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# County to forgo pay raises for elected officials

#### **BY KATHY CRUZ** Senior Staff Writer

With COVID-19 having impacted many people financially, the Commissioners Court this week scrapped plans to give themselves and all other county elected officials a 3% pay raise for the upcoming fiscal year.

It will be the second consecutive fiscal year in which county elected officials have not received a pay increase.

County Judge Ron Massingill said that elected officials not receiving pay increases would "set the tone." He seemed to indicate that it would be an acknowledgement of the financial struggles of many taxpayers. "We've all been through a

hardship... We've all had to tighten our belt here," the judge stated.

County Auditor Becky Kidd said that she would adjust the 2021-2022 Fiscal Year budget to reflect the court's wishes.

County court-at-law judge Vincent Messina is the highest paid county elected official. He earns \$168,648, plus an \$18,000 stipend for serving on the Hood County Juvenile Board and \$8,400 in longevity pay. He has been on the bench for 20 years.

The district judge, who also serves on the juvenile board, receives the same stipend from the county

but the base salary for that position is paid by the state. Bryan Bufkin was recently appointed to the district judge post to serve out the remaining term of Ralph Walton, who retired due to health issues.

The next highest paid county elected official is the district attorney, a position currently held by Ryan Sinclair. His annual pay is \$148,470, plus \$600 in incentive pay.

Next in the pay hierarchy is Sheriff Roger Deeds, who is paid \$97,875 per year.

Massingill is paid \$90,145 annually, but also receives a state stipend of \$25,200 and a county stipend of \$18,000 for serving on the Hood County Juvenile Board.

Each of the four county commissioners (Kevin Andrews of Precinct 1, Ron Cotton of Precinct 2, Jack Wilson of Precinct 3, and Dave Eagle of Precinct 4)

earns \$77,340 per year. Tax Assessor-Collector

Andrea Ferguson is paid \$74,700, plus \$601 in incentive pay.

The county treasurer, district clerk, county clerk, all four peace justices and all four constables earn \$73,240 per year. The new fiscal year will kick off Oct. 1.

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# Local farrier to form equine rescue group

#### **BY TRISTON MCGEHEE** Staff Writer

Tracy Miller's decades-long love affair with horses has led him to form a nonprofit group focused on making a difference in horses' lives.

T.E.X.A.S Rescue, or Texas Equine Xperience and Sanctuary, according to Miller, will help underprivileged equines get back on their feet and into a loving home.

"We are looking to find a good home for the animals so that they are treated well. We are not looking for profit just the wellbeing of the animals," Miller said.

Miller has been working with equines for 40 years as a farrier. Miller said he does it out of love for the animals.

"I wanted to be able to help horses that have foot problems and help them get back going by keeping them sound on a regular basis," he said. "Footcare is an ongoing process with every horse all the time; I think it is rewarding that I can help them."

When such problems worsen, horses end up in kill pens becaus



# *Equine rescue fundraiser set* for Aug. 19

**BY TRISTON MCGEHEE** Staff Writer

D'Vine Wine is hosting a fundraiser to help T.E.X.A.S Rescue, or Texas Equine Xperience and Sanctuary, pay for legal fees required to become a 501(c) nonprofit.

The event will take place at the wine shop's Granbury square location, 107 E. Bridge St., Aug. 19 from 5-8 p.m.

How did D'Vine Wine find out about this?

Tracy and Vicki Miller had hired D'Vine Wine to provide the wine for a supper club they will be launching on their property early next year.

"We told D'Vine Wine about the norse) rescue, and they were on board and wanted to help," Miller said. D'Vine Wine offered the use of their store for the fundraiser, donating 20% from that night's sales to the group. "It is going to help get us started; we are not a 501(c) yet. They were aware that the funding would go to the legal fees to help us become one," Miller said. Gary, a miniature donkey, and Biscuit, a miniature horse, will meet guests at the door. For more information, call 661-972-5492. The rescue group's operations will be located on Williamson Road.

of their foot problems.

"This is where the rescue comes in," he said. "We will take them. We want to take care of the animals."

Neglect and malnourishment are other key issues that the group is fighting.

Miller wants people to know that animals are a lifelong commitment - especially animals with disabilities.

"It takes a special kind of person to take in a special-needs animal," Miller said.

He recalled rescuing a deaf and blind horse, saying "It couldn't tell

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MARY VINSON | HOOD COUNTY NEWS LOVE AFFAIR: Texas Equine Xperience and Sanctuary was born out of Tracy Miller's, right, love for horses.

### 'Hope is my favorite four-letter word'

# Kidney transplant recipient to host benefit concert at Granbury Live

#### **BY ASHLEY INGE**

Staff Writer

For years, James Michael McLester of McKinney was living the life of a rock star by performing as a drummer in several bands.

Those bands performed on some of the area's biggest stages.

But that all changed in 2001 when McLester temporarily lost his vision at the age of 33 and was later diagnosed with kidney failure.

"Images revealed I had white cotton spots that shut down the vessels in my eye. It was temporary," he said. "I had several eye exams since and they were all clear."

The cause of his loss of vision and kidney failure was a mystery until a few years later when a heart special-



COURTESY PHOTO

ROCK ON: James Michael McLester flashes the "rock on" sign before opening for PLEASE SEE BENEFIT | A3 Stryper while at the House of Blues in Dallas in 2012.

# County: Available ICU beds lessen as COVID rises

**BY KATHY CRUZ** Senior Staff Writer

Hospital volumes for COVID-19, in Hood County and throughout the region, are rapidly increasing as available ICU beds are decreasing, according to an update issued Thursday afternoon by Hood County Emergency Management Coordinator Jay Webster.

Hospital volumes had increased 44% compared to one week earlier, he stated.

Regionally, there were only two newborn intensive care unit (NICU) beds available and just 74 adult ICU beds.

Within hours of Webster issuing his update, news outlets reported that all NICU beds in the region were occupied.

Due to the timing of Webster's report and postal deadlines that impact the HCN's Saturday print edition, the newspaper was unable to include the latest COVID-19 numbers in its Aug. 14 paper. However, the HCN quickly posts all updates from Webster on its Facebook page.

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#### FROM MY FRONT PORCH

# There are some things about Texas I hope never change

#### SAM HOUSTON

Sam Houston is the publisher of the Hood County News. *He is also an actor, author,* playwright, performer and entertainment producer/promoter.

exas is changing. According to some reports, approximately 100,000 people move to Texas every month and it is projected that number will continue to increase for the foreseeable future. With our growth will come a level of change.

No, I do not believe longhorn cattle will become extinct, nor will boots go out of fashion as manly footwear. But Texas will have issues with traffic. with school overcrowding, water and air pollution as well as every other issue that has to do with growth



Houston This past week my wife was out of town, so I was home alone for several days. When I left the office on Tuesday night, my stomach and heart were hungry to go to a "café" — a place where a man could have a good meal in simple surroundings. I jumped in my car and ended up taking the "road less traveled" to Mary's Brazos Café located

on Tin Top Road. For those of you who have never been to Mary's, you have unnecessarily deprived yourself of a portion of the goodness life has to offer! It's located in a small, aged building far from the hustle and bustle of Granbury or Weather-

ford. Only the good Lord would know how many meals have been served on the few tables that sit in the three tiny dining areas. The atmosphere and the homestyle cooking at Mary's are enough to make you feel like a "Texan," but I got a special treat during my recent visit.

As I sat down in a booth to order, a waitress quickly brought me a glass of tea and a menu. I knew my taste buds were set on a chicken fried steak, so I waved off the menu, placed my order and then pulled out my phone so I could read the national news while I waited for my dinner. There was one man, sitting alone at a table, in the area I had chosen to dine. He was as weathered as the siding on an old wooden barn. He had about a week's worth of whiskers, and the hand that held his cigarette was stained

brown from many years of tobacco use. It was obvious he was a working man, a common man; a Texan.

The man glanced up from his cup of coffee and when our eyes met, we nodded at each other and then I uttered the invariable "howdy." That was all it took. For the next 20 minutes this stranger and I had a running conversation. He told me he lived about six miles away and had lived there since 1966. He went on to let me know he had another place outside Thorp Spring, but had it leased out because he had gotten too old to drive all the way over there and check his cattle each day.

I learned he had been in the construction business for many years and had poured a "mountain of concrete" in his lifetime. He also let me know he had lost his wife 16 years ago. He asked where I lived, if I

had "people" from the area, what I did to make a living. When I told him I too had ranched, we settled into a discussion about cattle, though I did a lot more listening than I did talking.

When I got up to leave, I nodded again at the old man and said, "Been good talking to you." He looked me in the eye and said, "travel safe." I walked over to the cashier to pay my bill and learned I did not have to pay for my dinner. The waitress had overheard me tell my new friend what I did for a living and had passed the information along to the cashier. Upon learning how I was employed, she decided to treat me to dinner as a thank-you for an article about Mary's, which the newspaper had published last November. I protested saying it was our pleasure to do the story, but the cashier reached over and

touched my hand and said, "just tip your waitress and we will be good."

I may never see that old man again. It doesn't matter, 'cause on a Tuesday night in a unique Texas diner, I made a friend. I did not care what the news was on my phone, because I had connected with another human being and enjoyed the interchange. I even received a generous dose of Texas hospitality by getting my meal comped for something I had very little to do with. It was a Texas kind of night.

I pray some things about Texas never change.

Thought for the day: Never ask if a man is from Texas. If he is, he has already told you. If he is not, why would you embarrass the poor fella?

Until next time...

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VISITING: Despite the pandemic, the animals have been able to make a few stops around town to visit with folks.

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if it was night or day."

Miller said he just wants all animals to have a good life. That's a sentiment that his wife, Vicki, and son, Austin, share. The effort is

mostly a family affair, for now. "We are using the three Rs: rescue, rehab, and rehome — that is our goal," Miller said. He says this with authority, having rescued almost 50 horses in his life, paying for it mostly out of his own pocket. His motivation? "The animal deserves better than being dumped," Miller said.



