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## When did they know?

### Hearne believes Exelon knew companies wouldn't be paid for outage work

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Hearne

The owner of a Granbury security company believes Exelon officials knew the Wolf Hollow I plant was about to be tied up in bankruptcy, but hired his company and others to work a recent outage anyway, knowing those companies wouldn't receive quick payment. Ed Hearne of Hearne Security said this week that he will contact the attorney general's office, as well as County Attorney Matt Mills, to find out whether a crime such as theft of services

was committed. "They knew upfront that they weren't going to pay us when they signed the paperwork with us," he said. "They waited until the work was done and (companies) had invoiced them, then they filed for bankruptcy." A company representative said the bankruptcy decision was not made until shortly before papers were filed last week. Hearne said that one of his

security officers was warned by a plant employee on the 12th day of the 14-day outage that Exelon Generation Texas Power (EGTP) was about to declare bankruptcy. "He said, 'You better go check on this because we're fixing to go bankrupt,'" Hearne related. EGTP is a wholly owned indirect subsidiary of Exelon Corporation. Days later, the alleged warning given by the employee became a reality. Bankruptcy papers were filed on Tuesday, Nov. 7.

Hearne, who said his company has worked outages since the plant opened, said he has paid the four employees who worked the recent outage out of his own pocket. The amount he invoiced Exelon, which totalled more than \$5,000, represents about 10 percent of his company's monthly income, he said. "That may not be a lot to some people, but it is to us," Hearne said. Hearne suspects that other companies that worked the outage probably took harder finan-

cial hits. "Some of these companies had 20 or 30 guys there, working 12-hour days," he said. Hearne said he intends to warn a private security board that is under the umbrella of the Texas Department of Public Safety so that other private security companies that might be hired to work at other Exelon plants are aware of the situation. Under a negotiated agreement with the company's lenders that is pending approval, four of EGTP's plants - including Wolf

Hollow I in southeastern Hood County - will fall under new ownership. **BANKRUPTCY WAS "NECESSARY"** Jimmy Porch, communications and government affairs manager at Exelon Corporation, said that the final decision on the bankruptcy was not made until shortly before court papers were filed. In an email to the Hood County News, he said that the bankruptcy "was necessary to facilitate the intended transaction." PLEASE SEE HEARNE | 2A



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### Setting sail

Hayden Frye (left) and fellow Cub Scout Pack 148 members set sail with Monday's rain gutter regatta in the First United Methodist Church of Granbury. Rain gutter regatta is the sailboat equivalent of the pinewood derby. Once the race begins there is no touching allowed. Participants

blow through straws behind the sail to navigate their boats. Scouts begin their project with a sailboat kit that includes a balsa wood hull, mast, plastic sail, plastic rudder and metal keel. See related photo, P. 4A.

## Hold them hostage? County may withhold septic permits to ensure developer compliance

BY KATHY CRUZ  
HOOD COUNTY NEWS



COURTESY

Commissioners this week held the first of several workshops to figure out ways to safeguard the county and homeowners from sub-standard work by developers. Although no official action was taken, it was agreed that the first thing that needs to be done is to streamline and simplify the county's thick regulations manual. Some of the regulations contradict each other. After developers finish a project, they oftentimes request to dedicate roads within the development to the county. This means that the county is then responsible for their upkeep. According to Precinct 4 Commissioner Steve Berry, some developers are long gone by the time drainage and road problems pop up, sparking phone calls to commissioners from angry constituents.

A plan of action going forward likely is going to involve inspections by a third party, such as an engineer with Baird, Hampton & Brown, a company with whom the county has done business. Two engineers with that company - Trace Strevey and Kevin Miller - participated in the workshop. It is also likely that the county will hold a developer "hostage" (a word used several times at the workshop) by, for instance, refusing to issue a septic tank permit until work has passed inspection. Developers may also be re-

**EXHIBIT A?** Jennifer Caudle, who spoke at the county workshop held to address poor work done by developers, provided this photo of a street in the development where she lives.

quired to take out a bond or provide a letter of credit.

#### LEVEL OF PROTECTION

These actions would serve as protection for homeowners such as Jennifer Caudle. She angrily addressed Berry, in whose precinct she lives, about the quality of streets in her development in northern Hood County. Caudle believes that commissioners knew the roads in her development did not meet standards, but allowed the developer to move forward anyway with no repercussions. There has been confusion about what the county legally can and cannot do where devel-

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## School employee arrested for DWI in campus parking lot

BY ROGER ENLOW  
EDITOR

A 45-year-old Granbury school district employee was arrested in the Emma Roberson Elementary School parking lot Thursday morning and charged with DWI. Students and parents witnessed the arrest. Sheriff's office Lt. Johnny Rose said dispatchers received a call of a reckless driver on Glen Rose Highway about 7 a.m. "The caller stated the vehicle

was speeding and swerving into oncoming traffic," Rose said. "Deputies located the vehicle and conducted a traffic stop on Misty Meadow Drive in the Emma Robertson School parking lot." A woman was arrested and charged with DWI, a Class A misdemeanor. Rose said the woman works at Emma Roberson, but school officials declined to say what title she holds. GISD Public Information Officer Jeff Meador said the employee will be on adminis-

trative leave pending an investigation. Emma Roberson Elementary Principal Kellie Lambert sent the following letter to parents: "Today, an employee of Granbury ISD was arrested before school in our parking lot. The arrest was not related to the employee's work in the district and in no way involves any students. "We realize that a number of you and our students witnessed this unfortunate situation occurring. Because this is an on-going matter, we cannot

divulge any other information, but I assure you that the safety and well-being of our students and staff members is and will continue to be our highest priority. "I regret that this situation occurred and the disruption it caused. If your child has questions or concerns about this matter, please feel free to contact me, assistant principal Laura Meek, or counselor Karman Chandler to schedule an opportunity to address those concerns." editor@hcnews.com | 817-573-7066, ext. 245

## Leta Andrews to head library fundraising

BY KATHY CRUZ  
HOOD COUNTY NEWS

Advocates of the Hood County Library are hoping that Leta Andrews will be a slam dunk at convincing the community to open its checkbook to help pay for the library expansion project. The winningest high school basketball coach in the county, known for having a personality as big as her reputation,

was chosen by the fundraising committee to be the face of the campaign, which has a goal of raising at least \$500,000. The entire project will cost about \$3.6 million. Construction of the 10,000-square-foot, two-story expansion at the back of the library will cost \$3.3 million. The budget for Furniture, Fixtures and Equipment (FF&E) PLEASE SEE LIBRARY | 2A

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**UNDERWAY:** High school basketball season is in full swing. All six boys and girls public school teams played Tuesday night, and the private school season is getting going as well. For recaps, stats and analysis from Tuesday's action, see pages 6-8A.





# Cavalier defendant sentenced to 75 years

BY BETHANY KURTZ  
HOOD COUNTY NEWS

A Cleburne drug dealer was sentenced to 75 years in prison Tuesday.

The Hood County jury convicted James Caleb Brooks, 35, of intending to manufacture or deliver almost 20 grams of methamphetamine.

During the trial, Brooks would often appear to laugh during the testimony and smile at family members in the courtroom. He would also raise his hand when a witness was asked to identify him.

Less than a year before he was arrested in Granbury for drug dealing, Brooks was arrested and put on deferred adjudication in Oklahoma for unauthorized use of a vehicle, a felony, according to evidence submitted to the jury. He was supposed to stay on deferred adjudication until 2025.



Brooks

Brooks was arrested on March 3, 2016, during a traffic stop, testified Granbury police officers. The stop occurred about 2 a.m. near the intersection of East Pearl Street and Loop 567 in Granbury.

