



Hood County News

MORE THAN A NEWSPAPER | A HOOD COUNTY LEGEND SINCE 1886

[WEDNESDAY, Nov. 30, 2022]

Published Wednesday and Saturday

hcnews.com \$1.00

Dave Eagle's letter to water board causes anger over seat appointment

BY KATHY CRUZ
Senior Staff Writer

The board of the Upper Trinity Groundwater Conservation District, in a 4-3 vote, recently failed to appoint the person that the Commissioners Court rec-

ommended to fill a vacated seat, one of two designated for Hood County.

A majority of the UTGCD board voted in favor of Mike Massey in accordance with the court's recommendation, but a Legislature-

imposed rule allowed a minority of the panel to keep him from being seated.

The rule, called the Enabling Act, requires five affirmative votes.

The board's Nov. 17 vote came two days after Precinct 4 Commis-

sioner Dave Eagle sent a letter asking the UTGCD board to hold off on the appointment until a different commissioner for Precinct 2 is seated in January.

Eagle's letter led to anger in a

PLEASE SEE LETTER | A4

SEE MORE INSIDE

Game wardens using search, rescue drones and the Commissioners Court approves perks for deputies, investigators. Please see stories, A3.

Rattlers advance to face Crawford in biggest test so far in this week's Sports Roundup. Please see story, A10.

Food drive brings in nearly 30,000 pounds of food donations for Mission Granbury. Please see story, B1.

CAST FROM 'THE PROMISE' JOINS NIGHT OF LIGHTS CHRISTMAS PARADE ON FRIDAY



MARY VINSON | HOOD COUNTY NEWS

Parade-goers were filled with the excitement of Christmas when the Granbury Night of Lights Christmas Parade stepped off Friday evening. Parade entries were from local churches, community groups and schools. This entry was presented by cast members from "The Promise," a musical production performed annually at the Texas Amphitheater in Glen Rose. Please see more parade photos, A2.

Toys for Tots raises cutoff age to 17; donations now open

BY ASHLEY INGE
Staff Writer

This Christmas season will be a whole lot brighter for many Hood County teens, thanks to the local chapter of Toys for Tots.

For the past seven years, the Toys for Tots Hood-Somervell-Parker chapter has collected and distributed toys for children up to the age of 13.

But this year, Julie Hale, Toys for Tots coordinator for the Marine Corps League, has decided to raise the cutoff age in the toy distribution from 13 to 17.

"So, 13 was locally imposed only

and we have the upper limit at 17 on the national program," she explained. "Some organizations cut it back because it's really hard to provide for those older kids. Well, I've just seen far too many needs at that upper level, so I just said, 'If they're going to allow me to go to 17, let's blow the doors off and go to 17.'"

Toys for Tots is celebrating its 75th anniversary this year, from when it began in 1947.

"It was initiated by the wife of a base commander who saw a need and began delivering handmade dolls to children in her area," Hale

said. "It was a grassroots local effort that was quickly adopted nationwide and made an official duty of the USMC Reserve. Although it's a big national program, 75 years later we are still a local effort — local people donate through the local office to support children in their immediate area. I think it's pretty remarkable in my world, that the majority of the people who are working on this are not military, but we were led by our military counterpart because they own it, and they can provide us with the leadership that we need."

THE RIGHT TOYS

Hale said she's aware that finding gifts for the older kids will be difficult but is determined to try to provide for them.

"Yeah, we're going to be struggling to get toys, and yeah, we're going to be ordering toys at the last minute, but we're going to make it happen," she said.

For the older kids, Hale recommends gifting age-appropriate items like hygiene kits, flat and curling irons, shaving sets and nail kits.

"I don't expect anybody to buy a \$500 set, but there are sets out

there that are catered towards the older children," she said.

One of the reasons Hale made the decision to raise the cutoff age to 17 is due to the financial need she's seen locally.

In 2021, Hale said the local Toys for Tots chapter served 3,500 kids — and she expects that number to reach as high as 7,000 this year.

"The last check that I did, I was just shy of 3,000 kids and I don't have (the list of kids in need from) Mission Granbury or Neighbors Helping Neighbors out of Weatherford yet," she said. "If we're not at

PLEASE SEE DONATIONS | A4



137TH YEAR, NO. 26

Local, zone(s): 2 sections, 18 pages, plus supplements | State: 2 sections, 18 pages

INSIDE

From My Front Porch — A3 | Obituaries — A4 | Crossword Puzzle — A4 | Classifieds — A7-A8

Est. 2017

Mattressville

4061 E. HWY 377 817-910-8957

GREAT SLEEP IS A LUXURY



RIGHT NOW

\$800 off up to \$500 off

STEARNS & FOSTER & TEMPUR-PEDIC

mattresses

SANTA ON THE SQUARE

Spectators fill parade route for Night of Lights

Granbury's annual lighted parade put spectators in the Christmas spirit Friday night on the square. The traditional Night of Lights parade features walking units and a variety of floats.

Awards were given to three entries. Larry Dickson Spritual Trophy: Grace Classical Academy.

Parade Chair's Community Trophy: Three Rivers Equipment.

Best of Parade President's Trophy: 4-H K-9 Kids.



PHOTOS BY MARY VINSON | HOOD COUNTY NEWS

THE JOLLY FELLOW: The Granbury Night of Lights Christmas Parade on Friday ended with the arrival of Santa and Mrs. Claus.



GRAND MARSHAL: Businessman Ike Thomas was grand marshal for the 2022 Night of Lights Christmas Parade.



OFFICIAL: Granbury Mayor Jim Jarratt was a part of the Christmas parade around the square Friday night.



GREEN DRIVER: Mr. Grinch was driving a piece of equipment as part of the Three Rivers Equipment entry at the Night of Lights Christmas Parade on Friday. The entry was honored with the Parade Chair's Community Trophy.



SIGHTS AND SOUNDS: These young ladies were part of the entry presented by The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints for the Night of Lights Christmas Parade on Friday.



LARRY DICKSON AWARD: Grace Classical Academy was given the Larry Dickson Spiritual Award during the Granbury Night of Lights Parade on Friday.



BEST FRIENDS: Hood County 4-H K-9 and Kids were presented the Best of Parade President's Trophy at the Night of Lights Parade in Granbury on Friday.



THEY LOVED THE PARADE: People filled the square and lined the parade route Friday night for the Granbury Night of Lights parade. The traditional parade includes lighted candles and the singing of "Silent Night."

One dies in accident north of Granbury

From Staff Reports

A Granbury resident died Monday morning, Nov. 28 following a vehicle accident on FM 2580 (Tin Top Highway), about five miles north of Granbury.

Texas Department of Public Safety Sgt. Richard Hunter stated

in an email to the Hood County News the 29-year old man, Troy Orrinn Zumach, had gotten out of his pickup when he was struck and killed by a car driven by 39 year-old Amanda Sue Petty, according to the news release.

The accident happened at approximately 5:50 a.m., according

to the DPS report, which was more than an hour before sunrise.

Hunter stated in the release that a 1995 Dodge Ram pickup driven by Zumach broke down. Half of Zumach's vehicle was "in the northbound lane and half on the improved shoulder of FM 2580. (Zumach) was standing next to his

vehicle on the driver's side near the center line of the roadway."

The news release stated the broken-down pickup "had no power and lights were not on."

Petty, who was driving northbound in a 2006 Mercedes Model C280, "saw (the pickup) and slammed on her brakes."

The released stated the Mercedes then struck the left rear portion of the pickup. The pickup then "struck the driver (as a pedestrian)" of the pickup. The pickup "came to rest in the middle of the roadway facing northeast. (The) pedestrian came to rest in the west barrow ditch of FM 2580."

Game wardens using search, rescue drones

From Staff Reports

Three recent incidents requiring game warden drone support and successful coordination with local law enforcement led to an arrest in East Texas and two rescues of lost individuals in the Hill Country.

On the night of Nov. 3, Texas Game Warden Michael Hummert responded to an Erath County Sheriff's Office request for assistance. An elderly man had gone missing in Dublin. As the only law enforcement officer equipped with a thermal drone in the county, his services were necessary.

"The setting sun prevented us

from locating him through usual means," Hummert said. "The thermal drone picks up body heat, which is necessary to locate someone at night. With the cold creeping in, it was imperative to find him quickly."

Using cell phone records, the sheriff's office determined a general location for the individual, and Hummert mapped out a search area. Working out of a control station attached to his vehicle, he located the individual through a thermal scan and led deputies to the location.

Just nine days later, in Bell County, federal officials reached out for

assistance in another missing person case. Without another available drone operator in the area, Warden Hummert arrived on scene. In this case, the family shared vital information about the person's location, while federal support provided robust mapping systems. Again, the individual was found safe and secure.

Only in his second month of the Texas Game Warden Unmanned Aerial System Program (UASP), Hummert has seen firsthand the benefit his skills and equipment bring to his community.

"The success is really about the right equipment. A helicopter is

highly beneficial for any search and rescue, but it's not always practical in rural areas. Responding with a drone cuts your response time and cost, allowing for more versatility. I respond to anything from car accidents to bomb threats."

Meanwhile, farther east, Hummert's drone teammate Texas Game Warden Doug Williams received a request for assistance to locate a suspect who shot at and physically assaulted two individuals, then fled. Using another thermal drone, Williams circled the residence and spotted a heat signature in the woods.

Due to freezing temperatures,

the suspect was hiding in the brush curled in the fetal position. He was arrested and later treated for hypothermia.

"Empowering our division with the drone program, in cooperation with Gear Up for Game Wardens donations, creates a lifeline where there wasn't," said UASP supervisor Lt. Matthew Bridgefarmer. "Game warden drone operators arrive first on scene to locate lost boaters and hikers. We search in the aftermath of natural disasters. At the end of the day, this program saves lives."

FROM MY FRONT PORCH

What the heck happened to October and November?

SAM HOUSTON

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

Is it just me, or have the past two months flown by at supersonic speed? I have always been told as one ages, the days go by quicker, but these past two months have gone by ridiculously fast. There have been all sorts of community events to attend, high school football and volleyball to watch, and getting ready for the holiday season. Here at the paper, the last three months of the year are probably our busiest, with the special Veterans Day section and covering all the holiday events. The staff has been working non-stop to cover all that is going on in our communities.

Part of me feels like it should still be September. I think the weather changing so quickly and the intro-

duction of winter-like temperatures made it seem like fall roared in and out. Heck, at my house we



Houston

have already burned six or seven fires in the fireplace, and it is not even December! Who would have imagined such a thing. I am not even going to mention the massive snow in the northeast, where more than six feet of snow has already fallen. Makes me think it is January.

We all made it through Thanksgiving, and before we know it, Christmas will be here, and then New Year's Day. I am not ready for it to be 2023! In my mind, it seems like 2023 is five or 10 years down the road, but here it is knocking on our door. So many plans to make and so many tasks to be accom-

plished.

As you plan for the balance of the year, do yourself a favor and get your Christmas shopping done as early as you can to avoid last-minute stress. Stop and catch your breath, for at least a moment, and reflect on the past 12 months. Look back at all the good things that happened in the past year. Remember all the places you went, people you met, and joys you experienced. Sometimes we are so busy working and struggling our way through life, we fail to stop and enjoy it as it occurs.

We are all fortunate to live in Texas, to have our friends and our families, as well as our churches, schools and clubs. There are people around the world who would give

any and everything to have the opportunity to experience what we have, where we live, and the freedoms we enjoy. We are blessed, and no matter how fast it goes by, we are lucky to have lived it.

Lastly, I did want to give a "shout-out" to Margitta Taylor. She is one of our loyal readers and after seeing one of my columns about "collecting," she sent me a nice note showing me her collection of thimbles. Thanks for writing to me and sending me a photo of your collection.

Thought for the day: Time flies. It is up to us to be the navigator.

Until next time.
sam@hcnews.com | 817-573-7066, ext. 260

Commissioners approve perks for deputies, investigators

BY KATHY CRUZ

Senior Staff Writer

The Commissioners Court, in a special-called meeting, approved two perks for Sheriff's Office employees as part of a continuing effort to improve pay and work conditions so that deputies and other employees won't keep walking out the door.

On Friday, Nov. 18, the court approved take-home vehicles for deputies and additional pay of \$100 for whoever is the on-call investigator for any given week.

The take-home vehicles are for deputies working consecutive shifts. In other words, they can drive a marked county vehicle home only if they are scheduled to report for another shift the follow-

ing day.

Deputies are not allowed to use the vehicles for personal errands or to transport passengers such as family members.

Sheriff Roger Deeds said that any deputy who violates the policy will face disciplinary action.

The policy allows vehicles to be driven within a 30-mile radius outside the county.

Deeds said that take-home vehicles will mean better service to taxpayers because they will enable deputies to respond quickly to any incident, even if they are home when the call comes in.

"The way I look at it, a deputy is a deputy 24/7," the sheriff said.

Deputies will no longer have to drive to the Law Enforcement Cen-

ter to pick up a county vehicle and spend time transferring equipment. They will begin their shift immediately when they pull out of their driveway.

As for extra pay for the nine investigators who rotate being on call, Precinct 1 Commissioner Kevin Andrews indicated support for the Sheriff's Office but concern for the money being spent and for the impact such financial commitments will have on next year's budget.

Earlier this month, the Commissioners Court approved a new pay scale at the SO, which included bringing starting pay for deputies from \$51,000 to \$60,000.

The new pay scale added another \$526,334 to the payroll for the cur-

rent fiscal year, which was taken from Fund Balance, an account containing money that wasn't spent during the previous fiscal year.

The court will have to find a way to budget for that increase next year.

The county judge and commissioners also approved a comp time buyout, using federal pandemic-relief money.

Andrews expressed the view that extra pay for on-call investigators should be discussed at budget time.

Budget discussions take place during the summer.

"I just think that we probably ought to tap the brakes on this one," he said.

Deeds offered to pay the \$5,200

out of his forfeiture fund.

Some discussion ensued involving County Treasurer Leigh Ann McCoy and County Auditor Becky Kidd.

Kidd told Deeds that the check written from his forfeiture account would need to include money to cover benefits. He agreed to cover those costs.

It was also noted that the extra money paid to investigators will be taxable income.

With both requests, motions to approve were made by County Judge Ron Massingill and seconded by Precinct 3 Commissioner Jack Wilson.

Each was approved unanimously.

kacruz@hcnews.com | 817-579-1886

CORRECTION

The time for the Melody Belles "Christmas Joy" concert was incorrect in the Nov. 28 edition of the Hood County News. The concert will start at 6 p.m. Friday, Dec. 2 at First Presbyterian Church, 303 W. Bridge St.





Hood County News
A Hyde Media Group, LLC Company

Publisher
SAM HOUSTON
sam@hcnews.com

News Editor
DEBBIE SCHNEIDER
dschneider@hcnews.com

Copy Editor
MARK WILSON
mark@hcnews.com

Designer
HILARY McALLISTER
hilary@hcnews.com

Senior Staff Writer
KATHY CRUZ
kacruz@hcnews.com

Copy Editor
JAY ANN COX
jay@hcnews.com

Digital Technologies
WADE BLAKE
wade@hcnews.com

hcnews.com

136 YEARS IN HOOD COUNTY
USPS 249-520
P.O. Box 879, Granbury, Texas 76048
Phone: (817) 573-7066
Fax: (817) 279-8371

The HOOD COUNTY NEWS is published at 1501 S. Morgan St., Granbury, TX 76048 twice a week. Periodicals postage paid at Granbury, TX 76048.

POSTMASTER: Send address changes to the HOOD COUNTY NEWS, P.O. Box 879, Granbury, TX 76048. Any erroneous reflection upon character, standing or reputation of any person, firm or corporation, which may occur in the HOOD COUNTY NEWS will be gladly corrected once brought to the attention of publisher or editor. The publisher is not responsible for copy omissions or typographical errors that may occur other than to correct them in the nearest issue after it is brought to his attention and in no case does the publisher hold himself liable for damages further than the amount received by him for actual space covering the error. The HOOD COUNTY NEWS is an award-winning member of the Texas Press Association, North & East Texas Press, West Texas Press and National Newspaper Association.