**CORRECTION:** 

There are no raffle tickets included in the cover charge for the dance at the Hood County Senior Center. Raffle tickets are sold separately for \$1 each or 6 for \$5. We regret the error.





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#### BENEFIT FROM PAGE A1

ist confirmed that the mercury from the amalgams (metal fillings) on his teeth that he received when he was 11 was likely a main contributor to his health problems.

"I had no idea the (silver fillings were) 51% mercury," said McLester, who has family members living in Hood County. "I'm not a person that is scaring the world to say, 'if you have a mercury filling, you're going to get kidney failure.' I just learned through my own story when they tested the matter out."

In 2003, he had to undergo emergency dialysis and required "around-the-clock" care for eight days. He had to get a blood transfusion and noted that "30 pounds of fluid" had to be removed from his body.

"I had to go one by one to get the fillings out. It was a process," he said.

McLester was finally put on a kidney transplant list in 2007 and from there, it was a waiting game.

After seven years — and witnessing three potential donors fall through — he was contacted through Facebook by an old friend, Laura Workman, who agreed to get tested to see if she was a match.

Fortunately for McLester, Workman tested positive as a kidnev match. The surgery was scheduled for Dec. 9, 2015 and was successful.

McLester said he had to wait a total of about 13 years before he received a kidney transplant.

"With me, I wanted a living

donor," he said. "(Kidneys from) living donors typically last 18 up to 30 years or longer, versus a cadaver, when they take it from someone who's been in a car accident or something. I knew I was only 32 years old at the time, so I knew that if I made that one decision, I hopefully wanted to make it in a sense where I was making a longterm (commitment), having not been married or fathered kids."

With his health on the mend, he jumped right back into performing and was later nominated as a Texas Hall of Fame musician. As he was reaching out to encourage his friends and family to vote for him, through Facebook he met Kristin, and they eventually married.

"We'll be married five years next April, so that shows you the difference in one act of kindness out of nowhere that led to that (finding love), from a guy who was living with his mom and going to the machine, just waiting, waiting, waiting," he said.

Now, at almost 54, McLester hosts and performs several charity concerts, raising awareness for kidney disease and organ transplants.

His community concert series, Rock4James, will have its seventh performance at 7 p.m., on Sept. 18, at Granbury Live.

The event will feature U2une, McLester's salute to the music of popular rock group U2, a John Mellencamp tribute and "Jake & Elwood" of "Briefcase Blues" will host as emcees and auctioneers.

All proceeds will benefit the South-Central Texas Help

Hope Live Transplant Fund in honor of McLester, to help

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debt. Help Hope Live is a highranking 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization that has been assisting the transplant community for more than 30 years.

raise money for his medical

"If someone needs a liver transplant, heart transplant or they have a catastrophic illness like Lou Gehrig's disease, if they qualify based on their need and their financials, then they can create a campaign with Help Hope Live that's currently helping over 3,000 families in Canada and North America," McLester said. "For me, it was gonna cost 20% out of pocket for the \$227,000 surgery, so \$54,000 had to be raised. It was the right answer for me at the time. Ever since I partnered with them, annually all the medical expenses that I have that are related to the transplant like maintenance, travel, medication. I'm able to present events like this to the community, and the money goes to the South-Central Texas Transplant fund."

McLester will be performing at the Rock4 James concert and will also show several videos, like a brief introduction video of who he is, as well as a before and after of his transplant.

He said he hopes he will have a couple of guitars from prominent and famous musicians in the business that can be used for a special auction and raffle.

McLester said his goal with these concerts is the hope that they will help raise awareness of kidney disease

and encourage others to keep an eye on their health.

"We can help others, just the possibility of the screening, raising awareness and you can do simple tests to be tested for certain toxic elements and metals that might cause you problems down the road," he said. "Again, it's not a crystal ball, you know, people still need to use the sound wisdom of diet, nutrition, hygiene, all those things, but this is an area of my life where I just had to get a little deeper under the hood to find out, and then the restoration began."

McLester published a book in 2016 titled, "Wannabe Rock Star Who Finally Found the Rock," a faith-based book detailing his music and health journey. He currently works as a nutrition specialist at a holistic pharmacy called Natural Grocers in Keller.

His goal is to finish his undergraduate work and transfer to the Southwest College of Naturopathic Medicine & Health Sciences in Tempe, Arizona, and pursue a master's degree in clinical nutrition.

"In my book, I said, 'Hope is my favorite four-letter word," McLester added. "Hope for me was the bridge that allowed me to walk from death and disease into a new lease on life. Without hope, every step of the way where there was a fiery trial, I probably would have just fallen off the bridge into the water. I want other people to understand the impartation of hope and what it really means to stand in a place where things aren't going that great today, or for a





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I WILL PREVAIL: Michael McLester poses in front of the Methodist Specialty and Transplant Hospital sign in San Antonio in January 2016, after his second follow-up appointment following his kidney transplant surgery.

season. But I have hope, and that hope will carry you into tomorrow." Tickets for Rock4James

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COVID FROM PAGE A1

Every seven days Hood County is seeing a 38.1% increase in the use of ICU beds for COVID-19 patients – a "big increase" since the last report issued on Aug. 5, Webster's update noted.

At that time, Hood County had seen seven new CO-VID 19-positive deaths over the last seven-day period, bringing the total for the county to 143, according to the Texas Department of State Health Services (DSHS).

There were 19 local hospitalizations as of Thursday afternoon, and 137 active cases.

The county had seen a more than 86% increase in COVID-19 cases over the past week, Webster stated, but the numbers reflected a decrease of 51.59% from his Aug. 5 report. On Aug. 5, the county had 112 active cases, which represented

an increase of almost 138% over a week's time.

The county's TSA Regional Hospital rate as of Thursday was 17.09%, which was 2.09% over the 15% threshold required by the state.

The local Public Health Authority, in accordance with CDC and DSHS recommendations, encourages

vaccination by everyone eligible, including those 12 and older, mask wearing by those who have not been completely vaccinated against COVID-19 (including children over the age of 2) and social distancing. For more information, visit the following websites:

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## Sheriff: Suspect charged with felony assault

A 28-year-old Hood County man was arrested early Wednesday morning at a residence in the Canyon Creek subdivision by Sheriff's Office deputies and charged with aggravated assault with a deadly weapon, which ranks as a second-degree felony, Lt. Johnny Rose said in an email.

"Deputies discovered Kevin Michael Kutchka allegedly held his 56-yearold boyfriend at gunpoint while he assaulted him during an argument," Rose stated. "The victim was not seriously injured during the incident."

Kutchka was taken into custody at approximately 1 a.m. after the deputies responded to the disturbance call on Creek Drive, Rose noted. He was released from the Hood County Jail after posting bond in the amount of \$30,000.

# CALENDAR

#### **TO SUBMIT CALENDAR ITEMS**

#### THE COMMUNITY Cal-

endar is a free listing in the Hood County News to inform readers of programs, special meetings and nonprofit events. The event should be open to the public and free to attend. Information should be submitted at least two weeks prior to the event for consideration. Email the who, what, when, where and why to calendar@hcnews. com. Calendar information runs in chronological order as space is available.

#### WEDNESDAY, AUG. 18

HOOD COUNTY Republican Women gather for a social at 10 a.m. and meeting at 10:30 at the Woman's Wednesday Clubhouse, 306 N. Travis St. Former State Sen. Konni Burton, of "The Texan" a Reader media funded company, will speak on election integrity.

#### THURSDAY, AUG. 19

KIWANIS CLUB luncheon meeting at noon with Jim Jarratt, mayor of Granbury. Meet at Farina's Winery & Cafe, 202 N. Houston, on the square.

ROTARY CLUB of Gran-

Wine on the square. Learn about this new organization to help animals. A portion of the proceeds will be given to the rescue agency.

FRIDAY, AUG. 20

#### **GRANBURY CHAMBER**

of Commerce presents Leaders in Government annual luncheon, 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Lake Granbury Conference Center, 621 E. Pearl St. Speakers include Sen. Brian Birdwell and Rep. Glenn Rogers. \$35 for members, \$45 for non. Table is \$350. Registration at granburychamber.com. Details: 817-573-1622.

#### SATURDAY, AUG. 21

**OPERATION RED** White & Blue, monthly veterans appreciation luncheon from noon to 1:30 p.m. at VFW Post 7835, 3670 W. U.S. Highway 377 from noon to 1:30 p.m. Special guests include Sgt. Gary Werley, **USMC** Vietnam Veteran and Purple Heart recipient; WWII Iwo Jima survivor USMC veteran Cpl. Don Graves, 92; and OIF/OEF USMC Sgt. Kara Martin, Ms. Veteran America 2020 finalist. Veterans eat free, \$10 for others. Details: www. operationredwhiteandblue.net

MONDAY, AUG. 23

# **OBITUARIES**

#### Mamerto R. Dequina

May 11, 1929 - August 8, 2021

Mamerto R. Dequina, 92, passed away on Sunday, August 8, 2021. Praver Service: 2:00 PM, Thursday, August 19, 2021, Wiley Funeral Home Chapel, Granbury.

Mamerto was born on May 11, 1929, in Botolan Zambales, Philippines to Augustin and Isidora Dequina. He married Fe Carmen on May 9, 1950. He cherished special time spent with his family. He especially enjoyed playing with his grandchildren and recently with his three great-granddaughters.

Mamerto was from a family of farmers in the Philippines, and he worked for the National Water System of the Philippines. He came to the United States after retirement, and he started his life all over again.

Mamerto liked playing bingo, scratch offs, and vegetable gardening. He was a member of St.



Frances Cabrini Catholic Church. He was preceded in death by his parents, his seven siblings, and his wife in June of 1999.

