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Water board again delays decision as tensions over Hood seat amp up

BY KATHY CRUZ
Senior Staff Writer

The Upper Trinity Groundwater Conservation District board, at its regular monthly meeting in Springtown last week, once again tabled the seat appointment for Hood County that has put the board at the center of a political

tug-of-war.

The stakes could be high. At the heart of the issue is development and its effect on water availability, not only for future generations but for those who invest in expensive homes on two-acre lots assuming that a well will supply their water needs.

The rights of property owners are also part of the equation, though, and there have been disagreements over the interpretation of data where the state of the aquifer is concerned.

The UTGCD covers Hood, Montague, Wise, and Parker counties. Records show that Parker

County, where a good deal of development is occurring, has been drilling more groundwater wells than any other county in the state.

Hood County has been drilling far fewer wells than Parker County, but it is seeing its share

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Fourth grade Acton Elementary School students read a book to a child at Little Buccaneers as part of its new Book Buddies program to help infants with their literacy skills.

County seeks to clarify who must fund fix at YMCA: taxpayers, or the Y

BY KATHY CRUZ
Senior Staff Writer

County officials are working to figure out who is legally responsible for repairing damage caused by washout on the grounds of the Hood County YMCA.

The county owns the \$10 million facility, which was approved by voters in 2012, and leases it to the YMCA for \$1 per year.

The arrangement was part of a long-standing partnership that brought the YMCA to Hood County.

The Y used to be in a county-owned building on Harbor Lakes Drive, but as its membership grew a larger facility was needed. That's why a new building was built at 1475 James Road near Acton Middle School.

There is a contract about who is responsible for what but interpreting the wording in contracts is sometimes tricky. That may be especially true with the county/YMCA contract since the problem is outside, rather than inside, the building.

The need for clarification is why the Commissioners Court, at its regular meeting on Tuesday, Jan. 24, voted to table the issue so that the county attorney's office can review the document and advise the court on how to proceed.

Neither County Attorney Matt Mills nor any of the members of the Commissioners Court were in office when the agreement was

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'A VERY HAPPY PLACE TO BE' Little Buccaneers GISD Staff Childcare Center sailing toward success

BY ASHLEY INGE
Staff Writer

After only three years of providing childcare services for staff and students of Granbury ISD, Little Buccaneers GISD Staff Childcare Center, 3000 Acton Road, is already flourishing in the district.

In November, Little Buccaneers received a four-star rating from Texas Rising Star, a quality rating and improvement system for Texas early childhood programs.

"There are four different categories that we were assessed on, starting with the director and staff qualifications and training, along with teacher child interaction, program administration, and indoor and outdoor environments," the school's Childcare Director Karly Middlebrook said during the Jan. 23 school board meeting. "We set out with a goal of becoming a TRS center by the end of this year, so May of 2023, but because our staff is so incredible, we actually achieved our goal in November of 2022. A four-star rating is the highest rating possible, and we will obtain that for the next three years at least."

From 6:30 a.m.-5:30 p.m. each Monday through Friday, Little Buccaneers GISD Staff Childcare Center provides services for Granbury ISD employees' children and grandchildren, as well as teen parents who are enrolled

students of Granbury ISD. Children eligible for the childcare center must be between the ages of six weeks to four years old.

The childcare center has also implemented several programs like Frog Street Curriculum and the Book Buddies program, where fourth-grade students from Connie Oelschig's class at Acton Elementary School come over to the campus and read to the three-year-olds at Little Buccaneers.

"It's amazing," Middlebrook said, of the Book Buddies program. "They've developed some great relationships through that, and we (received) really great feedback from our families, as well as our teachers and staff (on the Frog Street Curriculum)."

Little Buccaneers increased its family involvement this year by hosting a Parents and Grandparents Day and will host their first Sweetheart Dance next month.

The childcare center also received its first Granbury Education Foundation grant

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KARLY MIDDLEBROOK
Childcare director

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County asks state reps for help with emergency service district issue

BY KATHY CRUZ
Senior Staff Writer

The Hood County Commissioners Court has voted unanimously to request that State Sen. Brian Birdwell, R-Granbury, and State Rep. Shelby Slawson, R-Stephenville, submit an amendment to a state statute that would authorize the court to establish and oversee a countywide Emergency Service District.

The requested amendment is to Subchapter K of Chapter 775 of the Texas Health and Safety Code. Subchapter K was written specifically for El Paso County and currently applies only to that county.

An ESD is a political subdivision that generally supports or provides local emergency services, such as firefighting efforts. It can impose a sales and use tax and a property tax to raise money for emergency services within the district.

The court's vote pertained only





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Little Buccaneers Childcare Director Karly Middlebrook described the Book Buddies program as being “amazing,” and described how students have developed great relationships through the new program.

CHILDCARE

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this school year in the amount of \$996.14. The funds from the grant will be used to implement the Bloom & Grow Outdoor Learning Center.

Little Buccaneers is currently serving 62 children, but Childcare Coordinator Tiffany Rodriguez said that they are expecting several more infants by the end of the year. In addition, the infant room is wait-listed until next year.

“The center is just growing, and we could really use a second location if that comes up in chat or anything,” Rodriguez joked during the school board meeting.

She also bragged on all the employees at Little Buccaneer’s, saying they are the “world’s best staff.”

“They truly have hearts of gold,” Rodriguez said. “They come in there every day and work with those little kiddos, and they just enjoy what they do. You come in and just see smiles on their faces all the time.”

Rodriguez said there are currently 15 staff members at the center, adding that their teacher turnover is “extremely low.”

“Teacher turnover is really high right now in childcare, so for us to keep our teachers has been really good,” she said. “We attribute that to just building relationships with

our staff, making connections, and in turn, they do that with their children in their classroom. Little Bucs is a very happy place to be, and it’s always a good day at Little Bucs.”

‘DREAM TEAM’

GISD Superintendent Jeremy Glenn remarked during the meeting that Middlebrook and Rodriguez are the “dream team.”

“When this vision became a reality, they just took the ball and ran with it,” he said. “It has been great to watch it flourish. It is a cost-neutral program, so it’s funded and supported by our parents. For teachers that work in the district, they pay tuition to keep it going. The vision behind (the childcare center) was to retain teachers and I know there are teachers that stay in this district because they know their kids are cared for, loved, and taken care of at Little Bucs, so thank you.”

All eligible interested families are encouraged to register for childcare services immediately. The center operates on a first-come, first-served basis. An application fee must be paid to ensure that a child’s spot on the waitlist is saved.

For more information on Little Buccaneers, visit granburyisd.org online, or call 817-408-4421.

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The Frog Street Curriculum was also implemented at Little Buccaneers this year, with teachers, staff, and families speaking highly of the change.

YMCA

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forged.

No representatives of the YMCA were present during the almost 20-minute-long discussion.

The discourse began with Human Resources Director Melissa Welborn and Maintenance Director Jay Riley requesting direction from the court before proceeding with any bids for work that the county might not be le-

gally responsible for.

Riley estimated the cost of the repairs to be about \$12,000. He said that there is about \$8,000 worth of erosion damage and that the cost of re-sodding will run about \$4,000.

Riley expressed concern for the safety of children at the site, especially when warmer weather brings an increase in outdoor activities. He wondered aloud whether the county, which carries the insurance on the facility, will be liable if a child breaks a

leg because of trenches caused by erosion.

In response to questions raised by Precinct 4 Commissioner Dave Eagle, Welborn indicated that the YMCA does not appear to have met its yearly reporting requirements to the county.

“No doubt we need to be a little bit more hands-on,” said Welborn, who also was not with the county at the time the agreement went into effect. She said she suspects that the ball was dropped by both entities.

Riley said that he has never included repairs or maintenance for the property in his department’s budget.

“I need to know where I stop and they start,” he said, referring to who is responsible for what.

Riley and County Judge Ron Massingill indicated a desire to see any maintenance records that the Y might have. Massingill asked Mills and Assistant County Attorney Robert Carter how such records, or a lack of records, might affect which entity is re-

sponsible for the erosion repairs.

Carter, who has viewed the contract, said “there’s not really a big penalty” if the Y is at fault for a problem that Riley said has “probably been going on ever since the building’s been there.”

The matter is expected to be taken up again at the court’s next regular meeting, scheduled for Tuesday, Feb. 14.

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ESD

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to the requested amendment. No decision has been made to create an ESD.

Precinct 1 Commissioner Kevin Andrews, who submitted the agenda item, indicated that the move was to ensure that any future ESD will provide “better government.” If adopted, the amendment will allow elected members of the Commissioners Court, who

must answer to voters, to make taxing and budgeting decisions for the ESD instead of those decisions being made by board members who are appointed by the court.

The action differs from what happened in 2021 when petitions were circulated in DeCordova and Tolar to encourage the Commissioners Court to put a question on the ballot to create ESDs for those communities. The court opted not to move forward with that idea.

Under Andrews’ resolution, if an ESD is created it will be one ESD to serve the entire county.

“This basically makes it in many respects a department of the county,” he said at the court’s regular meeting on Tuesday, Jan. 24.

Andrews said that many fire chiefs, especially those in rural areas, have expressed concern about an ESD board possibly deciding to pull funds from one department that maybe doesn’t get as many calls as another department within the district. A Commissioners

Court could prevent that if it has authority over the ESD.

A former fire chief for Lipan, Andrews said that he had spoken with the chiefs of the county’s nine volunteer fire departments. “There’s a lot of support for this idea,” he said.

Precinct 4 Commissioner Dave Eagle stated, “This is a way of giving us an option of, if we’re going to do an ESD, we shouldn’t have nine of them. We should have one for the county.”

County Judge Ron Massingill

expressed support for the concept and indicated that if each volunteer fire department had its own board supervised ESD, that would mean “45 unelected bureaucrats.”

Andrews told the Hood County News that the ESD would still have appointed board members who would advise the court.

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Birdwell to chair two Senate committees, serve on others

BY KATHY CRUZ
Senior Staff Writer

As the 88th Legislature dives into its work, State Sen. Brian Birdwell, R-Granbury, will again chair the Senate Committee on Border Security and the Senate Committee on Natural Resources and Economic Development. In addition, the Hood County Republican, who represents District 22, will serve as a member of the Business and Commerce,

Education, and State Affairs committees as well as the Special Committee on Redistricting.