RETAIL ADVERTISING
P.O. Box 879
1501 South Morgan St., Granbury, Texas 76048

Comptroller
STEPHANIE HYDE
stephanie@hcnews.com

Classifieds
NANCY PRICER
nclassads@hcnews.com

Senior Advertising Coordinator
DARREN CLARK
darren@hcnews.com

Marketing Consultant
HEIDI GEBHARDT
heidi@hcnews.com

Marketing Consultant
KAREN CHANDLER
karen@hcnews.com

Marketing Consultant
KATE ROBLES
kate@hcnews.com

For more information:
(817) 573-7066 or (817) 279-9718

CIRCULATION
For delivery or billing questions, subscriptions and vacation stops call, (817) 573-7066 or (817) 279-9718

Delivery in county: Granbury, Lipan, Tolar, Paluxy, Cresson, Bluff Dale, Glen Rose, Rainbow and Nemo

1 Year _____ \$65	1 Year, digital _____ \$50
2 Years _____ \$125	1 month, digital _____ \$14.95

Delivery to remainder of Texas:

1 Year _____ \$85	1 Year, digital _____ \$50
2 Years _____ \$160	1 month, digital _____ \$14.95

Delivery to out of state:

1 Year _____ \$100	1 Year, digital _____ \$50
2 Years _____ \$190	1 month, digital _____ \$14.95

CLASSIFIED
Have a car to sell? Want to rent your house? Planning a garage sale?

Phone: (817) 573-7066
Metro: (817) 279-9718
Toll Free: (1-800) 588-7066
Fax: (817) 279-8371

email: classads@hcnews.com
Classified billing questions? Call 817-573-7066 and ask for classified billing.

CLASSIFIED DEADLINES
Wednesday issue:
10 a.m. Monday
Saturday issue:
10 a.m. Wednesday

OUR MISSION: The Hood County News shall provide news and insights to our readers through the independent and impartial presentation of information that educates, enriches and entertains. We are proud to be a community newspaper committed to the people we serve.

DONATIONS

FROM PAGE A1

7,000 kids or right at it, it'll surprise me."

Toys for Tots provides each child with two large gift-quality toys (\$25 value each) and stocking stuffers. Hale said she has set her goal of collecting a total of 21,000 toys this year.

"Three years ago, 6,000 was our goal," Hale said. "But we've really grown the program. More people see us, recognize us and remember us, so that causes donations, but that also causes requests, so I think because of those two factors we'll post near 7,000 children this year."

Community members can drop off new, unwrapped toys to more than 80 locations in Granbury, Glen Rose and Weatherford.

Some of the participating businesses in Granbury include the Hood County News, Granbury Visitor Center, Stonewater Church and Kroger Marketplace. A complete list of drop-off locations can be found online at granbury-tx.toysfortots.org.

The toys will be collected through Monday, Dec. 5, and will then be scheduled for distribution.

"We will go through two types of distributions," Hale said. "We will go into the distributions that are regularly scheduled and then we'll go into those emergency case distributions where you get a phone call that somebody's house just burned to



COURTESY OF JULIE HALE

GIFT OF SMILES: Julie Hale, left, the Toys for Tots coordinator for the Marine Corps League, is pictured with Jack Parsons, the former Toys for Tots area coordinator, and her mom, Clea Parks, as they stand in front of a portion of the toys that have been collected, counted, sorted and ready to distribute for the 2022 holiday season.

the ground two days before Christmas. We're not going to leave those kids without. We're going to reach out to the people that have had those last-minute tragedies, and make sure that they're covered."

'WHAT WE DO'

Hale said her "big thing" is to enable parents to take care of their children.

"Those kids, they're not going to remember this Christmas versus last Christmas, or 10 Christmases from now, but those parents are going to remember that they weren't able to do much for their kids,"

she said. "But that's what we do."

Hale — who has deep roots in the organization with her 87-year-old mother, Clea Parks — said it wouldn't be Christmas with her family if they weren't volunteering with Toys for Tots.

"It's humbling to be the point person," she said. "The community associates my name with the program because I'm all over social media and at most of the events, but I'm just the coordinator who brings several volunteers, community donors and recipients together — the magic happens when

those people are brought together and I'm the lucky person who brings them together."

For more information, visit granbury-tx.toysfortots.org or contact Hale at granbury.tx@toysfortots.org or 682-386-9750.

"It's truly a passion project of mine," Hale added. "It's pretty cool to be able to be the person who gives the community a way to give; that's a pretty cool spot to be in."

ashley@hcnews.com / 817-573-1243

OBITUARIES

Edward Vela, Jr

October 29, 1934 - November 16, 2022

Edward "Ed" Vela, Jr., 88, of Granbury, Texas, passed away early on Wednesday, November 16, 2022, at his home. A memorial service will be held December 5, 2022, at 2:00 p.m. at Acton United Methodist Church in Granbury, Texas.

Ed was born on October 29, 1934, in Cuero, Texas to Edward, Sr. and Cecelia Vela. He was the oldest of four boys and 29 cousins. Ed attended the University of Texas and worked at the family grocery store before serving his country in the USAF. He left the USAF for a long and successful career with the Office of Personnel Management for the federal government. Ed enjoyed reading and learning, and received his master's degree from SMU while working fulltime. Ed retired in 1995 as a Regional Director overseeing ten states. Ed married Sallye McKown in 1980, and the two of them enjoyed retirement by traveling extensively, spending time with grandchildren and volunteering for Habitat for Humanity. He was a member of Acton United Methodist Church.



Ed is survived by his wife Sallye; his two daughters, Lisa and husband Ray Levy, and Diana Vela; his five grandchildren, David and wife Wylie Dailey, Holly and husband Michael Brittner, Kate Hancock, Hope Hancock, and Jay Danna; by his three great-grandsons, Jace, James, and Micah; and by his brother, Herman, and wife Millie Vela.

In addition to his parents, Ed was preceded in death by his son, Edward Vela III; and by two brothers.

The family asks for any donations to go to: Doctors Without Borders, Annunciation House in El Paso, or HIAS.

Garleen "Nana" Owen

September 28, 1949 - November 23, 2022

Garleen "Nana" Owen, age 73, of Granbury, Texas passed away on Wednesday, November 23, 2022 surrounded by family. She was born on September 28, 1949 in Lynwood, California to Tommy and Al'Nella Walker. She is a 1967 graduate of Richland High School in Fort Worth. She went on to marry her high school sweetheart, Arkie Owen, in February 1968. They welcomed their son, Scotty Owen, shortly after then moved to Burleson, Texas to raise him.

Garleen enjoyed her accounting career in the car business for over 30 years. She spent the majority of her time between Don Davis Nissan and Mike Brown Ford where she went on to meet many lifelong friends.

Garleen is best known for being everyone's Nana. She was a light in many lives, made everyone feel welcome, and treated everyone as if they were her own. One of her favorite things to do was host events at her home and cooking for those that she loved. Her greatest passion in life was seeing her family happy.

Garleen is survived by



her son, Scotty Owen; granddaughters, Chelsey and husband Steven Pinksa; Lacey Reich; Malloy and husband Ty Oakes; grandson, Tucker Owen. She had 5 great-granddaughters, Charlotte and Daisy Oakes; Savannah, Taytum and Rowan Pinksa; sister, Jerri and husband Steve Strong; and many family and friends. She is preceded in death by her parents; sister, Terra Nanny; and her husband of 53 years, Arkie Owen.

Services for Garleen were: Visitation on Monday, November 28 at Wiley's Funeral Home in Granbury from 6-8pm; memorial service on Tuesday, November 29 at 2 pm at StoneWater Church Granbury Campus.

LETTER

FROM PAGE A1

court that is sometimes divided.

The UTGCD was created in 2007 to help protect and conserve water within the Upper Trinity aquifer through the registration of wells, public education and outreach. It includes four counties: Hood, Montague, Wise and Parker.

Commissioners courts in those counties each appoint two members to serve two-year, staggered terms. When a vacancy occurs, commissioners courts can make a recommendation, but the board can fill the seat with the person of its choosing.

The current vacancy occurred when Richard English recently resigned from one of the Hood County seats. Three people submitted applications to replace him: Massey, Bob Lusk and Tom Mercer.

A rancher whose family is one of the oldest bloodlines in Hood County, Massey previously served 12 years on the UTGCD board, including six years as its president. He also served 10 years as the UTGCD's representative to Groundwater Management Area 8.

At its Nov. 8 regular meeting, the Hood County Commissioners Court voted to recommend Massey for English's vacated seat in a 3-2 vote.

County Judge Ron Massingill, Precinct 2 Commissioner Ron Cotton and Precinct 3 Commissioner Jack Wilson voted in favor of Massey. Eagle and Precinct 1 Commissioner Kevin Andrews voted against the recommendation.

Andrews said that he favored Lusk, a fisheries biologist and editor of Pond Boss magazine.

Eagle recommended that the applications of both Massey and Lusk be presented to the UTGCD board for the board to decide which was the better choice.

Neither Andrews nor Eagle received support for their suggestions. The discussion, which concluded with the vote in favor of Massey, took about four minutes.

In his letter to the UTGCD board, Eagle asked that the appointment be delayed until after the end of the year when Cotton, whom he described as a "lame duck elected official," is replaced by Nannette Samuelson. Samuelson defeated Cotton in his bid for a second term.

Eagle further stated that "there was virtually no discussion at all" and that "the fix was in" when the vote oc-

curred.

Massingill expressed anger over Eagle's letter and noted that discussion did take place, with Eagle and Andrews each expressing their views.

"In that letter, he cast aspersions on our integrity and honesty in voting what we think was best for Hood County," he said.

UTGCD board president Tracy Mesler said that Eagle and Samuelson were present at the board's November meeting. He said that a motion was made and seconded to delay the vote until January in accordance with Eagle's request, but the motion failed in a 3-4 vote.

That action was followed by a vote on whether to appoint Massey.

"Basically, the majority of people that were there voted to place Mr. Massey on the board in support of the county's recommendation, but because of our Enabling Act limitations, it did not pass," Mesler said.

He stated that the vacancy will be on the December agenda and that it will continue to be placed on agendas until the seat is filled.

POLITICS OF WATER

At the time of the UTGCD's inception, Massey was appointed by the Commissioners Court to serve on its board. No one who sat on the Commissioners Court then is on it today.

Massey was reappointed to the seat multiple times.

In November 2018, Massey and English appeared before the Commissioners Court to say that the UTGCD board would soon vote to replace its temporary rules with permanent ones. One of the proposed permanent rules was a minimum tract size of five acres for water wells. Under the temporary rules, the minimum tract size was two acres.

Because of that recommendation, the board found itself the center of controversy. Disagreements carried over into 2019.

Many realtors, developers and landowners opposed the move because it would complicate the ability of those who inherited land to subdivide and sell it.

It was also believed that the rule would prove problematic for those wanting to build homes on two-acre tracts, a growing trend. If there was no nearby water system to connect to, property owners would need a well.

Eagle, who was seated on the court in January 2019, suggested that the court retain legal counsel and hire a hydrologist to serve as a consultant to the court as the UTGCD moved closer to adopting permanent rules. Other court members agreed to that move.

Eventually, the UTGCD board agreed to drop the five-acre rule and stick with two acres.

Nevertheless, Massey suspected that he would not be reappointed when his term expired that year.

"I knew what I was up against," he told the HCN in a 2021 interview.

In that interview, Massey expressed concern over the number of wells being drilled in Parker County and the possible effect they may have on the aquifer.

Massey was not reappointed. The Commissioners Court replaced him with Jarrod Reynolds.

According to Mesler, the three board members who voted against appointing Massey at the November meeting were Reynolds and Parker County's representatives, Tim Watts and Shannon Nave.

'A PLEA FOR FAIRNESS'

Eagle stated in his letter to the UTGCD board that he was making "a plea for fairness."

Cotton said he believed that Eagle didn't "get the person he wanted" and therefore requested the delay so that the majority vote of the court might swing the other way.

In a letter emailed to the HCN, Eagle denied attempting to negate the court's vote.

"As stated in my letter to the district, my goal was to merely provide the board with a choice," he wrote. "After all, all three of the applicants spent their time and effort to apply for the board position, and each of the applicants brings his own type of background and experience to the table."

Eagle went on to state that he feels that Lusk is the "more qualified applicant."

"Whatever the case, I believe the board should be given the opportunity to review these applicants and decide on its own who they think is the best choice," he wrote. "At the end of the day, they may still choose Massey."

When Eagle emailed his letter to the HCN, he did not address why he felt that Massey was less qualified, nor did he answer the newspaper's question about whether there should be a

time frame in which outgoing elected officials are no longer allowed a say in board appointments.

Asked whether the court would vote on a different recommendation while Cotton is still seated, Massingill stated, "Hell, no. We're not going to make another vote. (Massey) is our recommendation. And I'm going to tell (UTGCD General Manager) Doug Shaw that I'm hoping that the Upper Trinity will respect the Commissioners Court decision. It's a valid decision."

Mesler stated of Massey, "Not including the seven directors currently on the board, there's nobody else in the four counties who knows more about how the groundwater district was formed, how its rules were developed, how they were adopted, or how the district operates than Mike Massey, because he was one of the original eight directors."

He continued, "He served as president for six years. He served on the board for 12 years. He actually worked to serve as a de facto general manager for a year. There's nobody else that has better credentials for sitting on the groundwater board in our four counties that I know of. And it's not disparaging Mr. Lusk or anybody else's qualifications, they look fine. There's nothing wrong with it. It's just (that) Mike could literally hit the ground running. There's no learning curve."

kcruz@hcnews.com / 817-579-1886

SUBMITTING AN OBITUARY

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 church where service will

be held. You must provide the contact info for verification when submitting the obituary.

The Hood County News deadline for obituaries is 10 a.m. Monday for the Wednesday paper, and 10 a.m. Wednesday for the Saturday paper. Deadlines are subject to change during holidays.

TEXAS CROSSWORD

by Charley & Guy Orbison
Copyright 2022 by Orbison Bros.

<p>ACROSS</p> <p>1 Astros, Cowboys, or Spurs</p> <p>5 TX B.J. Thomas sang "___ Lone-some I Could Cry"</p> <p>6 TXism: "___ mama" (waitress)</p> <p>7 TXism: "costs ___ arm and a leg"</p> <p>8 horse mouthpiece</p> <p>9 TXism: "it ___ big loop to rope him" (obese)</p> <p>15 TX Oveta ___ Hobby was 1st U.S. secretary of HEW</p> <p>16 item to fasten a horse to a plow, e.g. (2 wds.)</p> <p>18 subjugate</p> <p>20 backs of necks</p> <p>22 defensive wall</p> <p>27 a few female sheep</p> <p>28 Jacqueline of film "The Deep" with UT grad Wallace</p> <p>29 actress Trevor of 1941 film "Texas"</p> <p>30 flight photos</p> <p>32 "Alamo City" abbr.</p> <p>33 with "Mae," "Cow-Cow Boogie" singer from Texas (2 wds.)</p> <p>36 TX Freddy Fender's "Before the Next Tear ___ Falls"</p> <p>37 once, International Telephone & Telegraph: "___, Inc."</p> <p>38 in Fannin County, on highway 34</p> <p>39 "___ run" (fast food)</p>	<p>41 fish appendage</p> <p>42 TXism: panting like a lizard ___ "rock"</p> <p>45 TX Freddy Fender sang "You'll ___ a Good Thing" (1975)</p> <p>46 Chinese sauce</p> <p>47 thankfully, it's almost the weekend (abbr.)</p> <p>48 Kampground found in Texas</p> <p>49 resident of "Gem State"</p> <p>52 rich person</p> <p>53 corporate community in Irving: "___ Collins"</p> <p>54 graduate school entrance test (abbr.)</p> <p>55 TXism: "fits like scales ___ fish"</p> <p>DOWN</p> <p>1 TX Brown who won Heisman at Notre Dame in 1987</p> <p>2 "La ___" (Mexican prison mafia)</p> <p>3 TXism: "hard ___" (tough)</p> <p>4 seat of Titus County (2 wds.)</p> <p>8 gentle tap a pitch by an Astro batter</p> <p>9 TXism: "couldn't hit ___" (bad shot)</p> <p>10 Coleman h.s. class</p> <p>11 TX Rote, star RB at SMU, 1947-50 (init.)</p> <p>12 on Memorial Day weekend: "___ Festival"</p> <p>13 oceans</p> <p>14 Egyptian vipers</p> <p>15 most Texas colleges have a graduation ___ in May</p> <p>16 assert something</p> <p>17 "he ___ writing on the wall"</p> <p>19 young Scot: "just ___ lad"</p> <p>21 "Lone Star ___"</p> <p>22 ___ Cola</p> <p>23 former chain founded in Dallas: "Steak and ___"</p> <p>24 shopping center rice dishes</p> <p>26 receiver of WBAP-AM signal (2 wds.)</p> <p>28 "ink ___" test</p> <p>31 TXism: "fast as ___ up a rafter"</p> <p>34 TX Buddy Holly 1958 hit: "Rave ___"</p> <p>35 border river: "___ Grande"</p> <p>37 "___ girl!"</p> <p>40 classic 1952 western: "High ___"</p> <p>43 TXism for "against"</p> <p>44 Edinburg is the seat of this county</p> <p>50 this TX Taylor was a UH All-American defensive end</p> <p>51 25th governor of Texas, Colquitt (first two initials)</p>
---	---

NCTA TAKES ON CROWLEY



PHOTO COURTESY OF CHRISTY DODSON

Uri Rivas (13) paced the North Texas Christian Academy boys basketball team with 14 points and teammate Igor Fiedosewicz (11) scored 11 points during a 42-38 home loss to Crowley High School, Nov. 15.