Mamerto is survived by his children: Tec Dequina, Cesar B. Dequina, Ricardo B. Dequina, Reynaldo B. Dequina, Regina Dgalindez, and Rosalina De Guzman.

The prayer service will be livestreamed Event ID: Wileyfh Password: C9AQLI https://view.oneroomstrea ming.com/

#### **Brenda Joyce Barnes**

July 25, 1941 - July 10, 2021

Brenda Barnes, 80, passed away Tuesday, August 10, 2021. Funeral: 10 a.m. Saturday, August 21, 2021 at Laurel Land Memorial Chapel. Visitation: 5-7 p.m. Friday, August 20, 2021 at Laurel Land.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to Hood County Senior Center or the Cancer Society.

Brenda was born in Fort Worth, TX on July 25, 1941. She was a UNT Alumni, worked in retail, and was a member of the Red Hat Society. She loved traveling, line dancing, and volunteering for the Hood County Senior Center and Meals On Wheels.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Kenneth E. Barnes; par-



ents, Roy T (Sibyle) Smith; and stepson, Keith Barnes. Brenda is survived by her brother, Jerry (Diane) Smith; Nephews, Keith (Donna) Smith, Craig (Kitty) Smith; stepson, Kevin E. Barnes; granddaughter, Lindsey; and numerous great nieces.

#### Brig. Gen. Lloyd Earl Dodd, Jr

March 27, 1948 - June 23, 2021

Brig. Gen (r) Lloyd E Dodd, Jr. MD, MPH, MMM, CPE, FACPE, FAsMA passed away on the 23rd of June 2021 at his home in Pecan Plantation.

He was born to Lloyd E Dodd and Marilee Jordan in Altadena, CA on the 27th of March 1948. He attended Basic High School in Henderson, NV, where he was an honor student, played football, and met his future wife, Kathleen J. Thomas. He attended the University of Southern California on scholarship for his undergraduate degree, and Baylor College of Medicine for his MD. After an internship in Bakersfield, CA, and private practice in Las Vegas, NV, he joined the US Air Force in 1976.

During his thirty-year Air Force career, he reached the level of Chief Flight Surgeon with over 1,250 hours in 35 different aircraft, and was board certified in Aerospace Medicine, Family Practice. Emergency Medicine, and Medical Management. He attended the National War College at Fort McNair in Washington, DC, and commanded numerous medical installations, including Brooks AFB in San Antonio. He obtained a Master's in Medical Management from Tulane University, and a Master's in Public Health from UTSA.



He retired from the Air Force in 2005 after helping establish the U.S. Northern Command at Peterson AFB in Colorado Springs. After the Air Force he moved his family to Granbury, from whence he worked in emergency rooms across Texas.

General Dodd is survived by his wife, Kathleen, his son Lloyd III, daughter Genevieve, daughter Andrea and husband Trent Bellew, grandchildren Kathleen, Brian, and Ellowyn, daughter Caitlin, son Cameron and wife Meredith.

He was devoted to God, his family, his country and those under his command.

#### Doris Jean Wann August 18, 1926 - August 7, 2021

Doris Jean Wann, 94, of Paluxy passed away on Saturday, August 7, 2021. Service: 11:00 AM, Thursday, August 12, 2021, Granbury Church of Christ, Interment: Holly Hills Memorial Park, Visitation: 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM, Wednesday, August 11, 2021, Wiley Funeral Home Chapel, Granbury under the direction of Wiley Funeral Home, Granbury.

Doris was born on August 18, 1926, to Oliver and Beulah Locke in Paluxy, Texas, where she was a lifetime resident.

She was preceded in death by her husband: James M. Wann, parents, one brother that died at a very young age, 5 sisters, sisters-in-law and brothers -in- law.

Doris is survived by her

### **Gary Dwayne Adrion**

sons: Mickey Wann, Larry Wann, Ronnie Wann; daughter: Bonnie Franki; grandchildren; greatgrandchildren; great-great grandchildren; nieces; nephews; sister: Betty Tatum and sister-in-law: Glenda Morgan. Doris was dearly loved

and will be greatly missed.



bury meeting with Rotarian Skip Overdier to speak on the Rotary experience. Noon luncheon at Harbor Lakes Golf Club, 2100 Club House Drive.

#### THURSDAY DANCE at

Hood County Senior Center, 501 E. Moore St. Admission is \$5, proceeds benefit the Senior Center, 7-9:15 p.m.

#### T.E.X.A.S. RESCUE (Texas Equine Xperience And Sanctuary) benefit to help nonprofit agency working with donkeys and equine animals under the direction of Vicki and Tracy Miller. From 5-8 p.m. at D'Vine

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#### **GRANBURY WRITERS**

Bloc, monthly meet from 6-8:30 p.m. at Langdon Center, 308 W. Pearl St., Gordon House, with Laura Drake presenting "Balancing Backstory." She will give you the tools you need to craft fully-rounded characters that readers love. Details: www.granburywritersbloc.com.

#### **TUESDAY, AUG. 24**

#### **GRANBURY CHRISTIAN**

Women's Connection, 11

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#### December 21, 1958 - July 20, 2021

Gary Dwayne Adrion was born December 21,1958 in Janesville WI to Dwayne and MaryLou Adrion. Gary passed on July 20,2021 at the age of 62 in Galveston TX with his kids by his side. His favorite pastimes were hunting and fishing with his kids and grandkids. Gary would do anything for anyone and was the most caring father and pops that God could have blessed us with.

He is survived by his mother-MaryLou Johns. Sister-Sherry Kaufman. Brother-Bruce Adrion and his wife Brandis Adrion. Children-Brandon Adrion. Casey Adrion and his wife

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Amber Adrion. Amy Gunter and her husband Ray Gunter. Grands: Gunner,Baron,Caleb, Cannon, Derringer, Kimber and LunaRae.

#### **OBITUARY GUIDELINES**

Obituaries are submitted online at obituaries.hcnews.com. Advance payment is required and you may do so online when placing the obituary. Obituaries should come from the funeral home. Obituaries placed by next of kin must be verified with the facility handling the body or the

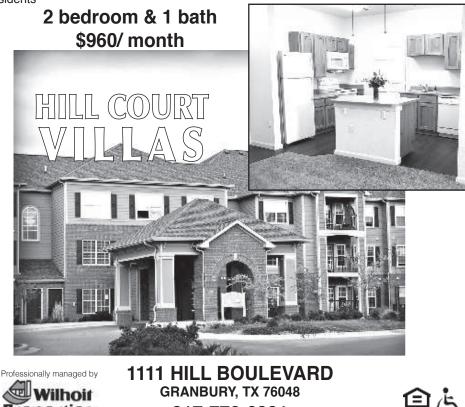
A memorial service will be held from 11:00 AM to 12:00 PM on 2021-08-23 at Good Shepherd Anglican-Historic Chapel, 4530 Acton Hwy, Granbury, TX, USA.

#### church where service will be held. You must provide the contact info for verification when submitting the obituary.

The deadline for obituaries is 10 a.m. Monday for the Wednesday paper, and 10 a.m. Thursday for the Saturday paper.

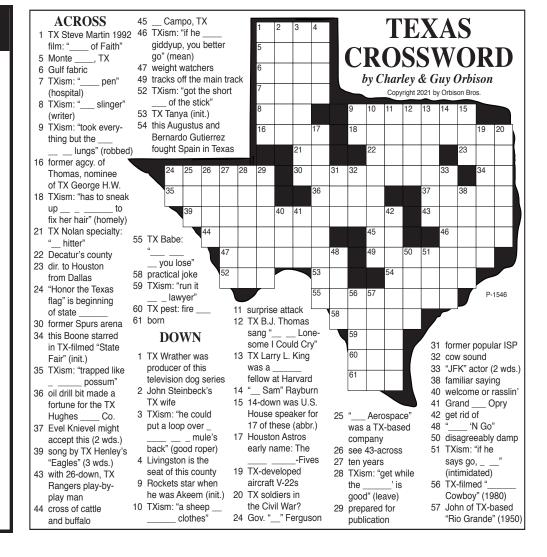
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# Granbury to change trash pick-up days for some residents

#### **BY KATHY CRUZ**

Senior Staff Writer The weekly trash collection schedule for about half of Granbury's residents will change in a few weeks. Business trash collection

will be unaffected. Currently, garbage is picked up at all homes within the city limits every

Wednesday. Starting on Monday, Sept. 13, trash at homes that are generally south of US Highway 377 and east of South Morgan Street (SH 144) will be picked up every Monday.

The Wednesday schedule will remain in effect for all other homes.

Recycling will be picked up

at the same time as trash. Certified letters will be sent to homes that will be affected by the change.

In the meantime, though, anyone who is unsure as to whether their trash pick-up day will be moved to Mondays can go to www.granbury.org/address and view a color-coded map.

The areas shaded in purple will continue to have a Wednesday schedule for trash pick-up, and areas shaded in orange will be moved to a Monday schedule.

Garbage pickup fees will not be affected. Residential refuse is

picked up weekly. It must

be curbside by 7 a.m. and trash containers are to be removed from the curb within 24 hours after pickup. Residents must purchase their own trash cans.

Recycling is free, and recycle bins are provided to those who wish to participate. To request a recycle bin, call Waste Connections

at 817-579-8855. For a full list of recyclables, visit www.granbury. org/garbage.

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#### **CALENDAR** FROM PAGE A4

a.m. at Harbor Lakes Golf Club, 2100 Clubhouse Drive, with Rose Colarossi speaking on Network Like a Millionaire. JoAnn Parker speaks on Therapy Through Art. Luncheon follows, \$19 for lunch. Bring donation of new clothes for children 5 and older for the Rainbow Room. Details: 817-573-1297.

HOOD COUNTY Republican Club, speaker is Congressman August Pfluger, also attending - Don Huffines, candidate for governor. Doors open at 6 p.m., meeting begins at 6:30 p.m. at Brazos Covenant Ministries, 1950 Acton Highway. Details: 817-925-0558.

