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Hood County wins septic case against GOP chair

BY KATHY CRUZ
Senior Staff Writer

Retired 355th District Judge Ralph Walton, acting as a visiting judge, ruled in favor of the county last week in a lawsuit against Hood County Republican Party Chair Steve Biggers. Bryan Bufkin, the current district

judge and a Republican, recused himself from the case.

The county claimed that the on-site sewage disposal system at Biggers' home off Highway 51 has not been maintained in accordance with county regulations adopted by the Commissioners Court in 2014 and approved by the Texas Com-

mission on Environmental Quality.

Biggers has publicly stated on multiple occasions that he believes that properly trained homeowners should be able to conduct their own aerobic septic system maintenance rather than being forced to contract for those services.

In order to comply with the

county's regulations, a homeowner must either have a maintenance contract with a licensed provider or carry a maintenance provider license.

Testimony at the Monday, June 27 court hearing revealed that Biggers took a one-day training through the Texas A&M AgriLife

Extension Service but did not take the two-day maintenance provider training offered through the Texas Onsite Wastewater Association, which is the training the county requires.

The shorter Texas A&M AgriLife training is accepted by some coun-

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The 4th of July fireworks show brought folks out in the heat to view the annual spectacle presented by the Granbury Chamber of Commerce Monday night. Earlier in the day, central Granbury was filled with people cheering the 4th of July parade.

Visit Granbury wins two Texas Travel Awards for 2022

BY ASHLEY INGE
Staff Writer

Visit Granbury was recently awarded two titles in the Texas Travel Awards: Best Visitor Center and Best Tourism-Related Community/Philanthropic Effort for

its Goosebump Jump event held in January.

Sponsored by the publishers of San Antonio Magazine, Austin Monthly and Texas Music, the Texas Travel Awards recognizes and celebrates top travel destinations and attractions across the Lone Star State, highlighting the top places, businesses and things to do, according to texastravelawards.com.

Sixty categories were split into two sections of statewide winners and winners of three population breakdowns: Small Market, Mid-Market and Big Market. Each entry was scored by an elite panel of judges that included travel industry professionals, travel journalists and a touring musician. Granbury was represented in the Small Market category.

"We are excited to receive this statewide recognition for Granbury, both for the exciting Winter Guest Goosebump Jump promotion and for our Visitor Center which welcomes over 6,000 visitors annually," said Tammy Dooley, director of Visit Granbury. "There's a lot of competition for visitor centers and to be recognized by the state, it was just quite an honor — especially for our staff that worked so hard to make it a friendly place to visit."

According to the Texas Travel Awards website, Visit Granbury is a "hub of tourism activity," and "Granbury is a great example of a knowable and welcoming tourism center and staff."

"The Visitor Center role constantly evolves and adds to the visitor experience. Visitor specialists tell the story of Granbury and the uniqueness we promote — the history, the culture and excitement Granbury has to offer," the website reads. "The

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Beautification Council donates to restore Shanley bridge

BY KATHY CRUZ
Senior Staff Writer

The Lake Granbury Area Beautification Council has donated \$75,000 to restore the bridge in Shanley Park.

The bridge has been closed for at least three years after it was determined to be unsafe.

Shanley Park is a landscaped area

behind Granbury City Hall and the Hood County Library. It surrounds a winding creek and has fountains and pathways.

The scenic area in the city's historic district is a popular location for events, leisure activities and photo shoots. During the Christmas season, it is full of lighted displays that attract locals and tourists.

The bridge is in the heart of the park, in the midst of where most of those lighted displays are placed.

When the city evaluated the bridge, workers determined that its foundation had failed and that extensive restoration and reconstruction would be needed.

The city considered removing the bridge instead, but both options were cost prohibitive.

According to the city, repairing the bridge will cost about \$200,000. With the donation from the Lake Granbury Area Beautification Council, the cost to the city is reduced to \$125,000.

The City Council voted unanimously at its regular meeting on June 21 to accept the donation.

Kara Watson, president of the Lake Granbury Area Beautification

Council, was present at the council meeting. She told city officials that the organization has "been around for a very long time and (has) done a lot for this community and for Granbury."

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FUN AT CONSTITUTION CAMP



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Bob Mearns, as Ben Franklin, and camper Masen Joyner had fun during one special segment of the Elizabeth Crockett Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution's Constitution Camp for Kids. Joyner tries his hand at making tones by rubbing crystal glasses. Ben Franklin invented a mechanical device he called the armonica, which he completed in 1761. He was inspired to create his device using glass because he was so interested in the sounds made by "musical glasses." The annual camp, held this year at the Langdon Center, June 20-24, is for children in second through sixth grade.

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ties, but Hood County Environmental Health Director Jeannie Stacks said that the Texas Health and Safety Code allows county governments to enforce stricter rules than other counties or state agencies if they so choose.

Hood County officials have expressed concern over the possible devastating impacts to the county if Lake Granbury becomes contaminated due to improperly maintained septic systems.

DAY IN COURT

Biggers represented himself during the hearing.

Stacks was the only witness who testified. She was questioned by both Biggers and County Attorney Matt Mills.

In an affidavit filed with the law-

suit, Stacks claimed that Biggers had been in violation of the county's rules for about three years.

Testimony and evidence revealed that in 2016, Biggers filed an affidavit with the county stating that he would keep a maintenance contract. In 2019, he filed his Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service certificate with that office.

That same year, 2019, a case against Biggers was filed by the county in the Precinct 4 justice of the peace court. The case was granted a continuance due to an upcoming Commissioners Court meeting at which possible changes to regulations would be discussed, Stacks said.

An agenda item on that topic was placed on the Feb. 11, 2020, agenda at the request of Stacks and Precinct 4 Commissioner Dave Eagle.

The court tabled the item but Stacks testified that it was her understanding that Biggers agreed

during the discussion to take the TOWA class.

Biggers denied having done so.

In further explaining the timeline, Stacks stated that the COVID-19 pandemic affected TOWA classes and she assumed that Biggers would take the class in 2021. However, that didn't happen.

Stacks said that in late 2021, she began communicating with the county attorney's office about how best to deal with the situation. She noted that the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality "complained" about Biggers' noncompliance.

Biggers implied that Stacks had affirmed him as a qualified maintenance provider for his home septic system when he filed the Texas A&M AgriLife certificate with her office.

Stacks stated that her office accepts all paperwork received and files it.

On March 22, another discussion about possibly changing rules for septic systems was placed on a Commissioners Court agenda by Precinct 1 Commissioner Kevin Andrews.

After a discussion that again involved Biggers, Andrews made a motion to submit proposed rule changes to TCEQ. Eagle seconded the motion. It failed with the votes of County Judge Ron Massingill, Precinct 2 Commissioner Ron Cotton and Precinct 3 Commissioner Jack Wilson.

Stacks testified that on Monday, March 28, Biggers came to the Environmental Health office and stated that "as soon as Mark Shackelford was elected" county judge, Biggers was going to eliminate that department.

According to Stacks, Biggers claimed that no one would prosecute him because he had "two commissioners" in his "back pocket."

Shackelford recently lost the Republican runoff to Massingill, who will face no Democratic challenger on the November ballot in his bid for a second term.

After that statement by Stacks, Biggers indicated to Walton that he had no further questions for her.

Walton then approved the county's request for an injunction, giving Biggers approximately 30 days to comply before a permanent injunction goes into effect Aug. 1.

Mills told the Hood County News in an email: "As I understand it, he'll need to take the class or get a maintenance contract by that date mentioned. If he doesn't, we could consider a further hearing for the judge to hold him in contempt for failing to abide by the order. Hopefully it won't go to court again."

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AWARDS

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Granbury Visitor Center is a destination in and of itself by being a wealth of knowledge, stakeholder advocacy and place for visitors to be welcomed."

Visit Granbury is the main pick-up location for the "famous" Granbury Trolley, which transports more than 9,000 visitors each year. The Granbury monarch butterfly mural offers tourists and locals a "selfie"

spot, which is promoted as a relatively new visitor favorite.

"We're really proud of the visitor center because not all communities have a Visitor Center that is open seven days a week. It's just a really good place to go and get information, but we also offer hospitality like coffee and complimentary water," Dooley said. "We are staffed by specialists that are trained of everything that we do there. They are experts on where to get tickets to events, what events are happening, how to find lodging if you need

hotels, what restaurants are open on what days — they've all been very trained and are very qualified to tell visitors what is going on in Granbury."

Dooley said she is proud of Visit Granbury to be recognized on a statewide level, not only for the Visitor Center as a whole, but for the recently created Goosebump Jump event.

"It (Goosebump Jump) is a tourism event, but a charity benefit and it's just a really great way to tie tourism into the community

as well," she said. "This year we're expanding the event already. We're talking about doing a chili cook off and calling it 'Chili on the Beach.' We're partnering with HGMA on that and we'll just continue to grow that event into a winter festival type event. You would not think of January as a time to jump in the lake but we've taken that and made it a time where you have to jump in the lake so we're really excited about it."

Winners of the Texas Travel Awards receive bragging rights, a spotlight in the Texas Travel

Awards publication and recognition on the website and social media.

Dooley added, "It's something that the community can be proud of that their tourism department is working hard for them and for the staff. It validates that their efforts are being noticed."

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Man facing murder charge set for July 8 status hearing

From Staff Reports

One of the two men who were arrested in late September and charged with murder is scheduled for a hearing on the 355th District Court docket for Friday, July 8.

Jessie Frank Diaz, a 34-year-old Hood County resident with an address in Oak Trail Shores, is facing the first-degree murder count as well as a third-degree felony charge in connection with "terroristic threat against a peace officer of judge," according to jail records at the time.

The other Hood County man who was arrested on a murder charge in connection

with the incident that happened just over a year ago is Harry Lee Ives IV, who at one time had a Tolar residence.

Hood County District Attorney Ryan Sinclair told the HCN in an email received after hours on Friday, July 1 that the scheduled court time for Diaz this Friday will be for a status hearing, and that the cases "will be tried at a later date."

The HCN reported in early October 2021 that DPS Sgt. Richard Hunter emailed a Sept. 28 news release stating that Diaz and Ives had been arrested by "Texas Department of Public Safety Criminal Investigation Division Agents along with Hood

County Sheriff's Department investigators." They were charged with "the 1st Degree felony offense of murder as well as outstanding warrants. Both persons have been booked into the Hood County Jail."

Hunter described a fatal collision, which troopers investigated at about 4 a.m. on June 28, 2021 in this way:

"A 2004 Nissan Xterra was traveling north on FM 2580 and a 1993 GMC pickup was behind the Nissan. The Nissan was driving in a reckless manner and braked hard causing the GMC to strike the rear of the Nissan. That collision caused the Nissan to travel into the northbound

lane where it struck a 2014 Volkswagen Tiguan head on. The collision between the Nissan and the Volkswagen resulted in the death of a passenger inside the Volkswagen."

