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'New' Commissioners Court reverses previous court's vote for water board seat

BY KATHY CRUZ

Senior Staff Writer

A November 3-2 vote by the Hood County Commissioners Court to recommend Mike Massey to fill a vacated seat on the Upper Trinity

Groundwater Conservation District Board was reversed Monday by a 3-2 vote that involved a different commissioner for Precinct 2.

Nannette Samuelson took over that seat on Ian. 1. having defeated Ron Cotton in his bid for a second

The vote to rescind the recommendation of Massey and to promote Bob Lusk for the post was reportedly legal. It did not involve accusations of either man being unqualified. Praise was given for both.

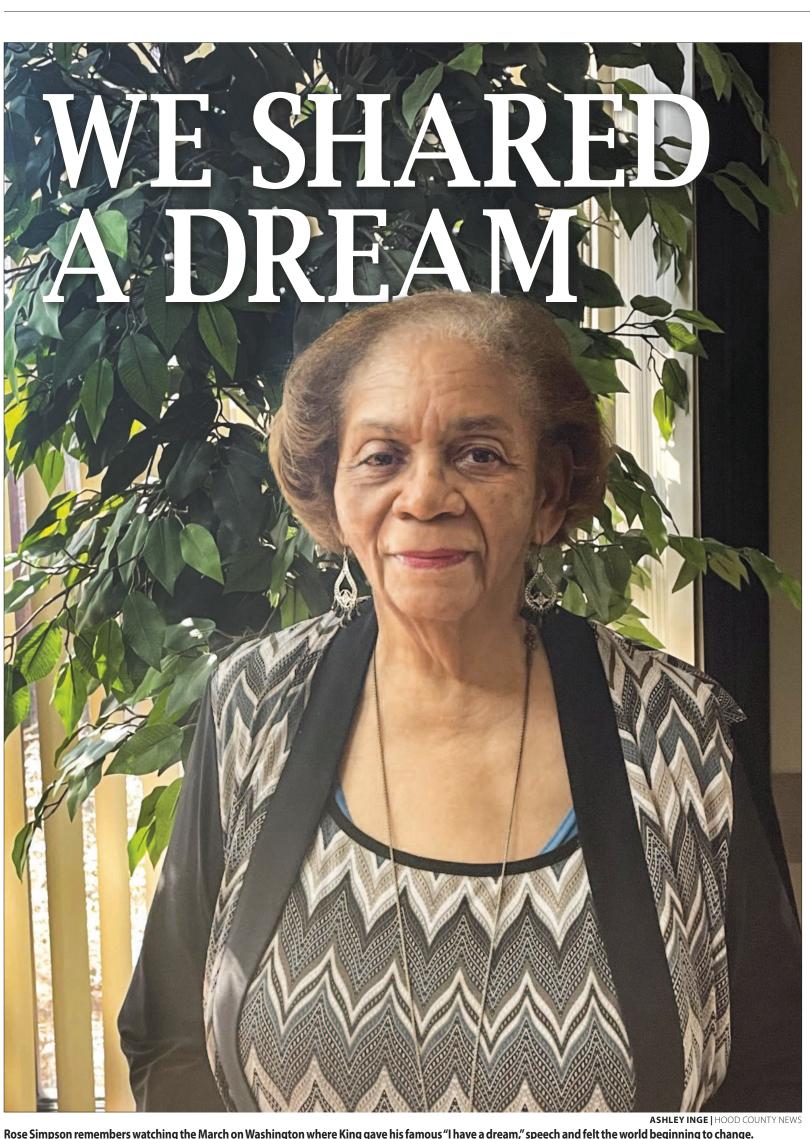
Nevertheless, the move led to speakers showing up to voice their opinions, both for and against the rescission, at two special-called meetings.

The repeal was controversial for three reasons.

One reason was because of the actions of Precinct 4 Commissioner Dave Eagle.

After the Nov. 8 vote when a majority of the court voted in favor of

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Rose Simpson remembers watching the March on Washington where King gave his famous "I have a dream," speech and felt the world beginning to change.

Memoirs of a local community member during Martin Luther King Jr. Day

BY SIERRA WELLS

Special to the Hood County News

artin Luther King Jr. Day is on Monday, and Granbury community member Rose Simpson has always remembered what this civil rights activist did for those in her community.

"King became the voice and the conscience of the civil rights movement in the 50s and the

60s," Simpson said. Born in Fort Worth in 1941,

Simpson grew up around segregation and has seen how racial equality has changed over time. Throughout the years, she has been an activist and worked on in-

tegration within the community. "We would go into the department stores, and they had drinking fountains. One would say white, and one would say colored, and we would drink out of both of them," Simspon said. "We would say, 'I'll drink out of the white and you drink out of the colored,' and the clerks would tell us 'you're not supposed to drink out of there.' And even old Black people in there would say, 'you kids, stay out of trouble,' but we would do

it. So a lot of things happened that didn't even make the news." Simpson said that most people

do not realize how widespread integration efforts were.

"These things were happening all over the United States, and I know they were happening in Fort Worth and in Denton, but everything just didn't make the news, but gradually the pressure got on, and gradually of course in I guess

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Visit Granbury brings home 10 state tourism awards

BY KATHY CRUZ

Senior Staff Writer

Visit Granbury has done it again. The city's Convention & Visitors Bureau came away from the annual TAFE State Convention in Galveston with a haul of 10 Ray Cammack Marketing Awards of excellence, six first place and four second place.

It is a sign that those who work to promote Granbury's tourism industry are among the top in their profession across the state.

Visit Granbury representatives who attended the recent Texas Association of Fairs & Events convention were Director Tammy Dooley, Assistant Director Kristen Gibson, and Event Coordinator Rhiannon Crump.

TAFE is made up of events and organizations throughout Texas. It includes fairs and festivals of all sizes, including city, county, regional and statewide events and event promotions. TAFE also includes associate members who provide services and supplies to event members.

Granbury is in TAFE's "Under 50,000" category.

The Award of Excellence Marketing Competition recognizes organizations for outstanding promotions and superior examples of promotional and media

initiatives. TAFE Marketing and Communications Awards allow members to learn from one another and share ideas while also providing an opportunity to recognize the efforts of the staff, sponsors, volunteers, and supporters

who make events possible. Visit Granbury's annual Goosebump Jump event to promote the winter tourism season and the Halloween season Sleepy Hollow Experience dominated in the honors the organization received.

First place awards for Visit Granbury were:

• Best Promotional Advertising — Outdoor — 2nd Annual Goosebump Jump

· Best News Coverage (recorded or studio) — Visit Granbury Harvest Moon & Sleepy Hollow Promotion, Good Morning Texas

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Murder suspect McLaughlin bonds out of jail. Please see story, A3.

Part two of the 2023 Hood County Junior Livestock Show results. Please see story, B4.

Voice of Granbury contestants hit the stage Jan. 19. Please see story, B4.

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"People of all races need to realize that Martin Luther King Day and Juneteenth are holidays for us all, not just Black people because the United States could not be the leader of free people when everybody is not free."

ROSE SIMPSON

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it was 1965 and 1966, those civil rights bills were passed," she said.

King was a prominent black minister, and as

Simpson noted, a large part of the civil rights movement began in black churches.

She remembers watching the March on Washington where King gave his famous "I have a dream," speech.

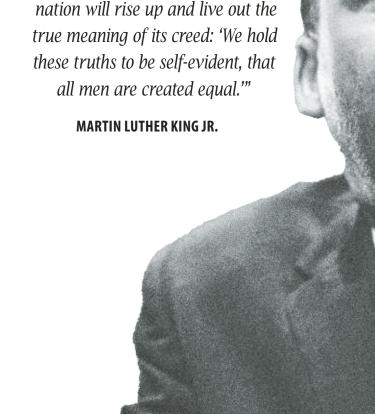
"I had just graduated from college, and I remember how good it made me

feel when all these -- a quarter of a million people -- came to Washington D.C., and I sat in my living room and heard Martin Luther King with his 'I have a dream' speech, and we felt that the world was beginning to really change," Simpson said.

Jr. Day a day of service in Hood County. She also wants to make sure that people do not

> people to celebrate. "People of all races need to realize that Martin Luther King Day and Juneteenth are holidays for us all, not just Black people because the United States could not be the leader of free people when everybody is not free," Simpson said. As time passes, King's legacy will continue to in-

spire those who seek equality and unity in society.



"I have a dream that one day this

Simpson wishes to make Martin Luther King think the holiday is just for Black

MARTIN LUTHER KING DAY AND THE CIVIL RIGHTS **MOVEMENT**

From Staff Reports

The civil rights movement was a nonviolent social and political movement and campaign from 1954 to 1968 in the United States to abolish racial segregation, discrimination, and disenfranchisement throughout the United States. The movement was characterized by nonviolent mass protest, boycotts, and civil disobedience following events such as the abduction, torture, and rape of a 14-year-old Black boy in Mississippi. The boy was accused of offending a white woman in a family-owned business. His killers were

In 1954, after years of protests and attempts at legislative changes, the Supreme Court struck down many of the laws that had allowed racial segregation and discrimination to be legal. The rulings played a crucial role in bringing an end to segregationist laws such as the Jim Crow laws and the separate but equal doctrine.

In the 1960s, moderates in the movement worked with Congress to achieve the passage of several significant pieces of legislation that authorized the oversight and enforcement of civil

The Civil Rights Act of 1964 banned all discrimination based on race, including racial segregation in schools, businesses, and in public accommodations. The Voting Rights Act of 1965 guaranteed voting rights by authorizing federal oversight of registration and elections in areas with historic under-representation of minority voters. The Fair Housing Act of 1968 banned discrimination in the sale or rental of housing. Martin Luther King Jr. is often cited as one of the most notable leaders of the movement.

King participated in and led marches for the right to vote, desegregation, labor rights, and other civil rights. He oversaw the Montgomery, Alabama, bus boycott in 1955 and later helped organize some of the nonviolent 1963 protests in Birmingham, Alabama. King was one of the leaders of the 1963 March on Washington, where he delivered his "I Have a Dream" speech on the steps of the Lincoln Memorial.

On October 14, 1964, King won the Nobel Peace Prize for combating racial inequality through nonviolent resistance. In 1965, he helped organize two of the three Selma to Montgomery marches. In his final years, he expanded his focus to include opposition toward poverty, capitalism, and the Vietnam War. In 1968, King was planning a national occupation of Washington, D.C., to be called the Poor People's Campaign, when he was assassinated on April 4 in Memphis, Tennessee. His death was followed by national mourning.