LOOKING BACK IN SPORTS

Granbury's Dorothy Berry selected in 1964 for what was only eighth girls all-star game

Looking Back in Sports is a column that highlights articles retrieved from local newspaper archives.

58 YEARS AGO
NOVEMBER 1964

Dorothy Berry — most likely a Granbury High School student-athlete, although the article does not mention that — was announced as being named as a member of the North team for the Texas High School Girls Basketball Coaches Association's all-star girls basketball game to be played in Waco.

That all-star game, mentioned in that April 2, 1964, edition of the Hood County News-Tablet, was to be played July 18, 1964. "This is the eighth time in the history of girls basketball that an all-star game will be played," the article stated.

84 YEARS AGO
NOVEMBER 1938

An article on Page 8 of the Nov. 17, 1938 edition of the Hood County Tablet served notice of an FFA basketball tournament that

was scheduled to start Dec. 17, in Weatherford.

The schools entered included Granbury, Weatherford, Santo, Lipan, Springtown and Millsap.

It also noted that, "There will be two classes of teams that can play. There will be a 'Peewee' team and the large boys team. The Peewee team will be boys weighing 120 pounds or less, and the large boys team will be boys weighing over 125 pounds. The boy weighing 125 pounds or less does not play with the Peewees. He may play on the large boys team if he wants to, but he cannot play on both teams."

77 YEARS AGO
NOVEMBER 1945

In a brief (two sentences) note about the end of the Granbury Pirates football team's season, the Nov. 22, 1945 edition of the Hood County News-Tablet stated, "The Granbury

Pirates placed third in the conference at the close of the 1945 football season. Iredell was in first place; Cranfills Gap in second; Granbury in third; and Tolar in fourth place."

77 YEARS AGO
NOVEMBER 1945

In a basketball article from the Nov. 22, 1945 edition of the Hood County News-Tablet, it was reported that, "Garry Barron of Granbury has transferred to Texas Lutheran College in Seguin from Arlington State College. He is a member of the Bulldogs, defending Big State Conference basketball champions. The Bulldogs have started basketball drills with four returning lettermen."

A Google search showed that the Big State Conference evidently ceased to be following the 1986-87 season. The colleges listed as having been in that basketball conference included East Texas Baptist, Huston-Tillotson, Mary Hardin-Baylor, St. Edward's, St. Mary's and Texas Lutheran.

LIFE HEALTH CANCER ACCIDENT

Affordable Rates & Quality Coverage from a Trusted Insurer.



Learn More about All's Insurance Solutions for Individuals & Families. Dependable Insurance to Build a Stronger Tomorrow. Request Your Personalized Quote. Contact me today at 1-888-480-0731 for more information.

AVI MD Insurance Service
1-888-480-0731

Avi Deshmukh M.D., Veteran, Licensed Agent
Washington Agency
101 Summit Ave. Ste. 806
Ft. Worth, TX. 76102



STAY CONNECTED AT HCNEWS.COM

THE PAPER YOU LOVE, BROUGHT TO LIFE IN PRINT, ON YOUR DESKTOP, TABLET OR SMARTPHONE.



817-573-7066

Scan QR code with any smartphone to view hcnews.com and subscribe today



Supporting us will ensure that
Mission Granbury is always #heretohelp



The need is real.

Your donations serve others in our community. EVERY gift makes a difference.



Mission Granbury, a 501(c)3 nonprofit, provides community services in Hood County.

missiongranbury.org/Donate

Mission Granbury Resource Center 817-579-6866 #HERetoHELP

24-hour Crisis Hotline 844-579-6848



Burgers, Chips, & Drinks to be served!
All provided by **O'Reilly Auto Parts**

For questions or more info:

Myer's Automotive:
(817) 279-9949
Thomas:
(817) 475-1621

Thomas G. Myers
Loy 29th Annual Drive & Car Show
SATURDAY DECEMBER 3RD
10am - 2pm

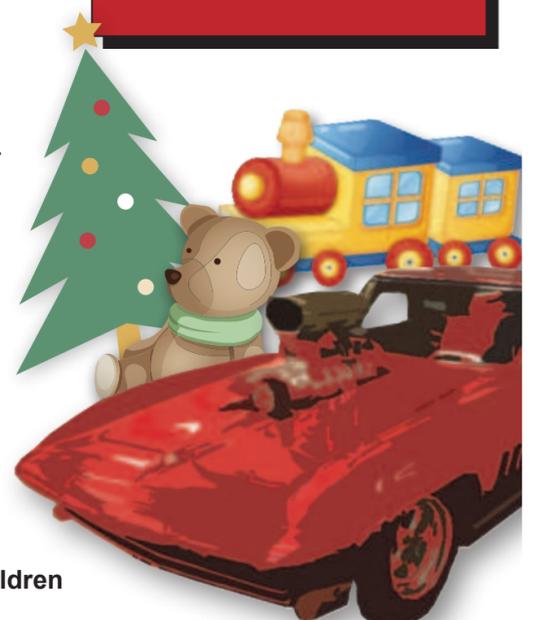
JERRY DURANT **CHEVROLET BUICK GMC**



LOCATED AT:
1909 E US HWY 377, GRANBURY, TX 76049

All proceeds to benefit Hood County Christmas for Children
learn more at christmasforchildren.org

Bring an **UNWRAPPED** toy for a boy or a girl, and join us in the *spirit of giving!*



Classifieds

Deadlines: Wednesday issue, 10 a.m. Monday • Saturday issue, 10 a.m. Wednesday

(817) 573-7066

Hours: 8 a.m.-5 p.m. Monday-Thursday • 8 a.m.-1 p.m. Friday

CLASSIFIEDS DIRECTORY

<p>Real Estate for Sale</p> <p>1010 Acreage for Sale 1020 Cemetery Lots 1030 Commercial for Sale 1040 Duplexes for Sale 1050 Homes for Sale 1060 Waterfront Homes 1070 Lots for Sale 1080 Mobiles for Sale 1090 Waterfront Mobiles 1100 Real Estate Notes 1110 Townhomes & Condos 1120 Property For Trade 1130 Want To Buy</p> <p>Real Estate for Rent</p> <p>1510 Apartments for Rent 1520 Commercial for Rent 1530 Duplexes for Rent 1540 Homes for Rent 1550 Mobiles for Rent 1560 Rooms for Rent 1570 Roommates Wanted 1580 Spaces & Lots 1590 Townhomes & Condos 1600 Want to Rent</p> <p>Vehicles</p> <p>2010 Automobiles 2020 Parts & Accessories 2030 Big Trucks & Trailers 2040 Classic Automobiles</p>	<p>2050 Four-Wheel Drive 2060 Motorcycles 2070 Pickups & SUVs 2080 Vans & Campers 2090 Trailers 2095 Heavy Equipment</p> <p>Farm & Ranch</p> <p>3010 Corrals & Fencing 3020 Farm Equipment 3030 Feed & Pasture 3040 Stock Trailers 3050 Related Items</p> <p>Finance</p> <p>4010 Business Opportunities 4020 Insurance 4030 Investments 4040 Mortgages & Notes</p> <p>Home & Business Services</p> <p>5010 Adult/Elderly Care 5020 A/C Heating Repair 5030 Appliance Repair 5040 Automotive Services 5050 Bulldozer Services 5060 Business Services 5065 Carports 5070 Cement/Concrete 5075 Chimney Sweeping 5080 Child Care 5090 Cleaning Services 5100 Computer Services</p>	<p>5110 Construction 5120 Clock Repair 5130 Dock repair/Rebuild 5140 Electrical 5150 Electronics Repair 5160 Exterminating 5170 Fencing 5180 Floor Coverings 5190 Health Care 5200 Home Improvement 5210 Home Services 5220 Landscaping/Tree Service 5230 Interior Design 5240 Masonry 5250 Mobile Home Service 5260 Moving/Hauling 5265 Plumbing 5270 Sand/Gravel/Soil 5280 Roofing 5290 Painting 5295 Pressure Washing 5300 Septic/Sewer 5310 Small Engine Repair 5320 Secretarial/Office 5330 Storage 5340 Tractor Service 5350 Welding</p> <p>Sports & Recreation</p> <p>6010 Boats & Water Sports 6020 Recreation 6030 Golf 6040 Guns 6050 Hunting/Fishing 6060 Pools & Spas</p>	<p>6070 RV's/Travel Trailers 6080 Sporting Goods</p> <p>Merchandise</p> <p>6510 Antiques 6520 Appliances 6530 Arts & Crafts 6540 Building Materials 6550 Computers 6560 Electronics 6570 Firewood 6580 Furniture 6590 Health 6600 Air Conditioners 6610 Lawn Equipment 6620 Miscellaneous 6630 Musical Instruments 6635 Pocket Stuffers 6640 Portable Buildings 6650 Tools 6660 Trees 6670 Wanted</p> <p>Education</p> <p>7010 Tutor/Instruction 7020 Music 7030 Computer 7040 Art Instruction</p> <p>Livestock & Pets</p> <p>8010 Livestock 8020 Livestock Lost & Found 8030 Pets 8040 Pets Lost & Found</p>	<p>Employment</p> <p>8510 General 8520 Construction 8530 Food Services 8540 Medical/Dental 8550 Office Employment 8560 Professional 8570 Sales 8580 Salon Personnel 8590 Employment Wanted 8600 Employment Information 8610 Carpool Information</p> <p>Notices</p> <p>9010 Happy Notes 9020 Free 9030 Public Notices 9040 Notices 9050 Personal Lost & Found 9070 Card of Thanks</p> <p>Public Sales</p> <p>9570 Auctions 9580 Flea Markets 9590 Out of Town Sales Garage Sales 76035 Garage Sales 76048 Garage Sales 76049 Garage Sales 76462 Garage Sales 76476</p>	<p>Business Hours Monday - Thursday, 8am-5pm Friday, 8am-1pm</p> <p>Deadlines Wednesday issue, 10am Monday Saturday issue, 10am Wednesday</p> <p>Special Offers Pocket Stuffers Free classified ads. Miscellaneous items up to \$100. Some restrictions apply.</p> <p>Wheels & Deals Place your ad with photo of your vehicle for only \$59.95. the ad will run until it sells or up to 2 months.</p> <p>Place your ad online at www.hcnews.com, call 817-573-7066, or visit us at 1501 S. Morgan St.</p>	<p>Classified Advertising Cost Classified ads for the Wednesday & Saturday editions are \$16 per week for 4 lines or less. Each additional line is \$2.25. Your ad will also appear on www.hcnews.com during the ad run.</p> <p>Error Responsibility Customers are asked to check their ad immediately after it appears in the paper and report at once any error found. Claims for adjustment should be made at that time. The Hood County News is responsible for an incorrect ad only the first time it runs, so check your ads carefully</p>
---	---	--	--	--	--	--

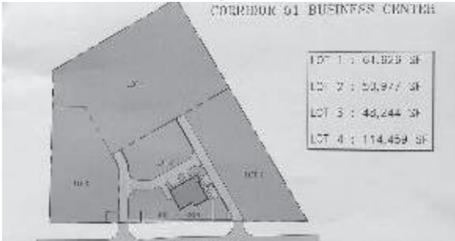
CALL 817-573-7066 AND GET RESULTS • HCN CLASSIFIEDS ON THE WEB: WWW.HCNEWS.COM/CLASSIFIEDS

REAL ESTATE FOR SALE

BROWSE ONLINE
classifieds.hcnews.com

1030 **Commercial for Sale**

Zoned Heavy Commercial



COMMERCIAL DEVELOPMENT

Lots range from 1.1 acres to 2.6 acres. Great visibility and easy access. City water, Co-op electric, septic systems. One tract has an existing building with room for expansion. Possible build to suit on all tracts. Lee Overstreet, REALTOR (817) 219-5246, Winston Properties, LLC

1030 **Commercial for Sale**

Call for lot sizes and pricing.

1050 **Homes for Sale**

BEAUTIFULLY REMODELED



4-2.5-2 Brick Home, Open Floor Plan

Custom cabinets, quartz counter tops, luxury vinyl flooring, double pane windows, 4 ton Trane HVAC, new roof & water heater. Pool, upgraded electric, plug for generator, plug for electric vehicle. Lee Overstreet, REALTOR (817) 219-5246, Winston Properties, LLC

1050 **Price reduced to \$429,900.**

1050 **Homes for Sale**

New Construction In Granbury!



3100 Trinity River Trail, Granbury, Tx.

\$229,900 2 bed, 2 bath, built in 2022 by local Granbury builder. This home comes fully loaded and move in ready! Full appliances including refrigerator, white wood faux blinds, gutters, wood privacy fence, sod, and landscaping. Builder provides a full 2-10 warranty and a final survey.

1050 **Scott Ashford Real Estate, LLC 682.444.3700**

1050 **Homes for Sale**

4% Is All You Pay For Real Estate!



Scott Ashford
682-444-3700

Full Service Real Estate - No 6% Fee!

It's your hard earned equity in your home! Why not keep more of it! I offer full service Real Estate without the 6% fee. You still get professional photos, drone photos, lockbox, sign, extensive advertising, and at least 1 open house! Top 10 Realtor in Hood County since 2015!

1050 **Scott Ashford Real Estate, LLC 682-444-3700**

1050 **Homes for Sale**

10.3 Acre Home With Shop In Lipan!



7708 Star Hollow Road, Lipan, Tx.

\$770,000 10.25 acres just outside of Lipan in Hood County! Metal barndominium built in 2017 with 2000 square feet. 3 bed, 2.5 bath. 30X30 metal shop on slab with electric, 60X40 metal barn with 4 stalls. Fenced and cross fenced. Water well, aerobic septic, gated entrance. Numerous trees

1050 **Scott Ashford Real Estate, LLC 682.444.3700**

1050 **Homes for Sale**

4 bedroom home in Meander Estates!



914 Winding Road, Granbury, Tx. 76049

\$361,000 4 bedroom, 2 bath, 2 car garage, 1986 square feet built in 2007 and located on the Fort Worth side of Granbury in Meander Estates! Recently updated with wood laminate floors, new carpet, and newer HVAC system! Great layout with split bedrooms and big kitchen!

1050 **Scott Ashford Real Estate, LLC 682.444.3700**

1050 **Homes for Sale**

2.15 Acres In Rolling Creek Ranch



8029 White Drive, Granbury, Tx. 76049

\$825,000 Home located on 2.15 acres with stunning views all around! 2906 square feet, original owner, custom built in 2018. 4 bedroom, 3 bath, separate office or 4th bedroom, 3 car oversize garage! Home is on an elevated lot, pipe fence, sprinkler system, outdoor kitchen and more!