Hunter noted that the Nissan was driven by Ives, who at that time was listed as having a home address in Bryan.

Weatherford resident Jennifer A. Kamp, who was 43 at the time, was a passenger in the Volkswagen and was pronounced dead as a result of the crash, which also involved a GMC pickup driven by a Granbury man, Hunter stated.

Sinclair confirmed in an

email to the HCN last October that Diaz and Ives were both "charged with felony murder for an offense occurring on or about June 28, 2021. The murder charge stems from a homicide that occurred while both suspects were in the process of committing another felony."

Also in his July 1 email to the HCN, Sinclair stated that "the underlying crime in both cases was theft."

A news release from the Hood County Sheriff's Office received by the HCN in connection with the case stated that on April 16, 2021, "several bomb threats came in over the phone at the Hood County District judge's of-

fice at the Hood County Justice Center."

The HCN story explained that "a lengthy investigation" by the Sheriff's Office "led to the arrest of Jessie Frank Diaz Sept. 26 on charges of threatening a judge," according to Lt. Johnny Rose. The article continued that the Sheriff's Office news release states that "Investigators think the motive behind the threats may have been to shut down proceedings in District Court, delaying the sentencing of a person on the dockets that day and keeping that person out of prison."

Bruce Lustenhouwer | April 14, 1967 - May 28, 2022 Boy Scout leader remembered for big heart, silly antics

BY ASHLEY INGE
Staff Writer

A respected Boy Scouts of America leader and business owner is being remembered for his love for children and passion for woodworking.

Bruce Lustenhouwer, a 25-year resident of Granbury, passed away on May 28 at the age of 55, but his family vows to always keep his memory alive.

Easily recognizable by his booming voice, Bruce effortlessly assumed his role as a Boy Scouts cubmaster in the early 2000s.

"He loved kids, especially the boys in the Boy Scouts. He tried to get everyone through Eagle Scout," said Paul, Bruce's father.

Paul estimated Bruce helped at least a dozen Scouts earn their Eagle patch over the years.

"Even if they didn't want to become an Eagle Scout, he had a way about him. He got them there. I don't know how he did it all," Paul said.

Bruce served as the committee chair for Troop 148 in Granbury, committee member for Pack 158 and part-time assistant scoutmaster for Troop 1220 for Godley. At the district level, he was the camping chair for both Santa Fe and Brazos Valley districts.

Bruce was once told in a training session, "If you're not having fun as a Scout leader, you're doing it wrong." He truly enjoyed working with the Scouts, but he loved to experience that proud moment when the "light" would come on and a Scout would finally "get it" and master a skill.

He left a huge, lasting impact on his Scouts during his 20-year involvement, which was undoubtedly proved by the fact that approximately 200 Scouts showed up to his memorial ceremony.

"He was like a kid. He loved to play around," said Denessa, his wife of 33 years. "Bruce was their favorite. They loved him."

And that love for children was reciprocated.

"Every time he would come over, he would carry both of (his grandchildren) to the car. No matter how big they were," Denessa said, choking back tears. "He had a bad back. He hurt like crazy all the time, but he would carry them kids no matter what. They're nine and 11 now, but he'd still pick them up and carry them to the car."

Bruce did everything he could to put a smile on a child's face, even taking it upon himself to mow the local six-acre park at Waples Community Center for two-



Lustenhouwer

and-a-half hours.

"We worked on it for years, 10 to 15 years or so," Denessa

said, in reference to the park. "It was donated in the 40s to the community. It was a school and it burned down, and after that nobody messed with it. We went and cleaned it up and everything and we got it to where it's at now. It was just full of plants and rubbish and everything."

"He went and bought a great, big lawnmower so he could mow it," Paul said. "They were talking about turning that park over to the county possibly for an EMT station in the firehouse. He (Bruce) said, 'You're not moving the ballpark — that's for the kids.' He just loved it if he saw kids playing out there."

Perhaps the only thing bigger than Bruce's love for children was Frosty, the four-foot-tall inflatable snowman that accompanied Bruce on his many adventures around town.

"He drove around with the snowman in the back of his truck for five years," Denessa said. "It was like a mascot."

Frosty was the subject of many quirky pictures surrounding Bruce's social media and even had its own Facebook page, Frosty the Inflatable Snowman.

"I know everybody knew him as, 'that truck with that stupid snowman,'" Denessa said, with a smile.

It wasn't long before Frosty was joined by some new friends — ducks.

"They had a bunch of ducks at the Christmas party for the Boy Scouts and Bruce won them at the darn thing," Denessa said. "He put the big duck on top of his truck so the light from his truck would shine on top of it. The kids would look and say, 'Look, the duckie.' He just thought it was the neatest thing to make a kid smile. He didn't care how stupid he looked."

HARD-WORKING MAN

Bruce was a workaholic and threw himself into his passions, working seven days a week in his woodworking business, Elite Custom Cabinets.



COURTESY DENESSA LUSTENHOUWER

FOREVER A SCOUT: Bruce Lustenhouwer, a respected Boy Scout leader, passed away on May 28, at the age of 55. He is pictured with his wife of 33 years, Denessa.

"If it wasn't Boy Scouts, it was work. He never had time to go do anything else," Denessa said.

"He was actually better than I was," Paul said. "I taught him everything he knew and everything I know, and he figured it out for himself. He was very, very smart."

Bruce took over the woodworking business from Paul in 1998, and was described by both Denessa and Paul as being "stubborn," as he refused to hire anyone else into the business.

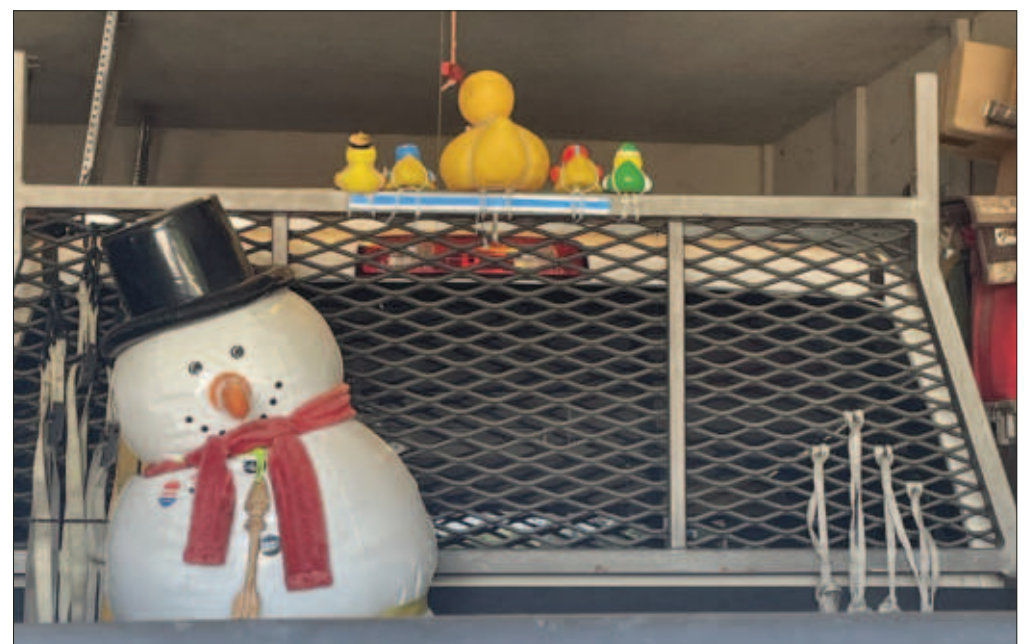
"He was a one-man crew. He wouldn't accept anybody's work," Denessa said. "He had to have everything perfect. You could show him a picture and he could build it."

"We've done some work for celebrities, which I cannot mention because of confidential agreements, but we went all over the nation when I did the shop," Paul said.

Bruce taught the Wood Carving Merit Badge at the Brazos Valley Merit Badge College in Weatherford to about 75 scouts a year for more than 10 years. He also staffed several wood badge and National Youth Leadership Training/Twin Arrows courses. Over the years, he helped with several campfires and pinewood derbies.

Bruce was a huge nature lover, and refused to have Paul cut down any trees on his property.

"He loved to go to the creeks and just run around in nature. There were many times I was just holding



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QUIRKY ANTICS: Bruce Lustenhouwer was known around Hood County as "that guy with the snowman in his truck." His four-foot-tall inflatable snowman, Frosty, accompanied Lustenhouwer throughout all of his adventures, always riding in the bed of his truck. Frosty was joined by five rubber ducks situated on the top of the truck and always brought a smile to a child's face when they saw them.

"I know everybody knew him as, 'that truck with that stupid snowman.'"

DENESSA LUSTENHOUWER

the fishing poles and we never used them, just went through the woods," Denessa said.

He even made his own makeshift house for his turtle, Junior, out of a five-gallon plastic drum.

Bruce's inability to say "no" also earned him a repu-

tation of always being ready to help.

"If somebody needed help, all you had to do was call Bruce. He was right there to help. It didn't matter; he was there," Paul said. "He was quite the guy. Just a wonderful person."

Bruce will always be re-

membered as a man who loved life and was always ready to help others. He will be sorely missed by all who knew him.

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FROM MY FRONT PORCH

Sports can show us that a quick judgment can be a faulty judgment

SAM HOUSTON

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

I have been a basketball fan since back in the days of Wilt Chamberlain, Bill Russell and Jerry West. I played basketball as a child and as a young man in college. My first love was baseball, but basketball comes in a close second. The players are very athletic, and the action is so fast paced it is easy to understand why it is such a popular sport. Hard for me to imagine anyone who would not enjoy sitting courtside to witness the excitement of a good basketball game.

This past year watching the Dallas Mavericks was very interesting and a lot of fun. They made the playoffs and to the surprise of many, made the Western Conference finals. No one expected they would get that far, and the success they had created even higher expectations for next season.

The free agent season is the "hot topic" right now. Commentators and sports writers analyze and unabashedly express their opinions on which player to sign, which one to let go to another team, and what player on the open market would make a good addition. I guess we all like to speculate on what



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personnel changes would make our team better. It is all part of being a fan.

I think the part that really makes me shake my head is when I hear reporters make conclusive statements about players when they really have no idea what they are talking about. They immediately judge and never seem to want to take a wait-and-see attitude about a player. I hear this commonly on sports talk radio. Frequently these "pundits" are woefully wrong in their assessments.

Just a few months ago, Dallas made a major trade sending a premiere player, Kristaps Porzingis, to another team. When originally acquired, the Mavs believed he would be a major building block toward a future championship and the pundits were all excited about the possibilities. Unfortunately, Porz-

ingis had been a major disappointment. He missed large segments of playing time due to injury. He did not seem to "mesh" with the other players on the team and there was an obvious disconnect with the coach. Porzingis was still a "star" in the eyes of many and trading him drew a loud response. Reporters spewed out all sorts of hate, insisting the Mavs had been "taken" in the trade and the consequence would be long-term failure. They criticized the players the Mavericks got in return and minimized their talents.