Martin Luther King Jr. Day is a federal holiday in the United States marking the birthday of Martin Luther King Jr. on Jan. 15, 1929. It is observed on the third Monday of January every year. President Ronald Reagan signed the holiday into law in 1983, and it was first observed three years later. It was officially observed in all 50 states for the first time in 2000.

UTGCD

Massey, Eagle sent a letter to the UTGCD board asking that it delay its decision on the appointment until January when a new commissioner for Precinct 2 would be seated. In the letter he referred to Cotton as a "lame duck elected official."

Cotton had voted in favor of Massey, along with County Judge Ron Massingill and Precinct 3 Commissioner Jack Wilson. Eagle and Precinct 1 Commissioner Kevin Andrews had cast nay votes.

Eagle's letter stirred anger and prompted a newly formed organization called Hood County Forward to send its own letter, with 42names attached, asking the UTGCD board to disregard Eagle's request.

The second reason the rescission was controversial was because some, including UTGCD board president Tracy Mesler, believe Massey to be the most qualified due to his previous service on the UTGCD board. Massey was appointed by a previous Commissioners Court when the UTGCD was first formed and served 12 years, including six years as board president. He also served for a decade as the UTGCD's representative to Groundwater Management Area 8.

Reason number three for the controversy was because a newly structured court undoing the majority vote of a previous court has raised questions about whether

other legitimate majority votes will be unraveled.

The UTGCD helps protect and conserve water within the Upper Trinity aquifer through the registration of wells, public education, and outreach. Water is becoming an increasingly precious resource in Texas as development and population increase.

Commissioners Courts in Hood, Montague, Wise, and Parker counties each appoint two members to the UTGCD board to serve staggered, two-year terms.

When a vacancy occurs, commissioners courts can make a recommendation on who to appoint to the seat but by law, the UTGCD board makes the decision.

The current vacancy is due to the resignation of Richard English. Hood County's other representative is Jarrod Reynolds.

UTGCD ACTIONS

The UTGCD board will consider the appointment at its next regular meeting. It was originally scheduled for Jan. 19 but was moved to Thursday, Jan. 26.

Eagle often attends UTGCD board meetings, which are held at the water district's office in Springtown. Last November, when the board met just days after Eagle sent his letter, he and Samuelson both were in attendance.

At that meeting, a motion was made and seconded to delay the seat vacancy decision until January as Eagle had requested. It failed in a 4-3 vote.

A vote was taken at that time to appoint Massey but that, too, failed in a 4-3 vote. Although Massey received a majority of the votes cast, he needed five to attain the seat.

Martin Luther King, Jr. at a

press conference on March 26, 1964.

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Those who voted against Massey were Reynolds and both of Parker County's representatives, Tim Watts and Shannon Nave.

In a 2021 interview, Massey told the Hood County News that during his time on the UTGCD board, he had raised concerns about the number of wells being drilled in Parker County and their possible affect on the aquifer and on water availability for future generations.

The appointment for English's vacated seat was on the agenda for the board's December meeting but was pulled due to lack of a

Those who missed that meeting were Reynolds and Brent Wilson of Wise County, according to Mesler and General Manager Doug Shaw. With the agenda item pulled for December, that meant that the de-

cision was pushed into January. Mike Scott, former president and CEO of the Granbury Chamber of Commerce and a leader of Hood County Forward, said that he intends to be present for that meeting.

REVERSAL PROCESS

The vote to revoke the Massey recommendation and replace it with one for Lusk ended up involving two special meetings rather

The special meetings were so

that Samuelson could participate in the vote, avoiding a tie, before attending mandatory training as a new commissioner. She missed the regular court meeting on Tuesday because of that training.

Eagle called a special meeting for Friday, Jan. 6 with the intention of taking care of the matter at that

More than 40 minutes were devoted to the issue, with Eagle making an opening statement, audience members speaking both in favor and against the switch, and court members weighing in.

Eagle, Samuelson, and Andrews said they had spoken with both Lusk and Massey. They expressed support for Lusk. None of them spoke negatively about Massey.

Massingill and Wilson acknowledged that they had not spoken

In detailing Lusk's qualifications, Eagle stated that he has a degree in wildlife and fishery science from Texas A&M University, played a key role in developing the pond management industry, has written numerous peer-reviewed articles related to the proper management of private lakes and ponds, is publisher of Pond Boss Magazine, and is on the advisory committee for Texas A&M's newly formed Range, Wildlife, and Fisheries Department.

Eagle noted that a third applicant, Tom Mercer, had withdrawn his application.

The commissioner also noted that attorney Jim Allison of Allison, Bass, & Magee law firm in Austin, an advisor for the Texas

Association of Counties, told him that reversing the vote would be legal because current courts are not bound by the actions of a previous court.

However, County Judge Ron Massingill said that he, too, had consulted with Allison and that according to the TAC attorney, taking a new vote to recommend Lusk would be illegal under the verbiage of the agenda item.

Massingill said that Allison advised giving public notice of the intent to revoke Massey's recommendation and then voting on a motion to rescind it.

"You cannot have two conflicting recommendations at the same time," the judge said.

Eagle and County Attorney Matt Mills stated a belief that the agenda item's "discuss and take appropriate action" language covered both the rescission and the new vote but others on the court appeared hesitant to take action that might be deemed legally questionable.

Eagle agreed to schedule a second meeting to make sure the vote was taken properly.

The second special meeting was called for Monday afternoon, prior to Samuelson heading out of town for her required training.

Several members of the audience spoke at that meeting as well.

Eagle, Samuelson, and Andrews voted in favor of replacing the Massey recommendation with one for Lusk. Massingill and Wilson cast nay votes.

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FROM MY FRONT PORCH

Thoughts on scrutiny and criticism

t seems like many years ago, (which of course it is), but while at college I joined a fraternity. There are those of you who may think being in a fraternity is nothing more than a drunken four-year party, but my experience was far from such. I attended a small men's college, and the fraternity houses were the source of all college life. Admittedly there was drinking involved, but for my experiences in a fraternity house, there were a lot of positives that helped shape me and my future.

For one thing, it brought a bunch of young men together who had different values, different backgrounds, and different beliefs and by the very nature of living together, compelled them to learn how to get along and survive their collegiate experience. Many times, it was peer pressure in a good way. If a guy did not clean his room, do his laundry, or study, there were a host of "brothers" to let him know he was off the beaten path.

It forced all of us to learn about the world other than the limited



BY SAM HOUSTON

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one we knew from our high school experiences and home. It broadened our horizons and helped us to make choices about what we wanted to do with our lives and make of ourselves. We were supportive of each other when one of us was down, tough on each other when needed to be, and always emotionally tied to one another. Some 45 years later I look back and know there will never be people in my life to whom I am any closer.

One of the unique and special things about our chapter meetings is we had a time that was called Scrutiny and Criticism. It came at the end of the meeting. The roll was called and each man in turn, had to take the center of the room and stand there while the rest of the group could say anything they wanted; and I mean anything. It was a time of confrontation for bad behavior and special recognition if you had performed admirably

You would be told you acted like a horse's behind at the last social, you regularly left the bathroom counter a mess, your personal hygiene was a wreck, or a host of other things. It also offered the opportunity to say something personal and supportive. The person being criticized could not respond, only listen. This process continued until everyone in the room had taken a turn in the center.

This system could be purifying while at the same time it was both humbling and terrifying. It gave men a chance to speak man to man, in front of each other, and deal with problems straight out. When it was my turn to stand, there were

times when I was told of transgressions. Initially I may have thought the comments were unfair or undeserved, but upon reflection I realized the words were not said to wound, but to resolve disputes or make me a better person and a better man.

I cannot express how frank and direct some of these confrontations would be, and when the roll had been called and the exercise was completed, we would all say in unison, "What you see, what you hear, when you leave, leave it here". In other words, no grudges, no backstabbing or infighting, just reflection and growth.

I have come to know of the power of Scrutiny and Criticism. I wish in today's world, such a process would be replicated and utilized. It would compel people to be honest with each other, it would correct a lot of behavior in folks, and teach people to accept and learn from criticism. Maybe people would not be so sensitive and have their feelings hurt when everything does not go their way. Maybe people would

be told when their behavior was inappropriate or destructive.

There are those who might say social media allows us to do this, but they would be incorrect. Social media is exactly the opposite of what Scrutiny and Criticism was about, because it allows people to say just about anything without having to have the fortitude to sav it to someone's face. All too often the posts are self-serving or demeaning, rather than intended to promote good and harmony.

Social media has its place, but we would all be better off if we spoke eye to eye when there is an issue, rather than speaking through the prism of social media.

Thought for the day: Remember to not only say the right thing in the right place, but far more difficult still, to leave unsaid the wrong thing at the tempting moment.

Until next time, I will be ridden the storm out.

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Filing opens Wednesday for May elections

BY KATHY CRUZ

Senior Staff Writer

The May 6 local elections are several months away, but the period to apply for a ballot by mail has already opened and important deadlines are approaching.

Elections are held in May for the city of Cresson, the Acton Municipal Utility District, the city of Lipan, and the Lipan School Board.

The first day for candidates to apply for a place on the ballot is Wednesday, Jan. 18. The deadline to file is 5 p.m. Friday, Feb. 17.

The last day to register to vote is Thursday, April 6. In Cresson, terms will expire for Ron Becker of Place

and Jeff Keeney of Place 5. Due to a resignation, the Place 2 seat will also be on the ballot.

1, Lisa Clement of Place 3,

City Secretary Katy Froyd explained that Gary Robertson was appointed to that vacated seat but since

the resignation occurred during the first year of a two-year term, Robertson will have to run for a oneyear term to keep the position.

After that, the Place 2 seat will go back to the normal election cycle, she stated.

On the AMUD board, two at-large seats will be on the ballot — the ones currently held by Ray Lewis and Gary Rose. Lewis currently serves as president of the AMUD board and Rose is treasurer.

Three terms will expire on the Lipan City Council. They are Place 1, Place 2, and Place 4, held by Jackie Shockley, Chris Tarpley, and Nelson Ogle, respectively.

For the Lipan School Board of Trustees, terms will expire for Ellyn Grove of Place 3, Phillip Tarpley of Place 4, and Walter Baldree of Place 5.

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Preliminary plat approved for 22-home project

BY KATHY CRUZ

Senior Staff Writer

The Granbury City Council has approved a preliminary plat for a 37-acre tract of land for which 22 homes are proposed.

Glen Rose Highway (State

Highway 144) south of Knob Hill Drive in the city's extraterritorial jurisdiction.

Community Development Director Kira Wauwie noted at the Jan. 3 regular City Council meeting that the project had come before the council before.

