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 $Planet\ Fitness\ staff\ Corey\ Harrison, left, general\ manager\ and\ Krista\ Uzzell, right, district\ manager, pose\ in\ front\ of\ the\ Synrgy360\ work\ out\ machine.$

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Planet Fitness opens location in Granbury

BY ASHLEY INGE

Staff Writer

t's time to put down those fries and get ready to exercise.

Planet Fitness, a popular and affordable fitness center, opened its Granbury location on Jan. 16, located at 301 E. U.S. Highway 377 Suite 106 (in the former Bealls building near Staples).

With 49 locations in the greater DFW area and three nearby locations — Cleburne, Stephenville, and Weatherford — Planet Fitness is one of the largest and fastest-growing franchisors and operators of fitness centers in the United States, according to its website.

The 15,100 square foot Granbury location is equipped with a large selection of state-of-the-art cardio, circuit, and weight training equipment, with several TVs mounted in front of the cardio machines to serve as entertainment for members.

Separate locker room and shower facilities are provided for males and females, along with day-use lockers

"Inside of our locker rooms, it's going to be very spacious and clean," said Krista Uzzell, Planet Fitness district manager. "We have three showers (for both men and women), changing rooms, and dayuse lockers. All we do is ask you to bring your locks with you."

Cleaning stations are offered throughout the gym and members

are asked to wipe down the equipment before and after use.

Exclusive to Black Card members is the spa, featuring massage chairs and HydroMassage beds and loungers that use heated water to provide a relaxing, rejuvenating

Granbury is also the first Planet Fitness location in this area to offer the RelaxSpace Wellness Pod — a feature that Uzzell is excited about.

The RelaxSpace Wellness Pod provides Planet Fitness members with an opportunity to disconnect and recharge for 15 minutes with a unique, multi-sensory experience, according to hydromassage.com.

Planet Fitness Black Card members can use the Wellness Pod to relax with nature videos, control their breathing with guided and controlled breathing therapy, reset with meditation, soothe sore muscles with heat therapy, lower stress with aromatherapy options, and explore unique cities of the world using the dashboard feature.

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For anyone new to Planet Fitness or even working out in general, each piece of equipment at Planet Fitness includes a QR code for members to scan using the Planet Fitness app. The app will show members how to use each machine, while also informing them of which muscle groups they're using while working out.

Planet Fitness' classic membership is \$10 a month and includes unlimited fitness training during the week with a certified fitness instructor, access to the gym facilities, and free public Wi-Fi.

City to impose fees for economic development applications

BY KATHY CRUZ

Senior Staff Writer

Developers seeking economic development incentives and agreements from the city of Granbury will now be required to pay a fee for their application to be processed.

The move is in line with practices that other cities have in place for economic development incen-

tives and is also in line with other types of fees charged by the city

of Granbury.
The City Council approved
the recommendation made by
city staff at its regular meeting
Tuesday.

The application fee will be \$500.

City Manager Chris Coffman said that the city of Fort Worth charges \$5,000 in such cases and that there are other cities that charge \$1,000.

He stated that city employees spend a considerable amount of time processing applications and that the fee will help in cases of "all thunder and no rain" — projects that never get off the ground.

Economic Development Director Lance LaCour said that payment of a fee would be an indicator of "more commitment" from developers who request incentives under the city's Chapter 380 Economic Development Program, which was adopted by resolution on Aug. 21, 2007.

He said that the form is "a pretty extensive application."

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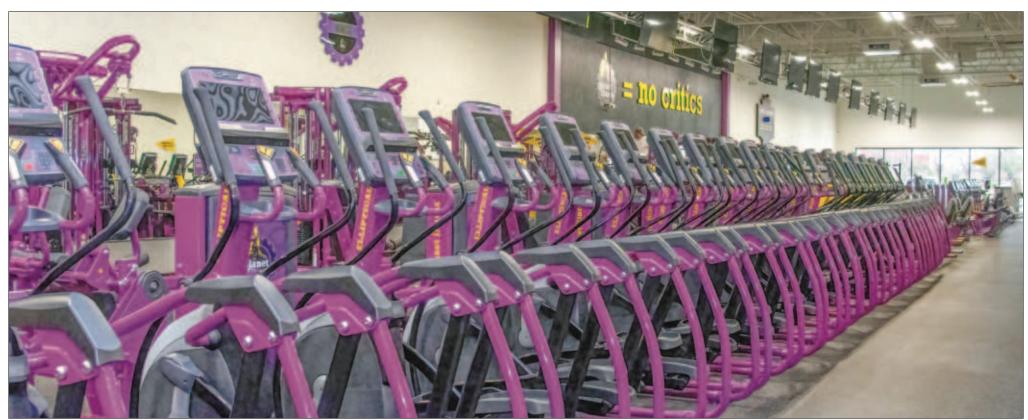
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> KRISTA UZZELL Planet Fitness district manager



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"The Granbury location, this is our first location that has the Wellness Pod, so that's a great, huge, plus," Uzzell said. "Then we do have the HydroMassage chairs and loungers, along with other amenities as well."

Planet Fitness' classic membership is \$10 a month and includes unlimited fitness training during the week with a certified fitness instructor, access to the gym facilities, and free public Wi-Fi.

The Black Card membership is \$24.99 a month and includes all features that the classic membership offers, as well as access to the Black Card Spa, access to any Planet Fitness location worldwide, and the option to bring a non-member.

"As a Black Card member, you

can bring a guest with you every time you work out. They don't have access to the Black Card Spa, but they have access to the gym itself," Uzzell said.

One aspect that makes Planet Fitness unique is its non-intimidating atmosphere and judgment-free

"I think it's so important what we stand for," Uzzell said. "We want all of our members to come in and feel like they're part of something. We provide a very clean, safe program for our members to come in and get a workout — no matter what type of fitness journey you're

For anyone new to Planet Fitness or even working out in general, each piece of equipment includes a QR code for members to scan using the Planet Fitness app.

"You can scan the QR code, and it can show you how to use the equipment and what muscle groups you're using," Uzzell said. "The PF app is free to download and if you become a member, you can also use that PF app to check in."

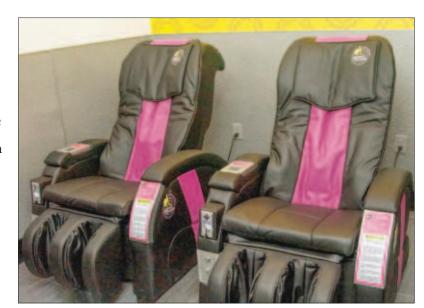
Uzzell said if anyone is interested in becoming a Planet Fitness member, they are welcome to come in anytime for a tour.

"I always tell members to come in so they can get a tour of the facility and any team member at the front desk will help with any questions you might have," she said. "We just hope you become a member."

Planet Fitness will be open in Granbury from 4 a.m.-11 p.m. Monday through Friday and 5 a.m.-9 p.m. Saturday and Sunday.

For more information, visit planetfitness.com.

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Everyone fails, but failure does not necessarily equal a loss

■ his past Saturday I got up, went through my usual Saturday morning routine and then went to the office to get some work completed. The day progressed swimmingly until I simply ran out of gas. It had been a long, trying week and I needed to clear my head. It seemed reasonable to call the workday short and retire to my house to relax for a spell. Fortunately, there was NFL playoff football on TV and the game I focused on was quite an

The Jacksonville Jaguars were pitted against the Los Angeles Chargers. The Jags were led by Trevor Lawrence, an outstanding young quarterback who had been in the No. 1 selection in the NFL draft after winning a national championship in college. His season had been somewhat inconsistent as the Jags had lost five in a row at one point, but they had turned things around and were now amid a five-game win streak and making their first playoff appearance in some years.

The first half of the game could not have gone worse for the Jags and Trevor. The young quarterback managed to throw three interceptions in the first quarter alone; a record for failure that no NFL



BY SAM HOUSTON

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

quarterback had ever managed to obtain. At one point the Jags were down 27-0 and I am pretty sure, most people turned the channel to a different show or simply went to bed. The fans and the sports media analysts were filling the airways with criticism. They were expounding what everyone in the world who had been watching the game already knew — that the first half was a total failure and the blame largely lay at Trevor Lawrence's

The second half was a different story. Lawrence completed 15 of 17 passes and threw three touchdown passes. The Jaguars came all the way back and won the game on a last-second field goal, 31-30. It was one of the biggest and best comebacks in NFL history and certainly a dramatic and entertaining game to watch.