Interestingly, just three months later, the Mavs beat two teams with better records to advance in the playoffs. Phoenix was one of those teams and they had the best regular-season record in the NBA! Utilizing the players they received in the Porzingis trade, the Mavs accomplished much more than the sportswriters ever suggested was possible. Due to injury, Porzingis

barely played for his new team the rest of the season. The Mavs' winning ways changed a lot of minds. In hindsight, there are few who believe the Mavs didn't get the better end of the trade.

Sports are simply a microcosm of life itself. Many times, people make determinations about the value of a person, or draw conclusions about what they might bring to the table, with little or no facts of substantiation. When we give people a chance, it can be surprising what they can produce.

Never underestimate the value of someone when building "your" team. You could miss out on making a "championship run" of your own.

Thought for the day: We need to judge less and understand more.

Until next time.

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FIRST IN FREESTYLE



Jaxon McKelvy, Ethan Looper, Zane Frasier, and Owen Looper pose for a victory photo after their Mixed 10 & Under 100 Yard Freestyle Relay win. Please see full story B1, B3 and B6.

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OBITUARIES

Gary Thomas Swaim

November 2, 1952 - June 29, 2022

Gary Thomas Swaim, beloved husband, Dad, and Papa, was welcomed into the arms of Jesus in the early morning hours of June 29, 2022 at the age of 69.

Gary was born to Raymond and Monica "Peggy" Swaim on November 2, 1952 at Granbury General Hospital. He spent the entirety of his life in Granbury, Texas and graduated from Granbury High School in 1971. He married his high school sweetheart, Nonie, on December 30, 1972. Gary was known to everyone as a hard-worker. He began working in construction and moved on to work for the company, Ben Hogan building golf clubs for 14 years. After those endeavors, he became a truck driver and drove all over the DFW area for over 20 years. He enjoyed shooting guns, driving RC cars, and riding motorcycles. Most of all, he enjoyed spending time with his wife, sons and daughters-in-law, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren. Gary knew the Lord as his personal savior and was a longtime member of Granbury Baptist Church. He was dedicated to his family, had a kind heart, and was faithful to the Lord. He will be dearly missed by his family and friends.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Raymond and Monica Swaim; sister Cheryl Pruitt and brother Martin Swaim. He is survived by his wife, Wynona "Nonie" Swaim,



son, Eric Swaim and wife Tanya; son, Carey Swaim and wife Amy; sister, Anita Weidenbach and husband Paul; brother, Harvey Swaim and wife Kay; grandchildren, Bobby Gomez, Kimberly & Jacob Reeves, Patience Swaim, Ashlyn Swaim, Hannah Swaim, Braydon Swaim, and Clara Swaim; great-grandchildren, Vaden Reeves, Bryson Reeves, Autumn Reeves, Katie Gomez, Carter Gomez, and Carson Gomez; and many nieces, nephews, and cousins.

Lie in State: Saturday, July 2, 2022, and Sunday, July 3, 2022 from 12:00 Noon - 5:00 PM, at Wiley Funeral Home, Granbury. Family received friends from 1:00 PM until service time. Service: 2:00 PM, Tuesday, July 5, 2022, at Granbury Baptist Church. Graveside service: 1:00 PM, Wednesday, July 6, 2022, at Crowder Springs Cemetery, Boswell, Oklahoma, under the direction of Wiley Funeral Home, Granbury.

Memorials may be to Scottish Rite for Children.

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ACROSS

- 1 seat of McLennan County
5 Texas moonwalker, Bean
6 both Texas Christian & Notre claim the 1938 national championship
7 "Hook '___ Horns!"
8 gun rights grp.
9 TXism: "first out of the box"
15 Tex Ritter sang the theme song for 1952 western "High ___"
16 TXism: "you're buying oats for a ___" (waste)
19 TXism: "lower than ___ belly"
21 Waxahachie's county
22 most outlandish fishing story? (2 wds.)
27 popular seasoning
28 abuse sexually
29 deadly
30 illegal pursuer of another person
32 this Agee blocked for Emmitt Smith in 1990 (init.)
33 TXism: "go to ___" (Sunday)
36 Texans love black-___ peas
37 a wagger at Lone Star Park
38 Texas-based film, ___ Comin' Back, Red Ryder?
39 ___ she wore flannel PJs on her honeymoon"
41 cell service provider
42 least serious crime: ___ misdemeanor
45 "get ___ of it"
46 TXism: "got ___ many irons in the fire"
47 Vega High class (2 wds.)
48 TXism: "that's a horse ___ different color"
49 TX James Baker was Reagan's and George H.W.'s Chief ___

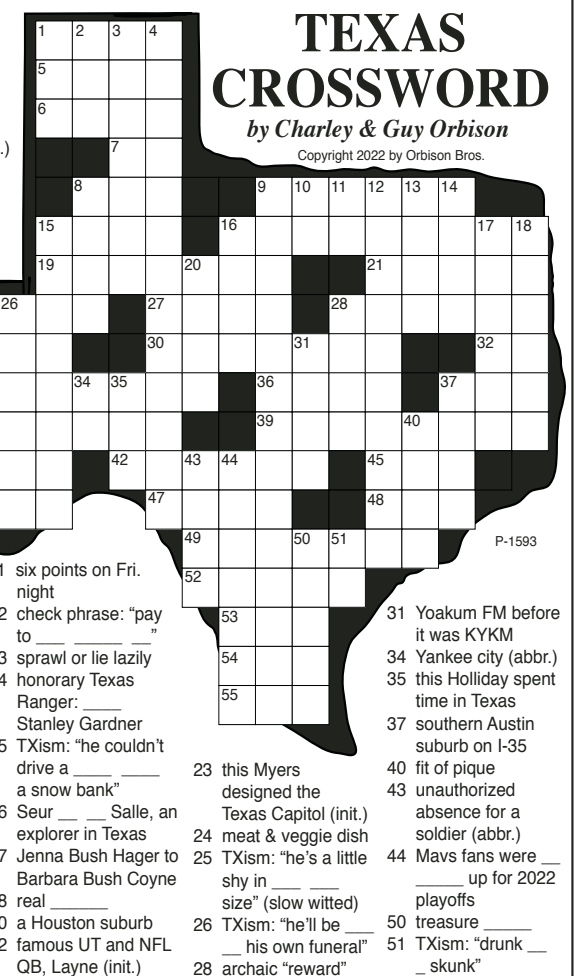
DOWN

- 1 TXism: "tight ___" (cheapskate)
2 peach cobbler ___ mode
3 Milam County seat
4 TX Lucian Adams got Medal of Honor for ___ against Germans
8 TXism: "plain as the ___ on your face"
9 TXism: "___ in church"
10 Quannah High class
11 six points on Fri. night
12 check phrase: "pay to ___"
13 sprawl or lie lazily
14 honorary Texas Ranger: ___ Stanley Gardner
15 TXism: "he couldn't drive a ___ a snow bank"
16 Seur ___ Salle, an explorer in Texas
17 Jenna Bush Hager to Barbara Bush Coyne
18 real ___ size" (slow witted)
20 a Houston suburb
22 famous UT and NFL QB, Layne (init.)
23 this Myers designed the Texas Capitol (init.)
24 meat & veggie dish
25 TXism: "he's a little shy in ___ size" (slow witted)
26 TXism: "he'll be ___ his own funeral"
28 archaic "reward"

TEXAS CROSSWORD

by Charley & Guy Orbison

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- 31 Yoakum FM before it was KYKM
34 Yankee city (abbr.)
35 this Holiday spent time in Texas
37 southern Austin suburb on I-35
40 fit of pique
43 unauthorized absence for a soldier (abbr.)
44 Mavs fans were ___ up for 2022 playoffs
50 treasure ___
51 TXism: "drunk ___ skunk"

LETTERS

Juneteenth Essay Contest

What a wonderful piece in our hometown newspaper celebrating Juneteenth! Thanks to Sam Houston and the Democratic Women of Hood County for collaborating on the Juneteenth Essay Contest. Congratulations to those young people who participated. I love how the winner, Anne Barnes, reminded us that even though our Declaration of Independence claimed that "all men are created equal," this was not a reality for women, Native Americans, the enslaved, and men without property.

While some in our community want to think that the Civil War was something of which to be proud, we can't glorify the fact that our nation's wealth was largely built on the backs of millions of slaves. We can't change the past, but we can learn from history when all people are allowed to tell their stories. Our children have a right to know the true stories.

In our predominately Christian community, there is a lot of discussion about what is or isn't acceptable for people of faith. Our belief is that God made ALL people in God's own image. That means God created ALL

ethnic groups. God created ALL humans. We are straight, LGBTQ, or trans, and people of many skin colors. When we mistreat others who are not our mirror image, we are making an attack on God.

Most know the hymn that says, "And they'll know we are Christians by Our Love." Our hope is that Granbury could become known for this.

Let us rejoice in knowing ALL bear the Divine Image.

**Sherry and Jimmie Johnson
Granbury**

Roe v. Wade

I usually skim through the paper headlines (sorry contributors) But yours caught my one good eye this morning. I probably should have waited until after I took my blood pressure medication before reading yours.

You both obviously have a lot of passion for our country and the issues that plague it.

But it slays me how you are missing the point of the ruling.

Roe v. Wade, 410 U.S. 113 (1973), was a landmark decision of the U.S. Supreme Court in which the Court ruled that the Constitution of the United States generally protects a pregnant

woman's liberty to choose to have an abortion.

It moves this responsibility to each State to decide, as provided by the Constitution.

But if I may, I would like to provide a different perspective. At the age of 28, having been previously married at the age of 21, I found myself single, pregnant, scared and embarrassed. I too was from a very small town, and also raised in a conservative home.

I confessed to my sister, who quickly suggested I make an appointment for an abortion.

She called and made me the appointment, it was on a Thursday at 1:00 p.m. in 1988 That time came and went.

Abortions should not be used as a form of birth control. Two wrongs do not make a right! It was literally a one-night stand. Yeah, I could have hid my poor behavior and went about my life. But God knew and I knew He knew. If I would have kept that appointment, and gone to a drive-thru without giving it a second thought baby removal kit, I would have regrets for the rest of my life. I wash my hands of it, as Nicodemus

It has nothing to do with gun control or scrambling for power. My decision to not end a life, was a powerful decision of Faith!!! God does not make mistakes. Yes, people do.

My intelligent, funny, kind and society contributing son has been a blessing for 33 years. Was it an easy decision? NO!!