#### WEDNESDAY, AUG. 25

BLOOD DRIVE, at VFW Post 7835, 3670 W. U.S. Highway 377, 12:30 - 5:30 p.m. Go to

### THURSDAY, AUG. 26

carterbloodcare.org or call

Kim Joffrion, 817-573-9350.

1-800-366-2834. Details:

KIWANIS CLUB luncheon meeting at noon with a representative from Luminant on emergency preparedness. Meet at Farina's Winery & Cafe, 202 N. Houston, on the square.

ROTARY CLUB of Granbury meeting with member Dr. Romeo Bachard opportunities for international projects and service through Rotary International. Noon luncheon at Harbor Lakes Golf Club, 2100 Club House Drive.

**DRIVE-THROUGH FOOD** Pantry on the fourth Thursday, 5-7 p.m. at Rancho Brazos Community Center, 3701 Sundown Trail.

### **Pearl Street road work**



DAVID MONTESINO HOOD COUNTY NEWS Construction barrels line Pearl Street just off the Granbury square before work crews fix potholes and replace gas lines in Granbury last Thursday, Aug. 12.

### SUPPORT SYSTEMS

#### SUPPORT SYSTEM calen-

dar will feature recurring activities that provide group support and are open to the public. These items will run each Wednesday. Submit Support System listings to calendar@hcnews.com and include the day, date, time and location - including street address.

# **EVERY THURSDAY**

**GRIEF RECOVERY** seminar

and support group meets at 10 a.m. at Interim Hospice, 1314 Paluxy Drive, Suite 200. Childcare is not provided. Fee for Griefshare workbook is \$15. Details: 817-5733-7474.

#### **FIRST MONDAY**

#### **ALZHEIMER'S SUPPORT**

Group, join others to share concerns, 10 a.m. at Acton Methodist Church 3433 Fall Creek Highway. Details: 817-326-2355.

#### SECOND WEDNESDAY

#### **ALZHEIMER'S ASSOCIA-**

**TION** Support Group for family and friends caring for loved ones with dementia at 11:30 a.m., First Christian Church of Granbury, 2109 W. U.S. Highway 377. Details: megriffin@alz.org.

#### SECOND SATURDAY

**GRIEF SUPPORT** breakfast for anyone grieving the loss of someone they love at 10 a.m., patio at Fuzzy's Tacos off the square. Details: 817-578-8772.

#### **THIRD MONDAY**

**ALZHEIMER'S SUPPORT** Group, join others to share concerns, 10 a.m. at Acton Methodist Church 3433 Fall Creek Highway. Details: 817-326-2355.

#### FOURTH TUESDAY

**PARKINSON'S SUPPORT** 

Group, 1 p.m. at Lakestone Terrace, 916 E. U.S. Highway 377. Open for those with Parkinson's and their families wanting to understand more about this disease. Details: 817-999-1470.

#### FOURTH WEDNESDAY

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# The word is xeriscape, not zeroscape!

**PHYLLIS WEBSTER** 

Phyllis Webster earned a degree in journalism before embarking on a long career in public relations and marketing. A Granbury resident since 1998. she has been deeply involved in the community. She is an awardwinning writer and photographer, as well as a Master Gardener. She has authored Garden Patch since 2001.

hen installing a new landscape, consider the benefits of an environmentally friendly xeriscape. First, let's get something straight. The word is xeriscape, not "zeroscape." And having a xeriscape does not mean that your landscape is a desert of rocks and cactus devoid of colorful flowers! Xeriscapes are so misunderstood.

The term xeriscape evolved from the Greek word xeros, meaning dry, and the word landscape.

What is it? It is synonymous with water-efficient landscaping that utilizes regional plants to create well-conceived. planet-friendly and beautiful outdoor environments. It is NOT the absence of vegetation or "zero" plant life.

The ultimate goal of a xeriscape is water savings. Water availability is critical in Texas as the burgeoning population puts higher demands on the already limited supply of high-quality water. Little can be done by the average person to combat the stressors of drought and population growth. However, people have the ability to minimize the water they expend to maintain home landscapes.

Xeriscape landscaping incorporates seven basic principles that lead to water savings: planning and design, soil analysis, practical



#### The native lantana is an attractive flowering plant for North Central Texas xeriscapes.

turf areas, appropriate plant selection, efficient irrigation, use of mulch and appropriate Webster maintenance. Consider-

ing that lawns require more water and maintenance than most other landscape plants, reducing the amount of turf-

grass is a critical component of any xeriscape plan.

Instead of lawn, increase landscape beds and hardscape areas, such as walkways. Base plant selections primarily on their ability to adapt to the region's climate and your site's characteristics, such as elevation changes, soil type and pH, and amount of sun, shade or wind. When reviewing plants, carefully evaluate their water demands given your site. Native plants generally have lower water demands, fewer pest problems and less fertilizer needs than others.

For appearance sakes, also consider any existing trees or shrubs and the natural surroundings. All plantings should complement each other.

According to horticultur-

ists at Texas A&M, a well-designed xeriscape combined with a water-efficient irrigation system can decrease maintenance by as much as 50 percent. To maintain their health and best appearance, xeriscapes typically require annual mulching in landscape beds and elimination of weak plants. Mowing is dramatically reduced. And chemical controls are miniCOURTESY PHOTO BY PHYLLIS WEBSTER

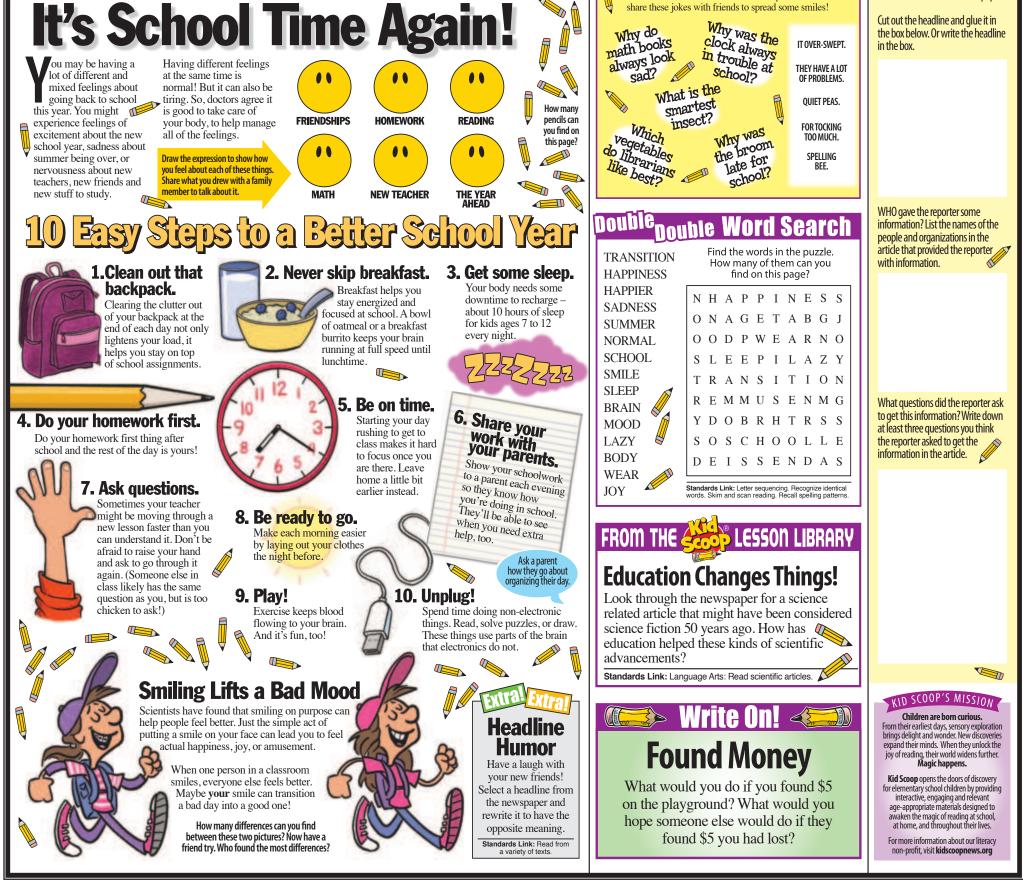
mized, reducing environmental risks.

For answers to your horticulture questions, please call the Texas AgriLife Extension, Hood County at 817-579-3280 or go online to visit lakegranburymastergardeners.org.

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**Request for Proposal** RFP2021-010 Inspection, Maintenance, Monitoring of Fire Protection Equipment and Systems for Hood County

Specification documents for this proposal may be obtained at the Purchasing Agent's Office located at 1402 W. Pearl St. Granbury, TX 76048, or through the Hood County Purchasing Web link: http://www.co.hood.tx.us/p urchasing.htm.

Hood County reserves the right to award by unit cost or lump sum discount and to waive formalities for the best interest of Hood County. Hood County reserves the right to reject any and all bids. All invoices shall be paid at the regular semimonthly meeting of the Hood County Commissioner's Court.

Hood County Purchasing Agent at 817 408-3440.

For additional Information, contact

NOTICE TO CREDITORS Notice is hereby given that original Letters Testamentary for the Estate of Joan C. Gresens, Deceased, were granted on July 29, 2021, in Cause No. P09386, pending in the County Court of Hood County, Texas, to: Susan E. Gresens and Christopher T. Gresens.