Lt. Gov. Dan Patrick announced Senate committee appointments last week.

"This is the strongest, best equipped group of senators in Texas history," he stated. "They are proven leaders with the expertise and experience needed to keep Texas moving in the right direction. That includes the most outstanding

freshman class we have ever had."

He continued, "The overwhelming majority of bills voted on by the chamber will have bipartisan support. But make no mistake, the priority bills will address the concerns of the conservative majority in Texas."

Through the redistricting process, Birdwell drew a four-year term.

He explained that procedure in an e-newsletter to constituents.

Every 10 years, the Legislature is responsible for redrawing the state's electoral maps based on data received from the United States Census Bureau.

That process was done during the last legislative session and the maps were finalized during the second-called special session.

After maps are redrawn, every district is open for election, meaning incumbents must re-run for their district's seat regardless of

where they are in their term.

Once newly elected senators are sworn in, they draw lots to determine whether they will serve two- or four-year terms. This ensures the continuation of staggered terms within the senate.

Birdwell stated in his newsletter that he was "very blessed" to have pulled a four-year term.

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FROM MY FRONT PORCH

A rant in favor of the government, when it works smoothly for us all

As I begin this column I have a feeling I may be kicking at a hornet nest, but upon reflection, I am determined to speak my mind even though it may fly in the face of commonly held beliefs and a few readers may shake their head at me in dismay.

I recently reached the age where I could file with Social Security for my retirement benefits. I have reached full retirement age and can apply for my benefits even though I continue to work. Going to the Social Security website, I completed the online forms and hit submit. Soon I learned I would start receiving benefits by the end of the month. The entire process was fast, easy and efficient.

On Thursday I got a phone call from a bank in Gainesville with a rather unusual question. Though I did not have an account at the bank, they knew who I was because I manage an account at that bank for my Miss Jayne, an elderly senior citizen. It would seem Social



BY SAM HOUSTON

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

Security was trying to make an electronic deposit for me, but I did not have an account at that bank. Social Security did have my account number, but it was for an account at a completely different bank.

My response was to instruct the bank to reject the electronic transfer. I would reach out to Social Security to clear up the matter. I then began investigating the copy I had printed out from the Social Security website when I applied. Lo and behold, some dummy (meaning me!) had provided inaccurate information. Somehow I had sent the wrong routing number when I completed the paperwork. Social Security was trying to do exactly what I had told them to do. The error was completely and totally my fault.

On Friday morning I got on the phone and called the nearest Social Security office to see if I could clear up the matter. After a very brief wait on hold, a courteous customer rep took my call, asked a few questions, fixed the problem and assured me I would have the money I was due, deposited in the correct account within 48 hours. Before I got off the phone I expressed to the young woman my thanks and told her how much I appreciated her kindness and for working with me to fix my problem.

Somewhere in the 80s it became very fashionable to blame every problem on the government and that seems to be the sentiment many people still hold. Let me disclaim, I am not saying the government is the solution for all our

problems, or that the government is better situated to handle matters than private citizens. I am not a socialist. However, we do have a government, and while they are far from perfect, considering the enormity of the job they undertake my experience is they generally do a pretty good job.

In this case, the entire problem was caused by my error. When the matter was brought to the attention of the powers to be, they aided me, and made it right. What more could I ask for?

Does the government make mistakes, and does it sometimes act inefficiently? Of course, it does! The last time I looked, so does every entity I have ever done business with. The government is made up of human beings, just like our private businesses, and sometimes individuals make errors.

Am I suggesting the government is perfect? Heavens no, but when I hear people go on and on about how bad the government handles things, it makes me want to check

into their work product. I wonder how perfect they are, or how perfect their business operates. I bet their performance is not nearly as perfect as what they expect of every branch of government from the feds to local city offices. I would think we all want the best result possible in all things. Maybe we should be a little more understanding when it doesn't work out that way.

Thank you, kind lady, at the Social Security office who helped me. Thanks to everybody in a civil service job who is doing the best they can to serve us, the people. It is a thankless job, and this is one time I wanted to say to a person, "We appreciate what you do."

Thought for the day: "We are all imperfect. We cannot expect perfect government." — William Howard Taft

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

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UTGCD

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of development as well. In 2018, the United States Census Bureau ranked Hood County the ninth fastest growing county in the country based on growth that occurred during a year's time.

Commissioners courts in each county that is part of the UTGCD, appoint two members to its board. When a seat is vacated, commissioners' courts can make a recommendation, but the UTGCD board makes the decision.

Due to an unusual and politically charged set of circumstances, the board was given two recommendations for the open Hood County seat: Mike Massey and Bob Lusk.

The board's decision, now moved to February due to the absence of board member Tim Watts of Parker County, won't just determine who wins the seat on the eight-member panel. It will also resolve whether Precinct 4 Commissioner Dave Eagle's strategy to reverse a previous majority vote of the Commissioners Court, one that did not go his way, was a winning one.

There is another reason as well why the vote will be noteworthy: It may indicate whether board members vote solely on who is the most qualified, or whether their decisions might be influenced by other factors.

Massey served on the UTGCD board for 12 years and was its president for six of those years. That is why those who favor his appointment believe he is the most qualified. In 2019, when the board's recommendations for wider well spacing drew outrage from developers, realtors, and others, he was not reappointed to the seat he had held since the UTGCD was formed in 2007.

At Thursday night's meeting, at which both Massey and Lusk were present, board member Mike Berkley

of Montague County made a motion to seat Massey. It was seconded by Don Majka of Wise County.

However, before a full vote was taken, the board decided to go into closed session. When they reopened the public meeting, Berkley and Majka withdrew their motion and second. The board unanimously agreed to table the decision until the board's next regular meeting on Thursday, Feb. 16 in hopes that all seven members will be present to participate in the vote.

Five are needed for any motion to be adopted.

Adding to the tension in the ongoing situation is whether Eagle's comments to the board that night gave the false impression that County Judge Ron Massingill, who had voted for Massey, supported replacing his nomination with one for Lusk. Massingill, who was not present at the January board meeting, said he intends to be there for the one in February.

THE HISTORY

The dust-up began last November when the Commissioners Court voted 3-2 to nominate Massey for the seat vacated by Richard English. Massingill and Precinct 3 Commissioner Jack Wilson voted in favor of his appointment, as did then-Precinct 2 Commissioner Ron Cotton. Eagle and Precinct 1 Commissioner Kevin Andrews voted nay.

Unbeknownst to Massingill, Cotton, and Wilson, Eagle sent a letter to the UTGCD ahead of its November meeting asking the board to disregard the nomination and to wait on making a decision until a new commissioner for Precinct 2, Nannette Samuelson, was seated in January.

That move angered the three elected officials as well as others in the community who favored Massey for the seat.

At the November UTGCD board

meeting, a motion was made and seconded to delay the decision until January, but it failed in a 4-3 vote that was one vote shy of the five-vote requirement.

A vote was taken at that time to appoint Massey but that, too, failed in a 4-3 vote. Those voting nay were Jarrod Reynolds of Hood County and Parker County's Watts and Shannon Nave.

In December, Reynolds as well as Brent Wilson of Wise County were absent from the board meeting. That delayed the decision again, moving it into January.

Samuelson was sworn in on Jan. 1. Eagle requested a special meeting of the Commissioners Court for Jan. 6 to "discuss and take appropriate action" on a recommendation for the vacated UTGCD post.

At that meeting, Massingill, who had consulted with an attorney for the Texas Association of Counties, raised concerns about the legality of voting on a second recommendation when the previous one had not been rescinded.

When others on the court appeared uncomfortable with proceeding, Eagle suggested scheduling another meeting for Jan. 9 during which a vote could be taken to rescind the Massey nomination.

At the Jan. 9 meeting, the votes of Eagle, Samuelson, and Andrews overpowered the votes of Massingill and Wilson. The Massey nomination was rescinded and Lusk, who has written numerous peer reviewed articles related to the property 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, became the nominee.

UTGCD board members were notified of the new recommendation.

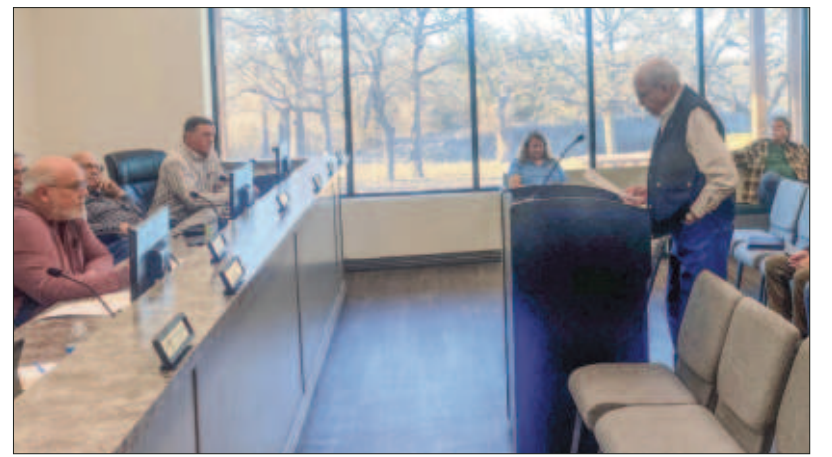
WRONG IMPRESSION?

On Friday morning after the meeting, the HCN contacted Massingill



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Precinct 4 Commissioner Dave Eagle encourages members of the Upper Trinity Groundwater Conservation District board to appoint Bob Lusk to fill a vacant seat designated for Hood County during the board's regular meeting in Springtown last week.



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Mike Scott, leader of a new group called Hood County Forward, encourages members of the Upper Trinity Groundwater Conservation District to appoint Mike Massey to fill a vacant seat designated for Hood County during the board's regular meeting in Springtown last week. Precinct 4 Commissioner Dave Eagle, in a plaid shirt and glasses, listens from a bench by the window after urging the board to appoint Bob Lusk.

and read to him a transcribed portion of Eagle's remarks to the board.

Eagle said that on Jan. 9, "the county Commissioners Court met again to discuss a recommendation.