How did Trevor Lawrence do it? How did he work through the agony of four first half interceptions, and then have the fortitude to come out in the second half and not only play better, but play remarkably well and lead his team to victory? Why did he not give up, hang his head in despair and tell himself it simply was not his day? What motivated him and gave him the courage to keep moving forward even when the odds were so far against him?

There are hundreds of examples of great comebacks in history. Abraham Lincoln suffered a tremendous defeat in losing the 1858 Illinois Senate election to Stephen Douglas but rallied from the loss to become his party's candidate for the nation's highest office. He was elected in 1860 and became one of our greatest presidents.

Richard Nixon lost the 1960 presidential election, and then lost the California Senate election in 1962. The world considered former vice-president Nixon to be a political "has been," but just a few short years later he came back from political obscurity to win the presidency in the election of 1968.

In the weeks and months follow-

ing the devastating defeat at Pearl Harbor there was genuine concern the Japanese might invade the mainland of the United States. With a damaged and depleted U.S. Navy, fear was rampant. Just a mere six months after Dec. 7, the U.S. military unleashed a devasting defeat upon the Imperial Japanese Navy at the Battle of Midway. The Japanese lost more than 3,000 men, four aircraft carriers and 300 aircraft. The United States suffered the loss of 360 men and 145 aircraft during what some describe as the greatest U.S. naval victory in history. The battle changed the tide of the war in the Pacific.

Seems like all these examples involve strong-willed people who had inherent confidence in their abilities. Lincoln and Nixon knew they would not win every single vote, and Trevor Lawrence knew he would not win every single play. The U.S. military forces understood there would be regrettable, but expected losses. All of these examples played the "long game" and knew if they did their best, prepared and worked hard, eventually the table would turn in their favor.

Temporary defeats are to be expected. There is no one who has ever operated a business, been in love, or raised a child, who has not

had setbacks. I have never met a cowboy who can say he has never been thrown from a horse. The question is not if the setbacks will come, but how a person deals with and works through the setbacks that matters. It is confidence in one's own skills and talents. It is maintaining faith that the hard work and dedication will eventually pay off. It is having the courage and grit to compete no matter the obstacles or odds. These are the characteristics that allow people to come through the darkest passages of life and bask in the sunshine of another day.

As this next week unfolds, there will be little setbacks in your life. It might be as small as the new puppy having an accident on the living room rug, to losing a major client at work and wondering if you can keep the doors open. Keep your focus, stay the course, be cool when others are losing their head, do what you do best, and eventually, success will be yours.

Thought for the day: Success is not final: failure is not fatal. It is the courage to continue that counts.

Until next time I will keep ridin' the storm out.

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THE IDLE AMERICAN

Budding vocal artist Craig Murphy — a man who found his way

e didn't see it as a turning point at the time this budding vocal artist who was belting out country songs at the Burger Box in

Craig Murphy, then age 40, might have been flipping burgers instead, trying to find a road that led somewhere instead of dead-end trails he'd followed for a couple of decades.

He'd studied with diligence, applied himself and earned certifications in several fields, including auto mechanics, truck driving, law enforcement and radio broadcasting. However, all these pursuits lost their luster.

'LIMITED TALENT'

A few years earlier, worshipers at his small church near his home in Fort Worth — mostly senior adults — loved his singing Modest then as he is now, Craig decided to embark on a musical career, despite being introverted and "with limited talent."

He soon found happiness in singing, even though it required his lugging around a makeshift sound system, microphone and background CDs, initially limited to burger places. There, he earned a few dollars and received modest

With CDs providing background music for a couple of thousand songs, he had most of the lyrics memorized. The memorization came easy, since he had listened to country music driving 18-wheelers on trips — mostly at night — from New York to California. (A trucking school



BY DON NEWBURY

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

graduate, he soon learned that long-haul driving was not for him.)

'A NEW LIFE'

Through luck or fate, the late Mrs. Johnny High heard Craig singing at a burger place, and immediately invited him to sing at the Johnny High Country Music Revue, a weekly show her late husband founded in 1974 and a Metroplex staple for some four decades.

He was awestruck at the prospect. He quickly accepted, feeling fulfillment on the Arlington stage. Soon, he was invited to sing for residents at Arlington Villa Health and Rehab.

That was a dozen years ago. At age 40, he was energized, thankful for what he felt to be "a new life." Thanks to encouragement from Mrs. High — who died at age 91 a few months ago — he was "singing outside the (Burger) box."

DELIGHT

He had discovered his talent, as well as his audiences. He feels utmost delight in singing for residents of care centers, and the feeling is mutual. They love him back.

Since then, he has sung at about 100 centers in Tarrant, Dallas and adjoining counties, often with three shows daily, monthly at most facilities.

He has performed more than 6,000 times, calling many of his admirers by name as he moves among his fans, shaking hands and wishing them well, always with a disarming smile.

BUSY PERFORMER

Even COVID couldn't dissuade Craig from his mission, his "call from God." It knocked a hole in his scheduling, though. He felt almost as idle as his 1991 Chevrolet pick-up that he'd bought new and finally warehoused about the time COVID hit. (Most of the odometer's 300,000 miles were registered as Craig drove to and from entertainment venues.)

Still, Craig averaged 200 dates annually — in 2020 and 2021 instead of 600, spending free time with a lawn service and putting his auto mechanic skills to work.

Now, he's back, never busier and never happier.

GOOD TIME

Most all the care centers have retained him, and happily so. Some residents ask friends and relatives to visit "the nights Craig sings."

They have their favorites, of course, and one is his original composition, "Anytime," recorded in Nashville. He sang it on television's "Penny Gilley Show," and it also is played regularly on radio.



COURTESY OF DON NEWBURY

Since being invited to sing at the Johnny High Country Music Revue, Craig Murphy has sung at about 100 centers in Tarrant, Dallas and adjoining counties totalling more than 6,000 performances.

Its lyrics contend that any time is a good time for prayer.

PASSION

Craig is also grateful to have found his "true love," Cham, a valued employee of Arlington's Fox Run Estates.

A permanent American resident since 1985, she has overcome much. In her native Cambodia, she watched family members as

they were slain by Communist-led genocide. Among some two million victims from 1975-79 were her father and four of her five sisters.

Craig and Cham truly have much in common, including passion to serve others.

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Road trip! Chamber plans visit to Capitol during 88th Legislature

BY KATHY CRUZ

Senior Staff Writer

HILARY MCALLISTER

There's still time to catch the bus for the Granbury Chamber of Commerce's "Hood County Day at the Capitol" excursion.

The field trip to Austin will take

place on Thursday, Feb. 2.

With the chamber chartering a bus, the visit to the Capitol while the 88th Legislature is in session offers an opportunity to spend the day with friends and make new ones while meeting with lawmakers and seeing state government in

The Legislature convened on Jan. 10 and will be in session through May 29. Top issues for lawmakers include the power grid and property tax reform.

The \$100 fee to be part of the Hood County contingent includes the bus ride and lunch.

The bus will depart the city parking lot across from the Langdon Center on East Pearl Street at 6 a.m. and will return at 7 p.m.

Registration can be done online through the Event Calendar at granburychamber.com.

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

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Report: Granbury's volunteer firefighters deploy within minutes

BY KATHY CRUZ Senior Staff Writer

In 2022, members of the Granbury Volunteer Fire Department responded to 1,613 calls, deploying in less than two and a half minutes, on average, according to Fire Chief Matt

Hohan.

"That's a really incredible number," Hohan said during a report he gave to the City Council at its regular meeting Tuesday night.

Sixty percent of the calls to which the department responded in 2022 were inside the city limits while 40% were outside the city limits, the chief said. Twenty-five percent were medical calls involving EMS.

Volunteer firefighters save local taxpayers millions. In Hood County, there are nine volunteer fire departments and no paid fire departments.

Granbury has two fire stations, Station 1 and Station 2.

According to Hohan, last year GVFD's 60 members accounted for 10,564 responses and more than 9,655 individual hours on scene.

They fought 12 structure fires and nine residential structure fires. They worked seven vehicle accidents and responded to six alarms with no fire.

Hohan said that the department's average enroute time, from the pager tone to apparatus being deployed, was two minutes and 21 seconds. The average time for enroute apparatus to arrive on scene was five minutes and 18 seconds. The average amount of time spent on-scene was 22 minutes and 35 seconds.

According to other statistics provided by Hohan, individual responses to incidents in 2022 numbered 10,564.

The city's volunteer firefighters clocked 2,750 hours of training, with individual members averaging 67 hours.