All persons having claims against this Estate which is currently being administered are required to present them to the undersigned within the time and in the manner prescribed by

law. c/o: Samuel I. Reid Attorney at Law 1840 Acton Highway Granbury, TX 76049 DATED the 4th day of August 2021. The Reid Firm, P.C. Attorneys for Applicant By:/s/ Samuel I. Reid Steven J. Reid State Bar No.: 16747900 Samuel I. Reid State Bar No.: 24105702 1840 Acton Highway Granbury, TX 76049 Telephone: (817) 573-3718 Facsimile: (817) 573-9732 E-mail:steve@reidfirmpc.com samuel@reidfirmpc.com

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# GRANBURY **DAIRY QUEEN**

#### 9031 **Public Notices**

NOTICE TO CREDITORS Notice is hereby given that original Letters Testamentary for the Estate of Robert I. Gresens, Deceased, were granted on July 29, 2021, in Cause No. P09370, pending in the County Court of Hood County, Texas, to: Susan E. Gresens and Christopher T. Gresens. All persons having claims against this Estate which is currently being administered are required to present them to the undersigned within the time and in the manner prescribed by law. c/o: Samuel I. Reid Attorney at Law 1840 Acton Highway Granbury, TX 76049 DATED the 4th day of August 2021. The Reid Firm, P.C. Attorneys for Applicant By:/s/ Samuel I. Reid State Bar No.: 16747900

CITATION BY PUBLICATION THE STATE OF TEXAS TO: TERESA LYNN TUCKER, Respondent: GREETINGS:

The petition of LLOYD DALE TUCKER Petitioner, was filed in the County Court at Law Court of Hood County, Texas on the 3'd of August, 2021, against TERESA LYNN TUCKER Respondent, numbered CL2021139 and entitled "In the Matter of the Marriage of LLOYD DALE TUCKER and TERESA LYNN TUCKER". The suit requests: Original Petition For Divorce as is more fully shown by the Petition on

to enter any judgment or decree dissolving the marriage, providing for the division of property. which will be

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# Try these bran muffins for breakfast or quick treat

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> t's back to school season and that means students will come home from school with



keep them in the freezer when I was in high school. I would take two out when I got home from school and pop them in the microwave, top them with butter and devour them like a good teenager should. In the past, I frequently

made them and kept them in the freezer here at the Hood County News and I would always have a backup breakfast or snack.

I haven't made them in a long time, and came across the recipe while cleaning out my recipe box. So I am dusting off the recipe card and will fill my freezer for a quick breakfast and quick snack for my 7-year-old

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#### Bran Muffins 2 cups bran buds (Kel-

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2 cups bran flakes 2<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub> cups sugar 1 cup melted shortening, butter or coconut oil

1 quart buttermilk

- 4 large eggs
- 5 cups flour
- 5 teaspoons baking soda
- 2 teaspoons salt 2 cups raisins (optional)

2 cups boiling water

Pour 2 cups boiling water

over 2 cups of bran buds. Cool.

Mix shortening (or butter

or coconut oil) and sugar. Add eggs and water/bran mix. Beat.

Add bran flakes, salt and baking soda.

Add buttermilk and raisins.

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He has lived in Stephenville since 1991 and he has managed a small business there for more than a decade. Deputy Burge began his law enforcement career in 2020 after graduating from Tarrant County College Police Academy. He holds a Basic Peace Officer's Certification through TCOLE and has worked for the Hood County Sheriff's Office as a Patrol Deputy since that time.

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# Pirates catch fire late, dominate Everman in scrimmage



SHIFTY SOPHOMORE: Jaden Rogers had several nice runs and plenty of yards-after-contact against Everman.

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#### **BY RUSSELL HUFFMAN** Staff Writer

EVERMAN -- Granbury High School dominated the final 20 minutes of its football scrimmage against Everman at J.E. Marr Stadium Friday night.

The Pirates got a 27-yard field goal from Drew Hamilton before Austin Jinkerson hooked up with Gus Hamlin on a 55-yard touchdown this scrimmage stuff is over. That we weren't going to go three plays and start over, it was let's go play an actual football game."

To the casual eye, the scripted portion of the scrimmage appeared to be dominated by Everman's offense, but the Bulldogs second-team offense was loaded.

"Through no fault of their own, Everman doesn't have Everman pass play that Gus Hamlin hauled in for an interception, and it fired up the Granbury sideline.

The pickoff was just the beginning of some of Hamlin's highlights as he snagged a long pass from Jinkerson to set up Hamilton's boot through the uprights for the Pirates' first score of the evening.

GHS sophomore running back Jadon Rogers had sev-



pass to salt away a 9-0 score in the frame.

It was a flip-flop from Granbury's performance in the prior scripted scrimmage action, in which the Pirates were guilty of missed assignments, some poor tackling, and a slight lack of energy that head coach Chad Zschiesche was quick to point out to his players.

#### A FEW CONCERNS

"At first, I saw some things that concerned me," Zschiesche said. "Then, all of a sudden, we realized any second-team offensive lineman," Zschiesche said. "And they have some monsters out there. What a great football team."

The Pirates' second-team defense gave up several long scoring plays as Everman's offensive line gave its quarterback opportunities when they spotted blown assignments.

#### THE TURNING POINT

The turning point came shortly before the live 20-minutes of action when Tate Baker interrupted an eral impressive runs in the scripted action and pounded the interior and right side of the defense in the liveaction that softened up the Bulldogs' defense, making way for Hamlin's secondbiggest catch of the evening.

A fumble recovery by Pirate Dustin Jones set up Hamlin's best reception of the evening. Jinkerson found the big wide receiver, and Hamlin wasn't going to be denied the end zone.

"I looked back and saw

PLEASE SEE SCRIMMAGE | B3

SIDE-ARM: Austin Jinkerson is forced to side-arm the ball as he tries to get a pass downfield under a heavy rush.

# Lacy's move to receiver gives Granbury a deep threat

**BY RUSSELL HUFFMAN** *Staff Writer* 

ranbury High School senior Dereck Lacy Jr. has plans for a career in real estate, but before that happens, he wants to eat up plenty of ground at his newfound position at wide receiver.

It's a big transition for the alldistrict defensive back, but one that makes sense considering he's the fastest Pirate, and he gives the team a legitimate deep receiving threat for quarterback Austin Jinkerson.

"I don't like to brag, but I'm pretty sure I am the fastest guy out here," Lacy said.

The coaches have undoubtedly noticed, and it will mean double duty for the fleetest of the Pirate crew. It's not an easy transition.

"The hardest part about playing wide receiver, to be honest, is the blocking," Lacy said. "As a defensive back, I am coming and lighting somebody up – cleaning them out. As a wide receiver, I have to know when to let up because I may be needed to block further down the field."

However, playing defensive back also helps at playing wide receiver because Lacy has seen all those fakes and cuts made against him, and he even plans on adding some of those to his skill set.

"Oh yeah, I have some ideas, and there is one double-stutter step, shift and cut I plan on trying because it worked against me when I was on defense," Lacy said. "It's a move that I have stuck in my back pocket."

Lacy had plans to play some offense last season, but the move up to the varsity combined with a starting role was a lot to handle. With a year's experience under his belt, he feels more comfortable taking on more responsibilities on the other side of the football.

"I want to be able to dominate with my blocking and make the adjustments I need to catch the football," Lacy said. "The most important thing is doing my job and helping the team win games."

Lacy has had to hit the ground running PLEASE SEE LACY | B2

### **NCTA Lady Pioneer volleyball gets underway**



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POINT TO CELEBRATE: The Lady Pioneers of North Central Texas Academy won all three of their games in their pool Aug. 12 at the Clifton Volleyball Tournament, beating Abbott, Comanche and Eastview in straight sets. Above, the Lady Pioneers celebrate a point in their Aug. 10 loss to Westlake Academy. The Lady Pioneers finished the weekend with the tournament crown, with Sara Maksimovic and Jena Cetkovic making the all-tournament team. Libero Lindsey Brown received honorable mention. "When I am blocking someone, I want to completely dominate the situation. I want them to know I am going to make adjustments on the next play."

> **DERECK LACY, JR.** PIRATE WIDE RECEIVER, DEFENSIVE BACK



TIP TOES: Dereck Lacy tip toes as he tries to stay inbounds after a catch at the Purple and Gold Scrimmage.

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#### **LACY** FROM PAGE B1

as he learns his new position, and he's spent extra time with Jinkerson snagging balls.

"I didn't realize how hard Austin throws the football until I started catching balls from him," Lacy said. "I have been working hard to catch While he is working on catching all the footballs thrown at him, Lacy also believes if he gives 100 percent at the position, he will be delighted with his play.

"When I am blocking someone, I want to completely dominate the situation. I want them to know I am going to make adjustments on the next play," Lacy said. "Braydon Olthoff is a defensive lineman, but when he goes on offense and carries the ball, he is something else," Lacy said. "He is hands down the hardest player to tackle. Jadon Rogers (sophomore) has some great moves, but he's younger and still growing."

How does Lacy feel about the progress of this year's team?



the ball with my fingertips and not on my palms."

The new wide receiver has sought out his quarterback for repeated throwing sessions to work on his receiving skills.

That's the fun stuff because there have been countless hours of learning, running routes, and figuring out where he needs to be for timing plays.

Being a defensive back at heart means coming in with the thunder at full speed, and now Lacy is adjusting to catching the ball with some finesse.

"I can't go out there and have brick hands," Lacy said. "I have to keep it soft." Adding a position also means more time with a playbook. On the 20-minute drive to practice, he sits next to his mother, Ronesia Lewis, pouring over the Pirates' playbook. Some of the pages may be dog-eared.

"Books are one thing that I love. It doesn't matter what it's about – give me a good book to read, and I will pagemark it by bending a corner of the page," Lacy said.

With as much time as he has put in on the varsity, he is well versed in his fellow players' capabilities and has no hesitation picking out who he thought was the most demanding player to tackle on the Pirates' squad. "I think we are a step ahead this season, and we are anticipating where we need to be instead of being reactionary. The guys have put in a lot of work this summer," Lacy said.

There's still lots of time to decide, but Lacy is leaning toward playing basketball this season, and track and field are on tap in the spring.

"I want to have a memorable senior year and challenge myself, too," Lacy said.