And the January 9 recommendation for Mike Massey was rescinded during the Commissioners Court — and

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OBITUARIES

Jody Clark Keahey

January 23, 1934 - January 21, 2023

Jody Keahey, 88, passed away peacefully in her sleep and went to be with the Lord on January 21, 2023.

Jody grew up in Shiprock, New Mexico. She attended Catholic school at St. Mary's in Albuquerque, New Mexico.

She met Joseph Keahey, the love of her life, shortly after graduation. They were married for 65 years and had three children.

They moved to Dallas, TX where she was a hairdresser at the Adolphus Hotel. Upon moving to Flower Mound, TX she exclusively raised her children. They lived there for almost 50 years before selling their ranch and moving to Pecan Plantation.

Jody loved to go antiques, decorate, and shop! She was most happy doing those three things. She also spent many hours in her flower garden and had one heck of a green



thumb.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Joseph Keahey. Jody is survived by her three children, five grandchildren, and one great-grandchild: Scott and daughter-in-law Joi and their daughter Jody Sue, Joe Jr. and son Kyle, Ronda and children Monnie, Maddie, and Maverick and her great grandchild Madden. Her good nature and laughter will be missed by family and friends.

Gail Stenbridge Linney Smith

June 5, 1957 - January 24, 2023

Gail Smith, 65, passed away Tuesday, January 24, 2023, at home surrounded by loved ones. She was born June 5, 1957 in Pampa to Donald and Claudia Stenbridge. They both preceded her in death, along with her husband, Randy Smith, her sister, Anita Wilson and niece, Rachel Gilliam. She is survived by her daughters Brandy and husband Kerry Cooper and Brooke Linney; grandchildren Alison, Carson, Hudson, Tyson and Zoey; sisters Laquita Stenbridge-Royal, Debra Gilliam, Brenda Maggard



and Cheryl Coleman; best friend Patty Somers and numerous other friends and family.

Sheila Margaret Higgins

January 4, 1935 - January 26, 2023

Sheila Margaret Higgins, 88, passed away on Thursday, January 26, 2023 in Fort Worth. She was born January 4, 1935 in Gretna, Louisiana where she met her future husband, Mark A. Higgins at a morning service at the Gretna Presbyterian Church. They moved to Granbury in 1994. He preceded her in death in 2021. Sheila was a member and a Deacon at the First Presbyterian Church in Granbury. She attended TCU and was an Assistant to the Librarian at a Middle School in Guilford, CT.

She is survived by her daughters, Betty Jane H. Milewski of Granbury, Meg Montesino (David Montesino) of Granbury, and Ellen Bebee (Larry Bebee) of Florida; granddaughter,



Adrienne Ione; grandson, Christopher Bebee.

Graveside services will be held at 2:00 p.m. Wednesday, February 1, 2023 at Holly Hills Memorial Park in Granbury with Pastor Drew Travis officiating under the direction of Wiley Funeral Home of Granbury.

Edith Marlene Carle

April 12, 1940 - January 19, 2023

Marlene was born in Dallas to Ruth and Ray Lovelace. She grew up in Grand Prairie, lived her adult years in Arlington and retired to Pecan Plantation in Granbury. She attended SMU, UTA, and the University of North Texas. Marlene started her career as a math teacher and always kept learning and striving. She retired from Arlington ISD as the first female Assistant Superintendent. In 1973, she married Robert Carle, the love of her life. Together they had a beautiful blended family.

She is preceded in death by her parents and brother Charles, her husband Robert and sweet daughter, Francie, who we lost too soon. Marlene is survived by children and spouses: Jamie and Steve Inman, Barbara Lymworth, Janet and Bill Marshall, and Bob and Wena Carle. Additionally, her eleven grandchildren: Tara, Lau-



rel, Emily, Sean, Jessica, Dan, Craig,

Amanda, Lauren, Hons, and Clayton and sixteen great grandchildren. Her funeral service was held on January 31, 2023 at 11 a.m. at Moore Funeral Home in Arlington. Visitation was held on January 30, 2023 from 6 - 8 p.m. In lieu of flowers, please send donations to Arlington Educational Foundation, because in the words of Marlene, "No one can ever take away your education".

Kenneth Ray Massie

February 18, 1932 - January 24, 2023

Kenneth Ray Massie, 90, passed away at his home in Granbury with his family by his side on Tuesday, January 24, 2023. He was born February 18, 1932 in Whitewright, Texas to Floyd and Maude Burns Massie. He married Peggy Nell Hayley on July 19, 1952 in Honey Grove, Texas.

Kenneth was a veteran of the United States Army serving as Battalion Motor Pool Maintenance Manager. He loved his Lord and served as Deacon for several Baptist churches throughout Texas. He was instrumental in the remodeling the Gospel Light Baptist Church in Mineral Wells. Kenneth was a member of Bible Baptist Church in Granbury. He was a master repairman, he could fix anything and owned his own appliance repair business. Kenneth enjoyed traveling, farming, and ranching and growing his own vegetables and providing his own meats for his family.

He was preceded in death by his parents, seven siblings, a daughter, Sharon Knight and a great-granddaughter, Timper Jean Massie.

Kenneth is survived by his wife of (70) years, Peg-



gy Nell Massie; daughter, Cathy Smith, and husband Gary; son, Ray Massie and wife Terri; eight grandchildren and (19) great-grandchildren.

Funeral services will be held at 10 a.m. Friday, February 3, 2023 at Wiley Funeral Home Chapel in Granbury with visitation from 9 to 10 a.m. Friday prior to services.

Graveside services will follow at 3 p.m. Friday at Seymour Masonic Cemetery in Seymour, Texas under the direction of Wiley Funeral Home of Granbury.

Serving as pallbearers will be his grandsons, Christopher Welch, John Jacob Knight, Matt Feldman, Daniel Massie, Zachary Massie, Owen Fee, and Andy Carnes.

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that was at the behest of the (county) judge. The judge wanted to have that prior recommendation rescinded, so that was made part of the issue. And so rescinded means to cancel, take back, take away, remove. So, in place of Mike Massey being the recommendation, the new Commissioners Court that took office on January the first is now recommending Mr. Bob Lusk to be Hood County's representative to fill the position left open by Mr. Richard English's departure."

In Massingill's view, Eagle's statement did not accurately reflect what had transpired. He reiterated that he had recommended a vote to rescind the Massey nomination only because Eagle was insistent on a new vote and he, Massingill, wanted to make sure that it was done legally.

"I was never in favor of this," he said of switching nominations. "I was never in favor of rescinding Mike Massey's recommendation. I felt that it should stand." He noted that while Lusk appears to be knowledgeable about surface water, it is very different from groundwater. Massingill also stated that he intends to address the board when he attends its meeting later this month.

Former chamber president and CEO Mike Scott said that he intends to do so as well. Scott is a leader of Hood County Forward, a recently formed group that sent a letter to the UTGCD board calling Eagle's actions "beyond the pale" and asking that it disregard his efforts to overturn the previous vote by the Commissioners Court.

Scott attended last week's board meeting and, like Eagle, addressed the panel. "I apologize to you guys that you're caught up in Hood County politics," he told the group. "Because I'm also caught up and it's not a lot of fun."

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Malmyr D. Weeks

September 18, 1934 - January 10, 2023

Malmyr D. Weeks was called home to be with the Lord on January 10, 2023. Dee, as his family and friends knew him, was born on September 18, 1934 in Longview, Texas to Raymond and Noel Weeks. He was later adopted by his Aunt and Uncle, Curtis and Ruby Chamberlain. He graduated from Pine Bluff High School in Arkansas in 1952, and then attended college for a year before going to work in the oil fields.

It was during his time in the oil fields that he traveled to Calgary, Alberta and met the love of his life, Carol St. Clair. It was absolutely love at first sight. They married on May 13, 1957 and were to celebrate their 66th anniversary this year. Their love and devotion to each other remains that of fairytales. Together they had two children, Robin Leah and Brett Christopher.

Dee served in the United States Army for two years and obtained a degree in Electrical Engineering from Southern Methodist University. He went on to work for Ling-Temco-Vaughn and then Collins Radio, which eventually became Alcatel by the time he retired. In addition to his professional successes, he had many hobbies and interests. Dee loved all things baseball, especially the Texas Rangers and the Houston Astros. He enjoyed soccer, and even began playing in his forties. He delighted in traveling with his wife and participating in any outdoor venture. He rarely missed his children's activities as they were growing up. Whether it was his daughter's horseback riding competitions or his son's soccer games, he was always on the sidelines acting as



their biggest cheerleader. He continued this tradition with his grandchildren, attending events whenever possible to show his unwavering support. His family was indeed his greatest passion, and it showed every single day. Dee was a devout Catholic and lived his life in service to the Lord Jesus Christ. There is comfort in knowing that he is now with our Lord and will continue to watch over and pray for his loved ones who remain here on Earth.

He is preceded in death by his parents, Curtis and Ruby Chamberlain, his brother Macyl Weeks, and his cousins Sylvia and Billie Jean. He is survived by his wife Carol Weeks; his daughter Robin Weeks and her husband Dennis; his son Brett Weeks and his wife Corey; his grandchildren, Craig, Douglas, Evan, Cameron, and Kira; and many extended family members. He will be dearly missed. His loving heart left a beacon of light for all those who knew him.

A Memorial Service will be held on February 9, 2023 at 11:00 a.m. at St. Francis Cabrini Catholic Church in Granbury, Texas. In lieu of flowers, the family asks that you consider a donation to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital online at stjude.org/donate or via phone at (800) 608-3023.