Noteworthy developments in 2022 included the re-establishment in November of the GVFD Support Brigade for those who want to assist the department through fundraising and other ways not related to firefighting and the arrival in late December of a new tanker.

Hohan's state-of-the-department report for 2022 was not an action item for the City Council.

Mayor Jim Jarratt wrapped up the report and discussion by thanking Hohan for the work that he and his volunteers do on behalf of the city.

SPAGHETTI LUNCH

Next month, the Support Brigade will host a spaghetti fundraiser with proceeds going to the GVFD.

It will be from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Saturday, Feb. 18, at Station 1, 1701 W. Pearl St.

The meal will include spaghetti, garden salad, dessert and a drink.

There is no set price for the meal. Donations will be accepted.

Take-out will be available.

Those interested in joining the GVFD or the Support Brigade can find more information online, at gvfd.org.

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John A. Thompson

September 12, 1942 - January 3, 2023

Born and raised in San Antonio Texas, John attended Edison High School and moved on to The University of Texas in Austin. He graduated with a degree in Radio/TV and Communications. His career began as a TV news anchor in Austin, Odessa, and then back to San Antonio. He was a co-founder of Data Graphics Computer Company, and eventually moved on into his career at Southwestern Bell and AT&T in marketing. After his retirement, he continued to do training seminars for various companies.

He had a passion for planes, trains, and automobiles. He was a magician, storyteller, joker, world traveler, music lover, avid boater, hunter, gamer, ham radio operator, and so much more. He was loved greatly by his family, friends, his San Antonio/Hill Country "brothers", and his friends at The Firehouse Cafe in Granbury.

He is survived by his daughter Laura Webber (Scott), grandson Grayson Webber, granddaughter Kaitlyn Thompson, first wife Susan Thompson,



Stepniece Stephanie Mc-Clure (Scot), step-grandnieces Berkley, Bailey Krenek (Stephen) and his beloved dog Dexter.

He is preceded in death by his wife Carolyn Sue Thompson, and son Scott A. Thompson.

Memorial service will be held at Granbury First Methodist Church, 301 NE Loop 567, Granbury, TX 76048 on February 11, 2023 at 11:00 AM.

In Lieu of flowers, please consider donating to a charity close to your heart. An act of kindness to a friend, neighbor, or stranger in your community will further honor his memory and celebrate the influence of a remarkable life.

Bobbie Nell Tatum

May 6, 1939 - January 13, 2023

Bobbie Nell Tatum, 83, went to be with the Lord and is now celebrating her new restored body, on Friday, January 13, 2023 in Granbury, Texas. She was born in Dallas, Texas on May 6, 1939, to James Allen and Opal Geneva Nolley.

Bobbie was an avid golfer and enjoyed ballroom dancing. She was a member of the Oak Trail Baptist Church and was the pianist for 8 years.

Bobbie was preceded in death and has now joined her parents and all her siblings.

Bobbie leaves behind to cherish her memory sons, Keith and Patsy Kirkpatrick of Arlington, Texas, David and Rhonda Kirkpatrick of Quinlan,



Texas, Kenneth and Keven Tatum of Tolar, Texas, Charles Tatum of Granbury, Texas; 11 grandchildren and 16 great grandchildren.

Final arrangements are pending and are being made by Wiley Funeral Home.

OBITUARIES

Mary Beth Daniels Bridges

July 22, 1941 - January 8, 2023

Mary Beth was born in Houston, on July 22, 1941, to Grady Edgar Daniels "Pops" and Dorothy Mae (Shepard) Daniels "DD." She and her sister Linda spent their school years in Stephenville, Texas. Mary Beth often recalled her favorite part of childhood was being a big sister to Linda. She was involved in drama, enjoying being a Stingerette and participating in many church programs.

Mary Beth met Truman Bridges at Tarleton College. They were married on September 1, 1962. She finished her university degree at the University of Texas El Paso. They welcomed their first son, Tommy in 1963, their second son, Jimmy in '65 and their daughter Becky in '66. Throughout her career Mary Beth was a teacher, first at an Indian reservation in New Mexico, then in schools across Texas. In 1972, the family moved and raised the children in Groom, Texas. While there, she continued to teach and completed her Master of **Education Degree at West** Texas State University. In



1985, Truman and Mary Beth moved to Granbury, and were active at Acton Baptist Church. In 2016 Mary Beth moved to San Antonio to be closer to her daughter.

Mary Beth went to be with the Lord on January 8, 2023. Her services were held at Acton Cemetery on January 12. She was preceded in death by her parents, husband, Truman and son, Tommy. They surely had quite a reunion in heaven. She is survived by her sister, Linda (Daniels) Allison, daughter, Rebecca Dinnin, her son James and two granddaughters Sarah (Bridges) Sills and Brittany (Bridges) Gobbell.

Mary Lynn Babb

August 14, 1954 - January 13, 2023

Mary Lynn Babb, a long time resident of Granbury, Tx passed away surrounded by family on January 13th, 2023 at the age of 68 after a long fought battle with cancer.

Mary is survived by her children; Joe-Heather Zahaczewski, Chris-Debbie Zahaczewski, Isaac-Katie Jones; her grandchildren; Joshua Zahaczewski, Jacob Zahaczewski, Keirken Clifton, Kiefer Rehak, Amanda Rehak, Dylan Jones, William Jones.

Mary always had a big heart, and has never met a stranger. She worked as a manager at Whataburger for many years before being diagnosed. There she met so many people that



she truly loved and did her best to take care of. She will be deeply missed by family, and friends, and all that knew her.

Mother, you left us beautiful memories, your love is still our guide, although we cannot see you, you're always at our side.

Wynell Crow

November 2, 1938 - January 16, 2023

Wynell Crow, born November 2,1938 and passed away January 16, 2023.

Survived by her husband of (61) years, Ronnie Crow; nieces, Terrie and Mariah; two best friends in the

world, Patty and Jamie.
At the request of Wynell, there will be no services scheduled.

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Watch out for tax season scams

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It's that time of year when we do our taxes — but it's also the same time that tax scammers go to work. What scams should you watch for – and how can you avoid being victimized?

Sadly, the list of scams is pretty long, including demands for payment or requests for "additional information" pertaining to your tax refund, in which the sender asks for your Social Security number and other personal information. These scam emails



can look quite official, often incorporating the IRS logo. You might also receive scam text messages containing bogus links claiming to

links claiming to be the IRS website or an online "tool" that can help process

your refund faster.
But keep these points in mind:

· The IRS generally won't contact you by phone and won't contact you by email, text messages or social media channels to ask for personal or financial information. The IRS begins most correspon-

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mand you make an immediate payment through a prepaid debit card or wire transfer. If you owe taxes, the IRS generally will mail you a bill. And the IRS won't threaten to bring in the police or another law enforcement group to arrest you for not paying your taxes.

In general, be extremely skeptical about any type of communication purporting to be from the IRS that sounds bullying or over-inquisitive — and certainly don't give out any personal or financial information. But these fake

messages aren't the only taxseason scams out there. You might even receive a direct deposit from what appears to be the U.S. Treasury Department — but if you weren't expecting it, something's likely not right. This payment could be a sign that a fraudulent tax return was filed in your name, and it might be followed by a communication from a supposed IRS agent requesting this overpayment be sent to them. If this happens to you, you'll want to contact the IRS right away, and you could also ask your bank to return the deposit to the government.

Other scams don't claim to careful about whom you hire originate directly from the IRS, to prepare your taxes. If pos-

as scammers pretend to be from real or imaginary tax organizations. For example, you could get a message from the Taxpayer Advocate Service, an independent organization within the IRS, but this agency won't contact you without a legitimate reason. Or you could receive a message from the nonexistent "Bureau of Tax Enforcement." Your best bet is to delete these messages immediately or send them to your spam folder.

Not all tax season scams originate from fraudulent IRS representatives or fake agencies. You also need to be careful about whom you hire to prepare your taxes. If pos-

sible, get a recommendation from a trusted friend or family member. And keep in mind that a legitimate tax preparer must have a valid Preparer Tax Identification Number and must sign your tax return. If someone doesn't have this number or is reluctant to sign your return, it may well be a sign that this individual is a "ghost preparer" who only wants to pocket your fee.