A preliminary plat was ap-

proved in 2021 and a final plat was approved in 2022. However, the final plat was not recorded with Hood County Deed Records within the required six-month timeframe.

Due to the final plat expiring, the preliminary plat also expired, making it necessary to start the process

Referred to as the Modern Oaks Addition, the 36.798acre proposed development is a project of John A. Hall and Granbury Development

Restaurant project on North Houston Street moved forward by Granbury City Council

BY KATHY CRUZ

Senior Staff Writer

The Granbury City Council recently approved a Facilities Improvement Agreement for property on North Houston Street that will involve a restaurant.

The request for an FIA was made by McDonough Real Estate Holdings, LLC and Kevin and Mary McDonough.

The agreement between the city and the developer is for the construction of water, sewer, paving, and drainage improvements.

The approximate cost of construction is \$160,178. The property's address is 529 N. Houston Street

off the Granbury square. It is near Ewell Street and Lipan Highway and a short distance from the U.S. Post Community Development

Director Kira Wauwie said at the Jan. 3 City Council meeting that three lots will be combined into one for "a commercial development" and that the development is "specifically, for a restaurant

No further details about the proposed future restaurant were given.

The council approved the FIA in a unanimous vote.

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Five people displaced by home fire early Tuesday

From Staff Reports

A woman and her adult son, along with three children, have been displaced by a fire that destroyed a three-bedroom motile home on Buttercup Court northeast of Granbury, according to Hood County Fire Marshal Jeff Young.

The fire call came in at about 12:15 a.m. Tuesday, Ian. 10. Another call. to extinguish a rekindle, was made later. The cause of the blaze is currently listed as undetermined, Young

In addition to the mother and her son, the other three occupants were a 19-yearold male, a 15-year-old boy and an 11-year-old girl, Young said. There were no injuries reported among the five occupants or the firefighters, Young added, although one pet cat died and another was missing.

The home was destroyed, and one of the adults indicated they had no home insurance. They were contacted by a representative of the American Red Cross for temporary housing arrangements. As of press time, it was unknown if any donation fund had been set up to help the family with their immediate needs.

Massingill, Coffman to headline chamber's 'Leaders in Government' luncheon Jan. 20

BY KATHY CRUZ

Senior Staff Writer

The next Leaders in Government luncheon sponsored by the Granbury Chamber of Commerce is scheduled for Friday, Jan. 20.

Guest speakers will be County Judge Ron Massingill and Granbury City Manager Chris Coffman. They will speak on important issues pertaining to the county and city, respectively.

Massingill is beginning his second four-year term as county judge. Coffman has been with the city since spring 2015.

The event will take place

from 11:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Lake Granbury Conference Center, 621 E. Pearl St.

The cost for chamber members is \$50. Tickets for non-members are \$75.

Reservations can be made online through the chamber's website, granburychamber.com. Click on Events, then on Event Calendar, then on Leaders in Government Luncheon.

Those with questions can contact the chamber at 817-573-1622.

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Murder suspect McLaughlin bonds out of jail

BY KATHY CRUZ

Senior Staff Writer

Murder suspect Jeffrey Bryan McLaughlin bonded out of jail Monday afternoon after his bail was reduced from \$250,000 to \$150,000, according to Sheriff Roger

The bond reduction was an agreement between McLaughlin's attorney and District Attornev Ryan Sinclair with approval from District Judge Bryan Bufkin, according to Bufkin's court administrator, Penny Weisend.

The agreement includes

bond conditions.

McLaughlin is accused of killing his wife, Venisa McLaughlin, 58, an attorney and former prosecutor who worked in the county attorney's office.

McLaughlin, also 58, was arrested and booked into the Hood County Jail just before

2 p.m. on New Year's Day. The Sheriff's Office has released few details about the incident, which was called

in by McLaughlin about 3:20 a.m. Sunday. Officers responded to a home in the 6100 block of Westover Drive in Pecan

Plantation where they found

the couple.

Both were transported to Lake Granbury Medical Center where Venisa was later pronounced dead.

Bond conditions for McLaughlin include GPS electronic monitoring and the surrender of his passport. In addition, he is to have

no in-person contact with the victim's two daughters or go within 1,000 yards of them or a residence, school, or other location frequented by them.

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Greater Granbury Military Officers Association of America installation of 2023 Officers



MOAA is a professional association of United States military officers (active, retired, & former) that advocate and support veteran and active-duty policies and actions. Within the local community the Greater Granbury MOAA has initiated the Hometown Heroes banners that you see near the square. They support the Granbury High School MCJROTC program, and many other positive actions within the community and Texas. On Jan. 10, the Greater Chapter of Granbury Military Officers Association of America (MOAA) gathered at the Harbor Lakes Country Club to install the 2023 elected officers. The new officers pictured from left, are Gail M. Joyce, vice president for Surviving Spouses, Greg A. Engel, CDR USN (ret) first vice president; Lloyd W. Lietz, LTC USA (ret) president; Bud Hughes, Capt USAF (former) second vice president; and Ronald A. Kile – Capt. USAF (former) treasurer.

AWARDS

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— Stacey Watkins Martin & Cast of Sleepy Hollow Performance

• Best E-Newsletter or Email Blast — Visit Granbury Harvest Moon & Sleepy Hollow Fall

• Best Social Media Photograph — Visit Granbury Sleepy Hollow Promotion

Best Social Media Campaign — Visit

Granbury the Sleepy Hollow Experience • Best T-Shirt Design — Visit Granbury 2nd Annual Goosebump Jump

Second place awards were:

 Best Newspaper Ad — Color — Visit Granbury — 2nd Annual Goosebump Jump

Best Website — VisitGranbury.com

 Best Specialty Video — Visit Granbury Winter Guest 2nd Annual Goosebump Jump

• Best Pin, Badge, or Button — Visit Granbury 2nd Annual Goosebump Jump

Dooley, who serves on TAFE's board of directors, was elected to serve as its 2nd vice president for 2023.

"This recognition is very special for Granbury and is truly a team effort," Dooley said of the awards. "We have the best tourism staff, city support, and advertising partners vou could wish for."

In a press release about the achievements, Dooley thanked Sinar Media, Lamar Outdoor advertising, Hood County News and its photographers, MPL Public Relations, Brian Clowdus Productions, Good Morning Texas, YOLO, TX, Historic Granbury Merchants Association, and Simpleview Inc.

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Visit Granbury Assistant Director Kristen Gibson, left, Director Tammy Dooley, center, and Event Coordinator Rhiannon Crump show off Visit Granbury's awards haul from the Texas Association of Fairs & Events convention held recently in Galveston.

CORRECTIONS

In the Jan. 11 edition of the Hood County News, George Northup was mistakenly identified as having joined the Navy. Northup served a very successful 20 years in the Air Force. We greatly regret our error.

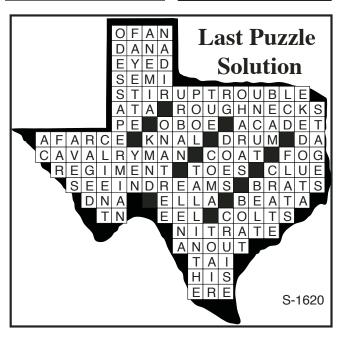
Mike Power was mistakenly referred to as Mike Powell in the Mammoth Race benefit.



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As you know, inflation was big news throughout 2022. But will it continue in 2023? And looking even further ahead, how should you account for inflation in your

long-term plans? In regard to the first question, many experts predict that inflation will cool off this year, though there are no guarantees. The high inflation of last year is thought to have been caused by some unusual factors, such as a spike in the demand for consumer goods



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war in Ukraine drove up oil prices, increasing the cost of manufacturing and shipping and driving up the price of

as the world

came out of the

COVID-19 pan-

demic, which led

to supply chain

issues. Also, the

wheat and other commodities. In any case, last year reminded us that inflation needs to be reckoned with as you work toward your financial goals. But how you respond to inflation will depend somewhat on your stage of life. So, here are some suggestions to

If you're still working ...

· Contribute more to your retirement plans. If you can afford to put more money away in your IRA and 401(k), you may want to do so. The more resources you'll eventually have available in retirement, the better protected you are against the rising cost of

living. · Adjust your portfolio objectives with your financial professional. Using tools such as "hypothetical" illustrations, a financial professional can show you some different paths you might take with your investments, given different rates of inflation. So, for example, if you feel that

inflation may be higher for a longer period than you once thought, you could request a hypothetical showing how you might need to adjust your investment mix to achieve your long-term goals, given your risk tolerance and time

If you're already retired ... Consider part-time work or consulting. Once you retire from your career, it doesn't mean you can never do any paid work again. If you've accumulated years of experience and expertise, you could use your skills as a consultant. Also, many part-time jobs are available for retirees. With the added income from employ-

ment, you may be able to delay taking withdrawals from your retirement accounts and other investments, possibly extending their longevity. (Once you turn 72, though, you will need to begin taking money from your 401(k) and traditional IRA.)

· Delay taking Social Security. You can begin taking Social Security when you're 62, but your monthly checks will be substantially bigger if you wait until your full retirement age, which will likely be between 66 and 67. (You could even wait until 70, at which point your monthly benefits will max out.) Of course, the ability to delay taking Social

Security depends on whether you can afford it, but it may be possible if you work longer than you once planned or if you work part time in retirement. But even if you do need to take Social Security before your full retirement age, your payments will be adjusted annually for inflation — in fact, for 2023, benefit checks will rise 8.7% over 2022.

We'll always have to deal with some level of inflation - so it's a good idea to be prepared.

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Notice is hereby given that on December 21, 2022, letters of temporary administration were issued to DONNA TAYLOR WASSON BOONE by the County Court of Hood County, Texas, in the case styled In the Estate of Donald Ray Taylor, under Cause No. P09845, pending on the probate docket of the Court.

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

Dated: January 10, 2023 c/o Donna Taylor Wasson Boone Representative, Estate of Donald Ray Taylor 722 Duchess Drive Allen, TX 75013

/S/ MarJoe D. Barnhart State Bar No. 24045498 marjoe.billwalshlaw@yahoo.com

922 W. Pearl St. Granbury, TX 76048 Attorney for Donna Taylor Wasson Boone

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DATED the 9th day of January, 2023. /s/ Jeremy SoRelle Jeremy SoRelle Attorney for Robert Blanton Gilliam State Bar No.: 24056352 827 West Pearl Street Granbury, Texas 76048 Telephone: (817) 579-5997 Facsimile: (817) 573-4933

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The Project includes the following Work: Installation of a new sewage lift station with 12' diameter concrete wet well, three (3) submersible pumps, piping (24" PVC), manholes, all related work and associated site work as indicated in the Plans and Specifications.