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- TX Bonnie & Clyde killed at least ___ people
- Spurs "Pop" was 3 times NBA "Coach of the ___"
- a State Fair mo. creator of cartoon "Cowpokes" (2 wds.)
- TXism: "___ light idea" (inspiration)
- Amarillo "Ranch" has ten of these buried nose-first
- "In Dreams" TX singer Roy (init.)
- a Columbus ship
- this Masterson fought Indians in Texas
- speak spitefully
- this Air Command used at least 9 bases in Texas
- SMU great Kyle Rote's suffix
- in 2023, U.S. taxes ___ April 18
- Cuero is seat of De ___ County
- hubbub
- TXism: "he's a ring-___" (party animal)
- rock 'n roll "King"
- army person
- birth name of TX born Joan Crawford: Lucille Fay ___Sueur

46 Blake Shelton hit: "___ Country"

47 ___ with a valid will

49 George W.'s is located on SMU campus

52 ___-dah! (fanfare)

53 TX Bob Wills line: "Ah ___ take it away Leon"

54 "holty-___" (pompous)

55 TX-born Kate Capshaw debuted on soap opera "___ of Night"

DOWN

- home of Texas A&M
- TXism: "just down the road ___"
- TX Ted Cruz and TX John Cornyn
- soothsayer
- summer necessity in Texas (abbr.)
- TX Don Henley co-wrote "I ___ You Why"
- actress Adams of "Raquel" with TX Lynda Day George
- Cowboys "___ of Honor"
- John Steinbeck's Texas widow
- birth state of Charles Goodnight (abbr.)
- TXism: "smack ___ in the middle"
- TXism: "it's ___ ___ didley squat"
- Ted aka "Lurch" first acted in Dallas
- strain and pressure
- 29th & 32nd governor "___ Ferguson"
- this Howe played for and managed Astros
- grassy land (poetic)

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38 TXism: "___ tickler" (pianist)

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TSU SPORTS INFORMATION PHOTO

Tarleton State University's Shakur Daniel (13) and Freddy Hicks (2) put defensive pressure on a Seattle University player during their Jan. 19 men's basketball game during the recent road trip. Scoring droughts for the Texans in the second half resulted in a 67-47 loss.

Texans start off strong but go cold in road loss to Seattle

TSU Sports Information

SEATTLE — Tarleton State University's Texans began their Jan. 19 men's basketball game neck-and-neck at Seattle University, but several scoring droughts in the second half resulted in a 67-47 loss to the Redhawks, who have not lost a game at home this season.

After that game, the Texans and the Redhawks were the only teams in the WAC still undefeated at home this season.

Tarleton (10-9, 3-3 WAC) was first on the scoreboard courtesy of Freddy Hicks, who made his return to the court after suffering an injury against Baylor 10 games prior. Seattle (15-4, 6-0 WAC) was quick to respond scoring its first of several three-point shots in the first 10 minutes of play.

With just over eight minutes left in the first half, the Texans regained a one-point lead off an and-one play from Shamir Bogues.

Tarleton and Seattle traded buckets resulting in four lead changes

over the final seven minutes of the first half. Going into the locker room, the Redhawks held a slight lead, 24-22.

Tarleton's swarming defense caused havoc for Seattle offensively in the first half. The Texans held the Redhawks to 10-of-27 (.370) shooting from the field and yielded no free throws.

The second half proved to be a different story for the Texans, and they were unable to regain the lead. Tarleton couldn't get its shots to fall as Seattle extended its lead to

nine points, thanks to a six-minute scoring drought by the Texans.

With eight minutes gone in the second half, Bogues' drive in the paint ended the Texans' dry spell. Nine unanswered points from the Redhawks, and TSU foul trouble, resulted in a 16-point lead halfway through the second half.

The Texans put together a minor run before the Redhawks put a stamp on the game for their 20-point win.

Tarleton was led in scoring by Lue Williams and Hicks. Williams

picked up 14 points (6-12 FG) and eight defensive boards. Hicks, the Fireside District Player of the Game, also scored 14 points while recording six rebounds, four steals, and three assists.

Bogues notched eight points and four rebounds. Freshman Lajae Jones entered the game late, picking up four points. Shakur Daniel and Coreyoun Rushin each scored three points. Daniel also grabbed three rebounds and two assists.

Two school track records set as Texans compete in Lubbock's Corky Classic

TSU Sports Information

LUBBOCK — Tarleton State University's track and field teams wrapped up two days of competition at the Texas Tech Sports Performance Center Jan. 13-14 as two athletes broke school records with plenty of other impressive performances to go around at the Corky Classic.

"We had some athletes have a solid weekend," said head coach Clay Holland. "However, we have a long way to go to meet our true potential as a team. We will get back on track these next two weeks to be mentally and physically prepared so we will be in position to meet the standards we set for this team."

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In the first event for Tarleton on that Friday, the women's pole vault, true freshman Sage Barmettler cleared 3.53 meters and broke the

Tarleton indoor women's pole vault record. The Danbury, Texas, native surpassed Sarah Vann's mark of 3.52 meters in 2014. The mark was good for third place at the Corky Classic as Barmettler was the lone Texan to medal at the meet.

That record was followed by Bailey Smotek's impressive performance in the 600-yard run. The junior Holland, Texas, native ran a 1:10.32 to place second in his heat, fourth in the event and overtake Cameron Krc's previous best of 1:13.90 in 2015.

RECORD ALERT

Bailey Smotek crushed Tarleton's indoor 600-yard school record, placing second in his heat and fourth overall in the men's 600-yard dash with a time of 1:10.32.

On the women's side of the 600-yard run, sophomore Kailey Sykora led her heat from start to finish

on the way to a 13th place finish (1:30.04). The run placed her second all-time in Tarleton's record books for the women's indoor 600-yard run.

Brandon McKissick ended the day with a fifth-place finish in the 400m dash, running it in 49.06 seconds. The Liberty Hill native is no stranger to success in the 400m dash as he earned All-WAC second-team recognition in the 4x400m relay at the 2022 WAC Indoor Championships.

Senior Gentry Munden cleared 1.70m in the women's high jump to earn a fifth-place finish and slide into third place on the Texans all time indoor high jump list.

Sophomore Brenna Lee and senior Alessa King took second and third in their heat of the women's 400m dash. Lee ran 59.74, good for a personal record while King ran 1:00.34. The duo placed 11th and 13th, respectively.

Junior Brady Sisneroz secured personal records in the 400m dash and the 60m hurdles. In the 400m dash he ran 49.95 and was able to win his heat, ultimately placing 11th overall. He had a time of 8.56 in the 60m hurdles.

To close out the 400m top performers, Brady Sisneroz finished atop his heat and 11th overall with a run of 49.95.

Graduate student Alan Palmer tied for fourth in the men's high jump, clearing 2.02m.

Justin Raines placed 16th overall in the 200m, running 21.84 to pace the Texan men and overtake his previous 200m best of 21.87.

Freshman Canyon Staton won his 200m heat with a time of 21.95. He continued his early success, as he medaled in the 400m dash at the Crimson and Gold Invitational in December, running 49.16.

JAN. 14

Reid Vincent and Raines were able to move on to the 60m dash semifinal that Saturday, after both ran a 6.84 in the prelims. Both improved on their times in the semifinal, with Vincent running 6.83 and Raines 6.80.

Sophomore Rese Schoonover moved on to the semifinal of the women's 60m hurdles after running a 9.33 in the prelim. She also ran a 9.33 in the semi-final.

James McIntyre placed seventh in the men's long jump with a mark of 6.77m.

Juniors Jaden Hall and Jordan Flores impressed in the triple jump as Hall jumped 14.42 for a sixth-place finish. The jump was good for second all-time in Tarleton's indoor triple jump. Flores placed eighth with a mark of 14.37 — third all-time on the indoor triple jump behind Hall.

TSU's James Hurley co-chair for new WAC-ASUN football conference planning

Tarleton Sports Information

ARLINGTON — The ASUN Conference and the Western Athletic Conference (WAC) announced on Jan. 5 that its football partnership has adopted a basic governance structure and engaged Oliver Luck as Executive Director. Luck begins his consulting role with the group effective immediately. The Council of Presidents will feature co-chairs David McFaddin, Eastern Kentucky University President, and James Hurley, Tarleton State University President, when the new



Hurley

conference officially begins play in 2023.

"Oliver Luck is one of the most respected leaders in NCAA athletics," Hurley

said. "He brings an incredible amount of knowledge, passion, and expertise to our common and unified goal. He will work collaboratively with our commissioners, presidents and athletic directors to ensure that our football conference is among the best in the nation."

Luck was a three-year starter at quarterback for West Virginia, finishing his career by leading the Mountaineers to a 26-6 win over Florida in the Peach Bowl. While becoming WVU's all-time leader in touchdown passes and completions, he graduated magna cum laude as a 4.0 honor student in history and was a Rhodes Scholar finalist. Luck was selected by the Houston Oilers in the second round of the NFL draft and played with them from 1982 through 1986. He then earned his law degree from the University of Texas.

In his professional career he has worked with the NFL, served as General Manager of the Rhein Galaxy of the World League of American Football, and was president and CEO of NFL Europe. He adds experience as CEO of the Harris County-Houston Sports Authority and President of Major League Soccer's Houston Dynamos. In 2010 Luck became Director of Athletics at his alma mater, leading the West Virginia program until 2015 when he became NCAA Executive Vice President of Regulatory Affairs. He later served as

Commissioner of the XFL and is now chairman of Altius Sports Partners.

"We have 10 presidents with the same goal — to elevate our institutions through outstanding academic programs, world-class faculty and staff and all of our Division I sports, including our historic football programs competing and winning at the highest possible level of competition and recognition," Eastern Kentucky University President David McFaddin said. "With Oliver Luck's leadership, we have added an important piece of

that equation. This is an exciting time for our schools, our conferences and for the overall growth and strength of both the ASUN and the WAC."

"I'm excited to work with 10 outstanding presidents who have a united vision to build their football programs," Luck said. "Together, with WAC Commissioner Brian Thornton and ASUN Commissioner Ted Gumbart, we are going to build and execute a game plan for success. The NCAA is in a transformational stage and now is a great time to build a new football conference."

GHS swimmers seek state berths

BY RICK MAUCH
Special to the Hood County News

Three Granbury swimmers are seeking a return to the Class 5A State Meet in Austin Feb. 17-18, seniors Jordan Buchanan and Tyler Guidry, along with junior Braxton Heffernan.

The 5A Region 2 Meet will be Friday and Saturday, Feb. 3-4, at Debbie Weems Natatorium in Mansfield.

The top two finishers in each championship final in each region will advance to state, along with the next eight fastest swimmers from across the state as "call-ups," making a field of 24 in each event at state. The eight fastest times must come from the championship finals at each regional meet.

The Pirates won the District 5-5A championship on Friday, Jan. 20, their 10th consecutive district title, while the GHS girls finished third.

Heffernan won district championships in the 50-yard freestyle as well as being part of the 200 free relay (with Guidry, Buchanan and senior Ryan Solisz). Sophomore Mylie Erezzo won district in the 100-yard freestyle for the Lady Pirates.