Was I just as scared when I brought him home!! I paid for him, the complete care of him without state aid. I worked 3 months thru the summer every Saturday to have enough sick time to stay home with him! I was blessed with a Christian employer that allowed me this privilege.

Looking back, it was a very stressful time. But I persevered and in the end was blessed beyond imagination.

A child is not a commodity, it is a gift.

I worked at a fertility clinic for two years, I saw couples and individuals pay thousands of dollars for the hope of having a child. Their bodies had to sustain many months of hormone injections and artificial inseminations. Our office cried with the loss of a pregnancy. Some of these women had previously had abortions and could not sustain a pregnancy for a full term. Their uterus had been damaged. I am not a medical expert on this subject, but I saw firsthand the devastation of women who were unable to carry a child.

God is a pro-lifer, And I am not God. When there is a heartbeat, there is life. When my Mother passed in 2009, the hospice nurse listened for her heartbeat, and when there was none, she was de-

clared dead.

**Lori Haga
Granbury**

Roe v. Wade

I was amused by the 'Roe v. Wade' header in the Letter section in Wednesday's paper. I was anxious to see if they approved or disapproved of the court decision to overturn Roe.

It started out addressing the Roe decision but quickly segued into a condemnation of all things 'pro-life' and how the Christian conservatives are really concerned with the power to control all those who 'threaten' their power base. Unfortunately, it didn't address any views on whether they thought the decision is justified or not.

The one assumption I got from them is that if you cannot check off all the other injustices in our society, you cannot call yourself pro-life. That tactic is usually the signal to "look aside." Killing the unborn is no different than the death penalty, immigration, gun control, etc. They ask: "Is Christianity today following Christ the way told to us?" Mother Teresa of Calcutta said: "A nation that kills its children in the womb has lost its soul." If you cannot get the abortion issue right, the other (important, no less) issues really don't compare. As Mother Teresa also said, If abortion is not wrong, nothing is wrong! Each one of these topics

is really a separate entity with little to do with control and much to do with moral choices on both sides of the argument.

In the end, the SCOTUS decision on June 24th did not deal with the morality of abortion; is it moral or immoral to take the life of the infant in the womb? It was not a pro-life decision. It merely sent that question back to the States, where it belongs according to our Constitution. It did not outlaw abortion.

Now each State can decide if it will allow or restrict abortion within its borders. We already know where Texas stands, God bless Texas!

**John Bowen
Granbury**

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SUPPORT SYSTEMS

SUPPORT SYSTEM calendar 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 DAY

ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS Do you or someone you know have a problem with alcohol? Meetings daily at 10 a.m., noon and 7 p.m. at 1205 Lipan Hwy, Granbury.

EVERY SUNDAY

STARTING A New Life enters its 25th year with sessions on Sundays, starting at 3 p.m. This grief support group will meet each Sunday in the education building at St. Frances Cabrini Catholic Church, 2301

Acton Highway. Details: 817-579-0715 or 817-657-0822.

EVERY TUESDAY

PUNCHIN' PARKINSON'S in Granbury. 12:30 - 1:30 p.m. A non-contact boxing and fitness program designed for people with Parkinson's. First Christian Church, 2109 W. U.S. Highway 377 (next door to Tractor Supply).

EVERY THURSDAY

GRIEFSHARE RECOVERY

seminar and support 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: 817-573-7474.

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people with Parkinson's. First Christian Church, 2109 W. U.S. Highway 377 (next door to Tractor Supply).

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.

PLEASE SEE **SUPPORT** | A11



I AM THE Walrus

Read and learn all about walrus on today's Kid Scoop page. Then share what you learn with a friend or family member.

Where do walrus live?
Walrus live in the Arctic. Is that true?
THEY
U I F Z E P
M J W F J O
U I F B S D U J D

How big are they?
about the size of an adult human.
6 to 10 feet long and weigh 4,000 pounds. A newborn calf is 130 pounds.

Mighty Mustaches
Walrus have mustaches made of super-sensitive whiskers. They use these to find food at the bottom of the ocean. Walrus have between 400 and 700 whiskers, which can grow to 12 inches long.
TRUE OR FALSE: Both male and female walrus have mustaches. Circle every third letter to find out!
B C T J S R L Y U D G E

Deep Sleep Fill in the missing words!
When far from _____ or land, walrus have special pouches on their throats that they can _____ with air like pillows! Once their pouches are full of air, walrus can _____ with their heads on the surface of the water and their bodies hanging _____.

WARM SLEEP DOWN ICE FILL SHORE

Big, Large, MASSIVE
Look through the newspaper for something that is big. Cut it out, paste it on a piece of paper and write the word **BIG** next to it. Next find something bigger, cut it out, paste it on your paper and label it **LARGE**. Then find something even bigger, cut it out and paste it on your paper and label it **MASSIVE**.

Standards Link: Language Arts: Use comparative synonyms.

Massive Marine Animal
Massive means really big. Marine animal means an animal that lives in or near the ocean. A walrus is both of those things—a massive marine animal.

A walrus lives both on land and in the water in cold northern areas. They have tusks, whiskers, and flippers.

Brilliant Blubber
Beneath their skin are thick layers of fat called blubber which keeps a walrus warm and protected from the cold. They can withstand temperatures as low as -31°F (-35°C)!

Tremendous Tusks
Wow! Here are some wild statements about walrus tusks. Are they true? Each one that adds up to an even number is true!

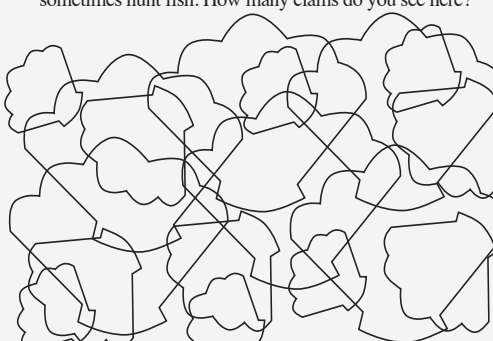
Walrus have long, large tusks that are actually teeth. These can be over 90cm long! That's nearly 3 feet!
 TRUE FALSE
13 + 13 + 6 =

Both male and female walrus grow long tusks, which help them live the Arctic life.
 TRUE FALSE
9 + 4 + 3 =

Walrus use their tusks like poles, digging them into sand, snow and ice to help them pull their enormous bodies out of the ocean!
 TRUE FALSE
8 + 15 + 9 =

Tusks help the walrus chop through ice from under the water to create breathing holes so they can catch a breath while swimming and hunting.
 TRUE FALSE
7 + 2 + 6 + 9 =

Kid Scoop Puzzler
What does a walrus eat?
Walrus find and eat shellfish like clams from the sea floor. They also enjoy sea cucumbers and mussels. Adults will sometimes hunt fish. How many clams do you see here?



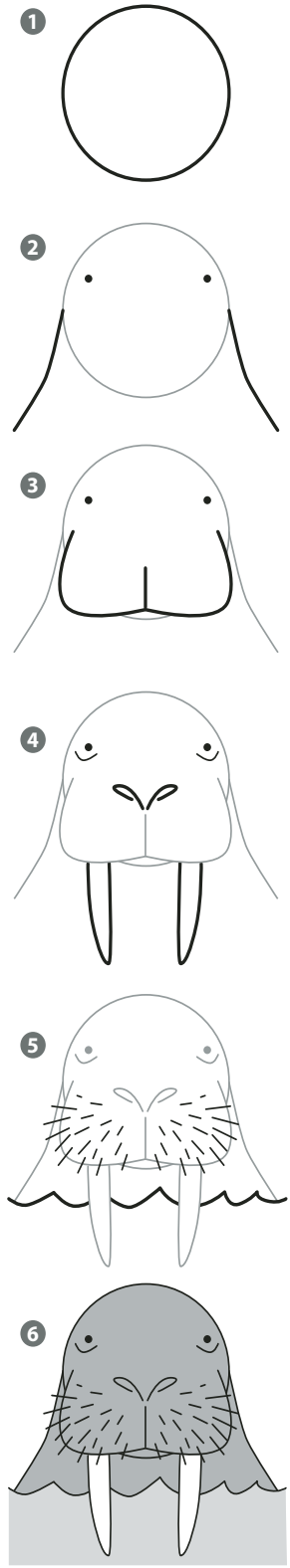
Double Double Word Search
Find the words in the puzzle. How many of them can you find on this page?

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Standards Link: Letter sequencing. Recognize identical words. Skim and scan reading. Recall spelling patterns.

Kid Scoop Together
Draw a Walrus
Follow the steps to learn how to draw a walrus.

1. Circle.
2. Add eyes.
3. Add whiskers.
4. Add tusks.
5. Add fur.
6. Add flippers.



Hold this page up to a mirror to discover another walrus fact!

GARDEN PATCH

Deter common pests to make landscape more attractive

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 award-winning writer and photographer, as well as a Master Gardener. She has authored Garden Patch since 2001.



Webster

Yard pests discourage even the most dedicated gardener. They appear when least expected and attack lawns, flowers, shrubs and trees — sometimes causing irreparable damage. Learning smart ways to deter the most common yard pests will go a long way toward making your landscape more attractive and enjoyable year 'round. Tips include:

Irrigate efficiently and water infrequently but thoroughly. About an inch of water per week is all that is needed for most plants to flourish. To minimize diseases, water in the early mornings. Use native and well-adapted plants, which are suited to the local environment and therefore more pest resistant. Also, mow properly, remembering to take off no more than one-third of grass blades with each mowing. Avoid the overuse of fertilizers and other chemical

products. Always opt for the least toxic solutions to pest and disease issues, which protects and encourages natural predators such as ladybugs and birds. Monitor your plants regularly for signs of pest damage. If infestations are caught early, control is easier. Be willing to accept some damage since natural predators often move in to eliminate pests, making chemical controls unnecessary. Three common garden pests include grubs, chinch bugs and aphids. Grubs are

small white "June bug" larva, which attach to lawn grasses by feeding on root systems. A small number is acceptable. Treat

in June and July, but only when 5-10 grubs per square foot are found. Beneficial nematodes may be released in the affected areas to help manage grubs.

Cinch bugs also affect lawns. They cause expanding, irregular patches of damaged grass surrounded by a circle of yellowing, dying grass. They are small and slender, with black bodies and white wings. Young nymphs are wingless and pink with a light-colored band across their backs. To test for cinch bugs, cut the bottom off a coffee can, push the can one inch into the turf near the edge of a dead grass patch. Fill the can with water. If cinch bugs are present, they will float to the surface. Spot treat infested areas with a product labeled for cinch bugs.

Aphids are tiny insects with soft bodies, long legs and antennae. Most aphids are host



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BYE-BYE BUGS: Crape myrtles are susceptible to attack by aphids.

plant specific, which means they do not travel to different kinds of plants. Aphids attack new growth on the underside of leaves, sucking sap and excreting a sticky "honeydew," which causes a black, sooty fungus. They primarily attack bedding plants, crape myrtle, hibiscus, oaks,

pecan trees, roses, vegetables and oleanders. For minor infestations, spray plants with a high-pressure water spray to dislodge aphids. If populations are large, spray plants with horticultural oil or insecticidal soap. Use row covers on vegetable crops to help prevent aphids.