Brooks was a passenger in the car, testified Officer Chase Miller, but his behavior was inconsistent with the driver's story that Brooks was passed out drunk.

Miller testified he called for a K9 sniff of the vehicle to investigate further. K9 Officer Richard Branum testified he found a wrench socket with marijuana residue inside Brooks' pocket during a pat-down before the vehicle was searched.

Brooks was also carrying several legal weapons including a

stun gun and mace, he said.

District Attorney Rob Christian argued Brooks carried these weapons for his own protection while dealing drugs.

Trace amounts of methamphetamine were found on both seats in the truck, so the driver and Brooks were taken to jail, Miller said.

At the jail, a package with 19 grams of methamphetamine, digital scales and small plastic bags was found in Brooks' underwear, according to Officer Seth Richey who worked in the jail at the time.

The maximum sentence Brooks could have received was 90 years in prison. The minimum was probation.

Brooks will be eligible for parole in 15 years, Christian said.

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## Woman arrested for harboring suspect

A woman was arrested for trying to hide another woman when sheriff's deputies came to arrest her, said sheriff's office Public Information Officer Lt. Johnny Rose.

Around 8 a.m. Tuesday, deputies went to a home on Pecan Arbor Court in Holiday Estates southeast of Granbury looking for Carrie Anne Stephens Bridges, 35, of Granbury.



Bridges



Lawrence

gering a child, both state jail felonies.

During the investigation, deputies discovered Kelly Lee Lawrence, 35, of Granbury, was hiding Bridges at the home, Rose said.

Bridges and Lawrence were arrested and taken to jail.

Lawrence is charged with hindering apprehension, a third-degree felony.

## Police: Grass hidden in the grass

BY BETHANY KURTZ  
HOOD COUNTY NEWS

Granbury police saw through a woman's attempts to conceal drugs during a welfare check Monday, according to Sgt. Cris Brichetto.

About 6:40 p.m., an officer saw a woman standing on the side of Highway 377, he said.

"The officer wanted to check the welfare of the female, identified as Victoria Rose Eye, due



Eye

to the suspicious activity," Brichetto said.

When the officer exited his patrol vehicle, he observed Eye stomp her right foot twice on an object in the grass next to the shoulder, Brichetto said.

When the officer spoke with Eye, she was holding a plastic bag contained several smaller

plastic bags commonly used to contain illegal narcotics, he added.

While walking the area where he had seen Eye stomping, he located a black nylon zipper bag with green leafy marijuana and crystallized methamphetamine, Brichetto said.

Eye was arrested for possession of controlled substance penalty group one, less than 1 gram; and possession of marijuana, less than 2 ounces.

## Omitted details aroused suspicion in case of Granbury man's killing, detective said

BY BETHANY KURTZ  
HOOD COUNTY NEWS

The trial of a former Mesa, Arizona police officer accused of murdering a Granbury man continues in the third week of testimony.

Philip Brailsford is on trial for shooting and killing Daniel Shaver while responding to a call that someone was pointing a gun out the window of a hotel.

Shaver was shot multiple times in the hallway of the hotel

when he reached towards his waistband while being ordered to move on his knees toward the police.

A detective, Paul Sipe, investigated the shooting and testified that there was one fact omitted from the written reports of all of the five officers present when Shaver was killed.

That this information was missing from the reports made him suspicious, he said.

When the detective attempted to explain what was omitted,

the prosecution objected and he was not allowed to say.

The jury has also heard testimony from other officers in the hallway and a woman who came out of the hotel room with Shaver.

Shaver was 26 when he was killed on Jan. 18, 2016. He left behind his wife Laney Sweet and two young children.

Brailsford would face up to 25 years in prison if convicted.

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FOREVER GRATEFUL

We were in a car accident on Oct. 7 at Old Granbury Road and Temple Hall Highway.

We personally wanted to say thank you to all the wonderful people who helped us out.

Thank you to the persons who pulled us out of our Suburban after the accident and called 911. We still don't know who you are. Your kindness to strangers who needed help is something we will ever be grateful for.

Thank you so much to the sheriff, police, EMTs, fire departments and air ambulance companies. You all took good care of us and all were very professional.

We are happy to live in a great town that truly goes out of their way to make sure people like us get care fast.

Jose and Ruth Ortega  
Granbury

THOUGHTLESS RESPONSES

I felt the need to write as a person who believes in prayers for those in need. I was taken aback by the thoughtless responses of some who abuse their access to media platforms.

For example, actor Wil Wheaton tweeted, "The murdered victims were in a church, if prayers did anything, they would still be alive, you worthless sack of (expletive!) this was directed to Congressman Paul Ryan when he expressed his thoughts and prayers."

Another example, the Huffington Post devoted an entire piece to shootings, under the headline, "People fed up with thoughts and prayers demand action after Texas Church shooting."

The remark from Senator Elizabeth Warren, "Thought

and prayer are not enough, GOP, we must end this violence. We must stop these tragedies. People are dying while you wait."

I am appalled by the remarks from liberals who think that gun control will put an end to mass shootings.

If not for the brave citizens who did have guns and chased the shooter to stop him the outcome could have been quite different.

How dare people ridicule or try to politicize on those who are truly sorry for the families of Sutherland Springs, Texas and other victims of violence in this country.

Randy and Jo Kopsa  
Granbury

HELPING FIND THE TRUTH

When Walter Cronkite was the voice of American news, we learned at an early age what reasonable, responsible reporting looked and sounded like - and what it didn't (the tabloids' Boy-With-Two-Heads anyone?).

In my dealings with young adults I often hear, "I don't know what to think. Who can I trust is telling the truth?"

Given the proliferation of public liars their cynicism is understandable.

In the past, my advice was to challenge what they heard by comparing across different news sources and using critical thinking to question what they read and heard.

"Does this make sense? Is this the way people I know would act?"

That sounds good, but is pretty vague - lacks "actionable intelligence" my army friend would say. But now there is an actual tool to help these folks (and you, too) place

your news provider in the pantheon of journalistic quality.

Google "Vanessa Otero Chart."

A Colorado attorney, she has kindly set out an 'x' axis from Liberal to Conservative, and a 'y' axis from "Nonsense" to "Original Factual Reporting."

Sure, this is one person's opinions, but she provides the methodology she used, so it's easy to interpret it and adjust for your own biases.

Vanessa blogs at "All Generalizations Are False," and her chart is offered as a free public service.

If nothing else it may inspire reflection or provide teachers an effective means of spurring classroom discussion.

Charles Stonick  
Granbury

TOLAR TO THE RESCUE

The Dripping Springs Tiger Band and its Booster Club would like to express our sincere gratitude to the Tolar Rattler Band Booster Club.

The truck that pulls our prop trailer broke down on the highway last Wednesday, Nov. 8, as we were headed to compete in the Texas UIL State Marching Band Contest at the Alamodome in San Antonio.

The Tolar Rattler Band trailer, which was on its way home after their competition the day before, came to the rescue. They graciously hooked our trailer to their truck and went out of their way to pull our trailer to the competition for us.

Thank you Tolar Band parents for demonstrating generous Texas Spirit to our kids and yours!

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and Dripping Springs Band  
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Rousing rain-gutter regatta

From left, Cameron Brinkman, Nicholas Baysinger and Carter Wilson of Cub Scout Pack 148 had a blast competing in Monday's raingutter regatta at the First United Methodist Church of Granbury. Considered an

equivalent of the pinewood derby, Scouts are given the basic design rules and a sailboat kit with contents that meet official raingutter regatta specification guidelines. See related photo, Page One.

# All hail the mighty state

Nothing beats feasting on fresh fried shrimp on the Texas Gulf Coast.

Yes, red AND tarter sauce please, and a couple of squeezes of lemon. And a beach towel to catch the crumbs.