1050 **Scott Ashford Real Estate, LLC 682.444.3700**

1050 **Homes for Sale**

Cute Home In Pecan Plantation!



10123 Ravenswood Rd. Granbury, Tx.

\$359,900 3 bed, 2 bath, 2 car oversize garage, 1734 square feet built in 2007. This home backs up to the orchard. Numerous large mature trees throughout. Stained concrete floors, open kitchen, split bedrooms, stainless appliances, walk in closets, wood burning fireplace, granite, and more!

1050 **Scott Ashford Real Estate, LLC 682.444.3700**

1050 **Homes for Sale**

New Construction in Glen Rose!



116 Valley View Street, Glen Rose, Tx.

\$464,900 Builder is offering a \$5000 allowance with an acceptable offer! 3 bedroom, 2 bath, 2319 square feet, 2022 home located in the beautiful community of Tuscan Village in Glen Rose! Wide open floor-plan with all the upgrades. Spanish tile roof, stucco exterior, great views!

1050 **Scott Ashford Real Estate, LLC 682-444-3700**

1050 **Homes for Sale**

Classic Farm House on 5.738 Acres!



5751 Peveler Court, Granbury, Tx.

\$499,900 Located on 5.738 acres in North Hood County. Offering the ultimate in privacy yet just minutes from the historic Granbury Square. Home is 1942 square feet, 2 bed, 2 bath, built in 1969. Property is fenced and cross fenced. 2 car detached garage. This is a must see home and property

1050 **Scott Ashford - Realtor/Agent 682.444.3700 Tx Lic 0627241**

1050 **Homes for Sale**

Like New Home In Treaty Oaks!



3806 Pine Circle, Granbury, Tx 76048

\$323,900 3 bedroom, 2 bath, 2 car garage, 1517 square feet built in 2010. Located in the gated community of Treaty Oaks and on a private cul de sac! Super clean and well cared for home. Large backyard with gazebo and storage bldg. Wood laminate flooring throughout the home!

1050 **Scott Ashford Real Estate, LLC 682.444.3700**

1050 **Homes for Sale**

Stunning In DeCordova Bend Estates!



6217 Circo Drive, Granbury, Tx. 76049

\$420,000 3 bedroom, 2.5 bath, 2 car oversized garage, 2663 square feet, built in 2000. Oversize living room with fireplace, formal dining, breakfast area, study just off the master bedroom! Stunning back yard with 2 patios. Large and mature trees throughout, circle drive. A must see!

1050 **Scott Ashford Real Estate, LLC 682.444.3700**

Find what you're looking for in the **CLASSIFIEDS**

817-573-7066 :: hcnews.com

1050
Homes for Sale

New Construction Home Glen Rose!



131 Valley View Street, Glen Rose
\$479,900 Builder is offering a \$10,000 allowance with accepted offer. New construction home located in the community of Tuscan Village! 2735 square feet, 3 bedroom, 2.5 bath, 2 story, separate office, mud room area, gigantic game room upstairs! Tile roof and stucco exterior

Scott Ashford Real Estate, LLC 682.444.3700

1050

1050
Homes for Sale

4% Is All You Pay For Real Estate!



Scott Ashford Real Estate, LLC
Scott Ashford
682-444-3700

Full Service Real Estate - No 6% Fee!

4% IS ALL I EVER CHARGE TO SELL ANY HOME OR PROPERTY! IT'S YOUR HARD EARNED EQUITY SO WHY NOT KEEP MORE OF IT FOR YOURSELF! YOU STILL GET FULL SERVICE REAL ESTATE FOR ONLY 4%! *TOP 10 REALTOR IN HOOD COUNTY SINCE 2015*

Scott Ashford Real Estate, LLC 682-444-3700

1050

REAL ESTATE FOR RENT

1530
Duplexes for Rent

DUPLEX FOR LEASE- ACTON AREA
Secluded nice clean 2-2-2 w/CP.
\$1,350 mo/\$750 dep. Trash paid.
817-578-9906

1540
Homes for Rent

Single Family Home, 3-2-2 carport, fenced yard, close to town, \$1,500 mo/\$1,000 dep. Small pet ok with deposit. 1813 Pioneer. 817-219-8718

1560
Rooms for Rent

Unfurnished Room \$600 per month, includes utilities. W/D and Kit. use. Call 210-838-2313 No drugs, smoking or alcohol.

HOME & BUSINESS SERVICES

5070
Cement/Concrete

DOUG STULTS CONCRETE CONSTRUCTION

SINCE 1970 RESIDENTIAL & COMMERCIAL
Slabs. Driveways. Patios. Retainer Walls. Metal Buildings-RV Covers
Licensed & Bonded **817-279-8115**

5100
Computer Services

NEED COMPUTER HELP?
Virus Removal/Repairs/Networks/Upgrades/Programming/Training and more. Over 25 years exp, Residential and Commercial
(817) 579-8450

5140
Electrical

ELECTRICAL CONTRACTOR
TECL#22551 50+ years Residential/Commercial
AZZ-IZZ Enterprises, LLC
NO JOBS TOO SMALL!
(817) 613-1465, (817) 266-7239

5170
Fencing

DOUG STULTS CONSTRUCTION
Since 1970. Quality cedar fences. Redwood patio pergolas.
Licensed & bonded. **817-279-8115**

MAX-FENCING
All Types of Fence
Ornamental. Iron. Pipe. Wood. Privacy. Chain Link. Farm. Barb Wire. Non-Climb Fence. RV Covers. Metal Buildings. Pipe Fence. Carports. Welding Service. Dock Repairs. Free Estimates.
(817)559-2333
maxjuarez2018@gmail.com

5200
Home Improvement

SNODGRASS PAINTING AND REMODELING, INC
One Stop Shop
A-Z Construction & Painting
A+ BBB Member
Accepting Credit Cards
snodgrasspaintingremodeling.com
(817) 578-8387 (817) 271-3324

THE COWBOY HANDYMAN Home Improvement and Repair
Locally owned
Brad Stone 806-676-9939
Dependable, Affordable Choice!

HANDYMAN OF GRANBURY
No job too small! Replace light fixtures, ceiling fans, leaky faucets, new furniture assembly, blind installation, light carpentry, punch lists, and other odd jobs.
Barry Hazel 817-891-2779

CONSTRUCTION WERKS
New construction, remodel, carpentry, paint, sheetrock, tile, stone, cement, doors, windows. Interior, exterior. Commercial, residential. Insured.
817-363-7656

GENSCHEL GR REMODELING

GENSCHEL'S REMODELING
Pergolas. Screened porches. Home repairs. Paint int. & ext. Sheetrock repair. Custom decks. Run with Christian values, fair pricing. 35 years experience. References available.
Call Allen 817-776-3757.

CONSTRUCTION
Bobcat work, Land clearing, Brush Hog mowing, Tree work, Excavating, Wood fences, Gravel driveways, Demo and haul-off. Free estimates. Call Keith 817-559-0100

5210
Home Services

CHRISTMAS LIGHTS INSTALLED and taken down. Retired firefighter. Senior citizen discount. Call Jack Hasty at 817-894-5601.

5220
Landscaping/Tree Service

SPEEDY LAWN CARE
Lawn mowing, edging & mulching. Tree trimming & removal.
817-559-5152



TEXAS TREE CARE
Proudly serving Hood County longer than any other tree service. Third generation arborist. Pruning, removals, sick tree diagnoses, root zone fertilization, Oak Wilt injections, stump grinding, tree hazard inspection and mistletoe removal. We are your tree care professionals. Free estimates and senior discount. Residential & Commercial, Free Estimates.
(817) 894-9449
TexasTreeCare@yahoo.com

5220
Landscaping/Tree Service



CALL FOR FALL SPECIALS Tree work, gutters, Flower beds, shrubs. Brush hogging, tractor work.
Senior discounts. **817-793-2245**

TREE SERVICE Tree trimming & removal and shrub trimming. **817-964-7533.**

LONE STAR TREE SERVICE
Tree trimming and removal.
Free estimates. **817-243-6827.**

5240
Masonry

ANYTHING WITH STONE
*Retaining Walls *Patios
*Houses *Repairs *Flower Beds
*Planting *Bobcat Work
*Tornado Shelters
*20+ years *Senior Discount
Insured **(817) 919-4487**

AFFORDABLE ROCK WORK *Side-walks *Retaining Walls *Mailboxes *Fireplaces
No job too small. **FREE estimates. (817)279-3212**

5270
Sand/Gravel/Soil

TOP SOIL SAND GRAVEL
crushed rock • washed rock
6, 8, or 12 yd. loads • blade work
Richard Brock 817-573-2521

SAND AND GRAVEL
Will haul sand, gravel, top soil, road base, etc.
Call Carroll, **(817) 219-2436**

5350
Welding

ATTENTION! BEN WELDING
Pipe fence, Entry ways, All types fences, Trailer repair, Carports/metal buildings, Gates, Welding on heavy equipment & painting! Skid steer service.
(682) 205-4162 Free Estimates!

SPORTS & RECREATION

6040
Guns

HANDGUN CLASSES
License to Carry and "Constitutional Carry" classes. Learn licensed and unlicensed rules to follow Texas Law.
Ed Hearne, 817-326-4933.

LOOKING FOR Small gauge shot gun. Small caliber rifle & handgun for grandchildren. Call or text 432-582-3019.

MERCHANDISE

6570
Firewood

FIREWOOD-PREMIUM Split seasoned oak, \$425 cord, \$250 half cord, delivered and stacked. **CASH ONLY. 817-243-6827**

SPLIT FIREWOOD - DELIVERED
Split Seasoned Mixed Hardwood Firewood (delivered)
Must be able to stack at site within 10 feet of trailer.

\$200 1/2 cord delivered (Plus tax)
\$325 1 cord delivered (Plus tax)
(817) 279-9085

6620
Miscellaneous

WAGON YARD.COM: We sell local honey, Watkins, Howard Products, Mexican Vanilla. Repair Battery Clocks, Elec Lamps. **817-573-5321**

WE BUY OLD US COINS OF ALL DENOMINATIONS.
Call **817-559-3131**

Moving!!! Must sell! Small sectional, \$150. Rustic rolling wine bar/cart, \$300. Coffee table, round, \$10. Patio furniture, 4 chairs, \$10 per chair, Sun-brella. Misc items. Call for more info. **817-559-2752.**

6630
Musical Instruments

Yamaha PSR7000 electric keyboard, all bells and whistles. Good Christmas present. **817-910-8422.**

Deliver your ads to thousands twice a week!
Advertise in the Classifieds!
Hood County News 817-573-7066

LIVESTOCK & PETS

8010
Livestock

DONKEYS Must Sell ASAP - 3 Jennys and 1 beautiful Jack need good home. Jennys are less than 4 yrs old. All in good health. \$600.00 or OBO gforce52@charter.net

8030
Pets



LOOKING FOR A COMPANION? If you are looking for a companion animal to give a forever home, OPT TO ADOPT!
Call or visit
Hood County Animal Control
1550 Weatherford Highway,
Granbury, Texas 76048
817-573-4277

8040
Pets Lost & Found

IF YOU HAVE LOST OR FOUND AN ANIMAL, please contact
Hood County Animal Control,
1550 Weatherford Hwy,
Granbury, Texas 76048.
817-573-4277

EMPLOYMENT

8510
General

PART-TIME SECURITY OFFICERS
Special Events, weekends & nights.
Up to \$20 per hour.
Ed Hearne, 817-326-4933.

Now hiring a FT/PT position energetic, responsible and mature individual with customer service experience. Must be able to lift 50-pound package. Apply in person at UPS Store, 1030 E Hwy 377, Suite 110.

8540
Medical/Dental

ATTENTION! HEALTHCARE SERVICES - OPTICAL ASST./OPTICIAN Busy optometric practice. Great hours. No weekends. Experience preferred but will train. Must be detail oriented and like working with people. Submit resume to **walcas@aol.com**

NOW HIRING

Housekeeper
Dietary Staff
Treatment Nurse
PT Transport



We offer competitive pay and shift differentials. Great benefit package that includes health, dental, vision, 401K, tuition reimbursement and PTO for all full time employees.
Come be a part of a caring team where the residents come first!

301 S. Park St • 817-573-3726
Granbury, Texas
GRANBURY CARE CENTER
EEOC kami_minchew@csnh.com

Find Contractors, Service Technicians, Landscapers, Plumbers, Electricians, Mechanics, Carpenters, Painters, and more...

Hood County News CLASSIFIEDS
www.hcnews.com

Hood County News
NEWS ON THE GO
News
Sports
Culture
Lifestyle
Entertainment
Dining
Arts
Outdoors
Recreation
Community
Local Government
WE COVER YOU

NOTICES

9020
Free

HAUL OFF & PICKUP All metal & appliance pickup. We pickup all kinds of things that are in the way you call we haul. Call for pricing (817) 578-5510

9031
Public Notices

LEGAL AD

Hood County Commissioners' Court has received an application to consider a revision of the plat for:

THE CROSS RANCH, TRACTS 12R, 13R & 14

The Hood County Commissioners' Court will meet to consider the application and to hear any protest to the revision on Tuesday, December 13th, 2022, at 9 a.m. in the Central Jury Room of the Ralph H. Walton Jr. Justice Center, 1200 West Pearl Street, Granbury, Texas 76048.

NOTICE OF PUBLIC SALE

AGCO Finance LLC will offer the following repossessed equipment for sale to the highest bidder for Certified Funds, plus applicable sales tax. Equipment: MF MF1745 ROUND BALER S/N M1745DMHRO2159. Date of sale: 12/14/2022. Time of Sale: 11: A.M. Place of sale: THREE RIVER EQUIPMENT 4111 WEATHERFORD HWY GRANBURY, TX 76049. Equipment can be inspected at place of sale. The equipment will be sold AS IS, without warranty. Final sale of equipment will be contingent upon winning bidder meeting all applicable federal and state regulatory requirements. We reserve the right to bid. For further information please contact KELLY STRICKLEN (580) 919-9268, Reference Number: 2529930.

HOOD CENTRAL APPRAISAL REVIEW BOARD ACCEPTING APPLICATIONS Applications are being accepted for Hood County residents interested in serving on the Appraisal Review Board (ARB).

The ARB is a group of private citizens authorized to hear appeals and determine protests for ad valorem tax purposes. The ARB is a separate authoritative body and are not employees of the Hood Central Appraisal District (HCAD). ARB members are appointed by the Local Administrative District Judge of Hood County for two-year terms.

To be eligible for appointment, an applicant must have been a Hood County resident for two (2) years, and never have been employed by, or been an officer or director of the HCAD, along with other eligibility restrictions provided in Texas Property Tax Code Section 6.412.

ARB service is a full-time commitment during April, May, June, and July. The ARB also meets periodically throughout the remainder of the year to carry out supplemental duties. Per diem compensation is in the amount of \$175 a day.

