Irby

Burt Olvis Irby, 87, of Granbury, passed away on Thursday, November 9, 2017. Service: 2:00 PM, Friday, November 17, 2017, Wiley Funeral Home Chapel, Granbury. Interment: Thorp Spring Cemetery, Visitation: 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM, Thursday, November 16, 2017, Wiley Funeral Home, Granbury.

Burt was born on April 28, 1930 in Pittsburg, Texas to Reo and Maybell Irby. He married Bonnie Freeda Barlow on February 24, 1950 in Fort Worth, Texas. He was a dirt contractor by trade. He enjoyed spending time with his family. He was preceded in death by his wife Bonnie Irby on June 20, 2017.

Burt is survived by his sons: Jerry Irby and wife Angie, and David Irby, daughters: Linda Montgomery and Joan Little, grandchildren: Tammy Cooper, Jerry Irby, Jr., Jamey Pender-



grass, Brandi Jenkins, Valerie Johnson and Richie Little, ten great-grandchildren and six great-great-grandchildren. Wiley Funeral Home made arrangements.

### Elbert Myrl Cox

Elbert Myrl Cox of Granbury, 92, passed away peacefully Friday, Nov. 10, 2017 in Granbury. Memorial service: 11 a.m. Thursday, Nov. 16, 2017 at Martin's Funeral Home. Interment: 3 p.m. in Moore Memorial Gardens, Arlington, TX. Visitation: 9 to 11 a.m. Thursday before the service. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to Foster's Home for Children in Stephenville, TX

Myrl was born July 2, 1925 in Killeen to George Elbert and Myrtle Brock Cox. He served in the U.S. Marine Corp in the Pacific Theater during World War II. He married Alva Lois Sittton after the war and they were happily married until her death in 2011. He was a faithful member of the Granbury Church of Christ and a longtime member of the Granbury Sam's Camping Club. Myrl was a hardworking man that loved God and his family and will be missed by all.



Survivors: Brother, Thomas M. Cox; nieces, Pamela Gary and husband Olin, Carolyn Row and Kay Sisk and husband Doyle; nephews, Thomas L. Cox and wife Gayle and Robert Sittton and wife Eva.

Arrangements by Martin's Funeral Home.

### LaDell Patzig

LaDell was born on July 15th, 1931 to Gus & Lorie Rhea of Mt Pleasant, TX. She peacefully left her earthly home to be with her Heavenly Father on November 11th, 2017. After high school she moved to Dallas where she met her husband of 67 years, Charles 'Pat' Patzig. The two of them were never happier than when spending time together playing golf, crappie fishing, spending time with family & traveling. She was an excellent cook and loved baking for her family & friends. Dell was preceded in death by her parents, her sister Kyle Roach, and brothers Max Rhea, Dan Rhea, & Don Rhea, all of Mt Pleasant. She is survived by her husband, Pat of Granbury, her children Jan & Mike Smith of Tyler, Terry & Janis Patzig of Mesquite, and Carol & Kent Pendergrass of Granbury, sisters in law Dorothy Rhea, Jane Rhea, & Debbie Rhea, all of Mt Pleasant,



15 grandchildren, 14 great-grandchildren, and 1 great-great-grandson. A celebration of LaDell's life will be held at Wiley's Funeral Home in Granbury at 11 am on Saturday, Nov 18th. Memorials may be made to Waples UMC or Mission Hospice.

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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**WHO LIKES THIS ONE?** Seth Richey, of the Granbury Police Department, shows the crowd a special bag with camo design at the Heroes with Handbags fundraiser Thursday. The event benefits the Paluzy River Children's Advocacy Center and the Rainbow Room. These nonprofit agencies serve children of abuse.



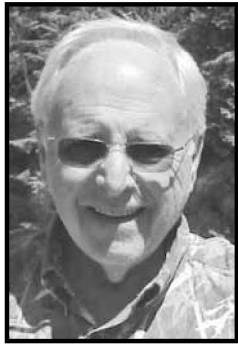
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**IT'S FOR THE KIDS:** Designer bag bingo was part of the fun Thursday night at a benefit for the Paluzy River Children's Advocacy Center and the Rainbow Room. Thomas Cochran of the Somervell Sheriff's Office shows this bag to a cheering crowd. Members of law enforcement and first responders modeled the bags.

## Devotion Page

### Faith - Essential to Receiving

**GUEST COLUMN**



**Mike McMahon**  
Pastor of  
Fellowship Church  
of Hood County

Today look at John 14:12-14. "Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that believeth on me, the works that I do shall he do also; and greater works than these shall he do; because I go unto my Father. 13 And whatsoever ye shall ask in my name, that will I do, that the Father may be glorified in the Son. 14 If ye shall ask any thing in my name, I will do it."

What a wonderful promise! We can do the same works that Jesus did! Thank You, Jesus!

He healed the sick, cleansed the lepers, and raised the dead. He made blind eyes see and deaf ears hear. He made the lame walk. We can and should be doing these same works. God hasn't changed (Hebrews 13:8). It's the people representing Him who have changed. Until we accomplish these same works that Jesus did, we shouldn't worry about trying to do the greater works.

This scripture will never fit into a theology that says miracles are not for today.

Asking in the name of Jesus is more than just words. This is speaking of asking and expecting to receive only because of what Jesus did for us. It is not coming to the Father on the basis of any worth or merit

of our own, but putting total faith in what Jesus did for us. Those who simply say the words, "in Jesus' name," but then state their own worth or are condemned because of their perceived unworthiness are not truly coming in faith to the Father in the name of Jesus.

There are certain qualifications to this promise. Matthew 21:22 says, "And all things, whatsoever ye shall ask in prayer, believing, ye shall receive." And James 1:6-7 says, "But let him ask in faith, nothing wavering. For he that wavers is like a wave of the sea driven with the wind and tossed. For let not that man think that he shall receive any thing of the Lord." So faith is absolutely essential to receiving.

Faith only takes what God's grace has already provided. So, if it isn't already provided through Christ, we can't get it through prayer and faith. Faith doesn't make God move. Faith only appropriates what Jesus has already provided. This is why we can't take this verse and say, "I confess with my mouth that I will rob a bank, I will make off with one million dollars, and they will not catch me." We can't do that because the Lord didn't provide thievery for us in Christ's atonement. The things we believe for must already be something that Jesus has provided for us through His atonement.

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