Lacy is the son of Ronesia Lewis and Dereck Lacy.

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FIRST PLACE: Dereck Lacy, second from left, usually finds himself in first place when it comes to foot races among his fellow Pirates.



#### **SCRIMMAGE** FROM PAGE B1

Austin loft the ball to me, and I could see the cornerback behind me when I went up for the ball," Hamlin said. "I had a little more left in the tank than I thought I had."

#### COACH'S THOUGHTS

Like any good coach who wants more, Zschiesche feels Hamlin still has more to give.

"Gus made some great plays tonight," Zschiesche said. "Wait till he's in full physical shape, and we aren't running him around from one side to the other all the time. He's a good player. He's big-time."

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didn't get into the end zone, but Rogers, Ryan Baker and Braydon Olthoff all had some impressive runs against a nasty defense.

"We are young at running back, and they (Rogers and Baker) ran hard and held onto the football," Zschiesche said. "Braydon Olthoff (a senior) got lots of repetitions during the scripted part, and he is going to be a vital part of our offense."

Olthoff is also a vital part of Granbury's defense, where he was a constant force as he kept harassing Everman's quarterbacks. He also came up with a huge tackle for a loss of six yards. Granbury's field general managed a good game despite often playing under heavy pressure. Jinkerson's

ability to make plays and stay healthy is critical to the Pirates having a successful season. Coaches have constantly been reminding their senior signal-caller that he needs to make sound decisions.

Pirate defensive lineman Brooks Pearce put an exclamation point on Granbury's performance for the night with a thunderous quarterback sack that ended any chance of Everman getting into the end zone.

"There are some things we need to work on, but I am tickled with where we are now," Zschiesche said.

GHS will now turn its attention to hosting Stephenville on Friday at 7 p.m. at Pirate Stadium for the final preseason scrimmage, and the Yellow Jackets will be bringing in one of the best offensive lines in Class 4A Division I. SHS is 18th in the state among 4A Division I teams in Dave Campbell's Texas Football magazine's preseason rankings.

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GROUND POUNDER: Braydon Olthoff is a starting defender and is expected to play a vital role on offense.



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# **TAX RATE**

The Telar ISD will hold a tublic meeting at 06:00 PM. Ansats 30, 2021 in 301 ROCK CHURCH, TOLAR, TX 26476. The purpose of this meeting is to discuss the school listrict's budget that will determine the tax rate that will be adopted. Public participation in the discussion is invite-

The tax rate that is ultimately adopted at this meeting or at a separate meeting at a later date may not exceed the proposed rate shown below unless the district publishes a revised notice containing the same information and comparisons set out below and holds another public meeting to discuss the revised notice

> \$0.963400/\$100 (proposed rate for maintenance and operations) \$0.281682/\$100 (proposed rate to pay bonded indebtedness)

Approved by Local Voters

#### Comparison of Proposed Budget with Last Year's Budget

The applicable percentage increase to decrease for difference) in the amount budgeted in the preceding facel year and the amount budgeted for the fiscal year that begins during the current tax year is indicated for each of the following expenditure categories.

Maintenance and ope	urations 10.	78 % increase
Deht Service	-20	UB % decrease
Total expenditures	R.4	8 % increase
	Total Appraised Value and (as calculated under Secti	
	Preceding Tax Year	Current Tax Year
Total appealsed value* of all property	\$306,992,896	\$299,810,929
Total appraised value* of new property**	\$6,403,423	\$7,310,530
Total taxable value*** of all property	\$270,594,663	\$260,686,177
Total taxable value*** of new property**	\$6,493,423	\$7,310,530
*Appraised value is the amount shown on the appr	aisal rolt and defined by Section 1.04(8),	Tax Code.

vew property" is defined by Section 26.012(17). Tax Code.

\*\*\* "Taxable value" is defined by Section 1.04(10), Tay Code

Bonded Indebtednesss Total amount of outstanding and unpaid builded indebtedness <sup>art</sup> \$13,933,137					
*Cuistanting principal.					
2	omparison of Pr	oposed Rates wi	th Last Year's I	Rates	
	Maintenance &	Interest &		Local Revenue	State Revenue
	Operations	Sinking Fund*	Tatal	Per Student	Per Student
Last Year's Rate	\$8,960000	\$0.310000*	\$1,270090	\$3,303	\$8,056
Rate to Maintain Same Level of Maintenance &	CO 002 450	\$0.281682*	\$1,245082	#1 400	CD 002
Operations Revenue & Pay Debt Service	\$0.963400	<b>D</b> (Y 501997.	51,245052	\$5,199	\$7,898
Proposed Rate	\$0.963400	\$0.281682*	\$1,245062	\$5,199	\$7,898
"The Interest & Sinking Fund tax revenue is used to The bonds, and the tax rate necessary to pay those bo				l.	

Comparison of Proposed Levy with Last Year's Levy on Average Residence		
	Lasa Year	This Year
Average Market Value of Residences	\$173,565	\$185,558
Average Taxable Value of Residences	\$141,206	\$152,002
Last Year's Rate Versus Proposed Bate per \$100 Value	\$1,270000	\$1.245002
Taxes Due on Average Residence	\$1,733.32	\$1,802.55
Increase (Decrease) in Taxes		\$99.23

Under state law, the dollar amount of school taxes imposed on the residence boursstead of a person 65 years of age or older or of the surviving spouse of such a person, if the surviving spouse was 55 years of age or older when the person died, may not be increased above the amount poid in the first year after the person turned 65, regardless of changes in tax rate or property value.

Notice of Voter-Approval Rate: The highest tax rate the district can adopt before requiring voter approval at an election is \$1,245082. This election will be automatically held if the district adopts a rate in excess of the voter-approval rate of \$1,245082.

Fund Balances	
The following estimated balances will remain at the end of the current fiscal year and are not encombred with or by a corresponding debt solitances, less estimated finds accessary for operating the district before receipt of the first state ald payment.	
Maintenance and Operations Fund Balance(s)	\$1,991.237
interest & Sinking Fund Belance(s)	\$470,237

A school district may not increase the district's meintenance and operations tax rate to create a surplus in maintenance and operations tax revenue for the purpose of paying the district's debt service.

# Texas hunting, fishing licenses on sale now

AUSTIN - The start of a new hunting season is right around the corner and the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department (TPWD) is reminding hunters and anglers that current year Texas hunting and fishing licenses (except the Year-from-Purchase All-Water Fishing Package) will expire at the end of August. New licenses for the 2021-22 season went on sale Aug. 15.

Annually, Texans purchase more than 2.7 million hunting and fishing licenses and directly fund a multitude of conservation efforts and recreational opportunities, helping make Texas one of the best places in the country to hunt and fish sales include fish stocking, wildlife management, habitat restoration, public hunting leases, river fishing access and Texas Game Wardens.

Outdoorsmen and women can purchase a variety of licenses online through the official TPWD website, by phone at 1-800-895-4248 during regular business hours or in person at more than 1,800 retailers across the state.

TPWD encourages repeat license buyers to use the expedited checkout process, which speeds up re-purchasing the same license bought in recent years.

Customers can access their past and current lilicense, (2) an emailed receipt of your purchase; (3) one's account in the online license sales system; (4) via License Lookup in the Outdoor Annual app or in the My Texas Hunt Harvest app.

Hunters and anglers must still have a physical license for any activities requiring tags.

Hunting and fishing regulations for the 2021-22 season are available online at outdoorannual.com, on the Outdoor Annual mobile app or in the printed Outdoor Annual booklet.

The mobile app is free, and once downloaded, it works without internet connectivity which makes it easy for hunters and anglers Other features include license lookup, locationbased functionality such as "Hunting Seasons and Regulations by Location," "Where to Fish," and more.

Printed copies of the Outdoor Annual can be picked up at license retailers when customers purchase their license or at TPWD offices Additionally, the Outdoor Annual website offers the option to download and print all or select sections of the Outdoor Annual.

The My Texas Hunt Harvest app, which can be accessed through the Outdoor Annual app, enables electronic submission of mandatory harvest reports, including alligator gar hartheir on-site registration for many TPWD public hunting lands. Hunters can hunt on more than one million acres of public land with the purchase of an Annual Public Hunting Permit.

When buying their license, resident hunters and anglers may wish to purchase an entry in the Lifetime License Drawing. Three lucky winners will each win a Lifetime Super Combo License and never need to buy a Texas hunting or fishing license again. Entries are \$5 each and can be purchased online, by phone or at any license retailer. The first entry deadline is Sept. 30. When making their pur-

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port the Hunters for the Hungry program or the Fund for Veterans Assistance.

Donations to the Hunters for the Hungry program provide hunters with a way to donate legally harvested deer to participating processors. The processed meat goes to local food banks to feed Texas families in need.

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For frequently asked questions about Texas hunting

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PURPLE PASSION

# *Love of tacos and each other led couple to open Mi Amor Tacos food truck*



PHOTOS BY MARY VINSON | HOOD COUNTY NEWS PERFECT PAIRING: Jessica Stangenwald and Juan Martinez are partners in their personal lives as well as in their sideline taco truck business.

Senior Staff Writer

Mi Amor Tacos (Mi Amor means "my love") is on the parking lot of Anytime Fitness at 4305 East U.S. Highway 377.

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Martinez, a 2005 graduate of Granbury High School, manages Accent Rock in Granbury. He also has his own landscaping company and a power washing business.

Stangenwald, who lives in Euless, is a chiropractor and a family nurse practitioner. She also owns Anytime Fitness in Granbury.

So, what in the world made Martinez want to add operating a taco truck to his to-do list, and what possessed Stangenwald to agree to the idea? Maybe it has to do with the fact that the couple just seems to click, and when they started tossing around ideas about what operating a taco truck might look like, things just took off.

"Juan and I both love tacos," Stangenwald said. "We could eat tacos every day."