If you are interested in service, applications for potential ARB members will be accepted by the HCAD ARB Coordinator on behalf of the Local Administrative District Judge. ARB member applications can be found on the HCAD website (www.hood-cad.org) under the downloads and forms menu. Submit completed applications by email to: hoodapp@hoodcad.net

Completed applications may also be hand delivered to:
1902 W. Pearl St.
Granbury, TX 76048
or mailed to:
Hood Central Appraisal District
ATTN: ARB Coordinator
PO Box 819
Granbury, TX 76048

NOTICE OF PUBLIC SALE

Pursuant to Chapter 59, Texas Property Code, Guardbox Storage-Granbury, which is located at 1400 Weatherford Hwy., Granbury, Texas 76048, will hold a public auction of property being sold to satisfy a landlord's lien online at www.storage-treasures.com. The auction will end at or around 11:00 a.m. on December 12, 2022. Property will be sold to the highest bidder. A \$100.00 cash deposit for removal and cleanup will be required. Seller reserves the right to withdraw property from sale. Property being sold includes contents in spaces of the following tenants: James Secrest- kids toys, misc boxes, furniture; Katie Folger- furniture, clothing, stain glass, business inventory; Grady Spears- hunting equip, misc boxes, personal effects; Carlton Bess- misc garage tools and equipment; Alaina Craft- upright piano, misc personal effects; Brandy Dencklau- misc boxes and office equipment; Ashley Beckwith- children's furniture, misc boxes, garage equip; Cathy Morris- kitchen ware, misc clothes, rollator; David Collins- Computer Equip, Misc boxes, Misc Cleaning supplies; David Cain- misc tools and equipment, misc totes, furniture; Riley Fenton- furniture, misc clothes, misc decor
Contact Guardbox Storage-Granbury 817-573-2416

NOTICE OF CLAIM

Gordon Wayne Rhodes, a co-tenant heir to the real property known as Lot No. 57, 58, 98, Block 1, Section C, Comanche Cove Subdivision, as shown by the plat thereof recorded in Volume Slide A, Page 150, Plat Record, Hood County, Texas, has filed an Affidavit of Adverse Possession by Co-Tenant Heir in the Deed Records of Hood County, Texas, claiming Adverse Possession of the aforementioned real property.

LEGAL AD

I, David Brashear, am no longer responsible for Barbara Christine Brashear.

PUBLIC SALES

Granbury 76048
Garage Sales 76048

New Beginnings
Resale Shoppe & Boutique



817-964-3445
1204 Water's Edge Dr.,
(Across from the Movie Theatre)
#heretohelp
Shop: Mon.-Fri. 9am - 5pm
Sat. 10am - 4pm
Donate: Wed.-Sat. 10am-3pm

PEOPLE HELPING PEOPLE Rummage Room Open Tues & Thurs, 8am-2pm, First Sat. of the month 9am-1pm 306 Kings Plaza. 817-573-7801.

Granbury 76049
Garage Sales 76049

ESTATE SALE: PECAN PLANTATION, BY APPOINTMENT ONLY. For sale details and photos, and to register to attend, go to estatesales.net, search 'Flagstick Sale.'

Find us on Facebook.



the
's class of 2015 raised their hooked hands w
ong Thursday evening at the Fort Worth Com
Hood County News



ar, it must have been difficult Monday
students to wait for the final ball. Mary

Keep up with up-to-the-minute happenings in Hood County using one of today's greatest social media sites.

facebook.com/henews



TexSCAN Week of
Nov. 27-Dec. 3, 2022

ACREAGE

AFFORDABLE LAND. We have some of the best in Texas. Hill Country – Edwards, McCulloch, Schleicher, Coke, Val Verde counties, free ranging exotics. South Texas – Kinney, Duval, Live Oak counties - whitetail, hogs. Trans Pecos, Terrell, Val Verde – whitetail, javelina, quail. 30 year fixed rate financing, 5% down. www.ranchenterprisesltd.com, 800-876-9720.

AUCTION

2-Day Firearms Auction – Live & Online. December 2nd, 2 p.m. & December 3rd, 10 a.m. 1,000+ Firearms Lots. Military, Sporting & Modern Firearms, www.montroseauction.com, 478-376-4559. GAL 2006

45th Annual Cattleman Bull & Female Sale 12:00 Noon, Jan. 21, 2023, El Campo Livestock Exchange, El Campo, Texas. 100 bulls, 250 females, cattlemansale.com.

EVENTS

Pleasanton Merry on Main – Dec. 2-3, Pleasanton, TX. River Park Wonderland, tree lighting, talent show, carnival, parade, music, vendors, food trucks and more. www.merryonmain.org.

Palacios Downtown Christmas – Fri., Dec. 2, 4-8 p.m., The Palacios, Texas Downtowners are hosting A Downtown Christmas. Cookie crawl, Christmas pageant, lighted bike parade, turkey giveaway, door prizes, shopping, food and much more. Chamber's free seaside holiday event on Dec. 3.

Texas Press Statewide Classified Network
221 Participating Texas Newspapers • Regional Ads
Start at \$250 • Email ads@texaspress.com

NOTICE: While most advertisers are reputable, we cannot guarantee products or services advertised. We urge readers to use caution and when in doubt, contact the Texas Attorney General at 800-621-0508 or the Federal Trade Commission at 877-FTC-HELP. The FTC web site is www.ftc.gov/bizop.

EMPLOYMENT

Like working with kids? HANK Inc seeks foster parents for Community Foster Homes caring for 6 kids. Home and vehicle provided in beautiful community of Medina County, Texas, 512-791-9410.

GENERATORS

Prepare for power outages today with a GENERAC home standby generator. \$0 Money Down + Low Monthly Payment Options. Request a FREE Quote. Call now before the next power outage: 1-855-704-8579.

VACATIONS/TOURS

Costa Rica \$995 – 9 Day Tour, with all meals, all hotels, all activities. Choose a guided tour in Costa Rica, Panama, Guatemala, Mexico. Caravan, fully guided tours since 1952. Caravan.com, 1-800-CARAVAN.

Bob's Baseball Tours – DC Cherry Blossom Tour: Mar. 31-Apr. 4, 2023, home games at Washington Nationals, NY Yankees & Boston Red Sox. East Coast Tour: Aug. 18-27, 2023, home games at Yankees, Red Sox, Orioles, Phillies, Nationals, Mets & Little League World Series. Tours include sightseeing, motor coach transportation and hotels/game tickets. Call or Text 507-217-1326.

MEDICAL

Portable Oxygen Concentrator May Be Covered by Medicare! Reclaim independence and mobility with the compact design and long-lasting battery of Inogen One. Free information kit! Call 866-747-9983.

DENTAL INSURANCE from Physicians Mutual Insurance Company. Coverage for 350 plus procedures. Real dental insurance - NOT just a discount plan. Do not wait! Call now! Get your FREE Dental Information Kit with all the details! 1-855-901-0467 www.dental50plus.com/txpress #6258.

CHECKING THESE VITAL SIGNS CAN SAVE A LIFE.

Drive **FRIENDLY**. Drive **SAFE**.



Slow down & watch for detours in work zones. On highways, know the posted speed & drive to road conditions. And always watch for cyclists & pedestrians. Thanks, you're a lifesaver.



TARLETON STATE UNIVERSITY™

Texans rout Houston Christian, 49-7, close football season at 6-5

Tarleton Sports Information

The reclassification period from NCAA Division II to Division I is one of the toughest things any program can face. Tarleton State University football Texans made it look easy.

The Texans crushed Houston Christian 49-7 on Saturday at Memorial Stadium in the 2022 season finale to finish 6-5 on the year, completing their third straight winning season to start their reclassification period. They are just the fourth program since 2004 to start that period with three straight winning seasons, joining habitual national champion North Dakota State, playoff regulars South Dakota State, and oft-successful Central Arkansas.

In fact, Tarleton's .567 winning percentage since the reclassification period began is the fifth best winning percentage among schools done with reclassification or with a year left in that same time frame.

Credit head coach Todd Whitten and his staff for continually fielding winning teams without shying away from tough opponents, as they take on more and more Division I programs every year, including the No. 4 ranked team in the College Football Playoff this year, TCU.

Now with 2022 in the

books, Tarleton looks ahead to next season. That will be the Texans' final year of the reclassification period.

Perhaps the best part is that the largest statistical contributors on the TSU football team are young players.

Quarterback Beau Allen, a redshirt freshman, neared 3,000 passing yards on the year after passing for 207 yards and three touchdowns on Saturday. It was his fourth 3+ touchdown game of the season, totaling 23 on the year, the most in the Western Athletic Conference.

Also on Saturday, Tarleton had a 1,000 yard rusher, a 1,000 yard receiver, and another receiver reach double-digit TD numbers. Sophomore Derrel Kelley III exploded for 239 yards on 24 carries (10.0 yards per rush) and two touchdowns, going for 1,004 yards (6.5 yards per carry) and eight touchdowns this season. His 239 yards are the fourth most rushing yards in a single game in program history, just 30 short of the all-time mark.

Sophomore wide receiver Darius Cooper had another big day with six catches for

155 yards and a score to finish with 1,063 yards on 54 receptions, plus nine touchdowns this year. Junior wide receiver Jaden Smith caught his team-leading 10th touchdown of the year in the game, going for 48 catches and 822 yards total.

Of course, Tarleton had major contributors out of their senior class, who they celebrated with a pregame ceremony on Senior Day. Saturday marked the last collegiate game for Zechariah Hopkins, Mookie Douglas, Gabe Douglas, Michael Irons, Donovan Banks, Blaine Hoover, Antoine Ware, Audley Isaacs Jr., Jaicorous Johnson, Segun Ijiyera, Kendall Dearth, Austin Whitehead, Shawn McFarland and Dionte Brooks, all integral members of the program.

On the third play of the game, junior defensive back Josh Kemp picked off HCU QB Justin Fomby and returned it 26 yards for the touchdown less than a minute into the game. That was Kemp's first career interception and his first touchdown.

Tarleton then forced a three-and-out to put the offense on the field for the first time, and the Texans had no issue marching down the field quickly, going 69 yards in four plays, with Kelley scoring his first of two scores from five yards out. Just like that, four minutes in, Tarleton led 14-0.

The Texans ended the first quarter up 28-0, with an Al-

len to Smith two-yard touchdown near the five-minute mark, followed by Banks' second pick-six of the year, his team-leading fourth interception of the season. Banks returned this interception 30 yards for the TD.

The only time HCU (2-9 overall, 1-5 SLC) threatened to score the entire game was aided by Tarleton, who muffed a punt to put the Huskies at the Texans' 34-yard line at the start of the second quarter. Fomby found Deuce McMillan for a 24-yard TD connection to make it 28-7 Tarleton. Other than that, it was pure domination for the purple and white.

Cooper caught a 14-yard touchdown from Allen late in the second quarter to send Tarleton to the locker room with a 35-7 lead after a 13-play, 98-yard drive. In the third, Allen found Dejuan Miller in the end zone from three yards out, Miller's first Tarleton touchdown in his third game played this season. That touchdown was set up by Kelley, who broke free for an 83-yard run to the Huskies' 7-yard line. He'd finish the deal later in the third for his second touchdown, a three-yard scamper. At 239

game in hand, he did not play the final quarter. Tarleton mostly coasted in the fourth quarter with a 42-point lead, getting others some run in the last game.

Defensively, Hoover and Bryson Collins each forced a fumble, and Ijiyera and Zach Strong each recovered a fumble, giving Tarleton four takeaways on the day.

Tarleton outgained HCU in total yardage 516-135, forcing Houston Christian to -21 rushing yards. Repeat - negative 21 rushing yards. That's

COURTESY PHOTO BY JOSEPH DUFRAIN, TARLETONSPORTS.COM

SEASON FINALE: Tarleton State University's Texans overwhelmed Houston Christian by a 49-7 margin on Nov. 19 at Memorial Stadium in Stephenville to close the 2022 season. TSU finished 6-5 on the season, completing its third consecutive winning season to start the Texans' reclassification period.

past 10 years. The Texans raced for a season-high 309 yards on the ground themselves, their most since 347 against Fort Lewis last year on Sept. 11.



Texans top Boston College in Paradise Jam, return with silver medal



TSU Sports Information

One thing seemed obvious about the Tarleton men's basketball team when they played in the Paradise Jam tournament held in the Virgin Islands — the Texans will always keep fighting. The Texans brought home the silver medal, finishing with a 2-1 record overall at the tournament with wins over established NCAA Division I programs Belmont and Boston College, and the loss coming to Drake, the Missouri Valley Conference preseason favorite. The Bulldogs remained undefeated on the year (5-0) with the win.

Freddy Hicks, who earlier in the day was named the WAC Player of the Week, also garnered Paradise Jam 2022 Men's All-Tournament Team honors in another jaw-dropping performance to lead the Texans. Hicks scored a career-high 30 points on 10 of 20 shooting, plus 8 of 11 from the free throw line, just missing out on a double-double with nine rebounds and two steals. His 30 points were the most scored by a Texan in a game over the past two seasons.

"Very deserving," said head coach Billy Gillispie, regarding Hicks receiving All-Tournament Team status. "What a way to debut this season! He is and was everything to us. Had we been able to win the championship, I'm sure he would have been the MVP. He's a great young man that only cares about winning and playing for his teammates and Tarleton. What a joy to coach. Congrats to him!"

PHOTO COURTESY OF TARLETON STATE UNIVERSITY
SILVER MEDAL SECURED: Tarleton State University's men's basketball team (3-2) earned the silver medal on Nov. 21 as the runner-up in the Paradise Jam tournament held in the Virgin Islands. The Texans won two of their three games in the tournament, taking down established NCAA Division I programs Belmont and Boston College. TSU's loss in the Missouri Valley Conference preseason favorite.

Hicks entered Monday the eighth leading scorer across all of Division I at 23.5 points per game. With his 30 points, he's now at 25.7 points and 7.7 rebounds per game, shooting 54.1 percent from the floor.

Drake got off to a hot start in the title bout, going up 6-0 and then 9-3 while clamping down defensively. Tarleton remained calm after the first timeout and tied it 9-9. The two teams went back-and-forth most of the first half, all the way down to around four minutes remaining and the Bulldogs leading 25-22. Drake ended the half on a 10-3 run to lead by double figures at halftime, 35-25.

The three-point line was the difference in the first 20 minutes, as Drake made 6 of 11 (.546) from beyond the arc, 12 of 24 overall from the floor. Tarleton got plenty of good looks in the first half but just couldn't get them to fall, a change of pace from their previous games, something they had to work through coming out of the locker room.

And work through they did. Down 10, 45-35, with under 14 minutes remaining, a game-changing sequence occurred. First Shaktur Daniel made a tough layup, then on the other end, Drake seemingly had a dunk, but the ball clanged off the rim. Tarleton grabbed it and hustled down the floor, leading to a Jakorie Smith three-ball that sparked the energy in the team and the gym, showing Tarleton wasn't going to go away so easily.

Drake responded with a jumper after a timeout, but Hicks buried a three right back to get within four. The Bulldogs then led 51-45 before Tarleton made another run. Hicks made two free throws, the Texans got a stop, Hicks made another bucket, and then Tiger Booker stole the ball and immediately finished a quick layup to tie the game 51-51 with 7:20 left. Drake, an established D1 program in their own right, kept their composure and took control back from there, ultimately winning by seven to take the Paradise Jam crown.

"The Paradise Jam was a tremendous experience for the Tarleton Texans," said Gillispie. "We got to play against three really good teams on a neutral court and the competition was great for our team as we progress through the season towards conference play."

For the game, Tarleton didn't have an issue with turnovers (11 compared to 17 forced of Drake), but they were outshot 19 of 39 (.487) to 22 of 59 (.373). Drake kept Tarleton at bay late by making their free throws, going 25 of 31 (.806) from the stripe.

"Our players enjoyed the experience both on the court and in the ocean," added Gillispie. The venue was great and the people here were extremely friendly."

Smith was Tarleton's second leading scorer at nine points, adding five rebounds. Daniel finished with six points, three rebounds and three assists. Shamir Bogues had four steals and two blocks in 24 minutes, while Booker led the bench with eight points on 3 of 6 shooting and three assists in 21 minutes.

Drake's Tucker DeVries, the Paradise Jam MVP, had 22 points on a perfect night shooting (5-5 FG, 4-4 3PT, 8-8 FT), adding eight rebounds, two steals and two blocks. Four of Drake's starters scored in double figures, including Garrett Sturtz, who had the game's lone double-double at 13 points (4-7 FG, 5-5 FT), 11 rebounds and three assists.

"It couldn't have gone better for our program, other than winning the championship, and I believe the faithful fans that were able to attend had a great experience as well," commented Gillispie. "Our players are extremely grateful for the Texan faithful and hope that we will fill up Wisdom Gym on Nov. 29, when perennial Big Sky champion Weber State visits. It can be the most special Division I, non-conference opponent that has visited Wisdom Gymnasium. Let's make it special! These guys deserve a sellout and will represent you well."