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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CALENDAR

TO SUBMIT CALENDAR ITEMS

The Community Calendar 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 and where. Include the meeting loca-

tion and a street address for the location. The topic for the meeting, program or guest speaker must be included. Email to calendar@hcnews.com. Calendar information runs in chronological order as space is available.

THURSDAY, JULY 7

KIWANIS CLUB speaker is Claire Turner, Interim Coordinator, Hood County Sub-

stance Abuse Council. Noon meeting at Farina's Winery and Cafe, 202 N. Houston St.

ROTARY CLUB speaker is club president Jeremy Glenn to provide an overview of the club's objectives and goals for the 2022-23 year. Visitors welcome for the noon lunch meeting. GISD administration building, 217 N. Jones St. Details: 817-296-2450.

SATURDAY, JULY 9

TOY RUN Christmas in July.

Benefiting Hood County Children's Christmas. \$20 per bike. \$5 per passenger. Free donuts and sweet rolls at sign in. Ride to the Horny Toad, Cransfills Gap for lunch. Registration: 9 a.m. Kickstands up at 10 a.m. American Legion Riders Post 491, 3409 Davis Road. Details: 817-326-5145.

MONDAY, JULY 11

FLAG CEREMONY, Sgt. Cody Campbell, whose home is in Granbury and is stationed at the Space Force

Unit in Colorado is donating a Space Force flag to Friends of Memorial Lane. 9 a.m. Jim Burks Firefighter Park, military site, Space Force area, 550 N. Travis St.

TEXAS DEMOCRATIC Women of Hood County monthly meeting. Program: Juneteenth Essay Contest Winners. 11 a.m. Spring Creek Barbeque, 317 E. Highway 377. Details: 254-716-5195.

LAKE GRANBURY Art Association July meeting. Featured: Glass artist Leslie

Slaughter. Free demo. 6 p.m. Shanley House Center for the Arts, 224 N. Travis St. Details: webmistress@granburyart.org.

TUESDAY, JULY 12

LAKE GRANBURY Art Association one-day workshop with glass artist Leslie Slaughter. 9 a.m. - 4 p.m. \$50 for members. A portion of the proceeds benefits LGAA. Details: webmistress@granburyart.org.

PLEASE SEE CALENDAR | A7



MISSION GRANBURY TRIVIA NIGHT
JULY 16

#heretohelp

Doors open at 5:00 p.m. and games start at 6:00 p.m.
Team registration ends on July 14th.

For questions, please contact Angela Bennis at
abennis@missiongranbury.org or 682-936-4829

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BRIDGE STREET HISTORY CENTER

Name of American Legion Post 278 was tribute to World War II prisoner from Tolar

BY ROGER ENLOW

Roger Enlow grew up in Granbury, graduated from Granbury High School in 1973, and worked at the Hood County News from 1976-2021. He is a member the Bridge Street History Center Museum's Board of Directors.



Enlow

Back in the day, the American Legion Hall on North Travis Street was THE place for community events in Granbury. It wasn't that large but it was the only building in town — sans churches and schools — that could accommodate a decent-size crowd.

Like many longtime Hood Countians, former county judge Andy Rash remembers attending 4-H meetings, family reunions, and wedding and anniversary celebrations in the Legion Hall. Dances were held for sweaty teens and also for interested voters who gathered on election nights to see the results. American Legions began

popping up across America after World War I to serve veterans and communities. Granbury received a temporary charter in 1921. A permanent charter was issued in 1932 — the "Elmer Joiner Post 278" — in honor of the decorated soldier, the first killed in World War I from Hood County.

The Legion building

Orman Lester Fitzhugh, who survived a brutal Japanese prison camp in World War II only to die aboard a prisoner ship sunk by gunfire.

2ND LT. ORMAN LESTER FITZHUGH

Orman Lester Fitzhugh was born in Tolar, on Sept. 5, 1917, to George and Asilee Fitzhugh. He was among the brightest students in school, graduating as valedictorian of the Tolar senior class in 1936.

Fitzhugh attended Agricultural and Mechanical College of Texas, continuing

good grades and graduating in 1940. He landed a job in Kyle, teaching vocational agriculture where "he made many friends and a good record for his diligent efforts," according to historians.

On July 1, 1941, Fitzhugh entered the Army Air Corps and was assigned immediately to overseas duties. He arrived in the Philippine Islands on Aug. 26, 1941, and began writing interesting letters to his friends and relatives, telling of his work and stories about the country.

However, he was one of the unfortunate men captured by the Japanese at the fall of Corregidor in the spring of 1942. The second lieutenant became a Japanese prisoner of war and among those suffering in the brutal concentration camps. He survived the horrid prison conditions, only to meet a cruel fate lat-

er. He was aboard a Japanese prisoner ship when it was sunk by U.S. gunfire on Dec. 15, 1944. The ship and those on board were lost at sea. Fitzhugh's family received the Purple Heart recognition.

PVT. ARTHUR ELMER JOINER

Pvt. Arthur Elmer Joiner, son of J.P. Joiner of Granbury and the first Hood County soldier to receive the Distinguished Service Cross, knew no fear.

A battalion runner near Le Grand Carre Ferme, France, in World War I, Joiner made four trips to his company headquarters through intense machine gun fire. On the fourth trip he was mortally wounded but continued to crawl along until he intercepted another runner and relayed to him the message to company headquarters.

Joiner died on Nov. 1, 1918, the first Hood County man killed in World War I. The hero's body was returned to Granbury for burial with full military honors.

Rash, the former county judge, said, "When I was young I was in awe of the men who had been soldiers — men who had risked their lives to serve our country — to protect and preserve our American freedom and our way of life."



CALENDAR

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SATURDAY, JULY 16

TEAM TRIVIA Night, all proceeds go toward security and technology needs at Ada Carey Shelton and Mission Granbury's Resource Center. Teams of 8 play 10 rounds of questions from a variety of trivia categories. \$400 per team, \$500 per team as a Trivia Round Sponsor. Doors open at 5 p.m. Games start at 6 p.m. Team registration ends July 14. River View Ranch Venue, 2851 Caraway St. Details: missiongranbury.org/trivia-registration.

TUESDAY, JULY 19

LIONS CLUB General meeting to discuss club affairs. Noon meeting at Spring Creek Barbeque, 317 E. U.S. Highway 377. Details: Glenn Jennings at 214-679-4540 or visit e-clubhouse.org/sites/granbury.

THURSDAY, JULY 21

COMMUNITY KICKBALL Game, 6 p.m., Granbury City Park. \$10 per person to play, 50/50 drawing, raffle tickets \$1 each. All proceeds benefit The Rancho Brazos Community Centers. Details: 682-260-3684.

THURSDAY, JULY 28

MOBILE PANTRY fourth Thursday through Tarrant Area Food Bank. 5 p.m. Ranch Brazos Community Center, 3701 Sundown Trail.

FRIDAY, AUGUST 5

COMMUNITY PANTRY first Friday distribution with Neighbors Feeding Neighbors and Tarrant Area Food Bank Mobile pantry from 8:30-10:30 a.m. Granbury First United Methodist Church distribution site, 301 Loop 567.

GETTING A JUMP ON IT



MARY VINSON | HOOD COUNTY NEWS

Kids of all ages have been frequenting City Beach as Hood County residents cope with a hot start to summer. City Beach is located just east of the square at 505 E. Pearl St. It's free to use.

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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.
Dated the 30 day of June, 2022.
E. Mark Piland
Attorney for Sammy Keith Johnson
State Bar No.: 16008870
115 W. Pearl St., Ste. 106
Granbury, Texas 76048
Telephone: (817) 579-0207
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Notice is hereby given that original Letters Testamentary for the Estate of WILLARD ARTHUR EDWARDS, JR. deceased, were issued on June 29, 2022, in Cause No. P09609, pending in the County Court of Hood County, Texas, to: Laurel Anne Edwards.

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Dated the 30 day of June, 2022.
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NAME & ADDRESS OF ASHLEY MARIE SHANNON'S ATTORNEY
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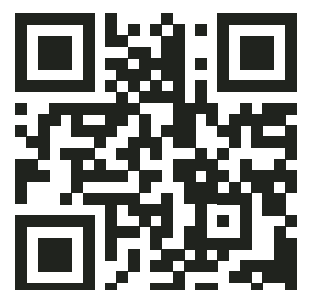
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Minor things add up to make big impact in community

CRYSTAL MOORE

Crystal Moore is the executive director of United Way of Hood County, wife, and empty-nest mom of two redheads. She enjoys being outdoors and has lived in Granbury on and off for the last 10 years with her husband David.



Moore

Since I started writing this column, it has been very important to me to share with you and our community what it is that Your United Way does in and for our community.

The concept of "Better Together" has proven that collaborating with our partner agencies, community leaders, and community residents ensures that our community is thriving. We have had the opportunity to

partner with each of these entities, and each time a seed has been planted it has grown into something spectacular.

Our mission is to educate our community and supporters that we are Your United

Way, and we are serving and funding the organizations that you support. All monetary donations made to United Way of Hood County stay in Hood County. The partnerships and resources we have established are done so to directly benefit Hood County residents.

We have discussed the quick and impressive collaboration efforts that follow disasters like the recent fires — between the Emergency Management Office, first responders, nonprofits, churches, donors, residents,

and volunteer groups such as the Certified Emergency Response Team. When we stand alone, we may only have one or two offerings for such a large population, but when we come together as a cohesive unit, we can put those offerings together one at a time and have the ingredients for one amazing "stone soup," enough to feed the entire village.

Through all these things we have discussed, they all lead to collaboration and how meeting together at our monthly round table has led to partnerships, programs, filled gaps, and a renewed energy to make sure our community is thriving.

What we have not discussed are the little things that are actually the really big things. The impact stories that are occurring because of these collaborations. The diapers that we receive every month are helping a grandpa that just received emergency custody of his one-year-old grandchild and just needs a little help until his resource applications have been approved. The child who was once terrified of water is finally getting the courage to go down the slide and gain so much self-confidence and pride because a community group hosted a donation drive of pool floaties and toys. The

mom who did not need the food pantry this month because the referrals and resource she received from partner agencies helped to fix a car which provides reliable transportation so that she was able to gain and sustain adequate employment.

There are so many of these small yet big things that I would like to share with you. I invite you to join us at our monthly roundtable or come by my office and let's have a chat.