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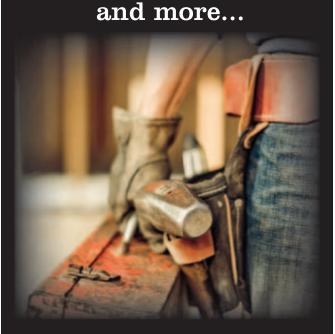


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c/o: Steven G. Kuban Attorney at Law 107 E. Pearl St. Granbury, Texas 76048 DATED the 12th day of January, 2023 Steven G. Kuban Attorney for Diana Smith State Bar No.: 24078807 107 E. Pearl St. Granbury, Texas 76048 Telephone: (817) 573-8872 Facsimile: (817) 579-1651 E-mail: skuban@kubanfirm.com

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VALERIE CHRISTIE FELLHAUER in the above numbered and entitled estate filed an Application for Probate of Written Will and for Letters Testamentary in the said Estate of KENNETH CHRISTIE, deceased.

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 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 17th day of January 2023. KATIE LANG

Hood County Clerk P.O. Box 339 Hood County, Texas 76048 By /s/ CAMERON COZART, Deputy

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TENA FIELDING MAPLES in the above numbered and entitled estate filed an Application For Independent Administration and To Determine Heirship and declare who are the heirs and the only heirs of the said Estate of CHAD R FIELDING, 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,

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Public notice laws in this country serve to outline the most effective method of reaching the public. In designating newspapers as the carriers of public notices, many state statutes actually set forth specific qualifications that must be met before a newspaper can carry notices. Common qualifications include: paid circulation, a minimum percentage of news content, a local publishing address, and a requirement that the newspaper has been published continuously for a minimum period of time before notices can be published. The latter requirement ensures stability in the venue for notices so that the public will know where to look for information.

Public notices are integral to democratic governance and stem from the right to "due process of law" guaranteed by the federal and state constitutions. Due process of law protects Americans' rights from arbitrary or wrongful violations. This concept has two parts: substantive due process and procedural due process. Substantive due process refers to the types of rights that are protected. Procedural due process refers to the means of protecting those rights. Substantive due process ensures that certain basic rights are not violated, while procedural due process may require suitable notice and a hearing before a government or court-appointed body can act in a way that may affect those basic rights. Public notices play a vital role in both substantive and procedural due process because they provide a window into government actions and also afford notice to citizens of actions about to take place, so they may exercise their constitutional right to be heard. Importantly, notification not only informs the individual or entity most directly affected, but also the general public, which has an interest in knowing how public powers are being used.

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Learning to Teach, Teaching to Learn

BY JILLIAN TREMBLE

Special to the Hood County News

elementary schools, they might be shocked to see some student teachers who look far too young to be beginning their careers. This is because of an internship program put in place by the CTE Department at Granbury High School that allows students as young as juniors in high school to gain hands-on experience in the teaching field. These students start working at the district's elementary schools every Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday at 7:45 in the morning, furthering their education in a time when many of their peers would still be lazing in bed.

Why do high school students choose to do this? According to Faith Bird, a junior in the program, it's all about the kids. Bird believes that the most rewarding part of her time student teaching is getting to see her first graders progress throughout the year. Senior Lauren Schemensky goes as far as to describe working with her kindergarten-age "kiddos" as the "highlight of [her] day."

Getting involved in this internship program is not a decision that a student can make lightly. On top of the time commitment, roughly two hours every day, students must agree to in order to be part of the student teaching program. This program requires that these devoted students spend two years taking classes at GHS that teach all about education and child development. Only then can they think about interacting with any actual children in a classroom.

Schemensky believes that the years of preparation are vital to prepare these high schoolers for the challenges that can be brought up in a room full of young, developing minds. She believes that the hardest

part of her time at this internship is having to figure out how to navigate everyday tricky situations, things like bullying between children or disrespect towards adults. The credit for her ability to navigate these situations, she says, belongs to the educators who spent time preparing her for her role in the classroom. She believes her teachers have taught her "everything [she] needs to know about working with students" and that she wouldn't be able to handle many situations as well as she has if not for this preparation.

This program is just another example of Granbury ISD's commitment to ensure its graduates are leaving with skills that are relevant to their futures, in addition to a quality traditional education. Bird and Schemensky are both incredibly confident that this program will help them in their plans to become working teachers. Normally, prospective teachers would have to complete three and a half years of schooling to step foot into a classroom, something these students have been given the opportunity to do by age sixteen.

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.

JANUARY

THURSDAY, JAN. 26

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

FEBRUARY

THURSDAY, FEB. 2

LAKE GRANBURY Newcomers Club will meet at DeCordova Bend Country Club, 5301 Country Club Drive, to hear inspirational speaker, author, and voice-over actor Patti Foster. Patti is a Traumatic Brain Injury (TBI) survivor. She suffered her TBI in a horrific car crash and sustained multiple injuries and fractures. Patti is an advocate of brain injury and serves on several councils and education awareness committees and speaks often as a speaker for Mothers Against Drunk Drivers. Cost \$22 includes lunch and program. Social hour 9:00am, meeting begins at 10:15am. R.S.V.P. by emailing lgnc.reservations@gmail.com or calling 682-719-3343. Reservation required by noon on Friday, Jan. 27.

MELODY BELLES singers of Granbury, women's choral group, is having its first rehearsal of the spring concert season. Looking for new members who love to sing! Rehearsals every Thursday, 10:00 a.m. - 12 noon, February through April, at First Presbyterian Church Memorial Hall, 301 W. Bridge Street. Concerts performed at various venues during first two weeks of May. For more information, call 817-999-1364.

TUESDAY, FEB. 7

OPERA GUILD of Granbury monthly meeting/ luncheon will be held at deCordova Country Club. 5301 Country Club Dr. Social/Check-in 10:30a.m. Entertainment/Meeting 11:00 a.m. Sonny Morgan - International award-winning singer/songwriter - 12:00 Noon Buffet Lunch Optional (\$18) No lunch, \$5.00 includes water, coffee, or tea. Reservations required no later than February 3rd, contact granburyog@ gmail.com or 817-776-2898 General Membership, single \$25.00 joint \$35.00 Business Membership \$35.00. The guild is an all-volunteer organization whose mission is to support the Granbury Opera House and its allied arts.

MONDAY, FEB. 13

TEXAS DEMOCRATIC Women of Hood County monthly meeting. Speakers: Charin Daugherty, Ruth's Place Community Center. Outreach Coordinator & Gabriela Gamez, Ruth's Place Executive Assistant Director. 11:00 a.m. Spring Creek Barbeque, 317 E. Hwy 377, Granbury. Details: 254-716-5195.

NORTH CENTRAL Texas Civil War Round-table will meet at 6:30 p.m. Monday, February 13, at Spring Creek Bar-B-Que, 317 E. Hwy 377. The program will be presented by Dr. Anne J. Bailey, the author and/or editor of numerous books and articles on the Civil War. Dr. Bailey has taught at Texas Tech University, the University of Arkansas, and in the University of Georgia system. She will speak on the command problems within the Confederate Army of Tennessee. For more information, visit our website at http://www.ncentexcwrt.com.

MONDAY, FEB. 20

etizabeth crockett Chapter Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR) Program: Dawn Johnston on HONEY BEES. 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 am.

MARCH

THURSDAY, MARCH 23

OPERA GUILD of Granbury fundraiser at D'Vine Wine, 107 E Bridge St. on the Granbury Historic Square, at 10:30 a.m. B-Ray and the Humans Band will set the night to rocking, dancing in the street.



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Determined Goosebump Jumpers take the plunge for their favorite cause



Granbury Goosebump Jump participants gathering on the shores of the City Beach Saturday, Jan. 14, were a dedicated and diverse group, ready to take on a chilly challenge to benefit our community's civic and charitable organizations. Over 200 brave individuals registered and checked in at the annual event along with numerous spectators, sponsors, volunteers, and staff. Well over 350 participants took part in the fun. Please see more photos, B2.

Local students have delicious showing in food contest

BY RICK MAUCH

Special to the Hood County News

Several local elementary school students might have a yummy future ahead of them.

Three teams and four individuals from Hood County recently competed in the 4-H District Food Challenge and Food Show Contest in Hico.

"They all did amazing! For this contest, the theme was Backyard Barbecue, so all dishes pertained to this theme," said County Extension Agent Hannah Hoffman.

The Food Challenge is a team contest in which they are given a "key ingredient" that they must use, and access to a "grocery store" where they can purchase additional ingredients. They then use the items to create either an appetizer, side dish, main dish, or healthy dessert.

They are assigned which of these to make when they enter the contest. After completing their dish, they present it to a panel of judges. The presentation includes how they prepared their dish, food safety, and nutrition.