We were down there last week, on windy and chilly North Padre Island.

I'm ready to go back.

The Coast in the fall was a new experience. Galveston and Port Aransas were summer-time vacations for the family.

At dawn we'd load the zombie-ish kids in the Chevy van and hit the road. Halfway there we'd pull into a roadside park and eat homemade ham sandwiches for lunch. Pass the Cheetos please.

In pre-whisker years it was fishing with Dad and friends in June and July, reeling in feisty king mackerel and smallish sand sharks. Our good friend, Artis Atkins, did not care for sharks. He was usually a gentle soul, but it was batting prac-

A CLOSER LOOK



Roger Enlow  
Editor

tice as soon as he landed a shark in the boat ... SMACK!!! WHACK!!!! SMACK!!!!

"Artis," Dad would scold, "you're gonna knock a hole in the boat."

Good thing he never did. We were 10 miles from shore.

We didn't ride the sea waves and swat sharks last week. That was a half-century ago and considered torture and require three days' bed rest.

Instead, we did the mature tourist thing, strolling an almost vacant beach and picking up sandy seashells.

On the way home we stopped at historic Gruene (pronounced like the color), another family fav. We would recover in tiny Gruene after spending a waterlogged day at people-packed Schlitterbahn in nearby New Braunfels.

Gruene lives in a stuck Texas time machine. You've probably been there, scooting your boots in Gruene Hall, believed to be the state's oldest dance hall.

We ordered Shiners and belled up to the bar. Thank you Texas.

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# Who ya' gonna believe?

My Uncle Mort - described by his neighbors in the thicket as being "a couple of coats short of a paint job" - seems to be snagged on the horns of a dilemma. Or, maybe he's suffering from delayed effects of dueling air horns blasting "back in the day" at Kyle Field.

"It wasn't long ago that we didn't have to fake excitement for the Texas Aggies' football team. This was true during decades of competition with several other schools in the old Southwest Conference. And, with Thanksgiving at hand, we diehard fans have only memories of annual grudge matches with the University of Texas," he laments.

For decades, he claims, "whoops, air horns and fans' admonitions for the Aggies to 'gig' all foes in sight" greatly overshadowed Kyle Field hoopla these days. "Today's crowd noise sounds more like chattering at Aunt Dinah's quilting party, the one from which the guy was seeing Nellie home," my 105-year-old uncle whines...

Ah, but another point must be added if a dilemma is to emerge. And here 'tis: Mort says he's not talking about "boxcar loads of fake news and 'stuff' passed off as the gospel" by social media.

Instead, he thinks Aggie big-wigs may be resorting to an age-old standby method - intentional changing of subjects.

They figure conversations need to be diverted from a lackluster football season to other things...

■ "Aggies want to talk about

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Don Newbury  
Guest columnist

ratings but not football ratings," Mort opines. "So the big news from Texas A&M is about the U.S. News and World Report ranking the university's law school among the top 100 in the land."

He points out that the Aggies have owned the law school for only four years since buying it from Texas Wesleyan University. He says this gives Aggie backers a different ranking to brag about.

"Aspiring lawyers and football players can wave to each other as they pass," he joked. "One bunch on the way up, and the other on the way down."

As usual, Mort's not sure what to believe. He allows that he may simply "flip a coin." Flip it, I say, there's no law agin' it...

■ Coin-flipping, by the way, becomes more complicated with the announcement by the corporation with 70 Dairy Queens in Texas, Oklahoma and New Mexico that it is shuttering almost half of its stores.

At this time of year, coaches and superintendents of football playoff-bound high schools often meet at halfway-point Dairy Queens for coin flips to determine where games will be played.

With so many Dairy Queens closing, they may have to flip a coin to decide where they'll meet to flip a coin...

■ They still talk about an

historic 1940s coin flip that determined where the basketball playoff game between Rankin and McCamey would be played. Rankin, with tall, beefy players, hardly ever lost in its gymnasium. The old structure's ceiling was exceedingly low, making outside shooting improbable, if not impossible.

Outside shooting, though, was the McCamey specialty, and its gym had a high ceiling.

Coaches and superintendents from the schools met in a dimly lit Rankin office - a single bulb hanging from the ceiling - for the coin flip that would determine the playoff game site.

All of them realized whichever way the coin fell likely would determine the district champion. A half-dollar was flipped; it landed in a crack of the old wooden floor. Its roll was dictated by the crack that meandered under an old desk. Coaches and administrators scrambled under the desk - learning in the near darkness and on all fours - that McCamey won the flip, and, a few days later, the game...

■ Yep, coin flips and luck of the draw determine many outcomes. There are, however, few absolute guarantees.

The sign on an auto repair shop, perhaps owned by a Texas Aggie, includes an important proviso.

It reads: "We Fix Suspensions - Unless You Are Ezekiel Elliott..."

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YOUR TURN

# What are you most thankful for?



Makayla Swiger

"I'm thankful for my dog. She just had a baby. She was born yesterday."



Leonel Mascorro

"I'm thankful for the book fair and for my video games. My dad and I like to play the Zombies video game together."



Jacob Rodriguez

"My mom just because I love her so much!"



Jaydon Barbaree

"I'm thankful for everything in the whole world!"

## Pirates win season opener

BY GRANT MCGALLIARD  
HOOD COUNTY NEWS

The Granbury Pirates are 1-0. That's the good news.

Granbury beat Aledo 56-45 on Tuesday night at the James Wann Sports Center in the Pirates' first game of the 2017-18 basketball campaign, a game that was, for Granbury, frustratingly close from start to finish.

This is the second straight season the Pirates have opened against Aledo, and according to Granbury head coach David Breazeale it's the second straight season the Pirates haven't been able to put the game away against the Bearcats when they should've.

Granbury had plenty of open looks throughout the game, both down low and beyond the arc, but the Pirates had problems converting some of those opportunities. Kyle Beck did his part at the charity stripe, making his first eight free throws in the first half as part of his team-leading 14 points.

Neither team got off to a hot start. Michael Horne scored the first point of the season for Granbury on a free throw, and Joe Schmidt's three-pointer was the first made basket of the year for the Pirates.

The score was 7-7 after one, but the offenses heated up in the second quarter. Highlighted by a beautiful wraparound pass from Horne to Beck, Granbury went on a 12-4 run to take a 19-11 lead with 5:16 left in the quarter.

But Aledo came back, and it took a running three-pointer from Cade Dudley as the half-time buzzer sounded to give Granbury a 28-26 lead at the break.

The Pirates maintained a slim lead throughout the third and fourth quarters. Beck found himself in foul trouble after getting called for a charge early on in the third, so Granbury lost a big part of its low-post game.

With 3:41 left in the quarter Granbury led 37-33, but a quick 6-2 run from Aledo led to a tie at 39 heading into the fourth.

A huge corner three from Cory Cheek off of a beautiful assist from Zac Kitching gave Granbury a 44-41 lead and some momentum.

The play of the game, according to Breazeale, was the Zach-to-Zac connection between Zach



**HACKED:** Granbury's Kyle Beck draws a foul from an Aledo player during the Pirates' 56-45 season-opening win on Tuesday night. Hicks thrived at the free throw line against Aledo, going a perfect 8/8 in the first half in a team-leading 14-point performance.

McCreight and Zac Kitching. McCreight swatted an Aledo shot away, and Kitching finished in transition to give the Pirates a 53-45 lead, which was the separation they'd been missing all game.

Aledo called timeout after

Kitching's layup, but that didn't stop Dudley from burying a dagger three-pointer with a minute left to make the final score 56-45.