Owner anticipates that the Project's total construction cost will be approximately \$2,100,000.00 Obtaining the Bid Documents

Information and Proposal Documents for the Project can be found at the following designated website:

Bidding Documents may be downloaded from the designated website. Bidders are urged to register with became became the designated website as a plan holder, even if Bidding Documents are obtained from a plan room or source other than the designated website in either electronic or paper format. The designated website will be updated periodically with addenda, lists of registered plan holders, reports, and other information relevant to submitting a sealed Bid for the Project. All official notifications, addenda, and other Bid Documents will be offered only through the designated website. Neither Owner nor Engineer will be responsible for Bid Documents, including addenda, if any, obtained from sources other than the

The Issuing Offices for the Bidding Documents are:

Enprotec/Hibbs & Todd, Inc. 402 Cedar Street Abilene, Texas 79601

Enprotec/Hibbs & Todd. Inc. 1310 Weatherford Highway, Suite 116 Granbury, Texas 76048

Instructions to Bidders

For all further requirements regarding bid submittal, qualifications, procedures, and contract award, refer to the Instructions to Bidders that are included in the Bidding Documents

This Advertisement is issued by: Owner: City of Granbury

Date: January 11, 2023

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THE STATE OF TEXAS: To all persons interested in the Estates of WILLIAM S. LYONS IV, Cause No. P09933, County Court of Hood County, Texas. WILLIAM S. LYONS III in the above

numbered and entitled estate filed an Application To Determine Heirship and declare who are the heirs and the only heirs of the said Estate of WILLIAM S. LYONS IV, deceased, and their respective shares and interests in this Estate.

Said application will be heard and acted on by said court at 10:00 o'clock a.m. on the first Monday next after the expiration of ten days from date of publication of this citation, at the County Courthouse in Granbury,

All persons interested in said estate are hereby cited to appear before said Honorable Court at above mentioned time and place by filing a written answer contesting such application should they desire to do so.

Given under my hand and seal of said court at office in Granbury, Texas this the 9th day of January 2023. KATIE LANG

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Hood County, Texas 76048 By /s/ CAMERON COZART, Deputy

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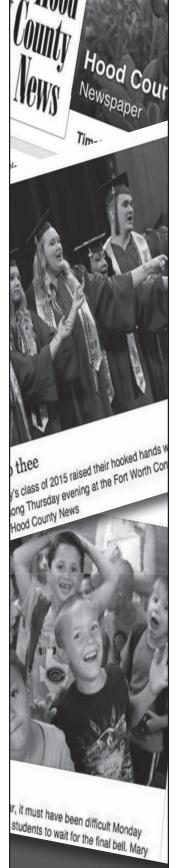
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CALENDAR

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, pro-

gram or guest speaker must

be included. Email to calen-

dar@hcnews.com. Calendar

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SATURDAY, JAN. 14

CHILI ON the beach. Come join Visit Granbury and the Historic Granbury Merchants Association at the Hilton Garden Inn and the City Beach for a Chili Cookoff on Saturday, January 14, 2023 during Goose Bump Jump! Time: 7 a.m to 2 p.m. Cookers will begin cooking their chili at 7:00 a.m. and tastings at 10:00 a.m. Tastings are \$5.00 for a wristband and ticket to place your vote. For more information call (682) 936-4550.

GOOSEBUMP JUMP Visit Granbury is challenging the community, civic organizations, charitable organizations, and brave individuals to help us kick-off the Winter-Guest Tourism Season (January - February) by jumping into the frigid waters of Lake Granbury Saturday, January 14 at City Beach Park at the third annual Lake Granbury Goosebump Jump event. For more information call (817)

573-5548. MAMMOTH RACE Ice Age Run Join the herd for a 5K, 10K, and half-marathon migration thru the heart of Granbury. The course will be an out and back utilizing the scenic and paved Hike and Bike City Trail. Half marathon runners will run this course twice. The race will take place at Hewlett Park located at 621 E. Pearl St., Granbury. For more information go to https://www.mammothrace.com/ice-age

monday, Jan. 16

ELIZABETH CROCKETT

Chapter Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR) Program: Student Awards. Acton Methodist Church, Education Building, 3433 Fall Creek Hwy, Granbury, TX. Social begins at 9:30 a.m. the meeting called to order 10:00

THURSDAY, JAN. 19

THE VOICE Fundraiser for the Granbury Kiwanis Club. This is a fundraiser for the Granbury

Kiwanis Club featuring ten singers. Each will perform a song in round one, and the audience will vote on who advances to the next round. The second round will consist of the top five singers, who will then perform a second song. There will then be another round of voting, and the top three finishers will advance to the final round, where they will perform a third song. After a final round of voting, we will crown our winner. Our top finisher will also win \$350. Additional votes are on sale for \$10 each, and votes may be cast in any round. Each audience member gets three voting tokens to begin the night. All proceeds help fund the charitable work of the Granbury Kiwanis Club. Our lineup of singers is as follows: Chad Swanberg, Jerry Allen, Sofi Warren, Carson Clay, Crystal McCraw, Micah Young, Lizz White, Melissa Collins, Billy Gresham, and Shayla Nuttall. The event will take place 7:30 p.m. at The New Granbury Live located at 110 N Crockett St, 110 N Crocket St, Granbury, TX. For more information call (800) 340-9703

THURSDAY, JAN. 26

MOBILE PANTRY fourth Thursday through Tarrant Area Food Bank. 5 - 7 p.m. Rancho Brazos Community Center, 3701 Sundown Trail.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Destination resorts

Voters should have the opportunity to decide whether or not destination resorts should be authorized in Texas. With billions of dollars potentially at stake, it would be foolish for lawmakers to make a decision without consulting the people first. Voter referendum is an effective way of allowing citizens to have their voices heard on important matters such as this one. For example, voter referendum was used to fund the water plan and build highways throughout the state. If approved, destination resorts could bring in billions of dollars in revenue that could help reduce property taxes and provide major funding for local projects all over Texas. It is clear that authorizing destination resorts is more than just a smart move - it's necessary if Texans want to take advantage of all these benefits.

Texans are already gaming, but where they are doing it is an important issue to consider. Allowing voters to decide where their gaming dollars should be spent will help ensure that the money goes into establishments that benefit local communities and create jobs in Texas. This has obvious economic benefits, but can also lead to improved health outcomes as people have access to better recreational options with tax-generated funds. That's why it's so important for citizens to contact their legislators and let them know why this issue matters to them. Showing support for authorizing destination resorts could help bring much needed change and growth across the state of Texas!

> **Brennan Davis** Granbury

What's wrong with one-party rule?

A perfect example is the budget situation with the Hood County Clerk's office. The Clerk has incurred an unnecessary \$220,000 bill on Hood County taxpayers because she didn't want to tackle upgrading her office to the county's new puter system. In addition, because of her delays, taxpayers must absorb an additional \$152,000 to keep vendor support on the old system.

How does this illustrate the harm of one-party rule? Well, not a single Republican officeholder or party leader has condemned this dereliction of duty. Or even mentioned it. Don't you think they'd raise Cain if she was a Democrat?

In this case it means we cannot afford several additional patrol vehicles and several additional deputies. This at a time when the sheriff is pleading for additional resources.

But not a peep from our "fiscally conservative" Republican officials. It's all "business as usual" and let the citizens pay ... for our one-party rule.

> **Charles Stonick** Granbury

County concerns

I have been reading your newspaper since I moved here in 2013. Thank you all for doing a great job.

I haven't written before, but I decided to after reading the story about our County Clerk (Lang) and the Precinct 4 JP (Gillum) costing county taxpayers over \$373,000 because they have not been willing or able to make the software conversions the **County Commissioners**

wanted. The article stated that they found the conversion extremely difficult and burdensome.

If Lang and Gollum are not up to the job, maybe they should resign their offices. Or maybe they would be willing to donate their salaries to pay these bills.

An old matter with Lang, also was her failure to fulfill her oath of office during the same sex marriage controversy. (I am assuming she took the oath to uphold and defend the Constitution of the United States). A person has the right to their beliefs and most of us respect that. However, if your personal beliefs prevent you from fulfilling your duties as a public servant, maybe you should resign your post as a matter of honor.

However, the voters of Hood County have spoken by tolerating this type of behavior.

I just so happy with the

Jeff Hamilton Granbury

New Airport

so called "leadership" in Granbury and Hood County regarding our new airport which will now handle jets. I just have some concerns. The first is a question. Who will this benefit besides the few wealthy and corporate CEOs that will use it? The answer is no one. I have a better idea. Let's put a helicopter landing pad in front of the new senior multi-apartment fiasco being built on 144 at the intersection of 377 which is already overwhelmed with traffic. The helicopters can ferry people and cars to 377 and all the wonderful shopping centers we have to offer.

> **Michael Dugan** Granbury





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HOOD COUNTY JUNIOR LIVESTOCK SHOW RESULTS

Editor's Note: Continued from the Jan. 11 edition of the Hood County News is the 2023 Hood County Junior Livestock Show results.