The Food Show is an individual competition in which they enter an appetizer, side dish, main dish, or healthy dessert that they prepare at home and present to the judges.

The three Food Challenge Teams were The Dicing Daisies (Abigail Nichols, Britan Gatlin and Erin Huebinger), who placed first in the Intermediate Main Dish category; The Incr-EDIBLES (Daniel O'Dell, Travis Huebinger, Robbie Morrison and Kasyn Lee), winners in the Junior Side Dish competition; and Soup'A Stars (Rayven Davis, Paisley Wells and Leslee Ashmore), who took third in the Junior Main Dish division.

Junior competitors are in grades 3-5 and Intermediate competitors are in the sixth through eighth grades.

The Dicing Daisies have been successful in the past, winning the district competition multiple times before. But for The Incr-EDIBLES and Soup'A Stars this was their first year to compete.

As for Food Show, Erin Huebinger won Intermediate Side Dish with an Italian Tortellini Pasta Salad. Her brother Travis Huebinger placed second in Junior Healthy Dessert with a



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The Dicing Daisies trio (from left) of Abigail Nichols, Britan Gatlin and Erin Huebinger placed first in the Intermediate Main Dish category of the 4-H District Food Challenge.

Rainbow Fruit Skewers and Yummy Fruit Dip.

Taking third place were Morrison in Junior Main Dish with a Wagyu New York Strip Steak, while Lee's Junior Appetizer was a Sunset Fruit Kabob Centerpiece.

Nichols, E. Huebinger and Gatlin attend Acton Middle School. O'Dell and Morrison are students at Oak Woods

School. T. Huebinger, Lee and Wells attend Acton Elementary and Davis and Ashmore go to Brawner Elementary.

"This contest is a great culmination of all the hard work and practice they put in year-round," Hoffman said. "These teams practice throughout the year on different kitchen skills and how to create different recipes to be

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They were Granbury's favorite babysitters

BRIDGE STREET HISTORY CENTER



BY ROGER ENLOW

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

uddy and Doris Wisdom opened Granbury Skating Rink in 1977 to the delight of entertainment-starved Hood County youth. The friendly couple operated the rink for 40-odd years until Buddy passed away in 2018 at 86 years old.

Parents knew their children would be taken care of when they dropped them off on Friday and Saturday evenings. The Wisdoms understood the key ingredients for a successful entertainment business ... fun for all but no shenanigans.

After Buddy died, Granbury Police Chief Mitch Galvan offered this tribute: "Buddy Wisdom was one of the most loved and respected men in Granbury. He always had a smile on his face, and he loved kids. Sara and I, like so many parents in Granbury, knew we could take our kids to the skating rink without worry. Buddy ran a tight ship, and we

knew they were in great hands." The Wisdoms gave free candy and cold drinks, tied shoelaces, tended to scraped knees and gave words of encouragement. Hundreds ... maybe thousands ... of kids left the skating rink with a new pair of skates because of the

Wisdoms' generosity. The Wisdoms offered special skating events ... birthday parties, fundraisers, all-night lock-ins, family reunions and roller hockey. The field out back was popular during Easter when the Wisdoms would distribute thousands of eggs for their big annual hunt. Kids would skate during the 4th of July parade. One year the parade organizers made the mistake of positioning the skaters directly behind the horses.

Laura Lucas set this vivid scene when she wrote about the

skating rink in 2002 in the Hood County News: "All around, the rink is full of excitement. Children swarm from every direction. Most are rolling, but a few of the younger ones tramp around the concession area in socked feet.

"'Miss Doris,' a dusty, brown-haired girl called. 'Will you

help me put on my skates?'

'The little girl's deep brown puppy-dog eyes stared into

Doris' trusting face.

"'Just a second, hun.'

"Turing to grab the skates, Doris glanced around the rink. Every curve of it was surrounded with smiling children. Giggles filled the room."

Buddy and Doris met in White Settlement ... you guessed it ... at a skating rink. Doris was with another date, and he introduced her to Buddy. Doris admitted it wasn't love at first sight, but it wasn't long before the two could be found skating together.

They married and had two children who also became avid skaters and were the inspiration for Granbury Skating Rink.

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GOOSEBUMP JUMP 2023

FROM PAGE B1



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Lake Granbury Kiwanis Club members came out in force to win the Goosebump Jump cash prize. The event raised approximately \$3,000 for the winning charitable organization – Kiwanis won first place with 50 registered and checked-in jumpers. Mission Granbury was second with 31, Forward Training 29, and Cast for Kids 27.



 $Participants\ of\ all\ ages\ had\ fun\ sliding\ down\ the\ slippery\ slope.$



This little lady made a big splash, but managed to stay afloat.



 ${\bf Granbury's\,own\,Jen\,Cate\,won\,oldest\,competitor\,honors.}$



 $The first 200\ participants\ registered\ received\ a\ souvenir\ Lake\ Granbury\ Goosebump\ Jump\ 2023\ souvenir\ medal.$



Competition ran high as participants lined up for the judges of the Goosejump Costume Contest. The Best Costume prize was awarded to "Little Stinker" King Greene. Best couple costume went to "Granbury Tourists" Mary & Kevin McDonough, Pub McDonough received best group costume, and "Colden Girls" Elizabeth Boyes, Denise James, Leslie Green, and Sharee Westlund - from the City of Granbury Utility Billing Team were also honored



Zeus agrees! The new HGMA-sponsored Chili Cookoff, "Chilly on The Beach" was a huge aromatic hit! Matt Weslund with Kiwanis took 1st Place, 2nd Place Team Zeus, Skipper & Cindy Bertrund. Third Place was a tie, the honors went to Jack and Leann Silsby of TieScents of Humor and Daniel & Cara Hernandez with KHits. The people's Choice Award, also a tie, went to Kiwanis & Team Zeus.



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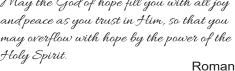
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BOOK REVIEW

Enjoyably creepy tone awaits readers of 'How to Sell a Haunted House'

BY TERRI SCHLICHENMEYER

ou forgot that there were strings. You forgot who was doing the talking, too. No, your eyes were stuck on the puppet with a funny voice that made you forget that this was a show, that a bit of cloth and a wooden face were only objects of theater. Didn't you see the puppeteer's lips move? As in the new book "How to Sell a Haunted House" by Grady Hendrix, wasn't there a human holding the strings?

Driving by it, her parents house looked smaller than she remembered.

Then again, it had been some time since Louise Joyner had been home. Years ago, she'd escaped the place and never looked back, returning only when necessary - like now, when she and her brother, Mark, had a double-funeral to plan and that shabby old house to clear out.

She couldn't say she had a bad childhood, but it wasn't normal, either. Nancy Joyner had been a good mother, but her focus was more on doll collecting, puppet-making, and puppet-ministry for the church. Sometimes, it felt as if Louise and Mark were raised with a third sibling, a ratty old puppet named Pupkin that their mother had since she was a child.

That was embarrassing and somewhat traumatic, which is why Louise moved to California long ago, as far from Charleston as she could get. But then her parents were killed in an accident, she had to hurry home, and if that wasn't enough heartbreak, she learned that they'd left everything to Mark, except their mother's artwork.

It didn't help that Mark was being a jerk.

He wanted the house cleaned out immediately, even before the funeral. He tried to bar Louise from getting their mother's crafts and dolls, that awful taxidermed squirrel Nativity, all the marionettes and puppets and Pupkin, but Louise was adamant. She wanted that awful inheritance.

Truthfully, though, she'd probably just throw it all away later. They were creepy things, and the worst of her childhood.

She'd go home and forget it all happened.

But she wouldn't go alone... If there was a dial on the outside of "How to Sell a Haunted

House," you wouldn't be surprised to see it turned up high. The story inside this book offers maximum creepiness, freaky googly-eyes, and dolls that move. The only thing better would be a ghost.

Oh, wait. There's a ghost in here, too.