The Texans will return from paradise with two large non-conference games looming. On Saturday, the Texans will be at Wichita State for a rematch, tip-off set for 3 p.m. CT. On Tuesday, Nov. 29, the Texans return to Wisdom Gym for the first time in nearly three weeks for one of their toughest non-conference home games in the history of the program. Tarleton will face Weber State at 7 p.m. CT, and will look to pack the house by hosting "White Out Wisdom" with 500 free T-shirts going to attendees.

Rattlers advance to face Crawford in biggest test so far

BY RICK MAUCH
Special to the Hood County News

The Tolar Rattlers have made themselves right at home in the Crowley Multi-Purpose Stadium the past couple of weeks. For a second consecutive game the Rattlers made short work of a playoff opponent in that venue as they improved to 13-0 this football season with a 63-7 thumping of Hamilton (7-6) in their Class 2A Division I third-round playoff game on Friday, Nov. 25.

The loss ended Hamilton's Cinderella run, while giving the Rattlers what is believed to be the most victories in school history. They are advancing to face Crawford (13-0) Friday, and while not in the same stadium, it is just a few miles down the road at Elk Stadium in Bursleson, 7 p.m. kickoff.

Crawford advanced with a 41-3 victory over Riesel. The Pirates were third in the state and Tolar was seventh in the final regular-season Class 2A Division I rankings.

The game will pit Tolar's offense, which is averaging 51.8 points per game, against Crawford's defense, which surrenders just 4.8. Tolar has 10 games with 50 or more points this season, including four straight in which the Rattlers have topped 60. Crawford has 11 games in which they've held opponents to a touchdown or less, including six shutouts.

Of course, it's not like the Rattlers aren't strong on defense and the Pirates aren't good on offense. Tolar gives up 7.3 points per outing with four shutouts and nine games with a touchdown or less. Crawford averages 44.4 points and has scored 50 or more four times.

In dominating Hamilton again (Tolar won 56-7 at home in the regular season), the Rattlers got 150 yards rushing and four touchdowns from running back Peyton Brown, along with four touchdown passes from Jackson LeCluyse. The Rattlers quarterback was 10-of-14 passing for 172 yards with a pair of TDs to Wyatt Jones, along with one to Talan Culberston and another to Matthew Behrens.

Also against Hamilton, Grant Sherley rushed for 46 yards and a TD and Garrison Nation had 25 yards rushing. Jones caught five passes for 93 yards and was 7-of-8 kicking extra points.

Isaac Blessing led the defense with 16 tackles, while Brock Owens and Mason Berry each had seven, Cash Clark had six and Clayton Stenbridge had five. Luke Willmon registered his fifth sack of the season.

"Sometimes playing a team that you have previously beaten pretty well can worry you as a coach on how your guys will approach them the next time. This group continues to prove to be one of the more mature groups we've had though in regards to taking things one day at a time and keeping the mindset of getting a little better each day," Rattlers coach Jeremy Mullins said.

"Again, hats off to our community for showing up. We had a great crowd. It is a great accomplishment for this group to reach the regional final round and play December football, but now it's time to move on to the next one.

"Crawford is a good football team, we are a good football team ... it's really what you would expect once you get to this round of the playoffs. Our guys are excited for the opportunity to get to go play this game another week."

BROWN MAKING STATE/NATIONAL NOISE

With his performance Friday, Tolar's Peyton

Brown leads the state in all classifications in points scored (290) and touchdowns (48). The sophomore is fifth in the state in all classifications and tops in 2A in rushing yardage with 2,579.

He is also fourth in the nation in touchdowns and sixth nationally in points scored.

GRANBURY BOYS BASKETBALL

The Pirates (3-1) bounced back from their first loss of the season against Kennedale by defeating Commerce 78-51 on Nov. 22 at home.

Dylan Couto and Kensington Colston each scored 21 to lead Granbury, while Ethan Swaim came off the bench to contribute eight points.

"The pace of play wore Commerce down, I think," Pirates head coach David Breazeale said.

The junior varsity and freshmen also won against Commerce, 64-31 and 40-27, respectively.

The Pirates and Lady Pirates varsity are scheduled to host the Van Griffith Kia Tournament Thursday-Saturday.

TOLAR BOYS BASKETBALL

The Rattlers improved to 3-1 with a 48-43 home victory over Waco Robinson on Nov. 22 as Reis Brown scored 17 points. Merritt Imel added 11 points and Colton Gibson contributed 10.

The Rattlers and Lady Rattlers are slated to play in the Dublin Tournament this weekend.

LIPAN BOYS BASKETBALL

The Indians ran their record to 5-0 with a 66-55 win at Bowie on Nov. 21 and a 67-38 victory over Nacogdoches Central Heights in Martins Mill on Nov. 22.

Lipan's leaders versus Bowie were Garrett Smith, 23 points, 6 rebounds, 6 assists, 2 steals; Tripp Phillips, 12 points, 7 rebounds, 3 assists, 2 steals, 1 block; Reese Cook, 11 points.

Leaders against Central Heights were Phillips, 19 points, 6 rebounds, 6 assists; Smith, 19 points (5 3-pointers), 5 rebounds, 4 assists; Korey Massie, 12 points, 2 steals.

Lipan boys and girls are scheduled to host the H.D. Howard Classic Thursday through Saturday.

GRANBURY GIRLS BASKETBALL

The Lady Pirates (6-3) had a five-game win streak ended with a 54-48 overtime road loss to Abilene Cooper on Nov. 21. That was followed by a 60-58 home loss to Godley the next day.

The Lady Pirates forced overtime by outscoring Cooper 16-8 in the fourth stanza. Cooper took control in the overtime, however, with a 9-3 burst.

The Lady Pirates put up a furious fourth-quarter rally against Godley with a 24-13 run that came up shy.

Leaders in the Cooper game were Ella Hamlin, 14 points, 9 rebounds, 3 assists; Ella Garner, 13 points, 12 rebounds, 3 steals; Madison Black, 8 points, 3 assists; Kate Hamlin, 9 rebounds; Alexa Mueller, 4 steals.

Leaders against Godley were Garner, 34 points (six 3-point baskets), 6 rebounds; Hamlin, 16 points,

6 rebounds; Mueller, 4 assists, 4 steals; Black, 3 assists.

The Granbury freshmen defeated Cooper 45-10 and the JV won 41-22. The JV dropped a 29-26 contest to Godley and the freshmen also won again by that same score, 45-10.

TOLAR GIRLS BASKETBALL

The Lady Rattlers are now 1-3 after a thrilling 45-43 home victory over Dublin on Nov. 22.

Senne Imel led with 18 points and 14 rebounds, along with five steals. Madeline Rue scored 12 points and pulled down 10 rebounds.

Karley Richardson added eight points and five rebounds.

The Dublin JV topped Tolar 28-22.

LIPAN GIRLS BASKETBALL

The Lady Indians (8-2) played a pair of games at Martins Mill Nov. 21 and 22. They fell to Martins Mill 49-45, then had little trouble disposing of Winnsboro, 68-46.

In the victory, Trinity Benitez had a double-double with 15 points and 11 rebounds, while Hanna Gaylor led all scorers with 17 points. Chelsea Lott scored 13, Madison Harrison had nine points and Lynsey Little scored nine with four assists.

Martins Mill took a 37-20 lead into the final quarter before Lipan ended the game with a 25-12 run, falling four points short.

Little scored 11 points with five rebounds and three steals. Taylor Branson scored nine points, T. Benitez added seven points with nine rebounds.

GRANBURY VOLLEYBALL

Senior Sara Welch of the Lady Pirates was named the District 5-5A Setter of the Year by the league's coaches in their recent all-district voting. Welch led the league with 1,000 assists, as well as in aces served with 65. She also had 378 defensive digs.

Senior Cassidy Kirkpatrick (264 kills, 52 blocks) was named to the first team, while sophomore Sienna Watts (246 kills, 30 aces, 151 digs) and junior Rachel Poirer (254 kills, 16 aces, 157 digs) were picked for the second team.

Welch ended her Granbury career with 2,377 assists and has signed to play for John Brown University.

GRANBURY TENNIS

Nine members of the Granbury tennis team were named All-District 5-5A for fall team tennis. Mixed doubles: Carlee Carey/Caleb Hammond, second team.

Girls singles, Line 3: Carey, honorable mention.

Girls doubles, Line 2: Alyssa Krause/Molly Grossman, honorable mention.

Girls singles, line 5: Krause, second team.

Girls doubles, Line 3: Morgan King/Kenya Vielma-Moreno, honorable mention.

Girls singles, Line 6: King, second team.

Boys singles, Line 3: Roland Krause, honorable mention.

Boys singles, Line 5: Connor Townsend, honorable mention.

Granbury advanced to the second round of the Class 5A playoffs.

Sports ROUNDUP



PHOTOS BY KELLY MOODY | HOOD COUNTY NEWS

The Tolar Rattlers charge onto the field Friday night in Crowley before their regional semifinal football playoff game against Hamilton.



Tolar quarterback Jackson LeCluyse threw four touchdown passes to help the seventh-ranked Rattlers capture a 63-7 third-round football playoff victory over Hamilton Friday in Crowley.



Tolar's sophomore running back Peyton Brown picks up tough yardage Friday during the Rattlers' third-round football playoff victory over Hamilton in Crowley. Brown scored four touchdowns in the 63-7 victory, and now leads the state across all classifications in points scored (290) and touchdowns (48).



HELPING HAND: Students from Granbury ISD volunteered their Saturday to help collect and sort the food drive donations on Nov. 19.

PHOTOS BY ASHLEY INGE | HOOD COUNTY NEWS

LIPAN ISD

Lipan poets sweep the boards

GRACE HEAVYSIDE
Lipan ISD Student Reporter

Grace is a senior whose interests include journalism, participating in Student Council, National Honor Society, and various FFA events.

Early Saturday morning, Oct. 29, students from across the state hurried through the billowing campfire smoke to begin rehearsing their pieces. Out of 32 counties and around 2,000 entries, 12 Lipan Junior High and High School students were selected to compete in the 31st Annual Red Steagall Youth Cowboy Poetry Contest at the Fort Worth Stockyards. Out of those 12, the Lipan poets walked away with two division champions and two reserve champions. With the help of a proud English teacher, Amber Freeman, four Lipan students will receive scholarship money for their amazing poems.



Heavyside

Throughout 10 years of teaching, Freeman has worked with students and entered poems into the Red Steagall contest. Freeman said she came across this contest because of her mentor, coach, teacher and aunt. "She used to do it in her Texas History class, I took over her classroom when she retired, she told me 'You cannot give up Cowboy Poetry' so I never have," Freeman said.

She first creates an assignment in class for students to write western poems. To get their creative juices flowing, she performs a few poems. "I walk in and I get real into character and I read two of my top poems of all time. I go real slow around the room and they think I'm crazy," Freeman said.

As strange as her methods may seem to students, it truly pays off. Over the past three years, Freeman has encouraged Dillon Hall, a three-time champion, throughout junior high and into his high school career. Along with Hall, Kodi Belle Herron was first in the Junior Division followed by Landon Ervin in second. Hall was the champion in the Senior Division and right behind was Sari Thompson.

All of these students will receive a scholarship and will have the option to use this money, but there are a few guidelines the students must follow in order to obtain it. "The only way they keep their scholarship is if they stay drug-free, crime-free, and focused on their goal of higher education," Freeman said. This higher education includes in and out-of-state colleges and universities and trade schools. One of the greatest perks, however, is that their money continually increases in amount. "It goes into an account and it grows. It gains interest as the years go by," Freeman said.

When arriving on contest day, students are immediately immersed in a cowboy-themed world. "It's early in the morning, and when kiddos get there the first thing you can smell is the campfire from the chuckwagons," Freeman said. The Red Steagall contest is not limited just to poetry, there are many events such as a chuck wagon cook-off, a fiddle contest, and more.

"All the people are dressed in their period outfits with their teepees and their wagons. When they walk up, it's kind of like going back in time," Freeman said.

This experience starts off like many assignments do, with students fusing; however, once they begin to write. "I'm amazed how much they amaze themselves. I just push, they write," Freeman said. This at many times is all students need in order to embrace their creative side, and Lipan ISD is extremely proud of all the students and their creativity.

PANTRIES OF PLENTY EXCEEDS EXPECTATIONS

Food drive brings in nearly 30,000 pounds of food donations for Mission Granbury

BY ASHLEY INGE
Staff Writer

Mission Granbury's newly acquired Pantries of Plenty food drive exceeded expectations, with close to 30,000 pounds of items donated to the nonprofit organization.

Previously operated under the name Live Thankfully, the food drive was run by local pediatric dentist Dr. Dave Purczynsky and his wife, Dana. Due to some minor health concerns, however, Dave decided to pass on the responsibility of the food drive to Mission Granbury this year.

Preparations began as donation boxes and tubs were placed in several local businesses and at every GISD campus. An additional week of the food drive was added to combat the need caused by the pandemic, with the fundraiser taking place from Oct. 10 through Nov. 11.

Food items like ramen noodles, cereal and peanut butter were collected, as well as pet food and non-food donation items like deodorant, shampoo and body wash.

Pantries of Plenty held a "party" on Nov. 19, in which volunteers helped to sort all of the donated items and calculate a total of how many pounds of food items were collected.

"We are still calculating," said Andi Luna, emergency assistance network coordinator for Mission Granbury. "The count is at 24,728, but that doesn't include 3,000 before Saturday and do-

nations are still coming in. We are expecting it to be around 30,000 by the end."

Jean Bondy, director of community partnerships for Mission Granbury, said she was overwhelmed by the community's response to the food drive.

"This community is overwhelmingly generous," she said. "I think what we brought to the table was building upon what Dr. Dave already had and expanding the number of people invited to participate."

Luna said Pantries of Plenty went "beyond her expectations."

"I'm very humbled, and appreciative to say the least," she said. "I'm also just excited about how many people we're gonna get to feed and just how well we're gonna get to feed them. This isn't just random stuff people brought in; there was thought put into it, and it was very intentional."

She said she appreciated seeing how many students put effort into helping their own community.

"The DECA club had a special competition. They're doing this for their state project to go to competition, so they really made a big deal about it," she said. "Heritage Christian Academy, they had



COMMUNITY COLLABORATION: The Pantries of Plenty food drive collected nearly 30,000 pounds of items to donate to Mission Granbury.

"This community is overwhelmingly generous. I think what we brought to the table was building upon what Dr. Dave already had and expanding the number of people invited to participate."

JEAN BONDY
Director of community partnerships for Mission Granbury

their bins three days and they brought in around 1,000 pounds themselves. All the kids went and got 50 cans each. So many pitched in and contributed. It is overwhelming generosity."

Luna said she is excited to be able to provide quality food items to the children and seniors in the community for the next year.

"Our backpack program, we send out 150 bags a week, so we're gonna be

able to send them good stuff, not just what we could find," she said. "It's the quality that we're gonna be able to give people that I'm so appreciative about because our seniors are going to actually get hearty meals and pet food. Everyone will be able to feed their pets without stress. We had so many of the vets that pitched in and were so generous, so we want to make sure that all the parts of their lives are taken care of — and

with all this, it can be — so we're just very grateful."

Mission Granbury is located at 3611 Plaza E. Court and can be reached by calling 817-579-6866. The weekly drive-through food pantry takes place from 9 a.m.-3 p.m. on Tuesday and Thursday and 3-7 p.m. on Wednesday.

ashley@hcnews.com / 817-573-1243

Seven more Lady Pirates qualify for championships

GISD Information

The Granbury High School Lady Pirates competed last week in the 2022 JROTC Postal in hopes of qualifying for the JROTC Service Championships match in February.

Granbury MCJROTC has fielded two teams in the past two years for

this competition and won the first place spot five years in a row since 2018.

Seven shooters: Caroline Martin, Ashton Arlington, Kameron Wells, Sunnee Schumann, Mataya Turner, Kennedy Wells and Julia Czernik auto-qualified for the event with scores of 298, 296, 295, 290, 289 and 287 respectively.

The rest of the team: Cadince McGrath, Ainsley Milligan, Viola Allen, Caylynn Price and Kaylenn Jackson shot scores of 283, 281, 280, 272 and 266 respectively.