LAMBS-MARKET LAMBS MEDIUM WOOL 04

#737 Meek, Reagan of Tolar FFA — 1st #253 Westbrook, Braelynn of Tolar FFA

#736 Noles, Mikayla of Tolar FFA — 3rd #736 Meek, Reagan of Tolar FFA — 4th #257 Noles, Mikayla of Tolar FFA — 5th #89 Reid, Gunnar of Tolar FFA — 6th #149 Krause, Kaira of Tolar FFA — 7th

MEDIUM WOOL 05

#857 Boyce, Breck of Lipan Jr. FFA — 1st #113 Lane, Kylee Jo of Tolar FFA — 2nd # 162 Erwin, Ethan of Lake Granbury 4H -3rd

POULTRY-BROILERS PULLETS

#3 Neal, Braden of Granbury Jr. FFA — 1st-Reserve Champion, Champion Pullet #433 Vann, Hadley of Tolar 4H — 2nd — Reserve Pullet, Jr. Showman #428 Vann, Ally of Tolar 4H - 3rd #141 Reynolds, Cole of Lipan FFA — 4th #747 Sanders, Kelley of Granbury FFA — 5th – Sr. showman #627 Cowley, Danny of Tolar FFA — 6th

#587 Laminack, Anson of Tolar FFA — 7th

ROOSTERS

#142 Reynolds, Cole of Lipan FFA — 1st — Grand Champion, Champion Rooster #434 Vann, Hadley of Tolar 4H — 2nd — Reserve Rooster, Jr. Showman

#863 Sanders, Kelley of Granbury FFA — 3rd — Sr. Showman

#628 Cowley, Danny of Tolar FFA — 4th #4 Neal, Braden of Granbury Jr. FFA — 5th #429 Vann, Ally of Tolar 4H -6th #588 Laminack, Anson of Tolar FFA — 7th

RABBITS

MEAT PEN 01

#96 Boyd, Sarah of Granbury FFA — 1st #456 Parker, Bella of Tolar FFA — 2nd #497 Bagley, Johannah of Cornerstone 4H -3rd Sr. Showmanship

#412 Green, Alisha of Lipan FFA -4th #138 Wyss, Rhett of Granbury Jr. FFA — 5th #476 Galindo, Jaelee of Tolar — 6th

MEAT PEN 02

#230 Nickell,

Andrew of

#419 Green, Savannah of Lipan FFA — 1st #470 Parker, Blake of Tolar FFA — 2nd #332 Ashmore, Baylor of K-9 & Kids - 3rd

Granbury FFA — 4th

MEAT PEN 03

#63 Webb, Grae of Granbury FFA — 1st — Reserve Champion

#712 Dobbs, Audry of Tolar FFA — 2nd #39 Asher, Shaylee of Granbury FFA — 3rd #698 Burenheide, Bailee of Granbury FFA

MEAT PEN 04

#155 Hooser, Kyndell of Tolar 4H — 1st — Jr. Showmanship

#781 Shockley, Hayden of Lipan FFA — 2nd #715 Dobbs, Allyson of Tolar FFA — 3rd #676 Pickens, Cailyn of Tolar FFA — 4th #236 Wimberley, Chylene of Lipan Jr. FFA -5th

#43 Swaim, Cooper of Tolar Jr. FFA — 6th #80 Grossman, Molly of Granbury – 7th

MEAT PEN 05

#84 Taylor, Alexis of Tolar FFA — 1st — **Grand Champion** #707 Glover, Harley of Lipan FFA





BOOK REVIEW

A dark look into history's dangerous people and their deeds

TERRI SCHLICHENMEYER

h. that's so It's not what was said or done, it was really a lot of both. Words are painful when they're flung at you in anger or hatred, and they can cut the same as a knife or sword. But actions? Man, those things really hurt. As in the new book, "Deadly Hearts: History's Most Dangerous People" by Michael Burgan, actions can kill.

When there's something you want, you probably know how to politely ask for it. If that doesn't work, then you either use patience or work hard to get it but throughout history, there have been some leaders and rulers who used pain instead of "please" to achieve their goals. In this book, you'll read about some of them.

Burgan begins with Alexander the Great, who wasn't so great, actually. He told everyone that he was the son of the god Zeus, when, in reality, he was the son of the King of Macedonia. Either way, it went to Alexander's head and resulted in a lot of dead soldiers.

The Romans thought

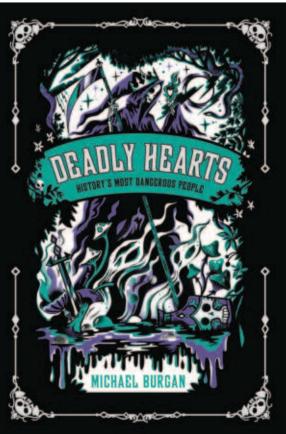


Author Michael Burgan.

that Attila the Hun was an "uneducated" barbarian, but Attila was smart enough to conquer a lot of Roman land and kill a lot of Romans. Burgan writes that yes, the Hun was "ruthless" and cruel and could make people tremble in terror, but some folks claimed that if you knew Attila personally, he was really a nice guy.

In fifteenth-century Spain, there was a lot of distrust against the Jews by the country's Catholics. Tomás de Torquemada was chosen to lead the Spanish Inquisition, to find the Jews and get rid of them and that didn't mean just showing them the door, either.

Vlad the Impaler got



"Deadly Hearts: History's Most Dangerous People" by Michael Burgan

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his name for a reason: to inflict the maximum amount of pain on his enemies, he impaled them on large stakes and let them die slowly. Queen Mary I of England had hundreds of Protestants killed, and Elizabeth of Bathory killed a lot of young women for fun. And Ivan the Terrible? Yeah, he was pretty terrible...

Here's a warning to adults: page through "Deadly Hearts" before giving it to your young reader, and your eyebrows might pop to the top of your head. To say that the beginning of this book is gruesome without warning is to severely underestimate things here.

Remember, though: PLEASE SEE **BOOK** | BX

THE IDLE AMERICAN

The Hood County Junior Livestock Show wrapped up another season full of eager participants.

Shall we pray?



BY DON NEWBURY

Dr. Newbury is a longtime university president who continues to write weekly and speak regularly throughout Texas.

nherent with insistence to dig ever deeper — rarely satisfied with merely getting to the bottom of things — are the risks of learning more than we want to know. There are ever so many places to dig, with evergrowing types of tools with which to excavate.

Years ago, the late German Emperor Otto von Bismarck warned that laws — like sausages — are far better if we don't see them being made.

His quote — even if pilfered from someone else — came to mind following the cardiac arrest suffered by National Football League player Damar Hamlin early in the Monday Night football game on Jan. 2....

IN THE SPOTLIGHT

Whatever the eventual results of this unfortunate event, it caused the sports world to fall prayerfully to its knees, petitioning restoration of a young man whose life suddenly was infinitely more valued than a football game.

Perhaps some of the same people intent on saying "Happy Holidays" rather than "Merry Christmas" days earlier were united with others, unashamedly praying to God Almighty, the

Great Physician. If somehow all of us could be aware of sickness and affliction around the world, we'd be overwhelmed. But on January 2, the spotlight was on a football field, and Damar was at its center....

MARY VINSON | HOOD COUNTY NEWS

PRAYERS

The act of prayer — often ignored and little valued--was jolted back into prominence throughout the land.

Professing Christians sometimes admit their prayers to be "a last resort." Someone deeply rooted in the faith responded that it matters not "which resort," even if not the "first one."

The episode caused old and young, men and women and folks at opposing ends of political persuasions to be united in the matter of prayer. On the radio and TV airwaves for days following, "prayer" may have been the word most heard, sometimes from folks we'd least expect....

POETIC GENIUS

The episode made me think of famous quotes about prayer, one of which I've heard from grade school days. No doubt, it is familiar to you as well. It reads, "More things are wrought by prayer than

this world dreams of." Perhaps I should have left it

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RESULTS

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MEAT PEN 06

#547 Rogers, Kash of Tolar FFA — 1st #119 Ornelles, Ryan of Granbury FFA — 2nd

#146 Freeman, Trip of Lipan 4H

– 3rd #706 Glover, Harley of Lipan FFA

4th #673 Pickens, Carter of Lipan FFA

#855 Wilkins, Brody of Granbury Jr.

RABBITS SINGLE FRYER 01

-5th

#481 Rhodes, Casher of Lipan Jr.

FFA — 1st #687 Henderson, Layla of Tolar FFA

— ∠NQ #260 Rurgess Tillye of Tolar FF∆

#269 Burgess, Tillye of Tolar FFA

#266 Pierce, Tatum of Cornerstone

4H — 4th #7 Sickels, Avery of Granbury FFA

#653 Morisette, Cadence of Granbury FFA — 6th

SINGLE FRYER 02

#610 Benthall, Ryder of Lipan FFA

#534 Kenley, Kyley of Tolar FFA

- 2nd #294 Cudd, Rylei of Lipan FFA - 3rd #608 Waiprick Kaylo of Talar EFA

#608 Weinrick, Kayle of Tolar FFA — 4th

#525 Musick, Emily of Tolar FFA — 5th

#524 Musick, Emily of Tolar FFA — 6th

SINGLE FRYER 03

#478 Bottini, Arrow of Tolar FFA – 1st #669 Boys, Olivia of Tolar FFA — 2nd #684 Henderson, Jacey of Tolar FFA— 3rd

#371 Kissel, Bonner or Tolar FFA

4th #685 Henderson, Jacey of Tolar

FFA — 5th #688 Henderson, Layla of Tolar FFA -6th

SINGLE FRYER 04

#770 Gammons, Shadi of Tolar FFA — 1st

#692 Clark, Kaylee of Tolar Jr. FFA — 2nd

#139 Wyss, Rhett of Granbury Jr. FFA -3 rd

#502 Bagley, Annelise of

Cornerstone 4H -4th

#862 Hayworth, Kegan of Sharp

Shooters 4H — 5th #816 Smith Kolten of Tolar FFA

#816 Smith, Kolten of Tolar FFA — 6th

SINGLE FRYER 05

#592 Boulanger, Grant of Tolar Jr. FFA — 1st

#908 Garcia, Macie of Lipan FFA

-2nd #721 Carter, Cora of Lipan FFA -3rd #471 Parker, Blake of Tolar FFA — 4th #206 Murphey, Emori of Tolar FFA

-5th #6 Carey, Emma of Tolar FFA — 6th

SINGLE FRYER 06

#457 Parker, Bella of Tolar FFA — 1st #864 Johnson, Gabriel of Lipan FFA — 2nd

#194 Moore, Kallie of Tolar 4H -3rd #874 Sklar, Avery of Tolar FFA — 4th #205 Murphey, Emori of Tolar FFA -5th

#377 Boggs, Pyper of Tolar FFA –6th

SINGLE FRYER 07

#769 Gammons, Shadi of Tolar FFA

#509 Seymour, Remington of Lipan Jr. FFA –2nd

#535 Kenley, Kyley of Tolar FFA — 3rd

#274 Campbell, Caden Granbury Jr.