Also competing this weekend will be seniors Preston Beauchamp, Tessa Fox, Tyler McDermott and Will Power; juniors Luke Basil, Noah Brown, Bodie Chastain, Brenna Haynes, Hunter Jones, Colin Lindsey and Kensington Loving; sophomores Madison Erezzo, Eva Huckaby, Michael Krazy, Grace Larsen, Lee Stuart and Avery Young; and freshmen Remi Chastain, Bailey McDermott, Ella Redwine and Cameron Ward.

"This year's team should be geared up for having a lot of success at the regional level," GHS coach Charles Overton said. "All these athletes have put in a lot of time, effort and passion into this season, and this is where we will see it all pay off."

"Looking at the results from our region other dis-

trict championships we have a lot of confidence going into Friday and Saturday. But, it is up to us to make sure we keep our heads on and do our job at the pool Friday (prelims), to put us in a position to have the success we have been talking about as a team all year.

"We have a great group of seniors and juniors that will provide us with experience and leadership this weekend, and a very strong underclassmen group that brings a lot to the table to help round out the program."

GRANBURY GIRLS BASKETBALL

The Lady Pirates were hosting Justin Northwest at press time with a chance to clinch a postseason spot. A Granbury win, with an Azle loss to Saginaw, would secure a playoff berth.

The Lady Pirates were coming off a 38-29 victory at Wichita Falls Rider in which Ella Hamlin led the offense with 13 points and the defense with six steals. Kate Hamlin added seven points and five rebounds, Ella Garner grabbed six rebounds with three assists and three steals, and Alexa Mueller had four steals.

The Lady Pirates and Pirates travel to Saginaw Friday, Feb. 3 and host Aledo Tuesday, Feb. 7, 6:15 tipoff for girls and 7:30 for boys in both games.

The Lady Pirates junior varsity defeated Rider 39-19, while the freshmen won 37-13.

District 5-5A standings

	District	Overall
x-Brewer	9-1	24-3
Granbury	6-3	20-10
Northwest	6-4	20-11
Aledo	5-4	15-14

Azle	4-5	20-10
Saginaw	3-6	15-11
WF Rider	0-10	0-23

X = clinched playoff berth

GRANBURY BOYS BASKETBALL

The Pirates moved into sole possession of third place in District 5-5A at the midpoint of league play with a 46-37 victory at Wichita Falls Rider on Jan. 27.

Isaiah Trejo led the Pirates with 11 points, while Kensington Colston added 10. Jarmaine Rucker came off the bench to score eight and Jenaro Reyes tallied seven.

"This was a big hurdle because we have played horribly in the past at Rider, long trip, gym figuration, etc., etc.," Granbury coach David Breazeale said. "We weren't great, but we did create offense with our various press looks. Two huge games this week."

The Pirates were hosting Northwest at press time.

The Granbury JV also defeated Rider, 57-33, as did the freshmen, 61-38.

District 5-5A standings

	District	Overall
x-Brewer	8-0	25-3
Northwest	5-3	14-15
Granbury	4-3	15-10
Aledo	3-4	12-9
Azle	3-5	15-14
Saginaw	3-5	11-14
WF Rider	1-7	13-14

X = clinched playoff berth

GRANBURY BOYS SOCCER

The Pirates opened District 5-5A play with a 3-0 loss at home to Brewer on Jan. 24 and bounced back with a shootout win at Azle on Jan. 27 after the teams finished regulation tied 0-0.

Goalkeeper Cristian Padrian had two critical saves in the shootout as the Pirates (1-8-5 overall, 0-1-1 in district) outscored the Hornets 4-3 on penalty kicks.

The Pirates and Lady Pirates host Wichita Falls Rider Friday, Feb. 3 and travel to Northwest on



Tuesday, Feb. 7. Girls start at 5 p.m. and boys at 7.

GRANBURY GIRLS SOCCER

The Lady Pirates (5-5 overall) are off to a 2-0 start in District 5-5A after a 1-0 win at home over Brewer on Jan. 24 and a 2-1 win at Azle on Jan. 27.

Dom Callahan scored the goal and Emily Kirby had the assist against Brewer. Callahan and Kirby each had a goal against Azle, with Madison Rogers and Maddie Black registering assists. Callahan's hero goal came in the final three minutes.

Meanwhile, the JV Gold team won 2-1 over Lake Worth and 3-0 over Saginaw. Janice Silva scored four goals, Anna Lee had one, Jania Silva had two assists, and Alyssa Biscardi one.

TOLAR BOYS BASKETBALL

The Rattlers had little trouble at Ranger, winning 78-20 on Jan. 27 as Reis Brown scored 20 points. Cade Moody and Matthew Behrens each scored 18 and Merritt Imel scored 12.

The Rattlers and Lady Rattlers were hosting DeLeon at press time. They travel to Poolville Friday, Feb. 3 and host Lipan Tuesday, Feb. 7. Girls tip at 6:15 p.m. and boys at 7:30.

District 11-2A standings

	District	Overall
Lipan	7-0	25-1
Tolar	5-1	21-6
DeLeon	5-3	8-19
Poolville	4-3	17-12
Santo	2-4	4-19
Hico	1-6	3-22
Ranger	0-7	2-13

TOLAR GIRLS BASKETBALL

The Lady Rattlers are

closing in on a playoff berth following their 74-17 victory at Ranger on Jan. 27 behind 30 points, seven rebounds, three assists, and three steals from Senne Imel.

Maddie Rue scored 12 points, with seven rebounds and two blocks, Emma Jackson scored 10 with seven rebounds and three assists, Skylar Nunley pulled down seven rebounds and had seven assists, and Trinity Rousseau had five rebounds with five assists.

District 11-2A standings

	District	Overall
x-Lipan	9-0	25-2
Tolar	6-3	11-15
Santo	4-3	8-14
DeLeon	4-3	8-9
Poolville	4-5	10-15
Hico	2-5	6-19
Ranger	0-10	6-14

X = clinched playoff berth

LIPAN BOYS BASKETBALL

Garrett Smith lit up the nets for 37 points as the Indians downed Poolville 88-51 at home on Jan. 24. Smith hit 10 of Lipan's 13 baskets from three-point range.

Tate Branson added 14 points.

The Indians and Lady Indians were playing at Santo at press time with a chance to clinch a postseason spot for the boys. The girls have already wrapped up a playoff berth. They host Hico Friday, Feb. 3, girls starting at 6:15 p.m. and boys at 7:30, before traveling to Tolar.

LIPAN GIRLS BASKETBALL

The Lady Indians won 70-22 at home over Poolville as Trinity Benitez scored 14 points with six rebounds.

Also, Hanna Gaylor scored 12 with five rebounds, Taylor Branson scored 12 with five steals and Lynsey Little added 10 with five assists.

Lipan had a 32-15 rebound advantage, including 10-1 offensive boards.

GRANBURY POWERLIFTING

The Pirates competed at Brock on Jan. 26 with seven lifters finishing first or second in their weight class.

Top Granbury results were:

- 123 pounds: 2. Nhat Hoang, 855 total pounds lifted.
 - 132: 1. Miles Cable, 910; 2. Kanon Lightfoot, 855; 3. Casen Moore, 830.
 - 148: 2. Noe Puente, 940; 4. Sawyer Barks, 905.
 - 165: 1. Tyler Rodgers, 1,230.
 - 198: 3. Chase Cantrell, 1,210.
 - 220: 1. Brayden Olthoff, 1,580.
 - 275: 1. Enrique Sanchez, 1,470.
 - 308: 3. Jose Hernandez, 1,075.
- The Pirates JV also competed at Azle. Top finishers were:
- 132: 1. Gavin Streiff, 625; 3. Jacob Pyles, 590.
 - 148: 1. Bryson Hager, 775.
 - 165: 1. Lucas Dimas, 870.
 - 181: 1. Mason Rucas, 880.
 - 198: 1. Seth Gabbert, 825; 2. Eli Hull, 805; 2. (tie) Trey Wilkins, 805.
 - 220: 1. Daniel Herrington, 835; 2. Billy Shelley, 735; 3. Jonathan Good, 685.
 - 275: 2. Christian Parker, 985; 3. Braxton Hart, 945.
 - 308: 1. Jose Hernandez, 1,000.

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FROM PAGE A4

Catherine Jane Coffman

December 1, 1936 - January 26, 2023

Catherine "Katie" Jane Ramsey Coffman, 86, was born in Boone County, Indiana on December 1, 1936 and passed away peacefully on Thursday, January 26, 2023 in Glen Rose, Texas.

Graveside services and burial will be at Memory Gardens of the Valley Perpetual Cemetery, 5600 Mineral Wells Highway, Weatherford, Texas 76088 on Saturday, February 4, 2023 at 11:00 a.m.

Memorials: In lieu of flowers the family asks for donations to Glen Rose Nursing and Rehab Center.

Katie and Bud had a seventy one year love story our whole family admired, respected, and adored. They had four boys and lovingly watched their family grow into something they cherished daily. She enjoyed watching her grandchildren marry and have children of their own, her great-grandchildren playing the sports they loved, and the great-great-grandchildren who would come to get bubblegum and dum-dum suckers. Being the matriarch of our family was her biggest blessing. She showered all of us with love, words of comfort, wisdom, and support while cooking something amazing, playing cards, and teaching us the songs we couldn't repeat. Preceded in death by the



love of her life, George "Bud" Coffman Jr.; father, Russell Ramsey; mother, Susie Ramsey; sons, Randy Coffman and Rodney Coffman; brothers, Sam Ramsey, Joe Ramsey, Dick Ramsey, Wilbur Ramsey, and Marvin Ramsey; sisters, Helen Ramsey, Mary Craig, Wilburta Ottinger, and Martha McFarland. Survived by sons, Rick Coffman and wife, Betty, and Ronnie Coffman and wife, Brenda; sisters, Orpha Wyant and Bonnie Smith; eight grandchildren; twenty great-grandchildren; and three great great-grandchildren with one on the way; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Pallbearers: Michael Carey Sr., Jody Coffman, RJ Coffman, Michael Carey Jr., Danny Hurtado, and Dakota Van Voast.