Óne of them, they can't remember now which one, came up with the idea of coloring the homemade taco shells a shade of Granbury Pirate purple. The purple of the taco shells and the green of the lettuce combine to make a color-

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HANDMADE: Mi Amor Tacos' distinctive Granbury-purple taco shells are made fresh on site.





ORDER UP: Juan Martinez, co-owner of the Mi Amor Tacos food truck, hands an order to a customer.

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ful, appealing meal. As an added touch, Stangenwald stamps each taco shell with a heart.

"This stuff is really made with love," she said. "This is not fast food."

Mi Amor means 'my love,' which is a term of endearment Stangenwald frequently uses when referring to Martinez. The couple is not married, but they are partners in every sense.

The pair operate their taco truck from the park-

ing lot of Anytime Fitness at 4305 East U.S. Highway 377. There are eight picnic tables.

For most people, eating tacos is a treat by itself, but Stangenwald and Martinez add to the fun by offering yard-sized versions of games such as Jenga, Dominoes, Checkers, Connect 4, Ladder Ball, and cornhole.

The couple also provide chalk and block off a portion of the parking lot where kids can create their own works of art.

The food truck's hours of operation are limited. It is open only on some Friday and Saturday evenings, from 7 p.m. to midnight. It is closed on weekends when Stangenwald's girls have cheer or gymnastics events or when there is some other type of commitment involving the kids.

Martinez and Stangenwald communicate with customers verbally about upcoming dates when they know they'll be closed and post information on their Mi Amor Tacos Facebook page.

"We want to take time for our children and make sure that they get quality time (with us)," Martinez explained. "The people with children understand." The entrepreneurs are proud that everything they serve is fresh, and the corn and flour tortillas are made by Stangenwald on site. Customers can watch her make them through the truck's window.

"And we use nothing but the finest meat," Martinez said. "When I cut the meat, I make sure I cut off most of the fat."

The purple coloring, using in professional bakeries, does not change the flavor of the taco shells, Stangenwald noted.

The couple also serves a purple-colored beverage: Horchata. It is a sweet Mexican drink made from rice, cinnamon sticks, hot water, and other ingredients.

The taco menu includes Asada (beef sirloin), Carnitas (pork tenderloin), Camaron con Col (shrimp with slaw), Pollo (chicken breast) and Vegetarian con Aguacate (vegetarian with avocado).

Elote, or Mexican corn in a cup, is also on the menu, and there are food and drink specials. Regular drinks on the menu include Coke, Diet Coke, orange, Sprite, Dr Pepper, bottled water, Mexican Coke and Topo Chico (Mexican sparkling water). Tacos range from \$2.77 each to \$3.70 each, plus tax. Elote is \$2.77, and Horchata is \$3.70. Soft drinks are \$1.85 each. Stangenwald said she was insistent that Mi Amor Tacos stay open late to

serve customers with latenight munchies. "That way," she said, "if they've been working on a house project or they just

finished their kid's baseball game, or whatever, they can have fresh food." For more information

about the food truck, check out Mi Amor Tacos on Facebook.

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Michael Hix.

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Saturday, Aug. 21, 8-11 p.m., Shane Terrell & The Stumblers. Sunday, Aug. 22, 4-7 p.m., Madison Paige.

Monday, Aug. 23, Whiskey for Warriors, Fundraising Event for Rally Project. Tuesday, Aug. 24, 6-10 p.m., Taco Tuesday with Firefly Grilling on site. 7-10 p.m. - Two-Step Tuesday with Live Music by Ben McPherson & Jody Booth.

Thursday, Aug. 26 – 7 p.m., TX Hold Em Poker Night, Free to play, \$200 Weekly Cash Prize. Friday, Aug. 27, 8-11 p.m., Tyler Stokes.

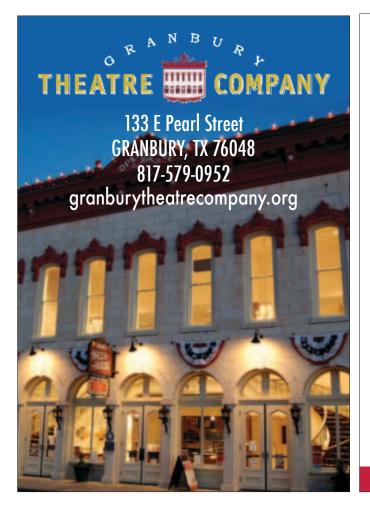
Saturday, Aug. 28, 8-11 p.m., Mike Webb Brad Wilson. Sunday, Aug. 29, 4-7 p.m. Baileigh Rhodes. Tuesday, Aug. 31, , 6-10 p.m., Taco Tuesday with Firefly Grilling on site.

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# Lady Pirates to host annual volleyball tourney



#### TOURNAMENT TIME: Granbury will open Pool E play at 3 p.m. on Thursday as it plays host to a 32-team tournament on the GISD campus.

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#### **BY RUSSELL HUFFMAN** *Staff Writer*

Granbury High School will be hosting the Granbury Classic Lady Pirate volleyball tournament Aug. 19-21.

The tourney will begin with pool play on Thursday, Aug. 18, and a challenge round and bracket play on Friday, Aug. 20, and Saturday, Aug. 21. The Lady Pirates are taking part in Pool

E and play at 3 p.m. Thursday.

In addition to the Lady Pirates, competing are Abilene Wylie, Amarillo Tascosa, Azle, Birdville, Burleson Centennial, Canyon, Denton Ryan, El Paso East Lake, El Paso El Dorado, Euless Trinity, Fort Worth Paschal, Georgetown East View, Hereford, Joshua, Keller Central, Killeen Ellison, Levelland, Lewisville, Lubbock Coro-

nado, Mansfield Lake Ridge, Mansfield Summit, Mansfield Timberview, Midland High, Midlothian, Northside Brennan, Odessa Permian, Richland, Saginaw Chisholm Trail, Sherman, Stephenville, and Waco Midway.

Tourney games will be played in the GHS James Wann Sports Center and at Granbury Middle School. Pool play and bracket schedules are available on the

GHS website at granburyisd. org/ladypiratevolleyball.

Admission is \$10 per day for adults, \$8 for seniors, and \$5 for students. A three-day pass is \$25 for adults and \$20 for students and seniors. Children age five and under are free.

The Lady Pirate varsity squad members include Ellie Alexander, Carly Barton, Landry Basil, Blakely Bleeker, Emma Hart, Tristan Huddleston, Kimberlee Joyce, Kassidy Kirkpatrick, Kaylee Kirkpatrick, Kylie Moody, Christen Nichols, Rachel Poirer, Missy Varni, Gracie Weaver, and Sara Welch. Managers are Annie Hartmann, Makai Scott, and Haley White.

Head coach Desiree Shahan is assisted by Alex Oppenborn, Kristin Murray, Kelsi Chavez, Devon Grieser, and athletic trainer Connie

Rhodes.

The Lady Pirates picked up plenty of experience in the Westwood Tournament over the weekend and had a perfect day two with wins over Brewer 11-25, 25-21, 26-24, Burton: 25-10, 25-18, and China Spring 25-15, 18-25, & 25-18.

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# Tolar Rattlers set to take on Cisco in this Friday's game

**BY RUSSELL HUFFMAN** 

ment here and there and put of depth this season with a

#### Staff Writer

Tolar High School's Rattlers struck early and often and denied Trinity Valley the end zone during scrimmage action Friday by not allowing big-play opportunities.

"We didn't give up any big plays, and we really flew around after the football," Tolar head coach Jeremy Mullins said. "I was pleased with the effort we gave on both sides of the football."

While the Rattlers did have a missed blocking assign-

the ball on the ground once or twice, their overall performance was promising.

"There are some things we are going to need to clean up, but I thought we executed well on offense," Mullins said.

There are still lots of unanswered questions for Mullins, too.

"We still have 11 spots on both sides of the football that are open for the taking -I mean that," Mullins said. Mullins also has the luxury player ready behind every starter, and it's given the Rattlers an edginess that can cut its way to a district title. Tolar turned up with 56 players for high school football this season, and Mullins plans to carry 25-30 on the roster.

In addition to having Jackson LeCluyse returning at quarterback, the rattlers have six running backs vying for a starting role, and regardless of who wins the spot, all will be seeing ac-



A STABLE: The Rattlers have six running backs that are shooting for a starting role.



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QUARTERBACKS: Isaac Blessing is making a strong push for playing time as he works behind starter Jackson LeCluyse.

tion. LeCluyse's backup Issac Blessing is also pushing for playing time.

"We have six legitimate running backs, and we are going to use them all," Mullins said.

Brock Owens, Joseph Arce, Garrison Nation, Peyton Rains, Keaton Morrison, and Hayden Brown (a freshman) have all gotten repetitions out of the backfield.

Lineman Mason Berry was a player noted by Mullins.

"Mason did a great job for us on both sides of the ball, and he's gotten so much bigger and stronger this year," Mullins said.

Tolar will get to see how it travels this week as the Rattlers head to Cisco High School Thursday (Aug. 19) to take on the Loboes in a 7 p.m. scrimmage, and Mullins is expecting more improvements.

"We have got to tackle better. It's still early, but that's one thing we need to do right away," Mullins said. "That and we need to improve our pass blocking."

LeCluyse will undoubtedly be happy with good blocking, and he was pleased with how the Rattlers played against Trinity Valley.

"I think we played better as a team this year, and we were all on the same page on offense," LeCluyse said. "We are clicking better. It's been a long two weeks, and it felt good to go out and hit someone else.'

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#### **BY RUSSELL HUFFMAN** *Staff Writer*

Coach Chad Zschiesche knows his Granbury Pirates will have to step up their game when they host No. 18 Stephenville for a scrimmage Friday evening at Pirate Stadium.

The Yellow Jackets posted a 6-6 record last year and return the bulk of their offensive and defensive starters. Stephenville has one of the largest and best offensive lines in Class 4A D2 and has an explosive potential on offense if the Yellow Jackets can nail down who will start at quarterback.