#304 Jones, Katelynn of Lipan Jr. FFA — 5th

#723 Callaway, Kynzi of Lipan Jr. FFA -6th

SINGLE FRYER 08

#341 Payne, Claire of Cornerstone 4H – 1st #675 Pickens, Carter of Tolar FFA

-2nd #872 Peacock, Ellie of Lipan FFA

– 3rd #523 Massey, Easton of Lake

Granbury 4H -4th #317 Romada, Kherington of

Cornerstone 4H – 5th #544 Walters, Haven of Tolar FFA – 6th

SINGLE FRYER 09

#180 Swann, Rylee of Tolar FFA - 1st #195 Moore, Kallie of Tolar 4H - 2nd #585 Morris, Coy of Tolar FFA - 3rd #508 Seymour, Remington of Lipan Jr FFA - 4th

#548 Rogers, Kash of Tolar FFA –5th #521 Massey, Ava of Tolar FFA —6th

SINGLE FRYER 10

#504 Bagley, Jackson of Cornerstone 4H — 1st

#5 Carey, Emma of Tolar FFA — 2nd #237 Wimberley, Chylene of Lipan Jr. FFA –3rd

#337 Ashmore, Leslee of K-9 & Kids -4th

#101 Buchanan, Jordan of Granbury
FFA –5th

#275 Campbell, Hunter of Granbury Jr. FFA -6th

SINGLE FRYER 11

#785 Shockley, Hadley of Lipan FFA -1st — Reserve Champion

#348 Rickabaugh, Rylee of Tolar FFA — 2nd

#296 Cudd, Parker of Lipan FFA -3rd #568 Morales, Levi of Lipan FFA -4th

#565 Morales, Tobias of Lipan FFA

-5th #536 Shubert, Joey of Lipan FFA

SINGLE FRYER 12

#557 Rogers, Kallen of Tolar FFA – 1st #870 Fisher, Abigail of Tolar FFA

#858 Boyce, Breck of Lipan Jr. FFA

#97 Boyd, Sarah of Granbury FFA

-4th #264 Reeves, Austin of Granbury

#522 Massey, Easton of Lake Granbury 4H -6th

SINGLE FRYER 13

#575 Ervin, Landon of Lipan Jr FFA

#70 Clark, Ashlyn of Lipan FFA –2nd #349 Rickabaugh, Rylee of Tolar FFA –3rd

#691 Kunkel, Kaelin of Tolar FFA

#760 Flynt, Walker of Tolar Jr. FFA

#638 Bolfing, Zoe of Lipan FFA -6th

SINGLE FRYER 14

#125 Periman, Allison of Tolar Jr.

FFA –1st #370 Prock, Kenzie of Granbury

FFA — 2nd #671 Barber, Brooke of Lipan FFA

- 3rd

#520 Massey, Ava of Tolar FFA — 4th #239 Hill, Kerstin of Lipan FFA — 5th #606 Caviness, Amy of Lipan FFA

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SINGLE FRYER 15 #500 Bagley, Emma of Cornerstone

#500 Bagley, Emma of Comerstone 4H — 1st

#171 Walker, Paisley of Granbury FFA –2nd

#181 Swann, Rylee of Tolar FFA — 3rd

#774 Shockley, Finley of Lipan FFA

#503 Bagley, Jackson of Cornerstone 4H — 5th

#326 Jones, Carson of Cornerstone 4H – 6th

SINGLE FRYER 16

#178 Werner, Madison of Tolar FFA

– 1st – Grand Champion#156 Hooser, Kyndell of Tolar 4H– 2nd

#325 Jones, Carson of Cornerstone 4H — 3rd

#413 Green, Alisha of Lipan FFA - 4th #619 Donaghey, Zane of Tolar Jr.

-A — 5th #58 Ward, Molly of Lipan 4H — 6th

SINGLE FRYER 17

#170 Walker, Paisley of Granbury FFA — 1st

#144Thorne, Brendan of Granbury Jr. FFA — 2nd #249 Carmack, Shawna of Granbury

FFA — 3rd #703 Moore, Slade of Cornerstone 4H — 4th

#614 Donaghey, Raeleigh of Tolar Jr. FFA — 5th #677 Pickens, Cailyn of Tolar FFA

SINGLE FRYER 18

-6th

#328 Jones, Carter of Cornerstone 4H-1st

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PHOTOS BY MARY VINSON | HOOD COUNTY NEWS Broiler Grand Champion Cole Reynolds of the Lipan FFA.



Broiler Reserve Champion Braden Neal of the Granbury Jr. FFA.



Rabbit Grand Champion Madison Werner of the Tolar FFA.



Rabbit Reserve Champion Hadley Shockley of Lipan FFA.











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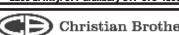
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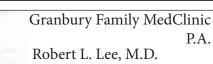
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Voice of Granbury contestants hit the stage Jan. 19

BY ASHLEY INGE Staff Writer

> ontestants for the fifth annual Voice of Granbury Main Event are gearing up for their performances on Thursday, Jan. 19, at The New Granbury Live, 110 N. Crockett St.

Beginning at 7:30 p.m., 10 singers will be competing to see who will be crowned the official Voice of Granbury for 2023.

For five years, the event has served as a fundraiser for the Granbury Kiwanis Club, a local volunteer service organization dedicated to improving the lives of children.

The 10 singers for Thursday's competition include: Crystal McCraw, Dennis Kniery, Shayla Nuttall, Sofi Warren, Melissa Collins, Lizz White, Chad Swanberg, Micah Young, Jerry Allen, and Crystal Douglass.

The following bios were emailed from the contestants to the event's organizers:

organizers:
Crystal McCraw is a wife to her best friend, Joe, and mother of two boys, Oryon and Cyrus. She's a hairstylist by day and a grumpy, tired bear ready for hibernation by night. She loves to hike, read, and travel. She fell in love with singing as a young girl watching her mother sing with a band. She hopes to do these songs she's chosen justice, and most importantly, she hopes that the Voice of Granbury event raises lots of money for a good cause.

Dennis Kniery first fell in love with country music riding in his Papaw's pickup in Central Louisiana. Although he never pursued a career in country music, he's been able to share his music with family and friends. Dennis loves to find karaoke spots wherever he can. Most recently, he sang at D'Vine Wine where he proposed to his girlfriend, Michele. Combined, they have five kids, three dogs, a cat, some fish, and they always have a warm meal for a stray animal or kid who needs one.

Shayla Nuttall is a 14-year-old student at Aledo Middle School. She adores animals and loves being in musicals. She was Brigitta in "The Sound of Music" at The Opera House here in Granbury. She likes to spend time with her friends and family and appreciates their support. Shayla is excited to sing again in The Voice of Granbury. She hopes you enjoy her performance.

Sofi Warren is a professional ballet dancer turned actress/singer. She has danced with Texas Ballet Theater, Ballet Arizona, and Ballet Frontier of Texas. She recently stepped into the world of theater and has played roles such as Brooke Wyndham in "Legally

Blonde," Martha in "The Ark,"
The White Stag in "Narnia... the
Wardrobe," and Ronette in "Little
Shop of Horrors." She thanks her
family and her vocal coach, Ashley
Green, as she couldn't do this without them

Melissa Collins is a Texas-based singer-songwriter hailing from eastern Kentucky. Influence of her roots can easily be heard in her soulful vocals, rife with emotion, providing listeners with excerpts from her life's soundtrack. After moving to Dallas and gaining local success and radio play, Melissa continued the pursuit of her lifelong dream and moved to Los Angeles. Within two years, she was signed to a label and released her first EP. Melissa is currently collaborating on a new EP to be released in 2023.

in 2023. Lizz White was born and raised in the Midwest and has resided in Granbury for six years. She is a retired educator and currently serves as president of Lake Granbury Kiwanis. Lizz has performed with various bands and musicians in an array of venues, including the stage at our own Granbury Sesquicentennial. She performs locally as lead vocalist with her husband, Bobby, in their band, Mysterious Scoundrels. She's also host of the Granbury Rock-N-Blues Bash.

Chad Swanberg is a Louisiana native who loves living in Granbury. A former football coach, he now runs his family's non-profit, Swanberg Christian Ministries. Chad loves

Louisiana State University, the Saints, any brand of football, playing golf, working out, singing karaoke, and spoiling his niece, nephew, and dog, Cotton. But above all, Chad's heart belongs to his girlfriend, Katy, who heard him sing at last year's competition, tracked

him down and settled him down.

Micah Young is 20 years old,
with musical roots that go back to
Elvis Presley in early high school.
He recently released a new song on
Spotify, and you can find him wherever you stream music or on social
media as My Dream Yacht. He now
takes inspiration from artists like
Dayglow, Vulfpeck, Hippo Campus,
Wallows, and various other alternative, indie, pop, rock, and funk
artists. He also won the Voice of
Granbury Audition Night event in
September.

Jerry Allen has been in Granbury since 1998. Prior to that, he was a professional road musician, playing guitar for a plethora of popular artists over a 35-year span. He is a local realtor and still plays area churches and venues occasionally. He grew up (got older) in Spain and Taiwan as a child and is the eldest of five siblings. He plays guitar, keys, bass, and drums as well, composing his own music at home.

Crystal Douglass is a Granbury native who has spent over 20 years visiting, living, graduating, and building both her career and family in the town that has built her. Crystal has always had a passion for the theater and is an avid karaoke fan. You may recognize her

from years of singing Patsy Cline at Babe's when the restaurant first opened. She has tried out for both American Idol and The Voice and is looking to snag "the Voice" title on a local level.

Each of the 10 singers will perform a song in round one, and the audience will vote on who advances to the next round using their voting tokens.

The second round will consist of the top five singers, who will then perform a second song, followed by another round of voting.

The top three finishers will advance to the final round, where they will perform a third song.

After a final round of voting, the Voice of Granbury will be crowned and will receive \$350.

Each audience member gets three voting tickets to begin the night, while additional tokens will be on sale for \$10 each.

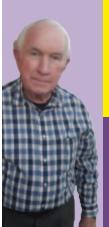
All proceeds help fund the charitable work of the Granbury Kiwanis Club.

"This is our fifth annual Voice of Granbury Main Event show, which features a fabulous lineup of great singers," said Matt Mills, event director. "With the money we've raised for Kiwanis, we've been able to increase our scholarships and help other worthy causes for kids in our community."

Tickets are \$30 each and can be purchased online at thenewgran-burylive.com.

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#623 Castillo, Caleb of Lipan FFA -3rd

#824 Swaim, Cooper of Tolar Jr. FFA — 4th

#85 Taylor, Alexis of Tolar FFA — 5th #732 Pixler, Allison of Cornerstone 4H-6th

SINGLE FRYER 19

#99 Buchanan, Jordan of Granbury FFA — 1st

#773 Shockley, Finley of Lipan FFA

#240 Hill, Kerstin of Lipan FFA — 3rd #120 Ornelles, Ryan of Granbury

#489 Heavyside, Grace of Lipan FFA — 5th

#841 Hunt, Mylee of Lipan FFA -6th

SINGLE FRYER 20

#782 Shockley, Hayden of Lipan FFA – 1st

#352 Rickabaugh, Joseph J. of Tolar FFA -2nd

#107 Broumley, Briley of Lipan FFA - 3rd

#147 Freeman, Trip of Lipan 4H -4th

#496 Bagley, Kaylin of Cornerstone

4H-5th#784 Shockley, Hadley of Lipan

SWINE

FFA – 6th

BREEDING SWINE 01 #516 Kirkpatrick, Braylee of Tolar FFA — 1st — Grand Champion #222 Huebinger, Travis of Lake Granbury 4H – 2nd

#555 Rogers, Kallen of Tolar FFA -3rd

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#210 Huebinger, Erin of Lake Granbury 4H – 4th



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Swine Grand Champion Braylee Kirkpatrick of the Tolar FFA.