Granbury played state-ranked Little Elm on Friday night on the road. Little Elm point guard

R.J. Hampton is the No. 5 player in the country in the Class of 2020, and has already received offers from Kansas and Duke, among others.

The Pirates' next game is Tuesday at Abilene Cooper.

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## Tolar boys open with Benbrook loss

The Tolar Rattlers began their basketball season with a 96-53 home loss to Benbrook on Tuesday night.

Benbrook led 31-4 after the

first quarter and 50-21 at the half. Turnovers plagued Tolar the entire way through - the Rattlers had 16 in the first half and 19 in the second half.

Seth Carroll led the way with 18 points, including four three-pointers, and nine rebounds. Andrew Johnson also hit double digits, with 10 points.

Tolar played in the De Leon Tournament over the weekend. Their next game is at Dublin at 8 p.m. on Tuesday.

## Lady Rattlers edge Comanche Indians

The Tolar Lady Rattlers rode a strong defensive third quarter to beat the Comanche Indians 45-38 on Tuesday night on the road.

Tolar held a slim 24-21 lead at the halftime break, but the Lady Rattlers limited the Indians to just two points in the third quarter to take a 37-23 lead go-

ing into the fourth quarter.

With the win, Tolar improved to 2-1 on the season after beating Early in the first game and losing to Huckabay in the sec-

ond.

The Lady Rattlers travelled to Benbrook on Friday night. They'll host Dublin at 6:15 p.m. on Tuesday.

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**AIR WITHEY:** In her first home game as a Granbury Lady Pirate, sophomore Mandy Withey, a transfer from Chicago, turned in a stellar performance despite a Lady Pirate loss. Withey put up 21 points, her third straight game with over 20 for Granbury.

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## Lady Pirates fall after Stephenville's late run

BY GRANT MCGALLIARD  
HOOD COUNTY NEWS

The Granbury Lady Pirates opened up their home slate of basketball games with a 56-47 loss to the Stephenville Honeybees on Tuesday.

For much of the game, Granbury hung with Stephenville. It wasn't until the Honeybees went on a late run in the fourth quarter that the Lady Pirates had to scramble and foul to stop the clock.

Granbury caught a break in the third quarter. Kenzie Scott was fouled on a shot, and when the referee reported the foul,

the scorer's table discovered that the Stephenville player was not listed in the scorebook.

As a result, the Lady Pirates earned two technical free throws, which Mandy Withey buried to tie the game at 35.

Then again, Withey buried nearly everything on Tuesday. The sophomore transfer from Chicago put up 21 points to lead the Lady Pirates, displaying a knack for both driving to the basket and using her height to post up opposing defenders.

Maddi Samuelson and Abby Jones both had good defensive games. Samuelson had back-to-

back steals in the second quarter, while Jones had a massive block and took a hard charge from a driving Honeybee.

Granbury held a 40-39 lead with 5:33 left in the game after a Withey layup. But Stephenville came out of a timeout with an 8-2 run in a little under three minutes, and the Lady Pirates couldn't respond.

The loss drops Granbury to 2-4 on the season. They hosted Mineral Wells Friday night, and will host Timber Creek on Monday at 5:30 p.m.

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## Lipan boys earn win over 5A by trouncing South Hills

The Lipan Indians continued their Class 1A state championship title defense with a 47-33 win over Class 5A Fort Worth South Hills on Tuesday night at home.

Much like last year, the Indians won thanks to a strong defensive performance. Lipan held South Hills to just nine points in the first half en route to a 22-9 lead at the break.

Ty Bryant had a double-double, with 19 points and 11 rebounds. Santana Martinez had

nine points, and Layton Sharp and Bryce Shockley each had 8.

With the win, Lipan is now 2-0 on the season. The Indians knocked off Class 3A Keene 54-40 last week to start the season.

Lipan will travel to Burk Burnett for the Thanksgiving Shootout next week. Burk Burnett, a Class 4A school, was one of only three teams that managed to beat the Indians last year.

## Granbury students headed to next level

Two Granbury students signed letters of intent to play collegiate sports.

Kelcy McGrath, part of the Granbury rifle team, signed with Murray State, currently the third-ranked team in the country. McGrath is the first ever Granbury JROTC rifle team member to earn a college scholarship for the sport.

Sidney Perdue, a junior, signed with the Oklahoma State equestrian team. The Cowgirls finished last season ranked as the second-best team in the country.

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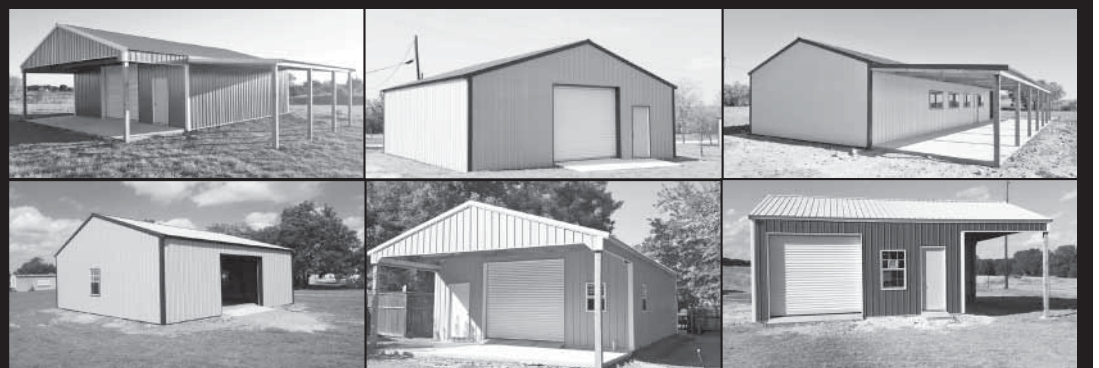
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Donna recently relocated to Granbury with her husband, Mike, and daughter, Lyndsay. She is looking forward to seeing you soon at **Signature Beauty Bar & Fashions.**



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Consult the TPWD website for all locations and scheduled stocking dates. Scheduled stocking dates may change.

If you want to know for sure, you are advised to contact the hatchery to find out if there are any changes to the original stocking dates.

Stocking will occur several times during the winter season. Here's a rundown of when some local areas will be stocked.

Cleburne-Hulen Park will be stocked with 1,500 trout on Dec. 17. Glen Rose Town Lake will be stocked with 2,000 trout on Dec. 6 and Jan. 4.

Chisholm Park will be stocked with 1,896 trout on Nov. 22, Dec. 22, Jan. 19 and Dec. 16.

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There are no minimum length limits for these trout, and you are allowed to keep five trout per day per person. An angler fishing in a Community Fishing Lake or from a dock, pier or jetty within a state park can use no more than two poles.

Trout anglers will need the \$5 Freshwater Fishing Stamp. Youth under 17 do not require a stamp or license.

If you are fishing within a Texas state park, no license or stamp is required. Consult the TPWD rule book for special limits on the Guadalupe River.

These trout are typically taken on salmon eggs, corn and a variety of small spinner baits and flies. I would recommend light line.

### HOOD COUNTY FISHING REPORT

The fall fishing frenzy is on at Granbury as well as most other reservoirs in the state. Water temperatures are around the mid-60 and falling slowly.

Largemouth bass are good to excellent on soft plastics fished near main lake points with submerged brush. Granbury crappie are good on deeper brush piles using small jigs and minnows.

Granbury striped bass are good to 10 pounds on live shad and slabs fished on the lower ends. Catfish are also good on cut shad and hotdogs fished under jugs.

White bass are fair on slabs

on humps and ridges. Birds have returned to our reservoirs, and they are pointing out feeding fish to anglers, so keep your binoculars handy.

Squaw Creek stays warmer due to the power plant, and this attracts many bass anglers in the winter. Fishing is excellent, with most folks reporting numbers of fish being caught with an occasional bigger fish to 8 pounds.