Granbury MCJROTC is currently leading the pack in the precision team category with an 1183 -87x, and Caroline Martin is currently leading in the precision individual

category with a 298 -26x (as of 17 Nov.).

Postal scores are due by Nov. 29, and Marine Corps scores are final by Dec. 2. Marine Corps Service Championships will be Feb. 2-4 at the CMP South Range in Anniston, Alabama.

Granbury wins Pee wee 12-and-under Super Bowl

From Staff Reports

The Granbury Pirates, who compete in the 12-and-under age group of the Granbury Pee wee division of the Northwest Texas Youth Football Association, won that league's Super Bowl on Nov. 19 with a 56-0 victory over a team from Kennedale.

The players on the Pee Wee Pirates roster are (listed in order of jersey numbers, 00-99): Javen Johnston, Drake Davis, Drake Richman, Zak Krantz, Karson Barrington, Braden Neal, Brylan Stewart, Jake Jones, Lukas Rodriguez, Bryson Bush, Avery K-jnitchee, H.T. Kissel, Jack Daly, Bentlee Collins, Devon Bowen, Steven Hernandez, Bradyn Beckstrand, Ryon Sanders, Madden Cutler, Blake Harjo, Brandon Manuel, Mason Wright, Cooper Gray, Tyler Citzler, Dominic Horton and Alex Linwood.

Many of the Pirates will be moving on to play middle school football starting next season.



NO-RISK TRIALS | \$25 GIFT CARD & DISCOUNTS

WANTED

89 people with HEARING DIFFICULTIES

APPLY NOW | SELECTION ENDS DECEMBER 31, 2022

SAVE UP TO \$1500 PAIR*

There's nothing like the sound of Paradise!

- Crisp, natural sound.
- Seamless audio streaming* from phones and Bluetooth-enabled devices.
- Convenience of rechargeable batteries* on select models.
- Models, sizes, and technology levels to suit all needs, lifestyle and budgets.
- Manage volume, settings, and connect to your hearing professional via the free myPhonak app.

Give them a try and tell us what you think.

Are Paradise hearing aids the world's **most natural sounding** and **best performing in noise**? With your help, we'll find out with our Client Satisfaction Study!

You're a perfect candidate, if you:

- ✓ Have hearing difficulties in noisy situations, **or**
- ✓ Are affected by tinnitus, **or**
- ✓ Wear hearing aids and wonder if these will perform better for you.

Your trial explained

Following a **FREE Hearing Assessment**, we'll identify solutions to match your needs, lifestyle, and preferences. You may like to try the practically invisible CIC - you'll then have **45-days to evaluate** their impact on your daily life, with our risk-free, money back guarantee. If you're unconvinced, simply return them for a full refund. No questions asked.

Or, try the super-discreet and fully featured RIC models worn behind the ear for our **FREE 2 week trial**. The choice is yours!

You'll also receive a \$25 Gift Card* and a **savings of up to \$1500 OFF**, in thanks for your help with our Study!

Call today for more information or to reserve your place!

(817) 279-8866
 509 W Pearl, Granbury
 Debbie Charles (NBC-HIS)
 Hearing Care Professional

Connect Hearing
 YOUR HEARING PROFESSIONALS

connecthearing.com

* ** + Conditions apply. Call or see in-store for details. Offer expires 12/31/2022.
 # Not available on all models. Ask in-store for more information.

Your Christmas Shopping Happy Place!

cheerful heart
 gifts & boutique

Black Friday & Shop Small Saturday Special!

All Christmas Decorations Buy One Get One 50% OFF!

2001 E Hwy 377, Granbury 817-579-9599
 1207 NE Big Bend Trail, Glen Rose 254-898-9040
 2004 W. Swan Street, Stephenville 254-213-6667

www.cheerfulheartgifts.com

Hood County SCENE

YOUR GUIDE TO DINING & ENTERTAINMENT

Families spend holiday together – on stage

Granbury Theatre Company's 'Miracle On 34th Street' features multiple families in cast of holiday classic

BY RICK MAUCH

Special to the Hood County News

Christmas time is family time. So, it only makes sense that a show about Christmas would feature several families, which is the case with the Granbury Theatre Company's musical production of the holiday classic "Miracle On 34th Street." The show opens Friday, Dec. 2 and runs through Dec. 23.

One entire family is in the show: the Stanfields – Sally (mom), Jason (dad), along with 9-year-old son Tanner. Eleven-year-old daughter Blaire has the lead role of Susan Walker.

"Our daughter Blaire stays quite busy performing year-round. We have not participated in holiday shows before because we usually spend the Christmas break camping. However, we agreed that the role of Susan Walker would be a great opportunity for her if she could get the part," Sally said. "So we decided that we would all audition and spend the holiday together on stage rather than in the woods."

Also in the cast from the same family are:

- Michele Mastick and daughter Rachel
- Kate Rongey, son Lucas and daughter Lila Joy
- Josh Martin and son Topher
- Jay Tasker and son Cameron
- Joyce Eckstein and granddaughter Kinley Morrow

"Over the last year or so, we have had several family connections among cast members in shows. For this production, it's important because we have so many making the commitment together to learn scenes, including music and choreography," said director Jeff Meador. "Many are ensemble members, so it's meaningful for them to perform together and spend time during the Christmas season. By performing together, these cast members are together during many weeks of rehearsals and long weekends of shows."

Meador said family connections can bring importance to productions as a whole or even just certain scenes. For "Miracle," many ensemble groups feature family groups because "it adds a natural authenticity from the start."

This is the first time the entire Stanfield family has performed together. Blaire and Sally have shared the stage together a number of times, and Blaire and Tanner have done many of the youth academy shows together. Jason is the

newcomer.

"What is awesome about this show is that there are actually five fathers in the cast, three of the five have kids in the show and the other two have college kids studying and performing in New York," Sally said. "This has been the absolute best welcome to the stage for 'stage dad' that one could ask for, because there are theater dads in every stage of fatherhood."

Jason added with a chuckle, "It makes me proud, but it's also humbling when my 9- and 11-year-olds can act circles around me. It's been a blast experiencing all the behind-the-scenes work that you never realize goes into a show."

Sally said she loves that Blaire is playing the role of a child much younger than she actually is.

"In a way, it's like getting to enjoy Christmas with her as a little bitty girl all over again. Also, it's really funny to watch Tanner and Jason play father and son on stage," she said.

Meador recalled growing up watching the classic movie every Christmas. The movie, a non-musical, was released in 1947 and starred Maureen O'Hara and Natalie Wood, while Edmund Gwenn won an Academy Award for his supporting role as Kris Kringle. The movie was nominated for Best Picture at the Academy Awards and won honors for Best Screenplay and Best Story.

"I remember when I was young, many families gathered during each Christmas season to watch two beloved movies – 'It's A Wonderful Life' and 'Miracle on 34th Street,'" Meador said. "They were staples for many Americans."

Meador said that while many actors avoid Christmas shows because it's a time to spend with families, it's inspiring and heartwarming to see so many families use this show as a way to share a different kind of special holiday togetherness.

"Some are even novices but want to participate because it's important to their kids.



MIRACLE ON 34TH STREET: THE MUSICAL
Granbury Theatre Company

Where: Granbury Opera House
When: Dec. 2-23
Showtimes: Thursday-Sunday, 7:30 p.m.; matinees Saturday and Sunday, 2 p.m.; special 7:30 p.m. shows on Tuesday-Wednesday, Dec. 20-21.

Tickets and more information online at granburytheatrecompany.org/broadway-on-the-brazos/ or call 817-579-0952.

MARY VINSON | HOOD COUNTY NEWS

FAMILY FEATURED IN CHRISTMAS SHOW: The Granbury Opera House is presenting *Miracle on 34th Street* during this Christmas season. The Stanfield family is performing in the show. From left, Sally Stanfield, Jason Stanfield, Tanner Stanfield and Blaire Stanfield.

Others are growing actors and find a mutual interest with their children. Obviously, parents and children alike are finding ways to spend time together and explore or expand upon a mutual interest," he said.

Some of the families know each other because their kids have performed together in academy shows or traveled together for Junior Theater Festival trips. Others are

meeting each other for the first time.

"Rehearsals help bring a lot of different people together, and show weekends help everyone form strong bonds that last well beyond the closing show," Meador said.

"There is a lot of love in the show within the whole cast and crew, but family being there just helps the love spread around," Tanner said.

Blaire said she likes per-

forming with her entire family because, while she and her mom have performed together in major productions, she would miss time with her dad and brother.

"With 'Miracle' I don't have to worry about not getting to tell Dad goodnight or not getting to hang out with Tanner because they are right there, on stage," she said.

"Family can be defined in many ways, and it is our col-

lective opinion that our family extends far beyond just the four of us on this stage," Sally said.

"We have many folks who we consider to be family in the cast of 'Miracle,' and within the Granbury Theatre Company. We are so honored to get to spend the holidays with them this year."

25% OFF!
Salad Bar with Soup

*Must present coupon. Cannot Combine with any other offer.
Expires 12/31/22

Join Us... **Order Online (Groundedcs.com)**
Drive Thru & Curbside Service
Daily Soups / Cater Special Events
Meeting Rooms (by reservation)

Grounded Greens & Salad Bar

1207 NE Big Bend Trail / Glen Rose, TX / 254.269.0344
Groundedcs.com Mon-Sat 6am to 8pm

GRANBURY
THEATRE COMPANY

133 E Pearl Street | GRANBURY | 817-579-0952
granburytheatrecompany.org

DEC 2 THRU DEC 23
MEREDITH WILLSON'S
MIRACLE
ON 34TH STREET

Restore Yourself
Stay
in Granbury

VISIT GRANBURY TEXAS
DISCOVER PLACES TO STAY AT:
VISITGRANBURY.COM

Savor the holidays with a special roast

Roasts are customary during the holiday season because they often feed a crowd and look impressive on serving platters. Some people opt for a roast beef while others prefer to roast a turkey. However, chicken just as easily can be turned into a Christmas dinner, since it is versatile and tasty. In addition, the cooking time for a roasted chicken is much shorter than it is with other roasted dishes.

This recipe for "Roast Chicken with Whole Roasted Garlic" from "Rachael Ray 50: Memories and Meals from a Sweet and Savory Life" (Ballantine Books) by Rachael Ray provides the basis for a tasty holiday meal. Simply multiply the recipe as needed depending on the number of guests.

ROAST CHICKEN WITH WHOLE ROASTED GARLIC
Serves 4

- 1 4-pound chicken
- Kosher salt
- 2 lemons, one pierced several times with the tines of a fork and one halved
- Few sprigs each of thyme and rosemary
- 4 large bulbs garlic, 1 per person or portion, ends cut to expose the cloves (keep the hairy root end intact)
- EVOO (extra-virgin olive oil) for drizzling
- Freshly ground black pepper
- 3 tablespoons butter
- 1 cup white wine
- Warm, crusty bread

Place the chicken in a shallow baking dish. Salt the chicken inside and out and place uncovered in the fridge overnight. Preheat the oven to 450 F.

Pat the chicken dry and fill with the pierced whole lemon, thyme and rosemary. Tie the legs up. Dress the bulbs of garlic with EVOO; season with salt and pepper. Arrange the garlic in the baking dish around the chicken. Rub the skin of the chicken with butter and season with pepper. Pour the wine into the bottom of the dish.

Roast the chicken for 1 hour or until an instant-read thermometer inserted into the thickest part of the dark meat reads 165 F. Let the chicken stand for a few minutes on a carving board until just cool enough to handle. Carve the chicken, dividing the white and dark parts and slicing the breast meat on the bias. Arrange the chicken on plates or a platter and top with drippings, juices and the juice from the remaining halved lemon. The garlic may get dark but it won't be charred. Serve in the skins or squeeze the paste from the skins with your knife and pass with a spoon to eat with the chicken or to slather on the warm chunks of bread.

PHOTO COURTESY OF METRO CREATIVE CONNECTION

GARLIC ROASTED TURKEY:
This recipe for "Roast Chicken with Whole Roasted Garlic" from "Rachael Ray 50: Memories and Meals from a Sweet and Savory Life" (Ballantine Books) by Rachael Ray provides the basis for a tasty holiday



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.

ACTON 12-STEP Group. Meeting daily at 7 p.m. 3609 Acton Highway (behind Madison Park).

EVERY SUNDAY

STARTING A New Life enters its 25th year with sessions on Sundays, Oct. 2 - Dec. 11 at 3 p.m. This grief support group will meet in the education building at St. Frances Cabrini Catholic Church, 2301 Acton Highway. Details: 512-560-4885 or 817-657-0822.

EVERY MONDAY

PROMISES AL-ANON group meets every Monday at 6:30 p.m. First Presbyterian Church, Fellowship Hall, west entrance, 303 W. Bridge St.

PLEASE SEE **SUPPORT** | B6

GOOD FOR HOOD



Hood County News

Business Directory

Salim Bhaloo, DO
Texas Sinus and Allergy.com
682-936-4081

Doug's Floors Plus
Shower Experts | Backsplashes | Porches | Floors | Tub Surrounds
CARPET | TILE | WOOD | VINYL PLANK | LAMINATE
817-910-2213 | 5353 Acton Hwy. Suite B | Granbury

Building Creative pools in Granbury since 1996
Best of Hood County 2021
Celebrity Pools
817-326-1468 • celebritypools.com

Big Cup Eatery & Bar
EST. 2004
Everyday 6am-9pm

Get \$5 OFF purchase of \$20 or more, or
Get \$10 OFF purchase of \$50 or more, or
Get \$20 OFF purchase of \$100 or more
254-897-3841

Retreat Center for Creative People
Closing Retail Quilt Shop ONLY
6495 Smoky Hill Ct. Acton (Granbury), TX 76049
817-585-9367
20%-75% OFF

CART'S Restaurant
2113 E US Hwy 377 Granbury, TX 76049
Open 7 days a week 7am-2pm
682-205-3575

Coverage for the things you care about
• Auto Insurance
• Home Insurance
• Life Insurance
Tristand Stuart
226 SW Big Bend Trl • Glen Rose
254-897-3841

MAMA'S PIZZA
Join Mama's mobile COUPON CLUB
Text mamas to 21333 for specials and information
817-964-3333

MAVERICK DRIVING ACADEMY
Register for Classes
403 Temple Hall Hwy | Granbury
682-600-5734

MEDICARE?
CALL **ROY J. COOPER**
817-578-4744

Longhorn Liners
832-584-4659
PROTECT YOUR INVESTMENTS
RUBEN MARTINEZ CO-OWNER / MANAGER
longhornliners@yahoo.com

This Space Available
Call 817-573-7066

Karen Chandler

817-573-7066 ext. 232 / karen@hcnews.com

Heidi Gebhardt

817-573-7066 ext. 235 / heidii@hcnews.com

Kate Robles

817-573-7066 ext. 233 / kate@hcnews.com

DIRECTORY DISPLAY RATES

3 Months: \$40/week | 6 Months: \$35/week
12 Months: \$30/week

CALENDAR

TO SUBMIT

CALENDAR ITEMS

Information should be submitted at least two weeks prior to the event for consideration. 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. Email the who, what, when and where. Include the meeting location 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.

DECEMBER

THURSDAY, DEC. 1

GRANBURY CHAMBER of Commerce Best of Business Awards Banquet. Dress: Elf theme or business casual. Cocktails at 6 p.m. Dinner at 7 p.m. Tickets: \$125 per person if purchased by Nov. 14. \$150 per person starting Nov. 15. Tables and sponsorships available. Lake Granbury Conference Center, 621 E. Pearl St. Details: 817-573-1622.

FRIDAY, DEC. 2

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.

MELODY BELLES singers present "Christmas Joy" Christmas concert in conjunction with Granbury: A Candlelight Tour. First Presbyterian Church, 303 W. Bridge St., 6 p.m. Free to the public. Donations welcome. Details: 817-579-7689.

SATURDAY, DEC. 3

THOMAS MYERS 29th Annual Toy Drive and Car Show. Benefits Hood County Christmas for Children. All cars are welcome. Entry fee is an unwrapped toy. Hamburgers and hot dogs will be served. 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. Jerry Durant Chevrolet, 1909 E. U.S. Highway 377. Details: 817-475-1621 or visit christmasforchildren.org.