Services are in care of White's Funeral Home, Weatherford. 817-596-4811

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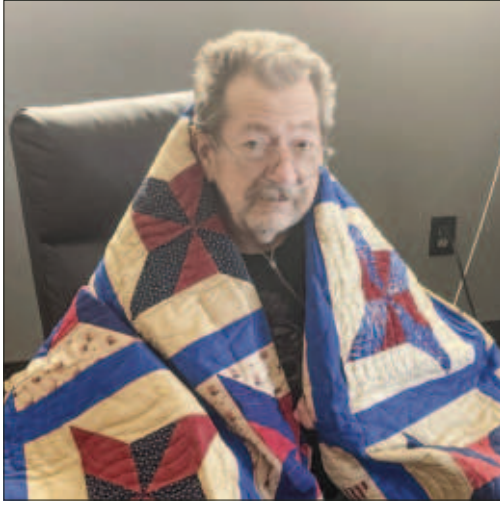


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Local veteran Edward Thomas was surprised by Granbury Quilters Guild when they presented him with a Quilt of Valor last week.



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Granbury Quilters Guild donates handmade quilt to Vietnam veteran

BY ASHLEY INGE
Staff Writer

A local military veteran received a literal warm welcome when members of the Granbury Quilters Guild presented him with a Quilt of Valor last week. A Quilt of Valor is a quality, handmade quilt that is machine or hand quilted. It is awarded to a service mem-

ber or veteran who has been touched by war, according to qovf.org. Granbury Quilters Guild members Gail Olney and Kathy Cosand surprised local veteran Edward Thomas when they came into his room at the Granbury Villa Rehab & Nursing Home with a special gift on Friday. "We're with a national organization called the Quilts of Valor, and today

you're being awarded a quilt from our group," Olney said to Thomas. Thomas served in the Army from April 1, 1969, to March 1, 1971. He fought in Vietnam and was shot twice, from which he received a Purple Heart for his bravery. He was nominated for the Quilts of

PLEASE SEE VETERAN | B5

GHS rifle team succeeds during national competition



COURTESY OF SCOTT CASEY

The Granbury rifle team led the match during the 2023 Junior Army Rifle Nationals as the first-place scholastic/JROTC team. Members who competed in the match included Ashton Arlington, Caroline Martin, Sunnee Schumann, Julia Czernik, and Kameron Wells. Martin qualified in second place for her first national final with a combined score of 1244.6 — only .4 behind the first-place qualifier.

From Staff Reports

Five members of the Granbury High School rifle team succeeded in the 2023 Junior Army Rifle Nationals held in Columbus, Georgia on Jan. 20.

On the first day of the competition, team members Ashton Arlington and Caroline Martin competed in the 50-meter smallbore match, teaming up with two members of the Sarasota Military Academy. The team shot a combined total of 2,121 -42x's, with Martin leading the way with a 569 -16x. Following Martin was Arlington with a score of 548 -17x. The team came in 16th place.

During the air rifle competition, the Granbury rifle team shot a combined score of 2453.3. The team's scores included a 621.5 from Martin, a 612.6 from Arlington, a 611.1 from Julie Czernik, a 608.1 from Sunnee Schumann, and a 599.4 from Kameron Wells.

On the second day, the team's combined score was a 2450.4. The individual scores featured a 623.1 from Martin, a 615.0 from Arlington, a 609.0 from Czernik, a 603.3 from Schumann, and a 600.8 from Wells. Martin and Wells both posted career personal records.

Additionally, Martin qualified in second place for her first national final with a combined score of 1244.6 — only .4 behind the first-place qualifier. After a back and forth shoot off battle with IShootConsulting's Bremen Butler, Martin took home silver.

The Granbury rifle team also led the match as the first place Scholastic/JROTC Team.



COURTESY OF SCOTT CASEY

Five members of the Granbury High School rifle team traveled to Columbus, Georgia on Jan. 20, to compete in the 2023 Junior Army Rifle Nationals hosted by the Army Marksmanship Unit.

AES teacher honored by Weatherford College

From Staff Reports

Acton Elementary School teacher Kristen Murry is the 2023 Jack Harvey recipient for Granbury ISD.

Murry will be recognized among other area educators at the 27th Annual Jack Harvey Academy of Exemplary Teachers banquet to be held at Weatherford College on Friday, Feb. 3.

Each year, Weatherford College recognizes an outstanding educator who is selected from each of its partner school districts. Selected exemplary teachers are honored at this ceremony and presented with an award as a Jack Harvey Academy of Exemplary Teachers inductee.

Celebrating its 27th year, the Harvey Academy honors exemplary teachers in the memory of Professor Emeritus Jack

Harvey, who taught at WC for 23 years and was considered among his peers as a "master teacher."

"We are proud to continue the tradition of honoring the finest of our highly valued K-12 educators," said the Weatherford College representative in the announcement.

Acton Elementary School teacher Kristen Murry, middle, will be recognized during the 27th annual Jack Harvey Academy of Exemplary Teachers banquet that will be held at Weatherford College on Friday, Feb. 3. Murry is pictured with two of her fourth-grade students at Acton Elementary School.

COURTESY OF GRANBURY ISD



Students, staff recognized at local school board meetings

BY ASHLEY INGE
Staff Writer

The latest school board meetings for the districts of both Tolar and Granbury were

filled with recognitions and awards for their staff and students.

Granbury ISD recognitions for the Jan. 23 school board meeting include an All-State Band achievement, a UIL cheer competi-

tion, a state-qualifying robotics team, and a special certificate for the child nutrition department from the Texas Department of Agriculture.

Tolar ISD also presented the

Diamondback Rattler Award to three staff members during its Jan. 19 school board meeting.

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COURTESY GRANBURY ISD

Granbury High School Cheer was recognized for placing ninth in state and first in district at the UIL Spirit State Championships 5A Division 1.

The Granbury ISD Child Nutrition Department was recognized for the recent certificate of recognition from the Texas Department of Agriculture.

COURTESY GRANBURY ISD



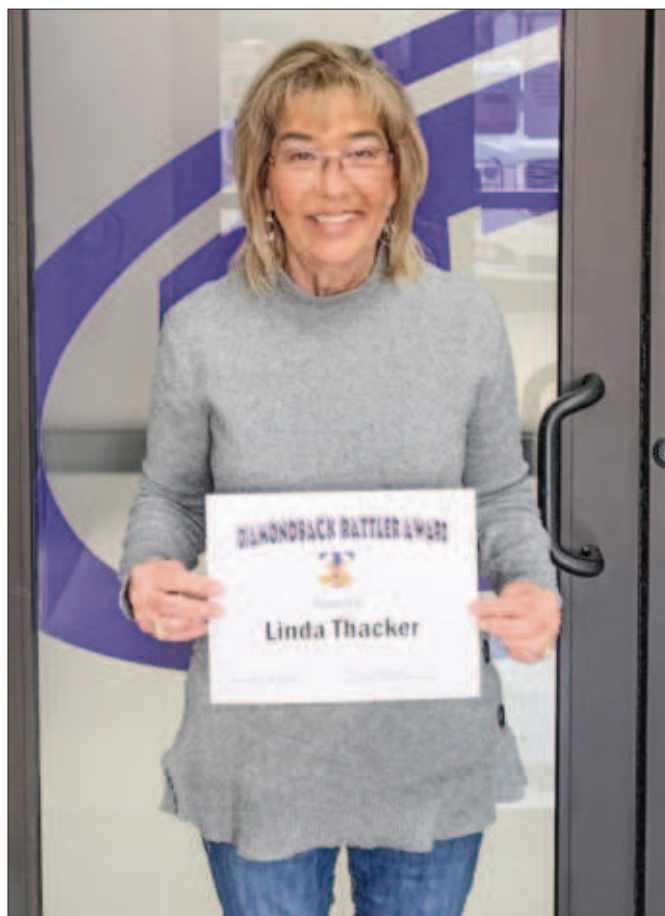
COURTESY GRANBURY ISD

Granbury High School flutist Layla Escatel, right, was honored for her selection for the All-State Band. She is pictured with GHS Band Director Mario Morales.



COURTESY GRANBURY ISD

The Granbury High School Robotics Teams were honored as state-qualifiers for upcoming competitions. The students recognized were Matthew Shute, Caleb Hammond, Jeffery Hunsinger, Nicolas Hughes, Ethan Jenkins, and Cole Mann. The robotic team sponsors are Michelle Hunsinger and Bethany Smith.



COURTESY OF TOLAR ISD

Wendy Bonne, Tolar ISD school board secretary, presented the Diamondback Rattler Award to three staff members during the Jan. 19 school board meeting. High school teacher April Arlett, Tolar Junior High Secretary Linda Thacker, and Jamie Jasnocha, Tolar Elementary School paraprofessional, received the award.

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.

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 ven-

ues 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 Roundtable 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>.

TUESDAY, FEB. 14

THE GREATER Granbury Chapter-MOAA will host Linda Mallon, Hood County Veterans Service officer for their monthly membership luncheon at 11:30 a.m., February 14, 2023 at Harbor Lakes Golf Club. The Military Officers Association of America (MOAA) is the nation's largest and most influential association of military officers. It is an independent, nonprofit, politically nonpartisan organization.

THE SALVATION Army Women's Auxiliary of Hood County will be meeting Feb. 14 at DeCordova Bend Country Club located at 5301 Country Club Dr. Meet and Greet starts at 10:00 a.m. Meeting & Presentation 10:30 a.m. Program speaker: Todd Gibson, Career & Technical Education Director at Granbury High School will present the range of education topics, certifications and career paths students need to succeed in life. Lunch will be at 11:30 p.m.

and will consist of London Broil with sides and dessert. Please bring \$20.00 cash for lunch. RSVP by to saauxiliaryofhoodcounty@gmail.com To attend meeting only or meeting and luncheon.


MONDAY, FEB. 20

ELIZABETH 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 Next Fundraiser will be held on March 23 at D'Vine Wine on the Granbury Historic Square. B-Ray and the Humans Band will set the night to rocking, dancing in the street.