Soft plastics fished on a Texas-rigged worm or Carolina-rigged for those deeper fish seem to be the baits of choice. Tilapia continue to be caught on worms fished under a cork.

On other close reservoirs, limits of striped bass continue to be taken on Possum Kingdom and Whitney on live shad. Patterns are changing with the cooling water temps.

Whitney largemouth bass continue to be excellent on soft plastics fished near channel depths changes.

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## Lady Pioneers will ride defense, force ball down low

BY GRANT MCGALLIARD  
HOOD COUNTY NEWS

North Central Texas Academy Lady Pioneers head basketball coach Jirah Rodriguez knows she has plenty of talent on her team.

She just wants to make sure she can get everyone involved.

"As a team I do not want us just to rely only on a couple players to make the big plays," Rodriguez said. "One of the biggest improvements I would like to see from the team this

year would be for us to be able to utilize every player."

NCTA is coming off of a regional championship appearance in TAPPS Class 1A.

They'll have to replace the loss of first-team all-state member Camille Baud and second-team all-state Sophie Schultz. The return of senior Milica Pejovic and sophomore Marta Celebic, both first-team all-district members last year, will help.

The Lady Pioneers will thrive off their defense.

"The girls have been working really hard for past couple of weeks in practice," Rodriguez said. "As basketball season is approaching our main focus has been defense.

"We are going to try to mix it up on defense with zone, man-to-man and a trap zone."

With players like 6'4 center Lillian Ijeh, NCTA will focus on hammering the ball into the post on offense.

The Lady Pioneers are playing in the Keene Tournament this weekend.

## Lady Indians can't stop Haskell

The Lipan Lady Indians were on the wrong side of a 50-19 decision at home against Haskell on Tuesday night.

Lipan scored only seven points in the first half.

The loss dropped the Lady Indians to 1-2 on the season, after losing the opener to Krum but beating Dublin in the second game.

Lipan hosted Breckenridge on Friday night. They'll play Joshua on the road Tuesday at 5 p.m.

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## Gina Calk Crocker

Gina Calk Crocker, 47, passed away on Sunday, November 12, 2017. She is a former Granbury resident.

Service: 10:30 AM, Friday, November 17, 2017, Wiley Funeral Home, Granbury, Interment: Acton Cemetery, Visitation: 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM, Thursday, November 16, 2017, Wiley Funeral Home, Granbury.

Gina was born on May 17, 1970 in Pecos, Texas to Gayle Max and Alecia Jeannette Calk. She received her Bachelor's Degree from Tarleton State University. She worked at FNB Granbury and as a teacher's aide at Northwest ISD. She attended Fellowship of the Parks Church. She had lots of friends who she loved dearly. She was a loving and very busy mother. She was preceded in death by her grandparents: MD and Oletha Rollins and Manuel and Libbie Calk, and uncle Eddie Rollins.

Gina is survived by her husband, Chris Crocker, daughter: Kacy Gayle Crocker, son: Joshua



Brantley Crocker, parents: Max and Jeannette Calk, uncle and aunt: Wayne and Linda Calk, father and mother-in-law: Paul and Sharon Crocker, brother and sister-in-laws: Rob and Brande Boling, and Brent and Mande Babb. Gina has been adored by seven nephews, three nieces and her precious pug, Peanut. She will be missed by all until we meet again through Christ in heaven.

## Reverend William 'Bill' Nelson

Reverend William "Bill" Nelson, 91, of Granbury, passed away on Monday, November 13, 2017. Service: 1:00 PM, Saturday, November 18, 2017, Calvary Church of Granbury with procession to follow at Ward Branch Cemetery, Glen Rose, Texas.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be sent to W. S. and Evelyn Nelson Scholarship Fund, Calvary Church, P.O. Box 1545, Granbury, Texas 76048.

Bill was born on November 13, 1926 in Greer County, Oklahoma to Finis and Oma Nelson. He was a country boy who ran a farm before his U. S. Army service and a Goat Dairy in the 60's.

As a minister, he helped to build several churches. He built Calvary Church of Granbury in 1973, which he pastored for 27 years. Bill graduated from Gateway College of Evangelism with a B.A. in Pastoral studies in May 1982.

Bill was known for his pretty yard and plentiful vegetable



garden. He is preceded in death by his parents, wife: Leta Evelyn Nelson, two brothers, one grandchild, and one great-grandchild.

Bill is survived by his son: Billy Joe Nelson (Linda), daughters: LaQuitta Owen and Gwendolyn Williams, seven grandchildren, 22 great-grandchildren, and many great-great grandchildren.

Wiley Funeral Home made arrangements.

## Michael (Mike) Lee McDonald

Michael (Mike) Lee McDonald was born in Coos Bay, Oregon on December 16, 1954. Mike was adopted at birth by Abraham McDonald and Mollie Handelman McDonald. Mike passed away on November 11, 2017 from complications of pancreatic cancer. At the time of his death, Mike was at home with his wife and children and their spouses.

Mike had lived in the Granbury area for 29 years and was an employee of Dealer's Electrical Supply Company. Having started with a Journeyman Electrician degree in the late 1970's, he continued education while working and became an Electrical Automation Engineer with a specialty in Variable Frequency drives.

Mike had a great passion for all things automated. He had a keen sense of humor and managed to leave people with a chuckle even in the worst of circumstances. He was an accomplished Marksman with an ability to lead and teach others. He enjoyed camping, motorcycles and spending time helping others.

He was a man with a "Can Do Attitude." Less than 12 hours before he left this earth, he said in the presence of his wife and children, "I have the best family in the world."

Mike is preceded in death by his Father, Abraham McDonald.

He is survived by his Mother, Mollie (Millie) McDonald of Idabel, OK, his wife Connie McDonald of Granbury, TX, and two sons, Jeremy Michael McDonald



and girlfriend Teleasha of Joplin, MO and Steven Lee McDonald and wife Jennifer of Tolar, TX. Also survived by Jennifer's four children who considered him to be "Grandpa." As well as in-laws who loved him dearly, nephews, nieces and great nephews and nieces, and a multitude of loving friends.

Services will be conducted by Wiley Funeral Home in Granbury, TX.

Visitation: Thursday November 16, Wiley Funeral Home, 6:00-8:00 PM.

Memorial Service and Special Honor Ceremony at 1:00 PM Saturday, November 18, at Cerro Gordo Cemetery Pavilion up the hill from State Line Baptist Church, 924 HWY 380 W., Winthrop, AR 71866 with interment following at the Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to the Shriners to honor Mike's love and appreciation for the wonderful work they do for children.

## Alvin Gustivus Holcomb

Alvin ("Al") Gustivus Holcomb, age 92, of Granbury passed away on Tuesday, November 14, 2017 in Granbury, Texas. He was born in Grow, Texas on December 13, 1924 to Thelma and Lee Holcomb. He dropped out of school in eighth grade and later entered the United States Navy (Seabees) in 1943 and served in the Pacific Theater until he was honorably discharged in February, 1946. He claimed to have operated the largest mechanical shovel in the world while stationed on the island of Guam.

In 1947, Al married Geneva Holcomb (no relation) in San Angelo and went to work as a pole climber for San Angelo Telephone Company. He retired as a supervisor of outside plant engineering from General Telephone Company after 36 years.

Al enjoyed fishing, hunting, raising farm animals, vacationing with his family and friends in Red River, and tinkering in his garage.

Al and Geneva loved playing bridge, card games, dominoes, and marbles, square dancing and listening to music. In their retirement, they collected antiques and traveled extensively in their motor home with friends and family, including a "trip or two" to Las Vegas and to the "boats" in Shreveport, Louisiana.