FREE MUSICAL performances in the historic First Presbyterian Church sanctuary, 309 W. Bridge St. In conjunction with Granbury: A Candlelight Tour. Granbury Civic Chorus

at 1 p.m.; JetBlacq - Rebecca and Frank Faiola, at 2 p.m.; Madrigal Singers, Fort Worth Chorale of Schola Contorum of Texas at 3 p.m.

SUNDAY, DEC. 4

CHRISTMAS CONCERTS: Granbury Community Band, 3 p.m. at Granbury High School Auditorium, 2000 W. Pearl St. Also, Granbury Jazz Orchestra, 7 p.m. at Granbury Baptist Church, 1200 Weatherford Highway. Free admission to both concerts.

MONDAY, DEC. 5

OPEN HOUSE for Love Knots Prayer Shawl Ministry. The ministry is in need of people to crochet, knit, or use a knitting loom to make gifts to comfort the ill, bereaved, infants, etc. to show God's love for them and that He is always present. 1 p.m. Acton Baptist Church Fellowship Hall, 3500 Fall Creek Highway. Details: 817-326-4693.

THURSDAY, DEC. 8

CHRISTMAS TOUR of Homes presented by Pecan Plantation Women's Club. Tour five beautifully decorated homes from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Visit Santa's Workshop

and Bakery from 8 a.m. to noon. Wine, dine and tour packages start at \$29. Fund-raiser benefits charity work by the PPWC. Details: myppwc.com.

MONDAY, DEC. 12

DISABLED AMERICAN Veterans Granbury Memorial chapter 238 business meeting. Program: Discussion on 2023 goals for reaching veterans and their families to help them secure the benefits they have earned. 7 - 8 p.m. Good Shepherd Anglican Church, 3601 Fall Creek Highway. Details: Chris Georgopoulos, adjutant, 682-719-5560.

BRAZOS CHAMBER Orchestra. 7:30 p.m. Granbury First United Methodist Church, 301 N.E. Loop 567. Details: BrazosChamberorchestra.org/events/list.

WEDNESDAY, DEC. 14

MELODY BELLES singers present "Christmas Joy" Christmas concert followed by lunch. Public invited. Registration: 10:30 a.m. Program: 11 a.m. DeCordova Bend Estates Country Club, 5301 Country Club Drive. For lunch reservations, \$22.50, call 817-326-2381.

Donut Palace

1709 S. Morgan St., GRANBURY TX 76048

OPEN 7 DAYS A WEEK
5 a.m. - Noon

(817) 579-8040

MERCER TREE SERVICE

**Insured
Free Estimates**

**Tree Removal • Stump Grinding • Trimming
Brush Chipping Service • Gutter Cleaning
Shrub Trimming**

Emergency Service • Storm Damage

Darrell Mercer
Residential & Commercial
mercertreeservice.net

817-247-5651

BOB'S BASEBALL TOURS

DC Cherry Blossom Tour: Home games at Washington Nationals, NY Yankees & Boston Red Sox.
Mar. 31-Apr. 4, 2023

East Coast Tour: Home games at Yankees, Red Sox, Orioles, Phillies, Nationals, Mets & Little League World Series.
Aug. 18-27, 2023

Tours include additional sightseeing, motor coach transportation and quality hotels/game tickets.

Free Brochure: Call or Text 507-217-1326

SUPPORT

FROM PAGE B5

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).

GRIEF SHARE 14-WEEK seminar Sept 13. - Dec. 13, 6:30 - 8 p.m. Presented by StoneWater Church, Granbury, this program is a support group designed to help rebuild lives. Book for course, \$20, "Finding hope after the loss of a loved one." Register: GriefShare.StoneWaterChurch.com or call 817-579-9175.

AMATEUR RADIO Weekly Social Hour Net. All licensed Amateur Radio Operators welcome. 7:00 pm, on the 147.240 MHz Repeater, +600 offset, PL 162.2.

EVERY THURSDAY

TAKE OFF Pounds Sensibly (TOPS). 8:45 - 10:45 a.m. Lakeside Baptist Church, room 133C, 500 W. Bluebonnet Drive. Maximum weight scale: 400 pounds.

GRIEF SHARE 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.

EVERY FRIDAY

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).

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.

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 community. Details: 817-326-4693.

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 817-219-9833.

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.

THIRD 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 community. Details: 817-326-4693.

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 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 817-219-9833.

Friday, 25 November 2022 - Thursday, 01 December 2022

Black Adam (PG13)
Fri, Sat: 1:35PM, 7:05PM.
Sun: 2:35PM, 8:05PM.
Mon, Tues, Wed, Thurs: 4:35PM

Black Panther: Wakanda Forever (PG13)
Fri, Sat, Sun: 11:50AM, 3:25PM, 7:00PM, 10:35PM.
Mon: 3:30PM.
Tues, Wed, Thurs: 3:00PM, 6:35PM

Devotion (PG13)
Fri, Sat: 11:45AM, 2:55PM, 6:05PM, 9:15PM.
Sun: 12:00PM, 3:10PM, 6:20PM, 9:30PM.
Mon: 3:00PM.
Tues, Wed, Thurs: 3:25PM, 6:35PM

Yellowstone Watch Party (NR)
Sun: 7:00PM

Strange World (PG)
Fri, Sat: 11:00AM, 1:35PM, 4:10PM, 6:45PM, 9:20PM.
Sun: 12:00PM, 2:35PM, 5:10PM, 7:45PM, 10:20PM.
Mon: 2:15PM, 4:50PM.
Tues, Wed, Thurs: 2:45PM, 5:20PM, 7:55PM

The Chosen Season 3: Episodes 1 and 2 (NR)
Fri, Sat: 11:00AM, 2:25PM, 5:50PM, 9:15PM.
Sun: 12:15PM, 3:40PM, 10:00PM.
Mon: 3:30PM.
Tues, Wed, Thurs: 3:15PM, 6:40PM

The Menu (R)
Fri, Sat: 11:20AM, 2:00PM, 4:40PM, 7:20PM, 10:00PM.
Sun: 12:20PM, 3:00PM, 5:40PM, 8:20PM, 11:00PM.
Mon: 2:00PM, 4:40PM.
Tues, Wed: 2:20PM, 5:00PM, 7:40PM.
Thurs: 2:20PM

Ticket to Paradise (PG13)
Fri, Sat: 11:00AM, 4:30PM, 10:00PM.
Sun: 12:00PM, 5:30PM, 11:00PM.
Mon: 2:00PM.
Tues, Wed, Thurs: 2:00PM, 7:30PM

Violent Night (R)
Thurs: 5:00PM, 7:45PM

• Showtimes Subject to Change Without Notice
(682) 260-5920 | cinergy.com/locations/granbury/

STAY CONNECTED

HCNEWS.COM

Costa Rica 9 Day Tour \$995 with All Meals, All Hotels, All Activities.

Hike in jungle rainforests, view volcanoes, soak in hot springs, cruise biological reserves and relax on tropical ocean beaches. Join the smart shoppers and experienced travelers.

1-800-CARAVAN
Caravan.com

Choose a Guided Tour +tax,fees

Costa Rica 9 days \$995

Panama 8 days \$995

Guatemala 8 days \$995

Mexico 9 days \$995

- Ancient Civ. 9 days \$995

- Copper Canyon 8 days \$1295

"Brilliant, Affordable Pricing" Arthur Frommer, Travel Editor

Caravan

Fully Guided Tours Since 1952

1		7				4		
3			6		8		9	7
	8						3	
	7	5			9			6
	2						5	
6			8			9	7	
	1						8	
8	5		2		7			9
		9				2		5

1	8	6	7	4	2	3	9	5
5	4	7	3	9	1	6	2	8
3	2	9	6	8	5	4	1	7
9	1	8	2	7	6	5	3	4
6	5	2	4	3	9	8	7	1
7	3	4	1	5	8	2	6	9
8	9	1	5	2	3	7	4	6
2	7	5	9	6	4	1	8	3
4	6	3	8	1	7	9	5	2

Puzzle by websudoku.com

SUDOKU

Solution for the puzzle on Nov. 26. (Puzzle 82).

WEST BLUFF DENTAL CARE

One Trusted Office
For All Your Dental Needs

Dr. Smith & Dr. Fisher can now digitally fabricate your crowns and veneers in ONE VISIT! You can be in and out the door in about 2 hours with your new crown securely in place and worry free!

- NO second visit
- NO need to get numbed multiple times
- NO goopy impressions (it's all done digitally)
- NO need to wear temporary crowns for weeks and weeks

CONTACT US TODAY TO LEARN ABOUT OUR
NEW PATIENT SPECIALS!

Dr. Alexander Smith | Dr. Katrina Fisher
310 W. Bluff St. | Granbury | 817.886.8297 | www.westbluffdentalcare.com

Make-ahead meals for tasty holiday dinners



PHOTO COURTESY OF METRO CREATIVE CONNECTION

MAKE-AHEAD: Holiday hosts can explore these ideas for meals that can be cooked in advance and taste even better when reheated after a day in the refrigerator.

(Metro Creative Connection)

Individuals may be presented with plenty of opportunities to cook for a crowd over the course of a typical year. But no time of year is more synonymous with large sit-down meals than the holiday season.

Certain foods, such as pasta dishes and casseroles, are ideal dishes to cook for crowds. However, for those home cooks who want to prepare in advance and then enjoy themselves on the actual holiday, it may be best to choose foods that taste better the day after the dish has been cooked. Many recipes develop deeper flavor profiles after they have been left to rest and are then reheated. Holiday hosts can explore these ideas for meals that can be cooked in advance and taste even better when reheated after a day in the refrigerator.

STEW

A stew that's been simmering on the stove or in the slow cooker all day will have a winning flavor. But stew can be even more delicious the next day. The starch in the potatoes will enable the sauce of the stew — whether it's tomato-based or comprised of a mix of brown gravy and meat drippings — to thicken. The meat may continue to cook and tenderize while reheating. As a one-pot meal, stew is simple to prepare in advance and then serve in an attractive crock for the holidays.

MEATLOAF

The herbs and spices in a meat loaf continue to release their flavors, and letting the loaf sit can improve the texture and the ability to slice it without it falling apart. Consider pan-frying individual slices of meatloaf until they're browned so they'll be crisp on the outside and tender in the middle.

LASAGNA

Lasagna is a layered pasta dish featuring flat noodle sheets, cheese, sauce, and sometimes meat like ground beef or sausage. Lasagnas that are served right out of the oven can be runny even if they taste scrumptious. Baking it and letting it sit overnight allows all of the layers to gel together, making for a much more cohesive and fortified dish the following day.

CURRIES

Curries are typically made with many spices that help to make the dish flavorful. A curry that is freshly made may feature intense flavor because each of its components can be tasted individually. After a night of resting in the refrigerator, those flavors meld and mellow. Furthermore, if potatoes are used in the recipe, a night in the fridge gives the potatoes an opportunity to absorb the spices, making for an even tastier meal.

Many meals can be made ahead of time for holiday dinners and will taste even better when they are served the following day.

Edward Jones > edwardjones.com | Member SIPC

We're more than just a great rate

Bank-issued, FDIC-insured

4.70%

1-year APY*

Finding a great rate on a CD is nice, but to get the most from your CDs, you need a strategy. Get in touch to learn more.

* Annual Percentage Yield (APY) effective 11/15/2022. CDs offered by Edward Jones are bank-issued and FDIC-insured up to \$250,000 (principal and interest accrued but not yet paid) per depositor, per insured depository institution, for each account ownership category. Please visit www.fdic.gov or contact your financial advisor for additional information. Subject to availability and price change. CD values are subject to interest rate risk such that when interest rates rise, the prices of CDs can decrease. If CDs are sold prior to maturity, the investor can lose principal value. FDIC insurance does not cover losses in market value. Early withdrawal may not be permitted. Yields quoted are net of all commissions. CDs require the distribution of interest and do not allow interest to compound. CDs offered through Edward Jones are issued by banks and thrifts nationwide. All CDs sold by Edward Jones are registered with the Depository Trust Corp. (DTC).

Tony Mobly, CFP®, AAMS®
Financial Advisor

510 W Pearl St.
Granbury, TX 76048
817-573-6917

Taylor A. Mobly
Financial Advisor

401 Temple Hall Hwy Ste3
Granbury, TX 76049
817-268-9137

Ty Andrew
Financial Advisor

716 E Hwy 377
Granbury, TX 76048
817-573-0488

Chad C. Carroll, AAMS®
Financial Advisor

2007 Rockview Dr.
Granbury, TX 76049
817-573-6115

edwardjones.com
Member SIPC

Edward Jones
MAKING SENSE OF INVESTING

Follow us for the latest breaking news and updates

twitter

@hoodcountynews

OUR MISSION: The Hood County News shall provide news and insights to our readers through the independent and impartial presentation of information that educates, enriches and entertains. We are proud to be a community newspaper committed to the people we serve.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SERVICE!



DAFFAN
COOLING & HEATING

YOUR HOME'S *Best Friend*

817-757-4270

TACLA29191E

PJ'S LAWN CARE



Lawn Maintenance
Landscape Irrigation • Tree Trimming

Jimmy Layland, Owner

817-714-4270

pjslawn@yahoo.com • www.pjslawn.com

THE **HYDE**
LAW FIRM, PLLC



Seek Information, Not Affirmation

827 W PEARL ST. GRANBURY, TX 76048
817-579-LWYR (5997)
817-573-HYDE (4933) fax

506 N SHEPPARD ST. ROUND ROCK, TX 78664
512-540-HYDE (4933)
512-886-HYDE (4933) fax

WWW.HYDEFIRM.COM

CONNECT WITH US

FNB MEMBER FDIC

Your Hometown Bank.

www.fnbgranbury.com • 817.573.2655

Christian Brothers Automotive

People-First Automotive Care

Granbury • cbac.com/granbury • 817-910-4247

W S H I
WILL STEED HOMES




1208 Fall Creek Hwy, Suite C
Granbury, Texas 76049
(817) 894-7650 • willsteedhomes.com

Serving North Texas For Over 50 Years

Comfort Experts™ INC.

Air Conditioning - Heating - Clean Indoor Air!

817-341-5166
www.comfortexpertsinc.com

- ★ Plumbing
- ★ Electrical
- ★ Service/Repair
- ★ AC Services
- ★ Heating Services
- ★ New System Installation
- ★ Indoor Air-Quality
- ★ Duct Cleaning
- ★ Renewable Energy



TACLA 20501C *It's Time To Tune-Up Your Systems!*

To **protect** and

SUPPORTING THE MEN AND WOMEN WHO PROTECT AND SERVE US EACH DAY IS OUR MISSION.

serve

BROUGHT TO YOU BY



4021 Acton Highway
GRANBURY, TX
817-326-4752



FIND OUR BAND LINEUPS AND FOOD SPECIALS ON FACEBOOK



GARY ROBERTS
Lieutenant, Criminal Investigation Division and Street Crimes Unit

I am from Mansfield, Texas and graduated from Mansfield High School. I live in Stephenville with my wife and two daughters.

I came to the Sheriff's Office in March 2021 and have been in law enforcement for 16 years. During my time in law enforcement, I have been assigned to Patrol, SWAT, K-9 Division, Criminal Investigation Division, Narcotics, Street Crimes Unit, and I am currently assigned as the Lieutenant over the Criminal Investigation Division and Street Crimes Unit.

As CID Lieutenant, I am responsible for assigning and reviewing cases, managing critical incidents, career development for our investigators and investigating cold cases. I also oversee our Street Crimes Unit Investigators who work in a covert capacity to proactively interdict and target all types of criminal activity.

I hold a Master Peace Officer license and several Instructor certificates to include Firearms, Dignitary Protection, Less Lethal and Active Shooter. In my free time, I enjoy spending time with my family, working outdoors with our animals, hunting, fishing and shooting sports.



STAY CONNECTED AT HCNEWS.COM

817-573-7066

Call to subscribe or advertise today