Kid Scoop

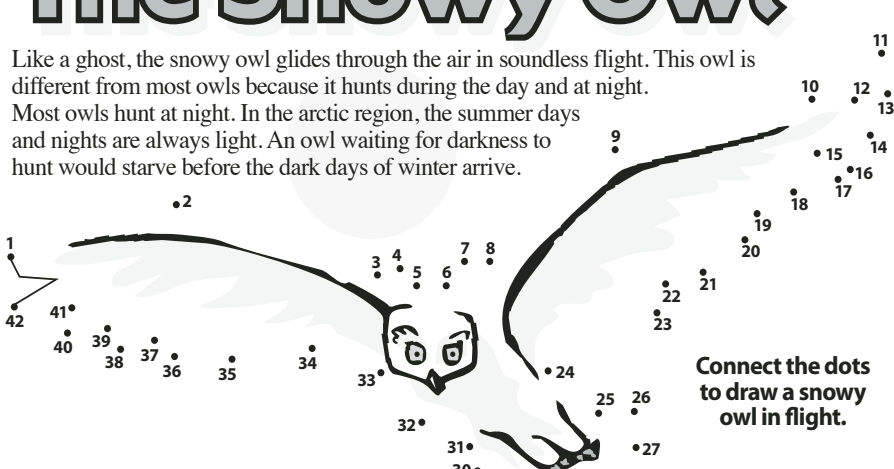
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The Snowy Owl

Like a ghost, the snowy owl glides through the air in soundless flight. This owl is different from most owls because it hunts during the day and at night. Most owls hunt at night. In the arctic region, the summer days and nights are always light. An owl waiting for darkness to hunt would starve before the dark days of winter arrive.



Connect the dots to draw a snowy owl in flight.

Why White?

Many animals can blend into their environment. This is called camouflage. There are few trees on the tundra, so the snowy owl's white plumage blends with the snowy world of the northern arctic.

In the spring, when the snowy owl makes a nest, the snow has started to melt and the brown earth shows through patches of white snow. The female snowy owl's soft white feathers are streaked with brown so she cannot be seen as she nests on the ground.

Here are three other animals that blend into their habitats, or homes. Can you unscramble their names?

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Standards Link: Life Science: Animals have external features that help them thrive in the different environments they inhabit.

How big is a snowy owl?

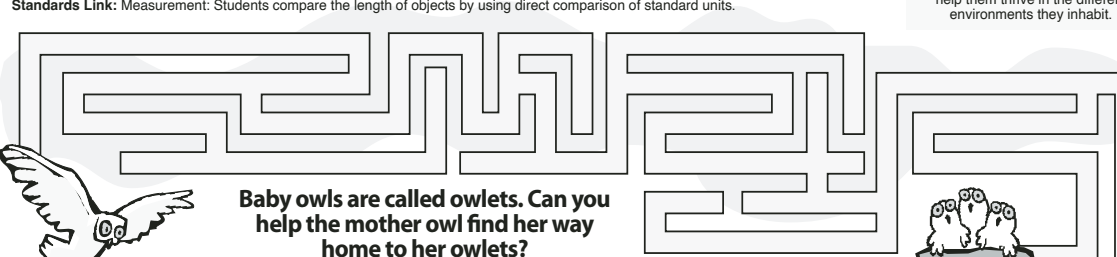
The snowy owl is one of the largest owls, with a height of about 27 inches (69 cm) and a wingspan of up to 60 inches (152 cm). Wingspan is the measurement from wing tip to wing tip, when the wings are fully stretched.

Microwave oven	25 inches (63.5 cm)
Teacher's desk	40 inches (102 cm)
House cat	25 inches (63.5 cm)
Baseball bat	33 inches (84 cm)
Tennis Racket	27 inches (69 cm)
Small car (width)	67 inches (170 cm)

How many of the things in this chart could fit into a snowy owl's wingspan?

Measure 60 inches (152 cm) on the floor. Now lie down with your arms outstretched along the line. Measure your outstretched arms. How do you compare?

Standards Link: Measurement: Students compare the length of objects by using direct comparison of standard units.

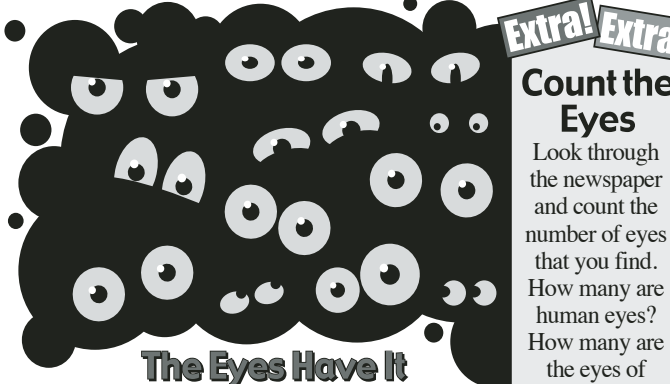


Baby owls are called owlets. Can you help the mother owl find her way home to her owlets?

Owl Eyes

All owls have excellent sight so that they can spot creatures like mice that run fast along the ground. Owls' eyes are not the same as human eyes. We move our eyes in their sockets to see from side to side. The owl must turn his head to see in different directions. Owls also have a third eyelid, which protects the eye. It is a milky white eyelid that comes up from the bottom of the eye. Its purpose is to clean and refresh the owl's eyes. This third eyelid is called a *nictitating membrane*.

Standards Link: Life Science: Adaptations in physical structures improve an animal's chance for survival.



Count the Eyes

Look through the newspaper and count the number of eyes that you find. How many are human eyes? How many are the eyes of other animals?

Standards Link: Number Sense: Count and name a number of objects.

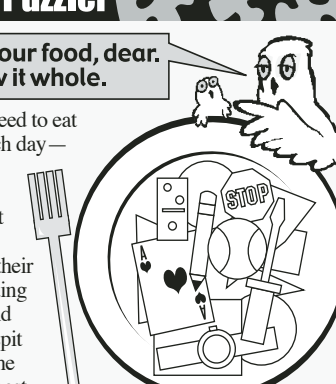
The Eyes Have It

The snowy owl has round, yellow eyes. Can you find the pair of eyes that match?

Standards Link: Visual Discrimination: Students compare and sort common objects.

Kid Scoop Puzzler

Don't chew your food, dear. Swallow it whole.



The snowy owls need to eat a huge amount each day — enough to equal their own body weight. They don't chew their food — they just swallow their prey whole, including fur, claws, teeth and bones. Then they spit out a pellet of all the parts they can't digest.

What silly things can you find on this owl's dinner plate?

Standards Link: Life Science: Animals need food for survival and have physical structures to help them survive.

Double Double Word Search

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

SNOWY	Y L O W G P S A B P
OWL	M E M T O W R O D M
WINGSPAN	E T H G I S N E L E
MEMBRANE	G T O B L E N D Y M
DIGEST	A N A P S G N I W B
BONES	M U P O S B L G O R
COUNT	U O C H E W R E N A
TUNDRA	L C T S O H G S S N
SPOT	P C A R D N U T W E
SIGHT	
CHEW	
PREY	
BLEND	
GHOST	
PLUMAGE	

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

FROM THE LESSON LIBRARY

Create Camouflage

Choose a picture in the newspaper. Cut out a circle of white paper that fits over one-third of the picture. Color the white circle to match the picture underneath. This is camouflage.

Standards Link: Reading Comprehension: Follow simple multiple-step directions.


Write On!

Animal Report

Write a paragraph reporting on your favorite animal. Include at least three facts about this animal.


Standards Link: Physical Education: Understand the health benefits of physical activity and exercise.

Fly like an owl.



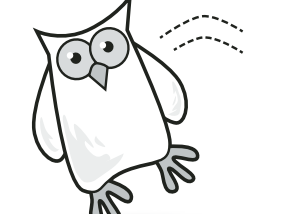
Stretch your arms wide apart and swoop around outdoors.

Perch like an owl.



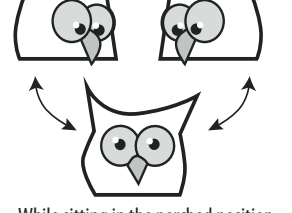
Squat down like you are sitting on a tree branch watching for mice on the ground. Fold your arms into wings with your thumbs in your armpits. How long can you stay in this position?

Hop like an owl.



Start in the perch position. Then hop to the right, hop to the left, hop forward, hop backward.

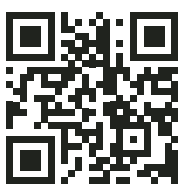
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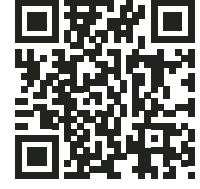


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The natural beauty of Hawaii is a top reason for visitors to make the trip. There's so much more than just sitting on the most beautiful beaches.

Hawaii remains a popular vacation option, with great weather, festivals, cuisine



BY ZAC WILSON

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Natural beauty, great weather, exotic culture, fascinating history, delicious cuisine, exciting festivals, and immersive experiences in nature are why Hawaii has long been a top destination for Americans on vacation. Over the years studies have shown that more than 90% of Americans have Hawaii on their travel bucket list, and visitors to Hawaii say they want to return again and again. Hawaii truly has something for everyone.

The natural beauty of Hawaii is a top reason for visitors to make the trip. Enjoy a sunrise and hike in Waimea Canyon State Park, go snow skiing at Mauna Kea, see the stars at the Mauna Kea Observatory, visit Hawaii Volcanoes National Park, experience whale watching, snorkel with turtles, enjoy some of the best scuba diving sites, or learn to surf the waves. There's so much more than just sitting on the most beautiful beaches. Hawaii has an incredible history and rich cul-

ture. Visit 'Iolani Palace, the home to Hawaii's last reigning monarchs. Pay your respects with a tour at Pearl Harbor. Experience history and culture at the Polynesian Cultural Center. Join the celebration at Hawaii's annual festivals. King Kamehameha Celebration is a statewide festival in June. Maui hosts the Kapalua Wine & Food Festival hosting world-class chefs, winemakers, and master sommeliers. Kaua'i hosts the Chocolate & Coffee Festival in October. O'ahu hosts the Prince Lot Hula



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Everywhere you go there are shrimp trucks, food trucks, small diners, family-owned restaurants, fine dining, and cultural delights. Hawaii regional cuisine, farmers markets, farm to table, it just doesn't get any better.

Competition in July. Visit GoHawaii.com for a full list of events.