They moved to Granbury to be near their daughters and their families. Al was known for his devotion to family, sense of humor, strength of character, ability to fix or build anything, and a love of old western shows.

Al was preceded in death by Geneva, his wife of 59 years; two sisters, Bernice Hendry and Altha Barnett; a brother, Lee Roy Holcomb; and a granddaughter, Johanna Justice.

He will be missed by many,



including his two daughters, Iris Justice of Granbury, Texas and Sondra Walton (Don) also of Granbury; a son, Al Dee Holcomb (George Grace) of Princeton, New Jersey; a sister, Gladys Rose Gerrard of Weatherford, Texas; two granddaughters, Jamie Abbott of Granbury and Jennifer Riggs of Deming, New Mexico; a grandson, Joshua Justice of Houston, Texas; four great granddaughters, Kayci Wall (Cody) of Ira, Texas, Karlee Eisenbach and Jordyn Justice of Granbury, and Laney Riggs of San Angelo, Texas; two great grandsons, Taylor (Brooklynn) Carroll and Trace Thompson, both of Granbury; six great-great grandchildren; and Becky Price, his companion and sweetheart for the last 10 years.

Al's memory may be honored by donating to his favorite charity, the Alzheimer's Association. Graveside services will be held at 12:00 Noon, Saturday, November 18, 2017 at Johnson's Lawnhaven Memorial Gardens, San Angelo. Family and friends are encouraged to share memories, send condolences and sign the online guestbook at [www.johnsons-funeralhome.com](http://www.johnsons-funeralhome.com). Arrangements are under the direction of Johnson's Funeral Home of San Angelo.

## Mindy Schaffer Powers Gorrano

Mindy Schaffer Powers Gorrano, 90, formerly of Pecan Plantation, passed away on Tuesday, November 14, 2017. Graveside service: 1:00 PM, Friday, November 17, 2017, Holly Hills Memorial Park, Granbury, Texas.

Mindy was born in Pelly, Texas (Baytown) to Henry and Frances Schaffer. She was raised in Waco, TX and was a graduate from Baylor University. She was a longtime resident of Houston, Texas before retiring with Joseph to Pecan Plantation, Granbury TX. She spent her last 10 years at Autumn Leaves, Dallas, TX. She was a classy lady and loved by all. Her passion was singing Baptist hymns at church services.

Mindy was preceded in death by her parents, Joseph Gorrano, who passed in 1995; first husband Truett Powers, and all of her siblings.

Mindy is survived by her chil-



dren: Cheryl West, Houston, TX, Howard Powers (Valerie), Plano, TX, Barbara Kellett (Steve) Caddo Mills, TX, and Donna Spivey (Randy) Mesquite, TX, 11 grandchildren, 6 great-grandchildren and many nieces, nephews, and cousins.

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ready with tree bling while Gay Hudson (above left) and Annelle Teal (top right) place bells on the tree at the home of Bob and Julia Pannell, featured on the tour.



**WELCOME:** Santa needs a proper greeting when he shimmy's down the chimney. From left: Glenda Ramsey, Fay Fisher and Margaret Cook are ready to hang the stockings with care.

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## Homes are decked out for the Candlelight Tour

BY DEBBIE SCHNEIDER  
HOOD COUNTY NEWS

Greenery winds around the bannister, the dinner table is embellished and ornaments are strategically placed on the tree. Preparations are underway for Granbury - A Candlelight Tour on Friday and Saturday, Dec. 1-2. The historic district will be filled with colorful lights, decorations and Christmas carols during the celebration. Six historic homes will be open to the public, and historic buildings are also open for the tour. With the help of volunteer docents and the homeowners themselves, you'll learn the history of each home. Ticket reservations can be

made at [www.granburyacandlelighttour.com](http://www.granburyacandlelighttour.com) and [www.facebook.com/granburyacandlelighttour](http://www.facebook.com/granburyacandlelighttour). Customers who purchase their ticket reservations prior to Nov. 30 get a 20 percent discount. Once purchased, tickets are ready for pickup at Red on the Square. You are encouraged to pick up your tickets early to avoid lines during the weekend of the event. This is a self-guided tour, between 5-9 p.m. Friday, Dec. 1 and from noon to 9 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 2. The map/booklet, website and social media accounts will include updated information as it becomes available. Visit [www.granburyacandlelighttour.com](http://www.granburyacandlelighttour.com) for ticketing and

a schedule of events. For inquiries, contact the HGMA (Historic Granbury Merchants Association) office by email [granburyhgma@gmail.com](mailto:granburyhgma@gmail.com) or call 682-936-4550. Homes on the 2017 tour include the following:

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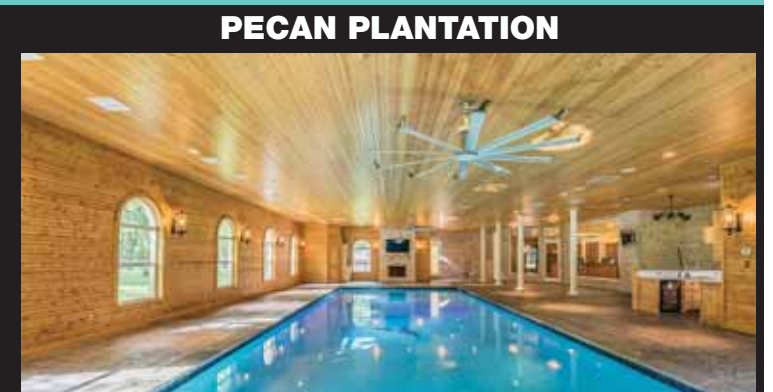
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## Student is moved at Holocaust Museum

### Winning essay presented at Veterans Day program

After a visit to Washington, D.C., Nicole Futch was touched by piles of old, dirty shoes at the Holocaust Museum. The shoes were recovered from concentration camps.

Futch put her feelings into words and was recognized Saturday for first place in the student essay contest. Futch, a senior at Granbury High School, read her essay as follows:

I will never understand what it means to not have a say. I will never understand what it means to be legally persecuted for my beliefs. I will never understand what it means to fear an over-powering government.

What I do understand is that there are people giving their lives and fighting with a cause so that I'll never have to.

In the 7th grade, I took a trip to Washington DC. Two of the many places we visited was the Arlington National Cemetery and the Holocaust Museum.

We've always learned of the

horrors during the Holocaust, and they were always profound and disturbing, but I never felt the weight of it until I walked into a white room of the museum.

It was very plain and crowded inside, but at the same time it was completely silent. There was a straight path through the cold white room, and on the sides there piles upon piles of dirty, old, worn out shoes that were dug up from the mass graves of the concentration camps.

No matter how many movies, books, or lessons I had viewed, they couldn't show me the enormity of the situation as those shoes did. Each one told a tragic and horrific story, and anyone of them could've belonged to my grandmother had she not come to America.

The Arlington National Cemetery held a similar atmosphere of grief, but it was also distinctly different. The air was warm

and quiet for respect. The grass was lush and green. Cannons fired in the distance during a burial of another of one of our heroes.

As I looked out over the field, white headstones stood uniformly over the grass in still silence. There were rows upon rows that appeared as though they would not end.

The difference between the tone of the cemetery and the museum was a product of choice. Under each stone lied one of our heroes who fought and gave their life for me. The grieving families at the cemetery were burying their children for me. They were all there to protect our freedom, something we often take for granted, but each shoe in that museum was there because those freedoms were taken away.

Veterans Day is to honor our fallen, serving, and retired soldiers for which they deserve and so much more.



**FIRST PLACE:** Nicole Futch, a senior at Granbury High School, read her winning essay at the Veterans Day program in the GHS auditorium.