#175 Cherry, Cole of Tolar Jr. FFA -5th

MARKET SWINE DUROC 01

#71 Clark, Ashlyn of Lipan FFA — 1st #208 Huebinger, Erin of Lake Granbury 4H – 2nd

#889 Wood, Justin of Tolar Jr. FFA -3rd

#360 Bearden, Jared of Granbury FFA — 4th

#313 Cody, Maverick of Tolar Jr. FFA

#330 Kendall, Darrell of Granbury FFA – 6th

DUROC 02

#399 Oldham, Hailey of Tolar FFA

#578 Holbrook, Hailee of Granbury FFA - 2nd

#245 Arlington, Ashton of Granbury

#10 Mckee, Audrey of Granbury FFA – 4th

DUROC 03

#786 Shockley, Hadley of Lipan FFA

1st - Reserve Duroc

#539 Donegan, Coco of Tolar FFA

#632 Looper, Cutter of Lipan Jr.

#871 Peacock, Ellie of Lipan FFA -4th

DUROC 04

#780 Shockley, Hayden of Lipan FFA

- 1st - Champion Duroc #776 Shockley, Finley of Lipan FFA

-2nd#221 Huebinger, Travis of Lake Granbury 4H – 3rd

#104 Reynolds, Zeke of Lipan Jr. FFA – 4th

BLACK OPB 01

#60 Warner, Lucyellen of tolar Jr. FFA – 1st

#590 Boulanger, Grant of Tolar Jr. FFA - 2nd

#22 Ogburn, Blythe of Granbury FFA - 3rd



Swine Reserve Champion Addison Tarpley of the Lipan FFA.

#484 Cummings, Tori of Lipan FFA -4th

BLACK OPB 02

#177 Cherry, Cole of Tolar Jr. FFA —

1st - Champion Black OPB #17 Cox, Jade of Granbury FFA —

2nd -Reserve Black OPB #395 Oldham, Wyatt of Tolar FFA

-3rd

#279 Carlisle, Branlee of Granbury FFA — 4th

BLACK OPB 03

#710 Caceres, David of Granbury FFA – 1st

#62 Shiver, Katie of Granbury FFA

-2nd#633 Looper, Cutter of Lipan Jr.

FFA - 3rd

#899 Caballero, Bailey of Lipan FFA — 4th

#298 Burnett, Luke of Lipan Jr. FFA -5th

WHITE OPB 01

#517 Kirkpatrick, Braylee of Tolar FFA — 1st — Grand Champion, Champion White OPB

#314 Cody, Maverick of Tolar Jr. FFA

- 2nd - Reserve White OPB #492 Veron, Ashley of Granbury FFA - 3rd

WHITE OPB 02

#105 Reynolds, Ziva or Lipan Jr. FFA — 1st

#793 Harrison, Madi of Lipan FFA

#20 Ogburn, Blythe of Granbury

FFA - 3rd#711 Caceres, David of Granbury

FFA — 4th

YORKSHIRES 01

#540 Donegan, Coco of Tolar FFA -1st

#645 Bolenbarker, Cash of Lipan

FFA - 2nd#659 Stephens, Cale of Lipan Jr.

#589 Boulanger, Grant of Tolar Jr. FFA — 4th

YORKSHIRES 02

#900 Tarpley, Blake of Lipan Jr. FFA - 1st - Champion York

#904 Bilbao, Chad of Lipan FFA — 2nd – Reserve York

#853 Wilkins, Larry "Trey" of Granbury FFA — 3rd

#442 Manley, Claire of Tolar FFA

#511 Seymour, Remington of Lipan Jr. FFA - 5th

YORKSHIRES 03

#567 Morales, Levi of Lipan FFA -1st #220 Huebinger, Travis of Lake Granbury 4H – 2nd

#564 Morales, Tobias of Lipan FFA

#278 Carlisle, Branlee of Granbury FFA — 4th

#301 Burnett, Sela of Lipan Jr. FFA

#19 Johnson, Emma of Granbury FFA — 6th

YORKSHIRES 04

#775 Shockley, Finley of Lipan FFA

#494 Tibbs, Regan of Granbury FFA — 2nd

#31 Meyer, Kyli of Tolar Jr. FFA — 3rd

HAMPSHIRES 01

#176 Cherry, Cole of Tolar Jr. FFA

#35 Petty, Derek of Granbury — 2nd #483 Rowland, Colten of Lipan

FFA - 3rd#734 Taylor, Sariah of Granbury FFA – 4th

#331 Kendall, Darrell of Granbury FFA — 5th

#637 Looper, Carson of Lipan Jr. FFA — 6th

#103 Reynolds, Zain of Lipan Jr. FFA - 7th

#906 Wood, Alexis of Lipan FFA

#123 Cardwell, Kayla of Granbury FFA — 9th

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HEALTHY CONNECTIONS

exercise classes. 9 a.m. exercise; 10 a.m. tai chi; 10: 30 a.m. exercise; 11:15 a.m. chair yoga. 1321 Waters Edge Drive, Suite 1001. Details: 817-579-2979.

GRANBURY BRIDGE Club,

ACBL-sanctioned duplicate bridge game, noon at Texas Cottage, 5920 Henslee Court. \$8, earn Masterpoints. Details: 817-480-4472.

Legion Post 491 of Granbury Burger Night. 5 - 7 p.m. American Legion Post, 3409 Davis Road. Funds raised are used to support veteran and community youth programs. Open to members and guests. Details: 515-554-6498.

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Chorus rehearsals, 7 p.m. at Acton United Methodist Church, 3433 Fall Creek Highway. Details: granburycivicchorus2001@ gmail.com.

TUESDAYS

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LINE DANCING 2 p.m. Healthy Connections, 1321 Waters Edge Drive, Suite 1001. Details: 817-579-2979. **GRANBURY JAM** Session 7:30-10:30 p.m. at Brock's Food and Drink, 4012 Acton Highway. Bring your instrument or get up and sing! Details: 505-710-5100.

WEDNESDAYS

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HABITAT FOR Humanity of Hood County volun-

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GRANBURY BRIDGE Club offers a "fun duplicate" bridge game at noon at the

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CHESS CLUB, 5-9 p.m. at YMCA, 1475 James Road. U.S. Chess Affiliate, all ages and skill levels, children 10 and under must be accompanied by adult. Y membership not required. Details: HoodCountyChess.com.

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FIRST MONDAYS

Radio Club meets on the first Monday each month at 7 p.m. at the Hood County Emergency Operations Center, 401 Deputy Larry Miller Drive.

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. 1 - 3 p.m. Acton Baptist Church Fellowship Hall, 3500 Fall Creek Highway. Details: 817-326-4693.



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at that. After all, I was unaware of its origin, merely thinking that it was penned by some famous preacher. Turns out, the author was famous, but with leanings more clearly toward poetry than to clergy.

While learning more about the life of Alfred Lord Tennyson, I felt drawn to his poetic genius, and less to his life wracked by sorrow, illness and discord. His life was torn by much; I'll leave it at that....

SIMILAR INCIDENT

From a selfish standpoint, I finally have something in common with a professional football player.

I, too, was felled by a heart attack, and I, too, was immediately attended by health professionals, both for CPR and jolts from an AED machine.

My "moment," too, was at the center of things, since I had just begun extending welcome and making announcements during a Sunday morning church service in October, 2021. I tumbled from the platform, landing on our senior pastor, seated on the first row....

FUND RISING

Admittedly, that's where comparisons end. His episode was witnessed by 70,000 or so in person, with millions more viewing on television. Mine was viewed by 300 worshipers, as well as several dozen watching the service online. Yet, responses were similar, albeit

on far different scales. Fans broke into prayer for Damar by the millions. For me, it was a few hundred. I place highest values

on these prayers, as I'm sure he does.

For many years, when friends have mentioned prayers for me, I've answered that "I need the prayer and they need the practice." Such remains so.

Finally, it is noteworthy that Damar's heart issues also have brought out the generosity of Americans. His "Go Fund Me" initiative — intended to provide toys

for children in his hometown of Pittsburgh, had reached \$2,500 by year's end. Now, the figure is ap-

proaching \$10 million, likely to go higher....

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BOOK FROM PAGE B1

this book isn't for you.
It's for the kid who loves a really great scare and can handle it with zero nightmares. It's for the young reader whose favorite sec-

tion of a museum is awash in fake blood, and who absolutely lives for the after-dark version of the haunted house at Halloween. That's the kid author Michael Burgan writes for, and that's the one who'll love what's inside this book, never mind that its short chapters are full of

things that will teach your child about the past and spark interest in learning. For your 8-to-12-year-old monster-lover, the thrill is the gateway, history comes free, and "Deadly Hearts" means a good read.

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PECAN PLANTATION BITS

Woman's Club gathering for first meeting of 2023



BY DIANE LONG

A Mississippi native who has been a Texas transplant for 27 years, Diane Long is a wife, mother and English teacher who has written Pecan Plantation Bits for 14 years cumulatively. She spends her time gathering neighborhood news and teaching students how to avoid passive voice.

he Pecan Plantation Woman's Club will gather Thursday, Jan. 19 with social time beginning at 9:30 a.m. and President Carol Herrick calling the meeting to order at 10. Following the business meeting, ladies will hear a program presented by Brian Galke concerning face reading basics. Lunch prepared by the clubhouse staff will follow the presentation. The "tabletop charity" for

January is Trinity Nursing and Rehab of Granbury, and ladies may bring donations to Thursday's meeting.

The PPWC's tenets are friendship, fellowship, pursuit of the arts, and charitable ventures. All Pecan ladies are invited to join.

GENEALOGY GROUP

The Genealogy Group will meet on Tuesday, Jan. 17 at 10 a.m. at the EMS training room on Monticello Drive.

Everyone is welcome as attendees are not required to be Pecan residents.

Meeting goers will learn about Texas history from the early to middle 1830s, a time filled with key events leading to the formation of the Republic of Texas. Phil Harris, a member of the David Crockett Chapter of the Sons of the Republic of Texas, will present a compelling story concerning the fight for Texas independence from Mexico using a background of period Texas flags to illustrate the tale.

WebEx will be available upon request. Contact Ronda Bauman by Monday, Jan. 16 to set up the connection: 512-461-5128.