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SUPPORT

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FIRST TUESDAY

ALZHEIMER'S CAREGIVERS support group, 10:30 - 11:30 a.m. in the 1894 Building at Acton Baptist Church, 3500 Fall Creek Highway. For caregivers, family members, friends and anyone in the

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SECOND SATURDAY

GRIEF SUPPORT breakfast for anyone grieving the loss of someone they love at 10 a.m., The Big O Restaurant, 1302 S. Morgan St. Details: 817-894-2449 or 817-

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THIRD MONDAY

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MAKE WAY FOR BAILEY: Bailey Stone comes on strong with her backstroke while competing in the recent circuit meet.

SEALS swimmers fare well in circuit meet at YMCA

From Staff Reports

Seven Granbury SEAL swimmers led a gold medal-rush for Granbury at the circuit meet held June 25 at the Hood County YMCA.

Bethany Crowe, Remi Chastain, Carman Citzler, Leah Citzler, Sean Kim, Connor Spence and Tristy Stuart were solid gold all the way, finishing in first place in all their events.

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SWIMMING SEALS: Granbury SEALS swimmers, from left, Harper Fox, Kaia Boulware and Fynlee Gomas prepare for their heat in the 9-10-year-old girls division of the 25-yard backstroke event during the circuit meet that was held June 25 at the Hood County YMCA.

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GISD basketball camp is eye-opening for all

BY RUSSELL HUFFMAN
Sports Editor

Going to a basketball camp is an eye-opening experience for most athletes, but in Granbury, it's not just the campers who enjoy it.

Coach David Breazeale and his staff had a full court as hopeful future Pirate players hit the hardwood in droves for boys' basketball camp June 27-30 at the James Wann Sports Center. The numbers are back up to the 75 to 80 athletes attending Granbury basketball camps before the COVID epidemic, and so is the level of excitement for the athletes.

On Wednesday, the court was practically vibrating with energy as the campers listened to Breazeale about the importance of not giving up and that going until the whistle can be a difference-maker in a game – or a playing career.

"You don't give up. You continue to fight for yourself and your team. Anybody can lay down and quit. Then you go to the locker room and talk about how you lost, but if you keep fighting, you may go to the locker room and talk about how you came back to win." Breazeale said. "Those guys who give up – we can't have them on our team.

There are only five guys you can have on the court at one time, and we can't have a kid that quits in the middle of a drill or the middle of practice because they are behind.



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SKILLS: Ryder Labarbera shows his basketball spinning skills.

TOLAR FFA

Officers and members active during summer

BY COCO DONEGAN

Coco Donegan is a sophomore at Tolar High School and is a Tolar FFA vice president. She shows pigs and competes in speaking events and leadership development events. She is a member of the entomology team, a member of the THS volleyball team and participates in UIL competitions.

Summer is in full swing and the Tolar FFA has already been busy.

Tolar FFA President Reagan Meek, who also serves as the vice president of Chisholm Trail FFA District, has been working hard preparing for the upcoming year. She attended the area officer leadership camp in Glen Rose for three days and the chapter officer camp in Corsicana.

We have also validated steers, heifers, sheep, goats and swine for the upcoming show season. All of the officers have been busy preparing for the upcoming school year.

During the month of July, the Tolar FFA has even more planned. The officers will be attending the 94th

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EYES ON THE BALL: Baker Howser keeps his eyes on the ball during a drill.

GISD

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We don't quit."

Breazeale's camps are fun, challenging, and feature some tough love now and then because he wants his campers to realize the competition to get playing time gets more difficult as they get older. Athleticism is excellent, but the extra effort Breazeale is seeking to instill may be the deciding difference between being a varsity player and a fan in the stands.

"That's a great job, Corbin, way to go," Breazeale said as he shouted encouragement during a speed lay-up contest. The drill required players to negotiate a pair of orange cones while switching from left to right-hand layups.

The campers' responses have been to rise to the challenges by convincing their parents they need to rearrange the family vacation. That was the case for Dalen Howard, who wanted to defend his "hot-shot" championship.

"I came to camp because I want to get better at basketball, and I wanted to defend my hotshot championship," Howard said. "I was better at playing basketball after I went to camp last year. I'm excited."

Graduating senior Sawyer Schenewark is a familiar face to most campers, and he had a wide grin when a player boldly stepped forward and asked for an autograph. His younger brother, Miller, is an incoming freshman with perhaps the best vertical leap on the court. The youngest of the Schenewark boys needs to tip toe to reach six feet in height, but he can dunk the basketball.

"He hasn't dunked on me yet, but

yes, he can do it," Schenewark said.

Schenewark and other former players step up each year and return to the Leta Andrews Court in the James Wann Center for different reasons that all add up to love, respect and loyalty.

Bethel College player Mikey Withey (GHS 2019) is giving back to his high school program by coaching at camp. He's kicking around the idea of coaching, and he hasn't decided, but that's not his reason for being on the court.

"I like being around the coaches and the kids," Withey said. "I'm not sure about it (coaching). I'm looking into the business side of it as well."

Cade Dudley's pursuit of a mechanical engineering degree at UT Arlington doesn't include room for competitive basketball. Coming to help Breazeale coach is a chance to reconnect with the sport and his friends.

"It's a chance to help out others, and I enjoy the chance to hang out with my friends," Dudley said. "We are a part of this program, and it's about giving back."

Kyler Shankles is an incoming junior looking for a spot on the varsity next season, and he's learning what Breazeale's former players already know. He admits a little surprise at the reaction of the younger players who have been in the stands when he plays.

"It's inspiring. You don't ever look at yourself as a role model. Then you see these kids, and they look up to you," Shankles said. "It makes you always want to be your best. I inspire them, but I'm inspired by them as well."

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WITH THE BIG GUYS: Players came in all sizes for this year's fun.



HANDS FULL: Baylor Richie stays focused as he dribbles two basketballs at camp.



A ROUND STOOL: Niko Laskaris looks pretty confident as he takes a short break.



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FUN FOR ALL: Zane Shelly Herndon swims a mean butterfly stroke in the Mixed 11-99 400 Yard IM. The Granbury SEALS Swim Team is a private, non-profit organization whose purpose is to provide a wholesome environment in which swimmers of all ages may learn and improve the basic fundamentals of competitive swimming.

SEALS

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No. 17 Girls 6&U 25 Yard Free

2. Eliana Sanchez, 5, 33.33; 4. Quinn Wendel, 5, 34.54; 5. Rylon Wendel, 5, 38.47; 8. Mila Floyd, 6, 42.00.

No. 18 Boys 6&U 25 Yard Free

3. Levi Schoessow, 6, 37.01.

No. 19 Girls 8&U 50 Yard Free

1. Keaton Wendel, 7, 53.14; 2. Shelbie Matlock, 7, 58.40; 5. Baylie Baker, 7, 1:13.28.

No. 20 Boys 8&U 50 Yard Free

2. Zane Frasier, 8, 56.57; 5. Jaxon McKelvy, 8, 1:08.16.

No. 21 Girls 9-10 50 Yard Free

1. Kaia Boulware, 10, 37.59; 5. Sydney Matlock, 9, 53.24.

No. 22 Boys 9-10 50 Yard Free

1. Jude Ward, 10, 35.72; 2. Jace Esquivel, 10, 38.23; 6. Titus Looper, 10, 48.22.

No. 23 Girls 11-12 100 Yard Free

2. Autum Stuart, 12, 1:11.35.

No. 24 Boys 11-12 100 Yard Free

1. Sean Kim, 12, 1:05.06; 2. Logan Crowe, 12, 1:05.19; 3. Aiden Gifford, 11, 1:12.48; 4. Jake Jones, 11, 1:18.29.

No. 25 Girls 13-14 100 Yard Free

1. Bethany Crowe, 14, 58.20; 2. Hannah Ward, 13, 1:09.46; 7. Abby Burgess, 14, 1:33.75; 8. Abbi Looper, 13, 1:34.14.

No. 26 Boys 13-14 100 Yard Free

1. Ryan McFarland, 14, 1:01.68; 2. Cameron Ward, 14, 1:02.22; 3. Colby Parker, 14, 1:02.33; 4. Caleb Gifford, 13, 1:05.03.

No. 27 Girls 15-17 100 Yard Free

1. Elise Ward, 15, 1:08.37.

No. 28 Boys 15-17 100 Yard Free

1. Ryan Solisz, 17, 53.84; 3. Michael Kracy, 15, 1:00.39.

No. 28 Boys 40&O 100 Yard Free

1. Rocky Bludworth, 62, 1:10.53

No. 35 Girls 6&U 25 Yard Back

2. Quinn Wendel, 5, 35.63; 3. Rylon Wendel, 5, 37.01; 4. Mila Floyd, 6, 39.18; 6. Eliana Sanchez, 5, 40.05.

No. 36 Boys 6&U 25 Yard Back

5. Levi Schoessow, 6, 44.77.

No. 37 Girls 8&U 25 Yard Back

1. Leah Citzler, 8, 20.77; 3. Keaton Wendel, 7, 25.54; 5. Madeline Baysinger, 7, 27.75; 7. Baylie Baker, 7, 30.28; 10.



DIVING IN: Granbury SEALS Aiden Gifford (foreground) and Logan Crowe sport matching suits while diving head first against stiff Circuit Meet competition at the Hood County YMCA.

Mary Beyer, 7, 44.70.

No. 39 Girls 9-10 25 Yard Back

1. Harper Fox, 10, 19.81; 2. Lilli McKelvy, 10, 20.25; 3. Fynlee Gomas, 10, 21.70; 8. Aniston Clark, 9, 27.73; 9. Kathleen Bellew, 10, 28.36; 12. Haley Ray Thomas, 9, 31.55.

No. 40 Boys 9-10 25 Yard Back

1. Connor Spence, 10, 19.50; 2. Jace Esquivel, 10, 21.71; 3. Jacob Potts, 9, 24.30; 5. Asher Beatty, 9, 25.04; 7. Titus Looper, 10, 25.91; 11. Oakley Thomas, 10, 32.91.

No. 41 Girls 11-12 50 Yard Back

1. Carmen Citzler, 12, 36.78; 2. Abigail Beatty, 12, 38.56; 4. Bailey Stone, 12, 42.26.

No. 42 Boys 11-12 50 Yard Back

1. Kyle Brawner, 11, 36.39; 2. Aiden Gifford, 11, 39.57; 3. Mason Prince, 9, 46.18; 6. Tyler Citzler, 11, 55.57; 7. Atticus Knight, 12, 1:11.59.