I'm grateful for them because they defend the very foundations and beliefs this country was built on, for perhaps they are the reason my shoes reside in my closet and not in a museum.

## You don't have to cook

The Pecan Plantation Woman's Club (PPWC) is hosting its annual casserole and bake sale today beginning at 10 a.m. at the Pecan Activities Center (PAC). This sale will run "until everything is gone," and that time is always short. Come early to shop.

### EEA FLY-IN

The recent Experimental Aircraft Association 983 sponsored fly-in was a high-flying success! The weather was temperate, and the crowd was healthy.

Airplane rides, planes and cars to view, Pecan's emergency personnel, a silent auction and grilled burgers and dogs added to the spirit of the day. Thank you to everyone who worked to make this day a great one for the Pecan community.

### MORE WOMAN'S CLUB

Next for the PPWC comes Thursday, Dec. 14 when the group's sponsored holiday tour of homes will happen. Food, house touring and Santa's workshop will be a part of the day for which tickets are necessary and on sale now. To secure reservations for the day, send email to ppwctour@gmail.com or call 682-205-5102.

### TAKE AIM

The Archery/Air Gun Associa-



**IN THE AIR AND ON THE GROUND:** Planes, cars, flights, food and a silent auction entertained those attending the recent fly-in at Pecan Plantation. David Guinn (left) and Jack Little stand beside a Van's Aircraft RV12.

tion has its annual turkey shoot this morning at 10 a.m. All spectators are welcome.

### THANKSGIVING FEAST

For Pecaners wanting to partake of the Thanksgiving spread prepared by our clubhouse, reservations are being taken now. Seatings will happen Thanksgiving Day on the half hour from 11 a.m. through 2 p.m. Call the clubhouse front desk to reserve a seat: 817-573-2641.

### HOLIDAY TO GO

And for Pecaners who wish to dine at home but outsource some of the cooking, "Thanksgiving-2-Go" is an option. Orders for ham, turkey, dressing and pies from the clubhouse are due tomorrow and will be ready for pick up by noon on Wednesday.

Call the clubhouse front desk here also for order placing.

### PLAY TIME

A free game of dodgeball is happening Tuesday from 2 to 4 at the PAC. All ages are welcome.

### FREE FLICK

"Wonder Woman" is the featured drive in movie on Nov. 25 at 6:00 p.m. at the PAC. Come in

a golf cart or bring a lawn chair and enjoy.

### BREAKFAST CLUB

Wednesday morning's Breakfast Club will not meet next week since it is Thanksgiving. The group will convene again on Nov. 29 at the clubhouse with breakfast service beginning at 7:30 a.m. and the program immediately following.

### COMMITTEE FORMING

The Election Committee for processing and judging PCS's voting at next year's annual election and meeting on March 3, 2018, is beginning to take shape. Committee chairperson Joe Hartman and volunteers will oversee this event. The deadline to volunteer is Monday, and interested applicants may sign up at the clubhouse or send email to election@ppoaweb.com.

### PARTY TIME

It is not too late to plan a holiday party using Pecan's facilities for a business, family or friend gathering. Contact Crystal Douglass to discuss possible dates and booking: 817-573-2641 or crystal@ppoaweb.com. Details are also available at Pecan's revamped website: www.ppoaweb.com.

### GOLF NOTE

Trail and handicap fees for Pecan golfers are changing. Check with the pro shop for exact amounts and billing.

### NEWCOMERS

Lake Granbury Newcomers Club will gather on Dec. 7 from 9:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Pecan's clubhouse when the Granbury High School choir will be singing holiday selections.

Reservations are due by noon on Dec. 4: 817-243-9831.

### COLLECTION STATION

Pecan's collection station will not be open on its regularly scheduled last Saturday of the month since it will be Thanksgiving weekend. The station will instead be open Dec. 2 from 8 a.m. until noon.

### HOLIDAY LIGHTS

The deadline for entry into Pecan's holiday lighting contest is Dec. 7 at 2 p.m. Call the clubhouse front desk to sign up: 817-573-2641.

### SYMPATHY

Our sympathy goes to the family of Michael Cooper, who passed away Nov. 9.

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**LADIES ONLY:** This dressy outfit from Bella Rosa Consignment Gallery, complete with fur coat, was modeled by Leta Andrews at the Women in Business style show Tuesday. The newest trends were presented during a luncheon at the Hilton Garden Inn.



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**TRENDY AND CASUAL:** Laura Life models a Bohemian look from Jean's Crossing. The holiday fashion show was part of the Women in Business program through the Granbury Chamber of Commerce. Ladies are encouraged to network with each other at the program.



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**COME ON, SANTA:** Stacie Muro has a message for Santa in this outfit from Maurice's.



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**SLEEK STYLE:** Gabrielle Kinsler looks perfectly put together with clothes from Paisley Buffalo.



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**ANIMAL PRINT:** Judith Clevenger models a black and white look from Red on the Square.



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**FRINGE MEETS FUR:** Robin Vera models a muted green ensemble from Stephen's of Granbury.

## PETS OF THE WEEK

This beautiful girl is Candy, a female German Shepherd mix. Candy is friendly and social, and loves to be with people.

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# Community Calendar

- SATURDAY, NOV. 18**
- SENIOR CRAFT Sale**, 9 a.m. - 3 p.m., Senior Circle, 1321 Water's Edge, Suite 1001, free admission.
  - SPARROW IDENTIFICATION** class at Acton Nature Center, ages 8 and up, 9:30 to 11 a.m., 6900 Smoky Hill Court in Acton. Wear weather-appropriate clothing, bring binoculars if available, 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 VFW on Highway 377 W. Stay for karaoke 8 to 11 p.m.
  - Frances Cabrini Catholic Church on Acton Highway, 817-573-1844.
- 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.
  - GRANBURY QUILTERS** Guild, program on Orphan Blocks by M.J. Fielek, 6:30 p.m., 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 through the weekend due to holiday.