Although the weather is wonderful year-round, there are some prime seasons to visit. There are only two seasons in Hawaii: Summer (Kau) May-October with an

average temperature of 85 degrees, and winter (Ho'oilu) November-April with an average temperature of 78 degrees. It's possible you might encounter a hurricane during peak season July-September. Best times to visit are April, May, September,

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October avoiding heavy trade winds or the rainy season. However, February is peak whale watching season.

My favorite reason for visiting Hawaii is the food. Everywhere you go there are shrimp trucks, food trucks, small diners, family-owned restaurants, fine dining, and cultural delights. Hawaii regional cuisine, farmers markets, farm to table, it just doesn't get any better. Definitely visit the Dole pineapple plantation. And yes, they can even make Spam a treat.

Hawaii is an easy vacation for Americans. First, it's a U.S. state so you do not need

a passport to visit. Second, renting a car and driving is easy. I recommend renting a fun jeep in Hawaii. There are many places you'll want to pull off the side of the road for a spontaneous stop.

There are no all-inclusive resorts in Hawaii. But who would want one? Hawaii is a destination to be explored. It's a place to go, see, and do. There is so much more than just hanging at a resort for a week. And with so many unique islands to choose from be sure to have your travel advisor guide you to the right island for your travel desires. Or just visit a different island each year!

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Vietnam Army veteran Edward Thomas holds a certificate naming him as a Quilt of Valor recipient.

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VETERAN

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Valor Foundation almost three years ago by his sister, who resides in Illinois.

“Our group is so new here that we just now have a quilt ready for you, so we’d like to present you with a Quilt of Valor, and we’re hoping that it provides comfort to you,” Olney said. “We’re so happy that you’re here with us. We thank you for your service and dedication. We know it will never be enough, but this is just a token of our appreciation for what you did.”

“I don’t know what else to say except ‘Thank you,’” Thomas said, who was almost speechless.

INTEGRATION

Cosand is a retired Air Force colonel who flew jets in the military for 25 years. She is also married to a military member.

She said when she first moved to Granbury five years ago, she was taking a sewing class at one of the local quilt shops when she realized that the Granbury Quilters Guild did not participate in the Quilts of Valor organization.

“I talked to one of the ladies there who would drive all the way up to Fort Worth to be part of the Quilts of Valor group, because Granbury wasn’t doing it,” Cosand said. “I was like, ‘Yeah, we need to have our

own. As a quilt guild, we need to be doing that here,’ so we started up November a year ago.”

Olney said there are 12 women from the guild who work together on the Quilts of Valor, with each quilt featuring a different design. There are currently eight quilts ready for presentation.

The Granbury Quilters Guild now receives all the Hood County nominations for Quilts of Valor.

“You have to go through the Quilts of Valor website for the nomination process,” Cosand said. “For example, copies of the DD214 basically have to be submitted, which is a form that every veteran gets when they leave the service that gives their date of rank, how many days they served, what awards they were awarded and whether or not you had an honorable or dishonorable discharge. You cannot have a less than honorable discharge to be presented, and you cannot receive more than one. There’s a whole process for people who nominate. They can go onto the website and nominate their veteran and then once we find out about it, then we get in touch with the family — we try to keep it a surprise.”

The Granbury Quilters Guild have only given a handful of quilts away so far — including one to the mother of Trevor Reed, the Granbury resident and former U.S. Marine who spent

almost 1,000 days imprisoned in Russia.

“The quilt shop in town, Sew Much Love, donated a quilt kit last spring, and we put it all together, sewed it all, quilted it, had it bound and ready to go, and it was given to Trevor Reed,” Cosand said. “We wanted to make sure that he had a quilt and we wanted him to know that Granbury appreciated him getting back.”

“It’s really touching to see,” Olney said, explaining how some veterans break down when they’re gifted their quilts.

Cosand said one recipient was an Agent Orange victim, who had never spoken of his time in service — until the day he was gifted his quilt.

“What was interesting was when we made the presentation to him, he started talking about his service, and what had happened in Vietnam, and his whole family was like, ‘He has never talked about this before,’” she said.

“He talked about how he flew his plane and how it was way below regulation, but he had to do it, or all of those people would’ve died on the ground,” Olney said.

The Granbury Quilters Guild also donates quilts to the NICU in Texas Health Fort Worth, pet shelters, CASA, and the Brazos Pregnancy Shelter.

“Sewing lets you be creative. Everybody likes to sew,” Olney said. “I mean,



Members of the Granbury Quilters Guild Gail Olney, left, and Kathy Cosand, right, visit the Granbury Villa Rehab & Nursing to present a handmade quilt to local veteran Edward Thomas as part of the Quilt of Valor Foundation.

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that’s why we’re there, to do the quilting, but this is a way to do good with it.”

Cosand added, “I know you make a lot of sacrifices when you’re in the military, so we’re just really happy to be able to do something for (veterans).”

QUILT MEETINGS

The Granbury Quilters Guild meets at 6 p.m. on the third Monday of the

month at the United Co-Op Community Room in Granbury. Workshop days are held the third Thursday of every month from 9 a.m.-3 p.m. in the same location. Visitors are welcome.

“It’s a nonprofit, and it’s really basically for us to enjoy quilting, learn more about quilting and quilt together,” Olney said. “(Visitors) can come a couple times before they join. We usually have a program.

There’s usually a speaker or demonstration at the guild, and then for our workshop days, it’s just ‘Bring your sewing machine and come.’”

For more information, visit the Granbury Quilters Guild Facebook page. To make a Quilts of Valor nomination, visit govf.org/nominations-awards/.

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EVERY MONDAY

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GRIEF CONNECTION, support for anyone grieving a loss, will meet at First Christian Church on Mondays from 6:30-8 p.m., beginning on Monday, January 9. First Christian Church is located at 2109 W. Hwy 377, Granbury, TX 76048 (next to Tractor Supply). Please park on the side closest to Tractor Supply and come in that door. Call or text Danny Dwight at 817-219-9833 or Amy Dwight at 817-894-2449 for more information and/or to sign up.

EVERY TUESDAY

PUNCHIN' PARKINSON'S in Granbury. 12:30 - 1:30 p.m.

A non-contact boxing and fitness program designed for people with Parkinson's. First Christian Church, 2109 W. U.S. Highway 377 (next door to Tractor Supply).

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

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

FIRST TUESDAY

ALZHEIMER'S CAREGIVERS support group, 10:30 - 11:30 a.m. in the 1894 Building at Acton Baptist Church, 3500 Fall Creek Highway. For caregivers, family members, friends and anyone in the community. Details: 817-326-4693.

SECOND SATURDAY

GRIEF SUPPORT breakfast for anyone grieving the loss of someone they love at 10 a.m., The Big O Restaurant, 1302 S. Morgan St. Details: 817-894-2449 or 817-219-9833.

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FOURTH TUESDAY

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

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Mon, Tues, Wed: 2:25PM.
Thurs: 2:40PM

Avatar: The Way of Water in 3D (PG13)
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Grow tough beneficial natives to help upgrade your landscaping situation

BY PHYLLIS WEBSTER



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

Texas landscaping is a challenge. It's perhaps more trial and error than tried and true. Conditions are particularly difficult compared to places where drought, flood and dramatic temperature fluctuations are rare. However, Texas is blessed with tough native plants. No matter where you live in the Lone Star State, you'll find myriad native plants that perform well in the area's climate and soil conditions. Many naturalized and well-adapted plants are also available. What's the difference? Plants may be well adapted to specific regions of Texas although they originate from another place. Crape myrtles, for example, are native to Asia. Naturalized plants do not originate in America either, but they were introduced so long ago that most people think they are indigenous. Many escaped cultivation to reproduce in the wild. An example is the vitex tree, which is native to the Mediterranean. In some settings, well adapted and naturalized plants compete

with native plants for resources, such as water. If a non-native overtakes and threatens to eliminate natives, the plant may be declared an invasive pest and possibly banned from sale. Native plants are resilient because they are best adapted to the climate and soils where they originated. Besides their durability, native plants are advantageous in the home landscape because they support native wildlife with food and shelter. Examples of these interdependent relationships are birds, butterflies and bees. Red yucca, for instance, is one of many xeriscape plants with blooms and seed to feed wild creatures. Get to know beneficial natives including:
Cenizo — Also known as Texas Sage, this mostly evergreen shrub grows 3 to 8 feet tall, depending upon variety. Cenizo has attractive gray-green foliage and sports purple or white blooms when humidity is high. This shrub serves as habitat for birds and mammals. Grow it in full sun to part shade. If needed, prune cenizo in winter to promote dense growth.

Yaupon and possumhaw hollies — These hollies are very drought- and cold-tolerant (to zero or lower) when established. Both thrive in full sun to part shade producing brilliantly colored berries, which birds love to eat. Evergreen yaupon holly is one of the most dependable landscape plants in Texas. Size ranges from 4-15 feet depending upon type. Possumhaw holly is deciduous. It may be trained into a large shrub or small tree.
Autumn sage — Also known as *Salvia greggii*, this low-growing woody perennial is semi-evergreen. Red, pink, purple or white tubular-shaped blooms cover this plant from spring through fall. Butterflies and hummingbirds feast on their nectar! Plant autumn sage in clusters or borders to showcase their bright green, aromatic leaves and colorful flowers. Before new spring growth, trim autumn sage back by a half to maintain its dense form.
 Other natives with fruit or flowers to support wildlife include flame acanthus, yellow bells, beautyberry and agave.
 For answers to your horticulture questions, please call the Texas A&M AgriLife Extension, Hood County at 817-579-3280 or go online to visit lakegranbury-mastergardeners.org.

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Yellow Bells, *Tecoma stans*, is one of many native plants beneficial for wildlife and attractive for use in home landscapes.

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JAMES BRAYDEN GREGORY
Patrol Officer

Experiences: Officer Gregory has been a police officer for six years and has been with the Granbury Police Department since May of 2019.

Awards: Officer Gregory holds a private rotorcraft-helicopter license, a Field Training Officer Certificate, and an Intermediate Peace Officer Certificate.

Duties: Officer Gregory is responsible for patrolling assigned areas, responding to emergency calls, and enforcing state and local traffic regulations. Officer Gregory is also responsible for detecting and investigating crimes, maintaining law and order, and a variety of other special assignments in support of police operations.

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