No. 43 Girls 13-14 50 Yard Back

1. Bethany Crowe, 14, 30.24; 3. Londyn Greene-Wright, 13, 41.54; 4. Miley Maxwell, 13, 44.02; 6. Abbi Looper, 13, 45.44.

No. 44 Boys 13-14 50 Yard Back

1. Ryan McFarland, 14, 33.17; 2. Caleb Gifford, 13, 34.42.

No. 44 Men 15-17 50 Yard Back

3. Zane Herndon, 16, 32.90; 4. Michael Kracy, 15, 34.74.

No. 48 Men 18-24 50 Yard Back

1. Preston Phillips, 21, 33.55.

No. 56 Boys 8&U 25 Yard Breast

2. Ethan Looper, 8, 35.70.

No. 58 Boys 9-10 25 Yard Breast

2. Jacob Potts, 9, 26.37; 3. Asher Beatty, 9, 28.37; 10. Oakley Thomas, 10, 39.93; 12. Ben Burton, 10, 49.11.

No. 59 Girls 11-12 50 Yard Breast

2. Ava Redwine, 12, 43.63; 3. Abigail Wendel, 12, 44.90.

No. 60 Boys 11-12 50 Yard Breast

1. Logan Crowe, 12, 38.31; 2. Kyle Brawner, 11, 41.51; 4. Jake Jones, 11,

43.40; 5. Jesse Herbold, 11, 53.81; 11. Tyler Citzler, 11, 1:05.10.

No. 61 Girls 13-14 50 Yard Breast

1. Remi Chastain, 14, 41.53; 2. Hannah Ward, 13, 44.63; 4. Miley Maxwell, 13, 45.57; 5. Ella Redwine, 14, 45.89; 8. Abby Burgess, 14, 55.34.

No. 62 Boys 13-14 50 Yard Breast

1. Andy DeBello, 13, 37.69.

No. 63 Girls 15-17 50 Yard Breast

1. Aimee Palmer, 16, 37.31.

No. 63 Girls 18-24 50 Yard Breast

1. Kinsey Brawner, 21, 36.84; 2. Mack Reiner, 22, 39.62.

No. 67 Women 40&O 50 Yard Breast

1. Tristy Stuart, 46, 42.68.

No. 73 Girls 8&U 25 Yard Fly

1. Leah Citzler, 8, 27.04; 2. Madeline Baysinger, 7, 41.23.

No. 75 Girls 9-10 25 Yard Fly

1. Lilli McKelvy, 10, 22.58.

No. 76 Boys 9-10 25 Yard Fly

1. Connor Spence, 10, 20.59; 2. Jude Ward, 10, 20.79.

No. 77 Girls 11-12 50 Yard Fly

1. Carmen Citzler, 12, 36.52; 3. Ava Redwine, 12, 45.77.

No. 78 Boys 11-12 50 Yard Fly

1. Logan Crowe, 12, 34.50; 3. Jake Jones, 11, 38.93; 6. Tyler Citzler, 11, 1:00.99.

No. 79 Boys 13-14 50 Yard Fly

1. Cameron Ward, 14, 30.56; 2. Colby Parker, 14, 31.52.

No. 81 Men 15-17 50 Yard Fly

2. Zane Herndon, 16, 28.03.

No. 84 Men 18-24 50 Yard Fly

1. Preston Phillips, 21, 30.82.

No. 89 Girls 11-12 500 Yard Free

1. Autum Stuart, 12, 7:26.84.

No. 89 Women 15-17 500 Yard Free

1. Elise Ward, 15, 6:43.99.

No. 89 Women 40-99 500 Yard Free

1. Tristy Stuart, 46, 6:50.11.

No. 89 Men 15-17 500 Yard Free

1. Lee Stuart, 15, 5:55.07

No. 91 Girls 8&U 25 Yard Free

1. Shelbie Matlock, 7, 25.31; 2. Madeline Baysinger, 7, 26.11; 3. Keaton Wendel, 7, 26.31; 7. Mary Beyer, 7, 43.34.

No. 92 Boys 8&U 25 Yard Free

3. Zane Frasier, 8, 26.37; 5. Jaxon McKelvy, 8, 28.55; 7. Ethan Looper, 8, 34.80; 8. Owen Looper, 7, 35.56.

No. 93 Girls 9-10 25 Yard Free

1. Harper Fox, 10, 17.40; 2. Kaia Boulware, 10, 17.48; 4. Fynlee Gomas, 10, 20.91; 12. Aniston Clark, 9, 25.67; 15. Haley Ray Thomas, 9, 29.93; 18. Kathleen Bellew, 10, 36.82.

No. 94 Boys 9-10 25 Yard Free

2. Ben Burton, 10, 21.08.

No. 95 Girls 11-12 50 Yard Free

2. Bailey Stone, 12, 34.58.

No. 96 Boys 11-12 50 Yard Free

1. Sean Kim, 12, 29.22; 2. Kyle Brawner, 11, 30.66; 3. Aiden Gifford, 11, 32.70; 9. Tyler Citzler, 11, 43.15; 13. Atticus Knight, 12, 49.96; 14. Jesse Herbold, 11, 51.30.

No. 97 Girls 13-14 50 Yard Free

1. Remi Chastain, 14, 29.93; 3. Hannah Ward, 13, 31.97; 6. Miley Maxwell, 13, 35.22; 7. Londyn Greene-Wright, 13, 35.49; 11. Ava Hutchenson, 14, 38.51; 13. Ella Redwine, 14, 38.89; 14. Abbi Looper, 13, 39.23.

No. 98 Boys 13-14 50 Yard Free

1. Colby Parker, 14, 27.62; 2. Ryan McFarland, 14, 28.39; 4. Andy DeBello, 13, 29.60; 5. Caleb Gifford, 13, 29.75.

No. 99 Girls 15-17 50 Yard Free

1. Aimee Palmer, 16, 30.22

No. 100 Boys 15-17 50 Yard Free

1. Ryan Solisz, 17, 23.90.

No. 101 Women 18-24 50 Yard Free

1. Kinsey Brawner, 21, 27.47; 2. Mack Reiner, 22, 33.50.

No. 101 Men 18-24 50 Yard Free

1. Preston Phillips, 21, 27.51.

No. 106 Boys 40&O 50 Yard Free

3. Rocky Bludworth, 62, 31.83.

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OWEN BRINGS IT HOME: Owen Looper wears his team loyalty on his back as he waits to compete in the last lap of the Mixed 10 & Under 100 Yard Freestyle Relay.

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YOUR GUIDE TO DINING & ENTERTAINMENT

HEART EVENED UP GENDERS IN ROCK AND ROLL

Tribute band playing July 9 at Granbury Live

BY RICK MAUCH
Special to the Hood County News

In the 1970s two sisters proved that rock-n-roll is genderless. Ann and Nancy Wilson, known as Heart, provided some of the most memorable R&R hits ever with the likes of “Barracuda,” “Magic Man,” and “Even it Up.”

The latter is also the name of the tribute band that pays homage to the two greats — but don’t call them “female” greats, as their music was every bit as powerful (and then some) as any male rockers on the scene then and now. Even it Up, which is in their seventh year of performing what is billed as “the ultimate Heart tribute,” will perform at Granbury Live on Saturday, July 9 at 7:30 p.m.

Krystal Johnson plays the part of Ann Wilson, lead vocalist, while Casey Nicole portrays Nancy Wilson, who had some of the most memorable guitar riffs in R&R history — especially on “Barracuda,” the song that made them a household name.

Johnson and Nicole visited with us in advance of their upcoming show, discussing the band’s origin, the legend of Heart and more.

RM: How did the idea come about for Even it Up?

KJ: We were doing a lot of shows with our cover band, Burning Sky, and we noticed that tributes were becoming more and more popular. We fought it for a long time because none of us could believe that anyone wanted to hear only the music of one band all night. Turns out that we were wrong. We had a great reaction to the Heart songs we had in our Burning Sky set list, so we decided “Let’s do a Heart tribute and call it Even it Up” — to kind of “even up” the playing field with all these tribute bands. It was almost said as a joke, but the idea stayed.

RM: Did you all grow up as fans of the band, and what is your earliest remembrance of hearing them?

KJ: All of us are longtime Heart fans. Actually, doing a Heart tribute was my idea. I heard “Barracuda” when I was 13 and that’s all it took. I was hooked.

CN: I first heard their 80s music. I think people get surprised at how many popular songs they know that are actually Heart songs because their music spans decades.

RM: What message do you feel the music of Heart sent then and now?

KJ: In addition to complex, beautiful music, Heart has incredible lyrics that are absolutely poetic. The band was always very much about peace, love and rock-n-roll back then, and I think the same holds true today — although they are admittedly more vocal politically than they used to be.

RM: Do you think Ann and Nancy broke a glass ceiling of sorts in the music as arguably the most successful female duo in history?

KJ: I think they definitely broke the glass ceiling in a male-dominated industry, but I also know that they hated being known as great rockers “for being girls.” They very much wanted to be known as great musicians — regardless of the fact that they are women. They felt — and still feel — that



COURTESY OF EVEN IT UP

Krystal Johnson, left, portrays Ann Wilson and Casey Nicole is her sister Nancy Wilson in the Heart tribute band Even it Up, coming to Granbury Live on July 9.

tacking on “for being a girl” when you tell someone that they’re talented seems to imply that the talent isn’t as significant as a male musician, which absolutely is not true.

RM: Do you think their music is appreciated by today’s generation, or at least should be?

KJ: I think that Heart’s core fan base is getting up there in age, and that there is a huge demographic of younger people who do not know their music — but should. When it comes to true music that’s not computer-generated, has meaningful lyrics and the music comes from the soul, you’d be hard-pressed to find something as magical as Heart.

CN: I think if people get a chance to hear their music, they appreciate it because it’s authentic and that connects with everyone.

RM: Have you ever met Ann and Nancy?

KJ: Casey and I had the pleasure of meeting Ann and Nancy in 2019 when they brought the “Love Alive” tour to Dallas. It was an incredible moment for both of us. We were in awe. We practically had to take out a loan to afford the front row tickets and the meet-and-greet package, but it was a bucket list moment for both of us.

CN: I actually got to play “Crazy On You” with Nancy at the Rock ‘n Roll Fantasy Camp event in Los Angeles — which was surreal. She was an instructor that year, so of course that meant I had to be there.

RM: What song gets the greatest reaction from the audience

and why do you think that is? What are your personal favorites and why?

KJ: The songs that always get the best audience response are “Barracuda,” “Crazy On You” and “Magic Man” because they’re so iconic and well-known. And while we love those songs, I think our favorite song is “Mistral Wind.” It’s a deep cut, but as far as phenomenal music and lyrics, it rivals “Stairway to Heaven” as the greatest rock song ever written. It’s truly a beautiful rock song that goes from a quiet calm to a hard-driving rock. Casey would probably say her favorite is “Crazy On You.” She handles the acoustic intro that most bands just skip over because of the complexity. She does an incredible job of it.

CN: I love the build-up of “Crazy on You,” with this pretty acoustic start and then bam! That guitar riff and drums come in, and everyone feels pulled into the energy and movement of the song.

RM: Any additional thoughts/comments?