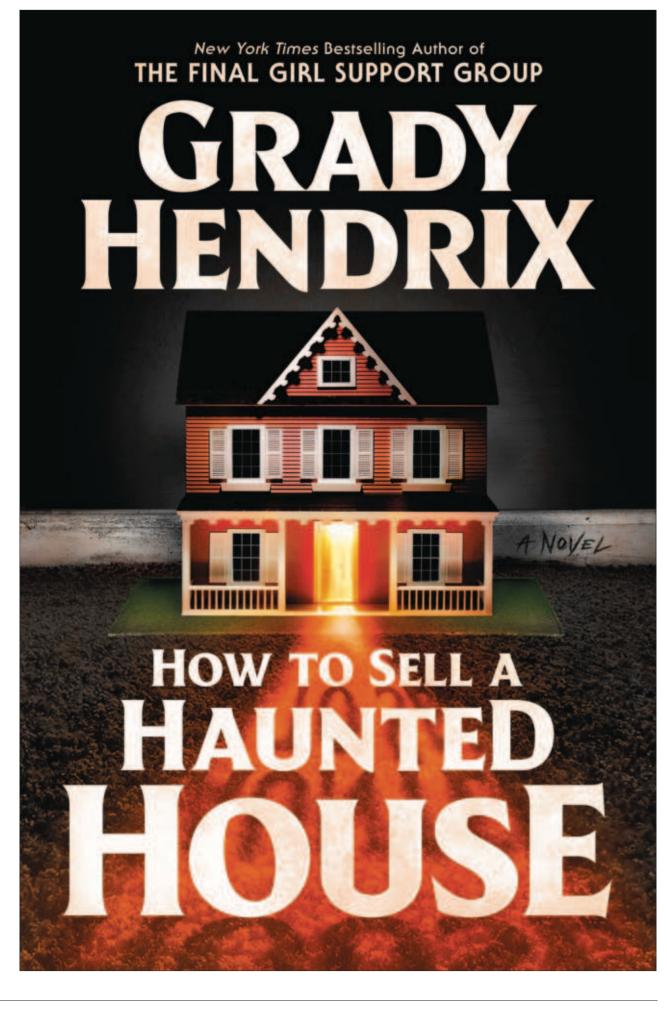
And nightmares, and animals with tiny teeth, and electric tools that behave on their own, an attic, beloved stuffed toys with the capability for disappointment, and a thick thread of dark humor trailing lazily throughout this story. Author Grady Hendrix absolutely knows how to make the hair stand up on the back of your neck, but he also knows how to wink at readers who are ready to get a joke.

Why, oh why does it always have to be dolls and puppets? Because it does, of course. And for that, you're going to love "How to Sell a Haunted House," no strings attached.

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"How to Sell a Haunted House" by Grady Hendrix

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GO PLAY

GO PLAY calendar will feature recurring activities that are open to the public. These items will run each week along with other activities across the area. Submit Go Play listings to calendar@ hcnews.com and include the day, date, time and location including street address.

MONDAYS

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.

SONS OF the American 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.

GRANBURY CIVIC

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

TUESDAYS

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

HAND AND Foot game day.

10 a.m. Healthy Connections, 1321 Waters Edge Drive, Suite 1001. Details: 817-579-

HABITAT FOR Human-

ity of Hood County volunteers needed. Go to 3710 S. Sagecrest Court, Rancho Brazos. 9 a.m. - 2 p.m. Lunch and tools provided. Details: visit habitatofhoodcounty.org or call 817-573-2812.

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THURSDAYS

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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.

GENERAL TRIVIA, 7-9 p.m. at Brew Drinkery, 206 E. Pearl Street. Prizes and fun. Use your phone to play. Free.

SATURDAYS

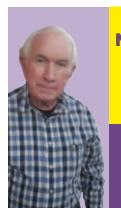
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HOOD COUNTY Hummers Walking Club, 8 a.m., meet every Saturday at Hilton Garden Inn, 635 E. Pearl St., for 5K or 10K walk for fun, fellowship and fitness. Details: 972-567-3278.

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HOOD OUTDOORS

Time to talk spawning



BY MICHAEL ACOSTA

As a licensed professional fishing guide, Michael Acosta shows you how to find them. A Granbury resident of more than 35 years, he has been fishing all of his life, and has been a licensed guide since 1998.

ith the warming weather we have been having, movement of the white bass (sand bass) to their spawning grounds may happen earlier this year. This spawning run that draws anglers out in numbers is typically between February and April. There are some fish being caught in the river already. If we get another serious cold snap, the spawning effort may be delayed. You won't know for sure if you don't go.

These tasty fish can be caught in most every reservoir in the state, so you don't have to travel far to find them. Lake Granbury, despite some of the ups and downs, continues to produce numbers of sand bass year after year.

Many of these of these fish will move up to or close to their spawning areas at the first cold snap in November, others will stay in the main lake. These fish may travel back to the main lake and back to the river several times before actually spawning. Eventually however, the spawning ritual takes place in these same areas year after year. These fish like to congregate in numbers, making it relatively easy to sack up a limit.

Typically with the water temperatures around the low to middle 50s and if there is sufficient water flow, the sand bass will make their trek. As I mentioned, this spawning evolution usually starts around the first part of February and may run through March and April. Sand bass and stripers require moving water to spawn. The males tend to move up first and then the larger females usually follow with rising temperatures.

The official name for a sand bass is "white bass" but here in Texas "sand bass" is generally used by most. These fish are relatively easy to catch and are excellent table fare. You can catch them anytime of the year, but in the early spring/late winter they concentrate for the spawn on the upper portions of reservoirs or rivers making them easier to locate.

Large majorities of sand bass on Granbury migrate up the Brazos to around the Tin Top area (if there is enough water). Some sand bass don't make it that far and spawn in other creeks and some may spawn on wind-blown banks in the main reservoir. On Lake Whitney, the best-known areas in my opinion are on the Brazos River above Kimball Bend and on the Nolan River near the Hwy 174 bridge (the Nolan runs into the Brazos River below Kimball Bend). Other tributaries may contain spawning fish as well. Tres Rios in Glen Rose is known as a spawning ground if water exists. Tres Rios is where the Paluxy, the Brazos and Squaw Creek merge together.

Sand bass grow very fast in Texas waters and have a relatively short life span. These fish will reach 9 to 10 inches their first year and get to 12 to 13 inches their second year. They rarely live beyond five years. The legal size for sand bass has been standardized to 10 inches on all Texas lakes to make enforcement easier. Years back there was some differences in the limit size. You can keep 25 per person per day.

Don't confuse sand bass with hybrid striped bass or striped bass. The easiest way to identify these fish is to look at their tooth patch. The sand bass will have only one, where the striped and hybrid striped bass will have two. Pick up a TPWD rulebook where fishing licenses are sold and read the details. You don't want to be caught with an illegal fish.

Sand bass can be caught on a variety of artificials and live bait. Small minnows/shad placed below a bobber or the use of a small 1/16th to 1/4-ounce jig head with rubber tails in chartreuse, white, and yellow can be used. Small roadrunner jigs are one of my favorites. Slabs and spoons can be effective as well. Try some Berkley power bait grubs on your jig heads.

HOOD COUNTY FISHING REPORT

Water temperatures have rebounded to the middle 50s, but are sure to fall again some. Striped bass to 12 pounds have been good on jigs and shad mid-lake and on the lower ends. Crappie anglers continue to catch numer-

ous fish on small jigs fished near structure and deeper docks. Some bigger blue cats to 30 pounds are possible on cut shad fished on shallow flats adjacent to creek channels mid-lake. Some sand bass catches have been reported on the

lower ends under the birds and some catches continue on the upper ends near Tin Top. Largemouth bass to 5 pounds are good near main lake points on soft plastics and have been better on the warmer parts of the day.

Comanche Creek reservoir continues to be one of the best hot spots in the state for numbers of largemouth bass and channel catfish. Folks continue to flock to this lake that is open Thursday-Sunday. I do not have a tilapia report, but they are numerous in this lake.



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As Texas game fish, white bass can be harvested only with pole and line. The statewide minimum length limit is 10

WHITE BASS

Texas Parks and Wildlife Department

The white bass (Morone chrysops) is an abundant and popular sport fish in Texas reservoirs. These lively fish, also known as "sand bass," provide action throughout the year and especially during their spring spawning run up river and stream tributaries.

DISTRIBUTION

The historic range of the white bass extended throughout the Great Lakes region and the Mississippi and Ohio river valleys. Prior to 1932, Caddo Lake on Cypress Bayou was the only place in Texas where the species was known to occur. In that year, the Texas Game, Fish and Oyster Commission took 13 brood fish from Caddo and stocked them into old Lake Dallas, now part of Lake Lewisville.

In 1938, state biologists stocked whites in lakes Kemp, Buchanan, Medina, Eagle Mountain, Waco and Wichita. When those introductions proved successful, others followed. Today, most major Texas reservoirs support fishable populations of white bass. Lakes Arrowhead, Benbrook, Buchanan, Corpus Christi, Fort Phantom Hill, Lewisville, Livingston, Ray Hubbard, Ray Roberts, Whitney and Wright Patman have produced excellent catches.