The starting signal-caller in Granbury is without question as Austin Jinkerson has cemented himself into the position with a great offseason.

The Pirate will need to work hard to protect their senior quarterback as Granbury is young at the position.

"We need to clean up some stuff in the front with our blocking," Zschiesche said. "I think we are better than what we played like against Everman."

That's not to say the Pirates performed poorly, but coaches had a chance to break down video from the scrimmage, and now it is time to clean up the little things.

"Every player on the team has something they can improve on," Zschiesche said. "On defense, we need to improve our tackling, and on special teams, we dropped an uncovered extra point snap."

What does Zschiesche expect to see from the Yellow Jackets?

"They are always wellcoached, and they are a dangerous downhill team," Zschiesche said. "They will throw it up over the top of you if you try and get greedy stopping the run. They are a lot like us on offense where they throw so many different looks at you."

#### THE FORMAT

The scrimmage format will have the freshman starting at 5 p.m., and with both schools fielding two teams, the field will be split. The junior varsity is scheduled for a 6 p.m. kickoff.

The varsity format should have three series each for second and first-team players, then two live-quarters of play will follow.

"This is going to be a good challenge for us, and it will make us better," Zschiesche said.

#### BACK TO SCHOOL

The Pirates are an early morning practice football team that utilizes the afternoon for weight training and watching film. The freshmen teams will practice in the evenings.

"We adopted that format four years ago, and it has worked well for us," Zschiesche said.

#### NO STADIUM RESTRICTIONS

According to Zschiesche, Pirate Stadium is 100-percent open, and there are no restrictions.

#### BENEVOLENCE FUND

Admission to Friday's scrimmage will benefit the Our Day to Shine charitable campaign by the Texas High School Coaches Education Foundation (THSCEF).

More than 1,165 Texas schools have participated in Our Day to Shine, which has raised more than \$641,000 to aid athletes and coaches with special needs and other hardships.

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OVER HERE: Coach Chad Zschiesche points out a miss alignment to an off camera running back.



POSTGAME TALK: Coach Jason Shahan talks to the Granbury junior varsity following scrimmage action against Everman Friday.



AIR GAME: The sub-varsity team proved there are receivers coming up the Pirates' ranks.

COACHING BACKFIELD: Granbury coaches set up behind the offensive back field to get the best view of blocking.

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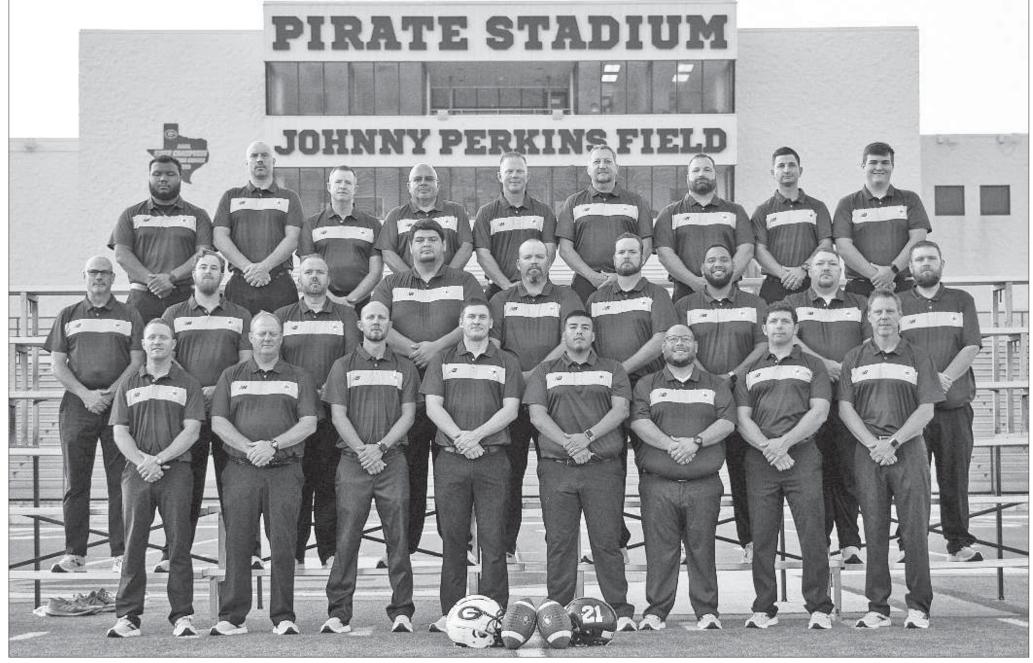
# Granbury Pirates pose for picture day



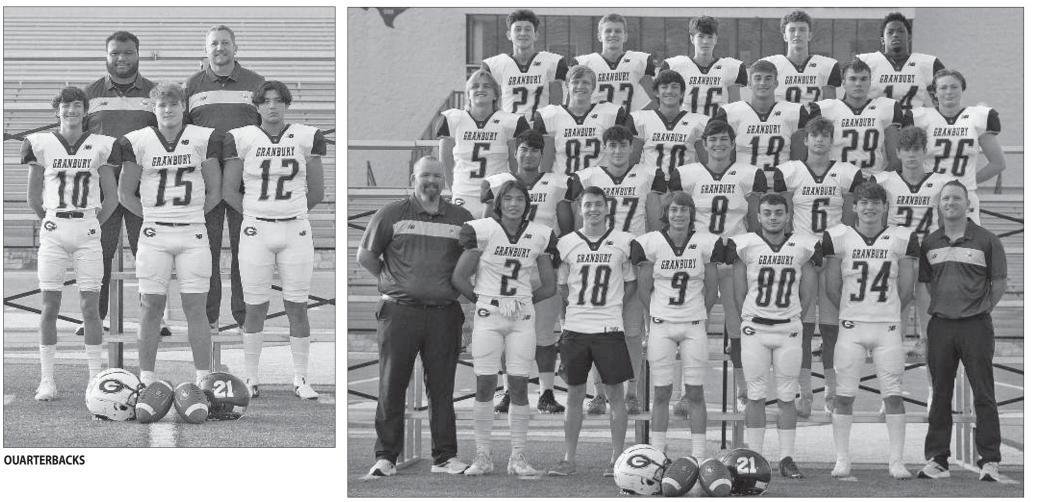


**RUNNING BACKS** 

**OFFENSIVE LINEMEN** 



COACHES: The 2021-2022 Granbury High School Pirate football coaching staff.



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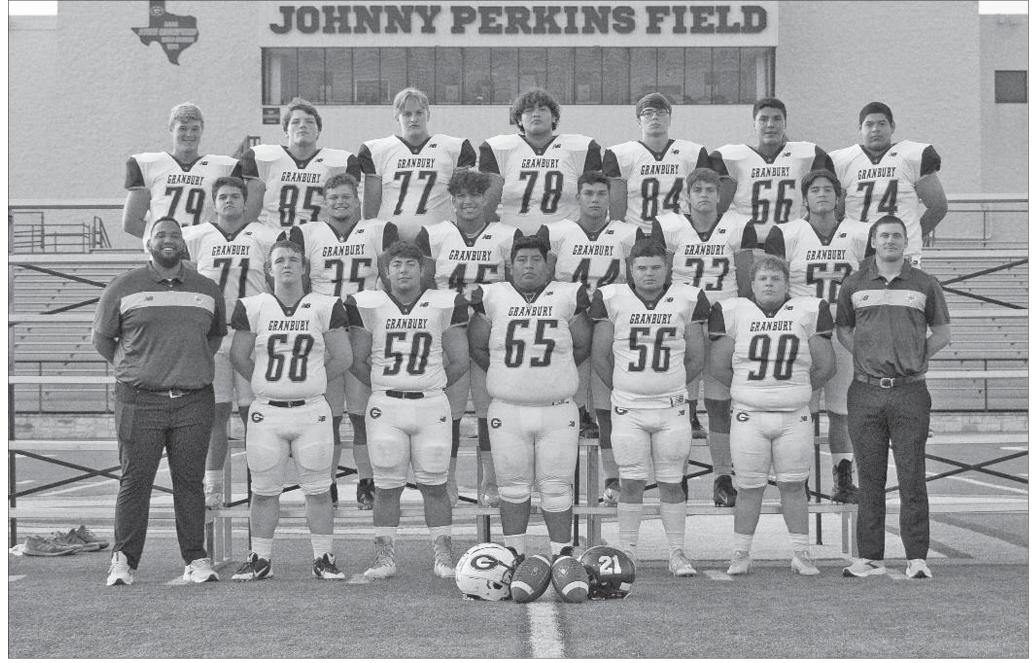
# Pirate football picture day continued





LINE BACKERS

CORNERBACKS



**DEFENSIVE LINEMEN** 

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HALFBACKS

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# **Granbury Pirates**



Ryan Baker #13



Tate Baker #32



Micheal Bass #68



Jared Bosas #7



Hayden Burns #29



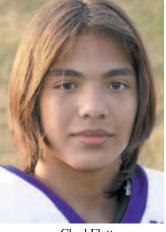
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Crash Davis #23



Nathan Fenter #24



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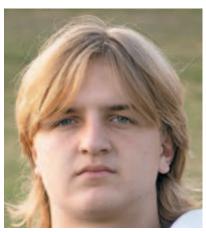
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Gus Hamlin #19



Walt Hartman #10



Drew Henderson #5



Kagan Hill #35



Dustin Jones #85



Kyle Kriethe #66











Dereck Lacy #14 Creed Lynch #9 Brody Marcott #34

Anthony Mitchell

Skyler Mitchell #82



Collin Mora #12



Michael Morino #26



Augie Nation #25



Braydon Olthoff #45



Jahir Orocio #65



Brack Peacock #1



Chris Peguero #17



Jacob Pitts #87



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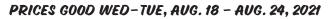
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