KJ: Little known fact: In 2019, in addition to meeting Ann and Nancy, we had the great pleasure of having Roger Fisher (Heart’s original lead guitarist) join us on stage for our show at the Dallas House of Blues. It was a surreal and exciting night, and a memory that we’ll carry with us forever. We still stay in touch with both Roger Fisher and his brother, Heart’s original manager and the one for whom the song “Magic Man” was written, Michael Fisher.

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VACATION IN AN IMAGINARY DESTINATION



Although theme park vacations have been around for quite some time, they are taking things to a new level with immersive experiences.

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Travelers are now vacationing in imaginary destinations via a plethora of options including tours and cruises.

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Where do you want to go on your next vacation? This is the first question every travel advisor asks travelers. In the past, top destinations included Hawaii, Europe, the Caribbean, and even exotic destinations like the Galapagos Islands, the Pyramids in Egypt, or Antarctica.

Travelers are now vacationing in imaginary destinations. Enjoy a cruise through space aboard the Star Wars Galactic Starcruiser, immerse yourself in the Wizarding World of Harry Potter and explore Hogsmeade, Diagon Alley, and the Hogwarts Castle, visit the Marvel Avengers Campus, or even become a part of your favorite video game in the new Super Nintendo Land. Although theme park vacations have been around for quite some time, they are taking things to a new level with immersive experiences.

Universal Orlando opened the first phase of the Wizarding World of Harry Potter Hogsmeade in 2010. Since then, Universal Parks and Resorts and Walt Disney Parks and Resorts have been competing for the best immersive vacation experience. Today, you can experience the Wizarding World in the town of Hogsmeade, Hogwarts Castle, Diagon Alley, Gringotts Bank, Olivander's Wand Shop, The Leaky Cauldron, The Three Broomsticks, and even ride the Hogwarts Express Train. With your interactive wand, you can spend the day casting mag-

ical spells and see the magic happen right in front of you. Be sure to try the butterbeer, and watch the singing frog choir.

Walt Disney World responded by creating an immersive Star Wars experience. Star Wars Galaxies Edge opened at both Disneyland and Walt Disney World in 2019. This immersive experience puts you right in the middle of the adventure. You can build your own lightsaber and droid, you can eat alien food, battle the empire, and even fly the Millennium Falcon.

On March 1, Disney took the immersive experience to the next level. "Star Wars Galactic Starcruiser is a revolutionary new two-night experience where you are the hero. You and your group will embark on a first-of-its-kind Star Wars adventure that's your own. It's the most immersive Star Wars story ever created - one where you live a bespoke experience and journey further into a Star Wars adventure than you ever dreamed possible," according to Disney marketing.

I describe it as a two-night cruise, but instead of a cruise ship in the middle of an ocean, you're on a



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Universal Studios Hollywood announced that Super Nintendo Land is opening in Florida in 2023. Super Nintendo Land first opened in Japan in 2021. Prepare to be transported into the world of Mario, Luigi and Princess Peach with exhilarating entertainment, innovative technological achievements inspired by characters and

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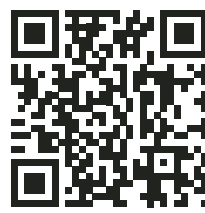
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SEALS

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No. 110 Boys 9-10 100 Yard IM

1. Jude Ward, 10, 1:32.36; 2. Mason Prince, 9, 1:52.43; 4. John Stone, 9, 2:22.85.

No. 111 Girls 11-12 100 Yard IM

2. Abigail Beatty, 12, 1:26.31; 3. Autumn Stuart, 12, 1:28.68; 4. Ava Redwine, 12, 1:33.32; 6. Bailey Stone, 12, 1:37.57.

No. 112 Boys 11-12 100 Yard IM

1. Sean Kim, 12, 1:11.30; 2. Kyle Brawner, 11, 1:18.14; 5. Jesse Herbold, 11, 1:59.03.

No. 113 Girls 13-14 100 Yard IM

1. Remi Chastain, 14, 1:18.03; 2. Ella Redwine, 14, 1:33.73.

No. 114 Boys 13-14 100 Yard IM

1. Cameron Ward, 14, 1:13.26; 2. Andy Debello, 13, 1:16.59.

No. 116 Women 18-24 100 Yard IM

1. Kinsey Brawner, 21, 1:09.70.

No. 116 Women 40&O 100 Yard IM

1. Tristy Stuart, 46, 1:22.36.

No. 116 Men 15-17 100 Yard IM

2. Lee Stuart, 15, 1:09.52.

No. 116 Men 40&O 100 Yard IM

2. Rocky Bludworth, 62, 1:24.98.

No. 123 Girls 11-12 400 Yard IM

1. Carmen Citzler, 12, 6:45.28.

No. 123 Girls 13-14 400 Yard IM

1. Bethany Crowe, 14, 5:16.39.

No. 123 Women 15-17 400 Yard IM

1. Aimee Palmer, 16, 6:04.98.

No. 123 Men 15-17 400 Yard IM

1. Zane Herndon, 16, 5:11.10.

No. 127 Men 15-17 200 Yard Free

1. Lee Stuart, 15, 2:16.81.

1 Seals Swim Team - 'A'

#1 Mixed 0 & Under 200 Medley Relay 2:18.24 2:09.73 (1) * 40

Kinsey Brawner 21, Rocky Bludworth 62, Tristand Stuart 46, Patrick Steenberge 70

2 Seals Swim Team - 'A'

#1 Mixed 0 & Under 200 Medley Relay 2:20.22 3:21.81 (3) 32

Elise Ward 15, Aimee Palmer 16, Ryan Solisz 17, Michael Kracy 15

3 Seals Swim Team - 'A'

#3 Women 6 & Under 100 Freestyle Relay NT 2:25.85 (1) 40

Eliana Sanchez 5, Rylen Wendel 5, Quinn Wendel 5, Mila Floyd 6

4 Seals Swim Team - 'A'

#5 Men 0 & Under 100 Medley Relay 1:53.72 2:02.14 (3) 32

Titus Looper 10, Bennett Collins 9, John Stone 9, Oakley Thomas 10

5 Seals Swim Team - 'B'

#5 Men 0 & Under 100 Medley Relay 1:26.93 1:25.75 (1) * 40

Mason Prince 9, Jacob Potts 9, Jace Esquivel 10, Connor Spence 10

6 Seals Swim Team - 'A'

#9 Men 0 & Under 200 Medley Relay 2:30.21 2:23.79 (1) * 40

Aiden Gifford 11, Logan Crowe 12, Sean Kim 12, Jacob Jones 11

7 Seals Swim Team - 'A'

#9 Women 0 & Under 200 Medley Relay 2:41.62 2:31.19 (1) * 40

Bailey Stone 12, Abigail Beatty 12, Carmen Citzler 12, Autumn Stuart 12

8 Seals Swim Team - 'A'

#11 Men 0 & Under 200 Medley Relay 2:10.48 2:08.04 (3) * 32

Ryan McFarland 14, Andrew Debello 13, Cameron Ward 14, Colby Parker 14

9 Seals Swim Team - 'A'

#11 Men 0 & Under 200 Medley Relay 2:08.55 1:57.58 (1) * 40

Leander Stuart 15, Zane Herndon 16, Ryan Solisz 17, Michael Kracy 15

10 Seals Swim Team - 'A'

#11 Women 0 & Under 200 Medley Relay 2:23.76 2:20.17 (1) * 40

Hannah Ward 13, Remi Chastain 14, Bethany Crowe 14, Mile Maxwell 13

11 Seals Swim Team - 'A'

#53 Mixed 6 & Under 200 Freestyle Relay NT 1:57.31 (2) 34

Mackenzie Reiner 22, Preston Phillips 21

12 Seals Swim Team - 'A'

#132 Women 0 & Under 100 Freestyle Relay NT 1:41.90 (1) 40

Sydney Matlock 9, Aniston Clark 9, Haley Thomas 9, Kathleen Bellew 10

13 Seals Swim Team - 'A'

#132 Men 0 & Under 100 Freestyle Relay NT 2:07.21 (1) 40

Jaxon McKelvy 8, Zane Frasier 8, Ethan Looper 8, Owen Looper 7

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COURTESY PHOTOS

HIGHEST HONOR: The Lone Star Degree is one of Texas FFA's highest honors. Clayton Merrifield and Molly André earned theirs at the recent state convention. From left, Nate Newton (adviser), Clayton Merrifield, Gina Rogers (adviser) and Molly André. They are joined by colleagues in the background, from left, Reagan Meek and Davis Nix.

FFA

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Texas State FFA Convention in Fort Worth. The convention takes place July 11-15. During the convention, the officers will attend multiple workshops and seminars, listen to speakers from across the state and nation, meet with members from across Texas and engage in leadership activities. While

at the convention, Clayton Merrifield and Molly André, both former officers and 2022 graduates will receive their Lone Star Degree. The Lone Star Degree is the highest degree awarded to FFA members at the state level. It is a great honor for two of our esteemed former FFA members to receive such a hard-earned award.

Also competing during the state convention are members Davis Nix and Haleigh McFarland. Nix is our

first vice president who advanced to the state level Senior Prepared Agribusiness Public Speaking contest. He will compete in this event on Monday, July 11. McFarland, a 2022 graduate, will be competing in the Texas FFA State Rodeo in the breakaway roping event. She will compete on Monday, July 11. All ten of the Tolar FFA officers will be there cheering them on.

Each year, the Texas FFA Association selects a service project

for the host city. This year, they have chosen Community Partners of Tarrant County and Our Community Our Kids for the Stock the Backpack initiative. Tolar FFA members collected and donated 12 backpacks full of school supplies for the kids of the Fort Worth area for the upcoming school year. We hope to inspire others to help out students within our community who have similar needs.



NEW OFFICER FOR 2022: Reagan Meek is Tolar FFA president and Chisholm Trail District vice president.



GOING TO STATE: Davis Nix competed in the state speaking development event.

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CRAIG DAVIS
 Volunteer firefighter

Craig Davis has been a Hood County resident since 1984 and is currently a member of the Tolar Volunteer Fire Department.

In the summer of 1990, Davis helped start the North Hood County Volunteer Fire Department. He moved to Granbury in 1992, serving as a member of the Granbury Volunteer Fire Department, then became a Tolar resident in 2010 and joined the Tolar VFD.

Davis joined the Citizens Committee on Fire Prevention in 1998. He helped Hood County purchase

nine pumper/tanker trucks, which are still in service.

Now 68, Davis previously served for four years as a member of the Tolar City Council.

Davis was employed at First National Bank of Granbury starting in 1984 and continuing until 2022 when he retired from that business.

He was a member of the Hood County Salvation Army from 1984-2015. Davis was in the Granbury Rotary Club from 1984-1990, and again from 1992-2018.

Davis and his wife, Amy, have four children — Lindsey, Lauren, Warren and Taylor. Their three grandchildren are Hannah, Hayden and Greyson.

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