The Pecan Plantation Woman's Club will gather for its first meeting of 2023 on January 19. Ladies will enjoy a business meeting, program, and lunch. The tabletop charity for the month is Trinity Nursing and Rehab of Granbury. Pictured left to right are PPWC members Oneta Bergman, Helen Price, Annelle Teal, and Connie Brashier.

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Committee for the 2023 choosing of board of director members is now forming. Folks interested in serving on the committee may sign up in two ways: stop by the clubhouse front desk or visit Pecan's website link under "Election Committee sign up." Neighbors who have

WELCOME HOME

The next New Member Orientation comes Tuesday,

Terrace Room of the Pecan

cently arriving to our community, or folks who have

lived here for a bit, are both

and ask questions about our

Bingo night comes to the

clubhouse on Tuesday, Jan.

17 from 7 to 9 p.m. where

dobbers and cards are in-

cluded with a \$10 playing

fee. Snacks will be provid-

prizes. Seating is limited,

sary: 817-573-2641.

ELECTION COMMITTEE

Pecan's Election

and reservations are neces-

ed, and winners will receive

welcome to hear from the

Membership Committee

neighborhood.

GAME TIME

clubhouse. Residents re-

Ian. 17 at 10 a.m. in the

served previously on the committee are required to sign up again to serve this year. The deadline for volunteering is Monday, Jan. 16 at 4:30 p.m.

FOOD AND FELLOWSHIP

A Mexican buffet and bingo night is on the calendar for Tuesday, Jan. 17 with food service beginning at 5:45 p.m. and bingo at 7. Snacks (along with tea and water) will be provided, as well as a cash bar. Prizes for bingo winners are also part of the event. Reservations are required at this Entertainment Committee sponsored occasion: 817-573-2641.

BREAKFAST CLUB

The next meeting of Pecan's Breakfast Club comes Wednesday, Jan. 25 when the folks seeking a board of director position will be featured. Neighbors vying for a board seat are "Doug" Scott Bacon, Dr. Eugene Barron, Jr., Chris Fair, Larry Johnson, Randy Larson, Robert Taber, Jr., and Tim Webster. Election day for Pecan is Saturday, March 4, and three board members will be selected to serve three-vear terms.

TRAINING DAY

The Pecan Plantation Volunteer Fire Department and Emergency Medical Service thanks everyone who came to its most recent training where attendees studied emergency apparatus and its location on each truck. Trainings happen the first Saturday of each month at 8 a.m. and the third Thursday of the month at 6 p.m. Everyone is welcome as first responding volunteers are needed.

DONATION DAY

Stemming from the success of past blood donation days facilitated by the American Red Cross, another blood drive date is on the calendar. Members may mark Wednesday, Feb. 15 from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the PAC gymnasium as the day when the Red Cross will be on site. More details about securing a donation slot are forthcoming.

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PLAY

FROM PAGE B6 **FIRST TUESDAYS**

GRANBURY DOLL Club meeting, 2 p.m. Granbury Doll House Museum, 421 E Bridge St. All doll appreciators are welcome!

SECOND TUESDAYS

GRANBURY KNITTING Guild meets to knit, learn

and share knitting tips each month at First Presbyterian Church Annex, 303 W. Bridge St. Coffee at 9:30 a.m. and meeting from 10-11:30 a.m.

FIRST THURSDAYS

BRAZOS RIVER Corvette Club meets on the first

Thursday each month for fellowship, planning events and other business. Dinner, if desired, at 6 p.m., meeting from 7-8 p.m. at Spring Creek Barbeque, 317 E. U.S. Highway 377. Details: bskaggs8aol.com.

SECOND SATURDAYS

2ND SATURDAY Showoff at Fuzzy's Taco Shop, 115 W. Pearl St. Car show, 8:30 -10:30 a.m.

THIRD MONDAYS

GRANBURY QUILTERS

Guild meets on the third Monday each month at United Coop Electric, 320 Fall Creek Highway, 6 p.m. Details: 817-296-8186.

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. 1 -3 p.m. Acton Baptist Church Fellowship Hall, 3500 Fall Creek Highway. Details: 817-326-4693.

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BY PAM KNIEPER

Pam Knieper, Broker/Owner of Knieper Real Estate, is and has been the #1 Top Producer for more than 15 years in Hood County and running. She is known as the Waterfront Expert and the Authority on Real Estate.

APPY NEW YEAR! I sincerely hope your holidays were filled with love, laughter, good food, and good cheer. This new year we are already seeing an increase in homes coming onto the market. If you are thinking of selling it is important not only to price your home competitively, but also to stage it correctly.

QUESTION: If you were selling a product that could fit on a shelf alongside other similar products what would be one of the major marketing details to consider? ANSWER: Outward appearance. You would attempt to design a product that caught people's eye and made them want to pick it up. In Real Estate that is called "curb appeal," and it is a critical part of staging a home for sale.

Here some suggestions for you to consider when staging your home to sell.

CURB APPEAL

Touch up any peeling paint, repair cracks in the driveway, power wash steps and railings. Paint or stain the front door, add a wreath and a fresh welcome mat. Knock down spider webs. Remove dead or overgrown shrubs, make sure the lawn is mowed and remember that black mulch works miracles. You only get one shot at a first impression and your home's outward appearance will be the first thing the buyer likes or dislikes.

DECLUTTER

All those lovely collect-

ables have a special place in your heart but not in a home you are selling. Remove anything that will distract buvers from seeing your property, including personal collections (yes, that sports memorabilia room has to go!). A few family photos are fine, but a solid wall of family photos or little league trophies is too much, and if you have to turn sideways to walk between items of furniture, something has to go.

MAKE IT SMELL GOOD

Cooking and/or pet odors are a seller's worst enemy, and if you smoke in your home, it's time to take that habit outside. If you fried fish for lunch, make sure there are no lingering reminders because any type of unpleasant odor will be an

instant turn off for prospective buyers.

DON'T INVEST IN **MAJOR RENOVATIONS**

Once you start; where do you stop? Fresh paint is still one of the most affordable and effective ways to refresh a dated home. Remove old heavy drapery and let the light shine in through your CLEAN windows. Carpet floors should be cleaned and stretched or if they need replacing an LVT, tile, or wood laminate floor is recommended.

DON'T LEAVE BROKEN ITEMS UNREPAIRED

If the doorbell or outdoor lights are broken, FIX THEM. Leaky faucets, broken or missing door hardware,

cracked or fogged windows, loose door knobs...these items scream neglect. In a buyer's mind if you haven't made these easy fixes, what major issues have you also been ignoring?

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RESULTS

FROM PAGE B5

HAMPSHIRES 02

#636 Looper, Carson of Lipan Jr.

#532 Reuther, Stockton of Tolar

#415 Green, Savannah of Lipan

#441 Manley, Claire of Tolar FFA

#787 Shockley, Hadley of Lipan

#435 Boyce, Makenze of Granbury Jr. FFA — 6th

#510 Seymour, Remington of Lipan Jr. FFA — 7th

#250 Dearman, Weston of Granbury Jr. FFA — 8th

HAMPSHIRES 03

#172 Cherry, Carson of Tolar 4H

#398 Oldham, Hailey of Tolar FFA -2nd

#854 Wilkins, Brody of Granbury Jr.

#577 Holbrook, Marissa of

Granbury FFA — 4th

#16 Cox, Jade of Granbury FFA

#573 Harris, Holland of Granbury

#135 Combs, Brynn of Tolar Jr. FFA

#18 Johnson, Emma of Granbury

FFA – 8th #543 Donegan, Tripp of Tolar FFA

-9th

HAMPSHIRES 04

#898 Tarpley, Addison of Lipan FFA 1st -Reserve Champion, Champion

#880 Grove, Landrey K. of Lipan FFA

- 2nd - Reserve Hamp

#890 Wood, Justin of Tolar Jr. FFA

-3rd#553 Rogers, Kallen of Tolar FFA

#57 Hicks, Austin of Granbury FFA

CROSSES 01

#897 Tarpley, Addison of Lipan FFA — 1st — Reserve Cross, Sr. Showmanship

#72 Clark, Ashlyn of Lipan FFA

#903 Bilbao, Chad of Lipan FFA -3rd

#660 Hunt, Mylee of Lipan FFA

#439 Boyce, Austin of Granbury

#735 Taylor, Sariah of Granbury

#468 Brooks, Wright of Lipan Jr.

#465 Brooks, Lillian of Lipan Jr.

#705 Yates, Jesse of Lipan FFA — 9th

CROSSES 02

#408 Kohis, Carleigh of Granbury

#359 Bearden, Jared of Granbury

FFA – 1st

#844 Coaster, Jalysha of Granbury

Jr. FFA - 3rd#533 Reuther, Ransom of Tolar 4H

#12 Seeton, Savanna of Granbury

#482 Crawford, Carlee of Granbury

#843 Coaster, Jalysha of Granbury Jr. FFA — 7th

CROSSES 03

#563 Morales, Tobias of Lipan FFA

#36 Petty, Derek of Granbury FFA

#242 Martinez, Lakynn of Tolar Jr.

#445 Webb, Dakota of Tolar FFA -4th #446 Webb, Dakota of Tolar FFA

-5th

CROSSES 04

#901 Tarpley, Blake of Lipan Jr. FFA

#566 Morales, Levi of Lipan FFA

#396 Oldham, Wyatt of Tolar FFA -3rd

#794 Harrison, Madi of Lipan FFA

#297 Cudd, Breighton of Lipan FFA

CROSSES 05

#881 Grove, Landrey K. of Lipan

#528 Bridges, Alli of Tolar FFA — 2nd #207 Trujillo, Austin of Granbury

FFA - 3rd#779 Shockley, Hayden of Lipan

#882 Grove, Riley N. of Lipan FFA

#108 Broumley, Briley of Lipan FFA-6th

CROSSES 06

#518 Kirkpatrick, Braylee of Tolar FFA — 1st — Champiion Cross, Jr. Showmanship

#173 Cherry, Carson of Tolar 4H

#851 Wilkins, Larry "Trey" of

Granbury FFA – 3rd #32 Lewis, Vanessa of Granbury

#569 Morales, Lucas of Lipan FFA

-5th

CROSSES 07

#529 Bridges, Alli of Tolar FFA — 1st #438 Boyce, Austin of Granbury

#570 Morales, Lucas of Lipan FFA

#883 Grove, Riley N. of Lipan FFA

#888 Wood, Rhiyann of Tolar Jr.

FFA – 5th #209 Huebinger, Erin of Lake

Granbury 4H – 6th

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