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<b>2008 PONTIAC VIBE</b> #328990A 4 cyl, auto, a/c, tilt, cruise, PL, PW, leather, sunroof, alloys, Very Nice Cash Car <b>\$5,000</b>	<b>2011 KIA FORTE SX</b> #195712B 4 cyl, auto, a/c, tilt, cruise, PL, PW, power seats, alloys, keyless entry, Sat radio, 89k miles <b>\$7,900</b>	<b>2011 FORD ESCAPE XLT</b> #144117A 6 cyl, auto, a/c, tilt, cruise, PL, PW, alloys, luggage rack, 72k miles <b>\$10,000</b>	<b>2012 KIA SORENTO LX</b> #295218A 4 cyl, auto, a/c, tilt, cruise, PL, alloys, luggage rack, 95k miles <b>\$10,525</b>	<b>2014 KIA SORENTO LX</b> #123870A 4 cyl, auto, a/c, tilt, cruise, PL, PW, Bluetooth, keyless entry, Sat radio, 88k miles <b>\$11,500</b>	<b>2013 KIA SORENTO LX</b> #037737B 4 cyl, auto, a/c, tilt, cruise, PL, PW, keyless entry, third row, luggage rack, 70k miles <b>\$12,000</b>	<b>2011 KIA SPORTAGE SX</b> #261481A 4 cyl, auto, leather, power seats, sunroof, alloys, 84k miles. Hard Loaded <b>\$12,500</b>	<b>2014 FORD FUSION SE</b> #134823A 4 cyl, auto, a/c, Bluetooth, leather, power seats, sunroof, alloys, keyless entry, Sat radio, 86k miles <b>\$12,900</b>
<b>2013 TOYOTA PRIUS LIFTBACK</b> #490023A 6 cyl, auto, a/c, tilt, cruise, PW, PL, alloys, 55k miles <b>\$13,000</b>	<b>2015 KIA OPTIMA LXX</b> #041701A 4 cyl, auto, a/c, tilt, cruise, PW, PL, Bluetooth, alloys, keyless entry, MP3, Sat radio, 17k miles <b>\$13,000</b>	<b>2015 KIA SOUL</b> #231071A 4 cyl, auto, a/c, tilt, cruise, PW, PL, alloys, keyless entry, 18k miles <b>\$13,000</b>	<b>2012 KIA SORENTO EX</b> #287019A 4 cyl, auto, a/c, tilt, cruise, PL, PW, Bluetooth, leather, alloys, luggage rack, Sat radio, 73k miles <b>\$13,500</b>	<b>2014 KIA SORENTO</b> #286452A 4 cyl, auto, a/c, tilt, PL, PW, trailer tow, luggage rack, 58k miles. Nice SUV <b>\$14,000</b>	<b>2013 HONDA CIVIC COUPE SI</b> #V2814A 4 cyl, auto, a/c, tilt, cruise, PL, PW, Bluetooth, alloys, keyless entry, Sat radio, 49k miles <b>\$14,900</b>	<b>2015 KIA FORTE COUPE SX</b> #220482A 4 cyl, auto, a/c, tilt, cruise, PL, PW, Bluetooth, power seats, alloys, keyless entry, Sat radio, 5k miles. LOW MILES! <b>\$15,000</b>	<b>2015 KIA SPORTAGE LX</b> #V2810A 4 cyl, auto, a/c, tilt, cruise, PW, PL, Bluetooth, tint, alloys, keyless entry, 31k miles <b>\$15,000</b>
<b>2017 KIA SOUL</b> #V2819 4 cyl, auto, a/c, tilt, cruise, PL, PW, Bluetooth, tint, keyless entry, Sat radio, 7k miles <b>\$15,500</b>	<b>2014 KIA SOUL</b> #483134A 4 cyl, auto, Nav, Bluetooth, leather, power seats, sunroof, alloys, keyless entry, Infinity Sound & More! 46k miles <b>\$15,500</b>	<b>2013 MITSUBISHI OUTLANDER GT</b> #279570A 6 cyl, auto, a/c, tilt, Bluetooth, leather, power seats, sunroof, alloys, keyless entry, Sat radio, 70k miles <b>\$15,600</b>	<b>2013 HONDA CR-V EXL</b> #286423A 4 cyl, auto, a/c, tilt, cruise, PW, PL, Nav, Bluetooth, alloys, keyless entry, Sat radio, 91k miles <b>\$15,800</b>	<b>2014 HYUNDAI TUCSON SE</b> #205664B 4 cyl, auto, a/c, tilt, cruise PL, PW, Bluetooth, power seats, alloys, keyless entry, luggage rack, Sat radio, 52k miles <b>\$16,000</b>	<b>2011 FORD F150 SUPERCAB XLT</b> #464081A 8 cyl, auto, trailer tow, bed liner, running boards, power seats, alloys, keyless entry, Fiberglass Cap <b>\$16,500</b>	<b>2015 TOYOTA RAV4</b> #277615A 4 cyl, auto, a/c, tilt, cruise, PL, PW, Bluetooth, alloys, keyless entry, luggage rack, Sat radio, 43k miles <b>\$17,000</b>	<b>2015 KIA OPTIMA EX</b> #009104A 4 cyl, auto, Nav, backup camera, power seats, sunroof, alloys, keyless entry, Sat radio, 50k miles <b>\$17,000</b>
<b>2016 KIA SORENTO LX</b> #290819A, 4 cyl, auto, a/c, tilt, cruise, PL, PW, Bluetooth, tint, power seats, alloys, keyless entry, third row, MP3, Sat radio, 50k miles <b>\$17,300</b>	<b>2014 FORD EDGE SEL</b> #064581A 6 cyl, auto, Nav, trailer tow, leather, power seats, keyless entry, luggage rack, 64k miles <b>\$18,500</b>	<b>2014 KIA CADENZA PREMIUM</b> #V2794, 6 cyl, auto, a/c, tilt, cruise, PL, PW, Nav, Bluetooth, leather, power seats, heated/cooled seats, sunroof, alloys, keyless entry, Sat radio, 34k miles <b>\$19,500</b>	<b>2015 KIA SPORTAGE EX</b> #V2802, 4 cyl, auto, a/c, Nav, Bluetooth, backup camera, leather, power seats, alloys, keyless entry, luggage rack, Sat radio, Turbo! 31k miles <b>\$20,500</b>	<b>2013 FORD EXPLORER LIMITED</b> #489315A, 6 cyl, auto, Nav, Bluetooth, backup camera, tint, trailer tow, running boards, leather, power seats, alloys, keyless entry, Sat radio, 75k miles, ECOBOOST! <b>\$20,500</b>	<b>2016 BUICK ENCORE</b> #255738A, 4 cyl, auto, a/c, tilt, cruise, PL, PW, Nav, Bluetooth, leather, power seats, sunroof, alloys, keyless entry, luggage rack, Sat radio, 17k miles <b>\$21,000</b>	<b>2013 LEXUS RX350</b> #V2782A 6 cyl, auto, PL, PW, Bluetooth, leather, power seats, alloys, keyless entry, luggage rack, Sat radio, 67k miles <b>\$23,000</b>	<b>2015 KIA SORENTO SX</b> #319035A 6 cyl, auto, Nav, leather, power seats, sunroof, keyless entry, third row, Sat radio, 58k miles. The Works! <b>\$23,000</b>
<b>2013 CHEVY CAMARO SS</b> #040204C 8 cyl, auto, Bluetooth, sunroof, alloys, Sat radio, 16k miles Hard Loaded, Red & Ready! <b>\$26,000</b>	<b>2016 TOYOTA RAV4 LIMITED</b> #238028A, 4 cyl, auto, a/c, tilt, cruise, PL, PW, Nav, Bluetooth, alloys, Keyless entry, luggage rack, MP3, Sat radio, Like New But Cheaper, 22k miles <b>\$26,000</b>	<b>2016 KIA OPTIMA SKL</b> #V2815 4 cyl, auto, Bluetooth, tint, leather, power seats, heated/cooled seats, sunroof, alloys, keyless entry, Sat radio, 9k miles, TURBO - LIKE NEW! <b>\$27,000</b>	<b>2015 RAM 1500 SLT CREW CAB 4X4</b> #V2795 8 cyl, auto, Bluetooth, trailer tow, power seats, alloys, keyless entry, Sat radio, LONE STAR WITH A HEMI! 35k miles <b>\$28,500</b>	<b>2015 KIA K900</b> #V2823 8 cyl, auto, PL, PW, Nav, Bluetooth, leather, power seats, alloys, keyless entry, Sat radio, 22k. The King of Cars! <b>\$29,000</b>	<b>2016 HONDA PILOT EX-L</b> #331027A, 6 cyl, auto, tilt, cruise, PL, Bluetooth, backup camera, trailer tow, leather, power seats, alloys, keyless entry, MP3, Sat radio, 26k miles <b>\$32,000</b>	<b>2011 RAM 3500 CREW CAB 4X4 DUALY</b> #V2809A, diesel, auto, Bluetooth, trailer tow, leather, power seats, sunroof, alloys, keyless entry, Sat radio, LONGHORN, Hard Loaded, 84k miles <b>\$34,500</b>	<b>2017 TOYOTA TUNDRA SR5 CREW MAX</b> #121010A, 8 cyl, auto, Nav, Bluetooth, trailer tow, bed liner, running boards, leather, power seats, alloys, keyless entry, Sat radio, 18k miles <b>\$36,500</b>

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