LIFE CYCLE

The white bass belongs to the family of temperate or "true" basses. It is a close relative of the striped bass. Like their saltwater cousins, white bass ascend streams and rivers at spawning time. In early spring, when rains provide flow and water temperatures reach 55 to 60°F, whites gather in the upper ends of reservoirs and begin migrating into creek arms.

White bass spawn over gravel or rock in 2 to 8 feet of flowing water. If creeks aren't moving fast enough, whites will spawn over windswept, rocky points where wave action mimics flowing water. A 2-pound female can produce up to 900,000 eggs. Fertilized eggs settle and stick to rocks on the bottom. They usually hatch within three days.

Newly hatched fry migrate downstream toward the reservoir, joining together in schools to seek food and protection. They feed on microscopic animals, advancing to insect larvae as they grow. By midsummer, they're eating small shad and minnows.

Shad continue to make up a large part of the diet as white bass mature into adults. Schools of whites travel reservoirs in summer and early fall, aggressively hunting for food. They continue this schooling activity throughout life.

In Texas, white bass typically grow to 8 inches in their first year. They seldom live more than five years or weigh more than 3.5 pounds. The state record, caught in 1977, weighed 5 pounds, 9 ounces and measured 20.75 inches.

REGULATIONS

As Texas game fish, white bass can be harvested only with pole and line. The statewide minimum length limit is 10 inches and the daily bag limit is 25 fish. On Lake Texoma and Louisiana border waters, there is no minimum length for harvesting white bass, but the daily bag limit is still 25. For the most current regulations, check www.tpwd.texas.gov/regulations/ outdoor-annual

CLEANING AND COOKING

White bass are excellent table fare if properly prepared. Mucus secreted from the backbone during cooking causes an off flavor; this can be eliminated by filleting each fish. In addition, the red-meat portion of each fillet should be removed. The two slabs of boneless fish thus obtained can be fried, baked, broiled, smoked, grilled or boiled.

Source: https://tpwd.texas.gov/

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OTHER AREAS

On other reservoirs, the river above Lake Whitney continues to produce limits of striped bass and crappie. Lake Whitney action on the main lake is excellent as well for striped bass. Largemouth bass on Whitney are good near major creek entrances on soft plastics and jigs.

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CONTEST

FROM PAGE B1

prepared for whatever they may get at contest."

Each of the teams qualified for this contest by winning their categories at the Hood County contest that was held Nov.

"I know both Robbie and Erin have plans to enter the culinary field as a career when they grow up, but I would not be surprised to see any of them running a restaurant in the future," Hoffman said. "They are all very passionate about food and nutrition — and very good chefs also."

Erin said, "I like being creative in the kitchen, learning new things, and cooking with my friends."

These contests are open to any 4-H members. Although the contest season is over for this year, Hood County residents or students at any Hood County school are welcome to join 4-H and get started learning skills and about all of the 4-H opportunities now, Hoffman said. They can enroll at v2.4honline.com.

"Although we do have 10 different clubs here in Hood County, our Food & Fashion Club focuses on the different skills and aspects of this specific contest," she said. "They meet the first Sunday of each month at Hood County Annex 1 at 4 p.m. Anyone can always contact our office at 817-579-3280 with any questions about 4-H."





ABOVE: The Incr-EDIBLES quartet (from left) of Daniel O'Dell, Travis Huebinger, Robbie Morrison and Kasyn Lee won the Junior Side Dish competition at the 4-H District Food Challenge.

LEFT: Soup'A Stars (from left) Rayven Davis, Paisley Wells and Leslee Ashmore placed third in the Junior Main Dish category at the 4-H District Food Challenge.

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FROM PAGE B4 FIRST MONDAYS

HOOD COUNTY Amateur Radio Club meets on the

first Monday each month at 7 p.m. at the Hood County **Emergency Operations Cen**ter, 401 Deputy Larry Miller

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.

SUDOKU

Solution for the puzzle on

Jan. 18 (Puzzle 97).

FIRST TUESDAYS

GRANBURY DOLL Club

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

SECOND TUESDAYS

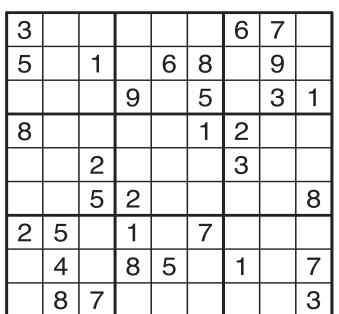
GRANBURY KNITTING

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

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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

tails: 817-296-8186.

United Coop Electric, 320 Fall

Creek Highway, 6 p.m. De-

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Tues, Wed, Thurs: 2:10PM, 4:50PM,

Puss in Boots: The Last Wish

A Man Called Otto (PG13) Fri: 12:35PM, 3:35PM, 6:35PM, 9:35PM.

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Avatar: The Way of Water in 3D

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Tues, Wed, Thurs: 6:05PM

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Elizabeth Jane Hunnicutt Isaacs: Don't Mess with a Texas Woman



BY WILEY CLARKSON

EDITOR'S NOTE: The story of Lavina Ferguson Hunnicutt Boatwright is told by her great-great-great-great-grandson, Wiley Clarkson. Wiley is a member and official photographer of the David Crockett Chapter of The Sons of the Republic Texas. Wiley and his wife Linda live in Walnut Springs.

y name is Elizabeth Jane Hunnicutt Isaacs. I was born in Washington County, Texas on July 2, 1834, to Roland and Levina Hunnicutt before this wilderness became a Republic, and I lived out my life in Texas. I was here when my home was in Mexico, then, the Republic of Texas, the State of Texas in the Union, the State of Texas in the Confederacy, and the State of Texas when it was again a part of the Union.

My parents were Roland and Levina Hunnicutt, who came to Texas before I was born. They were living in Giles County, Tennessee, in 1833 when my father decided to come to the Texas frontier. They packed a wagon, sold our property, and left for Texas with other future settlers. They acquired some nice land on a river and built a log cabin iust in time for me to be born. I'm not sure why my father decided to return to Tennessee after I was born but it changed our lives forever. It is a long trip between Tennessee and Texas and not a safe trip, as we would find out in 1835 when more settlers arrived from Giles County, and she was told that my father had died on the trail and was buried where he died.

Mother told my brothers that there wasn't much time for grieving because our land still had to be worked. My oldest brother was now the man of the house and did much of the hardest work. Then there was the threat from the Mexican dictator, Santa Anna. Mother

told me he caused all sorts of problems until Sam Houston stopped him at San Jacinto. He killed so many of our men who stood up against the evil he was causing. She told me stories occasionally about that time when I was just two years old, and she thought the Mexican army might come toward our land. She was prepared to take us away from the battle but was worried that my brother James, who was then 15, would join the fight. I think he probably would have if Mother hadn't needed him so much here on the farm.

Mother remained unmarried for the next 10 years until one day in 1844 she told us that she was going to marry Lewis Boatwright, who lived across the river from us several miles away. After Texas became a republic, she applied for a land grant and received about 4,400 acres, and that greatly expanded the property she owned here in Texas. Lewis added another league of land, which he had received as a land grant.

As for me, my life was now

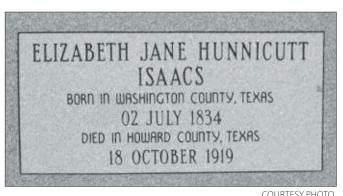
just growing up in Texas. I would have a normal life, if you could call living on the frontier normal. We worked the farm, raised some cattle, raised a big garden, and sold what we raised. There was always the threat of Indians but fortunately didn't have any problems. I was schooled at home as it was just too far to the closest school. Washington County would divide into several counties during the next couple of decades after independence from Mexico, and we eventually ended up living in what became Lavaca County.

When I was 15, in 1849, Mother told me it was time to make the long trip to Giles, Tennessee, to claim an inheritance from my uncle. While I was in Giles County, I met a young physician, eight years my senior, named Abraham Conn Isaacs. We married on November 8, 1849, and lived in Giles County until the good traveling weather returned in 1850. When we returned to Lavaca, we started our family and Abraham set up a medical practice. Over the next 10 years, we would have five children.

The next several years were very troublesome. My stepfather, Lewis passed away in 1859. We helped Mother whenever possible, as did my brothers who had now married and started their families.

Texas seceded from the Union in February of 1861, and my husband became an officer in the Confederate army here in Lavaca. We would hear of friends losing their family men in battle a thousand miles away. We were thankful that Abraham stayed in Texas during the war.

We survived the years of war between the states but



Elizabeth Jane Hunnicutt Isaacs was born in Washington County, Texas on July 2, 1834 and died in Howard County, Texas on Oct. 18, 1919

after that war ended, a war started in my family between me and my husband. In 1865, I found out that Abraham had been unfaithful to me and had slept with a very pretty, teenage slave girl who bore him a son. I couldn't stand having an unfaithful husband and I told him he needed to leave our home and not return.

He did leave, but he really shocked me when he filed charges of adultery against me asking for a divorce. Imagine that! He committed the adultery and then tried to make it look like I committed the adultery. He had also kept my inheritance that I received from my uncle back in Tennessee. That information did not become public knowledge until later.

Because it was a man's world and women had very few actual legal rights, I was tried in a court of law with an all-male judge and jury! It was a nasty trial but, in the end, I was cleared of the adultery charge, but we were still married. I then filed adultery charges against him and included the withholding of my inheritance. It was another trial by an all-male court.

Women had so few actual civil rights back then and I tested them to the limit!

were good years but seemed like soon the three oldest had now grown up and moved on with their lives.

Lucinda married Sam Pope, from Falls County. I would then go with them wherever they lived. We lived in Waco for a while, then we moved to Justice. in Andrews County, out west between Odessa and Seminole. From there, we moved to Big Spring. We were in Big Spring when Lucinda became sick with cancer. She passed away on Sept. 1, 1919, and was buried, in Mount Olive Cemetery, in an unmarked grave. I passed from mortal life on Oct. 18, 1919, after 85 years of life in Texas and was buried next to my daughter. Our graves remained unmarked, and the location lost until my great-great grandson, Wiley Clarkson, located my grave and placed a permanent marker on it several years



When the second trial ended, I won a divorce from my unfaithful husband, along with a court order to return about half of my inheritance and, of course, dividing our property and the children. He agreed to raise the three oldest children and I took

the two youngest children.

We remained in Lavaca un-

til after my mother passed

away in 1869. After settling

the estate, both Abraham

and I ended up moving to different parts of Milam County.

The following years held numerous moves for me and my two youngest children. We lived near my three oldest children close to Cameron in Milam County

for several years. Those

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The Sons of the Republic of Texas consists of members who are direct lineal descendants of those who settled the Republic of Texas from 1836 to Feb. 19, 1846. The purpose of the SRT is to perpetuate the memory and spirit of the men and women who won Texas' independence. They set the course for Texas to become a nation and eventually the 28th state. Legacy Comes To Life personifies our ancestors with true stories about real people who changed the course of history. For membership information, please visit our website; srttexas.org or email old300.srt@gmail.com.

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PECAN PLANTATION BITS

New 'Winfield Way' designation honors former EMS chief for service

■ mergency Medical Service Chief Brandl Stephenson happily announces that ■the private drive to Pecan's emergency service compound on Wedgefield Road has been named Winfield Way in honor of Sandra Winfield, former EMS chief. A new custom sign marks the road, and many thanks go to Juliana Eckley and George Gerdes for making this honor to Sandra become a reality. And of course, continued gratitude goes to Sandra for her many years of faithful service to Pecaners.

BREAKFAST CLUB

The next meeting of Pecan's Breakfast Club comes Wednesday, Jan. 25 when the folks seeking a board of directors 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-year

The morning will include candidate statements, a question-andanswer session, and a time to mix



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.

and mingle. Doors open at 8 a.m., breakfast service is at 8:30, and the program will run from 9 to 11. Reservations are necessary and due by noon on Tuesday, January 24: 817-573-2641.

ART TIME

"Bonjour Paris" will be the mantra for a kids' paint party scheduled for Saturday, Feb. 4 from 1 to 2 p.m. for artists ages five to 14. The day includes instruction for a Paristhemed painting on canvas, a beret (to look official!), and a cup of tea. Pecan resident and accomplished artist Heidi Easley is facilitating the day. Space is limited, and sign up is necessary: 817-573-7952.

TWINKLE TOES

After a most popular debut last year, the "Daddy Daughter Dance" of 2023 is coming to the PAC on Saturday, Feb. 11 from 1 to 3 p.m. Music, ballroom dancing instruction, refreshments, and a photo booth will comprise the day. Space is limited, and sign up is a must: 817-573-7952.

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. Folks may visit RedCrossBlood.org online and enter Pecanplantation to schedule an appointment, and walk-ins are welcome as well. Furthermore, donors will receive a voucher for a free round of Nutcracker golf with the

purchase of a round.

GOOD EATS

The 19th Hole is now open for breakfast on Sundays at 7 a.m., and the Brazos Room will be open for brunch service from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Brunch reservations are requested: 817-573-2641.

POOCH PLANTATION

Dennis Iacomini writes that memberships for the Friends of Pooch Plantation (FOPP) are now available.

Pooch Plantation receives no funding from members' dues, and supplies and park upkeep are funded solely through annual FOPP dues. Current members will be billed in March for a 2023 membership. New residents to our community are invited to join FOPP as neighborhood support is greatly appreciated in helping maintain this Pecan amenity.

Membership forms are available in the dog park entry area, and upon completion, they may be mailed to the included address or delivered to the PAC front desk. Payment may be added to the

March member statement or made by check.

Many thanks go to current members of FOPP for their support of our dog park both with dues and

WELL DONE

volunteer work.

Li Cross writes that the Fidget Chicks are busy producing more "fidget mats" after making Christmas deliveries to five local memory care/nursing home centers in Dec. The group meets on Tuesdays at 2 p.m. at the PAC, and new members are welcome. Mats are always donated to facilities, but contributions to help with supplies and shipping are welcome. The Fidget Chicks have distributed more than 8,000 mats since they began this endeavor. Contact Li Cross for complete information: li@licross.com.

SYMPATHY

Our deepest sympathy goes to the family of James Thompson who passed away Jan. 3

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BRIDGE ST.

"They told us that they wanted us to build one," Buddy said in 2002. "We decided after looking at the situation that we wanted to put one in. It's just a chance that we took, and after 25 years it worked out."

The rink opened without air conditioning and no concession stand. Skaters didn't seem to mind the sweat because they were having a blast.

The skating rink still operates today in the same location ... on West Pearl Street near Granbury High School. Doris has turned over management to others, but she still makes regular

Amanda Roderick was in second grade when she began rolling at the skating rink. She fell in love with the sport and skated whenever she could. Soon, she had a strange desire to help sweep the floor or wash the tables. Buddy saw her interest and before long offered her a job. She accepted and became a longstanding employee.

"They are like my second parents," Roderick said in 2002. "Buddy and Doris have both taught me responsibilities. They're such nice people. I couldn't imagine working for anyone better."



Buddy (front left) and Doris(front right) Wisdom opened Granbury Skating Rink in 1977 to the delight of entertainment-starved **Hood County youth. The** friendly couple operated the rink for 40-odd years until Buddy passed away in 2018 at 86 years old.

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LAST, BUT NOT LEAST!

"Thank you Kristen Gibson, Rhiannon Crump, Mary Ella Riley, James Dickens, David Talmage, Linda Husong, Mike Linnabery, Crystal Douglass, Bonnie Holmes, Boyd Norris, Rob Jackson, Abbie Carswell, and Mary Lester for going above and beyond.

To the Visit Granbury & Lake Granbury Conference Center Team: you are amazing!" - TAMMY DOOLEY, DIRECTOR VISIT GRANBURY CVB

- Granbury City Council: Mayor Jim Jarratt Major Pro Tem Trish
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- - Kathy Cruz
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- Ken Hackett
- **Debby Gordon**
- Kenny Causey
- Jeff Krebs Michael Ross
- Matt Hohan

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TOP 4 CHARITIES REPRESENTED

- 1. Kiwanis 50 Jumpers
- 2. Mission Granbury 31 Jumpers
- 3. Forward Training 29 Jumpers
- 4. Cast for Kids 27 Jumpers

The Granbury

CONTEST WINNERS

- Oldest Competitor Jean Cate (92) • Farthest Traveled – Jose & Xavier Jimenez
- (Virginia)
- Best Couple Costume "Granbury Tourists" -Mary & Kevin McDonough - Pub McDonough
- Best Costume "Little Stinker" King Greene Jumpers - Kiwanis
- **Granbury Utility Billing Team** Organization (501C3) With the most

• Best Group Costume – "Colden Girls"

Green, Sharee Westlund - City of

Elizabeth Boyes, Denise James, Leslie

*Preliminary Results



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